

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

of the 137<sup>th</sup> year at the  
University of Charleston

**SPRING 2025**



# COMMENCEMENT

## CEREMONIES

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Undergraduate | 10 a.m.  
Graduate | 1 p.m.

# Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

## Order of Exercises

<b>Processional</b> .....	<b>UC Concert Band</b>
<b>Pomp and Circumstance, by Edward Elgar</b> Arranged by Scott Stanton	conducted by Josie Fisher, Director
<b>Invocation</b> .....	<b>Pastor Matt Santen</b>
	Lead Pastor, River Ridge Church
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	<b>UC Concert Choir</b>
"The Star-Spangled Banner"	Christopher Brown, Conductor
<b>Welcome</b> .....	<b>Dr. Martin S. Roth</b>
	President
<b>Undergraduate Senior of the Year Award</b> .....	<b>Kelton Graye Boblits</b>
	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
<b>Recognition of Emeritus Faculty</b> .....	<b>President Roth</b>
<i>Recipients:</i> .....	<b>Dr. Michael Bayly</b> <b>Ms. Barbara D. Doak</b> <b>Dr. Rebecca Linger</b> <b>Dr. Gannett Paul Monk</b> <b>Dr. Aladin Siddig</b>
<b>Presentation of Honorary Degree</b> .....	<b>Greg Burton</b>
	Chairman, UC Board of Trustees
<i>Recipient:</i> .....	<b>Chef Paul Smith</b>
	<i>Honorary Doctor of Letters</i>
<b>Commencement Address</b> .....	<b>Chef Paul Smith</b>
<b>Conferring of Degrees</b> .....	<b>President Roth</b>
<b>Presentation of Graduates</b> .....	<b>Dr. Dan Silber</b>
	Executive Vice President, Provost, and Dean of Faculty
<b>Alma Mater</b> .....	<b>UC Concert Choir</b>
	Christopher Brown, Conductor
<b>Closing Remarks</b> .....	<b>President Roth</b>
<b>Recessional</b> .....	<b>UC Concert Band</b>
<b>The Liberty Bell, by John Philip Sousa</b> Arranged by Jay Bocook	conducted by Josie Fisher, Director

### Virtual Recognition of Graduates (livestream only)

The audience should remain at their seats until dismissed. We ask that the audience exit the arena in a timely manner. Please feel free to take photos outside on the riverbank lawn after the ceremony with your graduate!



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### Paul Smith

Chef, Entrepreneur, James Beard Award winner

Chef Paul Smith is the first West Virginian to win a James Beard award, winning the coveted prize in 2024 his second-straight nomination for the "Best Chef: Southeast" award.

Born in Morgantown and raised in Charleston, Smith's introduction to cooking began as a child, helping with the large Sunday dinners that often included up to 50 Italian relatives. He has said, "From the time I could walk, I'd be standing on milk crates stirring my grandfather's beloved tomato sauce."

After graduating from West Virginia State University, he trained at the Culinary Institute of America, where he graduated in the top ten of his class. He worked across the country in such places as The Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida, and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. He then returned to his West Virginia roots, serving for a time as executive chef at the University of Charleston.

He gives back to his state through his gifts of great food and warm hospitality. He serves as an advisor to multiple food and hospitality businesses in West Virginia. He supported the culinary community during the COVID-19 pandemic by shining a light on local eateries, creating the popular Eat Local WV Facebook group, and purchasing "Taste West Virginia" magazine.

Smith is currently the owner or part-owner of several area restaurants, including 1010 Bridge Restaurant, and a chef partner in two others. He was named the Metro Valley Chef Ambassador for the West Virginia Division of Tourism and regularly conducts "Let's Get Cooking" classes at Capitol Market. Named the Gazette-Mail West Virginian of the Year in 2023, he also currently serves on the UC Board of Trustees.

He has said, "If you've spent any time around me at all, you've probably heard me use this expression – a rising tide carries all boats. That's why you'll see me spending as much time promoting other West Virginia businesses as I do my own. We can all rise together, and I'm here to help do my part."

Chef Paul Smith will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at today's ceremony.

# SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Morris Harvey Division

## Bachelor of Arts

**Jade Allison**  
Midway, WV  
Psychology

**Taylor L. Austin**  
Portage, IN  
Communication

**Kelton Graye Boblits**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Edmond, WV  
Political Science – Public  
Policy Concentration

**Sydney Anne Bolles**  
Elkview, WV  
Psychology

**Tuong Giang Bui**  
Dunbar, WV  
Communication

**Madeline Dankmyer**  
Charleston, WV  
Elementary Education

**Emilee Rose Dent**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Eskdale, WV  
Political Science –  
Criminal Justice  
Concentration  
Psychology

**Cole Friend**  
Terra Alta, WV  
English

**Eugene Gay**  
Warrnambool, Australia  
Communication

**Kyra Rhea Gooler**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Rocklin, CA  
Political Science – Criminal  
Justice Concentration

**Kiley Elizabeth Graham**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashley, OH  
History and Political  
Science  
English Minor

**Tim Eckart Gutzeit**  
*Cum Laude*  
Oldenburg, Germany  
Political Science –  
Pre-Law Concentration

**Destiny Hawks**  
Leon, WV  
Psychology  
Business Administration  
Minor

**Gary Logan Jividen**  
*Cum Laude*  
Winfield, WV  
Political Science – Public  
Policy Concentration  
Biology Minor

**Dwaine Christopher  
Jones II**  
Bayville, NJ  
Communication

**Kimberly R. Keefer**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Political Science –  
Pre-Law Concentration

**Lina Margarita  
Jamie Lopez**  
Belen, Columbia  
General Studies

**Abigail Rae McKinney**  
Saint Albans, WV  
History and Political  
Science

**Wilfredo Mendez Jr.**  
Dover, DE  
Political Science –  
Criminal Justice  
Concentration

**Hannah Meyer**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Ocala, FL  
General Studies

**Dakota R. Miller**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Newport, OH  
Political Science –  
Criminal Justice  
Concentration

**Jamia Destiny Nesmith**  
Jacksonville, FL  
Psychology  
Criminal Justice Minor

**Candela Nevaes Garcia**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Leon, Spain  
Elementary Studies and  
Child Development

**Elijah Newell**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Clendenin, WV  
English  
Communication Minor

*Bachelor of Arts, continued*

**Emma Rose Shepherd**  
Plain City, OH  
Psychology

**Harrison S. Skaggs**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Dry Creek, WV  
History and Political  
Science  
English Minor

**Sommer Turner**  
Cass, WV  
Psychology

**Keaton Turner-Shaw**  
Cary, NC  
Communication

**Madison Ovelia  
Woolwine**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Dublin, VA  
Political Science –  
Pre-Law Concentration

