



COMMENCEMENT 2025

Purchase College

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

MAY 16, 2025

Greetings from the Purchase College President

On behalf of the Purchase College community, I am honored to welcome students, families, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni to our 53rd commencement ceremony.

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 2025 includes scholars, artists, performers, scientists, journalists, athletes, peer mentors, and leaders. They have spent their academic careers delving deep into their studies, discovering new ways of thinking, and engaging in their work with an intellectual and creative curiosity that will serve them for a lifetime. They have studied, experimented, performed, and created new art and new scholarship. They have strived to create a world that is more sustainable, compassionate, and equitable.

We're immensely proud of their monumental achievements 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 achieved significant accomplishments 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.

After having witnessed the class over the past four years, I am confident that your experiences, skills, flexibility, and innovative thinking will help guide you forward and forge new paths, including those not yet envisioned. We're grateful to have been a part of your journey and invite you 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 in your future endeavors.



Milagros (Milly) Peña
President

Greetings from the Alumni Association President

On behalf of the nearly 30,000 Purchase College alumni across the country and around the globe, I am thrilled to congratulate you on the occasion of today's Commencement and welcome you as the newest members of the Purchase College Alumni Association!

Over the past four years, you have dedicated yourselves to academic excellence, personal growth, and creative exploration. Today, your hard work, determination, and perseverance have paid off as you walk across the stage to accept your diploma and embark on an exciting new chapter in your lives.

As you take this significant step forward, know that your Alumni Association is here to support you. You are joining a bright, innovative, and talented alumni community that carries the unique and powerful Think Wide Open mindset forward to achieve great things in our respective fields. The PCAA is excited to hear about your accomplishments, celebrate your successes, and witness your incredible impact. You are Proof of Purchase!

I encourage you to take advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you through the College and the PCAA. Become a member of one or more of the PCAA affinity groups. Attend the annual #ForeverPurchase summer social in New York City. Mark your calendars to return to campus for your first Alumni Weekend next spring. Or join us at social meetups, career networking events, and other programs we host virtually and in person throughout the year. The events are fun. The programs are informative. And the lifelong connections you establish with other alumni are priceless. Connect with us @purchasealumni.

I also invite you to join me in giving back to our alma mater. For now, you can attend or help coordinate an alumni event, participate in a PCAA-hosted panel or program, or volunteer as a mentor. In the future, you may be able to make a financial gift to the College. No matter how you choose to contribute, your support will help ensure that the students of tomorrow, regardless of their academic or personal background, have access to a Purchase education and a bright future. We can all make a difference.

Congratulations, again, to every member of the Class of 2025—and to everyone who is cheering you on today. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and look forward to seeing many of you at future alumni events.

Proudly,



Stephanie Blum, '13

President

Purchase College Alumni Association

Greetings from the Purchase College Council

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 and 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

Fanfare

When the Saints Go Marchin' In

Top Shelf Party Band

Abby Payne '03

Paul Maddison '04

Dan Golden '06

Rob Pawlings '07

Jerad Lippi '09

Processional

Lovely Day/Can't Stop the Feeling/I Feel Good

Top Shelf Party Band

National Anthem

Brigid Mack '25

Opening Remarks

Milagros Peña

President, Purchase College

Presentation of the President's Award for Distinguished Alumni

Jeffrey Putman '96

Senior Class Speaker

Joshtinia Maynard '25

Introduction of the Class of 2025

Earnest Lamb, Provost

Faculty Marshals and Directors

Conferring of Degrees

President Peña

Recessional

Unwritten/Party in the USA/Celebration

Top Shelf Party Band

Platform Party

Milly Peña

President

Earnest Lamb

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Valerie Dent

Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Deputy for Student Success
SUNY System

Mairead Jones-Kennelly

Purchase College Senior Counsel

Adam Nagourney '77

Honorary Degree Recipient

Richard Nightingale

Member, Purchase College Council

David Agosto

Member, Purchase College Council

Sophia Pallozzi '26

President, Purchase Student Government Association
Member, Purchase College Council

Suellen McAvoy Peluso '77

Chair, Purchase College Foundation

Judith Riggs

Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

Dr. Jeffrey Putman '96

President's Award for Distinguished Alumni

Stephanie Blum '13

President, Purchase College Alumni Association

Paula Cancro '79

Ex-Officio Member, Purchase College Council
President Emeritus, Purchase College Alumni Association

