Purchase College
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Commencement

2021

Commencement
Greetings from the President

On behalf of the Purchase College community, I am honored to welcome students, families, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni to our commencement ceremony.

While we cannot be together in person for the ceremony, it does not diminish the meaning of this milestone.

Today, we celebrate our students’ academic and artistic success, and honor their resilience, which helped them arrive at this moment. Today, we look forward to their future with hope and pride.

The graduating class of 2021 includes scholars, artists, performers, scientists, journalists, athletes, activists, peer mentors, and leaders. They have spent their academic careers delving deep into their studies, discovering new ways of thinking, and engaging with their work with an intellectual and creative curiosity that will serve them for a lifetime. They have asked probing questions of themselves, their professors, and of each other. They have studied, experimented, performed, and created new art and new scholarship. They have worked to create a world that is more sustainable, compassionate, equitable, and just, advocating for the causes closest to their hearts.

They have succeeded despite extraordinary challenges that have affected virtually every aspect of their lives and the lives of their loved ones. We’re immensely proud of their monumental achievements in the face of unprecedented hurdles and their steadfast commitment to their studies, their peers, their families, and their communities.

To our graduates: we are honored to welcome you to the distinguished ranks of our alumni. You have made your mark on our campus community, which will inspire future generations of Purchase students.

Over the past five decades, Purchase College alumni have made significant achievements across nearly every field, from journalism, literature, and film, to the performing and visual arts, to public service, the sciences, technology, education, and beyond. We look forward to following your careers and celebrating your successes for many years to come.

While the world has changed in many ways since you began your college career, I am confident that your experiences, skills, flexibility, and innovative thinking will help you find your way and forge new paths, including those you may not have even envisioned yet. We’re grateful to have been a part of your journey and hope that you will continue to stay engaged with your peers and your alma mater.

Congratulations again on behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff. We wish you all the best on your future endeavors.

Dr. Milagros (Milly) Peña
President
To the Purchase College Graduating Class of 2021:

Living through a pandemic is likely not how you expected to finish your last semesters at Purchase, nor how you expected to start your life after college. Major milestone celebrations over the 13 months have been postponed, cancelled, or modified, including commencements. I know this is not the ideal outcome after years of hard work and studying, but this does not diminish your tremendous accomplishment. Despite all the challenges thrown at you and having your senior year of college unceremoniously turned upside-down, you persevered to earn your degree.

Although we were not able to celebrate your graduation with all the normal pomp and circumstance it so rightfully deserves, let it be known that we are all so proud of the Class of 2021—the persistence, determination, and grit you have shown to complete your studies amidst a number of obstacles is exemplary.

As you look toward the future, know your SUNY education has prepared you to succeed in whatever you put your mind to—whether it be furthering your education or joining the workforce. The #ProofofPurchase class of 2021 will continue the SUNY legacy of changing the world no matter where you go, and I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish.

On behalf of everyone at SUNY, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your fellow 2021 graduates. You make us proud.

Sincerely,

Jim Malatras
Chancellor
Greetings from the Alumni Association President

On behalf of the more than 27,000 worldwide alumni of Purchase College, and the Purchase College Alumni Association, I welcome you, Class of 2021, to this 49th Annual Commencement.

It has been an honor to serve as president of the Purchase College Alumni Association. The primary mission of the Alumni Association is to increase alumni engagement and foster fellowship between alumni and Purchase College. I am honored to lead our Board of Directors as we continue to reach out and connect with fellow alumni and work in collaboration, towards strengthening the legacy of our alma mater.

To the year that was 2020, followed by an optimistic return towards normality in 2021, your resilience to adversity shined the brightest. I had the great pleasure of getting to know many of you in-person and virtually over the past few years in different capacities. You should all be proud to be members of the Class of 2021. Every one of you belongs to an extraordinary group filled with bright, innovative, and talented individuals. Your awareness of the world, self, and ability to connect with others will serve you well as you transition into our alumni family.

Eleven years removed from my very own commencement, the core mission of Purchase College remains intact. From its inception, Purchase College was created to be unique. Fusing liberal arts and world class conservatory programs allows students to “think wide open.” The level of discourse and involvement, artistic expression, and ideas that float around campus create a special experience for all of us at Purchase College.

