

WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT

52nd annual ceremony

class of

2024



MAY NINTH | 7 O'CLOCK



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PROGRAM

- Processional Dr. David Alfred
"Pomp and Circumstance"
(The audience will rise when the academic procession enters
and will remain standing for the National Anthem)
- National Anthem Mr. Mitch Spurlock
- Invocation Mr. Ron Scott, Jr.
WVNCC Board of Governors
- Welcome & Introductions Dr. Daniel Mosser
President
- Greetings from the Board of Governors Ms. Shelly Carenbauer
Chair, WVNCC Board of Governors
- Commencement Address Mr. Doug Harrison
President and CEO
WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- Musical Selection Mr. Mitch Spurlock
"Go the Distance"
- Recognition of Outstanding Graduates,
Donald D. Nemanich & Sarah O. Bodkin
Academic Excellence Award Presentation Ms. Chana Baker
President, Faculty Assembly
- Valedictorian Address Ms. Connie Burris

Presentation of the Class..... Mr. John Lantz
Division Chair
Business & STEM Assistant Professor

Conferring of Certificates and DegreesMs. Shelly Carenbauer

Recognition of Distinguished Alumni..... Dr. Daniel Mosser

Welcome from the WVNCC Foundation/
Alumni Association Mr. Larry Bandi
WVNCC Foundation Board of Trustees

Closing Dr. Daniel Mosser

Recessional Dr. David Alfred
(The audience will rise during the academic recession.)

Interpreters are provided by Sign Language Interpreting Professionals

Please join us for a reception immediately following the ceremony
in the Generations Club, WesBanco Arena.



The list of candidates in this program is tentative and is
based upon anticipated successful completion of coursework.

Some students are candidates for more than one certificate or degree.

This document does not certify that certificates
and degrees have in fact been awarded.



VALEDICTORIAN 2024

Connie Burris



Connie Burris is celebrating a remarkable educational journey, graduating with an Associate in Applied Science Board of Governors Degree, alongside certificates in Medical Billing and Coding, and Administrative Medical Assisting. Adding to her repertoire, she achieved a certificate in Computer Information Technology Microsoft Applications in May 2023.

Beyond her academic achievements, Connie is deeply engaged in her community. She serves as Youth Leader and Administrator for Avalanche Youth Ministries, where she offers invaluable guidance, mentorship, and oversees the coordination of events, activities, and fundraisers. With a flair for culinary arts, Connie also boasts experience in catering and crafting specialty cakes.

In her personal life, Connie finds joy and fulfillment in her role as a wife and mother. Married to Andrew, who graduated from the West Virginia Northern Instrumentation Process Technology program in 2022, they are proud parents to five daughters. Connie has dedicated nine years to homeschooling her girls, a journey that culminates today as she graduates alongside her daughter, America. Their daughter Ashley graduated in 2017 with a degree in Surgical Technology, daughter Alexandra is on the verge of completing the Paramedic Program and Abigail attended Northern as an Early Entrance student. The youngest member of their family, Addison, aspires to enroll in the Northern Culinary Arts program in the future.

In addition to her familial and community roles, Connie is a member of the worship team at Harbor of Hope Church. Her life is driven by a deep passion for her family, faith, and a steadfast commitment to serving others.

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Douglass E. Harrison



Douglass E. Harrison is the President and CEO of both WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and WVU Medicine Reynolds Memorial Hospital where he has served since 2019 and 2022, respectively.

With over 25 years of healthcare experience, Harrison brings vast experience in ambulatory and hospital operations as well as executive strategy and business development. Harrison also served for four years as executive vice president of healthcare integration and network development for WVU Medicine. Before that, he served for more than 11 years as an executive at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Harrison, who grew up in Milton, WV earned an undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and a master's degree from Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania.

DISTINGUISHED ALUM 2024

Regina Rinehimer



Originally from Marshall County, WV, Regina Rinehimer relocated to Southeastern, PA, 29 years ago to begin her long career in the financial services industry. As the eldest child in her very large family, Regina has spent her lifetime dedicated to helping others. She formed her sole financial practice during the 2008 financial crisis, demonstrating perseverance when the going gets tough.

