



Commencement 2025

Saturday, May the Seventeenth
Two Thousand Twenty-Five

Leader Bank Pavilion
Boston, Massachusetts

About Lesley University

Lesley University, located just outside of Boston near Harvard Square in the vibrant city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, graduates more mental health professionals and specialized education teachers than any other college or university in New England.

Lesley is renowned for its unique portfolio of programs focused on Education, Mental Health & Well-Being, and Art and Design. The university also offers Liberal Arts & Business programs that support these key disciplines and a special program, the Threshold Programs, for neurodiverse students seeking a college experience to learn independent living and working skills.

About two-thirds of Lesley's more than 5,000 students are graduate students; one-third are undergraduate and Threshold students. They are caring and creative problem solvers who contribute to their communities thanks to Lesley's practice-based education, growing and novel partnerships and a nearly 100,000 strong alumni network.

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Education

Mental Health & Well-Being

Threshold Programs

College of Art and Design

Liberal Arts & Business

Ten in the morning

Lesley University Commencement

PROCESSIONAL

Faculty Marshal, Kabba Colley, Professor in the PhD in Educational Studies Program, Education
Faculty Marshal, Deb Spragg, Associate Professor of Expressive Therapies, Mental Health & Well-Being
Faculty Marshal, Pam Vaughn, Threshold Faculty, Threshold Programs
Faculty Marshal, Michael David, Professor of Fine Arts, College of Art and Design
Faculty Marshal, Kim Lowe, Associate Professor of History, Liberal Arts & Business
Staff Representative Advisory Council Procession Leader, Bettianne McKay, Coordinator of Budget and Acquisitions – Lesley Libraries
Faculty Flag Bearer, Myisha Rodrigues, Instructor of Counseling & Psychology, Mental Health & Well-Being

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Marshal, Neal Klein, Associate Professor of Psychology, Mental Health & Well-Being

WELCOME

Hans D. Strauch, Chair, Lesley University Board of Trustees

REMARKS

Janet L. Steinmayer, President

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

Janet L. Steinmayer, President

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Allison Schmitt, American athlete and competition swimmer, four-time Olympian and 10-time Olympic medalist

Citation read by Mary Ann Cappiello, Professor of Language and Literacy, Education

HONOREE ADDRESS

Allison Schmitt, American athlete and competition swimmer, four-time Olympian and 10-time Olympic medalist

STUDENT ADDRESSES

Paulette DiSpagna, PhD in Counseling & Psychology, Mental Health & Well-Being

Juno Harris, BFA in Digital Filmmaking, College of Art and Design

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2025

Stephanie Spadorcia, Vice Provost of Education

Meenakshi Chhabra, Vice Provost of Mental Health & Well-Being

Louise Perryman, Assistant Executive Director of Threshold Programs

Christine Collins, Associate Provost of College of Art and Design

Steven Shapiro, Vice Provost of Liberal Arts & Business

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Janet L. Steinmayer, President

RECESSIONAL

Immediately following the recessional, please proceed to the Post-Commencement Reception, held in the VIP Tent. All are welcome!

Award Recipients

College of Art and Design Senior Awards for Excellence

Animation and Motion Media:	Avery Cheeks
Design:	Thu Tran
Digital Filmmaking:	Nicole Maria Barreto
Fine Arts:	Julia Angier
Game Design:	Isabelle Colantuonio
Illustration and Visual Narrative:	Sophie Wilder Wieting
Photography:	Madeleine Balch
Vice Provost's Excellence Award:	Sarah Isabelle deBethune
Boston Printmakers' Award:	Stephanie Rodonis

The Senior Awards for Excellence are selected by the faculty in each of the following categories: Animation and Motion Media, Design, Digital Filmmaking, Fine Arts, Game Design, Illustration and Visual Narrative, Photography, and Vice Provost's Excellence Award. The Boston Printmakers Award is given by the Boston Printmakers Association.

Edith Lesley Wolfard Award

Raine Snyder

The Edith Lesley Wolfard Award is named for the founder of Lesley University and the recipient is chosen by a vote of undergraduate faculty and administrators across Liberal Arts & Business, Education, and Mental Health & Well-Being. This award is given to a graduating senior who has achieved academic excellence and has consistently demonstrated qualities of leadership within and beyond the Lesley community. The award recipient has exhibited a commitment to lifelong learning and professional excellence and the promise of a future best exemplifying the Lesley ideal.

