

Syracuse University Commencement

MAY 10, 2026





Syracuse University

Order of Exercises

Syracuse University Wind Ensemble

Timothy W. Diem and Bradley P. Ethington
Conductors

Processional

Degree Candidates, Emeriti Faculty, Faculty, University Chaplains, Chancellor's Council, Board of Trustees, Academic Deans and the Chancellor's Party

Mace Ceremony

Sam Clemence
Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor Emeritus and Mace Bearer

Presentation of Colors

Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets

National Anthem

Bridget Backer '26
College of Visual and Performing Arts

Ceremonial Opening

Tadodaho Sidney Hill
Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Invocation

Fr. Gerry Waterman
*Chaplain, Hendricks Chapel
Advisor, Catholic Association
Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse*

Welcome

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer*

Greetings

J. Michael Haynie
Acting Chancellor

Welcome to Syracuse University Alumni

Alonna D. Berry '11
President, Syracuse University Alumni Association

Message From Student Speaker

Sadie Shaula Meyer '26
*College of Engineering and Computer Science
and College of Arts and Sciences*

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

J. Michael Haynie
Acting Chancellor

Commencement Speaker

Mike Tirico '88
*NBC Sports Broadcaster
Trustee and Vice Chair, Syracuse University
Board of Trustees*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

J. Michael Haynie
Acting Chancellor

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Clifford J. Ensley '69, '70, G'71
Linda M. LeMura G'83, Ph.D.'87

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Ruth Chen
Mantosh J. Dewan, M.D.

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Joanne M. Mahoney '87, L'90, P'17, P'23
Kent D. Syverud

Recognition of New Emeriti Faculty

Jamie L. Winders
Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Recognition of Class Marshals and University Scholars

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer*

Recognition of Army and Air Force ROTC

Second Lieutenants

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer*

Recognition of Master of Laws and Juris Doctor Degrees

Terence J. Lau L'98
Dean, College of Law

Conferring of Doctoral and Master's Degrees and Certificates of Advanced Study

J. Michael Haynie
Acting Chancellor

Candidates presented by Peter A. Vanable

*Associate Provost for Graduate Studies
and Dean of the Graduate School*

Conferring of Bachelor's and Associate Degrees

J. Michael Haynie
Acting Chancellor

Candidates presented by the Academic Deans

and Julie Hasenwinkel
Associate Provost for Academic Programs

Alma Mater

Catherine Grace Cosenza '26
College of Visual and Performing Arts

Recessional

Chancellor's Party, Academic Deans, Board of Trustees, Chancellor's Council, Emeriti Faculty, Faculty and University Chaplains

Academic Deans

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Michael A. Speaks

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Behzad Mortazavi

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Kelly Chandler-Olcott

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jennifer L. Ross (Interim Dean)

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT

Jeremy S. Jordan

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Peter A. Vanable

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

Jeff Hemsley (Interim Dean)

COLLEGE OF LAW

Terence J. Lau L'98

LIBRARIES

David Seaman

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

David M. Van Slyke

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mark J. Lodato

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Ryan O. Williams (Interim Dean)

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Michael S. Tick

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Alex McKelvie (Interim Dean)

University Marshal

Kira Reed
*Associate Professor of Management,
Martin J. Whitman School of Management*

Associate University Marshal

Tula Goenka G'86
*Professor and Graduate Program Director,
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications*

Academic Heraldry

Academic caps, gowns and hoods date back to the Middle Ages, when monks and students wore them as a shield against the dampness and drafts in 12th-century castles and monasteries.

Bachelor's gowns have a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The gown—which may be worn open or closed—is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

Master's gowns are worn open. The very long sleeves are square and closed at the end, with the forearm coming through a slit near the elbow.

Doctoral gowns carry broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on full, round, open sleeves. This trimming may be black or a color representing a specific discipline. Doctoral caps may be velvet and the tassels gold.

Bachelor's degree candidates wear tassels on the right and transfer them to the left when degrees are awarded during the ceremony.

Marshals of the Class of 2026

Chidera Olalere
Silke Pion

School and College Marshals

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Ailed Torres Espinosa
A.J. Laucks

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Lexie Lane Lazarus
Anna Elizabeth Meehan
Jessica Anne Singh

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bobby Marie Battle
Zachary Setzkorn

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Thalia Lee
Sadie Shaula Meyer

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT

Braeden Cheverie-Leonard
Rylie DiMaio

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Keturah Cochren-Albright

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

Alexandra Miller-Thomas
Benjamin Perle

COLLEGE OF LAW

Emery P. Bielecki

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Jack Higgins

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Dylan Ava Kujawski
Steven Labovitch

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Kristopher Plantz

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Kate O'Leary
Charlie Thomas

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Heath Megnin
Katherine Noelle Rogers

Syracuse University Scholars

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Kyle Chiang

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Julia Fancher
Maya Ariel Philips

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Jorge A. Morales
Nathan Amir Torabi

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sadie Shaula Meyer
Gianna Voce

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT

Daniel Baris
Rylie DiMaio

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Gustavo A. Madero Carriles

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Edward Lu

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Qiong Wu

Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA

MEETS THE EASTERN SKY

PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER

ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.

FLAG WE LOVE! ORANGE! FLOAT FOR AYE,

OLD SYRACUSE, O'ER THEE.

LOYAL BE THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS

TO THY MEMORY.

—Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

