

# 58<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

MAY 21, 2025



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# W E L C O M E

to Ocean County College's 58<sup>th</sup> commencement. This is an extraordinarily special day that everyone looks forward to—family, faculty, administrators, and, most importantly, our students. It marks the completion of an important step in one's educational and life journey and is the demonstration of the perseverance, sacrifice, and dedication of our students and their families; we all know how important family and friend support is when completing a college degree. How wonderful to say this evening, "I did it." Congratulations, students!

PERSEVERANCE ◦ SACRIFICE ◦ DEDICATION



This year's commencement also celebrates the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Ocean County College. OCC has been meeting the needs of the county and county residents for many decades, and we are honored that you chose us for your educational needs. Everyone at the college believes each individual student is important, and we endeavor to honor, recognize, and support all our students, one student at a time. We take pride in the success of all students: the student completing their High School Equivalency, the student completing the phlebotomy certificate, the student completing their degree in nursing, the

student learning English as a Second Language and the student completing their social work degree program. Please know how proud we are of each of you, and I thank you for making our campus a vibrant place of energy and enthusiasm. You have found your purpose and can say with pride, "this is me." Most of all, I thank you for allowing Ocean County College to have a part in helping you achieve your goals and ambitions. Please, though, do not be a stranger! We want to hear about the next steps of your life, your career, and your journey. You always have a home at OCC.

Dr. Pamela Monaco,  
President of Ocean County College



# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

**Processional** .....

Gateway Building Lawn  
4:00 p.m.

**Board of Trustees**

**Welcome** .....

Mr. Jerry Dasti  
Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Ocean County College

**National Anthem** .....

Aaron Bellhorn  
Brooke DeFazio  
Mia Dungan  
Jose Gonzalez  
Susan Guida  
Maya Jackson  
Zoey Jastrzebski  
Alexa Marquez  
Mia Matviiv  
Hailey Merz  
Annabelle Oquendo  
Christopher Poole  
Katie Wallace  
Ella Ytterberg

Directed by  
Ms. Mary Kenny  
Vocal Music Instructor  
Ocean County  
Vocational Technical School  
Performing Arts Academy

**Invocation** .....

Mrs. Raven Moore  
First Lady (Pastor's Wife) of the  
Greater Zion Baptist Church  
Bronx, NY



**President's Remarks** .....

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco  
President  
Ocean County College

**Faculty of the Year** .....

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco  
President  
Ocean County College

**Kean Ocean Remarks** .....

Dr. Joseph Youngblood  
Chancellor  
Kean University

**Student Remarks** .....

Ms. Elizabeth Macchioni  
Class of 2025

**Awarding of Degrees** .....

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco  
President  
  
Dr. Eileen Garcia  
Vice President of  
Academic Affairs  
  
Dr. Gerald Racioppi  
Vice President of  
Student Affairs  
Ocean County College

**Conferral of Degrees** .....

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco  
President  
Ocean County College

**Closing Remarks** .....

Dr. Pamela J. Monaco  
President  
Ocean County College

## GRAND MARSHAL

Jill Zacharczyk  
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

## MARSHAL

Shirley Grone  
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

## STUDENT MARSHALS

Ruth Huebner  
Evan Ryan  
Mariely Q. Sanchez

## HONOR GUARD

Sergeant Pereira  
Corporal Schilling  
Corporal Bennett  
S/O Evans

## SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Diane Caporale  
Tracy Worrell

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## BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Mary Granahan  
Television Production Director

## ONLINE: OCEAN.EDU

Commencement Week Ceremonies will be webcast LIVE on the College's website. Video for each ceremony will remain available for online viewing several weeks after the ceremonies.

## OCEAN TV-20

Commencement Week ceremonies will be broadcast on Comcast of Toms River and Long Beach Island (channel 20) and Verizon FiOS of Northern Ocean County (channel 24), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, May 20	Nurses Pinning Ceremony LIVE .....	5:00 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony LIVE .....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21	Commencement Ceremony LIVE .....	4:00 p.m.
	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:00 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 22	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	11:00 a.m.
	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:00 p.m.
	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:30 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	9:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:00 p.m.
	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:30 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:00 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:00 p.m.
	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	9:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 25	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:30 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:30 p.m.
	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	9:30 p.m.
Monday, May 26	Nurses Pinning Ceremony (Encore) .....	7:30 p.m.
	Student Awards Ceremony (Encore) .....	8:30 p.m.
	Commencement Ceremony (Encore) .....	9:30 p.m.

# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

The Associate in Arts degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed a transfer program consisting of a minimum of 60 semester hours.

