



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the trustees, faculty and staff of the University of Tampa, I offer my hearty congratulations to the Class of 2025. Today marks a defining milestone — the culmination of your hard work, perseverance and achievement.

As UTampa graduates, you have been immersed in an education shaped by our guiding philosophy of *Learning by Thinking* and *Learning by Doing*, a liberal arts foundation enriched by hands-on, real-world experiences. Through our signature Spartan Ready general education curriculum, you've gained the knowledge, skills and character that prepare you for both career success and a meaningful life.

You now stand ready to take your next step, whether launching your career, pursuing advanced study or entering service. Whatever your path, know that UTampa stands with you. Stay connected and remember that Career Services remains a lifelong partner in your professional journey.

The University of Tampa alumni community is now your global network — your lifelong Spartan family for friendship and support. We look forward to welcoming you back for Alumni Weekend, Gasparilla and the many cultural, athletic and scholarly events that make this University so vibrant. Wherever life takes you, there's a Spartan community waiting to connect. And when you are able, I invite you to give back, through your time, talent and treasure, to support the generations of Spartans who will follow in your footsteps.

To the families and friends who have supported today's graduates — thank you. Your encouragement, sacrifice and belief in them made this day possible. You, too, are part of our UTampa community.

As president of this remarkable institution, I see boundless promise in each of you and in the future of the University of Tampa.

It is a privilege to share this moment with you.

Congratulations, Class of 2025.

Go Spartans!

Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, Ph.D.
President



CEREMONY AGENDA

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 2025, 10 A.M.

FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS EXPO HALL

College of Arts and Letters

College of Natural and Health Sciences

College of Social Sciences, Mathematics and Education

Sykes College of Business

PRESIDING	Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, Ph.D., President of the University
PROCESSIONAL	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Edward Elgar Music by the University of Tampa Faculty Brass Quintet
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Shaylee Plichta and Caitlyn Healey, Class of 2026
GREETINGS	Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, Ph.D.
WORDS OF COUNSEL FROM THE TRUSTEES	James Eyer Jr., Chair, Board of Trustees
STUDENT CHALLENGE SPEAKER	Gabriel Mudd, Class of 2025
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Kevin Fridy, Ph.D., Professor, Political Science and International Studies Recipient, Louise Loy Hunter Award for Outstanding Faculty
SPECIAL RECOGNITION	Michael T. Stephenson, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Paul G. Greenwood, Ph.D., Dean, College of Natural and Health Sciences

Holley Tankersly, Ph.D., Dean, College of Social Sciences,
Mathematics and Education

David J. Gudelunas, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts and Letters

Stephanie J. Thomason, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Sykes College of Business

Michael T. Stephenson, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs

CONFERRAL

Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, Ph.D.

INTRODUCTIONS OF CANDIDATES

Kristen Foltz, J.D., Assistant Professor, Communication

Stephen M. Kromka, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Communication

ALUMNI SPEAKER

JC Nolan, Class of 2000, Chair of Alumni Association Board

CLOSING REMARKS

Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, Ph.D.

ALMA MATER

Shaylee Plichta and Caitlyn Healey, Class of 2026

Lyrics for the alma mater can be found on the last page of the program.

RECESSIONAL

“March” from Second Suite in E Flat by Gustav Holst

Music by the University of Tampa Faculty Brass Quintet

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Faculty Senate President

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kevin Fridy, Ph.D.

Professor, Political Science and International Studies

Recipient, Louise Loy Hunter Award for Outstanding Faculty



Professor Kevin Fridy is a chair of the Department of Political Science and International Studies. He is the 2024-2025 recipient of the Louise Loy Hunter Award, which is given annually to a UTampa faculty member for excellence in teaching and cumulative contributions in service and scholarship.

Fridy is an expert in West African politics, and his research examines the space between social norms and formal institutions there. His publications explore topics such as partisan cleavages in new democracies, local governance cognitive mapping, civic engagement in collectivist societies, local insecurity amid great power competition and violent extremism, and environmentalism in the Global South.

