



# COMMENCEMENT 2023

FRIDAY, JULY 14  
ALBANY, NEW YORK

## PROCESSIONAL

### MUSICAL RENDITION

“Pomp and Circumstance”

### MACE BEARER

Christopher Cassirer, ScD, MPH  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

### GONFALONIERS

Scott V. Dolan, PhD  
Executive Dean,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Christine W. Thorpe, EdD, EdM, CHES  
Executive Dean,  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

## OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT

### WELCOME

David Schejbal, PhD  
President

### MUSICAL RENDITION

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

*by*

Daniel Pascoe Aguilar, PhD, MDiv  
Founding Director, Center for Social Justice  
Chief Diversity Officer

## PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

David Schejbal, PhD  
President

## SALUTATION

Matt Loeb  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## GRADUATE ADDRESS

Jason Michael DeLonais  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice, 2022  
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts, 2009

## AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE

David Schejbal, PhD

*Presenting to*

Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Gretchen Evans  
Doctor of Humane Letters (*honoris causa*)

*Presented by*

Matt Loeb  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
*and*  
Charlene Dukes  
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Gretchen Evans

## AWARDING OF DEGREES

### PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Christopher Cassirer, ScD, MPH  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Matt Loeb  
Chair, Board of Trustees

### AWARDING OF DEGREES

Academic Deans  
David Schejbal, PhD, President  
Matt Loeb, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Christopher Cassirer, ScD, MPH, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

## PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI TORCH

Mark Bowman, BS '00, President, Alumni Association

Ruth Lown Turman, BS '96

Jason Michael DeLonais, BS '09; MS '22

## CLOSING REMARKS

David Schejbal, PhD

President

## RECESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

*We request that guests remain seated  
until the conclusion of the recessional.*

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The flags on the stage are symbols of the many countries represented by this year's graduates. Flags include:

Argentina	Israel	Thailand
Australia	Italy	Turkey
Belgium	Japan	United Arab Emirates
Brazil	South Africa	United Kingdom
Canada	South Korea	United States
China	Spain	
England	Sri Lanka	
Germany	Switzerland	

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Recipients of Graduate Awards were recognized earlier.

For bios of the award recipients, visit:

[www.excelsior.edu/commencement/graduate-awards/](http://www.excelsior.edu/commencement/graduate-awards/)

# HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS (*HONORIS CAUSA*)

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## Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Gretchen Evans

Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Gretchen Evans, a highly decorated veteran and nationally known motivational speaker, entered the U.S. Army at 19 years old. Shortly after completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Evans became an intelligence analyst for commander in chief (Europe) before studying German and Italian at the Defense Language Institute as a counterintelligence agent. Following her graduation from language school, Evans attended basic airborne training at Fort Benning. A graduate of the Sergeant Majors Academy at Fort Bliss, she held leadership roles in multiple combat engagements and had several other deployments throughout her 27 years in the Army.

During her final assignment, Evans was responsible for the security and personnel on bases and forwarding operation bases in Afghanistan, overseeing more than 30,000 ground troops. She earned many medals and awards, including the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation Medal, Global War on Terrorism ribbons, multiple Meritorious Service Medals, and other awards.

In 2006, Evans was severely wounded by incoming fire while serving in Afghanistan. The rocket blast caused her debilitating injuries, including a traumatic brain injury, internal injuries, and the loss of all hearing. After her combat injury, PTSD diagnosis, and subsequent retirement from service, her transition from military life to civilian life was difficult. With grit, gumption, resilience, and determination, Evans navigated through a changed life and found her new passion and purpose in advocating for veterans of all services.

Today, Evans focuses her efforts on improving the lives of her fellow veterans by actively serving as a mentor, coach, and community activist. In 2019, Evans assembled a mixed ability team of disabled combat veterans and civilians with disabilities to compete in the “World’s Toughest Race.” Team UNBROKEN inspired millions with their resolve to not let their injuries define who or what they could achieve in life. Evans is the 2022 recipient of the Pat Tillman Award for Service awarded at the ESPN ESPY Awards and a 2021 inductee of the U.S. Army Women’s Foundation Hall of Fame.

