



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Welte Auditorium

1 p.m. Ceremony

Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

School of Business

School of Education and Professional Studies

School of Engineering, Science, and Technology

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Many members of our university community collaborated to make this commencement special. We wish to thank those teaching and administrative faculty, members of the maintenance and support staff, student leaders, and our student assistants who have worked tirelessly to make this ceremony memorable for our graduates and their families and friends.

Every attempt is made to ensure the accuracy of this program. However, due to printing deadlines, it is possible that the list of degree candidates as presented within the commencement booklet may not be entirely accurate. Having a name appear in this booklet does not indicate that a degree has been completed; students' degrees are officially conferred when the university certifies that all degree requirements have been met.

ZULMA R. TORO, PRESIDENT



Welcome! Thank you for joining the Central family on this special day.

Today we celebrate the culmination of a transformational journey by our students.

As we honor both our undergraduate and graduate students, it is my hope our students will reflect on how far they have come and how far they can go, because while commencements recognize the achievement of an academic milestone, they also signal the start of a new era, filled with exciting possibilities.

To our graduates, consider the company you are joining today. Ebenezer D. Bassett, the son of a former slave, our school's first black student, and the first African American diplomat for the United States, graduated from this institution in 1853.

Carmen Espinosa '71 was the first Hispanic person to be appointed to the Connecticut Supreme Court.

A more recent graduate, Miguel Cardona '97, served as the Connecticut Commissioner of Education before he was appointed the 12th United States Secretary of Education, a position he currently holds.

I am so proud of our remarkable students and graduates, and I thank the faculty, staff, families, and friends whose support, encouragement, and guidance have contributed to their success.

I hope you all will join us this summer when Central celebrates a milestone: The 175th anniversary of our institution. As we reflect on the 175 years that Central has educated and prepared leaders in all aspects of our society, know that we look forward to another 175 years of impactful contributions, innovation, and progress.

And so, as the 13th president of Central Connecticut State University, it is my pleasure to offer my congratulations to our candidates for degrees. Remember, we are Central to you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z. Toro'.

Zulma R. Toro, President

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



DR. RICHARD FICHMAN '74

Dr. Richard Fichman '74 is a board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in cataract eye surgery and comprehensive ophthalmology. He is the director of the Fichman Eye Center in New Britain and Manchester and has provided eye care for more than 30 years.

Among his many achievements in the field of ophthalmology, Dr. Fichman performed the first LASIK surgery in Connecticut in 1995. He also developed a technique called Quick Sight to remove cataracts, a process that employs topical anesthetic eye drops to reduce pain and eliminate the need for needles, sutures, and patches. Dr. Fichman also created a unique diamond blade, the Fichman Microtome, which allows surgeons to make incisions that do not require sutures.

A 1979 graduate of Chicago Medical School, Dr. Fichman interned at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco and completed his residency at the University of Arizona Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science and Kings County Hospital in New York. Dr. Fichman went on to become chief of Ophthalmology at Woodhull Hospital in New York and later at Newington VA Medical Center. In 1984, during his tenure as an associate professor at Downstate University, in New York, Dr. Fichman launched his practice in Connecticut. Dr. Fichman has since been named the 2014 Community Involvement Champion by the Metro Hartford Alliance and the 2013 Businessperson of the Year by the Connecticut Main Street Center. In 2015, the University of Hartford awarded Dr. Fichman an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.



CENTRAL IS 175 YEARS OLD

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Central Connecticut State University's 175th anniversary marks a significant milestone in the university's and the state's history. For nearly one and three-quarters of a century, Central has served as the state's oldest and largest publicly funded institution of higher education, providing students with the knowledge and tools to succeed personally and professionally.

In marking Central's 175th anniversary, the university celebrates its history, growth, achievements, and innovations while looking toward the future. During the next year, be on the lookout for special announcements and events leading up to this very special birthday celebration. We are Central to you!