**Chad Austin Wyrick**  
Princeton, WV  
Psychology

## Bachelor of Science

**Roberto Agrizzi**  
Johannesburg,  
South Africa  
Biology – Environmental  
Biology Concentration

**Jennifer M. Albright**  
Oak Hill, WV  
General Studies

**Marina Barahona  
Quijano**  
Santander, Spain  
Chemistry

**Nadia Gabriella  
Bianca Calore**  
Nitro, WV  
Psychology

**Domenica Cruz  
Hernandez**  
*Cum Laude*  
Samborondon, Ecuador  
Digital Media Design  
Digital Marketing &  
Sales Minor  
Communications Minor

**Chloe Elliott**  
Cairo, WV  
Biology – Environmental  
Biology Concentration

**Jaiden Lemont Harris**  
Marietta, GA  
Digital Media Design

**Morgan Harvey**  
Hoyt, KS  
Biology – Environmental  
Biology Concentration

**Timber Huysmans**  
*Cum Laude*  
Grimbergen, Belgium  
Digital Media Design  
Digital Marketing &  
Sales Minor  
Communications Minor

**Jasmine Hannah James**  
*Cum Laude*  
Ellicott City, MD  
Digital Media Design  
Applied Computer  
Science Minor

**Tarek J. Jarrouj**  
*Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration  
Psychology Minor

**Ituria E. Kelley**  
Alum Creek, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

**Carter Matthew Emke  
Lipscomb**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Greenwood, WV  
Secondary Special  
Education  
History Minor

**Hailey Nicole May**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Omar, WV  
Psychology  
Criminal Justice Minor

**Angelina Amore Neil**  
Charleston, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

**Korynn Porter**  
*Cum Laude*  
Mount Perry, OH  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

*\*Denotes August 2025 graduates*

**Curtis Joseph Raines**

*Cum Laude*  
Ulysses, KS  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

**Budur M. Rashrash**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

**Tanner R. Richmond**

*Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration

**Pia Selke**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Schwerin, Germany  
Data Analytics

**Rhea Thomas**

Charleston, WV  
Biology – Biomedical  
Sciences Concentration  
Business Administration  
Minor

**Erik Johan Ivan Ulvaeng**

*Cum Laude*  
Oersundsbro, Sweden  
Biology – Chemistry

**Parker Reid Young**

Saint Albans, WV  
Digital Media Design

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**Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science**

**Isaac Josue  
Arzu Gonzalez**

Comayaguela,  
Honduras  
Information Technology

**Joseph Vincent  
Cavalier**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Smithers, WV  
Information Technology

**Hunter Gohil**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Summersville, WV  
Technology Applications

**Cody Harrison**

*Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Information Technology

**Marquan Herron**

Youngstown, OH  
Cybersecurity

**Korben Andrew Phillips**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Perth, Australia  
Technology Applications

**Pia Selke**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Schwerin, Germany  
Technology Applications

**Evan Cole Smith**

Clendenin, WV  
Information Technology

# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Herbert Jones Division

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**Associate of Science**

**Kameron D. Brooks**

Mooreville, NC  
Business Administration

**Glenn David Kirk**

Lansing, MI  
Business Administration

**Deonte B. William**

*Cum Laude*  
Kingshill, Virgin Islands  
Business Administration

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**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

**Caleb Adkins**

*Cum Laude*  
Harts, WV  
Accounting

**Carlos Mauricio**

**Chong Lugardo**  
Muskegon, MI  
Management

**Tim Eckart Gutzeit**

*Cum Laude*  
Oldenburg, Germany  
Management

**Kelton Graye Boblits**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Edmond, WV  
Management  
Entrepreneurship  
Concentration

**Jadus Davis**

Wingate, NC  
Sport Business

**Jason L. Harvey**

Lakeside, CA  
Management

**Amanda Nicole Brent**

Huntington, WV  
Accounting

**Michael Fannin**

Charleston, WV  
Financial Planning

**Juan Martin Hermoso**

*Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Management  
Professional Selling  
Concentration

**Guilherme Camargo**

Orlando, FL  
Management

**Feirish Nor Feizal Nor**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Shah Alam, Malaysia  
Business Analytics

**Brandon Horn-Bostel**

Culver City, CA  
Management

**Daniel Carter**

Charleston, WV  
Digital Marketing  
Professional Selling  
Concentration  
Digital Media Design  
Minor

**Mauricio Garcia Macias**

Hebron, ME  
Management

**Shelby Nicole Larch**

Charleston, WV  
Management

**Felipe Abrao Girondi**

Valinhos, Brazil  
Management  
Financial Planning  
Concentration

**Kayla Lucia Lemkus**

Broadacres,  
South Africa  
Sport Business  
Management  
Concentration

**Andrew C. Chamblee**

Newport News, VA  
Sport Business

**Kendra Faith Green**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Walton, WV  
Accounting

**Justin McDuffie**

Brooklyn, NY  
Sport Business

**Kayla Lynn Moran**  
Saucier, MS

Accounting  
Financial Planning  
Concentration

**Ksenija Mitric**  
Charleston, WV  
Management

**Tra Huong Thi Nguyen**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Hanoi, Vietnam

Accounting  
Financial Planning

**Brittney Ogg**  
*Cum Laude*  
Bremen, OH

Business Analytics  
Strength & Conditioning  
Minor

**Jorge Reyes**  
Newark, NJ  
Management

**Tristen Joseph Rose**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Cortland, OH

Accounting  
Financial Planning

**Allison Rubal**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Lewis Center, OH

Accounting  
Financial Planning

**Carter Rust**  
*Cum Laude*  
Liberty Township, OH

Business Administration  
Sport Business

**Alice Smith**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Management

**JayQuan Smith**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Sport Business

**Madison Mae Spears**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
South Charleston, WV  
Financial Planning

**Paul Jonas Stommel**  
Much, Germany  
Sport Business  
Sport Media  
Concentration

**Matthew Strezos**  
Richmond Hill, Canada  
Accounting  
Sport Business

**Isacco Tomelleri**  
*Cum Laude*  
Verona, Italy  
Management

**Franco Tradatti**  
*Cum Laude*  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Accounting  
Business Analytics  
Concentration

**Obinna Ugwuakazi**  
Attleboro, MA  
Management

**Grace Underwood**  
*Cum Laude*  
Mammoth, WV  
Accounting  
Entrepreneurship  
Concentration

**Alex Verges Vila**  
Barcelona, Spain  
Sport Business  
Psychology Minor

**Yash Verma**  
Gunma, Japan  
Sport Business

**Tinnlee Elaine Wadino**  
Baldwin City, KS  
Sport Business  
Sport Media  
Concentration  
Communications Minor

**Ashton Alexander Weaver**  
Danville, VA

Accounting  
Financial Planning  
Concentration

**Madison Ovelia Woolwine**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Dublin, VA  
Accounting

**Chavon Treandis Wright**  
Hialeah, FL  
Sport Business  
Accounting  
Concentration

**Ethan Zarka**  
Pouzolles, France  
Sport Business  
Sport Media  
Concentration

# SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Bert Bradford Division

## Associate in Arts

**Christopher Matthew Blankenship**  
Hinton, WV  
Nursing

**Chesney Boggs**  
Procious, WV  
Nursing

**Mary Amanda Bolling**  
Nashville, NC  
Nursing

**Laura Elizabeth Boothe**  
*Highest Honors*  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Meghan Bragg**  
Pipestem, WV  
Nursing