# CLASS OF 2023 IN ATTENDANCE

## College of Nursing and Health Sciences

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences confers associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in the following areas of study: nursing and health sciences.

### ASSOCIATE

Anteja Acevedo	Tarick Christian
Sable Aiguosatile	Mirta C. Colin
Clara Seraida Ali	Courtney Marie Collingham
Camille Nicole Allen	Louis Colzie
Monique Alston	Karalee Cromwell
Jennifer Anne Baden Ahmed	Cynthia Cueto
Nekeshia Bailey	Ianna Maria Daley
Olivia A. Baldwin	Victoria Dann
Jean E. Bell	Jamie Davis
Kamara Bennett	Melissa Anne DeFreese
Shreen Nicola Bent	Jennifer Ann De Jesús
Ducarmelle Blaise	Laurel DelRosario
Tara Boland	Ian Joseph Dennen
Heather Booker	Jeraine Ellis
Dianne B. Boone	Rianne D H Evans
Solitaire Branch	Juanita Exantus
Kimberly Ann Brennan	Livia Eyde
Fudiatu Buck	Adrienne H. Fisher
Jennifer M. Burns	* Katherine T. Fisher
Delisse Calhoun	Justine Flores
* Angela Callowich	Nicole Denise Florez
Antoinette Stephanie Campbell	Aimee Fojtik
** Fallon J. Campbell	Amy Foster
Misty Nicole Campbell	Monica Mecca Francis
Erica Chan	Kimberly E. Gaddy Waugh

#### Associate Degree Honors:

- \* Honors (3.5–3.74)
- \*\* High Honors (3.75–3.89)
- \*\*\* Highest Honors (3.9–4.0)

#### Bachelor's Degree Honors:

- Cum Laude (3.5–3.74)
- Magna Cum Laude (3.75–3.89)
- Summa Cum Laude (3.9–4.0)

*This list includes participants registered as of June 26, 2023.*

## CLASS OF 2023 IN ATTENDANCE

Rahab Wambui Gaitho  
\* Samantha Ganz  
Esther W. Gitau  
Elizabeth Gonzalez  
Precius Goodwin-Dixon  
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Ebony Green  
Sherita Patricia Green  
Julie Lynn Gress  
Pamela Hargrove  
Devina Hicks  
Carrie Hightower  
Sherri Hill  
Joanna Hodge  
Tamara M. Holness  
Cynthia Horst  
Jennifer Hull  
Charttise Jackson  
Clare Victoria Jarvis  
Ericka Jean-Marie  
Lina M. Jimenez-Mendoza  
Sapphire Johnson  
Sharmey Dell Jonas  
Shaquana N. Jones  
Parminder Kaur  
Stephanie Krill  
Deidre Kumpf  
Theresa Ann Kunkel  
Ashel Lawrence  
Fabiola Lawson  
Diane Lissaint  
Jornette Ivy Malone  
Deepti Mannan  
Sheffield Marcus  
Renee D. Martinez  
Kristina McKoy  
Tigist Mekuria  
Theresa Evon Metzcher  
Robert B. Morgan  
Meshack Mutton  
Alice W. Ndungu  
Danielle Nier  
Maribel Nieves  
Nerlande Noel  
Latasha Nolan  
Gesha Alexis O'Reilly-Bourne  
Krystle Kayla Overstreet  
Kristen Parlman  
Farah Pasard  
Tracy Patchel  
Sherese W. Payne  
Diana Persaud  
Yolaine Fontaine Pierre  
Melissa K. Ponto  
Carey Porter  
Tamisha Price-Johnson  
Tomeka Lashawn Pugh  
Jeree Quezada  
Amber Ramirez  
Natasha Rhyne  
Elsie D. Rivera Johnson  
Shadore Robinson  
Taheesha Robinson-Hines  
Carmen Belen Rosario  
Jennifer Rudis  
Amber Marie Schmuck  
Aja Scott  
Jade L. Scott  
Pinky Nugbo Selma-Wesseh  
Leaie Smith  
Melikia Amanda Softleigh  
Daccu Bamidele Sonubiishaq  
Deron Stephenson  
Candise Taylor  
Josephine Taylor  
Sherianne T. Thane  
Brenda R. Tirado  
Rachel J. Torgersen

