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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Please note that participation in commencement is not confirmation of graduation or honors designation.



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THIS AFTERNOON'S CODE OF CONDUCT

With historic roots dating back to the thirteenth century, commencement ceremonies are traditionally dignified events. Participants and guests should enjoy themselves, but also remember that proper graduation etiquette requires courteous behavior.

Silence cell phones. Cell phones are to be switched to silent mode or turned off. Do not speak on a cell phone or carry on a conversation during the ceremony as this prevents others from hearing and enjoying the ceremony. When taking pictures, be mindful not to interfere with other attendees' enjoyment of the ceremony.

Remain in the venue through the full ceremony. As a courtesy to and out of respect for all graduates, the graduate and their family should remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

Be respectful. Commencement is both a joyous and formal event. Express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from hearing the speaker and enjoying the ceremony. The use of air horns, yelling, or stomping are disruptive.

Photo opportunities. Graduates, please limit selfies to your time in the audience. In an effort to keep the program moving no selfies or photos should be taken on stage.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Class of May 2024,



It has been my honor to witness the dedication of the Class of 2024 to accomplish your educational and career goals. You have prevailed through the challenges presented to you, both academic and beyond the classroom. Today, we commend you and your ability to rise and succeed above adversity, reaching this new milestone in your education and career.

We celebrate your achievements with this, the 78th Tidewater Community College Commencement Exercises.

Please remember as your time at TCC draws to a close, a commencement is not an end, but a beginning—and as an alumnus you will always be part of the TCC family!

As President of TCC, I extend my warmest congratulations to you, Class of 2024, and I wish you much success on the incredible and rewarding journey you will experience.

Sincerely,

Marcia Couston

President, Tidewater Community College

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL* **Fanfare and Processional**
TCC Blue Moon Jazz Ensemble

OPENING OF CEREMONIES* **Heather Boone**
Professor of the Year

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS* **Maury High School**
Color Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM* **Rashad Huley-Morris**
Class of 2025

INVOCATION* **Edward Sivells**
Veterans Affairs Assistant Office Manager
Center for Military & Veterans Education

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OF GUEST SPEAKERS **Dr. Marcia Conston**
President, Tidewater Community College

STUDENT SPEAKER **Chiara Jezreel Williams**
Class of 2024

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **The Honorable**
Aimee Rogstad Guidera
Secretary of Education, State of Virginia

* The audience will please stand.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND
CERTIFICATESDr. Michelle W. Woodhouse**
*Vice President for Academic Affairs
& Chief Academic Officer*

**CONFERRING OF
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES..... Dr. Conston**

BENEDICTIONMr. Sivells

CLOSING OF CEREMONIES.....Ms. Boone

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL*Recessional
TCC Blue Moon Jazz Ensemble

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tidewater Community College would like to acknowledge the following for their work with the 2024 Commencement Exercises:

- **2024 Commencement Committee**
- **TCC Faculty and Staff Volunteers**
- **TCC Student Ambassadors**
- **Maury High School Color Guard**
- **TCC Blue Moon Jazz Ensemble**
- **Bob Schniedwind**

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

THE HONORABLE AIMEE ROGSTAD GUIDERA

Secretary of Education, State of Virginia



Aimee Rogstad Guidera was named Secretary of Education by Governor Glenn Youngkin in December 2021. In this Cabinet position, she oversees education from Pre-K through Postsecondary in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Before joining the Youngkin administration, Aimee was a strategic consultant helping states, foundations, companies and non profit organizations strengthen their efforts to improve student learning and outcomes. Prior to launching her consultancy, Aimee was Founder, President and CEO of the Data Quality Campaign, a national, nonprofit advocacy organization leading the effort to ensure that students, parents, educators, and policymakers have the right information to guide their actions so that every student can excel.

A respected thought leader in education, Aimee was named one of TIME's 12 Education Activists of 2012. She has also been cited as an expert on education policy and the value of education data by publications such as Business Week, NPR, and Education Week. Aimee is a Pahara-Aspen Education Fellow, American Enterprise Institute Fellow, and an alumna of the Institute for Educational Leadership's Education Policy Fellowship Program. She has served on the board of directors of the American Succeeds, Institute for Educational Leadership, Policy Innovators in Education Network, the Friends of the Hennepin County Library, Minnesota Comeback, Conservative Leaders for Education, and on the advisory board for the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard.

Before founding DQC, Aimee served as the director of the Washington, DC, office of the National Center for Educational Achievement. She previously served as vice president of programs for the National Alliance of Business (NAB), worked in the education division of the National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices, and taught for the Japanese Ministry of Education.

With the firm belief that parents, students, and teachers need to be equally strong legs of the stool of academic success, Aimee has always been engaged in her local schools. She was an active supporter of her daughters' public schools and has served as a classroom volunteer, parent-teacher organization leader, and advisory committee member.

STUDENT SPEAKER

CHIARA JEZREEL WILLIAMS

Associate of Science in Social Science



Chiara Williams, a graduate of Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, is graduating from Tidewater Community College this afternoon with an associate of science in Social Science. This fall, she plans to continue her education at Old Dominion University to complete her studies in clinical psychology.