The Purchase College Alumni Association offers a lifelong opportunity to ally yourself with fellow alum, campus staff and faculty, as well as high-ranking SUNY decision makers. Year-round, we host a range of career networking receptions, cultural alumni programming, and reunions. I urge you to stay engaged with Purchase; you will benefit from taking full advantage of the great programs and events that the Alumni Association continues to sponsor.

Your continued support of Purchase College is essential, and I hope you will join me in fulfilling our obligation to give back to our alma mater. Together, we can ensure that students of tomorrow, regardless of their academic or personal background, have access to a Purchase education and a bright future. Perhaps in the future, you, or your employer through a matching gift program, will choose to support the Purchase Make an Impact Fund, which provides emergency assistance to those in need, ensuring that no student forgoes textbooks, misses class, or is unable to respond to a family emergency because they cannot afford transportation costs.

On behalf of all of your fellow alumni, congratulations, Class of 2021, you are officially the newest members of the Purchase College Alumni Association. As our newest alumni, you become representatives of Purchase College—you are truly “Proof of Purchase.” The tenacity and dedication you summoned to complete your degree during these past two extremely challenging years will serve you well as you launch into your next chapter. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and I hope to meet many of you at future alumni events.

Kevin V. Collymore ’10
President, Purchase College Alumni Association
Greetings from the Purchase College Council

To the Outstanding Class of 2021:

The College Council applauds your achievements and the attainment of this significant milestone for you and your families. We are delighted to join all your well-wishers, from family to faculty, staff, and alumni, in this celebration of your scholarship and accomplishments.

You have had the opportunity to study in a unique academic environment where interdisciplinary learning links the arts to the humanities, natural and social sciences, and film and new media. You have learned from a faculty and staff who are deeply committed to your success. We join the entire campus community in its confidence that you will take leadership roles in whatever you choose to do after you leave Purchase.

We encourage you to cherish all the experiences you have had and all the relationships that you made at Purchase as you embark on the next stage of your life. Whether the next step is graduate school, the stage, the studio, the classroom, the lab or the boardroom, you should feel confident that Purchase College has prepared you well.

We all have thoroughly enjoyed your work, performances, and achievements during your time at Purchase College. You are a wonderfully creative class, and it has been very rewarding to watch you mature as students, actors, performers, athletes, and artists. Our campus has been greatly enriched by your presence, and we are confident that you will similarly enrich the communities you join after you leave this campus.

You are now Purchase alumni, but you will always be a part of the Purchase family.

Congratulations and best wishes for success in all your future endeavors.

With admiration for all of your achievements,

Dennis E. Glazer, Chairman
The Purchase College Council
Order of Exercises

Opening Remarks
Milagros Peña
President, Purchase College

National Anthem
Samara McLendon ’21
Accompanied by Pete Malinverni ’00 MM
Associate Professor of Jazz Studies

Conferral of Honorary Degree and Remarks to the Graduates
Lynn Nottage

Introduction of Distinguished Alumni
Kevin V. Collymore ’10
President, Purchase College
Alumni Association

Presentation of the President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni
Denise Roberts Hurlin ’84
Janette Yarwood ’96

Brick Holder
Caleb Dowden ’21

Senior Class Speaker
Michelle Dieguez ’21

Introduction of the Class of 2021
Barry Pearson, Provost
Faculty Mace, Marshals, and Directors

Conferring of Degrees
President Peña

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School of Art+Design
Arts Management
Conservatory of Dance
School of Film and Media Studies
School of Humanities
Liberal Studies
Conservatory of Music
School of Natural and Social Sciences
Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Jim Malatras
Chancellor, State University of New York

Kathy Hochul
Lieutenant Governor of New York
Ceremony Participants

Milagros (Milly) Peña
President

Samara McLendon ’21
National Anthem Singer
Conservatory of Music, Jazz Studies
Ella Fitzgerald Scholar

Charles E. Schumer
US Senator for New York and Senate Majority Leader

Lynn Nottage
SUNY Honorary Degree Recipient, Doctor of Fine Arts

Kevin V. Collymore ’10
President, Purchase College Alumni Association

Denise Roberts Hurlin ’84
President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni

Janette Yarwood ’96
President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni

Barry Pearson
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management

Connie Lobur
Mace Carrier
Associate Professor of Political Science
School of Natural and Social Sciences