Niikoi Addoo	Anghely Buenano	Sarah Cullifer	Kaeli Anna Feeney	Dekari Christopher Harrell
Mia Albarano	Laura Bueno	Gianna Marie Curcio	Madison Feldman	Tamesha Hawkins
★ Susana Alcalá Merino	► Kaylie Moen Burke	Vaughn Cusano	► Owen Cletus Fessel	Isabella Marie Hayes
Lisa J. Alexander	✿ Jayden Josel Calo	Dominic Vincent D'Alessio	Scott E. Finer	Samantha Marie Helmstetter
Emma Marie Allen	★◆ Alyssa Cameron	Katherine Rose D'Amore	Nash Catanach Finley	Liam Kristoff Henningsen
► Kenna Michelle Allocco	✿ Samantha Lillian Campbell	Gianna D'Antonio	Angeline K. Fiore	Luis Angel Hernandez Felipe
★◆ Araceli Almazo	Jessica Campos	✿ Mason Davis	Kimberly Fiore	Diana Marie Heuner
✿ Emily Kristen Altomare	Bridgett Candia	Natalie Dawson	Joseph Angelo Fiorentino	◆► MacKenzie Highland
Grace Elizabeth Ambrosino	Alanna Caporrimo-Bisbal	✿ Brooke DeFazio	Ashley Fitzpatrick	Travis Hoffman
Audrey F. Andrews	Yael Carpinteyro	Riley DeFuria-Reybok	Arnulfo Flores	Mia Lyn Hooshmand
Emily A. Anello	Isabella Josephine Carrubba	Jordyn Theresa DeGraff	Efren Flores	Jeremy Horn
Robert Angeli	✿ Liliana Cassandra	◆► Kylie Morgan Del Sontro	Katerin Flores	✿ Allyson Paige Hovance
Christian Nicholas Angileri	Isabella Castronovo	► Dariano Del Valle	Adriana Marissa Florie	Kylee J. Howell
Caleb James Arruda	Melanie Cerda	Christine Dian DeMarco	Ryan Forrester	◆✿ Riley Hubert
★ Dayana D. Arteaga Camargo	Mia Jolie Chabuel	Antonia Nicole DiBernardo	James Francis	◆ Christopher Hunka
Alexis Jayne Asay	★◆ Larissa Chandler	► Grace DiGirolamo	Tony Francis Freay	Kaylee Marie Hutchison
Daniel Hunter Ashton	✿ Colin Chaplin	◆ Heather Shannon DiGirolamo	Aerynxun Mae Freeman	Darby Iaria
Daniela Elizabeth Avila	Roksolana Chekil	Stefani Rose DiMeglio	Christopher Frendak	◆ Zachary William Inzitari
Jesus Avila	★◆ Daniel Lee Chimenti	Jake DiRosa	Nicholas Peter Fuentes	✿ Maya Jackson
Theresa Bacchetta	◆✿ Adriana Margaret Chinappi	Catello Emanuel DiVuolo	Shaylin Mary Gallacher	Jocelyn Jaime Ramirez
Michael A. Bahney	★ Natalie Christie	★ Cali Nicole Doherty	Isabella Norma Gandolfo	Rory James
Alexis Nicole Bajada	Alexa Renee Christo	Andrew Domingues-Oriundo	Cristian M. Garced	Cierra Jandik
Manuel DeJesus Barajas	Triantafyllia Christou	Nicole M. Doran	✿ Cassandra Gariepy	Courtney Victoria Jaques
Julia Barrett	◆ Annie Gerard Cicalese	Jordyn Douget	Grace Ireland Garley	✿ Alani Jasinski
Colin Patrick Bartels	★◆ Richard John Cifrodella	Blair Gabriella Douglas	Delaney Rae Garretson	◆✿ Zoey Leigh Jastrzebski
Shinayo Bartholomew-Stewart	Kayla Solys Cintron	Diamond A. Douglas	Tina Marie Garvey Schwindt	Jessica J. Johnson
► Gavin Bauer	David C. Ciullo	Brogan L. Duelly	Ashley Lucy Marie Gates	Joshua Michael Jones
► Rebecca Joy Beaver	Gwendalyn J. Clark	Alyssa Lynn Duff	Alexia Gazcon	Danielle Figen Kadioglu
Jake William Bedford	Reagan K. Clayton-Carta	◆✿ Mia Dungan	★◆ Nicole Genovese	John Patrick Kaiser
John C. Belch	Lily Grace Cleary	Jeanette E. Dunne	✿ Micayla Gesior	Ian Kanev
Danielle Beltran	► Nico Colasanti	Jamie Ray Durante	Alexander George Giglio	◆✿ Ryan Montgomery Kashuck
Brianna Bencivenga	Sydney-Lee N. Cooke	◆ Max Vaughn Dyba	Russell Kevin Gilbert	Taylor E. Katz
◆✿ Noelle Michelle Bennett	► Alexandra Coon	✿ Haley Margaret East	Jadie Rose Girgenti	Danielle Keating
Gianna Benvenuto	Clarence Harvey Cooper II	Daniela Alejandra Echeverria	Nicole Ashley Gomes	✿ Keira Kennis
► Chloe Jean Betten	Derek Matthew Coppinger	Thomas James Edwards	★◆ Ashlee Veronica Gonzalez	Tasha King
Shayna Christine Bezak	Kelcy Cordoma	Penina Eider	✿ Jose M. Gonzalez	► Gabrielle Leigh Kirchner
Jeanette A. Bigum	► Chase Cormann	✿ Julia Emer	Juliana Marie Grillo	Corinne Elizabeth Kobus
✿ Angelo Stephen Bonamassa	★ Jack Brian Cormann	Emily Diane Enamorado	◆ Olivia Groff	Robert Michael Kociban
Justin Ryan Borges	Sydney L. Costello	Micayla Engelhardt	✿ Irene Gross	★ Valerie Rose Kohan
Alyssa Mary Bousquet	Donovan Cranmer	Lauren Taylor Errion	✿ Susan Lucy Guida	◆✿ Anastasia Rose Konopada
Mercedes E. Boylan	Gabrielle Sue Crawley	Lysette Esquillin	◆ Jaden Paul Guthrie	Luke Victor Kosinski
◆ Maria José Bracciale	Genesis Emilia Creel	Lauren Leigh Ewing	◆ Gabriele Gutierrez	► Julia Alexis Kovacs
Kathryn Mary Bradley	Olivia Elizabeth Crego	Isabella Fabiani	Jacob C. Haines	Aidan Martin Kozak
◆ Jack P. Brattan	Cara Cribbin	✿ Aidan Fallon	Sophia Ysabel Hamada	★◆ Cameron Kozlowski
Fayth-Me'lane Breen	Ema Croj	Ryan Fatovic	Kenneth Asher Hankins	Andrew John Michael Krawiec
David Jay Brubaker	✿ Brianna Crowley	Stephanie Brielle Favetto	John Hanlon	► Chloe Krejsa
Dylan M. Buchta	◆ Angelia Marie Cruz	Katy Eileen Fay	◆ Jason Harilal	

