# **2024 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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MAY 18, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Liesl Riddle, Ph.D. Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Graduate School of Political Management

# Congratulations, Class of 2024!

You are the catalyst for change. Whether you earned your bachelor's or your master's degree, we are proud of what you have achieved and excited to see where you go next.

Commencement is an important milestone in life, but students like you—the ones who will drive meaningful change and who will succeed—contribute to economic, political and social progress. We know that you will use your education and skills to craft a path forward not only for yourself and your family but also for your industry and community.

At the College of Professional Studies, our mission is to provide an agile, responsive and innovative educational experience for our students and empower our alumni with lifelong upskilling and reskilling opportunities. So you can count on us to be here for you whenever you need us as your career progresses. We hope you will keep in touch, and we look forward to hearing about all the ways our education has equipped you to succeed in your chosen field as it adapts and shifts. We also look forward to welcoming you back to our online and physical campus to engage with and mentor the next generation of our students.

As you know, one of the special things about the learning experience in the College of Professional Studies is the access our students have to industry leaders like you. We will keep you informed about these opportunities through our social media accounts, email, and our alumni newsletter, so stay tuned! Congratulations on your graduation, and best wishes for your every future success.

Warm Regards,

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Liesl Riddle, Ph.D.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES	Led by Toni Marsh
	Program Director, Paralegal Studies and College Marshal
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Liesl Riddle, <i>Dean</i> and Faculty, Administration and Distinguished Guests
WELCOME	
REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER	Martin W. Rodgers Market Lead, U.S. South; Office Managing Director; Metro D.C., Accenture

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Dr. Richard F. Southby Police Science Prize
Program Director, Homeland Security B.P.
and Dr. Richard F. Southb
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Global Healt
Founding Dean Arterton Award
Program Director, Strategic Public Relation
Mark and Debbie Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Award Presented by Roberto Izuriet
Former Program Director, Politica
Communication and Strategic Governance
Undergraduate Distinguished ScholarPresented by Tierney Pitze
Program Director, Information Technolog
Graduate Distinguished Scholar
Program Director, Publishin
College of Professional Studies Faculty Excellence Award Presented by Sandra Whitehea
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Sustainable Urban Plannin
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Strategic Public Relation
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# DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER



Martin W. Rodgers Market Lead, U.S. South; Office Managing Director, Metro D.C., Accenture

### Martin W. Rodgers

Martin "Marty" Rodgers is Accenture's U.S. South Market Unit Lead and a member of its Global Management Committee and North America Leadership Team. He oversees more than 24,000 people across 15 states and Puerto Rico, where he is responsible for financial performance, service integration, talent management and corporate citizenship.

Marty has more than 25 years' tenure with Accenture, and during that time he has led the company's Health & Public Service business in the Southeast and launched its for-profit Nonprofit Practice. Prior to Accenture, Marty served as a leader on topics, such as national and community service, workforce skilling and development, apprenticeships and internships. He also worked on Capitol Hill, where he helped write several successful pieces of legislation, including legislation creating AmeriCorps (the U.S.'s domestic

Peace Corps), legislation establishing the first major federal apprenticeship program, and legislation recognizing the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a National Day of Service. He also served with the Diocese of Gallup, working with Native American children in New Mexico.

A frequent keynote speaker, Marty is an outspoken advocate of social responsibility and committed to inclusion and diversity. He previously served as executive sponsor of Accenture's African American Employee Resource Group and led the company's recruiting efforts at historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Marty serves on the boards of the University of Notre Dame, the Children's Defense Fund and the Executive Leadership Council as well as on numerous local boards, including the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the United Way of the National Capital Area, KIPP-DC, and the Federal City Council, where he is chairman. He is also a member of the Economic Club of Washington, D.C.

Marty was recognized as one of corporate America's most influential Black executives by *Savoy* Magazine, has appeared in four separate years on the Washington Business Journal's Power 100 List, has been a recipient of the Washington Business Journal's Diversity in Business Award and received the Association of Corporate Citizenship Professionals' "Champion for Change" award.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Harvard University. He lives in Falls Church, VA, with his wife and three children.