Regina attended West Virginia Northern Community College and Pennsylvania State University, where she studied business and finance. Her 25+ year career in financial services includes working for legacy firms that eventually became Wells Fargo Advisors.

Her ability to help clients address their financial concerns while developing strategies that focus on their individual and specific needs has been the basis of a dedicated approach to the personalization of comprehensive investment planning. While at Wells Fargo Advisors, she earned the distinction of being recognized as part of a select group of financial advisors who exceeded unique standards of care, including professionalism and education along with exceptional elements of client service.

Currently with Kingsview Partners, Regina is a Partner and Wealth Manager, and as a member of a multi-location team, operates out of the Wyomissing, PA office. Services she provides to clients include holistic financial planning, professional portfolio management, streamlined performance reporting, and collaboration with tax and legal professionals.

Regina is a champion to causes in the Greater Reading area and beyond that support families. She has made a significant commitment to women's professional development by mentoring college students and working with various organizations that promote scholarships and higher education. Most recently, Regina was the recipient of the 2023 Alvernia Women's Council Bernardine Franciscan leadership award based on her professional accomplishments and leadership roles in the community. In March of 2024, Regina was celebrated as the American Businesswomen's Association.

Regina spends her free time with her family and friends. The light in her life comes from her daughter Leigh Anne, and her grandsons, Peyton and Carter.

2024
GRADUATES

ADVANCED SKILL SET

Tammy Marie Church

Summer Leigh Tibbs

CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Jordan Elizabeth Apesos ☆◆
Misty Ember Barnett
Lesley Danielle Bendekovich
Jessyca Aleigha Brady
Alley Jean Brannan †
Thomas J Brooks ☆
Gunnar James Bryan
Connie S Burris ☆* *
Aleya Grace Calauad
Christina Marie Chapman
Kyra Kaelyn Cisar
Alexis Breanna Clatterbuck
Lillian Comer
Alexis Cooley ☆*◆
Logan John Crist
Madison Jule Crupe ☆
Hannah Elizabeth Dague
Mason Allen DeBolt ☆
Tara Lynette Draper ☆
Daisy Mae Dunn ☆
Brian Lee Edge
Charles Jarrod Elliott ☆
Tiffany Marie Geiger
Angel Nicole Gill ☆
Jacob Isaac Hastings
Catalina Isabel Hebb ☆
Andrea Hicks

Brandon Lee Huff
Hannah Elizabeth Hulderman
Ebony Janaysia Jamison ☆◆
Rosemarie Jenkins ◆
Levi Alexander Kimball
Julia Grace Lilze ☆
Tyrie Attyanna Lucien ☆
Vaida Lynn Marino
Trenton Franklin McNinch ☆
Alexandria D Moore
Joni Lynn Morgan
Bryanna Grace Nally ☆†
Alexandra Corbitt Osborne
Tanner Douglas Parker ☆
Ayden Micheal Porter ☆
Carlee Andee Pugh
Rylee Faith Pulver
Hailey Shyann Smith
Stormie K Snider
Jennifer Laine Stern
Justin Andrew Swiger ☆
Shelby Cheyenne Swiger
Carlie Elizabeth Terrell
Tia M Tomblin
Jorden Alexandra Walker
Kyaw T Yemin