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▶ Jacob Kuczko  
◆ Nathaniel James Kwiatkowski  
Emily La France  
◆ Skylar Michelle LaVella  
◆ Michelle Lazaro Orozco  
Brianna Leary  
Michael J. Lefanto  
Ivanna Lisette Leon  
David William Lewis II  
Melissa A. Mazepa  
◆▶ Muad'dib Ibn-Al-Hallaj Lewis  
Michelle Lian  
Tyler Jack Lilley  
◆◆ Olivia Jane Linton  
◆ Skylar Aaron Liotti  
Norah Lynn Loftus  
Aslin Marilis Lopez  
◆ Amber Shea Lopresti  
Charlotte MacKenzie Loutas  
◆◆ Olivia Elizabeth Lovas  
Hailey Nicole Luberto  
Josephine C. Lucciola  
Jocelyn Luna Montes  
Joseph Lydon  
Gavin Bryan Lynch  
Mariah Macias  
◆ Alianna N. Mairella  
Emily Anne Mairella  
★◆ Alyssa Maisano  
Nathaniel David Malekani  
◆ Ava Grace Maltzman  
Anthony Leonard Mancini  
Michael A. Mancz  
Richard Mann  
Hunter R. Mantz  
Kristyn Marbut  
Eva Nicole Marousis  
◆ Alexa Marquez  
★ Mia P. Marsango  
★◆ Amanda Faith Martin  
Raquel Christine Kean Martin  
Alison Martinez Zamora  
Angelie E. Carmina Martinez  
Brayden Joseph Martinez  
Katey Michelle Martinez  
Milagros M. Martinez  
Allyson Jean Maselli  
◆ Jacob William Mastrolly  
Anthony Thomas Mattina  
◆◆ Mia Matviiv

Alexa Nicole Maugeri  
Sheridan Viguere Mauraud  
▶ Bennett Mayer  
Chandler Riley McCommon  
Mahogany McClaren  
Ryan McClellan  
◆ Pamela Amber McGlynn  
Joshua J. McGrath-Rodriguez  
Bryce William McKendrick  
Genni Kathryn McKenzie  
Ryan Michael McKinley  
▶ Violet McNamara  
Sean McWeeney  
Sierra Mecca  
Adriana Sofia Merced  
◆ Hailey Lynn Merz  
Shaelyn Hope Mezera  
◆▶ Lea Marie Michalkowski  
Olivia Rachel Miesieski  
Samantha Grace Miles  
★◆ Ciara Marie Miller  
★ Keren Tianna Mincey  
Mateusz Mioduszewski  
◆ Michelle Miranda Sanchez  
▶ Jady N Mitchell  
▶ Sydney Ryan Mitchell  
Nicholas Monserrate  
Angelina Montecalvo  
Hope Moore  
Sebastian Morales  
George Joseph Morano  
Madison Morrissey  
Alivia Muhlenbruck  
Ryan Patrick Mulcahey  
Patrick McLean Mullen  
Theodore Murolo  
Kaitlyn C. Murphy  
William Nagy  
Allison Marie Nelson  
◆ Haley Elizabeth Nelson  
Achilles Neufeld  
◆ Faigy Neufeld  
Lola Newman  
◆ Mary Elizabeth Newman  
Kailey Nguyen  
Nikolas Niedziela  
Amanda Norwood  
◆ Vincent Charles O'Donnell  
◆ Logan Victoria Ofsanko  
Ihlan Yale Onaga  
Hayley Brooke O'Neill

★◆ Madalynn O'Neill  
◆◆ Maya Violet O'Prey  
◆◆ Annabelle Oquendo  
Michelle Ortiz  
Skye Chanelle Pacis-Broadway  
Joseph Arthur Paladino  
Morgan Pankow  
Adriana Rose Paolillo  
Melissa Lynn Parker  
Emmanuel James Patel  
Chelsea M. Payne  
Rachel H. Pecoraro  
Jessica James Pedre  
Jacobico Pelaez Cuervo  
★ Evelin Perez  
Rafael Perez Jr.  
Jaden Krystal Perez  
Leah Angelina Petrucelli  
Geren Polenski  
◆ Justin Philip Pollina  
Christopher Poole Jr.  
Jenna Elizabeth Popowitch  
Steven Paul Pribula  
Nicole Renee Raimato  
Alexandra Rae Ranello  
Christopher Charles Raulf  
Alexander M. Ray  
Leo Redner  
Samantha Brooke Rehman  
Esther Richards  
Robert Louis Riggio  
◆ Victoria A. Rinaldi  
Sarah Ann Ringer  
Jaylene Cecily Rios  
Mason T. Robbins  
Heather Elizabeth Roberts  
Victoria Marie Roberts  
◆ Abigail F. Robinson-Garaffa  
◆ Nadia Lee Roder  
◆ Jocelyn Roman  
Alyssa Rosatelli  
George Rose  
Gianna Grace Rosen  
Amanda Nicole Rossi  
John William Rossino  
Gabriella Marie Ruiz  
◆ Sarah Rusch  
▶ Amber Lynne Russell  
Gessica Lynn Russomanno  
Diana Karen Sacramento Rea  
◆ Vyladimir Nicholas Sain