# STUDENT SPEAKER



Megan Dillard Murphy Strategic Public Relations

## Megan Dillard Murphy

Megan Dillard Murphy epitomizes resilience in the face of adversity. As the mother of four young daughters (7, 4, 2, and a newborn), she adeptly balances the complexities of family life with a full-time career; a work ethic that began with her first job at 15 years old. A first-generation graduate degree earner, Megan has always valued academic excellence. She hopes that her journey as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and drug addiction serves as a beacon of hope to others who might have had a similar start in life. As a former TV news journalist, she brings storytelling prowess and media savvy to her role as a Public Relations practitioner. Originally from Texas and now residing in Kansas City, she embraces her Southern roots and Midwestern spirit. Megan holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a master's degree from the George Washington University, showcasing her dedication to education and personal growth. She finds purpose in nurturing and guiding her children with love and grace, her deep love of books and reading, and the constant search for her next project. She is overwhelmed with fondness and gratitude when she reflects on her time at GW.

#### DR. RICHARD F. SOUTHBY POLICE SCIENCE PRIZE

#### Recipient: Elizabeth Chen, Homeland Security

Dr. Richard F. Southby was a faculty member at the George Washington University from 1979 to 2006, having served as department chair, associate dean, interim dean of the former School of Public Health and Health Services, distinguished professor of global health, and executive dean in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs. He was granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees in 2006. Dr. Southby was the founding director of the Police Science Program in the College of Professional Studies.

The Dr. Richard F. Southby Police Science Prize is presented to an exceptional graduating student from the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Homeland Security/Police and Security Studies program. The prize was established by Dr. Southby's wife, Dr. Janet R. Southby, Colonel, U.S. Army, Ret.

#### FOUNDING DEAN ARTERTON AWARD

#### Recipient: Lillie Thurman, Strategic Public Relations

The Founding Dean Arterton Award is given to the graduating student who epitomizes professional distinction and ethical conduct in political management. F. Christopher Arterton, who served as dean of the Graduate School of Political Management from its founding in 1987 to 2010, established this award to celebrate the core ideals valued by a school of professional politics.

Before joining the GSPM, Professor Arterton taught political science at Yale, MIT, and Wellesley, achieving national recognition as a scholar of American politics and as a professional pollster. As the founding dean of the GSPM, Arterton advanced his vision that, beyond teaching abstract theory, institutions of higher education have an affirmative obligation to prepare their students for practical participation in democratic governance and electoral politics. In the process, Dean Arterton created the new academic discipline of political management. Having led the merger of the school into the George Washington University, Arterton subsequently expanded the school's curriculum of political management to include programs in legislative affairs, strategic public relations, and the politics of governance. During the 23 years of Dean Arterton's leadership, the GSPM emerged as the foremost academic institution of applied democratic politics in the world.

#### MARK AND DEBBIE KENNEDY FRONTIERS OF FREEDOM AWARD

#### Recipient: Guillermo Alejandro Noriega Esparza, Political Communication and Strategic Governance

During his time leading the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) from 2013 to 2016, the Honorable Mark Kennedy encouraged students to devote themselves to expanding the reach of freedom around the globe with the goal of making democracy work more effectively. The Mark and Debbie Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Award recognizes the GSPM graduating student who best exhibits actions or preparations to promote or protect the expansion of political and economic freedom beyond the borders of the United States.

#### UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

#### Undergraduate Recipient: Christopher Jose Linares, Information Technology Graduate Recipient: Brent Casey Aimer, Publishing

The College of Professional Studies Distinguished Scholar Awards recognize the undergraduate and graduate students who best demonstrate the college's core competencies of strategic thinking, communication, collaboration, leadership, and ethics.

#### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

#### Recipient: Rachael Jonassen, Sustainable Urban Planning

This honor is awarded to the part-time faculty member in the College of Professional Studies who has provided extraordinary service to the students and the college. The award recognizes both enlightened teaching and meritorious efforts to advance the college and its programs.

#### IN MEMORIAM: Jordan Randolph, Paralegal Studies

Jordan Randolph, born on July 26, 1991, in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, peacefully passed away in Washington, DC in January 2024. He was a remarkable individual, excelling both academically and athletically. Graduating with honors from First Baptist Church School in Charleston, Jordan pursued higher education at Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health Studies. He went on to earn a graduate certificate in Paralegal Studies from the George Washington University in May 2023 and was inducted into Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), the national paralegal honor society. He will be posthumously awarded a master's degree in Paralegal Studies from GW in May 2024. Professionally, Jordan made significant contributions at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Washington DC. His love for adventure and kindness towards others were evident throughout his life. Jordan leaves behind a loving family, including his parents, siblings, significant other, and many cherished friends and colleagues. His impact on our community will not be forgotten.