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

Cheyenne Lynn Allan
Imagen Dawn Anderson
Kayla M Apostolec ☆
Chelsea Renea Arman ☆◆
Heather Armentrout ☆
Hollie Rae Armstrong ☆ ▽
Jennifer Ann Artman ☆
Colton Asbury ☆
Kayelee Dawn Austin ☆
Trevor R Barnhart
Tiara Nicole Bertrand ☆
Anna Claire Blake
Taylor Page Brooks ☆
Megan Nicole Brown ☆
Ryan Garrett Browning
America M Burris ☆◆
Connie S Burris ☆◆◆
Kawnor G Burton
Peyton James Carpenter ☆◆
Drew Thomas Clegg ☆
Laurel Elizabeth Clegg
Alexandra E Cleis ☆
Marissa Coen ☆
Lillian Comer
Marisa Lynn Cook ☆◆
Rachel Ariann Cook
Alexis Cooley ☆◆◆
Jillian Alexis Coulter
Cybil Renee Cramer
Jalen A Creighton
Damien Scott Curtis ☆
Cooper A Curto
Hannah Elizabeth Dague
Brennen John Daniels
Weslynn Mae Davis ☆
Madyson Paige Derby ☆
Morgan Paige Diehl
Lennon D Dietrich
Robert Graham Dodson ☆◆
Victoria J Dziatkowicz
Samantha M Eimer ☆ ▽
Charles Jarrod Elliott ☆
Joice Tamara Emery ☆
Michael James Evans
Kadyn Gayle Fluharty ◆

Linda Sue Fonner
Alexandra Franko ☆◆▽
Donald Eugene Garrison Jr ☆
Arianna Grace Gavatora
Tiffany Marie Geiger
Evan Joseph Geisse
Amanda Sue Getchey ☆◆
Celina Maria Gomez ☆
Sarah Elizabeth Graham
Emily L Griffith ☆ ▽
Lenieca Jade Grimm ☆
Matthew Conner Hall ☆◆
Forest L Halterman
Keaton James Hamberger ☆
Hunter Wayne Hammond
Matthew F Hartley
Morgan Lynn Haught
Kristen Elizabeth Hendershot ☆
Kaleigh Lynne Hendrickson ☆ ▽
Drew Talbott Herrick
Destiny Jane Hill ☆ †
Zoe L Hill
Brody David Hoard †
James Andrew Holliday Jr
Amy Lynn Hopkins ◆
Madelyn Mae Hopkins
Ashlie Danielle Howard ☆
Drake E Hukill
Cassandra Lynn Hulderman
Lisa M Indermuhle ☆◆◆▽
DeJae Nikole Jewell
Hillary Marie Jochum
Kiah Briele Jeran Johnson ☆
Jenna Marie Jones
Zoe Michelle Gray Kefauver
Jaclyn Kelley ☆
Kaelyn Grace Kesner ☆◆▽
Demonica Lathon
Kaylene Lee
Jonathan Paul Leput ☆◆
Sarah C Liddington
Kelsey Renee Litman ☆
Macy Sarah Long
Amanda Lashelle Lovejoy
Alisa Lynn Loy

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Ava Lynn Lucas ☆
Camron Rae Lucas ☆
Colton Lyons
Gina Victoria Magnone ☆
Heliao Man
Jaycee Erin Mayeres
Haley Christine McCallister
Heather Jo McCamick
George Michael McCardel III ☆◆
Marissa Elizabeth McCleary ☆◆
Shawn Allen Mcelroy ☆◆◇
Travis McEndree
Emily J McIntosh ☆
Jianna Felicia McNeil ☆
Hannah Merritt ☆▽
Christopher Jordan Miller ☆
Michael Lee Miller III ☆◆
Alexander Joseph Milliken
Audrey Ann Milliken
Tyler Emanuel Mitchell ‡
Phoebe Olivia Molish
Joni Lynn Morgan
Zachary Charles Morrell ☆◆
Gabrielle Mae Myers ☆
Ethan David Nally ☆
Christine M Nieman ☆
Christopher Austin Ray Orum
Nathan Lee Ours ☆◆
Tara Lynn Palmer ☆
Maria Danielle Peroni ☆◆▽
Breanna Ray Lynn Petrella ☆
Anthony Paul Potocnik ☆
Aviah J Prosser ☆✱
Corey Edward Ptaszek ☆
Salma Qotba ☆
Ezra G Reed ☆
Jonathan D Rice
Riley N Richardson ☆
George Robert Richmond Jr