Luke Baldwin Award

Téa Meade-Brown

The Luke Baldwin Award was established in memory of Dr. Luke Baldwin, who served as an associate professor, associate dean for academic affairs, and provost during his 15 years at Lesley. Dr. Baldwin came to Lesley as a faculty member in the Adult Baccalaureate program and was an advocate for adult learners throughout his career. Lesley University is proud to offer the Luke Baldwin Award each year to an adult student who has taken the risk to return to college to live Dr. Baldwin's ideal of lifelong learning and continued service to the community.

2025 Honorary Degree Recipient

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Allison Schmitt

One of the most decorated American athletes of all-time, Allison Schmitt is a four-time Olympian and 10-time Olympic medalist.

A veteran leader, Schmitt was named captain of the 2020 USA Swimming Team in Tokyo, a role she also held for the 2016 Rio Games. She is the current American record holder in the 200-meter freestyle, which she has held since 2009.

Out of the pool, she is an avid mental health advocate, speaking out about her personal struggles with depression and her family's tragedy of losing a loved one to suicide.

Passionate about raising awareness and helping those who are battling mental health issues, Schmitt earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Georgia and completed her Master's degree in Social Work at Arizona State University.

Schmitt is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of others by using her degree, athletic experiences, and education skills to empower others to overcome personal battles, allowing them to grow in their own journey.

Education

Bachelor of Arts

Nicholas James Calway
Nora Cherbuliez-Orzack
Joanna Lucille Chomowicz, Summa Cum Laude
Nicholas Antonio Ferraz, Summa Cum Laude

Junior Pena Figueroa
Luis Jose Zapata Ortiz, Summa Cum Laude
Yael Twaishy, Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Taysier Awad Adam Abdalla
Yehuda Abrams, Summa Cum Laude
Mariah Kayla Alexander, Cum Laude
Khadija Alouan, Summa Cum Laude
Chimere Monique Bell
Laila E. Blaus
Katherine Buckett, Cum Laude
Nicole Ceron
Delana Cheney, Summa Cum Laude
Monica Crispin
Ivelise Cruz, Cum Laude
Jordan DeCoste
Angelina Eliz Halibian, Magna Cum Laude
Chase Livesey
Mier Luo, Cum Laude
Katelyn Rose Mahoney, Summa Cum Laude
Angelica Martirosyan

Bailey Katherine McCarney
Sandra Ann Moccaldi
Norma Veronica Burroso Noble, Cum Laude
Lucille Michaela O'Keefe
Anna Elizabeth Pleitez-Martinez, Cum Laude
Stephany Emelda Ramos, Cum Laude
Jennifer Louise Rogers, Cum Laude
Olivia Adele Rosette
Sidney Sanderell, Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Allison Stoppe, Summa Cum Laude
Arielle Devorah Stravitz, Summa Cum Laude
Shawna Tamulen, Summa Cum Laude
Hiroko Warford, Summa Cum Laude
Georgina Williams
Leena P. Wright, Summa Cum Laude
Selen Zeng, Magna Cum Laude

Master of Arts

Audra A. Boni

Master of Education

Robin Nicole Acosta
Thanaydi Sandoval Acuna
Brittany Adimari
Tatum Adler
Lauren D'Alessandro Allen
Anastasia Taft Anderson
Amelia Andrade
Bethany Ann Anger
Allison D. Arruda
Kate Badanes

Arielle Love Bailey
Patricia Jean Banafato
Jaclyn J. Baron
Jessica Ann Barrett
Peter C. Barry
Griffin Beaudoin
Julia Behm
Catharine Berry-Toon
Virginia Coelho Bertelli
Bethany Bevier