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Brianna Maria Torres  
Brooke Trelinski  
Maureen O. Ugonabo  
Krystle L. Vicens  
Joycelyn D. Walker  
Bianca M. Warner

Arnetta Rivers Warren  
Todd Willbur  
Brittney Williams  
Michael Edward Williams  
\* Denise Wise  
LeeAnn Wyant

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- Kayode S. Adetunmbi
- Lawrencia Ayisi Cuellar
- Chasmine Renee Blackwell
- Laina Bloncourt
- Inessa R. Bowen
- Jennifer Brooks
- Adrienne Cassidy
- Candace Chapman-Hanley
- Genelle Coley
- Aymara Concepcion
- Brittany Disorbo
- Justin A. Francis
- Tina Frolish
- Stella Gatanas
- Jennifer A. Giordano
- Lindsay Andrea Gogola
- Latoya Denise Hook
- Jessica Horne
- Melisa Elaine Jamison
- Dieulira P. Jeanoute
- Heidy Jammille Joglar Rosario
- Mohammed A. Kamel
- Andrew Michael Karkotsky
- Zlata Kekic
- Jeanne d'Arc Kengni Kom
- Chantale Lamontagne
- Ashley Lawrence
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- Kuditshini Kakese Mukendi
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- Eleonita Pasion-Fermin
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- Kelly Jean Slaven
- Paige Y. Smith-Bryant
- Rasheika Stephens
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- Amy Jean Surman
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- Joan Louise Valentine
- Leanne M. Vriend
- Lenee M. Williams
- James Bryan Witte



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## MASTER'S

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Joanna Maureen Luna Banas	Leonard Livingston Johnson
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Karen Cardoza	Samantha Lee Miller
Sandra L. Champagne	Samra Mirza
Dewoyne Dominique Daye	Jacky Ng
Tonya P. Dumas	Monica Pendelton
Sasha A. English	Marjorie Cecilio Pinano
Shanece L. Gaither	David Ricks II
Stephanie Garthrite	Kristina Rodriguez
Rebecca Gijanto	Cassandra Secor-Podbielski
Michelle Vanesia Gordon-Walker	Rashmi Suman
Nicole Davalie Harris	
Denise Irena Harville	
Courtney M. Hibbs	

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## ASSOCIATE

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Paul Thomas Beckman	Anjo C. Magbojos
Yanitza Betances Leger	Theresa Ann Marroccoli
Teraishia Monea Christian	Melvin Mathers
* Alisa Marie Coon	* Ryan J. Montalvo
Owen Davillier III	Shanier Rosalind Parker
Carlos Leslie Duncan Jr.	Sarah Michelle Rivera
* Billy Edwards	Shaketa Shantaye Robinson
Chadrak Fertil	* Kimberly Brooke Shaw
Jennifer L. Fretwell	Shawn L. Smith
Shawn Pedro Grasty	Sydney Olivia Smith
Lisa Hermann	Beatrice E. Tucker
William R. King	* Jeffrey B. Watkins
Jasmine Ti'Anda LaRue	Teresa Angelina Wilson-Mack