Erin Elizabeth Ross ☆
Hunter David Roush
Jacob Tyler Ruschel
Logan Breann Schrack ☆
Kaitlyn Michelle Scott
Breydi Shanielle Shenton ☆▽
Tara Lee Sheperd ☆◆
Dustin Andrew Shepherd
Corey Dean Simms ☆
Stephan Page Singleton Jr
Kathryn Marie Smith
Sean Christopher Smith
Alicia Ann Smitsky
Savannah Kay Soltesz ☆◆
Donald Richard Springer II
Isabel Aurora Sprowl ☆
Tiffany Lane Staffilino
Tara Nicole Staley ◆▽
Justin Andrew Swiger ☆
Ryan Matteo Taylor ☆◆
Seth Ryan Taylor ☆
Summer Leigh Tibbs
Trystan Marie Timmons ☆
Michel Andrea Tucker
Charles David Tuttle
Matthew Vest
Christian A Waterman ☆
Alyssa Danae Weekley
Emma Jean Whipkey
Sangita Whiteman ☆
Joanna Marie Whitlatch
Amanda Jo Whittaker ☆▽
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Frankie C Williams ☆
Welder Robert Williams ☆
Justin A Woods ☆
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Russell C Schultz
Todd James Staley
Kasey J Woods

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Clay Michael Dotson ☆*
Minseo Kim ☆◆
Carson Brett Lucas ☆

Sierra P Mason ☆
Jesse Dean Riding
Jennifer Delores Yoho ☆◆

* Students wearing a **red cord** have achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

Students wearing a **silver cord** are Student Government Association officers.

Students wearing **maroon and green cords** are members of the Lambda Nu honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences.

Students wearing **red, white and blue cords** have US Military Service.

Students wearing **sky blue cords** are first generation students.

☆ Honors students have achieved a 3.25 to 3.99 grade point average and can be identified by the **gold cord** they are wearing.

◇ Outstanding Graduate ∇ Lambda Nu ◆ Phi Theta Kappa

† US Military Service * Valedictorian ‡ SGA Board of Governors Student Representative

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NEMANICH AND BODKIN AWARD

Donald D. Nemanich and Sarah O. Bodkin were highly respected members of the faculty at West Virginia Northern Community College. Upon their deaths at early ages, their faculty colleagues created an Academic Excellence Award to be presented annually in their names to the valedictorian of the graduating class in memory of their legacy of classroom excellence.

Dr. Nemanich was chairperson, Division of Humanities, and professor of English. Mrs. Bodkin was an English/Reading instructor.

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

The College awards the Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) Degrees upon completion of college-university parallel programs. The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree and Certificate in Applied Science (C.A.S.) prepare students with technical job skills and general education needed for various health sciences, business, and technology fields.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic caps and gowns represent a tradition from the universities that dates back to 1321. In the 14th century, several colleges issued statutes which prescribed that scholars and instructors wear long gowns. Whatever their origin, caps and gowns have become an accepted part of the academic tradition both here and abroad.

Although the gowns may look virtually identical, they are not. Most of them are black—the recommended color for associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctor's degree gowns. The shape of the sleeve varies from the pointed sleeve for the bachelor to the oblong sleeve for the master to the bell-shaped sleeve for the doctor. Gowns for the doctor's degree may be trimmed with velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet across the sleeves.

The hoods and caps also add variety. The length of the hood varies from three feet for the bachelor's degree to three and one-half feet for the master's and four feet for the doctor's degree. The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the college or university that conferred the degree. And the color of the binding or edging of the hood is determined by the field of study to which the degree pertains. Most of the caps are mortarboards, although some velvet caps may be in evidence. Tassels are black or the color appropriate to the subject. The doctor's cap may have its tassel of gold thread.

THE MACE

The Mace, which is carried by the class valedictorian during Commencement ceremonies, is a symbol of the authority of the College president. The Mace was created and designed by Medallion Art Co./Northwest Territorial Mint of Denver, Nevada.

” THE GREAT AIM OF
EDUCATION IS NOT
KNOWLEDGE BUT
ACTION. ”

-HERBERT SPENCER