**Brooksanna Burke**  
Cedar Grove, WV  
Nursing

**Ericah LeAnn Burton**  
Richlands, VA  
Nursing

**Tracee Elizabeth Byer**  
*Honors*  
Alderson, WV  
Nursing

**Kristina D. Clay**  
*High Honors*  
Shady Spring, WV  
Nursing

**Jaymeson Michael Cook**  
Mount Nebo, WV  
Nursing

**Bethany Corner**  
*Honors*  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Felicia Nichole Cunningham**  
Birch River, WV  
Nursing

**Carolyn Daniels**  
*Honors*  
Jeffrey, WV  
Nursing

**Heather Davis**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Mikaela DeMotto**  
*Highest Honors*  
Crab Orchard, WV  
Nursing

**Madison Grace Duff**  
Poca, WV  
Nursing

**Katelyn Dunford**  
*Honors*  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Joshua Ellison**  
Flat Top, WV  
Nursing

**Andrew Ferrell**  
Chapmanville, WV  
Nursing

**Zachary David Foster**  
Glasgow, WV  
Nursing

**Amy Garland**  
Union, WV  
Nursing

**Mary Gates**  
*Honors*  
Nitro, WV  
Nursing

**Amanda Gianato**  
Welch, WV  
Nursing

**Allycia Governor**  
Costa, WV  
Nursing

**Kayla Shyanne Hager**  
Logan, WV  
Nursing

**Elisabeth Ann Hall**  
Clendenin, WV  
Nursing

**Spencer Carrington Harris**  
Fayetteville, WV  
Nursing

**Maria Jane Hutchison**  
*Honors*  
Pearisburg, VA  
Nursing

**Emily Hypes**  
Indore, WV  
Nursing

**Zena Marie Ingram**  
Princeton, WV  
Nursing

**Kimberly Kaplan-Beckelheimer**  
Huntington, WV  
Nursing

**Whittney Kirkendall**  
Kopperston, WV  
Nursing

**Julia Lacy**  
*Honors*  
Hurricane, WV  
Nursing  
Psychology Minor

**Mackenzie Grace Layne**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Morgan Lively**  
*High Honors*  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Caitlin Mann**  
Union, WV  
Nursing

**Destiny Brooke Mays**  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Britney McDaniel Boley**  
Alum Creek, WV  
Nursing

**Madison Taylor Meehling**  
Barboursville, WV  
Nursing

**Tamara L. Moore**  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Clarissa Ann Nelson**  
Maysel, WV  
Nursing

**Maranda Pack**  
Jumping Branch, WV  
Nursing

**Rhiannon G. Privett**  
New Richmond, WV  
Nursing

**Raelena F. Robertson**  
*Honors*  
Oceana, WV  
Nursing

**Ashley Nicole Roe**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Cyndle Marie Sansom**  
Pineville, WV  
Nursing

**Kristin Sharp**  
Oak Hill, WV  
Nursing

**Kaitlyn Shinault**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Randy Allen Smith**  
Princeton, WV  
Nursing

**Melody A. Stewart**  
Crab Orchard, WV  
Nursing

**Lindsay Toler**  
Kopperston, WV  
Nursing

**Mark D. Toole**  
*Highest Honors*  
Winfield, WV  
Nursing

**Rebecca Dawn Watts**  
Chapmanville, WV  
Nursing

**Mark Harper**  
*Honors*  
Beckley, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Laykn Danielle Hatfield**  
Princeton, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Adrienne Annette Higginbotham**  
Princeton, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Cortnee Elizabeth Irick**  
*Highest Honors*  
Lester, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Isaac Jarrett**  
Beckley, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Jaime L. Kelly**  
Ghent, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Marissa Jean Landis**  
Spencer, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Hunter Lowe**  
Beckley, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Ella Marie Morgan**  
*High Honors*  
Midway, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Holly Noel Perrine**  
Cowen, WV  
Radiologic Technology

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## Bachelor of Science

**Haleigh Cierra Adkins**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Fairdale, WV  
Nursing

**Justin Allen Adkins**  
Fairdale, WV  
Nursing

**Heather Michelle Allen**  
Orgas, WV  
Nursing

**Brett Kristian Ash**  
*Cum Laude*  
Gallagher, WV  
Nursing  
Criminal Justice Minor

**Nathan Avitia**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Litchfield Park, AZ  
Nursing

**Jennifer Christine Bair**  
*Cum Laude*  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Taylor Olivia Bennett**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Elkview, WV  
Nursing

**Noah M. Benson**  
Mableton, GA  
Exercise Science

**Shawna Bertram**  
Hummelstown, PA  
Nursing

**Gabriella Bianchi**  
*Cum Laude*  
Sleepy Hollow, IL  
Nursing

**Reagan Boykin**  
*Cum Laude*  
Georgetown, KY  
Nursing

**Darian Riley Selders**  
*High Honors*  
Oak Hill, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Kaine Mason Taylor**  
White Sulphur Springs, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Kendra Walters**  
Charmco, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Oliver Sean Withrow**  
*High Honors*  
Rainelle, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Caryn Braisher**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Ansted, WV  
Nursing

**Hannah Calvert**  
Morgantown, WV  
Nursing

**Hannah Marie Cash**  
Elkview, WV  
Nursing

**Kayla Champagne**  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Wei-Chih Chiu**  
*Cum Laude*  
Cross Lanes, WV  
Nursing

**Joshua C. Collie**  
Charleston, WV  
Radiologic Science

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## Associate of Science

**Cambree Elizabeth Bailey**  
*Honors*  
Loranger, LA  
Radiologic Technology

**Hannah Grace Cutlip**  
Webster Springs, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Trinity Rayne Duncan**  
Crab Orchard, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Mackenzie Elaine Fridley**  
Hot Springs, VA  
Radiologic Technology

**Abby Hall**  
Beckley, WV  
Radiologic Technology

**Cassidy Louise Collins**  
Reynoldsburg, OH  
Radiologic Science

**Zachary J. Collins**  
Kopperston, WV  
Nursing

**Kaitlin Suzanne Cook**  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Candace Lea Corbitt**  
*Cum Laude*  
Summersville, WV  
Nursing