Fridy also is the chairman of the board of the Nangodi Institute, which specializes in research on rural African issues, economic development and life in the West Sudanian savanna.

Among his proudest accomplishments at UTampa is leading regular study-abroad courses to Ghana that connect students with the rural communities around Nangodi, introducing them to a remarkable, often misunderstood region.

Fridy hails from Palatka, Florida. He earned his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and completed his Ph.D. in political science at University of Florida. He has been at the University of Tampa since 2007. He has served as president of the UTampa chapter of the American Association of University Professors and executive senator for the College of Social Science, Mathematics and Education.



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

This list includes candidates for graduation as of October 26, 2025, and does not reflect subsequent changes.

DISTINCTIONS:

@ **Summa cum laude:** grade point average of 4.0 earned on all undergraduate work

+ **Magna cum laude:** grade point average of at least 3.75 earned on all undergraduate work

^ **Cum laude:** grade point average of at least 3.5 earned on all undergraduate work

* **Honors Program:** grade point average of at least 3.5 and completion of the Honors Program requirements, courses and a thesis

Research Distinction: completion of Honors thesis but not the Honors coursework, or completion of the Honors Program requirements with less than a 3.5 GPA

§ **Phi Kappa Phi:** one of the oldest and most prestigious honor societies in the country; invitations are extended only to the top 10% of students

≠ **Highest Honors, Graduate Level:** master's and doctoral candidates with an overall GPA of 4.0

∞ **Honors, Graduate Level:** master's and doctoral candidates with an overall GPA of 3.9 through 3.99

DECEMBER 2025

Doctor of Business Administration

Kalisha K. Wiggins

Doctor of Medical Science

Tiffany Lily Dodge≠

David Allen Johnson≠

Matthew James Slater≠

James Stratford Williams≠

Gregory S. Youtz≠

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Christina Connelly-Hooker

Teresa Lee O'Neill≠

Master of Arts in Professional Communication

Nada Yeslam Salem Al-Saiary

Teslim Adeola Animashaun∞

Karina Aryngazy

Christopher Gerel Balkum Graham

Roman Alexander Campbell≠

Yelitza Colmenares

Connor Gadson-Yarbrough

Thi Ri Htun

Muhammad Fazal Sardar Hussain

Sabbauddin Mohammed

Natalia O'Leary

Paige Elizabeth Promecene∞

Christina Sato

Mykanthony Valdez

Loida Vazquez

Andrés Felipe Zapata∞

Master of Arts in Social and Emerging Media

Kelsey Hope Fox

Yesenia Mae Ramire

Master of Business Administration

Alec Abbatiello

Daniel Todd Arnold Jr.

Kelly Juliette Barrett

Luca Sandro Bergmann

Steven Austin Bernard

Faith Geneva Cotter

Sophie Dickerman

Jacob Eric Fletcher

Heidi Elizabeth Hicks

Jason Thomas Hines Jr.

Ruth Elyse Justice Jahn∞

Yadenis Jimenez

Nicholas Kalogianis

Morgan Elizabeth Leach

Nicole Marie Masselle

Fernanda Matos

Chase Walker Muller

Hans Cristopher Parrales Marin

Rhys Pitner

Gabriel Polanco

Kenneth Ryder

Mel Short

Lexi Siracusa§

Joseph Daniel Smolarek

Katie Scarlett Stahl

Austin Grant Tucker

Esteban Vargas

Lauryl Vincent

Benjamin Aaron Waxler

Master of Education

Stephanie Brauner∞

Kristen Maureen Frain

Matthew John Paul

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Medicine

Heather Ann Albright

Lisa Anderson

Jessica Baker

Luke Beggs

Alice Benjamin-Jones

Jared Carter∞§

Kimberly Theresa Caudell

Guyhannah Jersey Champagne

Dara Lee Cleary

Hannah Cohen∞

Jaylin Kyle Crockett

Samantha Disparti

Damian DoRego

Grace Dowden

Romanus Ezeoke

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Bryant Freeman

Elena Giannas[∞]