ORDER OF EXERCISES



Processional

Bearer of the University Staff

Dr. Kimberly Kostelis,
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Bearer of the University Mace

Dr. Frederic Latour,
Faculty Senate President

Posting of the Colors

Central Police Department

National Anthem

Introductions

Dr. Kimberly Kostelis

Welcome

Dr. Zulma R. Toro,
Central Connecticut State University President

Greetings

Ted Yang,
Member of the Board of Regents
for the CSCU System

Remarks

Dr. Zulma R. Toro

Honorary Doctorate Presentation

Dr. Richard Fichman '74

Commencement Address

Dr. Richard Fichman '74

Alma Mater

Presentation of Candidates

Announced by:

Dr. Gilbert Gigliotti
Professor,
Department of English

Darren Sweeney '98
Associate Professor,
Department of Journalism

Conferral of Degrees

Recessional

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Robert Ryan Carlson
Daniel Preston Carroll

Richelle Leone Johnson
Carlos Anthony Marrero

Ashley Amaka Okwuazi-Fennimore
Heather M. Prokup

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES SIXTH-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Erin Elizabeth Alicandro
Educational Leadership

Joseph W. Battaglia
Educational Leadership

Amy Lynn Beaulieu
Reading and Language Arts

Kassiani Bisbikos
Educational Leadership

Laura Ellen Blake
Educational Leadership

Jennifer Clinton
Reading and Language Arts

Kaylie Ann Corjulo
Reading and Language Arts

Lynne Ann DeVito
Reading and Language Arts

Maureen Gillespie Ellen
Reading and Language Arts

Heather Allison Fried
Educational Leadership

Christopher Michael
LeSieur
Educational Leadership

Amanda Catherine Monette
Educational Leadership

Sharon N. Rose
Reading and Language Arts

Jennifer LaBrecque Tew
Educational Leadership

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES MASTER OF ARTS

Kelly Michelle Brice
Applied Linguistics

Genova Evelyn
Burgos Pinto
Modern Languages

Victoria Diane Karen
Congdon
English

Crystal Mariy Diaz
Applied Linguistics

Mary Elizabeth D'Orvilliers
Modern Languages

Nicholas Daniel Giori
Modern Languages

Besmira Gjolle
Applied Linguistics

Lilac Honey Green
Modern Languages

Megan Hall
Psychology

Alexandra Nicole Hanrath
Information Design

Juliana Holcomb
Biological Sciences

Bushra Fazla Karim
Applied Linguistics

Viviana Elizabeth Kelley
Modern Languages

Lauren Alexis LaPorto
Information Design

Jacob Thomas McCarthy
Psychology

Joseph William Mumley
Public History

Maria Londono Pietsch
Modern Languages

Andrew Leonard Sistrand II
Public History

James Tregoe Steck
Psychology

Kavya Suresh
Biological Sciences

Genny Tobon-Escobedo
Modern Languages

Cheyenne Morning
Song Tracy
Public History

Erica Marie Trindade
Applied Linguistics

Roberta Verbyla
Modern Languages

Victoria Morgan Wallington
Psychology

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Emma Joan Helman
Teacher Education

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Gunnar Stephan Abrahamsson	Finnegan Patrick Carey	Kelly Rose Edwards	Katelyn Marie Leifer
Edward Krzysztof Anderson	Luisa F. Ceballos	Laura Marie Edwards	Matthew Aaron Lis
Michael George Antonio	Huamei Chen	Yolanda C. Hacia	Elias Lux
Uliana Batih (Moskovych)	Reese George Hilton Clarke	Sharayah Lee Hadzopulos	Lincoln Philbert Milling
Alexander Riley Beavers	Katherine Lynn Czulewicz	Tuyen M Ho	Charles Leonard Penn
Jared Allan Bernabe	Amanda Gabrielle Despres	Jessica C. Horvath	Nicholas Alan Petrucci
Natoya Salome Campbell	George Aplex Doe	Ali Ahmed Jaffery	Faraz Shahzad
	Jadd Tanner Dolegala	Timothy M. Johnson	Jenna Lyn Tiezzi