Giuliana Blanca
Johnny Hallelujah Blazes
Victoria Rose Bogaczyk
Jamie Louise Bolduc
Chloe Bowden
Martha Ellen Brainard
Zola Ruth Braswell
Olivia Eldridge Browne
Lindsay Margaret Buckley
James Burke
Angela Denise Burley
Traci Anne Byrnes
Jacob Brad Cahill
Caitlin Anne Candito-Green
Daija Monet Carvalho
Siobhan Marie Casey
Jose Luis Martinez Castillo
Caroline Mary Champa
Taylor Charles
Paula Chavez
Jiaoe Chen
Glen Cherry
Jessica Ciccotelli
Alyssa Ann Cobb
Kathleen Sarah Cowherd
Patricia Crockett
Robert Vance Cross III
Ties Jan De Blij
Emilia Anne De Leo
Kaitlyn Dean
Katelyn Sue Denger
Susan Dillman
Megan E. Doherty
Laura Christy Donovan
Paul John Luke Downing
Kelsie Charlotte Drown
Roisin Duffy
Anna Edgren
Elif Naz Erkli
Amber Christine Evans
Samantha Rose Fallon
Tonia M. Felder
Dana Katherine Fernandez
Angela Margaret Fisher
Madelyn Lee Fleming
Lexington Foote
Anne Bryan Gaburo
Rachel Mary Giunta
Lacey Jane Glajch
Cortney Carmen Clara Glass
Timothy Daniel Gore
Bryn Olivia Gough
Erin Goulart
Ben Grady
Emma Greenberg

Patience Jennifer Gubisch
Sonia Maria Gutierrez-Sisolak
Leslie R. Hamilton
Olivia Katherine Haraden
Greer Guzzi Harnden
Jennifer Hope Harney
William Alexander Hart
Sarah Elizabeth Hassett-Pellerin
Danielle Jeannine Hersey
Henry Hintermeister
Emily Hochman
Jung Weon Hwang
John Christopher Ibsen
Briana Patrecia Jackson
Lila Jacobs
Dylan M'kai Johnson
Jung Ah Johnson
Tessa Grace Torres Johnson
Leah Jonczyk
Brianna Kathleen Jones
Maria Gabriela Jorge
Elena J. Kelley
Kristin Danielle Kelly
Megan Kelly
Tara Marie Kennedy
Colin Cornelius Kiley
Jessica Key Kornfeld
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Michelle Lam
Catherine C. Lamoureux
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Olivia M. Lapointe
Abigail Lass
Mikayla Lazowski
Katherine Lynn Leech
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Aaliyah Link
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Grant Alexander MacDermott
Kelly Jean MacDougall
Lauren Elaine Machado
Kelsey Mack
Tiffany MacLean
Mayra Esmeralda Flores Magana
Rachel Lynn Mahoney
Robert Gordon Mann
Julia Faye Marks
Natalie E. Martin
Hannah Randolph Maurer
Janenne McCoy
Megan McGrath
Molly Lyn McPherson

Master of Education—continued

Leslie Meahl
Ayana Siobhan Medley-Finch
Dianys Mendez
Olivia Nadine Cohen Milligan
Babirye Ruth Mirembe
Kayla Marie Moreau
Mikayla Ashley Morse
Haley Ann Mosher
Lyda Mayerly Moreno Murcia
Benjamin C. Murray
Myrna Nahas
Marissa Gabrielle Nardone
Gina Marie Natale
Alyssa Nease
Caitlin Mary Ellen O'Brien
Emily Kate Miller O'Brien
Katelyn Christine O'Brien
Jami-Lynn O'Connell
Wilmine Julie Ogboghodo
Ijeoma Blessing Okonkwo
Olivia Olafsson
Timothy Robert Oliver
Joseph O'Neil
Maria E. Ospina
Victoria Lee Panacy
Hailey Jade Park
Jenni Marie Parker
Edie Parsons
Kristen Paulson-Nguyen
Katherine Grace Peacock
Christopher John Pereira
John Pescatore
Susannah Phillips
Kyla Piquette
Nathan Daniel Pursley
Emma Kate Radnor
Trinidad Victor Ramkissoon
Edward Redpath
Cassandra Nora Reed
Stephanie Reinert
Dawn M. Rioux-Correia
Melissa Roach
David Roberts
Keira McGee Rothwell

Don Rovero
Julia Marie Samuelian
Alexandra Sasso
Bruna Limonta Savoie
Noah Schulze
Rachel Leigh Sepulveda
Gianna Forlano Shin
Katherine Simeonova
Nicole Sirianni
Jessica Nicole Souris
Kathleen Spring
Emily Hawley Steffens
Sadie Lashawn Stephens
Allyson Storch
Jessica Lynn Suderman
Jaclyn Elizabeth Sutherby
Sarah Tahang
Ebenezer Taylor
Abigail Teixeira
Vanessa Templeman
Derek M. Thomas
Kimberly Ann Thompson
Lindsey Nichole Tolibas
Anna Torres
Patricia E. Trippi
Lynn Marie Vaishnava
Ana Elisabete Varella
Paula Vasiliadis
Camille Courtney Vitale
Meredith Vlachos
Isaac Vu
Ellen Waite
David M. Waxman
Olayne Wellington
Aiesha M. West
Paige Westgate
Lynne White
Brooke Elizabeth Whitten
Christina Williams
Madeleine Winsor
Sarah H. Wood
Abigail Alcott Yamartino
Vanessa Nairi Yuzlek