Warren Lehrer
Faculty Marshal
Professor of Graphic Design
School of Art+Design

Lenora Champagne
Faculty Marshal
Professor of Theatre and Performance
Conservatory of Theatre Arts
Lecturer in Playwriting
School of Film and Media Studies

Caleb Dowden ’21
Brick Holder
Dance Performance

Michelle Dieguez ’21
Senior Class Speaker
Literature, Theatre and Performance minor

CONSERVATORY AND SCHOOL INTRODUCTIONS

Christopher Robbins
Director, School of Art+Design
Associate Professor of Art+Design

Maria Guralnik
Department Chair, Arts Management
Assistant Professor of Practice in Arts Management and Entrepreneurship

Nelly van Bommel Zelniker ’04 MFA
Director, Conservatory of Dance
Professor of Dance

Paula Halperin
Director, School of Film and Media Studies
Associate Professor of Cinema Studies and History

Aviva Taubenfeld
Director, School of Humanities
Associate Professor of Literature and Writing

Ross Daly
Interim Director, Liberal Studies
Associate Professor of Journalism

Jenny Undercofler
Director, Conservatory of Music
Associate Professor of Practice in Music

Rudolf Gaudi
Director, School of Natural and Social Sciences
Professor of Anthropology

Jack Tamburri
Interim Director, Conservatory of Theatre Arts
Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts
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College Leadership

Dennis E. Glazer
Chair, Purchase College Council

Nicholas Astor ’22
President, Purchase College Student Government
Member, Purchase College Council

Lucille Werlinich
Chair, Purchase College Foundation

Michelle Ifill
Vice Chair, Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

David M. Fleisher ’75
Vice Chair, Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

William Klingenstein
Secretary, Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

Judith Riggs
Treasurer, Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

Judy Nolan
Chief Financial Officer
Vice President for Operations

Patricia Bice ’85
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Peggy Luy
Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Interim Executive Director of the Purchase College Foundation and Charitable Entities

Kathleen Farrell
Chief Human Resources Officer

Jerima DeWese
Chief Diversity Officer/Affirmative Action Officer
Title IX Coordinator

Dayton Tucker
Chief of Police, Purchase College
New York State University Police

Anne Kern
Dean for Global Strategy and International Programs and Director, Center for Engagement
Associate Professor of Film and Cinema Studies

Gregory Taylor
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Shane Seaman
Interim Dean of Enrollment Management
Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

Jennifer Shingelo
Director of Student Support and Academic Achievement

Kelly Jackson
Director, School of Continuing Education

Tracy Fitzpatrick
Director, Neuberger Museum of Art
Interim Managing Director Performing Arts Center
Associate Professor of Art History

Mustafa Sakarya
Director, Purchase College Library

Keith Landa
Director of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center
Associate Librarian
Vice President/Secretary, SUNY University Faculty Senate

Barbara Moore
Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment
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Ryan Taylor
University Faculty Senator
Associate Professor of Environmental Studies

Dan Hanessian ’90 MFA
Faculty Presiding Officer
Chair, Purchase College Senate
Associate Professor of Theatre Design/Technology

Sheli Taylor
President, Professional Staff Council
Accounts Payable Manager, Purchase College Foundation and Charitable Entities

Joseph Germani
Chapter President, United University Professions
Assistant for Instructional Technology, Campus Technology Services
Lynn Nottage

You are an internationally renowned, award-winning playwright, screenwriter, librettist, producer, podcaster, and professor. You are the first, and still, the only woman in history to win two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama, for *Ruined* in 2009 and *Sweat* in 2017. Like many of our students, you are a native New Yorker, born in Brooklyn, and a graduate of LaGuardia High School in New York City, where you wrote your first full length play about an African-American Shakespeare company traveling through the south.

You are a graduate of Brown University and The Yale School of Drama, where you received your master’s degree. You are the recipient of a MacArthur Genius Grant Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, numerous awards including OBIE, Drama Desk, and Lucille Lortel awards, and in 2017 the Tony Award nomination for Best Play and you won the Evening Standard Theatre Award (the Tony equivalent in the UK) in 2019 for your play *Sweat*. *Time* magazine named you one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2019.