Jordan Randolph Paralegal Studies

# 2023-2024 GRADUATES

The university confers degrees three times per year but only has one commencement ceremony. The following students are candidates for degrees in course by completing degree requirements in August 2023, January 2024, or May 2024. Those who will complete degree requirements and have their degree conferred in the 2024 summer semester are marked by an asterisk.\*

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE

#### **CYBERSECURITY**

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#### MASTER'S DEGREE

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# HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

#### 2024 LAMBDA EPSILON CHI INDUCTEES

Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) is a national academic honor society that recognizes paralegal students who have demonstrated superior academic performance in an established, qualified program of paralegal studies offered at an institution that is an Institutional member in good standing of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

Lori A. Barringer	Adam Knopsnyder	Hannah G. Rockwood
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Leta Maria Dunham	Carly Kurr	Gina L. Stonebraker
Julia Anne Gottlieb	Melissa LaRose	Annamaria I. Sullivan
Madison C. Hall	Anita Margaret Lovasi	Autumn Swain
Maria Hernandez Pinto	Krystine E. Mattey	Jason Van Dyke
Ruifang Hu	Victoria Motorina	Sarah Wilt
Cynthia Hubbard-Arevalo	Jordan Randolph	Jihae Woo
Yasaman Khanjani	Daphne G. Robinson	Rebecca E. Woods

#### 2023-2024 PI SIGMA ALPHA INDUCTEES

Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) is the only national honor society for college and university students of political and social sciences in the United States. Its purpose is to recognize and promote high academic achievement in the field of political science. It is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and adheres to all the standards set by ACHS for an upper-division, specialized honor society.

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# OUR COLLEGE

# About the College of Professional Studies

At the College of Professional Studies (CPS), our academic programs are meticulously crafted to cater to the distinctive needs of adult learners and seasoned professionals. With a keen understanding of the evolving landscape of various industries, CPS offers a spectrum of undergraduate and graduate programs tailored to meet the competency demands of individuals navigating dynamic and emergent professions. Our commitment to innovation is evident in our approach, often characterized by collaborative efforts with esteemed partners such as government agencies, professional associations, leading consulting firms, and industry pioneers. Through this collaborative process, we ensure that our programs remain at the forefront of addressing the realworld challenges encountered by today's workforce.

The College of Professional Studies is the proud home of the GW Graduate School of Political Management.

#### About the Graduate School of Political Management

At the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) at GW, we stand as pioneers in the realm of applied politics and communications, cultivating expertise through specialized graduate programs in political management, legislative affairs, strategic public relations, and bespoke international initiatives in Latin America. Our mission is clear: to arm our students and professionals with the essential tools, steadfast principles, and democratic values vital for navigating the complex landscape of participatory governance. We mold ethical and proficient advocates, primed to lead with integrity on the global, national, and local stages. With an illustrious alumni cohort exceeding 4,500, our network spans across continents, comprising influential figures in politics, government, communications, and public affairs. By seamlessly integrating our students into this formidable community, we pave the way for their advancement and triumph in their chosen careers.

# of the George Washington University College of Professional Studies,

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone in your academic journey! As you cross the threshold of graduation, know that your accomplishments stand as a testament to your dedication and hard work.

We, at the College of Professional Studies, take immense pride in being part of your educational odyssey and eagerly anticipate witnessing the remarkable achievements that lie ahead for each of you.

Today, you officially join the illustrious ranks of George Washington University alumni, a community renowned for its breadth and diversity. With over 16,000 individuals who have graduated from the College of Professional Studies and over a staggering 320,000 alumni worldwide, you are now part of a vast network of accomplished professionals and leaders spanning countless fields.

As alumni, you embody the spirit of our institution and serve as vital ambassadors and advocates for our college. We are deeply committed to keeping you connected and engaged through regular updates, exclusive event invitations, and opportunities to interact with current students, faculty, and fellow alumni.

Your continued involvement not only grants you access to invaluable resources and opportunities but also contributes significantly to the ongoing success and prosperity of our college and future generations of students.

Together, let us forge ahead, united by our shared experiences and aspirations, as we continue to cultivate a dynamic and inclusive network.

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