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kholod Mohammed Alhawasawi <i>Educational Technology</i>	Vincent Peter Capra <i>Computer Information Technology</i>	Amanda May Dewees <i>Supply Chain Logistics Management</i>	Melissa Michelle Handy <i>Mathematics</i>
Stephanie Ann Anderson <i>Educational Technology</i>	Rosaura Carbajal Valladares <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Paul A. Dickson <i>Geography</i>	Gregory Alan Hofler Jr. <i>Teacher Leadership</i>
Lisa Marie Annunziato <i>Counselor Education</i>	Nicole Antoinette Carrasquillo <i>Educational Technology</i>	Samantha E. Doyle <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Lindsey Taylor Humphrey <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>
Emmanuel Augustin <i>Counselor Education</i>	Rachel Casasanta <i>Educational Technology</i>	John Joseph Duron <i>International Studies</i>	Tu Huynh <i>Accounting</i>
Tanvir Azad <i>Computer Information Technology</i>	Sri Vatsavai Chaitra Varshini <i>Accounting</i>	Thomas Edward Eccles <i>Accounting</i>	Amber Islam <i>Special Education</i>
Hannah Emily Barger <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Barbara Wendy Chernov-Paradise <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Layau Eulizier Jr. <i>Computer Information Technology</i>	Phillip Lloyd James <i>Accounting</i>
Alyssa Ann Bellizzi <i>Special Education</i>	Jennifer Carol Cioffi <i>Mathematics</i>	Sydney Ilana Feinstein <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Ewa Jasinska <i>Accounting</i>
Stephen Daniel Benoit <i>Data Science</i>	Joshua Tyler Clinton <i>Data Science</i>	Stephanie Felicia Felag <i>Educational Technology</i>	Christopher Dean Jones <i>Accounting</i>
Brett J. Berardi <i>Music Education</i>	Erik Charles Cooper <i>Educational Technology</i>	Alyssa Marie Fiori <i>Educational Technology</i>	Mary Bernadette Kayan <i>Teacher Leadership</i>
Carley Bergamini <i>Educational Technology</i>	Cassidy Marie Corey <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Redmond James Foley <i>Accounting</i>	Thais Pereira Del Boni Kim <i>Biomolecular Sciences</i>
Jason T. Bernard <i>Music Education</i>	Zachary Michael Correll <i>Accounting</i>	Sebastian Emanuel Fortuna <i>STEM Education</i>	Vilma Koleci <i>Accounting</i>
Adriana Fazzino Boice <i>Special Education</i>	Kristen Corso <i>Special Education</i>	Cailun Roberts Fuhrman <i>Strategic Communication</i>	Chad Joseph Korte <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Amy P. Boutilier <i>Counselor Education</i>	Zachary James Dalton <i>Computer Information Technology</i>	Allison Joan Graham <i>Accounting</i>	Timothy Joseph Lautenbach <i>Biomolecular Sciences</i>
Kimberly Beth Budge <i>Special Education</i>	Alicia Marie De Sena <i>Geography</i>	Nicole Kateland Grant <i>Counselor Education</i>	Delaney Lynn Lawler <i>Educational Technology</i>
		Kristen Elizabeth Hallecks <i>Special Education</i>	Claudine Alexis Legato <i>Criminal Justice</i>