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## BACHELOR'S

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Myron Maurice Adams         | Mark Cockrell                   |
| Michael Adkins              | Joseph P. Collaro               |
| Zayan Mohammed Alam         | Micah Collins                   |
| Zanard Kevin Allison        | Esdras Colon                    |
| Mary Faith Alvey            | David M. Corral                 |
| ●● Frederick Nimako Asumang | Lynsi Crosson                   |
| April M. Avina              | Derrick Lamond Daniels          |
| Henry Barnett               | Darrion Dean                    |
| Demarcus V. Bartee          | Martina Deeb                    |
| Lafayette Bates             | Vanessa Janette Deel            |
| Adrian Tomoaki Benoit       | ● Merida Carmen Diaz            |
| William Russell Bischel     | Samantha A. DiSanto-Kahler      |
| Eric Blake                  | Juan C. Disen                   |
| ●● Heather Boettcher        | Joselys Dominguez               |
| Cesar M. Bolanos            | Alexander Sholom Dzhurayev      |
| Bertie Benjamin Bowman      | Benjamin D. Eill                |
| Marshall K. Branch          | Ashley Ellett                   |
| ●● Bryan L. Brewer          | Michel Mery Flores              |
| Warren L. Britten           | Nicole Renee Franklin           |
| ● Michael D. Brown          | Lekendrea N. Frazier            |
| Christon Allen Burke        | LeCledge EtJuan Garner          |
| Angie Burns                 | ●● Theodore William Gentile Jr. |
| Shekina Tamil Burrell       | James A. M. Githiiyu            |
| Steven Burrows              | Chassity Goss                   |
| ●● Kevin Caldwell           | Michael J. Graham               |
| Tracey L. Callaway          | Maxwell S. Gray                 |
| ● Heather Crystal Caratelli | Linda C. Hesch                  |
| ● Alexander Carlson         | Jessica Ann Marie Hish          |
| Carolyn Louise Ceresola     | Tyson V. Hobbs                  |
| Fortune E. Chali            | Anne Marie Hofnagel             |
| ●● Elise Renae Christiansen | ● Heather Hoover                |
| ● Nathan Alan Clark         | ●● Jenny Horling                |
| ● John I. Cobb              | John C. Howard                  |
| ● Victoria Cobb             | Kelly C. Jacobson               |

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- Donald B. Jones
- Emilio J. Jorge
- David Allen Junkin
- Diana E. Kaplan
- Christopher Gilbert Keys
- Christopher Konstantinidis
- Michael E. Latham Jr.
- John Charles Lawlor
- James Layana
- Joanna Lebrun-Mix
- Andrew Lemat
- Charles Andrew Leser
- Charles W. Lia
- John Joseph Lombardo
- George Bugayong Manangan IV
- James Daryl Manuel
- Christopher Eugene Martin
- Jeremy R. Masters
- J'Sevonn Delano Mayes-Jerido
- Christine McCormick
- Douglas E. McMillan
- Justin William Meacock
- Hector Martin Medina
- Grace A. Metzger
- Sarah Margaret Metzger
- Donald Robert Midgette
- Sharon A. Morrell
- Daniellie J. Mowatt
- Caitlin Murphy
- William Murphy
- Maria Soledad Nava
- Garry B. Neal
- Naomi L. Nelson
- Gerard Rene Ngauss Palla
- Elisha Nwaukoni
- Wasiu Ademola Raymond Ogundele
- Dion R. Parker
- Robert W. Peers
- Paul Anthony Pertessis
- Nathan Pineda
- Daniel Anthony Pisani
- Tiana Marie Poellinetz
- Robert Allan Pontious
- Seth Edward Powers
- Kristopher Privitar
- John Proano
- Yiren Qiao
- Gracie L. Quiring
- Tiffany A. Quivey
- Christopher James Randolph
- Mildred Alicia Restrepo
- Richard Alonzo Reynoso III
- Tiffany Dawn Rien
- Cice Rivera
- Cody Wade Keith Roberts
- Christopher Brent Robinson
- Tiffani Shontai Robinson
- Carol J. Rogers
- Jesse C. Rumbel
- Orville Samms
- Valerie Ann Sanford
- Michelle Lynn Saunders
- Richard Saxby Jr.
- Brian P. Schmitt
- Charles Schneider
- Yosef Tekoah Seals
- Theresa M. Sedwick
- Carmine Semioli
- Paul Septimus
- Andrew Shilling
- Mason Alexander Singer
- Nicko Singkuan
- Uniqua Smith
- Nicholas Spelman
- Jessica Sunshine Spragg
- Nicole Lynn Squires
- Jerry Lee Stanley
- Amanda Stanton

