

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Rochester, New York
Sixtieth Annual Commencement



Thursday, the Twenty Fifth of May
Two Thousand and Twenty Three
Seven O'clock in the Evening
The Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial
#MCC2023



Order of Exercises



Processional

Music – Wilmot Brass Quintet

Sherry P. Tshibangu, Chief Marshal

Student Welcome

Paula Barlow, President, Student Government Association

National Anthem

Benjamin Nelson

Alma Mater

MCC Music Performance Majors

Presiding

Dr. Margaret Semmer

Provost and Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Remarks from the President

Dr. DeAnna Burt-Nanna

Welcome from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Allen K. Williams

Welcome from the Monroe County Executive

The Honorable Adam Bello

Welcome from the Mayor of Rochester

Malik D. Evans

Message to Graduates

Emily Rose Alvo '23

Message to the Graduates


Adrian Hale '14

Presentation of Candidates

Graduates with Degrees and Certificates August and December 2022


Candidates for Degrees and Certificates May and August 2023





Order of Exercises

2023 Presentation of Candidates



Certificates of Completion
Associate in Applied Science Degree
Associate in Science Degree
Associate in Arts Degree

Presented within the following Schools:

Applied Sciences and Technologies
Arts and Humanities
Business and Entrepreneurial Studies
Community Engagement and Development
Health Sciences and Physical Wellness
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
Social Sciences and Global Studies

~ Programs of Study ~

Accounting Technician	Criminal Justice
Addictions Counseling	Criminal Justice: Police
Advanced Studies	Culinary Arts
Agriculture and Food Studies	Dental Assisting
Air Conditioning Technology: Heating and Ventilation	Dental Assisting Rapid Track – D.A.R.T.
Apprentice Training Automotive: GM ASEP	Dental Hygiene
Apprentice Training Automotive: Toyota T-Ten	Direct Disability Support Services
Automotive – Multi-Manufacturer	Early Care
Automotive Technology	Electrical Engineering Technology – Electronics
Biology	Electronics Technology
Biotechnology	Emergency Medical Services
Business Administration	Engineering Science
Business Administration: Accounting	English
Business: International Business	Entrepreneurial and Applied Business Studies
Care Coordination – Community Health Navigation	Fine Arts
Chemistry	Fire Protection Technology
Child Care Practitioner	Geography
Cinema and Screen Studies	Geology
Clinical Laboratory Technician	Geospatial Information Science Technology
Commercial Art and Illustration	Geospatial Information Science and Technology (Gist)
Communication and Media Studies	Graphic Design
Computer Information Systems	Health Studies
Computer Science	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
Computer Systems Technology	Homeland Security
Construction Technology	Hospital and Community Mental Health Tech
Creative Writing	Hospitality



Order of Exercises



Hospitality Management
Human Services
Industrial Automation – Mechatronics
Industrial Automation Technology
Information Technology
Information and Network Technology
Law Enforcement
Liberal Arts and Sciences: Adolescence Education
(Teacher Education Transfer)
Liberal Arts and Sciences: Childhood Education
(Teacher Education Transfer)
Liberal Arts and Sciences: Early Childhood Education
(Teacher Education Transfer)
Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies
MCC Corporate College: Communication in Business
MCC Corporate College: Computer Skills
MCC Corporate College: Customer Service
MCC Corporate College: Health Care
MCC Corporate College: Human Resources
MCC Corporate College: IT Certifications
MCC Corporate College: Insurance Licensure
MCC Corporate College: Leadership
MCC Corporate College: Lean Six Sigma
MCC Corporate College: Motorcycle Training
MCC Corporate College: Personal Development
MCC Corporate College: Project Management
MCC Corporate College: Sales Training
MCC Corporate College: Skilled Trades
MCC Corporate College: Supervisor/Management Development
MCC Corporate College: Welding
Mathematics
Mechanical Cadd

Mechanical Technology
Medical Office Assistant
Music Performance
Nursing
Office Technology – Office Administrative Assistant
Optical Systems Technology
Paralegal Studies
Paramedic
Personal Trainer/Fitness Instructor
Photography/Television/Video Production
Physical Education and Exercise Science
Physics
Precision Machining
Precision Machining – Optical Fabrication
Private Security Studies
Psychology
Public Safety Communications
Radiologic Technology
Small Business Management
Solar Thermal Technology
Sport Management
Surgical Technology
Sustainability
Sustainability Studies
Teaching Assistant: Adolescence
Teaching Assistant: Early Childhood/Childhood
Teaching Assistant: Technology
Theatre Arts
Travel and Tourism
Wellness Coaching and Health Management

Recessional
Music – Wilmot Brass Quintet

Graduates with Degrees and Certificates August 2022-December 2022
and

Candidates for Degrees and Certificates May 2023

CERTIFICATE

Addictions Counseling

Brittney Abbott*
Alena M. Butler
Hector L. Coleman, Sr.*
Sandra Good*
Alyssa Joye Jenkins*
Jennifer C. Johnson
Terry Lynn Leone*
Riley Ottman
Anthony M. Shimkin*
Ella R. Whitcomb

Advanced Studies

Chiara Joan Giraldo*
Isaiah K. Gonsalves*
Kathryn E. Hobbs
Valeria Krokhmalyuk*
Victoria Marie Perez*
Benjamin Jo'Nathan Renford
Jason R. Sager*
Ryan Stephen Alan Tarolli*

Agriculture and Food Studies

Brianna K. Shannon

Culinary Arts

Laura Brock

Dental Assisting

Hadel Kahtan Ahmad Alayobi
Fatuma Ahmed Betula*
Hema Bhujel
Shashi Gurung
Jaclyn Jules Wegman
Madeline Wetmore

Dental Assisting Rapid Track

Sarah Ahmed
McKenna Lillie Blair*
Eridelvy Rafael Capellan
LanLan Chen
Sara Cole*
Marissa Gant*
Khryston Jean Hall-O'Brien*