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Krista Maren Lindell <i>Music Education</i>	William Robert McKinley <i>Accounting</i>	Marianna Pylypiv <i>Accounting</i>	Maciej Michal Sniegocki <i>Accounting</i>
Joseph Chaves Lombardi <i>Mathematics</i>	Kaylin Jessica McMahon <i>Physical Education</i>	Veronica Louise Pytlik <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Nicholas Langlois Spang <i>Data Science</i>
Cailey Lynn Lopes <i>Accounting</i>	George Constantine <i>Mesologites</i>	Edward Christian Radzion <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Ryan Stuart Sprague <i>Mathematics</i>
Ariel Arturo Machado-Perez <i>Supply Chain Logistics Management</i>	Amber Lynn Mio <i>Accounting</i>	Anthony V. Renzi <i>Biomolecular Sciences</i>	James Patrick Sullivan <i>Construction Management</i>
Chanel Macklin <i>Accounting</i>	Rachael Ann Misluck <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Alyson Marie Richard <i>Special Education</i>	Jared Kelly Sullivan <i>Accounting</i>
Amanda Louise Magyarik <i>Accounting</i>	Malachi Anelka Moore <i>Supply Chain Logistics Management</i>	Emily Rhea Robinson <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Jacob William Thivierge <i>Educational Technology</i>
Fernanda Maia <i>Counselor Education</i>	Tyler Jon Moree <i>Educational Technology</i>	Gabriella Rosado <i>Special Education</i>	Cheyenne Olivia Tomcho <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Brayden James Malley <i>Marriage and Family Therapy</i>	Todd Sandford Morgan <i>STEM Education</i>	Hope Autumn Roy <i>Strategic Communication</i>	Lee'Anna Toro <i>Biomolecular Sciences</i>
Regan Kathleen Maloney <i>Accounting</i>	Andrew J. Mroczkowski <i>Construction Management</i>	Jonathan Lee Russell <i>Special Education</i>	Emily Joan Trezza <i>Construction Management</i>
Christopher Daniel Manley <i>Construction Management</i>	Cassandra Alexis Myers <i>Educational Technology</i>	Tiffany Samuels <i>International Studies</i>	Nancy Gabriela Trippconey <i>Accounting</i>
Jenny Marie Mantilla <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Jessica-Lynne Hardy Nelson	Vesteny Sanchez <i>Educational Technology</i>	Jake Thomas Urban <i>Teacher Leadership</i>
Melinda Sue Marchese <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>	Jessica-Lynne Hardy Nelson	Ramya Sree Satyavarapu <i>Computer Information Technology</i>	Lucas William Voghell <i>Construction Management</i>
Samina Mariam <i>Accounting</i>	Diane Christine Nowak <i>Educational Technology</i>	Merwin Alfred Schaefer <i>Technology Management</i>	Lindsay Anne Wargo <i>Mathematics</i>
Brian Emory Martin <i>STEM Education</i>	Sofia Christine Oakes <i>Accounting</i>	Paul Douglas Schneider <i>International Studies</i>	Nancy Lynn Wilson <i>Reading and Language Arts</i>
Burke Edward Martindale <i>Special Education</i>	Jarod J. Pappas <i>Accounting</i>	Alexis Kim Schwarz <i>Educational Technology</i>	Everett Isaiah Wormley <i>Strategic Communication</i>
Simone Patrice McIntosh <i>Teacher Leadership</i>	Savannah Mae Pare <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Sohini Sengupta <i>Teacher Leadership</i>	Caeli Marie Wygant <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Kerry Lynn McKeown-Plaza	Peter Andrew Pecora <i>Counselor Education</i>	Andrew Davies Slater <i>Teacher Leadership</i>	Yassir Yaghzar-Elidrissi <i>Software Engineering</i>
<i>Educational Technology</i>			

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER'S THESES

MASTER OF ARTS
APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Bushra Fazla Karim

Dr. Matthew Cisel
The Anxiety Factor in Direct and Indirect Feedback in L2 English Writing by L1 Urdu Speakers

MASTER OF ARTS
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Rachel Kendy Cox

Dr. Syed Y. Abbas
Impact of Light Depression on Aggressive Behavior in Crayfish

Juliana Holcomb

Dr. Clayton Penniman
Profiles of selected chemical parameters, plankton composition, and comparison to historical conditions for Upper, Middle, and Lower Bolton Lakes, CT

Caitlin Claire Oliver-Olsen

Dr. Clayton Penniman
Does Plastic Select for a Distinct Bacterial Community? A Study in an Urban Stream

MASTER OF ARTS HISTORY

Jennifer Lawton Schloat

Dr. Matthew Warshauer
Chasing Will Warren: Exploring the Mythology of a Legendary Hermit in Central Connecticut

Brendan Charles Tewksbury

Dr. Juan Coronado
Opposing Equity: The Challenges of Constructing Affordable Housing in Litchfield County in the Past and Present

MASTER OF ARTS PSYCHOLOGY

Dorothy C. Bronmfield

Dr. Carolyn R. Fallahi
Effects of Parental Substance Abuse Disorder

Amanda D. Coleman

Dr. Joanne DiPlacido
Informal Caregivers' Quality of Life: A Review of the Impacts of Burdens and Their Relationship with Psychological Well-Being and Self-Efficacy

Megan Hall

Dr. Candice Wallace
The Utility of Contact as a Mechanism for Reducing Mental Illness Related Stigma

Olivia Knight

Dr. James M. Conway
Social Comparison, Self Esteem, and Rumination as Mechanisms Explaining the Relationship between Problematic Social Media Use and Mental Health

Autym Bleer Pollard

Dr. Joanne DiPlacido
An Exploration of Racism and Discrimination and the Effects of These Injustices on Minority Health and Wellness

Kevin Eduardo Rodriguez Oblitas

Dr. Candice Wallace
The Impact of Interactions with the Homeless Population on Mental and Physical Well-being among Police Officers