With your newest work on pause due to the pandemic, you continue to expand your craft turning your 2003 play *Intimate Apparel* into an opera at Lincoln Center. And you have written the book for the musical adaptation of the novel *The Secret Life of Bees*, as well as the book for a new musical about Michael Jackson, *MJ*, to be staged on Broadway at the Neil Simon Theatre in Fall 2021.

Your work addresses themes that delve into the lives of the disenfranchised; characters who are often poor, white and black, and working class. Your formidable and inspiring characters illuminate and instruct, often enduring agony and hardship and through your prose they reveal and transform themselves and the audience alike. You give voice to the voiceless, laying bare social and political struggles. And here, at Purchase College, your work has inspired, challenged, and informed our students, professors, and audiences. You have shown them the path for using values and empathy in their efforts to confront injustices, artistically and intellectually.

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to art and culture and to expanding the important conversations of our time, the State University of New York is pleased to bestow upon you the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, *honoris causa*. Purchase College, The State University of New York May 21, 2021.
Whereas, inspired by your participation in a Purchase Dance Company production of *Cloven Kingdom* by the iconic American choreographer and modern dancer Paul Taylor, you continued to expand your education at The Taylor School, where you met David Parsons;

Whereas, in 1987 you joined the newly formed Parsons Dance as a founding member, performing worldwide and set David Parson’s work on the Purchase Dance Company as well as the Netherlands Dans Theatre.


Whereas, in 1993, DRA became a program of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, one of the nation’s leading industry-based, nonprofit AIDS fundraising and grant-making organizations.

Whereas, DRA and Broadway Cares has raised more than $300 million, awarding grants that serve those in the performing arts nationwide as well as groceries and medication, health care, and hope for people in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. providing essential support to more than 470 AIDS and family service organizations on the front lines, ensuring that those in need get the help they deserve.

Whereas, as Founding Director, under your leadership DRA has produced more than 150 events, including the renowned, annual *Fire Island Dance Festival*, which since it began in 1995 has premiered over 60 new works featuring world class celebrated dancers and choreographers from every genre.

Whereas, you inspire the next generation of young dancers to use their art for the greater good by producing, for over 15 years, the *Stars of Tomorrow...Giving Back Today* young dancer DRA benefit, here at The Performing Arts Center’s Concert Hall, annually bringing together over 300 dancers from tri-state area schools to perform and fundraise for those in need, as well as advising Dance Conservatory students for *Purchase Cares* presented at the Dance Lab Theater.

Whereas, you have made numerous contributions to your alma mater, working with the next generation of dancers, selflessly committed to your art form and your community, as an activist and humanitarian in the spirit of Purchase College’s Think Wide Open philosophy,

Now therefore do I, Dr. Milagros Peña, President, on behalf of the alumni, faculty, students, and staff of Purchase College, State University of New York, proudly recognize

**Denise Roberts Hurlin**

Recipient of the *Purchase College President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni*

Presented on this the 21st of May, 2021
Janette Yarwood ’96, PhD, whereas, you received your Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology as a member of the Purchase College Class of 1996; continuing your education at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, earning a Master’s in Philosophy and a Doctoral degree in Cultural Anthropology.

Whereas, you credit your experience as an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) student and an Anthropology class in your first year at Purchase as two key motivating factors, enabling you to envision a future immersed in the study of other cultures and work that took you to distant lands.

Whereas, you are the recipient of numerous fellowships including the Fulbright and National Science Foundation; you have written extensively on Africa, including developing policies, writing legislation, and evaluating programs; in 2018 you were honored by The Diversity in National Security Network coalition and New America organization for your excellence and thought leadership on national security and foreign policy.

Whereas, you began your career as a Research Staff Member at the Institute for Defense Analyses Africa Program, where you honed your policy development and research skills focused on US foreign policy and national security issues related to Sub-Saharan Africa, while building relationships in the foreign policy community.

Whereas, your expertise on Sub-Saharan Africa led you to the U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute as chair of Sub-Saharan Africa area studies from 2015-2017, developing and designing curriculum, and teaching U.S. diplomats heading to posts in Africa, and evaluating policies, procedures, and programs.

Whereas, you then moved to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Staff Director for the House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International organizations, a subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, working under Subcommittee Chair Karen Bass, congresswoman from California, where you were responsible for launching a foreign policy agenda, drafting legislation, and conducting oversight missions for the committee chair.