Monique Harley*
Stefanie K. Hoflich
Alena Kalachova*
Eduardo Lopez*
Wanda Fabiola Rios
Lupe Sibri-Bravo*
Nicole Simmons*
Barbara Anne Speck
Ymose St Fleur*
Sarah Stethers*
Yesenia Torres*
Megan Van Scooter
Lina Varela Benitez*
Elizabeth Vizcaino
Ethan Warick*
Ameena Washington*
Zhang, Yan-Fang*
Hui Zheng*

Direct Disability Support Services

Theresa Monahan

Early Care

Suha Abuzahrieh
Nicole M. Anderson*
Ann Dozier
Kaci Elizabeth Donovan*
Lorna E. Gillis-Gravesandy*
Adrianna M. Harris*
Elyse Lynn Heerkens
Annette Toni Henderson
Gloria E. Lebron
Desarae G. Mitchell
Shanola Michelle Olufemi*
Migdalia Ortiz*
Maria Rivera*
Danielle C. Taggart
Patricia V. Watson*
Cindy L. Williams

Electronics Technology

James P. Allen
Daniel E. Blume

Emergency Medical Services

Gabrielle DePetres*
Ashley Dixon
Angelina Greles
Mohammed Musleh
Khadijah Wilson-Fuller

Geospatial Information Science and Technology

Angela Ager*
Hannah R. DeLorenzo
Alexander James LaBue*
Johnathan Lee Martinez*
Leah E. Mathis*
Kris Meehan*
Martha Van Bork

Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning

Giovanni Aiello
Ian Cappon
Kia Danzy*
Johnathon Englert
Stephen A. Herdzik*
John D. Loughner
Luke Charles Rindell
Kevin L. Ruff, Jr.
Jonathan R. Sittler
Johnathan Velez*

Homeland Security

Cameron Wanglien

Human Services

Kiara M. James-Thompson
Melissa Medina*

Industrial Automation - Mechatronics

Kody A. Couture*
Nicholas Rivas*

Law Enforcement

Alexa L. Bower*
Evan G. Brady*
Gunnar M. Brown*

Nicholas P. DeLella*
Vincent T. Diponzio
Nicholas T. Evert*
Jack T. Gagliano*
Cassidy J. Hall*
Robert David Hawkins*
Eric J. Herr*
Justin T. Hurley
Samam S. Kassem
Benjamin Francis Kirisits*
Anthony R. Messura, Jr.
Shawn R. Mottram*
Jessica Lynn Oechsle*
Jake C. Palumbo
Fernando Jose Rivera
Matthew David Stone*
Beraldi B. Torres
Kelly J. Urban
Derek Otto Westbrook

Mechanical CADD

Louis Jon LaGambino
Aiden McCafferty
Thaonguyen Trung Nguyen*

Office Technology:Medical Office Assistant

Kirsten Nicole R. Carlos
Terri Ann Fields
Haily Marie Flores*

Optical Systems Technology

Abdelrahman Mohamed Babiker
Alexander Hoyt
Ashley Vershay

Paralegal Studies

Alexandrea Hazel Biermann Bennett*
Jacob Boone*
Curt A. Case
Benjamin K. DeMarsh*
Michael DiPaola
Ellis Arthur Easley*
Deana Kilpatrick*
Taylor R. Meyers*
Amanda Quaranto*
Shawn Snell*

*With Distinction

Graduates with Degrees and Certificates August 2022-December 2022
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Tessa Sulimowicz*
Ryan Van Voorhis*
Sarah Salvilla Velasco*
Paige Wolny
Qing Yang*

**Personal Trainer/Fitness
Instructor**

Sara Michelle Sparacio

Precision Machining

Daniel Martin Neri*

**Precision Tooling
Accelerated**

Anthony Palermo
Donald Versluis*

**Small Business
Management**

Yuliana Abdel Khalikh Alhamoud
Shawntae S. Heath
Teresa A. Spence

Solar Thermal Technology

Hassan H. Musleh*

**Teaching Assistant: Early
Childhood/Childhood**

Andrea Dake
Anya N. Deisenroth
Alyssa A. Kennedy
Maria Alejandra Polanco De Urbaz

**ASSOCIATE IN
APPLIED SCIENCE**

Accounting Technician

Katherine Bezner
Kathleen Christy*
Jenna L. Downs*
Marnia A. Fleming
Nandita Maity*
Andrew James Stiteler
Shawn Monique Towns

**Air Conditioning
Technology: Heating and
Ventilation**

Adam R. Barrett*
Christopher Raymond Carroll
Justin Cioppa*
Samuel J. Falke*
Brian Healey*
Alexis Phong Khammanivong
Devere Morris
Hassan Musleh*
Samuel Joseph Rahn*
Zachary D. Schuler
Jack Underwood

**Apprentice Training:
Automotive: Toyota T-Ten**

Madison DelVecchio
Dylan J. Dzielski
Elliott K. Honan*
Fuat Kara*
Henry S. Quintanilla

Automotive Technology:

Automotive - GM

Abdul-Halim Abdallah
Trenton K. Clingerman
Logan Eron Ogden
Ian Storm Richardson
Connor Malcolm Theodore Roberts
Joshua Ryan VanDerlike*
Seth Michael Welch

Biotechnology

Austin J. Hawker
Daniel D. McManus
John W. Pellett*

Child Care Practitioner

Asia N. Beard

**Clinical Laboratory
Technician**

Emily Rose Alvo*
Tashawna Beaman
Rahel Asseged Belete
Esma Binici
Elmi Delos Santos
Joshua Harrison*
Suzan Morcos
Sean Johnston*
Maeve Hartley Kean*
Nahlla Awad Masri*
Chase M. Weber*

**Computer Information
Systems**

Kevin Flynn

**Computer Systems
Technology**

Sydney Bussard

Construction Technology

Jettalin Buffum*
Ethan Conway*
Jeremiah Cortes*
Joseph P. DiLella*
Nicole P. Douglas
Jonathan Patrick Edmunds*
Kaytlin Marie Johnson
Timothy Joseph Keohane
Eduardo O. Palma
Tyler P. Phillips*
Zackary Robert Reynolds
Brennan P. Smith
Stacy Spears*

