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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 December 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 79th 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**

OPENING OF CEREMONIES* **Dr. Jessica Lynam**
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 **Tage S. Counts**
Class of 2024

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **Tony Brothers**
NBA Official

* The audience will please stand.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

BENEDICTION.....**Mr. Sivells**

CLOSING OF CEREMONIES.....**Dr. Lynam**

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL***Recessional**

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**
- **Bob Schniedwind**

* The audience will please stand.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

TONY BROTHERS

NBA Official



Tony Brothers is entering his 31st season as an NBA official and has officiated 1,800 regular season games and over 200 playoff games, including 13 NBA Finals appearances. He was a member of the crew that officiated the 1996 Mexico Challenge, 1998 Schick Rookie All-star Game, 1999 McDonald's Championship in Milan, Italy, 2008 NBA China Games, 2009 and 2024 NBA All-star Games and the 2014 Global Games in Berlin and Turkey, 2018 NBA BWB Africa Games and the 2018 NBA China Games.

To honor his late mother Dorothy Brothers, a former Bank of America Executive and member of the Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum, and to give back to his community, Tony co-founded, Still Hope Foundation, Inc., now Journey for Success. Journey for Success is an organization that seeks to assist single mothers in building a solid and successful family unit by offering quality resources and supportive relationships. In 2007, he established the Dorothy B. Brothers Women's Center at the Norfolk, Virginia, campus of Tidewater Community College. In September 2015, he established Men for Hope, Inc. to (S)upport under served men, (O)rganize men's efforts in the community, and (W)ork with organizations providing services for single women parenting young men – the SOW concept. As a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) public charity, Men for Hope endeavors to “SOW seeds” through mentorship and resources that promote education, financial literacy, and self-fulfillment. In 2018, he established the Dorothy B. Brothers Endowment at Norfolk State University to assist children of single-parent households at NSU. He also established the Dorothy B. Brothers Auditorium and the Tony and Kimberly Brothers Multipurpose Room on the campus of NSU as a tribute to his late mother.

Brothers attended Old Dominion University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Management Information Systems in 1986 and a Master of Public Administration degree in 2022. In 2014, he was the recipient of the ODU Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2018, he was selected to deliver the fall commencement address at Norfolk State University, where he received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters. In 2020, he was chosen to deliver the first virtual commencement address for Thomas Nelson Community College. In 2021, he was appointed to the Hampton Roads Regional Arena Authority by Gov. Ralph Northam. In 2023, he was inducted into the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame. He resides in Norfolk, Va., where he owns Brothers Restaurant and finds time to support his favorite football team, ODU!

STUDENT SPEAKER

TAGE S. COUNTS

Associate of Science, Class of 2024



Tage Counts is Vice President of Strategic Engagement for CIVIC Leadership Institute in Norfolk, Virginia. Since returning to the Hampton Roads community in 1995, Tage's previous roles have included economic development for the City of Norfolk, Vice President Membership with the Hampton Roads Chamber and Senior Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Tidewater Home Funding. Tage's passion for fostering business growth and building lasting relationships has earned him recognition as Salesperson of the Year, Employee of the Year, Top Forty Under 40 alum, and bronze recipient of CoVaBiz's Best Local Leader Making A Difference.

Tage is the current Vice Chair of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads. He has given of his time as a servant leader for organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Portsmouth Partnership, Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, and moderator of the Lefcoe Leadership Program. His efforts were recognized as a previous recipient of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads' Corporate Volunteer Excellence Awards. Tage is a graduate of LEAD Hampton Roads and a graduate of the Vann H. Lefcoe Leadership Development Program.

Tage currently resides in the city of Virginia Beach with his spouse of over 29 years, Diana. They are the proud parents of Chase, who after graduating from Hampden-Sydney College resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Kacey, who recently completed her studies at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida. In his free time, Tage enjoys kayak fishing on the Back Bay of Virginia Beach and spending time with Diana and his family.

Tage will be earning his Associate of Science Degree from Tidewater Community College in December, 2024.