Alondra Salazar-Nieves  
Jonathan Christopher Salesi  
Matthew Salmons  
▶ Hannah Marie Sampson  
◆ Rexford Samuelson  
Aiden Robi Sanchez  
▶ Gianna Lina Sandler  
Thalia Del Pilar Santana  
Celia Santillan Marin  
Kylie Santoro  
Julia Catherine Sanzari  
Edward Tyler Scala  
John Tyler Scala  
Jesse Rense Schalen  
Jake Schlosser  
Cameron Scholl  
Olivia Mae Rose Schwindt  
◆ Isabella Rose Sciarappa  
◆ Julia Austin Scott  
Kylie Victoria Scott  
Alexis Sage Scully  
Mina Mamdouh Sedrak  
Brianna Marie Senk  
Zachary Serpico  
John Philip Seyfried  
Damian Shafik  
◆ Donald F. Shaner  
Rebeka Sheaffer  
Jack Andrew Shepard  
Emily E. Shornack  
Alexa T. Silva  
◆ Itzel Silva-Garcia  
◆ Ashley Mae Simcox  
Paul Simone  
Christopher Joseph Sirico  
◆ Charles Michael Smith  
★◆ Donald Smith  
Isabella Lynn Sofield  
Brittany Solis-Villadoble  
Bryanna Sosa Reyes  
Nadia Valentina Sosa  
Mitchell Thomas Southard  
Rylie Spada  
Samantha Christine Spada  
Kira Lee Spinney  
◆ Samantha Spivak  
Davis K. Stefanski  
Jalen Stitt  
Taylor Marie Stoner  
Hayley Stryker  
Adriana Maria Stulic

Sara Elizabeth Sulkowski  
Rylie Szostak  
◆ Sofio Tabatadze  
Anthony Fiore Tammone  
◆ Anna Sophia Thornton  
Kyle Robert Tillotson  
◆ Kimberly A. Tilton  
Enzo Torino  
▶ Kitrick Scott Torre  
Samantha Torres  
Dane Turnbach  
Nicolas A. Valdes  
Jonathan David Valencia  
Christopher Valente  
Kassandra Denise Valverde  
Bianca M. Geshana VanBerkle  
★◆ Nicholas William Vannella  
◆ Jordan Elizabeth Vargas  
Janelin Vasquez  
★◆ Kayleigh Christine Vaughn  
Lauren Taylor Vaughn  
Yanet Vazquez Benitez  
Luzia A. Vega Andrade  
Florescia V. Escudero Whu  
Alessio Verace  
Vincenzo Verace  
Maria D. Villanueva  
◆◆ Jonathan Voinski  
◆◆ David Wagenblast  
Rachel Dylanie Wagner  
Hassanna Monae Walker  
◆◆ Katie Ann Wallace  
Natalie K. Walsh  
◆ Rachel Wellington  
◆ Jenna Riley Wells  
Matthew John Whittaker  
Katie A. Wilgus  
Reilly Jane Wilkinson  
Jady N Kae Williams  
Asia Janae Williamson  
◆ Mark Anthony Wilson  
Olivia Lailani Wilson  
Logan Alexander Witzke  
Abigail Mae Youngblood  
◆ Aronas Zajan  
Joseph Patrick Zarrello  
◆ Sydney A. Zawislak



# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate in Applied Science degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed a minimum of 60 semester hours, 22 of which are in general education. The remaining semester hours are in the field of career-oriented specialization.

Tessa Arguello  
Andrew Artiles  
Olivia Badami  
Brian D. Baker  
Nicholle Barcalow  
Ryan Barnick  
Kylie Maria Bautista  
Mariah G. Benavides Escobar  
Sheena Elizabeth Benites  
Kali Bennette  
Allison Rae Biedzynski  
Mark Bixenman  
Jessica M. Brocklebank  
Emily Marie Burdyski  
◆ Michelle Marie Cacoilo  
Alysa Cainzos  
◆ Anthony Campisano  
Toni Lynn Cantalupo  
Nicole Garcia  
Hayley Jean Capriotti  
Katelyn M. Carney  
◆ Wilson S. Castillo Alvarez  
Sarah Caudill  
Svetlana Chaglei  
Alexis Clark  
◆ Bailey Clark  
◆ Madison Rose Cornish  
Dorothy E. Cortes  
Gerhrad Cortez  
Dondre M. Craig  
Araceli Cruz-Castaneda  
Analise Katherine Cushman  
Adrianna Dancisin  
Anthony M Dante  
Christina Daranijo  
Nicholas Decicco  
Laura A. DePalma  
Bryanna Amaral deSouza  
Angelina M. Donnellon  
Rivkah Eisdorfer  
Yozeyda Iliana Espinoza  
Jillian Marie Essig  
Joseph Michael Favato  
Edward Carl Ferro III  
Nicholas M. Forlenza  
Allison Nicole Foster  
Lucy Freund