Here at TCC, Williams served as the President of the Student Government Association at the Chesapeake Campus. Williams was a Second Year Leader of the Gear Up To Lead Leadership Program, providing guidance and mentorship to first year students. Gear Up allowed Williams to assist the team that led the Elizabeth River clean-up project. As an engaged student, Williams is most proud of becoming a leader of others and herself. Williams was also a member of the TCC Student Art League and was able to support the league while sharing her art with the community. She additionally had the opportunity to be a mentee of the GNC Mentor Program.

During her time at TCC, Williams came to the realization that you should never doubt your success. She saw and learned that there is someone else always wondering how you achieved what you did. She encourages the Class of 2024 to push on and be the example.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in 1968 as a part of the Virginia Community College System, Tidewater Community College (TCC) has successfully moved into the next semicentennial.

The College served 23,435 students in 2023, making it the second largest community college in Virginia. Nearly 33% of recent public high school graduates in South Hampton Roads made TCC their college of choice.

TCC's diverse student body ranges in age from teenagers to senior citizens, with an average age of 24. Nearly 60% of students are women. With minority enrollment at 56%, TCC is a proud minority serving institution. Military-related students represent about a third of its enrollment.

TCC has campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach. Its regional centers include the new Visual Arts & Design Center and Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center in downtown Norfolk; Advanced Technology Center, Center for Military and Veterans Education, and Regional Health Professions Center on its Virginia Beach Campus; Regional Automotive Center in Chesapeake; Regional Workforce Solutions Center in Suffolk; and the Skilled Trades Academy in Portsmouth.

The college's regional accreditation is affirmed through 2027 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Additionally, 13 of TCC's academic programs are recognized for their excellence by national accrediting organizations.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress reaches back to 12th and 13th century Britain and Europe, where the dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was that of a cleric. In 15th century Britain, Oxford and Cambridge universities first began prescribing academic dress and made it a matter of university control—even to the extent of minor details and punishments for tailors who deviated from the standards.

Today, the gown, cap, and hood signify the privileges and responsibilities of the scholar. While European universities show great diversity in academic dress, American colleges and universities have followed a single standard since 1895.

The gown is a symbol of the democracy of scholarship, as it covers dress indicating rank or social standing. Associate, bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming; the doctoral robe is faced with velvet and has velvet bars on the sleeves.

The cap, symbolizing freedom of scholarship, descends from the pileus, the favored headgear of medieval clerics. Two varieties of the pileus are common at American colleges and universities—the soft, beret-like Tudor bonnet and the more common Oxford cap, or “mortarboard.” The tassel on the cap may be black or the color of the wearer's learning discipline or institution. Graduates wear the tassel on the front left side after degrees are conferred. Numerous institutions, including TCC, have adopted the practice of having graduates shift their tassels from right to left in unison upon conferring of the degrees.

The academic hood, which descends from cowls worn by monks to ward off cold drafts in their monasteries, is worn by those holding bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. Color may denote the wearer's academic discipline or college or university.

TCC regalia features a blue robe, blue mortarboard with silver and blue tassel, and silver stole with the college seal. Graduates may also wear one or more of the following:

- Cords whose colors represent a graduate's degree (the first color is the primary)
 - » Certificate/Diploma: red and green
 - » Associate of Applied Science: green and blue
 - » Associate of Applied Arts: blue and green
 - » Associate of Arts: red and blue
 - » Associate of Fine Arts: brown and blue
 - » Associate of Science: blue and red
- Gold cords, denoting graduation with honors
- Red, white and royal blue braided cords, honoring active-duty military, veterans, spouses and other military-related students
- Gold stoles and medals, worn by members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society
- Medals with burgundy and yellow ribbon, worn by members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- White stoles, worn by elected and appointed officers and senators of the Student Government Association
- Kente cloth stoles of black, yellow, green, and red, worn by participants in the Open Door Project
- Governor's Medallions, worn by dual-enrollment students who have completed a degree or certificate
- Turquoise and royal blue braided cords, worn by TCC Student Ambassadors
- Teal and gold cords worn by Accelerated Degree graduates
- Rust cords worn by STEM graduates
- Blue and silver "school spirit" cords

THE ACADEMIC BANNERS

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an authoritative emblem of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted by many colleges and universities around the world as academic banners to display college or institutional insignias, as well as to identify and lead colleges and schools within an institution in academic processions.

TCC's six gonfalons represent the degrees (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Applied Arts, and Associate of Applied Science) and certificates awarded by TCC.

TCC's gonfalons consist of a broad center panel ending in a fishtail below, with angled, narrower side panels of a contrasting color. The college's logo and tagline appear at the bottom of the central panel, with the name of the academic degree at the top.



THE MACE AND THE MEDALLION

The academic mace is a traditional ceremonial staff that serves as a symbol of authority. Tidewater Community College's mace is a gift from Old Dominion University, which, in 1999, commissioned its creation by James C. Chalkley, a professional artist serving as an adjunct art faculty member at TCC's Visual Arts Center. This enduring gift, crafted of silver and crystal, is a token of the shared goals and strong working relationship between the two institutions. The intersecting facets forming the head of the mace represent the college's four-campus, unified structure.

The President's Medallion is a traditional academic symbol of the authority and responsibility of the Office of the President.

The three and a half-inch, silver plated medallion features the Tidewater Community College Seal. In addition, small pearls circle the medallion, reflecting the wisdom and knowledge imparted by the President. The medallion is worn by the President with academic regalia at commencement and other formal college ceremonies.



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