**Criminal Justice: Police
Science**

Oleksandr Chystukh
Natalie Gonzalez
Nivea Lee-Mary Holmes
Skyler John
Alexander Austin Mistretta*
Michael Romach
James L. Simpson

Culinary Arts

Kim Baszto*
Liliana DeMarco
Daniel Lane Hill*
Olivia Rose LaRuez*
Brianna Matthews

Dental Hygiene

Blake A. Amrhein
Angel L. Bajus
Tessa Cratsley
Hope Cassidy Didas
Sierra Mylan Donnelly*
Alexandra N. Emiliano*
Angelina Rachele Fellows*
Cassandra L. Jansen
Autumn N. Javier*
Purvaja M. Kamat*
Saida Karim
Anita Ann Korolchuk*
Trang P. Mai
Emily Melita*
Brittany A. Moore
Ashley Murray
Taylor Paul*
Madeleine G. Rathbun*
Idalis Mishelle Santana
Rebekah Steenberg
McKenzie Lynn Tu*
Tricia VanCamp*
Anthony Francesco Viavattene

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**Electrical Engineering
Technology - Electronics**

Abdalziz Musa Alzahraniy
Jadon Blaakman
Peter R. Fendikevich
Sean J. Luscher
Michael J. Marchetti, Jr.

**Entrepreneurial and
Applied Business Studies**

Rebekkah D. Brown
Gina Louise Carpino*
Khadijah Chisolm
Lilly Grandin*
Alexes Marie Hunt*
Greyson Marleis*
Jen Maysuch
Rosalind S. Randolph

Fire Protection Technology

Maxwell G. Arlauckas*
Michael A. Boccuzzi*
Jason Borrelli
Matthew J. Cahill, Jr.
Alexander J. French*
Brady R. Hackett
Andrew Bruce Herberger*
Amanda Joseph*
Benjamin Michael Ketchum*
Jordan Malave
Giancarlo Mendez
James Miller
Anthony T. Muscatella*
Anthony John Romeo*
Angelica Salazar
Lucus L. Speer
Jacob M. Vergari*
Jared Michael Fitzgerald Wright

**Geospatial Information
Science and Technology**

Casmir Jules Brown*
Rigel M. Eklund*
Shelly St. John*
William Simone

Graphic Design

Hailee Adams
Maria S. Calzada*
Miroslava Chervonyak
Chloe Love Collins
Yarier Cruz Bruceles
Yoluximar Francis Cruz-Vazquez
Kevin Do
Mats Garlock*
Nail JV. Geotina
Madison C. Heath
Liam Hopkins
Jayna Nicole Latimer
Amber M. Legendy
Samantha Major*
Zandyr L. Meakin*
Douglas Moran*
Manjita Rai
Venessa S. Singleton
Tran Ngoc Minh Thu
MaKendra Carlotta VanGee*
Elliott Koerper
Michael VanLeeuwen*

Hospitality Management

Daniel A. Cobb*
Niyah Crutchfield
Nicholas Andrew Day*
Anthony Jacob Lamendola
Dialyz Marcano Delgado
Lilyanna G. McGee
Shalini Parasnis-Samar
Chicago Kay Porey
Claudia Lizeth Saenz Creighton
Ashley Monique Tanksley*

Human Services

Candice Albright
Zaria Lyn Austin
Shanice Theresa Bartley
Courtney Bickel
Sylvia Brewster
Shakirrah Crumity
Tara D'Angelo*
Mercedes DeVine Good
Miracle Terria Griner
Abdirahman O. Hussein
Christina E. Owen
Shaleiah L. Stephens
Addie Rochelle Washington*

**Industrial Automation
Technology**

Brenden David Budd
Jordan D. Derleth*
Andrew J. Pawl

**Information and Network
Technology**

Delshad Aziz
Jared Christine
Andrew David Crane*
Abraham Jenkins
Patrick LeBerth*
Kacey Mullenhoff
Meredith E. Pyke*

Interior Design

Yenny Raquel Carrasco Ramos*
Janet D. Gaupp*
Lilly Anna Gerace*
Alayna Hofer
Gina L. Phommanirath
Durrell L. Wyche

Mechanical Technology

Christian Bocka
Trevor Jalan Daniel
Leo P. Foltz
Jared Charles Spanganberg
Jesse Watras*

**Multi-Manufacturer
Automotive**

Anthony Scott Ferrimani*
Jake L. Grassl
Drake Knopfel
Ryan Curtis LeFrois
Nicholas Maznikovski
Paul Anthony McGuire
Brycen Mirisoloff-Lynch
Joseph J. Montero
Jayson Agron
Greg Daniel Schepler*
Cole Wehle
Jason Wicks

Nursing

Safia Abukar Adde*
Faten Albaram
Krystal Lynn Alderson*
Brooke Allen
Rhianna M. Alvarez
Kristin A. Anderson
Ivan Dimitar Arsov
Nyjuria Zaria Bedell
Ariana Madeline Bell
Skyler Nicole Bennett
Sonya Bermudez
Christopher Emmanuel Brown
Anjill Lee G. Burr
Mackenzie Buscaglia
Emily Byrne
Christie L. Carlson
Holly Ann Carpenter-Le*
Andrew John Castronovo*
Lilibeth Chavez
Brenna Grace Colucci
Channing Crouse
Kristin Marie Davis
Randi Dellapenta
Engdawork Demelash
Jacqueline Ann Ethier
Tatyana Fendikevich
Sarah E. Fenlon
Kaitlyn Marie Forshay
Kionna Fountain
Ilana I. Glinsky
Kimberly J. Godfrey
Kaley Goetting
Kyla Ashanique Hill
Jacob Hilton
Sarah Katharine Hoose
Latasha D. Horne
May Htet
Alexa Nicole Hughes
Rhonda J. Hyatt
Amanda Johnson
Shaiana Johnson
Jessica Johnston
Emily Anne Jurus
Katherine Kennedy
Mariana C. Khrushch*
Caroline M. Kroft*
Kalina Kron*
Crystal Ann Lamb

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Candidates for Degrees and Certificates May 2023