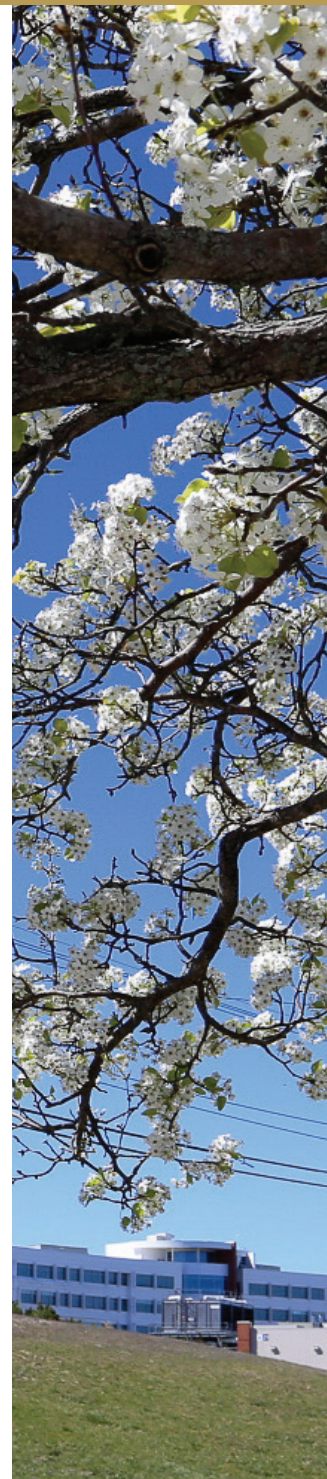
Jose C. Garcia Jr.  
Kimberly A. Gill  
Veronique Catherine Gleghorn  
Morgan Elizabeth Glunk  
◆ Danielle Gonzalez  
Koralynn A. Green  
Ashley Guthrie  
Matthew F. Hanson  
Kathryn L. Hansson  
Kimberly A. Hare  
Brianna M. Helwig  
Melissa Horner  
◆ Ruth Huebner  
Kelly Sue Hynes  
Rosemary Idarraga  
Alexis Jackson  
Emmaline Kirsten Janson  
Savannah Christine Johnson  
Linda Jones  
Samantha C. Joyce  
Danielle M. Kaiser  
Jennifer G. Kempton  
Kaitlynn Rose Kindervater  
Cameron R. King  
Sarah Nicole Kinsley  
Gianna Rose Kosh  
Lisa Lam  
Siana Quinn Lanni  
Erik Lazenby  
2 Victoria Adelaide Leszczak  
Heather Alaysha Lopez  
Tayler Katherine Lucia  
Franco Madrid  
Lukas James Malden  
Kaitlyn Michelle Maliniak  
◆ Amanda Mancinelli  
Mackenzie Rae Marcus  
Anthony Joseph Martinelli  
Gianna Santina Maschi  
Lexi McCormack  
Taylor McCormack  
Julia McKevitt  
Katherine Melchior  
◆ Abigail Grace Meyer  
Fanny Sandrine Michel  
◆ Julia Marie Miller  
Corinne Leigh Moore

Tabitha Marie Moore  
Eloisa Cea  
Ian Alexander Mullin  
Ashleah Ann Marie Myers  
Nicholas S. Navarra  
Lily Kalea Ongaro  
★◆ Vanessa Ossy  
Pirlanta Muazzez Ozturk  
Amanda Michelle Paco  
Jennifer Lezama Padilla  
Leah Pappalardo  
Sarah Joy Penna  
Christopher S. Perucich  
Ryan Patrick Piccione  
◆ 2 Mary Polozzo  
Marissa R. Quercia  
Alexander J. Quirk  
Martha Rafael Santiago  
Tori Renee Rajoppe  
Samantha Ramirez  
Michael William Ramos  
Juliana Lillian Evelyn Reddan  
Colin Patrick Reilly  
Nicole M. Roberts  
Victoria A. Labianca-Roca  
2 Nadia Lee Roder  
Thomas W. Roder  
Brianna Marie Rodriguez  
Ashley Rose  
Christina M. Rose  
Caroline Cecilia Ross  
Tristan Sadsad  
Heather L. Saft  
Ryan Phillip Sands  
Raul Enrique Santana  
Brianna Louisa Schenker  
Courtney Schneider  
Hashaiyla Chenelle Scott  
Jillian M. Scott  
Arianna F. Scotto DiSantolo  
Rachel Anita Slocum  
Candace T. Smalls  
Andie Smith  
Brianna N. Solly  
Ashley Melissa Soma  
Taylor Elizabeth Sorge  
Marissa Rose Spirito

Toni Suarez  
Jasmin Tamayo  
Alyssa Rose Taras  
Jillian Tattoli  
Carolyn V. Tinnery  
Gianna M. Torres  
Regan Marie Traxinger  
Christopher Tuttle  
Natalie Valente  
Nicole Taren Valentino  
Jamie Paige Valenza  
◆ Javier Vargas  
Mackenzie Vaz  
Jace Viola  
Dina Ward  
Carly Wasco  
Jake Weinstein  
Tyler Charles Weiss  
Allison Sophia Westman  
Hazel Wilson  
Jon Wirbicki  
◆ Emma Wisniewski  
Mara Woodward

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## A vertical photograph showing a modern building with a prominent glass clock tower. The tower has a grid-like pattern of dark frames and a large circular clock face. In the foreground, there are branches with white cherry blossoms and green leaves, partially obscuring the view of the building. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

◆◆	Dayron Abarca-Gonzales	◆	Anna Victoria Bado	◆	Elisabeth L. Burns		Cameron Lawrence Connor
	Kate Emily Abrahamsen	◆	Casey Alexander Baglivo		Emma Sunshine Burr		Christopher N. Conyers
	Bruce E. Ackerman	☆	Elijah Raphael Bal		Abigail Buser		Pierson Alexander Cook
	Irene Rachel Acosta	◆◆	Kylie Rain Ballin		Jonathan Bussi		Richmond Sean Coombs
	Sergio A. Agudelo		Nicholas Balo		Camila Bustamante		John Corblies
☆◆	Jasmine Aguilar	☆◆	Valerie Banuelos Martinez		Logan Aaron Butcher		Tyler John Corblies
	Juliana Aguirre		Joshua Barbato	◆◆	Finn Byham		Melissa E. Cordero
	Austen Ahart		Ashlyn N. Johnson		Brianna Rose Byrnes	☆◆	Caitlin Cortes
	Sarah Nasser Ahmed		Daniel Barney	☆◆	Armando Caballero-Sanchez		Claudia Cosme
	Antwan Aithsaine		Joshua Michael Barrow		Emily Camargo	◆	Erin Gail Cox
	Isabella Dorothy Alach	◆	Gage W. Bartolucci		Japhet Jephthah Campollo		Megan Criscione
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Donald Shaner

In memory of Charles Read, OCC's first professor of Music who taught at OCC from 1966 until 2000 and was the founder and director of the OCC Community Chorus. \$100 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.5 GPA or higher in all music classes who is accepted into a four year institution as a Music major.