Cody Matthew Welch

Dr. Amanda Marin-Chollom
The Influence of College Student Stress on Health Outcomes Moderated by Urban/Rural Communities and Subjective Social Status

MASTER OF SCIENCE
ATHLETIC TRAINING

Hannah Marie Vieira

Dr. Peter Morano
Assessment of Navicular Drop Differences between Acute and Overuse Foot and Ankle Injuries in NCAA Division I Athletes

MASTER OF SCIENCE
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Dorota Ewa Gdula

Dr. Mark Jackson
Analyzing potential mechanisms in reducing chronic cortisol levels through exercise

MASTER OF SCIENCE
BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES

Anthony V Renzi

Dr. Thomas King
Development of a partial-consomic line ideal for mapping spontaneous mutations on mouse Chr 11

MASTER OF SCIENCE
COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Lisa Marie Annunziato

Dr. Sarah Evans Zalewski
The Effects of Self-Esteem and Posttraumatic Growth on Depression Reduction

MASTER OF SCIENCE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ivy Morgan Tebbetts

Dr. Raymond Tafrate
Attitudes of Grandiosity and Coerciveness Influencing the Perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse: A Pilot Study

Hannah Emily Barger

Dr. Stephen M. Cox
Exploration of Potential Barriers to Drug Court Program Completion

Samantha E. Doyle

Dr. Steven Block
A Multivariate Analysis of Sexual Assault in Connecticut

Isabel M. Golia

Dr. Susan Koski
Effectiveness of Red Flag Laws

Samantha Ashley Grados-Ramos

Dr. Kimberly S. Meyer
Transitional Housing and the Effects on Offender Successful Re-entry

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER'S THESES

MASTER OF SCIENCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Virigina Lee Knudsen

Dr. Kimberly S. Meyer
Rocky Mountain High: Fatal Accident Driver Impairment following Recreational Marijuana Legalization in Colorado

Chad Joseph Korte

Dr. Raymond Tafrate and Dr. Stephen M. Cox
The Efficacy of Exploring Trauma+: A Brief Intervention for Men and Gender Diverse People

Cheyenne Olivia Tomcho

Dr. Susan Koski
Understanding Substance Use Among College Women and Risk of Sexual Assault

MASTER OF SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Tiffany Samuels

Dr. Paul Petterson
Child's Garden- Creating Age Inclusive Understanding in Museums

Paul Douglas Schneider

Dr. Cynthia Pope
Modern Global Migration: Case Studies from Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, and Venezuela

MASTER OF SCIENCE MATHEMATICS

Kelly Sue Frenette

Dr. Robin S. Kalder
A New Math Workshop Approach: Effectiveness of Math Workshop 2.0 on Increasing Engagement and Understanding in a Primary Grade Classroom

Taylor Stella Polizonis

Dr. Leah Frazee Scharfenberger
The Impact of Mathematical Modeling in Geometry on Content Understanding and Students' Attitudes and Beliefs

Ryan Stuart Sprague

Dr. Melissa Gunter
The Effects of Multiple Opportunities in a Mastery Learning Setting on Student Achievement

MASTER OF SCIENCE MUSIC EDUCATION

Nicole Marie Yopez Ferrall

Dr. Carlotta Parr
Culturally Responsive Teaching: Making Cultural Connections with Students

MASTER OF SCIENCE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Brandon Leone Austin

Dr. Peter Morano
Examining the Correlation of Return-to-Play Time and Self-Reported Depression of Collegiate Athletes Suffering from Non-Surgical Ankle Injuries

Pasquale Nocerino Rosado

Dr. Katherine Pirog
The Correlation Between the Severity of Adductor Strain and Hamstring Muscle Length in Division I Collegiate Athletes

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Ed.D. Program

Robert Ryan Carlson

Conscious Connections: Investigating the Role of Interpersonal Mindfulness on Perceptions of Social Connectedness and Social Justice Mindsets in High School Teachers

Advisor: Dr. Kurt Love

Committee Members:

Dr. Jacob Werblow, Dr. Jelane Kennedy, Dr. Jess Edelstein

Richelle Leone Johnson

Semper Paratus, Always Ready! Exploring USCGA Cadet Women of Color's Perception of their Sense of Belonging during Training to become Seagoing Military Officers, a Qualitative Case Study