Whereas, today you serve in the Biden/Harris Administration as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of African Affairs, returning to the U.S. Department of State, leading strategic initiatives that articulate U.S. policy priorities for the 49 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the African Union.

Whereas, although you have traveled extensively and work in Washington D.C., you have always found time to return to your alma mater, serving as an inspiration to the next generation of SUNY, EOP and Purchase students whose interests in Anthropology, Political Science, and Global Education draw them to your presentations on campus. Your career and contributions are a brilliant example of public service we are proud to acknowledge.

Now therefore do I, Dr. Milagros Peña, President, on behalf of the alumni, faculty, students, and staff of Purchase College, State University of New York proudly recognize

Janette Yarwood, PhD

Recipient of the Purchase College President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni
Presented on this the 21st of May, 2021
It is the tradition of the academy to honor individuals of preeminence, influence, and service within their chosen fields, the Honorary Doctorate, awarded by the Board of Trustees of the State University as a whole, recognizes individuals for a significant body of life’s work, unparalleled accomplishments, and/or generous and sustained service to society.

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Honorary Degree Recipients

2001  James Earl Jones  Doctor of Fine Arts

2002  Judith Jamison  
Joseph Volpe  Doctor of Fine Arts  Doctor of Humane Letters

2003  Cora Cahan  
Timothy John Russert  

2004  Billy Collins  
Clark Terry  
Joan M. Weill  Doctor of Letters  Doctor of Music  Doctor of Humane Letters

2005  Santo Loquasto  
Carl Safina ’77  Doctor of Fine Arts  Doctor of Science

2006  Allan E. Goodman  
Carmen De Lavallade  Doctor of Humane Letters  Doctor of Fine Arts

2007  Tania León  
Joyce Randolph  Doctor of Music  Doctor of Fine Arts

2008  Tony Kushner  
Jeffrey D. Sachs  Doctor of Letters  Doctor of Science

2009  Dianne McIntyre  
Frederick Wiseman  Doctor of Fine Arts  Doctor of Fine Arts

2010  Philip Bosco  Doctor of Fine Arts

2011  Alfredo Jaar  
Evelyn Fox Keller  Doctor of Fine Arts  Doctor of Science

2012  Elizabeth J. McCormack  
Aaron Benjamin Sorkin  Doctor of Humane Letters  Doctor of Fine Arts

2013  Eric Foner  Doctor of Humane Letters

2014  Amy Goodman  
John Zorn  Doctor of Humane Letters  Doctor of Music

2015  David Henry Hwang  
Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi  
Debora Lynn Spar  Doctor of Fine Arts  Doctor of Humane Letters  Doctor of Humane Letters

2016  Katherine L. Vockins  Doctor of Humane Letters

2017  Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel  
David N. Dinkins  
Holland Cotter  Doctor of Arts  Doctor of Laws  Doctor of Letters

2019  Fred Douglas Wilson ’76  Doctor of Fine Arts
The Purchase College President’s Award for Distinguished Alumni marks the occasion of a maturing institution and honors distinguished alumni whose demonstrated excellence and significant contributions within their chosen fields reflect on the quality of their educational experience at Purchase College. We are confident that our alumni—poised as they are for roles of major influence and contribution—will continue to emerge worthy of these awards.

2005  Jill Bargonetti-Chavarria ’85 (Biology)  
       Fred Wilson ’76 (Visual Arts)

2006  Harvey Wang ’77 (Visual Arts and Anthropology)

2007  Doug Varone ’78 (Dance)  
       Adam Nagourney ’77 (Economics)

2008  Dwayne Croft ’83 (Music)  
       Jeremy Gerard ’77 (Literature)

2009  Donald Margulies ’76 (Visual Arts)  
       Chris Wedge ’81 (Film)

2010  Terese Capucilli ’78 (Dance)  
       Michael Powell ’78 (History)

2011  Susie Essman ’77 (Urban Studies)  
       Jon Kessler ’80 (Visual Arts)

2012  John Ambroseo ’83 (Chemistry)  
       Ivan Menchell ’83 (Drama Studies)

2013  Gregory Crewdson ’85 (Culture and Society)  
       Jessica Hentoff ’77 (Sociology)

2014  Jodi Long ’76 (Theatre Arts)  
       Peter Powchik ’79 (Chemistry)

2015  Kyle Abraham ’00 (Dance)

2016  Stephen Vitiello ’86 (Literature)

2017  Regina Spektor ’01 (Music)

2018  Jay Olcutt Sanders ’76 (Theatre Arts)  
       Latrice Monique Walker, Esq. ’01 (Sociology and Political Science)

2019  Ina Mayhew ’81 (Theatre Design)

2020  Adotei Akwei ’84 (Political Science and Economics)
International Graduates

Purchase College is committed to celebrating its interconnectedness with the world and learning across borders. This year, there are 16 international graduates representing their countries at Commencement: China, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Macau, Russia, Taiwan, Tunisia, and United Kingdom.