**Sarah Cozort**  
Glen Fork, WV  
Nursing

**Tonya Sue Crone**  
Danville, WV  
Nursing

**Joshua Cross**  
Tornado, WV  
Nursing

**Delta Dawn Crouse**  
*Cum Laude*  
Hico, WV  
Nursing

**Danielle DeBenedictis**  
*Cum Laude*  
Middletown, DE  
Nursing

**Heidi Juleen Dennison**  
Horner, WV  
Nursing

**Grace Elizabeth Donelson**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Kenna, WV  
Radiologic Science

**Savannah Macy Fields**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Logan, WV  
Nursing  
Health Science Minor

**Shaunna Fleming**  
Poca, WV  
Nursing

**Alyssa Cynthia Gabbert**  
Lewisburg, WV  
Exercise Science

**Corey David Gillispie**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Man, WV  
Nursing

**Harriet Glaves**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Lancaster,  
United Kingdom  
Exercise Science  
Biology Minor

**Allyssa Jade Greaver**  
Middle River, MD  
Nursing  
Public Health  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Nichole J. Guest**  
Mount Hope, WV  
Nursing

**Marcus Hanholt**  
*Cum Laude*  
Lomma, Sweden  
Exercise Science

**Victoria Elizabeth Harvey**  
Nitro, WV  
Nursing

**Alexis V. Hedrick**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Ebony D. Hopkins**  
Alderson, WV  
Nursing

**Camila Belen Hoya**  
Santa Rosa, La Pampa,  
Argentina  
Exercise Science

**Isaac Matthew Isabell**  
*Cum Laude*  
Maysel, WV  
Nursing  
Strength & Conditioning  
Minor

**Sara Marie Kirk**  
*Cum Laude*  
Danville, WV  
Nursing

**Isabella Maree Landrum**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Satsuma, AL  
Exercise Science

**Shelby Nicole Larch**  
Charleston, WV  
Healthcare  
Administration

**Walker C. Lawson**  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Kendal Marie Legg**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Exercise Science

**Abigail Jane Lemon**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Jordan Ashleigh Maynard**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Huntington, WV  
Exercise Science

**Caylee AnnMarie McClung**  
Ravenswood, WV  
Nursing

**Brianna C. McCown**  
Saint Albans, WV  
Exercise Science

**Felipe Mendes**  
Toledo, Brazil  
Exercise Science

**Idella Messer**  
Rutledge, TN  
Nursing

**Tiffany Morris**  
*Cum Laude*  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Braley Murphy**  
Ashford, WV  
Nursing

**Brittney Alyce Murray**  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Teona Renee Music**  
Princeton, WV  
Nursing

**Annie Alice Nicholas**  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Sarah Norman**  
South Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Jessica Owens**  
Princeton, WV  
Nursing

**Olivia Pelfrey**  
*Cum Laude*  
Milton, WV  
Nursing

**Carlie Pfost**  
Scott Depot, WV  
Nursing  
Psychology Minor

**Erich Nicholas Pfost**  
*Cum Laude*  
Toledo, Brazil  
Nursing  
Business Administration  
Minor

**Lindsey B. Phares**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Murrells Inlet, SC  
Healthcare  
Administration and  
Management

**Gracie Polly**  
Shady Springs, WV  
Nursing

**Andre J. Puente**  
New Bern, NC  
Exercise Science

**Chasity Roach**  
Dunbar, WV  
Nursing

**Gabriella Lynne Roach**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing  
Psychology Minor

**Courtney Robinson**  
East Bank, WV  
Nursing

**Kevin Lee Rollins**  
*Cum Laude*  
Oceana, WV  
Nursing

**Hannah M. Rose**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
New Haven, WV  
Exercise Science  
Sport Business Minor

**David Tyler Schweinefuss**  
Liberty Township, OH  
Nursing

**Michael James Schweinefuss**  
Liberty Township, OH  
Nursing

**Jessica Sexton**  
Coal City, WV  
Nursing

**Rylee B. Shiflett**  
*Cum Laude*  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Lori Lee Shinault**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Bluefield, WV  
Nursing

**Cody Short**  
*Cum Laude*  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing

**Joseph Simonetta**  
Leesburg, VA  
Exercise Science



**Ashley Nichole Smarr**

Saint Albans, WV  
Nursing

**Kiah Fawn Smith**

Clendenin, WV  
Nursing

**Campbell M. Spradling**

Magna Cum Laude  
Liberty Township, OH  
Exercise Science

**Natalia Teran  
Zambrana**

West Springfield, VA  
Nursing

**Adam Tiller**

Cum Laude  
Chapmanville, WV  
Nursing

**Zackary Lance Tolley**

Charleston, WV  
Nursing

**Matthew J. Toops**

Charleston, WV  
Exercise Science

**Steven Toth**

Summa Cum Laude  
Chapmanville, WV  
Nursing

**Kelly Tucker**

Magna Cum Laude  
Grantsville, WV  
Nursing

**Stefani Svetoslavova  
Vasileva**

Magna Cum Laude  
Simitli, Bulgaria  
Exercise Science

**Ashley Vaughn**

Pipestem, WV  
Nursing

**Jordan M. Walker**

Pinson, AL  
Nursing

**Carlesta Ward**

Mount Hope, WV  
Nursing

**Bryce T. Watkins**

Cum Laude  
Oak Hill, WV  
Radiologic Science

**Raegan West**

Summa Cum Laude  
Wurtland, KY  
Exercise Science

**Deonte B. William**

Cum Laude  
Kingshill, Virgin Islands  
Nursing

**Tyson Willis**

Cum Laude  
Snohomish, WA  
Exercise Science

**Kagne Lynae Wimmer**

Summa Cum Laude  
Princeton, WV  
Nursing

**Angel Wiseman**

Elkview, WV  
Nursing

# SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

## Associate of Science

**Luis Manuel  
Betancourt**

Conway, SC  
Frontline Leadership

**Codi Burford**

Charleston, WV  
Workforce Leadership

**Jennilee Cantrell**

Highest Honors  
South Charleston, WV  
Workforce Leadership

**Isaiah Diaz Elliott**

Phenix City, AL  
Frontline Leadership

**Elizabeth Farr**

Highest Honors  
Charleston, WV  
Workforce Leadership

**Crystal Gill**

Highest Honor  
Charleston, WV  
Workforce Leadership

**Ashley McElwee**

Highest Honor  
Charleston, WV  
Workforce Leadership

**Sean Oconnor**

Highest Honor  
Driftwood, TX  
Frontline Leadership

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## Bachelor of Science

**Tyler Acles**

Academic Distinction  
Cheney, WA  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Jered W. Bailey**

Academic Distinction  
Yuma, AZ  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christopher R. Bane Jr.**

Academic Distinction  
Fort Moore, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jeffrey Barnes Jr.**

Magna Cum Laude  
Colliers, WV  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Nicholas Bartz**

Academic Distinction  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Caleb J. Beauchamp**