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

Krysta Marie Betit

Doctor of Philosophy

Educational Studies

Sid Adams

Experiences with Coming Out: A Study of LGBTQ+ Music Students' Perceptions of Music Education Pedagogy

Eldine Beaubrun Montauban

Examining Factors that Shape the Perspectives of Afro-Caribbean Parents on the American Special Education System

Kenisha Coy

Break It Down-Examining Paradigmatic Shifts and Intersectional Devaluation through Quantitative Exploration: Martial Arts and Narrative Inquiry as Pathways for Community Wellness Programming

Maryanne Vera Cullinan

Wild Magic Farms: Increasing Student Engagement and Decreasing Academic Regression in Middle School Extended School Year Through Use of a Role-Playing Game

Shutan Dong

Investigating Teacher Practice in Designing Educational Digital Games to Improve L2 Chinese Word Recognition Skills

Susan Flis

Critical Conversations: Supporting Elementary Teachers in Instructing with Inclusive Children's Literature

Amy Beth Goldsweig

Perspectives on the Value Proposition of K-8 Non-Orthodox Jewish Day Schools in Toronto

Ashley Marie Murray

Queens of Chaos: How ADHD Affects the Experience of Motherhood

Ioanna Pettas Opidee

Write the Way: A Healing-Centered Model for Moving Toward Liberatory and Transformative Experience

Kimberly Marguerite Post

In Kinship with the World: Developing a Novel Instrument to Assess Human-Nature Relational Values

Natalya V. Rakevich

Maintaining Well-being: Coping Strategies for Prolonged Traumatic Experiences from the Stories of Ukrainian Educators During the Wartime

Janel L. Usry

"Listen to Your Body First and Me Second": Embodied Learning Readiness in Yoga Teacher Education

Mental Health & Well-Being

Bachelor of Arts

Hodan Aden
Morgan Julia Arroyo, Cum Laude
Amélie Louise Bittar
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Brena Brasiel
Christina Yvonne Cahaly
Katherine Brodbine Chamberlain
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Roley Corrigan-Halpern, Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Martin Cuevas-Torres, Cum Laude
Justin Michael Dennett
Magda T. Desouza, Magna Cum Laude
Nivada Devone
Alana Grace Dominguez, Cum Laude
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Paige Alison Goldstein, Magna Cum Laude
Jillian Margaret Gomes, Cum Laude
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Latrina Hunter, Magna Cum Laude
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Latia Monique Minus
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Jacob Vincent Nemergut
Christine Oliver, Magna Cum Laude
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Bachelor of Science

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Shannon Fraser, Summa Cum Laude
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Alexis O'Connell, Cum Laude
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Daniela Ramirez
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Brady John Stokes, Magna Cum Laude
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Bachelor of Science in Social Work

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Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Master of Arts

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Forest Beutel
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Sarah Marie Drapeau
Abigail Dufresne
Tory Redfern Eichler
Rachel Jean Epling

Shira Rose Espo
Tracy Joann Buchman Evans
Erica Ewell
Jordyn Lynsey Fani
Laurie Victoria Felix
Renna Britta Fir
Gretchen Martha Fowler
Salvador Francisco Garza
Haley Elizabeth Gilbert
Chelsie Paige Greene
Nur Abir Greene
Alejandro Grover
Cathy Patricia Hall
Rachel Sara Hall
Sandra Catherine Hammond
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Gracen Johanna Hansen
Sophia Harper-Hague
Emma Lynne Hatch
Holly Adele Herzfeld
Alicia Catherine Hesse
Katarina Elise Hock
Deborah Kay Hudson
McKinley Noelle James
Elizabeth Janssen
Marissa Jax
Brianna N. Jewett
Ravtesh Kaur
Aliza King
Taylor Lee Korb
Rebecca Kraft