Danielle Marie LaRocca
Abigail Renee Littlefield
Tulsa Lose*
Teresita Maluping
Korinna Lynn Mantesta
Hadassah Marshall
Elisa Mings
Andrea Lynn Myer
Laura Christine Nashburn
Joseph V. Overchenko
Nicholas James Patnode
Sara J. Phillips
Mitchell Feliciano Pina*
Gina Marie Quattrone
Lynda A. Rossi
Justine Roth*
James Ruffell
Matthew C. Ryck
Hamedah A. Saleh
Shazeena Salim
Paola Del Mar Serrano
Meghan V. Sharpe
Kelly Nicole Smith*
Nicholas James Spence*
Amanda Sullivan*
Diana Lynnette Tedone
Tamay Toklar
Melance Ann Tria*
Paize Kiara Turner
Uzoamaka Ugochukwu
Donata Agatha Uwiringiyimana
Gabrielle Marie Wangler
Nyasia D. Warnick
Julia Renee Wehrle*
Bryan White
Alexandria Williams*
Alexandra Jane Winqvist*
Sierra Wood-Beckwith*
Grace Yang*
Whitney Yoder

**Office Technology - Office
Administrative Assistant**

Donna J. Cook*
Natalie M. Felton
Olivia Harter*
Sulamita Zoryana Kaydan*
Stephanie Macarie*
Abigail Rose Neufeglise*

Kimberley Riccio*
Christina Victoria Sandoval*
Madeline E. VanCaesele*

**Optical Systems
Technology**

Kharga Bhujel
Alexander Jerome Bischooping
Jacob Coon*
Michael J. Coscia*
Josiah Covell*
Kyle P. Cummings*
Sarah D'Alfonso
Emma Iris Dawley*
Luke Edelman*
Mert Gurcan
Alexandria Rose Hajec*
Alexander Hoyt
Eleanora Kulazhonak*
Haya Maali*
Collin James Oakes*
Jennifer A. Owens*
Rebecca Kay Wilkoff*

Paramedic

Nicole Marie Boldt
Sarah E. Boldt
Samantha Carpino*
Nicholas A. Lowry
Sahil Singhal*
Andrew J. Zuber

**Photography/Television/
Video Production**

Paul Christopher
Cian McCollum
Gregor Lukas Rommelspacher*
Patricia Anntoinette Simpson

Precision Machining

Daniel Belayneh Adam
Logan T. Dryja*
Zachary C. Gilbert*
Raymond Gomez*
Jordan D. Hay*
Noah Rattray
Erica Lynn Sayer*
William R. Simon
Nicholas M. Syracuse

Radiologic Technology

Lisa Bainter*
Daniel R. Borsching*
Tanner Brown*
Megan Doolin*
Victor Gurali*
Katia Hernas*
Amy Huynh
Bridget A. Keenan*
Kaitlyn Reese Kimmel*
Nhi Lam*
Rachael Leigh Lobell*
Linh Mai*
Samantha Lynne Matthys
James Mckague
Krista E. Palermo*
Hannah Rose Pasquale*
Chelsie A. Ross
Morgan Scherer*
Sandra M. Wido*
Amelia M. Williams*

Surgical Technology

Kelly Ann DeRycke*
Noelis D. Figueroa*
Braxton Parker Gallagher
Emily R. Gilbert
Semira Hassen
Kayla Parent*
Danielle Asia Pascual
Miranda Pasqualette
Taylor Nicole Pulver*
Morgan Spurr
Jennifer Marie Sundlof
Devon Talbot
Layla Isabel Torres
Sonia Tucker*
McKenna Walton

MICROCREDENTIALS

**Geospatial Information
Systems Technology**

Timothy J. Scott*
William Simone*

**ASSOCIATE IN
SCIENCE**

Addictions Counseling

Brigitte Decker
Stephanie Lynne Dunn
Kimberly L. Flanagan*
Charles John McClarric*
Alyssa Reider
Timothy Schirmer
Levon Sturgis, III
Stephen J. Zipeto*

Biology

Jacob Alberti
Kimberly Trinidad Caster*
Jackson Erbland*
Berfin Gul
Brandi Heffernan
Courtney D. Hill*
Maxwell Korpoh
My Linh Le*
Amber Lorah
Pascal Lusiba*
Trinity Martin
Dalianne Millet Acosta
Phouc Sang L. Ngo
Alex Page*
Alexandra M. Sgromo
Martina Silvestre Sales
Trenton M. Weiss

Business Administration

Bishal Adhikari
Kareem J. Adolphus
Lahsoon Ahmed
Halis Akbas
Haidar Al Hasooni
Leah C. Backus
Camryn Elizabeth Bader

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Joshua Alan Barron*
Jennifer R. Barton*
Stephen Douglas Beardsley*
Faith Benson
Hannah Bissonette
Connor Bolam
Brendon Bostley*
Chad M. Braaten
Jessica Brest*
Collett Brooks Binns
Jacqueline Brown
Thyrek Brown
Brandeis Bunn*
Sonny R. Burch
Daniel Baker Byndas*
Sarah E. Caswell
Cesar E. Catedral
Olivia Rose Cavalier
Luis Gerardo Ceron Rojo
Angelica Lynn Christensen
Hunter J. Clancy
Shannon E. Connelly*
Anna Cornelia Davis
Tyler Z. DiMagno
Madeline J. Dinehart
Milena A. Filipink*
Julianna Flannery
Lily Ann Frey*
Latonia Fulton
Patrick M. Ghostlaw, Jr.
Anna Gillaspay
RoseMarie Gizzi
Michelle Gonzales*
Issachelle N. Graddic
McKenzie Lynn Gutches*
Bogdan Guydash*
Ali Hady
Misfer Mohammed Hamid
Jade D. Harris
Alyssa Hernandez-Camarillo
Savannah Jolie Jalowiec
Samantha M. Janson*
Julia A. Kantor*
Robert James Keefe
Daniel J. Kennedy
Joshua King
Kin M. Lay
Nathan Liberti
Gregory Lucas*

