

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
MAY 18, 2024



VaughnCollege
of aeronautics and technology

*The Board of Trustees,
President
and Faculty
Welcome Graduates,
Family and Friends
to
Vaughn College's
Commencement Exercises
May 18, 2024*

THE FLAG

Vaughn College has flag colors of burgundy with white lettering.

ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at college and university functions dates to the Middle Ages, when they were first worn by monks and students for warmth in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning. Through the years, their style and color have come to represent specific meanings.

Gowns for the bachelor's degree have a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front, and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and is primarily distinguished by its long pointed sleeves.

The gown for the master's degree has the same yoke effect as that of the bachelor's but is designed so that it may be worn open or closed. The back of the sleeve is oblong and cut square with the front part carrying a cutaway arc.

Gowns for the doctoral degree are also worn open or closed. They have long velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

The caps usually are mortarboards in shape. Caps can be of serge, broadcloth, cotton, rayon or silk, and for the doctoral cap only, of velvet. The tassel of the doctoral cap can be of gold thread.

The hood gives color and definitive meaning to the academic regalia and signals the rich educational diversity of an institution. The hood is of varying sizes for the degree earned and is made of material to match the gown. It is lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of the proper width and color to indicate the field of learning.

The Board of Trustees, as the governing body of the College, wears doctoral gowns with velvet panels down the front that represent the institution of service, at Vaughn the color is burgundy. The President wears a doctoral gown either from the degree earned or similar to the Board. The President is distinguished by the chain of office worn atop the gown. The faculty and administrators wear gowns representing the highest degree earned.

ATTIRE OF THE GRADUATES

Traditionally, student robes are black.

Associate graduates will wear a small black hood accented in the College colors of burgundy and white. Bachelor's graduates will wear hoods that are lined in burgundy and white. The velvet border on the hood of undergraduates is golden yellow, symbolic of the technology degree. Master's graduates will likewise wear hoods that are lined in burgundy and white. The velvet border on the hood of graduate candidates is drab, symbolic of the business or management degree.

COLOR CORDS

Graduates who have completed their degrees with academic honors are attired with cords: Bronze cords are cum laude; silver cords are magna cum laude; and gold cords are summa cum laude.

STOLE

Graduates who are active members of Vaughn chapters of national professional organizations, may wear stoles.

MEDALS/PINS

Graduates may wear medals and/or pins that have been given to them at previous academic ceremonies.

VETERANS

Vaughn has received federal distinction for our service to Veterans. Graduates may wear tassels in the colors of the American flag, red, white and blue.

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
HOUSTON MILLS**

Captain Houston Mills serves as the president of flight operations and safety for UPS Airlines. Mills oversees UPS airline flight operations, crewmembers, dispatchers, crew scheduling, crew training, crew logistics, US cargo sales and charters, air dangerous goods, regulatory compliance and flight operations safety.

Prior to his current position, Mills served as global aviation strategy and public policy director for UPS Airlines, where he advocated for federal and international aviation policy and collaborated with domestic and international industry groups to harmonize aviation safety standards and sustainability rules. He was UPS's Part 119 director of airline safety and compliance, ensuring regulatory compliance and implementing a certified safety management system.

In 2022, Mills was appointed chairman of the Federal Aviation Administration Advanced Aviation Advisory Committee. He serves on various boards, including the Flight Safety Foundation and the Cargo Airline Association. He holds a bachelor's in English literature from Wabash College, a Masters of Business Administration from Webster University and a professional human resources designation.

Mills began his aviation career as a United States Marine Corps officer and F/A-18 fighter pilot, serving in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Hope and Southern Watch. He has more than one hundred aircraft carrier landings and is currently an international qualified Captain on the Boeing 757/767.

Committed to community service, Mills has served on numerous boards including the Washington Aero Club, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and Association for Uncrewed Systems International. He currently serves on the board of directors of the National Center for Families Literacy, Organization of Black Aerospace Professional Board of Advisors, and is president of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Kentucky. Houston also had the honor to be the operating captain of the first COVID-19 vaccine delivery flight in the US in December 2020.

