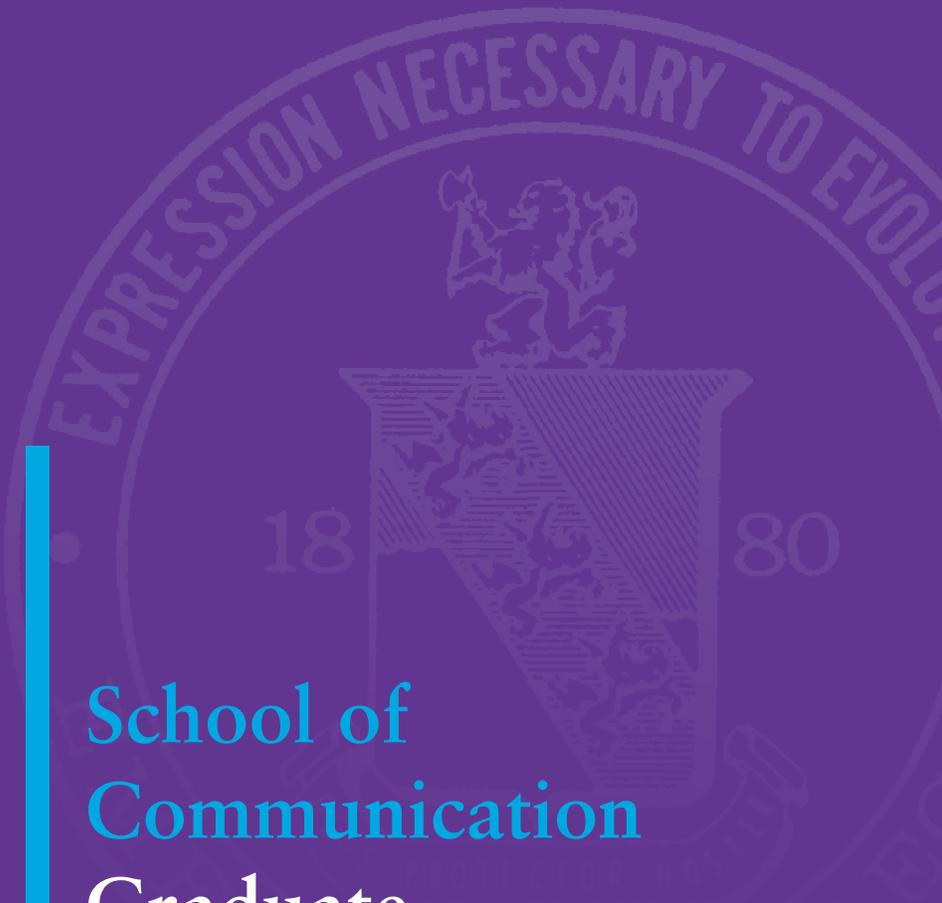


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School of
Communication
Graduate
Hooding Ceremony

Saturday

May 10, 2025

4:30 pm

Shubert Theatre

265 Tremont Street

Boston, Massachusetts

Graduate Hooding Ceremony Notes

The history of academic dress reaches far back to the early days of the oldest European universities. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of some colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Gowns may have been necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods may also have served to cover the tonsured (i.e., shaved) head until they were superseded by scull caps, which were later replaced by headdresses more like those recognized today as “academic.”

Today, academic garb has symbolic rather than practical application. Some universities have their own cap and gown designs, while most defer to traditional black. The size of the academic hood denotes the progression of academic degrees: bachelor’s, master’s, doctorate.

The color of the hood denotes the field of academic study. The color of the inner lining of the hood reflects the colors of the institution from which one’s degree was earned.



Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Call to Order	Jay M. Bernhardt, PhD, MPH <i>President of the College</i>
Invocation	Brian J. Indrelie, ThM <i>Protestant Chaplain, Center for Spiritual Life</i>
Introduction of Ceremony Speaker	Alexandra Socarides, PhD <i>Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Ceremony Address	Jan Roberts-Breslin, MFA <i>Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies</i>
Graduate Student Address	Kiara Monai Florence, BS
Musical Interlude	(~2 min.)
Hooding	Alexandra Socarides, PhD <i>Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Presentation of Graduate Degrees	Brent Smith, PhD <i>Dean, School of Communication</i>
Candidates Congratulated by	Jan Roberts-Breslin, MFA <i>Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies</i> Paul Mihailidis, PhD <i>Professor, Department of Journalism, and Graduate Program Director for Media Design, School of Communication</i> Robin Danzak, PhD <i>Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director for Communication Disorders, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Communication</i> Mary Anne Taylor, PhD <i>Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director for Political Communication, Public Relations, and Sports Communication; Department of Communication Studies; School of Communication</i>

Azeta Hatef, PhD

Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director for Journalism and Media Innovation, Department of Journalism, School of Communication

Robert Lyons, MBA

Senior Executive-in-Residence and Graduate Program Director for Business of Creative Enterprises, Department of Marketing Communication, School of Communication

Serei Eng, PhD

Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director for Marketing, Department of Marketing Communication, School of Communication

Carol Ferrara, PhD

Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director for Strategic Marketing Communication, Department of Marketing Communication, School of Communication

Names Announced by

Nejem Raheem, PhD

Professor and Chair, Department of Marketing Communication, School of Communication

Benediction

Brian J. Indrelie, ThM

Protestant Chaplain, Center for Spiritual Life

Closing

Alexandra Socarides, PhD

Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

In Memoriam

Jeffrey Greenhawt '68, LHD '23, Trustee Emeritus

Joseph Knoll, Staff

Gary Krantz '81, Advisor

Nora Kate Onanian '25, Student

Brooks Walker '25, Student

Resources and Information



Captions

Captions of today's ceremony in English, Spanish, and Mandarin are available for your personal mobile device. [Scan the QR code to access captioning.](#)
emerson.edu/SOCCeremonyCaptions

Photography and Video

Professional photographers will be on site today, capturing the spirit of the ceremony. Photos of the ceremony and our guests may be used in College publications, on Emerson's website and social media, or for other institutional marketing purposes.

After the ceremony, graduates will be offered a professional video clip of their stage crossing and be invited to purchase professional photos. Visit emerson.edu/commencement for more information.

On-demand viewing of the full ceremony video will be available after the ceremony on the Emerson College YouTube channel.

Social Media

Tag your social media posts with [#Emerson2025](#) and connect on X and Instagram with [@emersoncollege](#), [@emersonalumni](#), and [@emersongradprograms](#).

Consideration

We ask that guests be mindful of blocking others' view when celebrating their student. Due to safety regulations, guests may not stand in the aisles.

Candidates for Master's Degrees

School of Communication

Program in Media Design

Master of Arts in Media Design

Rosie Steiner
BA, Wheaton College

Zijun Yang
BA, The Pennsylvania State University

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Master of Science in Communication Disorders

Leyla Arapi*
BS, Southern Oregon University

Brianna Christine Armstrong*
BA, University of Massachusetts
Boston

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BA, College of the Holy Cross

Emily L. Borges*
BS, Emmanuel College

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BA, University of Massachusetts
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BS, North Park University