Student Stoles

In addition to traditional academic regalia, students may wear different colored stoles, or sashes, to signify affiliation with various groups at the college.

PURPLE: PSGA (Purchase Student Government Association) Leadership
TEAL: Resident Assistant
PINK: Orientation Leader
YELLOW: Admissions Ambassador
BLUE: EOP/MAP (Educational Opportunity Program/Merit Access Program)
WHITE: Athletics
Senior Class Speaker and Ceremonial Brick and Mace

Senior Class Speaker

A Commencement tradition, the senior class speaker is chosen to reflect the graduating class experience and represents the very best of Purchase College. A panel of faculty and staff members review applications and choose the senior class speaker on how well they represent the ideals and values of Purchase College.

Ceremonial Brick

The Brick Holder ceremony is one of our fondest traditions. First given to a student at the 1998 freshman orientation program, this brick is now awarded to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to the quality of student life throughout their Purchase tenure. By “returning” the brick, the values of leadership, service, involvement, and positive change are gifted forward to the next class of graduates.

Ceremonial Mace

The mace, traditionally a staff made of metal or wood, has been used in ceremonial occasions since the 14th century by European universities as a symbol of university scholarship.

In 2003, President Thomas Schwarz asked faculty members Dennis FitzGerald and Eric Wildrick to create a ceremonial mace for Purchase College.

The head of the Purchase College ceremonial mace is a bronze and stainless steel form that represents the “The Flame of Knowledge.” The stainless steel core of the “flame” is surrounded by six elements, representing each of the six constituencies of the college: Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Administration, and Community.

The flame form is attached to a shaft of locally sourced walnut, a wood that symbolizes growth and nourishment.
Senior Class Speaker and Ceremonial Brick Holder

Senior Class Speaker

Michelle Dieguez ’21

Michelle Dieguez majored in literature with a minor in theatre and performance. She hails from Yonkers, NY and transferred to Purchase in 2018. During her time here, she was a lead admissions ambassador, the social media manager for the School of Humanities, a student orientation leader (SOL), and a member of the Varsity Women’s Tennis team.

In the fall, Dieguez will be pursuing a master’s at New York University, while working in theatre.

When asked why she auditioned for senior class speaker, Dieguez wrote, “I just really enjoyed being a student at Purchase College. From the moment I stepped onto campus, I was accepted into the college community with open arms, giving me the space to explore my interests, make connections, pursue internships, and most importantly be myself. I feel very connected with the senior class; graduating with them and leaving Purchase feels like I am leaving behind my family and my home.”

Brick Holder

Caleb Dowden ’21

Caleb Dowden is graduating from the Conservatory of Dance. A native New Orleanian, Dowden fell in love with dance at the age of three. During her four years as a student in the Conservatory of Dance at Purchase College, she has had the opportunity to perform contemporary works by Maiya Redding and Rena Bulter as well as classic 20th century work by José Limon and Martha Graham.

Dowden studied abroad in Benin, West Africa and Taipei, Taiwan. She earned a Fulbright Fellowship to journey back to Benin to reclaim through movement African history that has been lost due to slavery.