GRADUATES

– ASSOCIATE OF ARTS –

Elizabeth F. Flores
Taylor Katherine Sausser
Dai'Sha Stone
Nicole Angela Ledesma Valenzuela
Arianna Dasan Watson
Danielle Michelle Wilder

– ASSOCIATE OF FINE ARTS –

Kawania Amina Brickhouse
Lavorge Donnelle Cox Jr.
Madeline Pahl

– ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE –

Valery Mae Aguinaldo
John Raymond Aiella Jr.
Amber Marie Alexander
Sonia Singh Alfred
Fiona Alijahn *
Sara Amanpour
LaPrecia Ancrum
Cordillia Mae Anderson
Lloyd Andrew
Constantine Luis Angeles
Jesse Tristan Ankney
Jed Aquinde
Mayra Ivet Are'valo
Andraeh Armstrong
Sagar Arora

Savannah Cheyanne Askew
Michael Atwater
Austin Taylor-Duncan Aydlett
Taylor Nicole Bailey
Anayniah Baines
Nykira Barbour-Reid
Seth Christian Baronner
Ryan Patrick Bartley
Robert Kenneth Beck
Mary K. Bennick
Kyle Jessie Blagg
Charles Bernard Bland
Hannah Louise Boehme
Brittany Lynn Bohannon
Jade Iyana Bomar-Mitchell
Triyani Abraham Junior Bomisso
Khadija A. Bonham
Molly Meija Bonilla
Tiffany Abril Bonito
Chase Bonniwell
Kylen Belle Bradt
Joseph Allan Bragg
Hannah Elise Brigham
Isaiah M. Brown
Kyla Leigh Brown
Dean C. Brown
Noah-Paul Angeles Bugarin
Laquida Renee Burton
Da-Niyha Serenity Butler

* Receiving multiple awards

Ethan Cain
Maria Victoria Calzada Brito
Shomari Salim Cameron
Bryanna Carmody
Rheagan Carr
Brittany Carter
Maristela Carvalho
Sara Kristina Castro
Cassia Marie Cinnamon
Kendra Dalene Clarkson
Jerrod Bronshay Clemons
Catherine Victoria Combs
Edward Charles Conwell
Jessica Costa
Tage Steven Counts
Shanda E. Craft
Charley Louise Jaca Cruz
David J. Culler
Skylor Lee Culp
Amber Michelle Curles
Holly Browning Curtis
Randall Joseph Daigle
Jeryn Lavay Sue Daniels
Adrianna Jaquelin Davis
Christopher Everett Dean
Catrina Lyn Delima
Mya Jasmin Desouza
Zion A. Dixon-Saunders **
Natasha Kiana Monae Dorsett
Patricia Jean Douglas
Joshua Lee Dowell
Briana Ivelys Dozier
Danielle A. Durant

Emily Katherine Egyud
Jeffrey David Ehrmentraut
George Ehksam
Joseph Onyinyechi Ekuma
Shienalyn O. Eljera
Jada Shantel Elliott
Erin Elizabeth Eveleigh
Elena Leigh Everett
Matthew Trent Ewell
Tierra A. Faison
Madysen Tylor Fengier
Jessica E. Ferris
Andrew Timothy Filer
Ainsley Raelyn Fischer
Daniela J. Flores
Sharon M. Flynn
Keanna Michelle Foreman
Jada Futrell
Dalton James Gallagher
Donnel Ray Garner
Evan Garren
Lenora Gatlin
Montesha Shantrail Gatlin
Lameshia Priara Gaynor
Kaitlyn Marie George
Sharell Monique Gibbs
Holly Carolyn Giezey
Felicia Ann Gonzalez
Dante Alexander Gooden
Adriana Anitra Goodman
Ariel Christine Graham
Taujanna Aubrenae Green
Jhryca Nicole Green

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Paris Nicole Grimstead
Maryjoy Leona Guillory
Tara Leigh Guinty
Melinda Jordan Guzman
Jordan Augusta Gwaltney
Mia Antoinette Gwaltney
Sabrina Hahn
Megan R. Hall
Reign Alihikaua Hammett
Roxanna Alyssa Hancock
Barry J. Hardy Jr.
Dawn Lavette Harper
Logan Harrell
Katilyn Annette Harrell
Zahmyra Harris
David W. Harris
Abbey C. Harris
Raneem Nael Hasweh
Monica Lynn Hawkins
Courtney C. Hawkins
Denise Leigh Haynes
Joscelyn Samantha Miyarai Heare
Christen M. Higginbotham
Joy Nichole Hodnett
George David Holden
Armonee Monay Hollamond
Jena House
Mahayla Marie Howell
Kirstie Howell
Melissa Elizabeth Hughley
Salina Hurley **
Kayla Lynn Isom