PROGRAM

Academic Procession *(audience stands)*

Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar

National Anthem *(audience stands)*

The Star-Spangled Banner
Lyrics: Francis Scott Key

Introductions

Dr. Paul LaVergne
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Greetings from the President

Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Mr. Oswin E. Moore

Recognition of Outstanding Students

Dr. LaVergne

Graduating Student Speaker

Ms. Carla Vasquez Chavez

Presentation of Candidate Conferring of Honorary Degree to Houston Mills

President DeVivo and Mr. Moore

Commencement Address

Mr. Houston Mills
President
Flight Operations and Safety
United Parcel Service

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Conferring of Degrees

President DeVivo and Mr. Moore

Posthumous Award
Associate in Occupational Studies
Associate in Applied Science
Bachelor of Science
Master of Business Administration

Family of Pablo Rivera

Recessional *(audience stands)*

Conga Del Fuego

Arturo Marquez

Marshals for the Academic Procession

Grand Marshal

Mr. Robert Kammerer, Associate Professor
Arts and Sciences

Platform Party Marshal

Ms. Kelli Smith, Vice President
Student Affairs

Faculty Marshal

Dr. Raymond Addabbo, Professor
Arts and Sciences

Student Marshal

Ms. Carla Vasquez Chavez

Presentation of Colors

Civil Air Patrol Color Guard/Drill Team

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Associate in Occupational Studies Airframe and Powerplant Technology

Graduates – September 2023

Adderly Alvino
Mohammad Arsal, *Cum Laude*
Kareem Auguste
Jose Bravo
Daniel Calderon Torrico
Huang Chen, *Summa Cum Laude*
Xing Chen, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jacky Choong, *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew Christophorou, *Cum Laude*
Timothy Cruz, *Magna Cum Laude*
Camilo Cuellar
Lloyd Triztan Domingo, *Cum Laude*
Miguel Duran Genao
Abdelgani Elmanasir
Michael Escobar Muniz,
Summa Cum Laude
Queen Eyboren
Justin Fabian, *Magna Cum Laude*
Hector Galvez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Konstantinos Georgoulis
Ali Ghoneim, *Magna Cum Laude*
Patrick Griffin
Matthew Hernandez
Starling Hernandez
Jacob Jalil, *Cum Laude*
Abdul Kakar, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Lipford
Eric Lopez, *Cum Laude*
Derick Mantuano
Hekmat Mashriqi
Richard Mathias, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sharifullah Mehirdel, *Cum Laude*
Cristian Mejia
Rafay Naseer, *Magna Cum Laude*
Johan Perez
Josiah Perretti
Eva Ristic, *Magna Cum Laude*
Christian Rivera
David Rodriguez Trejos
Daniel Samuel
Adesina Semple, *Cum Laude*
Dylan Soman, *Magna Cum Laude*
Wilson Taveras
Tenny Thomas
Anthony Tineo
Santiago Valencia Fonseca
Kai Williams
Alex Yauri, *Summa Cum Laude*

Julio Zegarra Silva, *Cum Laude*
Teresa Zegarra Silva

Graduates – December 2023

Jasmine Agosto
Kadir Ahmedzay
Ellen Belfon
David Bijo Samuel,
Magna Cum Laude
Jordan Caddle
Jairo Camilo Diaz
Kevin Chang, *Cum Laude*
Justin Chiriboga
Patrick De Nunzio
Jose Espinosa Hernandez,
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Faulstich
Christopher Florea
Gregory Gil, *Cum Laude*
Nicholas Grosso, *Summa Cum Laude*
Christopher Gutierrez
Riffy May Haro, *Summa Cum Laude*
Mohammad Hossain, *Cum Laude*
Mohamed Kassim
Vito Ke
Deontae Lewis
Basil Maniyirickal Regy,
Summa Cum Laude
Elijah Mohan, *Magna Cum Laude*
Luca Noto, *Magna Cum Laude*
Luis Obregon Guanilo
Kiran Paul, *Magna Cum Laude*
Santiago Pelaez Londono,
Magna Cum Laude
Akram Oriqib
Ceasar Ramirez
Morris Reed
Charles Regan, *Magna Cum Laude*
Justyn Richardson
Pablo Rivera, *Posthumously*
Brahyan Rodriguez Hernandez
Juan Rodriguez Trejos
Pedro Roque
Henry Safee
Elias Sahel
Isaiah Santana
Jean Santana
Kenny Sarmiento, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mostafa Shaaban
Mohamed Shawekh, *Cum Laude*
Muhammad Siddiqui,
Magna Cum Laude
Adrian Tolentino, *Magna Cum Laude*