Academic Distinction  
Norfolk, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**John Andrew  
Bergmann**

Academic Distinction  
Nampa, ID  
Organizational  
Leadership

**William H. Bogle**

Academic Distinction  
Poca, WV  
Criminal Justice  
Leadership

**DeMarco Arell Brimlett**

Academic Distinction  
Millington, TN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Ben Brosseau**

Academic Distinction  
Fort Mitchell, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Joel Akin Brown**

Academic Distinction  
Hope Mills, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Derrick Allen  
Brownridge Jr.**

Academic Distinction  
Midland, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kyle Glenn Bundy**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Coronado, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Aaron Eugene Burton**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Pearl City, HI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Jon Bush**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Waianae, HI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Casey T. Byrnes**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Dawsonville, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Clint Campbell**  
Niceville, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Adam Jacob Carlisle**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Ballston Spa, NY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jonathan Lee Chandler**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Clarksville, TN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jacob Daniel Christine**  
*Academic Distinction*  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Joel Mark Chuning**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fayetteville, NC  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Leyverth L. Colorado**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Moore, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael K. Corcoran**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Jesup, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kyle Joseph Costanzo**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Sneads Ferry, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brittney M. Crawford**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Farmington, AR  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Joshua D. Crockett**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Spring Valley, CA  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Austin Dagenais**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Bowling Green, KY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Matthew Robert Davis**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Rochester, MI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brandon Michael Delekta**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Jacksonville, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Heath Demuth**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Harker Heights, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Clifton B. Dillehay**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Imperial Beach, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Patrick Donahue**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Stafford, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Robert Edward Dupree**  
La Mesa, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Salem Elbassiouny**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Chesapeake, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Meredith G. Evans**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Grayson, KY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**John Eric Anthony Faulkner**  
Yulee, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Clark Timothy Faurote**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Anthony Glenn Fortner**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Ladson, SC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Aaron M. Frankey**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Suffolk, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jordan Friese**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Garner, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jacob Fry**  
Fort Novosel, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**David K. Fuller**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Alex Gandara**  
Fernandina Beach, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Armando Garcia**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Worth, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kevin Michael Gebuza**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Mission Viejo, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Martin Julian Guidie**  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Edward A. Gutierrez**  
Duarte, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Dean E. Harmon**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Hampton, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Dominick Harris**  
Columbus, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Wyatt Henjum**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Savannah, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**James N. Hicks**  
Killeen, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Joseph K. Hinojosa**  
Honolulu, HI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Demarcus Holley**  
Lacey, WA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Zane Allen Hornsby**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Preston, CT  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jeffrey J. Hudson**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Artemas T. P. Hurt**  
Chesapeake, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**James A. Inabinet**  
Alexandria, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Daniel Reneil Johnson**  
*Cum Laude*  
Fayetteville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Matthew Ryan Johnson**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Clarksville, TN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Connor Johnston**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Wayne, IN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Dennis Jones**  
Stafford, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Ryan James Kanetis**  
*Academic Distinction*  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Travis Alan Keiper**  
*Academic Distinction*  
West Point, NY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Robyn Nicole Kenny**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Chesapeake, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Nigel Kohring**  
Kennesaw, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jeremy Krauss**  
Tucson, AZ  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Manuel Lamegos**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Munster, IN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Alan R. Largen Jr.**  
King, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Cody Law**  
Killeen, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Chevella B. Laye**  
Raleigh, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Hojun Lee**  
*Academic Distinction*  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Mario Joseph Lopez**  
*Academic Distinction*  
San Diego, CA  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Rucel C. Macaalay**  
Pleasant Hill, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Colin L. Maneen**  
*Academic Distinction*  
San Diego, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Russel Dean Mangels**  
Lacey, WA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christian Marshall**  
Greenville, SC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Travis Dean Marx**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Kelly, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**James R. Massingale**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Corpus Christi, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christopher C. Masters**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Jamul, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Robert Glynn Mata**  
Fort Irwin, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Robert McGuire**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Knox, KY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Matthew M. McLemore**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Moore, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jeffrey L. McPherson**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kevin Miller**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Norwich, CT  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christopher Neal Mingle**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Jacksonville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Joseph Dolor Monet**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christopher Monroe**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Malika Nicole Moore-Rhinehart**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Columbus, NJ  
Organizational  
Leadership

**William Thomas Moran II**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Satellite Beach, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Duncan P. Munro**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Murphy**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Raeford, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael D. Nadermann**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Tam Nguyenliem**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Fayetteville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**David Paul Nix**  
Hope Mills, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Wesley James Nolen**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Jacksonville, FL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Riley C. O'Neil**  
Fort Benning, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**John Hunter Palmer**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Coronado, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Sidney Aaron Peal**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Hurricane, WV  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Nicholas Edward Peres**  
Jacksonville, NC  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Felix F. Perkins Jr.**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
La Mesa, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Richard Wade Perry**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Apex, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Clarence Juan Pino Jr.**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Spring Lake, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jesse Prestigiacomio**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Newcastle, OK  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Emily M. Price**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Prociuous, WV  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Christy Anne Quihuis**  
FPO, AE  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Alexander Ramirez**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Hacienda Heights, CA  
Cybersecurity  
Organizational  
Leadership Minor

**Cipriano G. Ramirez**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Camarillo, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brent A. Rapp**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Lexington, SC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Bryan W. Reale**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Boston, MA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**John Timothy Reinhold**  
*Academic Distinction*  
Coronado, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Anthony A. Richardson**  
Silverdale, WA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Lashawn C. Riddick**

*Academic Distinction*  
Gricignano, Italy  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Hunter Lee Riley**

Fort Leonard Wood, MO  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Daniel Robles  
Rodriguez**

Moca, Puerto Rico  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kevin Rush**

*Academic Distinction*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Hunter G. Rustad**

*Academic Distinction*  
Imperial Beach, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brian A. Samaniego**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Irwin, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Dylan M. Sanchez**

*Academic Distinction*  
Columbus, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Russell E. Santiago  
Gonzalez**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Campbell, KY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jordan Schaepe**

*Academic Distinction*  
APO, AE  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Roman J.**

**Schermerhorn**  
Fayetteville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Ryan Thomas  
Sheppard**

*Academic Distinction*  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jason Davis Simpson**

Drakesboro, KY  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Stephen Smith**

Jonesboro, AR  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christine K. Snyder**

Hambleton, WV  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Joseph Soto**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fayetteville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Justin Lee Speck**

Nesbit, MS  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Drew R. A. Stanton**

*Academic Distinction*  
Oceanside, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**David B. Stephens**

*Academic Distinction*  
Stafford, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**David Story**

*Academic Distinction*  
Smithfield, VA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Christopher A. Suther**

*Academic Distinction*  
Auburn, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Matthew E. Swan**