Ian Devin Jackson
Gabriel Matthew Jacobson
Arne Jakobsson
Sarah Jordan Janek
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Lance Andrew Jenkins
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Michael E. Johnson
Tajon Dakarai Johnson
Cedric D. Johnson
Tyler Carrison Johnson
Katelynn Amber Jones
Kaylee Shadi Joyner
Reshard Joyner
Madyson Elizabeth Kachuba
Benjamin Paul Keckley
Prisca Ijeoma Kekeocha **
Cesar Alexander Kerruish
Madison Kidder
Brennan Thomas Kimball
Blake Kinard
Tamara Kohn
Doug Kone-Sow
Justin Dennis Murphy Kuhn
Shelby Nicole Lamb
Briana I. Lawrence
Melissa Anne Laylor
Karolyn Melissa Le
Alexia Shaney Lee
Lexus Ashley Lee
Keanna Rachel Leggett
Supakit Leksawangwong
Amara Faith Lemmie

Matthew Alan Lewis
Paige E. Liddle
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Phoenix Nicholas Morris
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Kimberly Joy Muyano
Norah Quinn Napier
Brian Patrick Newport
Carmia Newton
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Vanessa Elisa Ossi
Ryan Conner Ott
Dustin Charles Ouellette
Fareedah Patacsil Pader
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Victoria Parker
Alyssa Pentz
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My-Huyen Pham
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Zineb Elhilali
Winter Elizabeth Elkins
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Ashley Espiritu
John Patrick Esposito
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Farmer
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Elijah Alexander Dargan **
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Christian Michael Delacruz
Julius P. Domingo
Travis Dupree **
Prince Charles Elliott
Ethan Ellis
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Alextra D. Exton
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Devon Taylor Manning
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Brandon Gene Matheny
Rahsaan Aaron Matthews
LeeNaya Renae McCan-Costict
Cejay Crosby McLaughlin
Aaron McMahan
Isaiah Melch Miller
Charles L. Mooring
Sandra Mora **
Arina Romanovna Mukhortova
Kamara Nemeth

Zaniya Kristiana Newton
Alexander Glenn North
Tyler John Olsen
Cohen Jeremiah Olson
Pablo Ortiz *
Brandon James Peachock
Spencer Mark Peterson
Luciana Del Rosario Petronko
Makayna Petty
Felisha Dyan Price
Briana Irene Prince
Diego Antonio Quinones
Nathan Seth Ramsey
Daniel Randall
Shonnell Azonya Rassier
Lance Miles Rawles
Ethan Nathaniel Reichelderfer *
Allison C. Robbins
Tashawnda Elaine Ruffin *
Gabriel Fabricio Samaniego
Donovan Xavier Samaniego
Marquis Edward Sampson
Alecia Lauren Samuel
Anthony Schofield
Dawn Rae Sellers
McKaylee McBride Shaffer
Dallas Shaw
Letha B. Shaw
Paul James Smith
Arianna Beth Smith
Conner Jacob Smith
Jermain Smith
Brehonda Jeniece Spence

Damonte Spence
Kirstin Alexis Spurgeon
Brittany Rachel Stamper
Aleea D. Summers *
Jeffrey Calvin Summerville
Jekobi Elijah Taylor *
Jocelyn Naomi Teruya
Shania Nicole Thomas
Shelby Lynn Touns
Madison Leigh Turner
Lawrence W. Vactor
James Curtis Walls
Cassandra Lynn Petrosky Ward
Charlie Ray Wilkins
Sabrina Bonita Williams
Eric Jahcari Williams
Warrenton S. Wilson
William Strachan Wright IV
Douglas James Youmans
Thomas Joseph Yow
Kelsy Marie Zieziulewicz

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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