Adam J. Lynch
Brittney M. Lynch-Dudley
Dylan Maddock
Shauna-Rae Marr*
Amber Milkeris*
Niccolo Moretti*
Kristina M. Mulhern
Claire Murphy-Keenan*
Ymani Navedo
Jason Anthony Neal
Nhu Ngo
Andrew Odell
Wilbertha Ofori
Damian Parmelee
Elizabeth Nicole Passalugo*
Diane Maureen Penny
Kamden A. Perno*
Dimitri J. Petronio
Carrie Petrotta*
Thao Pham
Shawniqua Devana Ramsahai
Benjamin I. Ranney*
Nicholas Reiser
Sarah M. Reistrom
Amanda Jane Richardson
Zack Ridgway*
Tiffany J. Rivera*
Bryan Antonio Rosario
Jakob H. Rothfuss*
Anna Karen Roztocil
Ryan Russell*
Lucja Krystyna Rzepa
Amelia Schiedel
Faith Angelina Scott
Julia Ashley Sherwood*
Lisa E. Skeval
Jennifer Smith*
Sarah L. Smith*
Dale C. Soderberg
Mindy Le Son
Casey J. Stephenson
Savannah E. Sullivan
Jared D. Swift
Gianna A. Tarantello
Ryan Stephen Alan Tarolli*
Jacinda Taylor
Tuong Nhu Tran*
Michael H. Tripi*
Raymond Troche

Didem Dina Tuna*
Gracie E. Uetz
Gabrielle Vann*
Mark William West, IV*
David James Winchell, Jr.
Lawrence Ronald Winkie

**Business: International
Business**

Samantha M. DeZutter
Vaughn Richard Drexel-Spencer
Ryan Kilner*
Priyanka Meka
Michael Mitchell
Anna Mukhin*
Petar Popovski

Chemistry

Kenneth M. Harrington, Jr.
Victoria Marie Perez*

Cinema and Screen Studies

Jenna Rae Blakeslee*
Brian Michael Burri*
Victor E. Dangelmaier*
Brian A. Maguda
Alexis Grace Mosher
John D. Thomann
Andre Torres

**Commercial Art and
Illustration**

Christopher Robert DeMarle*
Grace E. Kurowski
Zhen Yi Lin*
Michael G. Martin*
Sarah Steiger*
Shaka Moshesh Stith
Zazie McClatchey Weldgen*
Gary M. Zilbergleyt

**Communication and
Media Studies**

Ayomide Josephine Adeniyi
Tatiana Armstrong
Ryan Matthew Farley*
Ashley Marie Kipferl*
Jason Manuse

Nate' Medonald
Sherric-Ann McHugh
Corinne Alise Richardson
Michala Schram
Hannah Shepard
Ngocquy Truong
Allegra Whiting*

**Computer Information
Systems**

Tavian J. Gadsby
Karen (Kohl) Swertfeger*
Emir Krupic*
James R. Paxon, Jr.*
Brian H. Sullivan

Computer Science

Mohammed Khalid Alwan*
Owen Avery*
Ethan Battaglia*
Garrett Boehmer*
Hongji Chen
Aidan Christopher Cusack
Robert L. Delamarter, IV
Ammaad Denmark
Nickolas X. Ferguson*
Derek Gage
Zachariah Douglas Herring*
Shannon M. Kellman*
Ryan Joseph Lembo-Ehms*
Mark S. Luskiewicz, Jr.
Joshua J. McLamore*
Kris J. Meehan*
Daniel Newhart
Jacob M. Paczkowski
Stephen Passero*
Tim Tabachuk*
Michael Turco*
Gary Philip Wall, Jr.

Criminal Justice

Hailey Louise Allwood*
Enoch Antwi*
Addison P. Carr*
Colleen M. Caulfield
Francesca Clements
Keiondre Constantine
Krystal Crawford

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Michaela Deaton
Christopher P. Fox*
Fiona M. Frattali*
Eden Goff*
Alexis Harrell
Damaris Ilarraza-Diaz
Ashley Elizabeth Kincaid Knight*
Kyle Lynch
Ashleigh Masterton*
Carlie Nicole Moss*
Jasmine Noble
Yagmur Lila Ozdemir
Sydney Z. Palmer
Gerrod T. Strickland
Gerard A. Tallo
Timothy Walker*
Kemani Danielle White

Engineering Science

Fiona Beatrice Bennitt*
Jose Manuel Binet, Jr.
Nazar Pavlovich Blagyy
Tyler Culmo*
Rowan M. Daly*
Daniel DeFord
Claire Frances Ferro*
Maxim Valentinovich Karasev
Spencer Logan Lee*
Lydia Marie Mejias-Dansbach*
Jackson T. Moody
Kennedy Amelia Mueller
Anna Corinne N'Guessan-Ble
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Chief Marshal

Professor Sherry P. Tshibangu, School of Business and Entrepreneurial Studies, is carrying MCC's Mace and serving as the 2023 Commencement Ceremony Chief Marshal.

Processional/Recessional Music

Provided by the Wilmot Brass Quintet

The Wilmot Brass Quintet is the resident faculty brass quintet at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. Members include professors in the Department of Music at Nazareth, who are also active teachers and musicians throughout Western New York who regularly perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic, Rochester Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphoria, New York State Ballet and other professional ensembles.

Student Welcome

President Paula Barlow

Student Government Association

Originally from Syracuse, Paula relocated to Rochester in 2011. After a life-altering event in 2020, she began her studies in liberal arts at MCC. Upon receiving her Associate in Science degree in May 2022, under the suggestion and guidance from Professor Michael Martella, Paula enrolled in the MCC Paralegal Studies Program. Seeking opportunities to become the changemaker she desired to be, Paula became involved with the Student Government Association and has since served in several leadership positions, including serving as Student Government President and MCC Student Trustee. Paula's outstanding academic achievements led to her induction into Phi Theta Kappa and is currently serving as the New York Western Regional Vice President. Her community

volunteerism includes interning for Just Cause (Immigration Unit) and the Women's Ministry at her church. Paula is a 2023 recipient of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Paula's ultimate goal is to increase her knowledge of the law to be a highly successful paralegal.