Cole Hamai

Linda Hammad

Christopher Jermyn^{≠§}

Trisha Juste

Laura Lima de Almeida[∞]

Santannah M. Manning

Gianna Mansueto

Christopher McCaskill

Katherine Elizabeth McKiel

Amanda Menezes

Max London Miranda^{∞§}

Iam Muri

Desire D. Namata

Amilia Phillips

Tara Rangsiyawaranon

Soondoos Heidar Rasheid Browning

Samantha Richardson

Ashley Marie Ruehle^{≠§}

Jose Ruiz

Victoria T. Schomp

Danielle Shashkun[∞]

Leah Christina Therres

Vanessa Marcell Tomoah

David Mitchell Warsof

Jill Wenger[∞]

Micah M. Zea

Claudia Zyskowski

Master of Science in Accounting

George Robert Alexander

Joshua David Cocanower

Alexander D'Angelo

Helen Foster Day

Jose de Jesus Garcia-Hernandez

Sophie Madeleine Grizzle

Kyaw Kyaw Htin[≠]

Zachary Knott

Cassandra Lynn McNamara

William Clay Neely

Tracy Anh Tran

Jada Nicole Wright

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Krishna Sri Balusupati

Zhihuei Gao Cruz

Nishma Lama

Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Mackenzie Marie Stease

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Quest Crotty

Kester M. Downer

Ethan Bradley Graff

Conner William Lowery

Lakshmi Narasimha Koushik Polukonda

Vinaya Varshini Yellapragada

Master of Science in Entrepreneurship

Michael Andrew Diaz

Master of Science in Exercise and Nutrition Science

Tom Alias

Caleb Brandon

Kaylen Kendrew Aloisius Hellemun

Rodrigo Marques dos Santos Lopes

Eric Giovanni Mercado

Krishna Sanjay Panchamia

Nicholas Robert Russo

Ahalya Eraviyeczath Sajan

Breanna Eve Taphouse

Nabiha Yameen

Master of Science in Finance

Dheeren Agrawal

Cole Jamison Benjamin

Kine Eidem

David Alejandro Jacome Rodriguez

Colin Matthew Joseph

Jose Alejandro Ochoa Serra

Charles Francis O'Donnell V

Arianna Rose Polletta

Patrick Chris Stefan Stolze

Master of Science in Information and Technology Management

Phanindra Varma Chiluvuri

Ranjitha Jayaram

Kusuma Harika Karumuri

Sai Varsha Rajaputhra

Raghav Vamshi Thamshetty

Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology

Kate M. DeSimone

Giulia Fiorentini[≠]

Sarah E. Fridy[≠]

Devin Rae Hammonds

Rosa Baskin Harwell

Noelle Elizabeth Lane[≠]

Ian Morgan

Polleana Mary Nanas Muñoz[≠]

Jose Rodrigo Restrepo Parada[∞]

Bridget Edna Ruggiero

Master of Science in Marketing

Giselle Arianna Ayala

Paris Renee Patricia Bild

Justin Thomas Evans

Lauren Jaynal Kacinko

Margot Claire Lambert

Lorenz Offner

Lianna Paccio

Jacqueline Sluss

Lucy Helen Topping

Lauren Christine Wilks[∞]

Master of Science in Nursing

Hannah Bryanne Browner

Riane Sen Calamigan

Bethany Lane Dupree

Stella Effah Mensah

Ekaterina Tyuleneva

Bachelor of Arts

Giuliana Cenzina Aiello⁺*

Julia Carol Allen

Wyatt Lee Antkiewicz

Leal Melodi Balkis

Mallory Alexandra Bates

Briannah Aileen Beall

Natasha Leah Berman⁺

Alyssa Marie Bianchi

Cavoni Alyssa Brenes⁺

Tiffany Brown[^]