Brigid Mack '25

National Anthem Singer
Vocal Performance
Conservatory of Music

Joshtinia Maynard '25

Senior Speaker
Psychology
School of Natural and Social Sciences

Patty Bice

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Mike Kopas

Vice President for Administration

Jason Soto

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

Lisa Miles-Boyce

Chief Diversity Officer
Title IX and Affirmative Action Officer

Kathleen Farrell

Chief Human Resources Officer

Gregory Taylor

Associate Provost
Middle States Accreditation Liaison Officer

Anne Kern

Dean of Global Strategy & International Programs
Associate Professor of Film and Cinema Studies

Caitlin Read

Dean of Enrollment Management

Cassandra Hooper

Director, School of Art+Design
Professor of Printmaking

Darrah Carr

Director, Conservatory of Dance
Associate Professor of Dance

Paula Halperin

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

Platform Party continued

Aviva Taubenfeld

Director, School of Humanities
Associate Professor of Literature and Writing

Paul Boyd

Director, Conservatory of Music
Professor of Music

Meagan Curtis

Director, School of Natural and Social Sciences
Associate Professor of Psychology

Rebecca Rich

Director, Conservatory of Theatre Arts
Associate Professor of Theatre

Ian Driver

General Manager
The Performing Arts Center

Tracy Fitzpatrick

Director, Neuberger Museum
Associate Professor of Art History

Tony White

Director, Purchase College Library

Andrew Salomon

Faculty Presiding Officer
Chair, Purchase College Senate
Associate Professor of Journalism

Valencia Wallace

President, Professional Staff Council
Performing Arts Liaison and Circulation Supervisor
Purchase College Library

Rebecca Rich

Reader of the Names
Director, Conservatory of Theatre Arts
Associate Professor of Theatre

William Bryant Miles

Reader of the Names
Assistant Professor of Theatre and Performance

Officer James Foley

Color Guard
New York State University Police

Officer Kia Allen

Color Guard
New York State University Police

Kenneth Jenkins

County Executive
Westchester County, NY

Reed Elfenbein

Trustee, Purchase College Foundation

Haina Just-Michael

Member, Purchase College Council

Robin Lynch

Mace Carrier
Associate Professor of Graphic Design

David Bassuk

Faculty Marshal
Professor of Acting

Gari Laguardia

Faculty Marshal
Associate Professor of Spanish and Literature

Thank you to our dedicated **New York State University Police Officers** who protect and serve our community with distinction and discipline, today and throughout the year.

President's Award for Distinguished Alumni

Jeffrey Putman '96



Whereas your distinguished career in higher education stands as a testament to your unwavering commitment to student empowerment and academic excellence; and

Whereas the seeds of your commitment to advocacy and service were first planted as a student leader at Purchase College, SUNY, where your academic achievements and campus leadership foreshadowed a lifelong dedication to higher education and student success; and

Whereas during your formative years at Purchase, you championed vital student initiatives through elected service on the precursor to the Student Government Association, lending your voice to support the Alternative Clinic, student publications, and campus radio broadcasting; and

Whereas your bond with Purchase College endures well beyond your 1996 graduation, most notably through your active involvement with the Alumni Association, including two terms as president; and

Whereas you demonstrate visionary leadership in your current role as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, where you orchestrate essential student services with remarkable insight and forward-thinking leadership; and

Whereas your continued pursuit of academic excellence is reflected in your advanced degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University, and your induction into the esteemed Alpha Omega Alpha and Gold Humanism Honor Societies; and

Whereas the educational community has repeatedly celebrated your contributions through prestigious recognitions, including the Pillar of the Student Affairs Profession Award (2020), the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean (2019), and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service (2001).

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

Jeffrey Putman

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

Presented on this the 16th day of May 2025

Milagros (Milly) Peña
President

Distinguished Alumni Recipients

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 this award.