The National Anthem

Performed by Benjamin M. Nelson

Ben Nelson is a graduating Music Performance major and will be attending Nazareth College to continue his studies. During his time at MCC, he has performed with The Tributones - MCC's acapella group, the MCC Choir, and most recently the musical *Honk!* He has also been an active member in the Comic Book and Radio clubs. In addition to his MCC experiences, Ben has been performing in various choirs, musicals and concerts since he was a young child. His favorite highlights include performing as the bass section leader for the *Remember the Love Concert* in the Rochester Community, Nick Bottom in *Something Rotten*, Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, and cantering for his cousin's wedding.

Following the pandemic, Ben chose to attend MCC to allow him to explore his life passions while continuing to flourish. Ben expresses heartfelt thanks to his parents and brother for their constant love and support.

The Monroe Community College Alma Mater

Monroe Community College's Alma Mater is being performed by MCC Performance Majors, Christopher Castleman, Abigail Lamphere, Cole Leathersich, and Benjamin Nelson.



Welcome from the County Executive

Congratulations to the Monroe Community College Class of 2023!

By continuing your education and growing your job skills, you are making Monroe County a better place to live, work and play. My administration has invested in workforce development programs and created new jobs in our region – the jobs you are now ready to take on.

I know the promise an education from MCC holds. That’s why I am investing in a new state-of-the-art Applied Technologies Center that will be constructed at the Brighton Campus. The new facility will better integrate MCC’s technical programs with the science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses available on campus. This center will prepare students for high-demand jobs like automotive technicians, precision machinists, solar panel technicians and more.

Monroe County is proud to invest in MCC’s Mpower program, training students as certified nurse assistants, licensed practical nurses, and registered nurses. Students admitted to the program also receive income, assistance with child care, and transportation while completing the program to ensure no barriers stand in the way of their graduation.

Whether you are going on to continue your education or entering the job market, I have every confidence that the MCC Class of 2023 will help build a brighter future for Monroe County. I’m honored to celebrate with you and congratulate you on your achievement!

~ **Adam J. Bello, Monroe County Executive**

Welcome from the Mayor of Rochester

Inaugurated on January 1, 2022, Malik D. Evans is the 71st mayor of Rochester. Mayor Evans is committed to promoting positive, systemic and structural change by providing transparent and collaborative leadership; offering equitable access to essential municipal services; enabling productive intergovernmental, private and nonprofit partnerships; and promoting increased quality of life through investments that create vibrant neighborhoods and employment opportunities. His vision for Rochester is a hope-filled city with an exciting future.

Mayor Evans was born and raised in the city and graduated from Wilson Magnet High School before going on to earn his bachelor’s degree from the University of Rochester and his master’s degree from Nazareth University.

Prior to becoming mayor, he worked as an officer in the banking industry for more than 20 years, holding various leadership positions at M&T Bank Corporation and ESL Federal Credit Union. The son of parents who were committed to civic activism, Mayor Evans believes his dual callings in elected office and the banking industry share the complementary ambitions to help others and share prosperity. His community involvement included various boards and commissions such as Rochester Area Community Foundation Board of Directors and a founding board member of the Commissary Downtown Kitchen Incubator for food service entrepreneurs in Upstate New York.

Mayor Evans and his wife, Shawanda, have two sons. He enjoys spending time with his family, attending concerts and traveling to new places.



Message from the Student Speaker *Emily Rose Alvo*

A member of Monroe Community College's Class of 2023, she is the recipient of the associate degree in clinical laboratory technician and will begin working full time in the Highland Hospital Blood Bank in June.

Emily, 32, came to MCC in summer 2020 with a bachelor's degree in English. "I was looking for a career that is meaningful and stimulating and allows me to enjoy my life," she said. Her love of problem-solving and her ability to maintain composure under pressure led her to pursue a career as a clinical lab technician. During her journey at MCC, she maintained straight As and earned two honors — the 2022 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-New York scholarship award and the 2021 MCC Mathematics Department Exemplary Student Award.

"At MCC, I was inspired by the grace and determination of students who faced great challenges in pursuit of their education," she said. "I got an enriching, diverse experience."

Emily lives in southeast Rochester with her partner, Tim, and loves meeting dogs, experimenting in the kitchen, and escaping to the Adirondacks.




Message to the Graduates *Adrian Hale*

A northeast Rochester native, Adrian Hale ('14) is a civic leader with experience in education advocacy and economic and workforce development, including serving as current director of economic and community development for Foundry. He is also a member of the state Board of Regents, having been elected by the state Legislature in March for a five-year term.

Mr. Hale has a deep belief in leadership through service and has been a passionate advocate for advancing equity and opportunity for all. Early in his career, Mr. Hale said, "For us to really address the problems we face as a community, it is important for people like myself who are actually products of those experiences to come back and lead the effort to make a difference."

After graduating from high school in 2007, Mr. Hale enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. When he returned home from duty, he sought opportunities to reach his full potential. He enrolled in Monroe Community College, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, and took his next steps toward becoming a public servant.

At MCC, he was active in student government, maintained a 4.0 GPA and received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. After graduating from MCC with an associate degree in liberal arts and sciences-general studies in 2014, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University. He is the first in his family to attend and graduate from college.



After returning to Rochester, he worked at the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, overseeing workforce development and educational initiatives and leading the chamber's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, including serving as a liaison to the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative. He continues working to improve educational outcomes for greater Rochester's youth and enhance the quality of the regional workforce and champion a more inclusive economic development strategy.

Mr. Hale's civic engagement further illustrates his commitment to community development. He co-chairs the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council's Downtown Revitalization Initiative and serves on Governor Hochul's Workforce Development Initiative Committee.


This evening, he looks forward to congratulating the Class of 2023 on their achievements and highlighting the profound influence that MCC faculty and staff have on the lives of students, especially those with nontraditional paths to college.

Academic Cords – Meanings

Gold Cords: Graduates who earned a GPA of 3.5 and candidates for May graduation who entered the spring 2023 semester with an overall GPA of 3.449 are wearing gold cords. They are recognized in the program with an asterisk (*) as graduating with distinction.