Sahid Fernando Burgos Benavides⁺

Cooper L. Buttery

Layla Rose Campbell

Bathshua Carrillo Velazquez

Devin Chernin

Sophia Bella Inez Chewning

Angela Colozzo

Victoria Jae Conigliaro

Arianna Isabel Coss

Trevor Cox



Marc William Cromie Jr.
Victoria Ann Crowther
Olivia Ava Dennis[^]
Amey Anastasia DiSisto
Karen Marie Duritza
Lucas Kenta Dye⁺
Alexandra Elizabeth Eagler
Koray Turk Ekiz
Kaitlyn Breanna Fennell
Laura Marie Foti
Jaxson Perry Francois
Kaen B. Freeman[^]
Ariana V. Fromm[^]
Alex Gialanella[§]
Lindsey May Gimbert⁺
Gracie Hart[^]
Kayley Hellenbrand[^]
Julian Hendricks
Hannah Crooker Hillgrove
Tameesha K. Hudson
Gabrielle Nikole Huffman
Emma Christine Hughes
Andrea Renee Jankowski
Alexi May Jones^{@*}
Dahlia Lee Jones^{^*}
Tyler Joseph Kennedy[^]
Isabelle Juliet Keogh
Katrina Kidder
Alexa Jade Kleynenberg
Isabel Katherine Knuteson
Alexandra Reese Kollman
Sarah Jane Kopecky[^]
Jiya Divesh Kotecha
Ayla Grace Kowalski
Alexa Paige Kulakowski⁺
Reaghan Huari Ladd⁺
Jayden Michael Lanza
Nicholas Warren Larrabee
Matthew Lassman[^]
Sophia Liatsos
Krysta Bridget Lingley
Lia Fabrizio Lopez
Kristofer Manasses⁺
Isabelle Grace Marco[^]
Fabricio Marini de Souza
Bella Rose Matuza⁺
Rachel McBride

Devawna Leann McDonald
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Zara Pereira Mendes⁺
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Jarikah Danyelle Ogle
Chloe Joanna Ottani
Samantha Lynn Park[@]
Maddelin Mae Parrish
Isabella Rose Penzone⁺^{*}
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Erin Polak
Isaiah Tesse Raimondo
Elissa Regina Rankin⁺
Audrey Rey[^]
Brianna Marie Riccardi
Kyara Marcia Rodriguez⁺
Chloe Jane Romberger
Elysia Rosado
Tiffany Marie Ross
Camille Grace Rubino[^]
Cole Albert Russo
Camryn Elizabeth Ryan⁺
Fabiola Del Mar Santiago Pérez
Sela Ariana Sarnel
Ali Schutz[^]
Sabrina Serretti
Alexa Marie Sheets
Avari Jayne Shewmaker
Audrey Clare Simpson
Nicole Sklaver
Grace Skultety
Deaglan Devine Slattery[^]
Kayana Smikle[^]
Summer Jade Spiteri[^]
Hailey Stettner
Elizabeth Stillwell⁺
Madeleine Testaverde
Reese Alexandra Thompson

Christopher Jaden Tompkins
Lauren Olivia Townsend
Charlee Allison Van Poppel
Matthew Charles VanIstendal
Anna Marie Vilips
Janie Alizabeth Wilson
K-La Wong

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Alannah Marie Ahlquist[^]
Tyler Bedard
Abigail Mary Carew[^]
Daniel Char-Ordonez
Jocelyn R. Crum
Bianca Alexis Echevarria⁺
Allyson Marie Endsley[@]
Isabella Fernandez
Destiny Page Ham
Jordan Hamant[^]
Kristina Lee Hawk[^]
Grace Kallensee
Keagan Laird Kantor[^]
Naisha Lalwani⁺
Amanda Patterson
Nicole Potamouis
Julian Ramirez⁺
Francisco Roca
Finnegan Emmett Shea[^]
Bryce Jordan Tomaneng
Sarah Nicole Wyner⁺

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Monica Davon Smith

Bachelor of Music

Jillian Rose Nunez

Bachelor of Science

Janna Paige Adams⁺
Whitney Elizabeth Adams
Nikolas Darian Agarwal
Veronica Alayon Cohen⁺
Katherine Anne Alejandrino[^]
Sulaiman Sattam S Algosaibi
Sebastián Alvarado Roldán