## The Hayward Viking 2025 Scholarship

Caitlin Cortes

\$150 is awarded to honor a graduating EOF student who exemplifies leadership, service and character.

## Armando Quiroz Award

Isabella Lobo

Donated by Marilyn Kralik, \$200 is awarded to a graduating student for their commitment to biliteracy and second language learning or advocating for cultural responsiveness in their community.

## Viking Athletics Commitment Award

Erin Elizabeth

\$200 is awarded to a student who has shown outstanding commitment and support of the athletics program and loyalty to the College.

## Christopher W. Mannion Scholarship

Elizabeth Macchioni

Donated by Dr. Marilyn Kralik, \$200 who has a demonstrated commitment to international travel for the purpose of academic achievement.

## Patrick Carroll Award

Victor Colon, Dekari Harrell

\$200 each is awarded to two students who have excelled academically, whose influence has been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and who has exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

## Julie Foukarakis Memorial Award

Jordan Motyka, Abigail Szuba

\$200 each is awarded to two female students who have excelled academically, whose influence has been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and who has exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

## Amanda Cantillon Award

Kaye Huet

Donated by Marilyn Kralik, \$200 is awarded to a graduating student who has actively supported the Fine Arts program at OCC.

## Who's Who Among Students at Ocean County College

Yael Carpinteyro, Ashley Chandler, Larissa Chandler, Victor Colon, Erin Elizabeth, Bernard Graham, Ruth Huebner, Evan Kwortnik, Elizabeth Macchioni, Hunter Mantz, Raven Moore, Jordan Motyka, Ravyn Myers, Mariely Quinto Sanchez, Colin Reilly, Sky Rodriguez, Evan Ryan, Areeba Zulkarnain  
\$250 each is awarded to graduating students nominated in 2025 for significant contributions to Ocean County College in the areas of scholarship and leadership.

## Meals on Wheels of Ocean County

Esther Richards

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public affairs, policy or government.

## James Inman Award

Elizabeth Macchioni, Mariely Quinto Sanchez

\$500 each is awarded to two students demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship, loyalty, citizenship, and contribution to extracurricular activities.

## John Morrison Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Mastrolly

Donated by Dr. Beth Brierley, \$250 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution who has been an active participant in OCC's Performing Arts programs.

## Operation Ocean Heroes Scholarship

Alexis Donnelly

\$250 is awarded to a military and veteran-affiliated student who has impacted student engagement through SALUTE honor society, student VA, VMRC work-study program or other student organization.

## Richard M. Trimble Scholarship

Dak Gregory

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student who has excelled in historical research and academic development in the field of History. Donated by the OCC History Club in conjunction with the Jersey Shore Civil War Round Table in recognition of the late Richard Trimble.

## The Mathematics Appreciation Award

Sean Larsen, Taylor Auriano

Fundraised by OCC Mathematics Club, \$250 will be awarded to two graduating students in honor of Professor Vicki McMillian.

## The Mathematics Club Award

Max Kripinski, Macy Soper

A total of \$250 each is awarded to two graduating students pursuing a degree in Mathematics or related majors. Preference is given to students active in the Mathematics Club.

## Jennie Horne Cece Award

Rachel Slocum

Donated by Dottie Cece LaPosa in honor of her mother, Jennie Horne Cece, a working mom with eight children, \$300 is given to a working mother raising her children and pursuing her education simultaneously.

## Joseph Hathaway Commencement Speaker Award

Elizabeth Macchioni

Donated by Student Life, \$300 is awarded to the student commencement speaker in honor of Joseph C. Hathaway Jr., commencement speaker for the Class of 2012.

## Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity Award

Larissa Chandler, Karina Rivera

\$400 each is awarded to two students who best exemplify the ideals of the Phi Theta Kappa fraternity, for making significant contributions to the work of the Tau Iota chapter, and promoting intellectual and cultural growth.

## Faculty Association of Ocean County College

Christa Farrell

Donated by the Faculty Association of OCC, \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student transferring to a four-year institution.

## Probation Officer Todd Benintente Scholarship

Patrick O'Brien

\$500 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program in honor of Probation Officer Todd Benintente, who served and protected his community over his career.

## Joan M. and William J. Kenneally Scholarship

Caitlin Cortes

A \$500 scholarship donated by Professor Lynn A. Kenneally and Jeffrey J. McWeeney in recognition of Professor Kenneally's parents, who encouraged education

## Dr. Albert Socol Memorial Scholarship

Sean Larsen

\$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in Mathematics.

## Dr. Stephen A. Kubow Memorial Scholarship

Alexis Donnelly

Donated by his former colleagues in memory of Kean Ocean's Associate Vice President, \$500 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to Kean University or Kean Ocean from the OCC Equal Opportunity Fund program.

## Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Art Award

Laura Garzon Salinas

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of Art.

## Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Service Award

Areeba Zulkarnain

\$500 is awarded to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the activities of Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The recipient must exemplify the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa as set forth in the four Hallmarks, namely: Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Fellowship.

## PTK Heather Muser Memorial Alumni Award

Nayeli Rojas

\$500 total is awarded by the Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa of Ocean County College to one member of Phi Theta Kappa who has made significant contributions to the programs and activities sponsored by the Tau Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

## Pauline S. Miller History Award

James Pazik

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of History.