Red, White and Blue Honor Cords: Veterans and current members of the armed forces wear these cords in recognition of their faithful service to our country.

Green Cords: MCC Foundation Scholarship recipients are recognized with this color.



Lilac Cords: Recognizes students who were student leaders in student government, clubs and organizations, who created social educational and cultural activities on campus.

Monroe Community College


Established in 1961 as a unit of the State University of New York (SUNY), Monroe Community College was a vision shared by a handful of industrious and determined business people, community leaders and government officials.

Nationwide, a scattering of community colleges had begun to take root. For people who had been shut out of higher education, a publicly-funded two-year institution in their own community offered exciting new opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The establishment of the College was led by local surgeon Dr. Samuel J. Stabins, who recognized the need to prepare students to work in local hospitals and health care facilities. The first Board of Trustees comprised Rochester's finest professionals in medicine, business, education and law and was led by Dr. Stabins, as chair.

During the early months of 1962, Dr. Leroy Good was hired by the board as MCC's founding president. Dr. Good had successfully established community colleges in three other states and would make his mark in Rochester as well.

On Sept. 9, 1962, the doors of MCC's first campus swung open to 720 students. The campus was located in Rochester's former East High School at 410 Alexander St. Two years later, 82 students received associate degrees at the College's first commencement.



The following year, in June 1965, MCC became the first college in the nation to receive accreditation within three years of its founding.

Since its founding, MCC has proudly served the education and training needs of more than half a million people and has become a catalyst for workforce and economic development. Carrying on the vision of its founders 62 years ago and inspiring the way forward under the current leadership of the College's sixth president, Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, MCC continues evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of its students and the local community.

Educational and Training Sites throughout Greater Rochester

Monroe County provided the land for the Brighton Campus. For years, the property on East Henrietta Road had been a dairy farm. By 1968, however, it was transformed into a carefully designed new home for MCC.

It was a roll-up-your-sleeves attitude that would build MCC into the largest community college in Upstate New York. MCC became the fastest growing of the 30 community colleges in the state, increasing its enrollment during the 1980s by more than 41 percent. In 1991, MCC announced plans for a second campus in downtown Rochester to serve more students. Temporary space was acquired and became home to MCC's Damon City Campus in 1992. The College would establish a permanent Downtown Campus in 2017 at 321 State Street in the city's High Falls District.

In 1997, MCC opened its Applied Technologies Center, where students train in the latest methods in precision machining; automotive technology; heating, ventilation


and air conditioning/refrigeration, and solar thermal technology to prepare for in-demand occupations.

Five years later (2002), in a unique collaboration with Monroe County and the City of Rochester, MCC opened the Public Safety Training Facility on Scottsville Road. Here, in partnership with public safety departments throughout the county, MCC provides training for police, fire and emergency medical services personnel in a state-of-the-art emergency-training complex.

On July 16, 2003, MCC dedicated the Alice Holloway Young Commons—among the nation's first residence halls on a community college campus—honoring the legacy of Dr. Alice Holloway Young, founding trustee, long-serving board chair and chair emerita. While providing opportunities to enrich co-curricular activities among the student body, the residence halls offer housing options for local, regional and international students. The College opened an additional residential building to the Commons in 2007.

Within the past 15 years, MCC dedicated the Louis S. and Molly B. Wolk Center for Excellence in Nursing and the PAC Center fitness and recreational facility, as well as the Downtown Campus on the corner of Morrie Silver Way and State Street to meet the evolving educational needs of people throughout our region.

Through MCC's Virtual Campus, dedicated professors specially trained in online instruction became a critical asset to students who began or completed their studies during the COVID-19 pandemic. MCC is one of the top online providers in the SUNY system.




Most recently in early 2022, the Finger Lakes Workforce Development (FWD) Center within the Downtown Campus opened to prepare current and future workers for in-demand, technology-oriented careers focused on emerging smart technologies and Industry 4.0 skills. Operated in partnership with regional workforce organizations, industry associations and educational institutions, the regional FWD Center offers short-term and accelerated training and education in developing the next generation of skilled technicians.

Inspiring the Way Forward

MCC transforms lives and communities, fostering the success of diverse students through affordable and innovative academic, career, technical, and workforce development programs. Its shared work inspires and champions excellence in higher education and builds global engagement and understanding.

MCC is committed to building human capital. “The spirit of an institution is developed first by those who come to teach,” says Dr. Alice H. Young, a founding trustee and MCC trustee chair emerita. “Their dedication to the betterment of this institution and to this community has given MCC its national reputation for innovation. More important, it is the faculty’s genuine concern for the students that has served as the mortar holding the College together. The students must always come first, for they are MCC’s lifeblood.”

The success of MCC graduates continually affirms the College’s academic excellence. Over the years, the community has received other external affirmation of MCC’s excellence. In 1986, MCC was selected for membership in the League for Innovation in the Community College. MCC is one of 18 colleges that serve as the organization’s board of directors.



Most recently, MCC is among ten U.S. community colleges — and the only one in New York state — selected to participate in the Unlocking Opportunity: The Post-Graduation Success and Equity Network in collaboration with The Aspen Institute and Columbia University’s Community College Research Center. The 2023-2028 initiative focuses on expanding educational and career opportunities for all students.

MCC Graduates – The Future

Monroe Community College graduates have provided a tremendous workforce for Monroe County and surrounding areas. An impressive number of technicians, health care professionals, police officers, firefighters, teachers, engineers, accountants, and business executives obtained their initial career preparation at MCC.

MCC graduates receive academic scholarships for baccalaureate study. The transfer success of MCC graduates is noteworthy. It is anticipated that the graduating class of 2023 will maintain the same high tradition of career employment and continued academic success.

Anticipated Profile – Class of 2023

- Of the career program graduates employed full time, 87% will find employment locally. Over 199 employers will hire these graduates.
- Graduates will transfer to over 62 different colleges and universities.
- Of our graduating transfer students, 75% will be enrolled in units of the State University of New York and 25% will attend either a private four-year college within New York State or transfer to an out-of-state college/university.