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Expressive Therapies—continued

Alyssa Helaine Kurland
Marcia Hochman Lane
Lee Lebeda
Shannon Virginia Lehr
Elizabeth Lane Levering
Yu-Tzu (Phyllis) Li
Madison Makayla Ligtermoet
Kasriel Linzer
Krysten Marie Lyle
Morgan Elizabeth Macguire
Quinn Ivonne Mahoney-Garcia
Ashley Herci Marsden
Kaitlin Grace Maud
Ashley McCarthy
Michaela McIntire
Maria Fernanda Mendez Mendoza
Abby Michel
Rose Brewster Whittier Minichiello
Anna Elizabeth Mogilevsky
Samantha Rae Moreira
Norie Ann Mozzone
Anish Dean Nakahara
Sarah Trang Ngo
Susan Oetgen
Niloofar Ojani
Elizabeth Strasser Olarte
Emily Lynn Olive
Sydney Daly Overton
Jill Marie Pajka
Grace Anne Pancost
Helen Hannah-Maria Paquette
Rachael Penn
Catherine Agatha Boros Potts
Mollie Pratt
Sarah Elizabeth Price

Jenny Sarah Bernstein Rangan
Justine Rea
Cary Beth Reed
Danny Iris Reinan
Caitlin Grace Rivenbark
Amanda L. Roberts
LaToya T. Robinson
Weronika Rozwadowska
Arielle Nicolette Ruggeroli
Reema Rustom
Ashley Marie Sandau
Karen Schmitz
Bretny Michelle Seamon
Noa Lily Shems
Tiffany Marie Smyth
Deanna Nancy St. Germain
Analie Strecker
Swarathmika Swaminathan
Marcela Morgheinstern Szadman
Krystany Taylor
Natasha Ane Taylor
Ayla Pearl Tedeschi
Indira Beth Totaram
Deborah Esther Trejo
Eva Alexis Ugelow
Auriane Vacher
Chelsea Ventura
Emily Lyn Voprino
Kelsey Susan Werner
Abigail Sophia Whitman
Austin Taylor Winchester
James Davis Wyld
Chiao-Ting (Jennie) Yuan
Tessa Lee Zimmerman
Grace Ziskind

Master of Social Work

Jacklyn Hailey Barnicle
Bukhari Matthew Brown
Madeline Rose Burg
Guerda Conserve
Jennyfer L. Trigueros Jimenez
Julia Elizabeth Kermond

Rebecca Klitzner
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Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

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Doctor of Philosophy

Counseling & Psychology

Zuleida Alemán-Herba

"They Don't Get It": Marginalized Mothers of Children with Developmental Disabilities and Their Experiences with Social Support

Paulette Elanie Johnson DiSpagna

Centering Black Resource-Poor Adolescent Voices: A Critical Phenomenological Study of Lived Mental Health Struggles while Enduring the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michelle Goodwin

Exploring the Influence of Psychiatric Discourse on Belongingness: A Critical Discourse Analysis

Joseph J. Lemieux

Exploring Predictive Factors for Enabling Behavior In Family Members of Those With Problematic Substance Use

Expressive Therapies

Daniel D. Blausey

Art Therapists' Perspective on Exploring Sexuality in Treatment Sessions

Seneca Paul Block

Our Song: Virtual Group Songwriting with Medical Professionals

Marie Therese de Béthune

The Role of Embodiment in Art Therapy

Marie Julie Deschamps

ICANFEEL: A Digital Art Activity to Support Distress Detection in Adult Oncological Patients

Ritu Shree

The Impact of Kinesthetic Attunement on Parents and Their Children with Autism: An Exploration

Changho Song

Exploring Creative Arts Therapists' Experiences with Online Therapy in South Korea During COVID-19

Keren Blumenthal Yanir

Utilizing Food as an Art Medium in Eating Disorders Treatment

Threshold Programs

Peter Abramovitz
Ben Michael Ansted
Marina C. Babineau
Austin T. Backer-Verbits
Zachary Blades
Nora Brenman
Adam Brown
Joseph Chan
Benjamin Stephen Coelho
Sophie V. D'Alessandro
Rio Angel De Leon
Catherine Hope Franz
Deirdre Melissa Grew
Saumya Sanjay Jain
Ryan McClintock
Dolan J. McMichael
Eliana Nardelli
Nick Rosen
Mohammed Othman Sindi
Andrew D. Walker