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Andrew Charles Andersen
Ty Anthony Arico
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Nicole Aleisha Bateman
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Taylor Kathryn Blodorn^
Brent David Bocchino
Allie Elizabeth Bofinger
Brielle Boldizar
Olivia Kathleen Bolesh+
Lauren Nicole Velez-Borgia
Jose Ernesto Borrero
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Ariana Brunken
Johnathan Bruno
Sophia Gabrielle Buisson^
William Douglas Burton^
Jacquiz Andreous Butler
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Gianna Grace Calabro
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Jake Dylan Canino
Alexa Rae Cardone
Enrico Carraro
John Michael Carson Jr.
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Jennifer Castillo
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Emily Anne Chamberlin
Arjav Singh Chhabra

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Aidan Theodore Files
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James Daniel Fowler
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Victoria Marie Gonzalez
Jayne Gordon
Alexander Gustafson
Lara María de las Mercedes Gutiérrez-Lugo
Milena Guzman Santos



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Alexander Charles Hare	Nayrene Lama Sosa	Laura Katherine McGregor
Amanda Rae Healy	Margot Claire Lambert [^]	Taylor Rayne McMichael
Donovan Henkel	David Jakob Landis	Nathaniel Joseph McNichols
Nelson J. Hernandez Cardona	Paige E. Lane [^]	Camila Isabela Mendoza Sanchez
Wilson Davis Hetrick ⁺	Tanto Laniyan	Jillian Meyer
Jason Thomas Hines Jr. [^]	Grace Michelle Lathrop	Ava Michele Middlebrooks
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Kayla Analyse Holguin ⁺	Morgan Elizabeth Leach [^]	Georgia Louise Mills
Ryan Samuel Homer [^]	Lauren Lee ⁺	Michael Angelo Milone
Brenden Carl Hopf	Abigail Elyse Lemon	Alexa Leslie Mocko
Arianna Hosca	Nicholas Robert Leone	Paula Chloe Mongil
Caleigh Howard	Morgan Lessig	Aidan Montalvo ⁺
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Delaney Ann Jones ^{^*}	Aidan John Lucas	Penelope Ann Beck
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Braden Mitchell Jung	Taylor Louise Machat	Rachel Theresa Newcombe ⁺
Olivia Jurek ⁺	Aiden Cole Maciel [^]	Jenna Sue Newpower ⁺
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Keagan Laird Kantor [^]	Anthony Mansour	Ahmad Ziad Odeh
Anna Julia Karakulko	Natalie Katherine Mantras ⁺	Trevor Jackson Ogrodnick
Frensi Karkini	Sofia Danielle Marcus [^]	Daniel E. O'Keeffe
Lucas William Kelly	Adriana Marzocca	Nathan Harrison Olah [^]
Ryan J. Kemp	Sophia Elizabeth Mason	Riley Grace O'Regan
Caitlin Kinney	Connor Paul Mauro	Meghan Kathleen Orelli
Jacob Quinn Kirkpatrick ⁺	Anthony Maya	Megan Kylie O'Shea
Isabel Katherine Knuteson	Theodore Michael Maye	Samuel Ouellette [^]
Alec Jordan Kolenic	Alejandro Jose Mayorga-Rivas Calderon	Lianna Paccio ⁺
Stamatia Kontopanagiotis [^]		
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Christina Jane Krauss		

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Sophia Esperanza Pierce
Josh Pinder
Rhys Pitner^
Alex Joseph Pizzo
John Michael Polise
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Kayshena Nekeisha Powell^
Olivia Prince+
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Lewis Crawford Rollins
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Logan Caroline Rowley
Victoria Rubio Mosquera^
Kathryn Jane Rudow+
Alejandro Ruiz Boughton
Kira Sydney Rumfola^
Michael Everett Salinas
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Gianna Michele Santoro
Kiana Isabel Scarborough
Patrick James Schieber
Kayla Elizabeth Schmidt ^*
Karolina Schondorfer