2005	Jill Bargonetti-Chavarria '85 (Biology) Fred Wilson '76 (Visual Arts)	2014	Jodi Long '76 (Theatre Arts) Peter Powchik '79 (Chemistry)
2006	Harvey Wang '77 (Visual Arts and Anthropology)	2015	Kyle Abraham '00 (Dance)
2007	Doug Varone '78 (Dance) Adam Nagourney '77 (Economics)	2016	Stephen Vitiello '86 (Literature)
2008	Dwayne Croft '83 (Music) Jeremy Gerard '77 (Literature)	2017	Regina Spektor '01 (Music)
2009	Donald Margulies '76 (Visual Arts) Chris Wedge '81 (Film)	2018	Jay Olcutt Sanders '76 (Acting) Latrice Monique Walker, Esq. '01 (Sociology and Political Science)
2010	Terese Capucilli '78 (Dance) Michael Powell '78 (History)	2020	Adotei Akwei '84 (Political Science and Economics)
2011	Susie Essman '77 (Urban Studies) Jon Kessler '80 (Visual Arts)	2021	Denise Roberts Hurlin '84 (Dance) Janette Yarwood '96 (Anthropology)
2012	John Ambroseo '83 (Chemistry) Ivan Menchell '83 (Drama Studies)	2022	Corina Larkin '06 (Visual Arts)
2013	Gregory Crewdson '85 (Visual Arts and Culture and Society) Jessica Hentoff '77 (Sociology)	2023	Gina Belafonte '83 (Acting)
		2024	Robert Herman '79 (Chemistry) Lesli Klainberg '85 (Film)

Honorary Degree Recipient

Adam Nagourney, '77

State University of New York Honorary Degree,
Doctor of Letters



Adam Nagourney, you are a distinguished journalist whose exceptional contributions to political and cultural reporting have left a lasting mark on American journalism. Over a career spanning more than 45 years, you have exemplified

the highest standards of integrity, insight, and dedication to the craft of storytelling.

After graduating from Purchase College in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in economics, you began your extraordinary career at the *Journal News* in Westchester County, where you covered the gubernatorial election of Mario M. Cuomo. As Albany Bureau Chief at the *New York Daily News*, then White House correspondent for *USA Today*, you covered two presidential elections before joining *The New York Times* in 1996, where you continue today as a national political reporter.

You've chronicled pivotal moments in American history with precision and depth. Your coverage of elections—including several U.S. presidents—has shaped public understanding of the political landscape. Your honest reporting has given readers a front-row seat to the ever-evolving democratic process.

Beyond politics, you have made significant contributions to cultural journalism. As the Los Angeles Bureau Chief for *The New York Times*, you brought national attention to the evolution of California's arts scene, chronicling the rise of major institutions and profiling influential figures. Your ability to capture the nuances of cultural and societal shifts underscores your versatility as a journalist.

Your commitment to inclusivity in political reporting has amplified diverse voices and provided a platform for underrepresented communities. You have authored two critically acclaimed books—*Out for Good: The Struggle to Build a Gay Rights Movement in America* and *The Times: How the Newspaper of Record Survived Scandal, Scorn, and the Transformation of Journalism*—further cementing your legacy as a historian of contemporary American life.

You have mentored future generations of journalists and political thinkers across the country. Through your fellowships at the University of Southern California, Stanford, and Harvard, you have generously shared your knowledge, shaping the next wave of civic-minded professionals. You graciously returned to your alma mater as a speaker in the Durst Distinguished Lecture Series, where you addressed Purchase students about the state of journalism and the 2024 presidential election. You had a profound impact on our students that will last well past graduation.

Adam Nagourney, on this the 16th day of May 2025, the State University of New York is pleased to bestow upon you the degree of Doctor of Letters *honoris causa*.

Milagros (Milly) Peña
President

Honorary Degree Recipients

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.