Advisor: Dr. Wangari Gichiru

Committee Members:

Dr. Sheldon Watson, Dr. Antoinette Ryan, Dr. Anna Hickey

Daniel Preston Carroll

To Function or Not to Function: A Case Study of Preparing for Implementation of Executive Functioning Strategies and Supports to Improve Student Outcomes in a High School

Advisor: Dr. Antoinette Ryan

Committee Members:

Dr. James Conway, Dr. Sheldon Watson, Dr. Judith Palmer

Heather M. Prokup

Compassion Fatigue in Teachers: An Exploration of Factors

Advisor: Dr. Ethan Heinen

Committee Members:

Dr. Wesley Henry, Dr. Antoinette Ryan, Dr. Jessica Sanborn

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Rahima Abid	Alicia Marie Cochran	Greg W. Gardener	Jenna Lynne Lackey
Marquis J. Adams	Carissa Connelly	Michael Dean Garrison	Ryan Nicole LaFountain
Angeline Aguirre	Emeline Mae Cooke	Destiny Hope Gayle	Calyn Lagasse**
Brennan Lawrence Altshuler*	Micaela Matos Costa	Cyan Angel Gonzalez	Sydney Ann Lallier
Desiree E. Anderson***	Jacob Matthew Courchesne	Emily Jeanne Gould	Awoyo S. Larnyoh
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Yrlande Appolon	Jacquelyn Alyssa Cunningham	Rhia Lyn Grabowski	Michael Vinh Le
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Nihal Baiju	Austin Joseph Danville	Matthew Hamill	Cathryn Anne Liguori
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Ryan Matthew Bardelli	Diandra A. Davidson*	Madino Abdullahi Hassan	Mia Grace Lombardo**
Laura Ashley Barrows	Julian Bennett Davis	Joshua Hernandez	Ashley Marie Lopez
Mohamed Bathiam	Ashley Diane Davis-Reyes	Aalysia Irie Herring	Destiny Lucre
Olivia Makayla Beckford	Anne Theresa Davoren	Nancy Victoria Ingenito**	Jacob Robert MacVane
Maggie Mae Bellview	Brian Alexander Dec II	Jaclyn Marie Irizarry**	Tadhg F. Mahoney
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Madison Olivia Boyle	Nikola Dokmanovic	Tyler C. Joseffy	Gabriel Francis McCarthy
Rachel Frances Breault	Angela Renee Douglas**	Thomas Mark Joyse	Nichele Catrina McFarlane
Wynnipher Brito	Bogdan Dumitrov	Shivani V. Kapadia	Tiara Caprice Mcfarlane
Tedroy Anthony Brooks	Emily Grace Evers**	Margaret Casey Kelly	Izaiah Brian Lee McNeil
Francesca Lorraine Bruzy	Emily Ryan Fedor	Meghan Clare Kenefick***	Kyron M. Medina-Saulter
Monika Noemi Buzas	Gerald Nicholas Ferraro**	Kate Cecilia Klein	Nashaly Melendez Santana
Melissa J. Carter*	Brianna Makenzie Ferreira	Taylor Elizabeth Klein	Martha Ahdy Mena
Alyssa Lee Cecchini	Elizabeth Flores-Bonilla	Cassidee Faith Knapik	Miguel I. Mendez
Alexarae Marie Charpentier**	Laurence James Florio-Roberts***	Molly E. Knybel***	John Mensah
Tina Sin Chen**	Lorenzo Michael Fontana	Evan Patrick Kowalski	Isabella Christine Mische
Jessica Lynn Chromik	Ariana Rose Fountain	Lindy Marie Kozikowski	Erika Amia Moore
Shawanna S. Clarke	Cristen Gaetani	Emily Elizabeth Kral	Cleveland Anthony Morgan
		John David Kruiy	Alexa Lynn Morin
		Matthew Richard	Isabel Roxana Najarian
		Kuroghlian	