Chloe Shay Schonert^
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Nicole Scott+
Addison Sessoms
Savannah Elaine Sevor
Alaxis Jean Shanks
Cooper Foti Sharp
Preston Jai Shembekar
Emma Ruth Shepley
Elizabeth Marie Sherry+
Brett Thomas Shibilski
Osama Nasser Shilbayeh
Adrian Shayne Shoemake Jr.
Garrett Christopher Silverstein
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Lexi Siracusa+*§
Desiree Marie Sites
Christian Slack^
Nicholas James Soyer
Daniella Raquel Spankowski
Malcolm Andrew Steckiewicz
Ryan David Steiner
Kayla Stone+§
Katelyn Abigail Strickland
Joseph Peter Sullivan^
Julia Marie Suny
Landen Noah Sutterby
Margaret Cecile Sutthoff^
Devin Andrew Sweet
Kiele Swistak
Asha Talukder
Aalyiah Kirsten Tamayo
Lily Meyer Taylor^
Chloe Tenshaw+
Madison Dori Tessar
Ryan Patrick Teti+
Isabella Marie Thomas
Taegun Cruz Timbrook+
Alex John Tomkovich
Jonathan Torres
Mia Rose Treinen+
Tucker Marc Tremblay^
Joan Marina Tripi-Vitale
Juan Carlos Trupp
Dylan Robert Tuchon
Esteban Vargas

Natalia Marie Vazquez+
Juan Christian Vento
Samuel Ventura
Mason Verderame
Kyle Paul Viar
Lauryn Vincent+
Michael Joseph Vogt
Anna Anh Vu^
Jacob Wachsmann
Zachary Walford
Robert T. Walker
Kylie Wallace
Patrick Ryan Walsh
Paulina Waresiak
Nia Simone Warren+
Lily Jean Weimer+
Nikolai Mitchell Weingart
Gloriana Hope Wetzel
Olivia Tyler Whittaker+
Lauren Christine Wilks+
Ellie Catherine Williams+
Ava Teresa Winnie
Nolan Joseph Witt
Hailey Kate Wolfe+
Nicole Marta Wykurz
Faris Khaleel Yousef Yasin
Alyce Brianne Yoder+§
Madison Marie Zomek

AUGUST 2025

Master of Arts in Professional Communication

Martin Alejandro Arauz Miranda
Benjamin C. Berlingo
Alexa Danielle Clowers+
Dominick Theodore Coniglio
Sarah Ellis Engle
Martini Lea Gibbons
Jay Kappaganthula∞
Avery Lane∞
Ruby Xitlali Lefort-Rivas
Lauren Elizabeth Round
Bradley William Rucker
Caeley Angelina Scherer
Gia Rose Silver+
Jordan Alexander Williams



Master of Arts in Social and Emerging Media

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Morgan Elizabeth Bailey
Sade Leila Bassan[∞]
Matthew V. Bilancia
Paige Francis Ewald
Mikayla Ann Figa
Mariah Galhouse
Jazmin Nicole Giovino[‡]
Sophia Lauren Glenn
Marie Hall
Jacob G. Harris
Kariss Jesslynn Harvey
Lelia Annie Heath
Carter James Hoskins
Katie Danielle Jarrett
Janae Ledbetter
Matthew Robert Minikel
Reggie Morales
Shannon Melissa O'Brien
Nicole Adriana Schenone
Jane Rose Scialdone
Cierra Turner[∞]
Peyton Tyler White

Master of Business Administration

Rebekah Dawn Bergen[∞]
Stephen M. Griffiths
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The marshal, a distinguished member of the University of Tampa faculty, serves as the ceremonial leader, carrying the University mace and formally opening the commencement ceremony. With assistant faculty marshals, they oversee the seamless coordination of the academic procession and the graduates' passage across the stage.