1982	Roy R. Neuberger (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2004	Billy Collins (Doctor of Letters) Clark Terry (Doctor of Music) Joan M. Weill (Doctor of Humane Letters)
1983	Peter R. Marler (Doctor of Science) Toni Morrison (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2005	Santo Loquasto (Doctor of Fine Arts) Carl Safina '77 (Doctor of Science)
1985	Elliott Carter (Doctor of Music)	2006	Allan E. Goodman (Doctor of Humane Letters) Carmen De Lavallade (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1986	Joseph Papp (Doctor of Fine Arts) George Rickey (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2007	Tania León (Doctor of Music) Joyce Randolph (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1987	Harry Belafonte (Doctor of Fine Arts) William Woodside (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2008	Tony Kushner (Doctor of Letters) Jeffrey D. Sachs (Doctor of Science)
1988	Paul Taylor (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2009	Dianne McIntyre (Doctor of Fine Arts) Frederick Wiseman (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1989	Robert L. Heilbroner (Doctor of Humane Letters) Cynthia Ozick (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2010	Philip Bosco (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1990	Hal Prince (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2011	Alfredo Jaar (Doctor of Fine Arts) Evelyn Fox Keller (Doctor of Science)
1991	Joseph Nanven Garba (Doctor of Laws) Donald M. Kendall (Doctor of Humane Letters) Rose Styron (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2012	Elizabeth J. McCormack (Doctor of Humane Letters) Aaron Benjamin Sorkin (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1992	H. Jack Geiger (Doctor of Science) George Segal (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2013	Eric Foner (Doctor of Humane Letters)
1993	Sandra Cisneros (Doctor of Letters) Martha Hill (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2014	Amy Goodman (Doctor of Humane Letters) John Zorn (Doctor of Music)
1994	William Styron (Doctor of Letters)	2015	David Henry Hwang (Doctor of Fine Arts) Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi (Doctor of Humane Letters) Debora Lynn Spar (Doctor of Humane Letter)
1995	Henry Louis Gates Jr. (Doctor of Letters) Earl G. Graves (Doctor of Humane Letters) Cynthia Gregory (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2016	Katherine L. Vockins (Doctor of Humane Letters)
1997	Edward Albee (Doctor of Letters) L. Erlenmeyer-Kimling (Doctor of Science) Frederic V. Salerno (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2017	Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel (Doctor of Arts) David N. Dinkins (Doctor of Laws) Holland Cotter (Doctor of Letters)
1998	Charles Thomas Close (Doctor of Fine Arts) Wesley Snipes '84 (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2019	Fred Douglas Wilson '76 (Doctor of Fine Arts)
1999	Paul Gottlieb (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2021	Lynn Nottage (Doctor of Fine Arts)
2000	Robert Rubin (Doctor of Humane Letters)	2022	Kevin Young (Doctor of Humane Letters) Amina J. Mohammed (Doctor of Humane Letters)
2001	James Earl Jones (Doctor of Fine Arts)	2023	Edwidge Danticat (Doctor of Humane Letters)
2002	Judith Jamison (Doctor of Fine Arts) Joseph Volpe (Doctor of Humane Letters)		
2003	Cora Cahan (Doctor of Humane Letters) Timothy John Russert (Doctor of Humane Letters) Robert Scholes (Doctor of Letters)		

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.

Joshtinia Maynard '25

Psychology major



Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Joshtinia Maynard is a passionate student of psychology with a deep love for music, especially singing. During her time at Purchase College, she served as a mentor for Cornerstone Connect, where she supported and inspired her peers. She has built lasting friendships and meaningful connections throughout her college journey. With guidance from her professors and mentors, Joshtinia is excited to pursue a career in clinical psychology, carrying with her the lessons and experiences that have shaped her at Purchase.

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 Emeritus Thomas J. 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.

International Graduates

Purchase College is committed to celebrating its interconnectedness to the world and learning across borders. This year, 12 international graduates will wear sashes representing their 10 countries at Commencement: **Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, and Turkmenistan.**

Student Awards

Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence

Medha Chandwani
Visual Arts/Chemistry

Carver Fell
Psychology

Norman R. McConney, Jr. SUNY EOP Award for Student Excellence

Delece Kerr
Music Production major

President’s Award for Achievement

Manuela Mares
School of Art+Design

Niya Smith
Conservatory of Dance

Ray Chizmadia
School of Film and Media Studies

Jack Byrne
School of Humanities

Arlenis Marmolejos
School of Liberal Studies

Gabriel Armstrong
Conservatory of Music

Medha Chandwani
School of Natural and
Social Sciences

Darren Kinzler
Conservatory of Theater Arts

Manuela Mares, Visual Arts
/Anthropology
River Morel, Psychology
The Abbot Kaplan Award
Rowan Perkins
2025-2026 President’s Award for
Student Public Art on Campus

Anna Beatriz Ferron
The Technos International Prize for
Outstanding Academic Performance
and Commitment to the Cause of
International Understanding

School of Art+Design

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Sean Fiske
Bachelor of Science - Visual Arts

Lili Bisits
Graphic Design

Wolf Herzog
Interdisciplinary Studies

Natalie Oliver
Painting and Drawing

Michael Pisco
Photography

Cherry Ovalle
Printmaking

Arianna Porto
Sculpture

Jody Rasch
Outstanding MFA
Recognition Award

Conservatory of Dance

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Minylan Echols
Bert Terborg Award