College of Art and Design

Bachelor of Arts

Victoria Lynn Guindon
Jolie Theresa Maher
Amaya Corrine McPhatter

Uday Dipakkumar Patel, Cum Laude
Peicheng Qi, Cum Laude
Kyra Scott

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Javier Barrios Acuna, Cum Laude
Fares Al-Jadaani
Adilson Vicente Amado
Jacob William Anderson, Cum Laude
Julia Angier
Diana Maria Dominguez Arriaza
Abigail Mae Ashegh, Cum Laude
Gabriela Azurdia
Artem Sergeevich Babinov, Cum Laude
Madeleine Sophia Balch, Summa Cum Laude
Nicole Maria Barreto, Cum Laude
Jenna Bastien, Magna Cum Laude
Antoine Belamy
Emma Moseley Berens
Maxwell Berger
Josh Bernardo
Hillary Paige Berry, Cum Laude
Abigail Buchwald, Summa Cum Laude
Ariana Bunch
Hannah Elisabeth Burke
Parker Hamill Callaway
Jessy Gonzalez Camacho
Duong Cao, Cum Laude
Alexa Caron, Cum Laude
Anna Patrice Carroll
Avery Marcus Cheeks, Cum Laude
Avery Coleman Clark
Isabelle Grace Colantuonio, Summa Cum Laude
Steven Matthew Compas
Armandea Beth Connelly, Summa Cum Laude
Joseph John Corcoran
Colby B. Cormier, Magna Cum Laude
Francis Coughlin
Jasper Dean Cournoyer
Sarah Isabelle deBethune, Cum Laude
Madeline Alexa Diaz
Samuel Albert DiPalma
Jamie Lily Edmondson, Cum Laude
Sarah Fiske, Summa Cum Laude
Isabella Ana Flynn, Magna Cum Laude
Adrianna Rashida-Marie Fowlkes

Elizabeth Emily Frederick, Summa Cum Laude
Elias Giordano, Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Grant
Sofia Grace Guide
Jacob Ryan Halleck
Olli Harden
Juno Harris
Haris Hasimbegovic, Cum Laude
Genesis Hernandez
Janis Siriyakorn Hernandez
Finn Harrison Higgins
Aviv Hirsch
Brian Matthew Jacobus
Yenalisie Marie Jimenez, Magna Cum Laude
Pari Banker Kim, Cum Laude
Kale Sage Kimble-Lee, Summa Cum Laude
Charlotte Mayor Lamm, Cum Laude
Tessa Katherine LaPalme, Cum Laude
Ge Jolin Lemieux
Emmet Levasseur
Shanier Joan Lohnes
Vixus Elizabeth MacAuley
Meaghan Anne MacLellan
Sophia Alexandria Massucco
Colin Thomas McCarthy
Rachel Marije McKelvey
Odalis Maria Aguilar Mendez, Cum Laude
Noah Thompson Monks, Magna Cum Laude
Kiley Drue Montague, Magna Cum Laude
Deirdre Morgan, Summa Cum Laude
Amelia Parker Morton, Cum Laude
Katelyn Rose Morton
Emma Reese Myers
Hannah Margaret Nangle, Magna Cum Laude
Tanner James Orrock
Sara Parker, Cum Laude
Tristan Yemelly Patino
Angharad Catherine Paul, Cum Laude
Oliver Paul
Anastasia Spirithoula Penta, Cum Laude
Ruqayyah Janan Pickel, Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Fine Arts—continued

Thomas Pinkham
Maggie Grace Rand, Magna Cum Laude
Catherine Lindsay Reilly
Elizabeth Figueroa Rivas, Cum Laude
Stephanie Jae Rodonis, Summa Cum Laude
Jason Rogers, Cum Laude
Rose Alice Arnold Roustom
Zachary Tyler Rubin
Cahel Andrew Saintil
Leah Robin Salem
Braeden C. Martin Salido
Mia Santiago
Sarah Jean Saulnier
Arielle Tamar Schenkman, Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Elizabeth Scully, Cum Laude
Genritz Sermonia, Cum Laude
Phineas William Slayton