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Julian Victor Naleski*	Jonathan Valentin	Anne Siriphongsavath	Jasmine Phoenix Wagner
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Tyler James Perez	Rosario-Santos	Salma Lorena Terrero Villa**	Anthony Lamar Wynn Jr.
Griffin L. Pickett	Isabelle Taresa Roufs**	Malik D. Thomas	Lavonte Wynn
Lisamarie Postell	Tavon K. Royster	Erin AnnMarie Thompson**	Gustavo Xara*
Samantha Ryan Powers	Oliwia Rozio*	Jason Tyler Tompkins	Taylor Lyn Yankowski*
Mia Santa Prieto	Scott Wayne Rydecki	Addison J. Toner	Ashley Michele
Scott William Purdie	Cristian Sanchez	Azealia Rosaleigh Toro*	Yokubinas***
Melanie Quinones	Alyssa Sandoval	Alexander R. Tresselt	Alexander Caleb Young
Brian Ramkishun	Kaina Francisca Santos	Devin Vincent Turchetta	Olivia Zagula
Natasha Estefania Ramos	Rachel M. Schmartz	Sophie Grace Twigg	Samantha Winifred
James Raucci	Amanda Theresa Schmidt*	Xander Tyler**	Theresa Zod
Jolise Amya Reyes	Kian Mohammad Siadat	Connor Henry Valentin	Kimberly Mariah Zumpe
Martin Jesus Reyna	Fernanda S. Silva	Andrew Robert Velazquez*	
Joshua Lewis Reynolds	Malcolm A. Simmons	Jada Caryn Venson	
Emily Paige Riedel	Marq Colbert	Desteny Lynne Vizcarrondo	
	Micah Simpson		

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Kelsey Erin Culup*

Hannah Rose Loiselle

Emily Rose Sousa

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ABOUT CENTRAL

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system and the state's oldest public institution of higher education.

Founded in 1849 to train teachers for the "common schools," the New Britain Normal School graduated its first class in 1850. Its first principal, Henry Barnard, later became the first United States Commissioner of Education.

Initially located in downtown New Britain, the school moved in 1922 to its present campus. In 1933, the Normal School became Teachers College of Connecticut and was authorized to grant four-year

baccalaureate degrees. In 1959, it became Central Connecticut State College; in 1983, it was elevated to university status.

As a comprehensive public university, Central is comprised of four schools — Business; Education & Professional Studies; Engineering, Science, & Technology; and Graduate Studies — in addition to the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. More than 100 undergraduate majors in 80 fields of study are offered at Central. The School of Graduate Studies offers 75 full- and part-time programs, along with additional specializations that reflect high academic standards for advanced study and address the state's workforce needs.

More than 85 percent of Central's graduates remain in Connecticut; as such, the university is a vital pipeline for an array of professions in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, including engineering, social services, health care, law enforcement, education, business, and industry, among others. The integration of liberal arts into the university's professional programs serves as the foundation for preparing a flexible, engaged, and adaptable workforce.

In January 2017, Dr. Zulma R. Toro began her tenure as the 13th president of Central. Her presidency marks two milestones for Central: She is the university's first female president, as well as its first Hispanic chief executive.



The Normal School - 1849

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Over the years, the university has awarded more than 50 honorary degrees to distinguished leaders in business, industry, and government. Some of the recipients are listed below.

Doctor of Educational Leadership

2022 Merle W. Harris, '64, '73 MS,
President Emeritus of Charter Oak College, Member of Board of Regents for Higher Education

Doctor of Humane Letters

1985 Jimmy Carter,
President of the United States
1988 Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States
Benjamin L. Hooks,
Executive Director of the NAACP
1990 C. J. Huang,
Chairman of the C. J. Huang Foundation
Angelo Tomasso Jr.,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tilcon, Inc.

1991 Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick,
United States Representative to the United Nations

1996 Lech Walesa,
President of Poland

2018 Charles T. Fote,
Founder and CEO, The Fotec Group

2019 Scott Pioli '88,
Former NFL Executive

2023 Dr. Richard Fichman '74,
Director, Fichman Eye Center

Doctor of Laws

1999 George H.W. Bush,
President of the United States

2001 George W. Bush,
President of the United States

Doctor of Science

2015 Carol A. Ammon '73,
Founder & CEO Endo Pharmaceuticals

Doctor of Social Science

1987 Henry A. Kissinger,
U.S. Secretary of State of State

1994 Brian Mulroney,
Prime Minister of Canada

ACADEMIC REGALIA



University Mace



University Staff

Many of the accessories and symbols that add color and drama to academic ceremonies date back to the Middle Ages when universities dominated European intellectual life.