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2013-2022	Eric Vlahov, Ph.D., <i>Professor of Health Sciences and Human Performance</i>
2022-present	Britt Shirley, Ph.D., <i>Professor of Information and Technology Management</i>



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of distinctive academic regalia worn at commencement ceremonies originated at European universities in the 12th century and evolved to the mortarboards, gowns and hoods worn today.

Academic dress has been used in American schools since colonial times, but not until around 1885 was it widely used at commencement exercises. By 1895, the Intercollegiate Commission had prepared a code that provides for three types of gowns: (1) a bachelor's gown with long, pointed sleeves; (2) a master's gown with long, closed sleeves having arcs near the bottom and slits for the arms; (3) a doctor's gown with full, round, open sleeves. The velvet trim may be black, or it may be the same color as the velvet edging of the hood, indicating the discipline.

The hood, the most distinctive feature of the American code, signifies the degree held and the university granting it. Hoods are lined with silk in the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the degree's discipline.

Red, the traditional color of the church, indicates a degree in theology, while green, the color of medicinal herbs, stands for medicine. Among other colors representing academic disciplines are brown for fine arts; dark blue for philosophy; golden yellow for science; pink for music; and purple for law.

At the University of Tampa, master's and doctoral candidates wear hoods. Some of the colors you might see include:

Apricot: Doctorate and Master of Science, Nursing

Crimson: Master of Arts, Professional Communication, Social and Emerging Media

Drab: Master of Business Administration, Executive Master of Business Administration

Gold: Master of Science, Accounting; Business Analytics; Criminology; Cybersecurity; Exercise and Nutrition Science; Finance; Information and Technology Management; Marketing; and Entrepreneurship

Light blue: Master of Education, all degrees

Medicine Green: Doctor of Medical Science

Sage: Master of Physician Assistant Medicine

Colored cords represent various honor societies and programs. Bachelor's degree candidates graduating with honors wear gold cords and may wear a medallion. A student graduating from the Honors Program wears a medallion on a red and black ribbon, and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi national collegiate honor society wears a medallion on a royal blue ribbon. A member of the Psi Chi psychology honor society wears an antiqued platinum medallion on a navy ribbon. Student-athletes who are members of the national college athlete honor society, Chi Alpha Sigma, wear a bronze medallion on a black ribbon.



HISTORY OF THE MACE

In medieval England, when officials or monarchs traveled from one castle to another, they were accompanied by a military force. At the front were the inexperienced troops, who generally were arranged by seniority with the most junior in the lead. In the academic procession, this group is represented by the students, with the bachelor's candidates in the lead, followed by the master's candidates. The nobleman, represented in the academic procession by the president of the university, marched near the center, immediately followed by a trusted bodyguard, who carried a very formidable weapon, the mace.

The mace was a heavy club with a spiked or flanged metal knob at one end, used chiefly by knights to crush the armor of opponents. By the 14th century, the mace had become mostly ceremonial. In academic processions, the mace is carried by a distinguished member of the faculty. At UTampa commencements, the mace is carried by the marshal.

The original UTampa mace was made by James Bignell of UTampa's industrial arts department at the request of David Delo, UTampa's fifth president. It was wooden, painted black and trimmed with gold.

When B.D. Owens became president of the University in 1971, he wanted a new mace for his inauguration. David Dye, a local artist and an art instructor at Hillsborough Community College, was commissioned to do the design and casting.

After researching the history of the mace, Dye decided to make UTampa's mace javelin-like with a minaret shape on top. The mace took nine months to complete. The head is very thick, made with pure silver over a concrete center. The silver was garnered through a silver reclamation process from old X-ray negatives

from St. Joseph's Hospital and other local hospitals. The handle is made of walnut, weighs 15 pounds and measures 43 1/4 inches.

The mace is secured in the Office of the President when not being used for official University functions.

The mahogany batons carried by the assistant marshals were designed and crafted by UTampa Professor Emeritus Richard Gude. They feature a hand-carved stylized minaret at the top, patterned after the mace carried by the marshal. These batons are topped with a solid brass tip, hand-turned from brass stock.





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