## Donald W. Smith Scholarship

Taylor Auriano, Macy Soper

Donated by DW Smith Associates, \$500 each is awarded to two graduating students pursuing education in civil engineering, surveying, planning landscape design and/ or environmental services.

## Frank Richetti Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Donald Shaner

\$500 is awarded to a graduating student in honor of Mr. Frank Richetti, Sr. who was an Ocean County College concert band member for over 30 years and served his country in the South Pacific during World War II.

## Outstanding Tutor Scholarship

Evan Ryan

Donated by retired professor of mathematics Dr. William Rickert and his wife Lois, \$500 is awarded to an outstanding graduate who also served as a peer tutor within OCC Tutoring Center.

## Michael D. Vena Memorial MUAA Scholarship

Sky Rodriguez, Katie Zigo

Donated by the Municipal Utilities Authorities Association of Ocean County, \$500 each is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution and majoring in Environmental Sciences or directly related field.

## Associated Students of Ocean County College Award

(In memory of Thomas J. Brady)

Victor Colon, Ashley Chandler

Donated by Student Life, \$600 each is presented by Student Government to graduating students displaying a consistently strong record of involvement in a cocurricular program.

## Support Staff Association of Ocean County College

Mariely Quinto Sanchez, Bernard Graham,

Elizaveta Jarkezian

Donated by the Support Staff Association, \$650 each is awarded to three graduating students who have worked at Ocean County College while earning their degrees.

**Paul Family Scholarship**  
(In memory of Joyce Previte)

Vanessa Ossy

\$700 is awarded to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Nursing with the intent to pursue a career in Nursing.

**Norcia Aspiring Attorney Award**

Jordan Motyka

Donated by OCC alum RJ Norcia, class of 2010, \$750 is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated interest in attending law school and becoming a practicing attorney in the State of New Jersey.

**Andrew T. Baran Scholarship**

Christopher Censoplano

\$750 is awarded to a graduating student enrolled in a four-year institution pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

**Joyce Previte Memorial Scholarship**

Koralynn Green

\$800 is awarded to an outstanding graduate of the Nursing Program who has maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

**Soroptimist Club of Toms River Scholarship**

Evonne Jaludi

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating female student continuing her education at a four-year institution.

**Soroptimist Sigma Award**

Sarah Rivera

This scholarship aims to empower women, foster their personal and professional growth, and promote a more equitable and inclusive society. \$1,000 each is awarded to a female graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

**Soroptimist Sigma Award Kean Ocean**

Christine Rinaldi

\$1,000 each is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

**Carleen Sterling Orsi Memorial Award**

Areeba Zulkarnain, Sarah Brush (initial), Sara Festa (renewal)

\$1,000 is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution. (Renewable for second year.)

**Douglas C. King Memorial Award**

Kelsey Lowden

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program who is pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.

**Honors by Contract Graduating Awards**

Araceli Almazo, Megan Anderson, Dayana Arteaga-Camargo, Taylor Auriano, Erin Brenner, Sarah Brush, Justin D'Amico, Emily Flores, Laura Garzon, Bernard Graham, Sheridan Graubart, Eric Lazarchick, Itzel Mateos, Brendan Murphy, Spencer O'Brien, Zachary Prestinari, Nayeli Rojas, Marco Ruiz, Evan Ryan, Rachel Trumper, Areli Valencia, Sara Willis, Rhianon Wohlrab, Areeba Zulkarnain  
The Ocean County College Foundation awards \$333 to top graduating students who completed the Honors by Contract program.

**Joseph J. Quattrock Memorial Scholarship**

Ruth Huebner

\$1,000 is awarded to a nontraditional graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

**LaVerne D. and Robert R. Weigold Scholarship**

Nicholas Koodray

\$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding student demonstrating scholarship abilities and an interest in the area of English or the Humanities.

**Ocean County Sheriff's Foundation**

Kelcy Cintron

Donated by the Ocean County Sheriff's Foundation, \$1,000 is awarded to Criminal Justice graduate pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice who has demonstrated academic success and service to the community.

**Ocean County Society of Professional Engineers**

Ryan Hutaín

\$1,000 is awarded to a student for achievement in Engineering.

**Robert J. Novins Memorial Graduate Award**

Khadira Johnson

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better continuing in a four-year institution, majoring in Political Science and Government Studies.

**Sheldon Linz Memorial Award**

Laura Garzon Salinas

Donated by the family of Jennifer Linz Cooper, \$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding Photography and Visual Arts student.

**Alumni Fund For Academic Excellence**

Jordyn Weber

\$1,000 is awarded for scholarships and opportunities for students and alumni of Ocean County College.

**NJ Association of Public Accountants Fund**

Christa Farrell

\$1,000 is awarded to students committed to a career in accounting.

**Thomas R. Dorso Memorial Scholarship**

Sarah Kinsley

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student pursuing a degree in Social Work or Education from Lacey Township School District.

**Dover Brick Beach First Aid Public Health Scholarship**

Rachel Slocum, Caroline Ross, Tabitha Moore

\$1,000 each is awarded to three graduating students in honor of dedicated volunteers who gave of themselves in service to the community. Dover-Brick Beach First Aid Squad offers financial support to those pursuing studies in the Public Health/Sciences field.

**Senator John F. Russo Memorial Scholarship**

Erin Elizabeth

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

**40 For 40 Graduating Award**

Claudia Cosme, Justin D'Amico

\$1,000 each awarded to two students in honor of Foundation Executive Director Kenneth J. Malagiere's 40th birthday; guests were invited to contribute to this unrestricted graduating award. The goal was to raise \$40,000 and they were successful in raising more than double.