Bryan Christopher Smith, Magna Cum Laude
Jason Andre Sommerville
Brian Song
Desmond Charles Spranklin
Quinn Mikula Sullivan
Holly Frances Swinamer
Samantha Ilsley Thurston, Cum Laude
Youvanny Nearry Tim
Kenny Tran, Cum Laude
Thu Minh Tran
Samanta Garza Treviño
Lilika Isabella Tsukada-Sayers
Sarah Jean Van Donsel
Brianna Hope Vitelli
Richard Scott Vivilecchia
Stephanie Bela-Ong Warden
Sophie Wilder Wieting

Bachelor of Science

Lester Gelardi, Summa Cum Laude
Tracy Diane Gerard, Cum Laude
Lauren Ashton Goodart, Summa Cum Laude
Mansour Hassan, Summa Cum Laude
Ashley Helm, Summa Cum Laude

Arielle Ilene Johnson, Summa Cum Laude
Charvi Manghwani, Cum Laude
Aleylna Quiñones, Summa Cum Laude
Sara Robinson, Summa Cum Laude

Master of Fine Arts - Creative Writing

Rachel Enid Becker
Abigail Campbell
Kimberly Lauren Christenson
Samuel Rees Collier
Jonathan Frankel
William Pierce Galvani
Ana Fabia Liza Guigui
Graham M. Jones
Tara Leigh Rachel Kelly
Keshia Koech
Mckensi Cherise Scy Pascall
Claudia Petruccio

Antonio N. Pina II
Tyler Sherwood Pruett
Grace Olivia Purta
Cheryl Conway Railey
Bruce David Rowe
Eowyn Conain Scott
Janet Elise Singleton
Hope Villanueva
John D. Westby
Katie Ann Yoder
Allison Anne Zaczynski

Master of Fine Arts – Visual Arts

Diana Marie Carbone
Amy Rebekah Casteel
Alexander Adrian Ceacareanu
Amy Johnson Conway
Bahar Daee
Laura Esbensen
Karen Ann Fisher
John Lenord Merrill IV
Autumn Ruth Roe
Jose Hugo Sanchez

Emine Dilek Savasir (Ferae)
Ehrald Geromo Solana
Lisa Natasha Sousa
Sharon Stanczak
Megan L. Stephenson
Willow Ann Stratton
Jacob Andrew Waldman
Naima Marie Dallal White
Shelley K. White

Master of Fine Arts – Photography and Integrated Media

Elizabeth Anne D'Elia

Liberal Arts & Business

Bachelor of Arts

Jacqueline Balter, Summa Cum Laude
Alyssa Mary Barile
Elliot Buchanan
Alyssa Camara, Cum Laude
Cecilia Gayle Cano-Daly, Cum Laude
Michael James Cerundolo
Ahidali Marajae'l Dehuelbes
Erica Michelle DeMatos
Anastasija Demetriades
Abigail Grace Dunford
Candace Gale Ells
Carmen J. Figueroa
Kiernan M. Gualandi, Cum Laude
Kevin Michael Heinold, Cum Laude
Ewan James Henrie
Abigail Kalou
Lara Elizabeth Kassaraba
Andre Leclerc
Nicole Evangela Leone

Anthony Francesco Luongo, Summa Cum Laude
Colin D. McGlinchey, Magna Cum Laude
Storm Michael Medina, Magna Cum Laude
Jaelyn Marie Creech Moise
Anamaris Morfin-Beltran
Aneta R. Polak
Abigail Saoirse Reardon
Celine Maria Reynolds, Cum Laude
Destany Starr Rodriguez
Jimmy A. Romero, Summa Cum Laude
Maeve Lillian Rotolo, Summa Cum Laude
Matthew John Sasso, Cum Laude
Daniel Shanahan
Maria Eduarda Franco Silva, Magna Cum Laude
Rilynn Audrey Tanasi, Magna Cum Laude
Alexander Tanowitz
Maeve R. Taylor
Mattie Walton

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Emma Baldinger, Magna Cum Laude
Erik Bittner, Summa Cum Laude
Benjamin Emerson Blask
Colin Reid Carson, Summa Cum Laude
Robyn Lynne Wyman Cohen
Kenneth Myron Cooper
Ana Luiza Povoas Costa
Elizabeth M. Ferraina
David B. Foust
Anthony L. Fowlkes
Judith Fox
Christian J. Fusco
Ellen Rebecca Geis, Summa Cum Laude
Mayza Gordon, Summa Cum Laude
Takoda Huff
Makayla Humphrys
Stacey King, Magna Cum Laude
Kerri A. Martel, Magna Cum Laude
Shemeka Maxwell
Madison McCall