## CLASS OF 2023 IN ATTENDANCE

- Amber Stevens
- Andrew Walker Stewart
- Jonathan Scott Strong
- Katelynn Elizabeth Tacker
- Autumn S. Taylor
- Robert A. Thompson
- Christopher Eugene Toler
- John Kien Tran
- Nicholas Roger Tuccillo
- Alvin Valdez
- Amanda Vanarsdale
- Daniel Villar Paradinas
- Charles Lavon Wardlaw
- Micheal T. Washington
- Willie L. Watson
- Gerard Andrew Webber
- Elazar Wellerstein
- Tre'Mionika Wilkes
- Whitney N. Wilkins
- Christopher Williams
- Jodi Fredricka Williams
- Zettica Wilson
- Joseph Peter Wojtaszek
- Keiara Wooten
- Gerald L. Wynn
- Andrew C. Yant
- Sydney Jeanice Young
- Austin Zago
- Theodore Adam Zegers
- Michael Zimdars

### MASTER'S

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- Adeboye Olumide Ademolu
- Fatimo Mary Ajiboye
- Carmen Nicole Austin
- William Bacallao
- Rolanda D. Bailey
- Brennon Belfast
- Ingeborg Sebyan Black
- Jessica Renay Boyd
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- Nyla Cortes
- Jason Michael DeLonais
- Jacob Michael Domachowske
- Lisa Lea-Doyle D'Urso
- Sheldon O. Ellington
- Barbara Farmer
- Kristin Bre Anne Farr
- Sheikh Hassan Farrukh
- Dustin Fennell
- Johnny Edward Fleurismond
- James C. Franco
- Lemakius Lavern Gardner
- Benjamin Matthew Gendel
- Mary Angel Gilbert
- Alecia Nicole Graves
- Arianna N. Greene
- Joshua T. Grooms
- Molly M. Gruss

## CLASS OF 2023 IN ATTENDANCE

Rohan Hall  
Angela Hitze  
Carol L. Hymes  
Ruth Paola Inoa  
Tischara Danielle Jackson  
Ashley Michelle Jamison  
Monsanto R. Jefferson  
Tesheka S. Jemmott  
Stephanie Lee Jester  
Isaiah Herman Johnson Jr.  
Ariahna Kathleen Jones  
Cheryl-Anne Marie Juba  
Denise Lynn Kerwath  
Erin King Clemons  
Earnest Franklin Kirchner  
Denys Jesus La Rosa  
Marshall Douglas Lee  
Amy L. Liburd  
Sabrina Tayler Lyon  
Marcal Matthews  
Jewel Faith McColumn  
Tammi C. McGriff  
David Melendez  
John Franklin Mital III  
Kamlesh D. Moliya  
Brian L. Nguyen  
Shainza Noor  
Natallia P. Patterson  
Brian Keith Pettaway  
Jonathan A. Pichardo  
Craig Steven Polley  
Jeffrey D. Quivey  
Vena Sherrie Ramirez  
Alexander Ramlall  
Hussien J. Rizk  
Cathryn M. Rocco  
Courtney Nicole Roeder  
Jaime Alexander Romero  
Yvonne R. Shaw  
Marcia Stanley  
Robert J. Stout  
Katrina LaVerne Strong  
Ashleigh Chantel Sykes  
Bonna Mae Teriele  
Shanteille Terry  
Alicia Nicole Thomas  
Simonia Sherril Thompson-Warner  
Branden Turner  
Patrick G. Turner  
Heather A. Varney  
David M. Vernon-Gibbs  
Ernesto Stein Weisburg  
Kalissa Destine Williams  
Shaniyah Williams  
Tomica S. Williams Statham  
Benjamin L. Wormsby Jr.  
Mackenzie Wright  
Nicholas Joseph Yannotti  
Jill Young  
Vittoria Zegarelli

# EMBLEMS AND SYMBOLS

## MACE AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

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The mace and the presidential chain of office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the 16th century. The mace, originally used as a medieval weapon, now symbolizes the authority of the university to grant degrees. The sterling silver mace of Excelsior University features the University's logo and engraved stars symbolize the meaning of Excelsior, "Ever Upward." The design also honors the institution's history with an armillary sphere on top and engravings on the bands. The engravings include Scottish thistle representing resiliency, acorns representing new ideas that will grow into great oaks, and bees representing industry.