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Candidates – May 2024

Wilton Adames
Mohammed Abdallah,
Summa Cum Laude
Roman Ahmed, Magna Cum Laude
Ariel Aquino-Batista
Ruben Baez
Cowanjah St. Clair Baltimore,
Summa Cum Laude
Rayan Batista
Jesson Apolinar Blanco
Marie E. Brenevil
Mahesh Budhram, Cum Laude
Jefferson Adrian Cabrera, Cum Laude
Ryan Cando
Kareem Nathaniel Carr, Cum Laude
Guido Estuardo Castillo
Alfroy Yendruys Castillo Castillo
Josiah Joseph Cayenne Francis
Jacob Ryan Chan
Henry Chi, Magna Cum Laude
Raymond Chi Heng Chang
Michael Clarke, Cum Laude
Derlin Colon
Nilton Domingos Congo,
Magna Cum Laude
Dwayne L. Conley
Marlon Cubides, Summa Cum Laude
Cesar Mauris De La Cruz
Hanser Manuel Del Orbe
Hamza Abderrahman El Faiz
Seifeldin Eldoksh
Jamil Jose Fermin
Mohamed Fouda
Victor Freire, Cum Laude
Anderson Arquimedes Garcia Alejo
Kyle John Gibbs
Jordan Giraldo
Raphael Latef Gobrial, Cum Laude
Mathew B. Gu, Summa Cum Laude
John James Guerriero
Daniel Eliecer De Jesu Guzman
Verhelst, Magna Cum Laude
Yousf Yousry Hafez
Sm Minhajul Haque
Yosef Suazo Harper, Cum Laude
Ogbah Kailan Hasan
Marcus M. Hercules-Parke,
Magna Cum Laude
William De Jesus Heredia,
Magna Cum Laude
Eduardo Jose Luis Hernandez
Ayoub Jdahim, Magna Cum Laude

Axel V. Jerez, Magna Cum Laude
Luis Jose Jimenez Cristian
Craig Jones
Muktar Saleh Khatari
Jeremy Larrea
Daniel Lebron
Sasha Lee Lopez, Summa Cum Laude
Ye Htut Lwin, Magna Cum Laude
Mohamed Al-Mahdi Youssef Makki
James Lee Mallette
Kiadilmia Martinez,
Summa Cum Laude
Kevin Raphael Martinez,
Magna Cum Laude
Esneider Mazo Arias,
Summa Cum Laude
Justin Mendez
Dwayne Mendonca
Brandon Mohamed
Kristy Hadassa Mota
Solano Muentes Jr.,
Magna Cum Laude
Rodolfo Leonel Murillo
George Mwaniki
Kowshik Ahmed Noor,
Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Nicholas O'Brien,
Magna Cum Laude
John Nouvak Paspe
Juan Pelaez
Jose Miguel Pena
Claude Marc Gregor Pierre Louis,
Cum Laude
Britney Clara Pinero,
Magna Cum Laude
Scott Pollack
Ayoub Rabhi
Adam Rakowicz, Cum Laude
Michael Anthony Ramcharan,
Magna Cum Laude
Jorge-Luis Reyes
Chanely Reynoso,
Summa Cum Laude
Evans Scott Reynoso,
Summa Cum Laude
Pablo Rivera
Sebastian Rodas, Cum Laude
Darison Rodriguez
Jerry Rodriguez
Daniel Rodriguez Londono
Kevin Rojas
Yonathan David Rossis Pujols,
Cum Laude

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Abdelrahman Khaled Saad
Subhan Saleh
Mohamed S. Salim,
Summa Cum Laude
Lucas Larry Santos
Nabil Abubaker Seidi
Ramie Abubaker Seidi, Cum Laude
Jhon Angel Serna
Igor Shkvarok
Nicholas Horace Sinclair, Cum Laude
Zachary Anand Singh, Cum Laude
Dilraj Singh, Summa Cum Laude
Casseem Brandon Stephenson,
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Sylvain
Moustafa Mokhtar Taher
Nader Abdalla Talha
Luis E. Tamara, Cum Laude
Juan Carlos Tejada
Anatoliy Tkach
Kevin Tobon
Evan Anthony Torres
Kevin Jose Vargas
Manuel Isaias Ventura Sanchez
Edison Vera Hurtago,
Magna Cum Laude
Jason Anthony Wiley, Cum Laude
Brian Worthington
Bryan Peng Wu
Xianhao Zeng, Summa Cum Laude

Associate in Applied Science Aircraft Operations

Graduates - September 2023
Farrukh Azimqulov,
Summa Cum Laude
Luis Mena

Graduates - December 2023
Elijah Colon
Alexis Nieves

Candidates – May 2024
Steven Adel Daniel
Zakhariy Sayko
Jason Szumczyk

Associate in Applied Science Airport Management

Graduates – December 2023
Hassan Khan, Magna Cum Laude
Natalie Sosa, Cum Laude

Candidates – May 2024

Tajwattie Basdeo
Brian Cleland
Morjina Jame
Anghela Real
Vladimir Rodriguez
Nikolas Singleman,
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science Aeronautical Science