Téa Faith Meade-Brown
Serina Medeiros
Jessica Maria Milhem
Matthew Jonathan Murch
Shannon Murphy
Chloe Nasser, Cum Laude
Andrea Nova-Galindo
Courtney Pashos
River Francis Pfaff
Marie-Flor Philippe
Daphkar Rebecca Pierre
Julie Marie Powers, Magna Cum Laude
Jasmin Reyes
Naima Ferdous Saki
Aoife O'Dwyer Santos
Jane M. Seymour, Cum Laude
Hui Shi, Summa Cum Laude
Ruby Smolen, Cum Laude
Eliza Catherine Spiegelman
Nehemie St. Louis, Cum Laude
Blerina Voshtina, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

James Thomas Brandon
Kai Alexander Burrridge
Cal Austin Caruso
Matthew Dante Ceruti
Miles Thomas Chamberlain, Cum Laude
Lynne Corinna Chan
Daniel Cronin
Alexander Curtis
Isabella Marie Danna, Cum Laude
Ian Dempsey, Magna Cum Laude
Payten Gallagher
Carlos Steve Garcia
Andrew Gryniewicz
Jaedon Thomas Lee Harris
Colby Jacobs
Agathe Astrik Khougazian
Tireza S. Kumar

Lauren Anna Lacy, Summa Cum Laude
Carrissa Lee Malaspino
Dylan McDonald
Christian McElroy
Jesus Rafael Moscat
Jeicilene De Souza Moura, Summa Cum Laude
Rebecca Sophie Nigro, Cum Laude
Carlene Patricia O'Marra, Magna Cum Laude
Lisa Anne Ouellet, Cum Laude
Hoang Trang Pham, Cum Laude
Ngan Tran Phan
Sacha Day Porter
Wildairis Garcia Rodriguez, Summa Cum Laude
Patrick Jeffrey Teasdale
Bella Terry
Logan Thomas Watts
Josiah Williams, Magna Cum Laude

Master of Business Administration

Keira Riden Bergman
Haile Sierra Carrillo-Hayes

James DeBoise
Alexander Roy Reid

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The academic attire worn at Commencement has its origins in the Middle Ages. The purpose of academic regalia is to display the academic and scholarly achievements of the wearer. From the cap, gown, and academic hood it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer graduated, the field of learning in which the individual's degree was earned, and the level of degree.

Academic hoods are the visual representation of scholastic degrees. Academic hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university conferring the degree, and the velvet detail represents the learning discipline. All Lesley University academic hoods are green and gold and the following colors represent each discipline:

Arts: White

Business Administration: Drab

Education: Light Blue

Fine Arts: Brown

Science: Golden Yellow

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Gowns are normally black, and the level of the degree is indicated by the cut of the gown. Colored doctoral gowns represent the school colors of the college or university that awarded the doctoral degree. The green gowns of the president, trustees, and honorary degree recipients represent the Lesley University colors. The president wears the Lesley University presidential medallion.

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This is your moment.

As you graduate today, we encourage you to take time to reflect on your accomplishments and look forward to the next chapter in your life as you prepare to enjoy the next adventure. You made things happen, and now you are taking your Lesley education into the world to enhance lives through a powerful combination of knowledge, skill, innovative thinking, empathy, and passion.

We welcome you into a community of people who have walked where you walk, and who now bring fresh ideas and new possibilities into their work and the lives of others. You are a part of this group of teachers, artists, healers, leaders, and visionaries, nearly 100,000 alumni who found their calling at Lesley University. You have been shaped by Lesley; now you can shape the future as a Lesley alum!

Whether you join us on the Alumni Council, serve on an Alumni Committee, become a mentor to prospective students, seek guidance from the Career Resource Center, provide career connections and guidance to future alumni, or attend university leadership lectures, exhibits, and events, we encourage you to keep in touch with your Lesley family and support the development and success of future Lesley students.

Congratulations! We look forward to staying in touch, and hearing about the places your Lesley education takes you.

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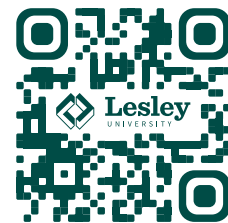


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