Dowden is the chair of Student Advisory Board for Global Education. She is the recipient of SUNY’s highest honor, the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence, and SUNY’s Thayer Fellowship, as well as the 2021 President’s Award for Achievement–Conservatory of Dance, and Student Affairs Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Quality of Student Life.
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Awards

Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence

Caleb Dowden
Dance

Fulbright Award

William Byram
Fulbright Trinity Laban Award in Dance, United Kingdom

Caleb Dowden
Fulbright Study Research Award in the Creative/Performing Arts, Benin, West Africa

Thayer Fellowship in the Arts

Caleb Dowden
Dance

Michael Gilroy
Creative Writing

Debora Martinez
Sculpture

President’s Award for Achievement

Caleb Dowden
Conservatory of Dance

Alicia McMillan
Conservatory of Music

Natalie Morrow
Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Agustina Markez
School of Art+Design

Anastasia Goldberg
School of Film and Media Studies

Winifred Richards-Consigny
School of Humanities

Patricia Dalarme Kennedy
School of Liberal Studies

Elizabeth Bardwill-Lugones
School of Natural and Social Sciences

Scott Adam Johnston
Arts Management

Katelyn Daher
Abbott Kaplan Award

Veronica Ryzio
Abbott Kaplan Award

Gabriella R. Rosen
Martine G. Mauro-Wade
Technos International Prize for Outstanding Academic Performance and Commitment to the Cause of International Understanding

School of Art+Design

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Abigayle Pusz
Interdisciplinary Studies

Benjamin Eden Carter
Painting and Drawing

Wesley DeJesus
Photography

Isabel Paredes
Printmaking

Isaiah Rivera
Printmaking

Samuel Chen
Sculpture

Nikita Gotov
Graphic Design
Awards

Lara Young
BSVA

Christine Kim
Outstanding MFA Recognition Award

Arts Management

Grace Azcona
Jandon Business of the Arts Student Achievement Award

Conservatory of Dance

Imani Gaudin-County
Bert Terborgh Award

Avery Casasanta
Outstanding Senior in Dance

Shadden Hashem
Outstanding Senior in Dance

Raven Marsh
Outstanding Senior in Dance

YuChin (Kiki) Tseng
Outstanding Senior in Dance

School of Film and Media Studies

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Sarah Siano
Outstanding Senior Award for Media Studies

Egor Subbotin
Outstanding Senior Award for Film

Jack Dickinson
Outstanding Senior Award for Playwriting and Screenwriting

Sophia Goode
Outstanding Senior Award for New Media

Julia Reeder
Hali Traina
Outstanding Senior Award for Cinema Studies

Emily Park
Elayne R. Rubinoff Film Award

Jahleel Hills
Anastasia Goldberg
Jesse Feigelman Film Award

Viktor Zoeller
Chelsea Muscat
Saul Turrell Film Award

Emily Kaye
Miriam Arsham Film Award

School of Humanities

Eleanor Morrison
Bell Chevigny Award for Feminist Studies in Humanities

Skye Saunders
Dina Reutershans Epstein Memorial Award

Winifred Richards-Consigny
Friends of Humanities/American Society of Poets Prize

Gabrielle Bohrman
Gertrude Halpern Friends of Humanities Scholarship

Therese Biazon
Mason Martinez
Ginny Wray Prize in Fiction

Lianna Lazaros
Channa Goldman
Ginny Wray Prize in Poetry

Emily Czerwinski
Jack Wilson Prize for the Study of American Literature
Awards

School of Humanities (cont.)

Synovia Roberts
James Greenwood Prize for the Best Senior Project

Malachai Marzolf
Eleanor Morrison
Nicholas Motmans
James and Alice Greenwood Prize in Philosophy

Lianna Samoyedny
Peter Keller Memorial Prize in European History

Samuel Kaye
Lituchy & Wiesenberg Prize for the Best Essay in Humanities

Alison Adams
MA Prize in Art History, Criticism & Theory

Oscar Garcia
Michael O’Loughlin Memorial Award

Marcia Hunt
Kaitlyn Fikaris
Mike McNickle Journalism Award

Gabrielle Bohrman
Peter Keller Journalism Award

Martin Drob
Richard Alan Sarnoff Memorial Award in Jewish Studies

George Vince
Richard Maass Prize in American History

Thomas Sclafani
Robert M. Stein Prize for Excellence in Literary Studies

Daniela Hirsch
Ronnie Scharfman Award for Diaspora Studies in the Humanities

Rebecca Ribeiro
MA Prize in Art History – Neuberger Fellowship

Julia Somme
Art History Prize

School of Liberal Studies

Arielle Joselson
Liberal Studies Award for Achievement

Carmen Arias-Urena
Liberal Studies Award for Achievement

Conservatory of Music

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Frank Scoca
Music and Technology

Martine Mauro-Wade
Jazz Studies

Jamonica Warren
Classical Studies

Robert Liebold
Music Academics

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Rachel Nicolazzo
Music and Technology