Employers

Advantage Federal Credit Union	Monroe County
Brinkman Precision, Inc.	Monroe County Sheriffs Office
City of Rochester	Nixon Peabody
Corning, Inc.	Optimax
Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Paddock Chevrolet
Goodwill of the Fingerlakes	Paychex, Inc.
Gorbel	Popli Design Group
Harris Corporation	Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra
Hearter Seacrest	Rochester Regional Health System
Hilton Garden Inn	Sydor Optics
Hyatt Regency Rochester	ThermoFisher Scientific
Irondequoit Police Department	TMD Contracting
Klein Steel	Town of Henrietta Fire District
L3 Harris Technologies	University of Rochester
Lenel Systems	UR Medicine at Golisano Children's Hospital
Lockheed Martin	Wegmans Food Markets
Many Cariola Children's Center	Wise Home Energy
M&TBank	Xerox Corporation
Marriott Corporation	

Transfer Colleges & Universities

SUNY & CUNY Transfer Colleges & Universities:

Alfred State	Geneseo
Binghamton University	Morrisville
Buffalo State	Oneonta
Cobleskill	Oswego
Cortland	Plattsburgh
CUNY Baruch College	Polytechnic Institute
CUNY Queens College	Potsdam
Empire State	Stony Brook University
College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University at Albany
Fredonia	University at Buffalo
	Upstate Medical University



Private and Out-of-State Colleges:


Canisius College	Nazareth College
Clarkson University	Niagara University
Cornell University	Penn State
Daemen University	Roberts Wesleyan University
D'Youville University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	St. John Fisher University
Hofstra University	University of Rochester
Keuka College	Utica University
LeMoyne College	

Monroe Community College Foundation

The Monroe Community College Foundation, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit corporation-seeks philanthropic investment to advance academic achievement, innovation, and the mission of excellence at the College. The Foundation provides scholarship assistance, faculty enrichment programs, funding for educational equipment, and seed money for innovative programs. Through its partnership with the MCC Foundation, MCC is able to sustain high standards of excellence, pursue innovative ideas, and respond to opportunities in our community that engage and advance the mission of the College.

Staying connected is easy through the Alumni Office!

Now that you have earned your degree and/or certificate from Monroe Community College, we hope you will keep in touch with the Alumni Office at the Monroe Community College Foundation. Consider supporting future graduates with a gift to the Annual Fund for Monroe Community College. Alumni events and programs, including Alumni Week and Homecoming and the 5K Walk/Run for Scholarships—this year taking place on Saturday,




September 30, 2023—provide opportunities for you and your classmates to stay involved in the life of the College. Please be sure to visit www.monroecc.edu/go/alumni regularly to learn about Foundation and alumni happenings. And, when you visit the College’s website, log in through myMCC, and you will find an alumni tile developed just for you.

The impact of MCC and its alumni on the local community is significant. Many of MCC’s more than 500,000 alumni have chosen to live and work locally, so your affiliation is sure to provide you with an immediate connection to a variety of people while pursuing your advanced degree and/or career. By sharing highlights of your MCC experience, you may also inspire future students to include MCC among their college choices.

MCC’s Alumni Hall of Fame

Each year, the MCC Foundation selects four outstanding MCC alumni to be inducted in the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame at the annual Salute to Excellence dinner. Members of the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame include CEO and President of Express Scripts, Timothy Wentworth ’80 (retired), President and CEO of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Robert J. Duffy ’75/’88, Olympic gold medalist Cathy Turner ’84, recording artist Lou Gramm ’71, Sheriff Todd K. Baxter ’10, professional golfer Jeff Sluman ’77 and many others who have achieved remarkable success in their business and personal pursuits. Someday, we hope to celebrate your success and include your name on this distinguished roster!




MCC Foundation Sponsored Scholarships

The green cords worn by some of today’s graduates signify that they received an MCC Foundation scholarship funded by the generous donors who support the College. For many, the dream of an education was unattainable without financial assistance, and for others, scholarships were given based on exceptional academic performance. The MCC Foundation provides a variety of giving opportunities and celebrates the opportunity to create new scholarships for MCC students.

To learn more about the MCC Foundation and stay involved in the College’s continued growth, call 585.685.6020 or visit www.monroecc.edu/givetomcc.

Congratulations to MCC’s Newest Alumni!

The MCC Foundation celebrates the achievements of the Monroe Community College Class of 2023. Members of the MCC Foundation’s Alumni Committee are pleased to present each new graduate with a special alumni honors ribbon. For more information on the benefits and services available to MCC graduates and their families, please contact the Alumni Office at 585.685.6020 and/or visit our alumni benefits web page at www.monroecc.edu/go/alumni.



Thank you, Class of 2023, for your extraordinary gift!

The College and the MCC Foundation are deeply grateful for your first class gift which will help future MCC students achieve their dreams. Contributing to the 2023 class gift by writing a dedication is a great way to start a lifetime of giving that ensures the success of future graduates. Your class gift symbolizes your appreciation for the education, experience, and opportunities you were encouraged to pursue at MCC. Your willingness and that of your family and friends, to give back to MCC by writing a dedication is appreciated and cherished. Thank you, Class of 2023, for your extraordinary gift. We hope to hear from you again soon.

Interpreting Services – Provided by Sign Language Connection

Photography Services – Provided by Island Photography

The Student Association has arranged for candidates to be photographed as they cross the stage for individual recognition by professional photographers.

Special sections with an MCC backdrop for individual photography have been arranged in the main lobby of the arena. It is requested that you move quickly in and out of these areas so that all may be accommodated in an orderly fashion.

Candidates and others who share their commencement photos through social media are encouraged to tag them with #MCC2023. Look for the College's coverage:

Twitter: @MonroeCC

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/monroecc>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/monroeccrochester>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/monroeccrochester>

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Monroe Community College, through access to affordable academic programs, leads excellence and innovation in higher education, inspires diverse students to transform their lives and communities, drives regional economic development, and builds global engagement and understanding.