*Academic Distinction*  
Jacksonville, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Dan C. Taylor IV**

*Academic Distinction*  
Sneads Ferry, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Steven J. Tholen**

*Academic Distinction*  
Hampstead, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Aaron G. Turk**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fremont, MI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Justin Kyle Turner**

*Academic Distinction*  
Millbrook, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Daniel T. Uhl**

*Academic Distinction*  
Caldwell, ID  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jose Junior Urbaez**

Temple, PA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Alexandro Uroza**

*Academic Distinction*  
Oceanside, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Ian Van Sluytman**

*Academic Distinction*  
Hampstead, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Israel Rodolfo Villa**

Chula Vista, CA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**John Vivier**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fiskdale, MA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**JoAnn M. Wampole**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fairchild, WI  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Casten Jon Wayne**

*Academic Distinction*  
Fort Mitchell, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Mason Arin Weedon**

Bryan, TX  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Jonathan C. Wilkins**

Fort Novosel, AL  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brodie D. Williams**

Concord, NC  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Elijah Whitaker  
Williams**

*Academic Distinction*  
Savannah, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Tanya Lasley Wollstein**

*Academic Distinction*  
Vancouver, WA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Kirsten M. Young**

*Academic Distinction*  
Knoxville, TN  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Michael Elliot Young**

Savannah, GA  
Organizational  
Leadership

**Brock DeJarnette  
Davidson**

Saint Johns, FL  
*\*honorary degree  
awarded posthumously*

# Graduate Commencement Ceremony

## Order of Exercises

**Processional**..... **UC Concert Band**  
**Pomp and Circumstance, by Edward Elgar** conducted by Josie Fisher, Director  
Arranged by Scott Stanton

**Invocation**..... **Pastor Kent Estep**  
Lead Pastor  
South Charleston First Church of the Nazarene

**National Anthem**..... **UC Concert Choir**  
"The Star-Spangled Banner" Christopher Brown, Conductor

**Welcome**..... **Dr. Martin S. Roth**  
President

**Graduate Student of the Year Award**..... **Matthew Steven Ballard**  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
Master of Business Administration

**Recognition of Emeritus Faculty**..... **President Roth**  
*Recipients:*..... **Dr. Michael Bayly**  
**Ms. Barbara D. Doak**  
**Dr. Rebecca Linger**  
**Dr. Gannett Paul Monk**  
**Dr. Aladin Siddig**

**Presentation of Honorary Degree**..... **Greg Burton**  
Chairman, UC Board of Trustees  
*Recipient:*..... **Michaelle May Munger-Dulong**  
*Honorary Doctor of Laws*

**Commencement Address**..... **Michaelle May Munger-Dulong**  
Brigadier General (retired), WV Army National Guard

**Presentation of Graduates**..... **Dr. Dan Silber**  
Executive Vice President, Provost, and Dean of Faculty

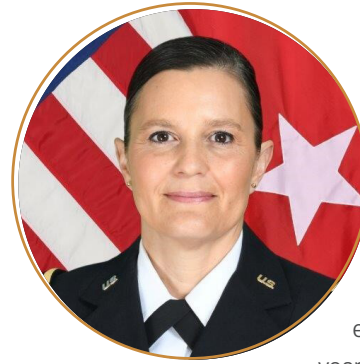
**Alma Mater**..... **UC Concert Choir**  
Christopher Brown, Conductor

**Closing Remarks**..... **President Roth**

**Recessional**..... **UC Concert Band**  
**The Liberty Bell, by John Philip Sousa** conducted by Josie Fisher, Director  
Arranged by Jay Bocook

### Virtual Recognition of Graduates (livestream only)

The audience should remain at their seats until dismissed. We ask that the audience exit the arena in a timely manner. Please feel free to take photos outside on the riverbank lawn after the ceremony with your graduate!



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### Michaelle May Munger-Dulong

Brigadier General (retired), WV Army National Guard

The first female to become a general officer for the West Virginia Army National Guard in West Virginia history, Michaelle May Munger-Dulong has served in every component of the U.S. Army throughout her 30-year career. She retired from service in 2024.

Born in a military hospital in Aberdeen, Maryland, she comes from a long line of military service on both sides of her family. Munger-Dulong earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a minor in Spanish then earned her first Master of Science in Environmental Studies from California State University-Fullerton. She completed the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) at the National Defense University, Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. She earned a second Master of Science in Campaign Planning and Strategy.

Munger-Dulong leaves her years of military service with a number of awards and decorations, as well as many accolades. Retired Major General Bill Crane, former Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard, said, "Soldiers know competent leaders when they see them, and Michaelle exudes competence, professionalism, integrity, and is one of the best communicators I have ever had the honor of serving with."

She once said, "The best advice I ever received, and what I try to live by, is, grow where you are planted. You may not like the job you are in or what you are doing, but if you just rock where you are at, and do the best that you can do, doors are going to open that you never imagined. I am super-excited for the talented, smart, bright, energetic younger crop of women now entering the military. They inspire me, and hopefully, I inspire them too. But I want to be a role model for all soldiers, not just females, that doing the right thing, growing where you are planted, and making the effort will allow you to succeed."

In her retirement, Munger-Dulong plans to spend time with her husband, Michael Dulong, a retired Navy SEAL, and her stepchildren, Gabriel, a Navy SEAL, and Eva, an aspiring interior designer.

She will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at today's ceremony.

# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Graduate Programs

### Master of Business Administration

**Ruben Acuna Gracia**

Honors  
Charleston, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Danielle Christine Anthony**

Lyndhurst, NJ  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Thomas Mikkel Ashworth**

Honors  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
Management  
Concentration

**Matthew Steven Ballard**

Magna Cum Laude  
Daniels, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Baylee Paige Beaver**

Elkview, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Noah S. Boggs**

Honors  
Comfort, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Brooke Michele Burns**

Honors  
Danville, WV  
Business Analytics  
Concentration

**Zane Chalker**

Honors  
Hagerstown, MD  
Management  
Concentration

**Daniel Benjamin Coppage**

Honors  
Charleston, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Victor Del Pozo Ramis**

Palma de Mallorca, Spain  
Management  
Concentration

**Todd Gregory Douglas**

Charleston, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Daniel Casey Finck**

Honors  
Lancaster, OH  
Management  
Concentration

**Haley Jean Flick**

Triadelphia, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Daniel Freeman**

Honors  
Charleston, WV  
Business Analytics  
Concentration

**Baleigh Adaire Goddard**

Hurricane, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Adam Robert Gray**

Honors  
South Charleston, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Courtney Jean Kinkead**

Charleston, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Chinkle Kumar**

Honors  
Amritsar, India  
Management  
Concentration

**Nicolette Lospitalier**

Farmingdale, NY  
Management  
Concentration

**Timothy Jacob McCutchen II**

Naples, FL  
Management  
Concentration

**Kelly Lynn Moler**

Honors  
Inwood, WV  
Management  
Concentration

MBA, continued

**Alexandra Pekic**

Honors  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
Management  
Concentration