Stephen Haley
Creative Leadership Award

Rush Carson
Outstanding Senior in Dance

Zil Inami
Outstanding Senior in Dance

Destin Morisset
Outstanding Senior in Dance

Kouryan Wiggins
Outstanding Senior in Dance

School of Film and Media Studies

Aracelie Colon
Elayne R. Rubinoff Film Award

Amani Jamal
Elayne R. Rubinoff Film Award

Abigail Luis
Jesse Feigelman Film Award

John Lindell
Miriam Arsham Film Award

Idris Pickel
Miriam Arsham Film Award

Nyah (Morgan) Loux
Saul Turrell Film Award

Teruhiko Hotta
Saul Turrell Film Award

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Lauren Wren
Cinema and Television Studies

Abigail Luis
Film

Madison Tuminaro
Media Studies

Ray Chizmadia
New Media

Marc Majera-Sanchez
Playwriting and Screenwriting

Student Awards

School of Humanities

Felicia Hoffenberg
Art History Award

Bernie Manzolillo
Award For Excellence in the
Study of Communications

Catherina Viljoen
Bell Chevigny Award for Feminist
Studies in Humanities

Sinsha Varghese
Dina Reutershan Epstein Memorial
Award

Chanelle McKenzie
Gari Laguardia Prize in Language
and Culture

Kaylie Mancino
Ginny Wray Senior Prize in Fiction

Jamie Appell
Ginny Wray Senior Prize in Poetry

Caiden Oestreicher
James Greenwood Prize for the
Best Senior Project

Andrew Agosto
James and Alice Greenwood Prize
in Philosophy

Agnesa Rraci
Luella Slaner Prize in Asian Studies

Charlotte Sarchet
MA Prize in Art History, Criticism,
and Theory

Alina Stepanov
Mary Ellen Marks Editorial Fellows
Prize

Jack Bryne
Michael O'Loughlin Memorial
Award

Nolan Locke
Mike McNickle Journalism Award

Natalie Tulloch
Peter Keller Journalism Prize

Mara Niemeyer
Peter Keller History Prize

Jack Dennis
Peter Keller History Prize

Topaz Gal-Zur
Richard Alan Sarnoff Memorial
Award in Jewish Studies

Matthew Dragotto
Richard Maas Prize in American
History

Rose Rodriguez
Robert M. Stein Prize for Excellence
in Literary Studies

Kaylie Mancino
Excellence in Service to Creative
Writing Award

Max Weldon
Lituchy & Wiesenberg Award for the
Best Essay in Humanities

Stephen Holden
Ronnie Sharfman Award for Diaspora
Studies in Humanities

Sean Fiske
Ronnie Sharfman Award for Diaspora
Studies in Humanities

Caroline Jiminez
Excellence in Latin American,
Caribbean, and Latinx Studies

School of Liberal Studies

Garrett Abell
School of Liberal Studies Student
Achievement Award

Amanda Wenner
Jandon Business of Arts Student
Achievement Award

Tristan M. Negri
John R. Howard Law and Justice
Student Achievement Award

Logan T. Shields
Arts Management Senior Project
Award
Project: *Curtains, Corsets, and Culture:
The History and Role of Drag in Shaping
Theatre and Opera*

Aliya C. Deen
Law and Justice Senior Capstone
Award
Project: *The Fundamental Right
to Marriage Defined Using
Penumbra Theory*

Thalia Majdalawieh
Global Studies Senior Capstone
Award
Project: *A Reflection of Self Through
Educational and Personal Experiences*

Conservatory of Music

Christopher Wygonik
Presser Undergraduate
Scholar Award

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Taylor Daniels
Classical Studies

Gabriel Armstrong
Jazz Studies

Maxie Soja
Music Academics

Maria Bubulinis
Studio Composition

Luke Munson
Studio Production

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Sarah-Anne Fried
Classical Studies

William Hsu
Jazz Studies

Jagger Clark
Music and Technology

Student Awards continued

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Karim Al-Khalidi
Gloria Roth Award for Excellence in Science