**Next Gen Engineering and Technology**

Taylor Auriano, Macy Soper

The Building a Better World Scholarship awards \$1,000 each to two students enrolled and/or graduating from Ocean County College in the A.S. Engineering or A.A.S. Technical Studies with Industrial/Technical Option programs that demonstrate a commitment to building a better and more sustainable world through engineering and technology.

**Viking Spirit Award**

Itzel Mateos

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating EOF student who exemplifies leadership, service and character.

**John F. Powell Award**

Charles Smith

This \$1,000 scholarship is named in memory of President Monaco's father. Born and raised in Virginia, he worked as a statistician for the Census Bureau, but his love was supporting those who wanted to change their lives through education. He would be very proud of OCC students.

**Mildred Kehne Award**

Raven Moore

This \$1,000 scholarship is named in memory of Donald Kehne's mother. Born and raised in South Dakota, Mrs. Kehne trained to be a nurse and served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. She and Don's father settled in Maryland, where she raised nine children. Education was important to the Kehne family, and she would be honored to support a deserving student.

**Dr. Charles Abeles Scholarship**

Dak Gregory

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding aptitude in languages, literature, or philosophy.

**Ocean County College Board of Trustees Award**

Brianna Comiskey, Emily Flores, Alyssa Maisano

Donated by the OCC Board of Trustees, \$1,500 each is awarded to three graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance at Ocean County College and who will continue their education in the Kean Ocean program.

**Dollie and Harry David Sussna Scholarship**

Max Kripinski, Nayeli Rojas, Annabella Ganun, Jessica Taylor (Renewal Recipients)

Donated by Dollie and Harry David Sussna, an initial \$1,500 each is awarded to two outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions. Possible \$2,000 is renewable upon re-enrollment.

**D'Onofrio Foundation Graduating Award**

Sara Kinsley

\$2,000 is awarded to a student with a 3.0 GPA or better who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Health/Medicine, with the intent to pursue a career in a related field.

**William T. Hiering Scholarship**

Johani Burgos

\$2,000 is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed 60 credits at Ocean County College and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

**Roberta W. Wintrobe Memorial Award**

Larissa Chandler, Christopher Perucich

Established to honor the memory of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Roberta's love for education, biology, nursing and arts was present in every aspect of her career and avocation. \$5,000 each will be awarded to two graduating students.

**Philip G. Zitelli Scholarship in Leadership**

Sky Rodriguez

Donated by Phil Zitelli, a member of the first graduating class of Ocean County College in June 1968, \$5,000 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student leader, with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

# PROGRAM NOTATIONS



## Honors by Contract

Students recognized for Honors By Contract have taken at least four courses with Honors requirements, received a B or better in each of those courses, and are graduating with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

The National Honor Society of two-year colleges. Any student who has earned at least 15 credit hours at OCC (excluding transfer and remedial credits) and has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.60 is eligible for membership and invited to join the organization.

## Performing Arts Academy

Students graduating from the Ocean County Vocational and Technical School's Performing Arts Academy (PAA) have the option, through Ocean County College's Early College Program, to earn their high school diploma and associate degree in the Performing Arts simultaneously. The PAA serves high school students throughout Ocean County who concentrate in the performing arts, including audio visual arts, dance, music, and theater.

## Graduating with Two Degrees

Students who have met eligibility for two degree programs must complete the second degree without repeating any previous courses in which credit was earned. No courses judged to be at a lower academic level than those previously completed will be used toward the second degree.

## Who's Who Among Students at OCC

Graduates nominated by the campus community. These students are identified as making significant contributions to our campus through scholarship, leadership, and service, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better and at least fifty percent of all coursework has been completed at OCC.

## NJ STARS

Students who are eligible to receive the NJ STARS Scholarship were ranked in the top 15% of their high school class at the end of their junior and/or senior year. To remain eligible, STARS students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, maintain continuous full-time enrollment, and graduate within 5 semesters once STARS is activated.

## Early College / OCC College Academy

Students who took OCC courses during their high school career. The OCC College Academy allows students to earn their high school diploma while simultaneously earning enough credits to obtain an associate degree from Ocean County College in Liberal Arts.

# ACADEMIC DRESS

The origins of academic dress date back to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries when universities in England were taking form. The scholars were also clerics and thus adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings and capes with hoods were needed for warmth.

In the United States, the use of academic dress has been continuous since colonial times. A uniform system was not widespread, however, until about 1895, when the well-defined dress code was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher education.

GOWNS worn by those in the procession vary in design and decoration according to the degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns.

HOODS, which are the most distinctive feature of the American code, vary in length according to the type of degree held, and are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet border or edging indicates the degree or subject by use of the appropriate color.

THE STANDARD CAP is the mortarboard and is usually the same for all degrees. The standard tassel is black, but the doctor's cap may have a gold tassel. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: The design of the gown is the same as the bachelor's degree.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: The academic gown has short or regular sleeves. The length of the hood must be three feet.

MASTER'S DEGREE: The academic gown has pointed sleeves. The length of the hood is three and one-half feet.

DOCTORATE DEGREE: The gown has round full sleeves, faced down the front with black velvet trimming and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves or, in some cases, the color of this velvet relates to the field in which the degree is granted. Length of the hood is four feet.

# ACADEMIC DRESS: COLOR CODE

Agriculture	Maize	Music	Pink
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Nursing	Apricot
Commerce, Business	Drab	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Dentistry	Lilac	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Economics	Copper	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue	Physical Education	Sage Green
Engineering	Orange	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Forestry	Russet	Science	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon	Veterinary Science	Gray
Medicine	Green		



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