University Mace

The mace was carved from mahogany. Its top, shaped like an acanthus plant found in Corinthian architecture, surmounts a deep-fluted staff. Each of the four gold-leafed medallions inlaid into the top are inscribed with a symbol: a globe to signify the university's international initiatives; a book of knowledge; a group of students emblematic of leadership and diversity; and the state seal.

University Staff

Also crafted of mahogany and similar in design to the mace, the staff is carried as another symbol of authority. A gold-leafed ball rests atop the staff, to which are attached tassels in the blue-and-white school colors.

Both the mace and staff were designed and carved by the late Peter J. Vernesoni, emeritus professor of Technology Education. Dr. Vernesoni earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central.

University Medallion

The medallion represents the president's leadership and continuity of the Office of the President. Engraved on the medallion are symbols representing each academic school.



University Medallion

Banners

The university banners display symbols to depict the academic disciplines of each school.

Torch:	Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
Lamp of Learning:	School of Education and Professional Studies
Bar Graph:	School of Business
Atom:	School of Engineering, Science, & Technology
All four symbols:	School of Graduate Studies

Academic Attire

The tradition of academic garb came to America by way of British universities. The bachelor's gown, with its wide sleeves, is worn closed. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

Doctoral gowns also may be worn open. Its sleeves are long and wide, and three velvet chevrons adorn each sleeve; two matching velvet panels accent the front of the gown.

Academic hoods, made of material like that used in the gown, are lined with silk in the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The particular length, shape, and color of the hood also signify the degree.

Academic Cap

The academic cap, most often made in the Oxford mortarboard style, is constructed of black broadcloth, although the doctor's cap may be velvet.

Tassels vary in length, depending upon the degree; the doctor's tassel is usually gold. It has become customary in most schools to leave the tassel draped over the left temple at all times.

Academic Hood

Holders of Central master's degrees and sixth-year certificates wear a blue-and-white satin hood trimmed in the color representing their degree. Additionally, students earning the sixth-year certificate are presented with a white cord.

The colored trim on the hood represents the graduate's degree and area of study:

Ammon College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Master of Arts – White
Master of Science – Gold

School of Business

Master of Business Administration and
Master of Science – Drab

School of Education & Professional Studies

Doctorate, Sixth-Year Certificate, Master of Science, and Master of Teaching – Light blue
Master in Nursing – Apricot

School of Engineering, Science, & Technology

Master of Arts – White
Master of Science – Orange

Dear Central Graduates,

Congratulations!

As you graduate from Central and embark on a new career, pivot in your profession, or pursue higher education, remember the distinction you've earned by becoming a Central graduate.

As you transition from a student to a Central alum, you are now a part of a wonderful community of over 95,000 living alumni. We live in every community in our state, throughout New England, across the nation, and in overseas locations worldwide. We are leaders in our communities and in business, education, health, industry, science, the arts, and more.

I hope you will join your fellow alumni by becoming another Central graduate success story. Let the world witness the capabilities of Central Blue Devils!

Upon graduating, you automatically become a member of the CCSU Alumni Association. Think of the Alumni Association as a family. Our collective strength lies in our members. I urge you to stay connected and engaged with your alma mater by becoming an active alum. The Alumni Association provides incredible opportunities to stay involved with Central throughout your lifetime. These opportunities range from participating in one of our many community service projects to running for a seat on the Association Board; from returning to the classroom as a guest lecturer in your chosen field to reminiscing with your classmates and professors each year at Homecoming.

For more information on the Association and what we offer, visit the Central Alumni webpage at www.ccsu.edu/alumni. You can also keep in touch with us through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages and stay informed through our monthly Alumni e-newsletter. Most importantly, keep us up-to-date on the many milestones we know you will achieve!

Once again, congratulations on your achievement! I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming in October 2024!

Warm regards,

Steven W. Tabara '84

President, CCSU Alumni Association

ALMAMATER

**Let us praise her glorious name, Alma Mater, blue and white.
Gather round the sacred flame, of Alma Mater's nurt'ring light.**

**Though we wander from her side, In our hearts she'll e'er abide.
Let her sons and daughters sing of Alma Mater triumphing.**

*Lyrics by Professor Emeritus David Gerstein, Department of English
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