**Brandon Richardson**

Honors  
Charleston, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Autumn Leigh Smith**

Cum Laude  
Winifrede, WV  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**Meghan Leigh Smith**

Cum Laude  
Northport, NY  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

**William Blake Stanton**

Honors  
Belmont, WV  
Management  
Concentration

**Bethan Sykes**

Honors  
Management  
Concentration

**Khanh Phuong Phan Truong**

Cincinnati, OH  
Healthcare  
Management  
Concentration

# SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

## Graduate Programs

### Master of Science

**Kassie M. Adams**

Honors  
Beckley, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse  
Practitioner

**Katelyn Elizabeth Barnhart**

Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Jessica Bartram**

Honors  
Oceana, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse  
Practitioner

**Morgan Christine Bland**

Westover, WV  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Claire Esther Boutwell**

Orlando, FL  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Viviana Marlin Castaneda**

Sacramento, CA  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Katharine Allison Chadwick**

Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Makenzie Cook**

Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Racheal Lynn Coppage**

Manchester, NY  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Jill R. Davis**

Honors  
Daniels, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse  
Practitioner

**Christopher Young Seung Do**

La Palma, CA  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Mateusz Firchal**

Surprise, AZ  
Physician Assistant  
Studies

**Megan Jenette Goins**

Honors  
Oak Hill, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse  
Practitioner

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**Cassandra Danielle Griffith**

*Honors*  
Louisa, KY  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Morgan Grimes**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Alexis Hall**  
Cross Lanes, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Rachel L. Heasley**  
*Honors*  
Parkersburg, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Thao Thanh Viet Hoang**  
Abingdon, MD  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Paige Justice**  
*Honors*  
Peytona, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Kanchan Katuwal**  
*Honors*  
Charleston, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Enoch Chiang Koo**  
Northridge, CA  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Joan Sebastian Bolanos Lopez**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Samantha Julia Moore**  
Lake Hopatcong, NJ  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Isaac Arrington Morrise**  
Dunbar, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Seth Northway**  
Wrightwood, CA  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Kelby Iris Pierce**  
Bothell, WA  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Ashley Price**  
Oceana, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Billie Roberts**  
Big Spring, TX  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Brittany Denean Robertson**  
*Honors*  
Daniels, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**Melissa Rojas**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Aria S. Rowshan**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Elysia Kristina Ruiz**  
Dunbar, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Lezlie S. Short**  
*Honors*  
Upper Glade, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

**William Huckle Harrison Thorpe**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Maria Fernanda Uribe**  
Dunbar, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Lauren Jean-Marie Vande Hei**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Maya Hadas Wahl**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Kienan Whetstone**  
Waxhaw, NC  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Joseph Richard Wisnieski**  
Charleston, WV  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Brendan Bert Wong**  
Stockton, CA  
Physician Assistant Studies

**Savannah Woods**  
*Honors*  
Mount Nebo, WV  
Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner

# SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

## Graduate Programs

### Master of Science

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*Honors*  
Laramie, WY  
Strategic Leadership  
Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**M. Duane Boeh**  
*Honors*  
Savannah, GA  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Coleman Glover Brock**  
*Honors*  
Southern Pines, NC  
Strategic Leadership  
Logistics & Supply  
Chain Leadership  
Concentration

**John Anthony Brooks**  
*Honors*  
Bremerton, WA  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Michael E. Brown**  
Hurricane, WV  
Cybersecurity

**Evan J. Burke**  
APO, AE  
Cybersecurity

**Cory Steven Butts**  
*Honors*  
Cameron, NC  
Strategic Leadership  
Healthcare Leadership  
Concentration

**Anna Rachel Cardwell**  
*Honors*  
Hamilton, OH  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Chanda Clifton**  
*Honors*  
Louisville, MS  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Branden Dale Collins**  
Shady Spring, WV  
Cybersecurity

**Chance Brendan Donnelly**  
*Honors*  
Imperial Beach, CA  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Justin Joseph Hakeem Douglas**  
*Honors*  
San Antonio, TX  
Cybersecurity

**Holli Nicole Driesslein**  
*Honors*  
Spring Valley, CA  
Cybersecurity

**Michael Anthony Elias**  
*Honors*  
Bellflower, CA  
Strategic Leadership  
Logistics & Supply  
Chain Leadership  
Concentration

**Joshua Charles Ferron**  
*Honors*  
Fort Knox, KY  
Strategic Leadership  
Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**Erin Elizabeth Frew**  
*Honors*  
Saint Petersburg, FL  
Strategic Leadership  
Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**Robert C. Gehres III**  
Fort Belvoir, VA  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Shawn David Gerena**  
*Honors*  
Annapolis, MD  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Kellan Michael Gier**  
*Honors*  
Great Falls, MT  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Suetonius M. Harris Jr.**  
Chesapeake, VA  
Cybersecurity

**Andrew Grant Hatfield**  
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Business Leadership  
Concentration

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Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Jeffrey M. Hill**

Honors  
Chesapeake, VA  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Amy Louise Hills**

Montclair, VA  
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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Matthew R. Hogan**

Warner Robins, GA  
Cybersecurity

**Javonte Howard**

Fort Washington, MD  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**John Aaron Howard**

Honors  
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Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Amanda N. Ibalio**

Honors  
Norfolk, VA  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Cedrick Jermaine Ike**

Honors  
FPO, AE  
Cybersecurity

**Robert Carl Jennings**

Honors  
Norfolk, VA  
Strategic Leadership  
Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**Trevor Jones**

Wildomar, CA  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Christopher Lee  
Junkins**

Honors  
Slidell, LA  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Christopher L. Larsson**

Honors  
Fort Knox, KY  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**John W. Laseter**

Honors  
San Diego, CA  
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Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Johnathan Macioce**

Honors  
South Charleston, WV  
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Chain Leadership  
Concentration

**Vinh X. Mai**

Honors  
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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

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Mann**

Honors  
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Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Edet Martin**

Honors  
Fort Mitchell, AL  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Salvador A. Martinez**

Grosse Pointe Park, MI  
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Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Erik William  
Bjerrum Mentes**

Honors  
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Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

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Honors  
Vienna, VA  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Tomas A. Pelucarte**

Honors  
Spring Lake, NC  
Strategic Leadership  
Business Leadership  
Concentration

**Lelio Jerry Pierre**

Richlands, NC  
Strategic Leadership  
Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

**Jack William Politte**

Honors  
Washington, MO  
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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

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Honors  
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Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

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Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**Kyle Evan Rasmussen**

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Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

**Ignacio Reyes Jr.**

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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

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Concentration

**Alex Rogers**

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Concentration

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Honors  
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Strategy As Practice  
Concentration