Joshua Carter
Jazz Studies

Lucy Tarantino
Classical Studies

Kieran McAuliffe
Music Academics
Awards

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Jennifer Paulino
The Irene P. Goldring Award for Achievement

Darlis Juvino
The Gloria Roth Award for Excellence in Science

Allison Knox
Melissa Rothstein
NSS Service Award

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Robert Cornal
Anthropology

Gaige Brandon
Biochemistry

Maheli Salazar
Chemistry

Emma Keogan
Economics

Tiffany Rushford
Environmental Studies

Keyanna Pizarro
Mathematics/Computer Science

Jamonica Warren
Political Science

Christina Thrasher
Psychology

Diane Puello
Sociology

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

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Acting

Jeanna DiPaolo
Theatre Design/Technology

Kai DonDero
Theatre and Performance

Cecillia Koueth
Christopher Gorman Memorial Award

Awards For Distinguished Achievement and Service

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Caleb Dowden
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Award for Outstanding Contribution to Quality of Student Life

Purchase College Student Government Association

Writers Club
Outstanding Club/Organization

Purchase Phoenix
Outstanding Service

The Category is Resiliency
Outstanding Program/Event

Mina Bunch
The Purchase Student Government Award

Sara Atlassi
Outstanding Service to the Purchase Community

Tim Bosco
Outstanding Senator Award

Caitlin Twomey
Outstanding Purchase College Staff Member

Malachai Marzolf
Outstanding Employee of the PSGA
Listed on the following pages are all degree candidates from Purchase College, State University of New York, who are eligible for the awarding of appropriate degrees and honors upon completion of prescribed work.

This does not constitute the official list of those who will receive honors. Official determinations regarding honors designations will be made at the time of degree conferral.

C = Cum Laude    M = Magna Cum Laude    S = Summa Cum Laude    * = January 2021

School of Art+Design

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Paige Avery Aaronson
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Sam Cervini (C)
Samuel Zuxing Chen (M)
Nancy Ann Cobban (C)
Katelyn Alexandra Daher (S)
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Jody Beth Inderwies (C)
Bo Kallen
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Jasper Maxwell Kesin
Granit Krasniqi (M)
Augusta Frances Leopold*
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Mola Liu
Benjamin Lojacono*
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Iyania Sunshine Martin
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Eamon McGee
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Emma Grace Murray
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Lily Katherine Nickel (M)
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Stella Nova Picuri (S)
Bonnie Powers (M)
Abigail Blue Pusz (S)
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Mariella Allayne Reich (C)
Isaiah S Rivera
Alan Manuel Rodriguez
Bryan Patrick Rooney
Carolina Rosado
Gabriella Rosen (S)
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Sarah Marie Shahata  
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Sewell (M)  
Milo Stricker  
Emily Marie Swain  
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YuChin Tseng (S)  
Darlyn Ramona Villalona  
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School of Humanities

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- John James Donohoe (M)
- Isaiah Figueroa
- Yancy April Garcia (M)
- Harrison Michael Graser (M)
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- Max Henry Hoffman
- Antoine King Hood (C)
- Christopher John Iorio (C)
- Paul Tochukwu Jennette
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- Dongwoo Kim
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- Samara Joy Mcclendon (M)
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- David Robert Isaac McShea (M)
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- Philip Orlando
- Costello Orselli (S)
- Monica Park (S)
- Garrit John Peck
- Conor Wilson Powers (C)
- Steve Ramsingh (C)
- Anthony Joseph Rana
- Jonathan Harris Reiner
- Elaine Nicole Rojas (M)
- William Pieter Schepp (M)
- Lena Olivia Schnall (M)
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- Blanche Labierca
- Stevenson (M)*
- Lucas Blakelock Taylor (C)
- Faron James Tillson
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- Natalie Jane Turner (M)
- Christopher Shakur Uzzell
- Lawrence Nicholas Van Patten (C)
- Jamonica Darra Warren (M)
- David Paul White (M)
- Jasmine Yanase (C)

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- Orit Dahari
- Ozenc Duzenli
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- Saeram Jang*
- Samuel George Johnson*
- Brian Kieran Mcauliffe
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- Sun Young Sunny Hwang
- Jee Won Shin
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## School of Natural and Social Sciences

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