Indi-Anna Richardson
Irene P. Goldring Award for Achievement

D. Oliver Culliton
School of NSS Service Award

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Manuela Mares
Anthropology

Anabela Taveira
Biology

Edwin Marcorde
Chemistry

Kryss Zedric Crisostomo
Economics

Robyn Graygor
Environmental Studies

Lola Melis
Mathematics/Computer Science

Alina Stepanov
Political Science

Trisha Aiyer
Psychology

Ria Jacobs
Psychology

Abigail Johnson
Chrys Ingraham Outstanding Senior Award in Sociology

Julia Medicis
Biochemistry

Beck Levy
Gender Studies

Conservatory of Theatre Arts

Myles Windbush-Soules
Christopher Gorman Memorial Award in Acting

Imani Jones
Miriam Arsham/Joan Potter Award for Collaboration in Acting

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

Macey Veeder-Shave
Theatre Design/Technology

Dana Freeman
Theatre & Performance

Judit Queral Perramon
Theatre & Performance

Purchase College Student Government Association Awards

OAPIA
Outstanding Club/Organization

The Purchase Phoenix
Outstanding Service

“Trick Or Treat” hosted by PR Committee
Outstanding Program/Event

Me’ilani Nelson
Notable Contribution to the PSGA

Robyn Graygor with The Rocket
Outstanding Service to the Purchase Community

Bella Pizza
Outstanding Senator Award

Inez Schmitt
Outstanding Purchase College Staff Member

Tachynel Merveille
Outstanding Employee of the PSGA

Khalil Nixon
Outstanding Stood Desk Worker

Cole Rosenthal
Outstanding Stood Tech Worker

Matthew Bell
Outstanding Office Assistant

Degree Candidates

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; the official list will be issued by the Office of the Registrar after July 30, 2025.

C = Cum Laude M = Magna Cum Laude S = Summa Cum Laude * = January 2025

School of Art+Design

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Martin Isidoro Acevedo
Lee Albino (C)
Lilith Bastek-Ochoa
Giovanna Michelle Becerra
Nicholas Antonio Beltran (M)*
Lili Rebeka Bisits (C)
Nathan Jerome Bonk (C)*
Emma Michelle Bordt (S)*
Gabriel Attacus Boyd (M)
Eli Bubb (C)*
Hudson Alexander Bucci
Noor Buckles-Souirgi
Abraham Emilio Chaljub Jr. (C)
Lila A Cipolla
Eli Jackson Civita
Jase Clemmons (C)
Katherine Celeste Combe
Luke J Condit*
Sean Anthony Cortes
Kamela Abigail Cubillos
Luciana El Debattista*
Rafael Salindong DeGuzman
Catherine Elizabeth Diaz
Krauffer Domingo (C)*
Emily Elaine Edwards (S)
Nora El Gheur (C)
Kathryn Leor Elbaum
Gabriela Emilia Esquivel (S)*
Fauri De Jesus Estevez (M)*
Julia Elizabeth Ettkin (S)*
Makaela Brianna Fernandez
Samuel Focone (C)
Alexa Victoria Gallo (M)
Francesca Marie Gilleece
Sam Elis Goldstein
Eva Alegra Keller Grisez (C)
Ashly Antonia Handel (C)
Eva Story Heisman-Gibbons

Alex Herrera (S)
Kai Herzog (S)
Stephanie Ilagorre
Lurieli S Infante Garcia (M)
Daniela Jimenez (C)
Jaewoong Kim (M)
Oliwia M Klisiewicz (C)
Sarah Mary Koenig (M)
Zoe Jeanette Kowalski
Abigail Mary Kumpon
Brennan Joseph Kumpon
Sofia Leal (C)
Juliana Shaquay Lebron
Jake Ian Lewis (C)
Jui Liu (C)*
Devin Christopher Maliszewski
Maryanna Catherine Malitzis*
Robert Lyn Shaw Marshall
Molly Catherine McGarvey (C)*
Evan Philip Mckay (M)
Declan G McQueeney
Jazmine Marie Medina (C)
Michael Joseph Medina (C)
Gabriela M Membreno
Berganza (C)*
Josue Andres Mendoza
Jaramillo (C)*
Heather Lynn Mills
Jessica Katherine Montijo
Cyrene Arabella Moore
Me'ilani Nelson (C)
Stephanie Marie Nogueira (S)
Natalie Grace Oliver (S)
Cherry Ovalle
Giulia Oxenholm
Daniel George Patrick Jr.
Evan Robert Pellot (M)
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