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Honors  
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Crisis Leadership  
Concentration

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Honors  
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Strategy As Practice  
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## Doctor of Executive Leadership

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Stafford, VA

**Dr. Catalina M. Murillo**  
Honors  
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Honors  
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Mesid Wasel**  
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# SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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Steven Ballard**  
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Elkview, WV

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Eliessa Calhoun**  
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Colon Cruz**  
*Cum Laude*  
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Colon Lozada**  
Corozal, Belize

**Dr. Diana  
Amjad Darwish**  
O'Fallon, MO

**Dr. Everett James Eller**  
Cherryville, NC

**Dr. Haley Jean Flick**  
Triadelphia, WV

**Dr. Neisha  
Garcia Matos**  
Los Caciques Carolina,  
Puerto Rico

**Dr. Baleigh Adaire  
Goddard**  
Hurricane, WV

**Dr. Laura E.  
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Honaker**  
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Lyburn, WV

**Dr. Vien Kieu**  
Dunbar, WV

**Dr. Courtney Jean  
Kinkead**  
Charleston, WV

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Charleston, WV

**Dr. Joseph N. Ojimadu**  
Charleston, WV

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Perez-Febles**  
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**Dr. Israa Mohamed  
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Smith**  
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Northport, NY

**Dr. Genesis Marie  
Solivan Plaud**  
Patillas, Puerto Rico

**Dr. Khanh Phuong  
Phan Truong**  
Cincinnati, OH

**Dr. Brooke  
Wagner-Theiss**  
Dunbar, WV

# EMERITUS FACULTY



**Dr. Michael Bayly**, Professor of Psychology

Dr. Michael Bayly has served UC as a Professor of Psychology, Psychology Program Director and Social Science Department Chair. Once saying, "I believe I am truly at my best in the classroom," Dr. Bayly has taught a range of classes, including research methods, statistics, lifespan development, social (and advanced social) psychology, criminology, and marriage and family. He has been an active researcher, centering on the application of terror management theory (TMT) to an understanding of prejudice and effective pedagogy in the classroom. Dr. Bayly retires from UC after over 34 years of being an integral part of our faculty and family.



**Ms. Barbara D. Doak**, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Barbara D. Doak has served UC as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the School of Pharmacy since 2010. In addition to her degree in Pharmacy, she became a Certified Diabetes Educator and a Certified Lifestyle Coach for the CDC National Diabetes Prevention Program. In addition to precepting students in her practice site, she oversees patient care labs and regularly lectures on various subjects related to public health, medication safety and adherence, disease management, and self-care. She provides wellness and education services to the community, focusing on diabetes prevention, diabetes self-management, osteoporosis, and hypertension. She has touched the lives of numerous patients, students and colleagues during her years at UCSOP.



**Dr. Rebecca Linger**, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical, and Administrative Sciences

As a Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical, and Administrative Sciences, Dr. Rebecca Linger is a familiar face at both the School of Pharmacy and Kanawha State Forest. Dr. Linger offers extensive expertise in medicinal chemistry and pharmacology through her courses. She also channels her love of the outdoors as a lecturer and guest speaker on medicinal/edible/useful native plants. She serves as the West Virginia Master Naturalists Kanawha Valley Chapter Coordinator and co-authored "A Guide to the Toxicology of Select Medicinal Plants and Herbs of Eastern North America." She leaves UC after being an essential part of our campus family for nearly 19 years.



**Dr. Gannett Paul Monk**, Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Associate Professor

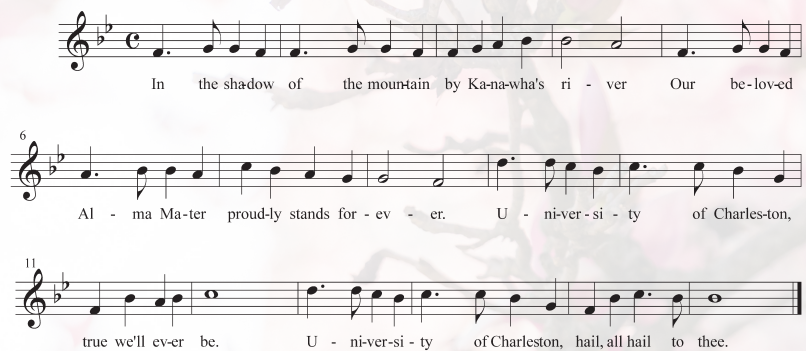
Dr. Gannett Monk bids farewell to UC after years of dedicated service to the School of Pharmacy. Since joining UCSOP as an Assistant Professor in 2008, he has held key faculty appointments across departments, most recently serving as Associate Professor and Chair of both the Department of Pharmacy Practice and the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences. His impactful leadership extended across roles such as Executive Director of Professional and Student Affairs and Pharmacy Residency Program Director. A champion of patient-centered care, he worked to expand pharmacists' roles and enhance patient outcomes. His impact as a mentor and educator has shaped countless students and colleagues, leaving a remarkable legacy at UC.



**Dr. Aladin Siddig**, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

With expertise in pharmacokinetics, drug formulation, and nanotechnology in drug delivery, Dr. Siddig has provided School of Pharmacy students with much pharmaceutical knowledge. He came to UC in 2007 as an Assistant Professor and now departs as a Professor after nearly 20 years of guiding students. He graduated with his Ph.D. from Mercer University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and has published numerous articles in the field of optimal drug delivery and pharmacokinetics. He has been a longstanding teacher and colleague in the School of Pharmacy.

## ALMA MATER



In the shadow of the mountain by Ka-na-wa's ri - ver Our be-lov-ed

Al - ma Ma-ter proud-ly stands for - ev - er. U - ni-ver - si - ty of Char-les-ton,

true we'll ev-er be. U - ni-ver - si - ty of Char-les-ton, hail, all hail to thee.

### Honors Key:

#### Associate Degree

- 3.90 to 4.00 = With Highest Honors
- 3.75 to 3.89 = With High Honors
- 3.50 to 3.74 = With Honors

#### Bachelor Degree

- 3.90 to 4.00 = Summa Cum Laude
- 3.75 to 3.89 = Magna Cum Laude
- 3.50 to 3.74 = Cum Laude

#### Academic Distinction

Undergraduate students who are permitted to apply 60 or more transfer credits toward a bachelor's degree or 30 or more transfer credits toward an associate degree are eligible to graduate with Academic Distinction if they maintain a cumulative institutional G.P.A. of 3.90 or better while in residence at the University of Charleston.

#### Honors for Graduate Degrees

Each graduate program determines the title and expectations for honors.

*NOTE: Honors and Academic Distinction are based on all completed work at the University. Honors and Academic Distinction listed in the program are based on the most recent graded session. Honors and Academic Distinction will be noted on the diploma and official transcript of the graduate after the completion of all graduation requirements that affect GPA.*

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