The chain of office similarly originated centuries ago and has been used traditionally in ceremonies to symbolize the office of the wearer. Matching the mace in theme, the chain of office of the president of Excelsior University features the same symbolic artisanship. The medallion bears the Excelsior University logo.

The artist for the mace, chain of office, and alumni torch is Nick Rosin, a Master of Fine Arts candidate at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

## ALUMNI TORCH

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The alumni torch of Excelsior University honors the transition of our students to alumni and symbolizes the light of their scholarship, leadership, and knowledge. Engravings celebrate the alumni community through the evolution of the institution and depict stars to illustrate the meaning of Excelsior, "Ever Upward." The different metals used in the flames represent the diversity and strength of our alumni community.

## ACADEMIC DRESS

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The academic costume is derived from the garments worn at medieval universities. The gowns and the hoods were common at British universities before the 14th century; the square cap is thought to be a 16th-century import from the University of Paris. From the color and the size of the American academic attire, one may determine the

institution from which the wearer received the degree, the degree earned, and the academic rank. The associate and bachelor's gowns are black, knee length, and have long sleeves; the master's gown is also black, and made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom, and a slit for the arm; the doctor's gown has a full, round, open sleeve and is faced with velvet and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be black or the color representative of the degree.

The black Oxford or mortarboard-style cap is worn for all degrees, but only the doctor's cap may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap.

The most distinctive feature of academic dress is the hood. It varies in size depending on whether the wearer has an associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree. The hoods for all degrees are lined in silk with the academic colors of the institution conferring the degree. At Excelsior, those colors are purple and white.

The trim on all hoods except the associate degree hood is velvet and the color indicates the degree granted. The following colors are used at Excelsior: white for arts and letters; drab for business areas; yellow gold for science; apricot for nursing; and peacock blue for public administration.

At Excelsior University, gold honor cords are worn by bachelor's-level graduates with GPAs of 3.5 or above having earned at least 60 graded credits and by associate-level graduates with GPAs of 3.5 or above having earned at least 30 graded credits.

### Key to Academic Cords

*Gold:*

Academic Honors

*Red, White, and Blue:*

Military Affiliation

*Purple:*

Excelsior University

Alumni Association,

Contributing Member

*Light Purple and White:*

Honor Society of Nursing,

Tau Kappa At-Large Chapter

*Burgundy and Gold:*

Alpha Sigma Lambda

National Honor Society,

Sigma Zeta Chapter

*Red and Gold:*

Alpha Nu Sigma

*Green and Gold:*

Sigma Beta Delta

*Maroon and White:*

Upsilon Pi Epsilon

Graduates are wearing GreenWeaver gowns made from 100 percent post-consumer plastic bottles.

# EXCELSIOR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Excelsior University Alumni Association is to foster a sense of identity and community among graduates, students, and the University. The Association is committed to advocating for the interests of alumni and supporting Excelsior's mission of access, excellence, and diversity. The Association receives leadership from an Alumni Leadership Council selected by popular vote of alumni peers.

## Alumni Leadership Council of the Excelsior University Alumni Association

### *President*

*Mark Bowman, BS '00, Texas\**

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*Pat Geiger, BS '07, Texas*

### *2nd Vice President*

*Jonathan Green, AS '09, BS '12, New Jersey\**

### *Secretary*

*Steve Marciano, BS '18, MS '21, Florida*

### *Members*

*Jessica Cheverie, AS '02, BS '17, MS '21, California*

*Jason Copeland, BS '14, Virginia*

*Timothy Leaks, BS '19, MS '22, Maryland*

*Douglas Perry, BS '78, Indiana\*\**

*Oliver Queen Jr., BS '06, Virginia*

*Anthony Spearman-Leach, BS '92, Maryland*

*Ruth Lown Turman, BS '96, South Carolina\*\**

*Samuel T. Watkins, BS '99, Virginia*

*Walter Were, BS '05, Pennsylvania*

*James Wright, BS '99, California*

*\* Denotes completing term in July 2023*

*\*\* Denotes starting term in July 2023*



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Albany, NY*

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Contra Costa  
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