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BM, DePauw University

Cai M. Conners
BS, Emerson College

Camryn A. Craig*
BA, Montclair State University

Jennifer Cullen
BA, University of Maryland

Rikki Chase Davis*
BA, McGill University

Hannah Rose Duffy
BS, University of Massachusetts
Amherst

Lars Nicole Ebsworth*
BA, North Central College

Hailey Edwards
BA, Lawrence University

Lillybeth Marie Foronjy
BA, University of Connecticut

Katherine Elizabeth Gilligan
BA, Assumption University

Molly Elisabeth Goodnow
BA, The George Washington
University

Ryan He
BA, CUNY Brooklyn College

Madeline Hoffses
BA, BS, University of Massachusetts
Amherst

Anna Holden*
BA, University of Connecticut

Hallie Arin Kessler
BS, Ithaca College

Hailey Jean Lapine
BA, San Diego State University

Jessica Elizabeth Longa
BS, Sacred Heart University

Anna Renee Lyons
BS, University of Massachusetts
Amherst

Cora E. Mahar
BA, Stonehill College

Taanya Gurvish Modi
BA, University of Pittsburgh

Annie Bella Newbauer*
BA, Providence College

Elizabeth Lee Oldenburg*
BS, The University of Texas at Austin

Erin Marie Ryan
BS, Boston College

Eden Solberg*
BA, University of Colorado Boulder

Megan Elizabeth Strachan*
BS, Clemson University

Ellie Anne Taylor*
BA, Scripps College

Jessica Elizabeth Tobin
BA, Loyola University Maryland

Emily May Topping
BA, Springfield College

Bianca Lucia Vicari
BS, University of Central Florida

Yu-Sheng Wang*
BA, Central Police University

Abigail Whalen
BA, University of Connecticut

Randi Wilk
BA, University of Pittsburgh

Matt Wilkinson*
BA, The Pennsylvania State University

Department of Communication Studies

Master of Arts in Political Communication

Amy Lynn Asbury
BA, Winthrop University

Alexandre Henrique De Oliveira
BA, University of Massachusetts
Amherst

Olivia E. Gladu
BS, Emerson College

Catherine Middelmann
BA, Emerson College

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Samantha Danielle Perry
BA, Franklin & Marshall College

Mackenzie Reed Slate
BS, Texas Christian University

Master of Arts in Public Relations

Lydia H. Aga
BS, Emerson College

Aliyah Charisse Browne
BA, Emerson College

Aidan Alexander Goin
BA, The University of Texas at Dallas

Qingqing Hu
BS, Emerson College

Hudah Mukiibi
BA, San Francisco State University

Leticia Silva Juvenal*
BA, Universidade Católica de Pernambuco

Yitong Wang
MS, Clark University

Mutian Yang
BA, University of New Hampshire

Jizhen Yao
BA, Chiang Mai Rajabhat University

Master of Arts in Sports Communication

Colin Robert Ames
BA, Bridgewater State University

Trevor Barnes Arico
BA, Emerson College

Sean Timothy Coman
BA, Hendrix College

Claudia Comas Torres
BBA, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Quinton Guy-Fredrick Copeland
BS, Emerson College

Christopher W. Ferara
BS, Emerson College

Oliver C. C. Glass
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Michael Adrian Ena Letendre*
BA, Worcester State University

Tiffani Claudia Roberta Morris
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Paul John Raglow-DeFranco
BA, John Carroll University

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BA, University of Mount Saint Vincent

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BA, University of New Hampshire

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Master of Arts in Journalism and Media Innovation

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BS, University of California, Riverside

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Master of Arts in Business of Creative Enterprises

Emily Rose Azeredo
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Gilbert Lewis Bailey II
BFA, The Pennsylvania State University

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Josilyn Campbell
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BA, Emerson College

Megan Lee Fehling
BM, Berklee College of Music

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BA, Binghamton University

Riley Anne Greer
BA, Oregon State University

Kacey Dennise Gritters
BA, The King's College

Andrea Karolina Lang
BA, University of Houston

Mia Marie Natoli
BA, Adelphi University

Daniel Chaim Orentlicher
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Claire Magee Quinn
BFA, Roosevelt University Chicago College of Performing Arts

Mia Michele Redding
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Sterling Robinson
BA, Columbia College Chicago

Nikaela Noel Roseman
BFA, Chapman University

Dana Wilson
BA, Andrews University

Master of Arts in Digital Marketing & Data Analytics and Master of Arts in Marketing

Nadiyah Elaine Aigner-Garris
BS, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Owen Robert Anton
BA, Emerson College

Candidates for Master's Degrees

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BS, Ateneo de Manila University

Kiara Monai Florence
BS, St. John's University

Emma MargaretAnne Graffagnino*
BA, University of South Carolina

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BA, University of Toledo

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BA, University of Missouri-
Kansas City

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Pennsylvania

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BA, California State University,
Bakersfield

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Studies

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Yesol Um
BFA, New York University

**Master of Arts in Strategic
Marketing Communication**

Melis Basaran
BA, Boston University

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BA, Macau University of Science and
Technology

Nathan Joseph Hanrahan
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