Graduates – September 2023

Stanley Fleurant, Cum Laude
Mohammad Muhymen
Sami Obaid, Summa Cum Laude
Rustam Rustamov, Summa Cum Laude
Thomas Stiehler, Cum Laude

Graduates – December 2023

Karim Abdelsalam,
Magna Cum Laude
Mohand Eltoukhy
Roberto Ramirez
Kyle Ratkowski

Candidates – May 2024

Sadia Akhi, Cum Laude
Emmanuel Anyaso
Fabian Bell
Brandon Benn
Justin Castro
Donald John Cruise
Noel D. Diaz, Magna Cum Laude
Courtney Edwards
Jewel Fletcher, Summa Cum Laude
Hoshane Gabbidon,
Magna Cum Laude
MD Hassan, Cum Laude
Wyatt J. Jensen
Jarrett Joyner
Airin Khan, Cum Laude
Alvin King, Summa Cum Laude
Wiktor Kun, Cum Laude
David Lawson
Julian Lopez Pacheco, Cum Laude
Robert Meyer
Kaylan Monzon
Ahad Mumtaz
Osaed Qadri
Fariss Rihan

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Juan Jose Sanchez
Konstantinos Skouloudis, *Cum Laude*
Jisha H. Varughese,
Summa Cum Laude
Saba Zaitsev, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science Aircraft Operations

Graduates – December 2023

Bidemi Hammed
Matthew Small

Candidates – May 2024

Simeon Aaron, *Summa Cum Laude*
Claudio P. Andrade
Junxu Chi, *Magna Cum Laude*
Steven Duran, *Summa Cum Laude*
Noah Galluzzo, *Magna Cum Laude*
Arnaldo Gilbert, *Summa Cum Laude*
MD Mehide Hassan
Jay Kurup, *Cum Laude*
Kyle Nicholls
Justin Paradis
Freddy Javier Peralta,
Magna Cum Laude
Mahmoud Ragab
Jerrivel Rodriguez, *Cum Laude*
Michael Santos
Spiro Singh, *Magna Cum Laude*
Amon Spencer, *Summa Cum Laude*
Benjamin Tabakovic,
Magna Cum Laude
Jose Turcios, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science Airline Management

Candidates – May 2024

Lauren Perea
America Sosa

Bachelor of Science Airport Management

Graduates – December 2023

Marleen Brea
Ashley Brito Davis, *Cum Laude*
Rashadi Gordon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Bryan Lopez Rivera,
Summa Cum Laude
Alex Lukashevich, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jalise Matthew, *Summa Cum Laude*
Eduardo Perez, *Cum Laude*
Adi Skenderovic, *Magna Cum Laude*

Candidates – May 2024

Daisy Chimbo, *Cum Laude*

Rachel Chin, *Summa Cum Laude*
Brian Garcia
Janil Garcia
Tristan Gordon
Waliber Herrera
Emery McEachern
James Meigel
Fabio Pasquariello, *Cum Laude*
Allan Palacios
Rachel Haeji Shin, *Magna Cum Laude*
Moises Vizcaino, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Stokes, *Cum Laude*
Daryll Yarra
Jhonny Zhagnay

Bachelor of Science Airport / Airline Management

Candidates – May 2024

Kevin J. Catalino
Ramandeep Kaur
Sarker Rohan, *Summa Cum Laude*
Tommaso Rossi, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ananya Sharma
Jocelyn Tenesaca

Bachelor of Science Aviation Maintenance

Candidates – May 2024

John Yohan Cho
Roger Velez, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science Aviation Maintenance Management

Graduates – September 2023

Xinyu Ni
Hao Yin

Graduates – December 2023

Steven Cuautle Sanchez, *Cum Laude*
Remy Encarnacion, *Cum Laude*
Raul Intriago

Candidates – May 2024

Kevin Buitrago
Nicholas Cooper, *Cum Laude*
Alexander Jacome
Jonah Pinto, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jonathan Salazar
Kodai Takahashi, *Magna Cum Laude*
Deepika Vaid, *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew Yambo Luzunaris
Shuntao Pan, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jinzhi Zhang, *Magna Cum Laude*

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

Candidates – May 2024

Brian Benjamin
Jesse Herrera
Steven Proano
Kenrick Sallick
Carla Montserrat Vasquez Chavez,
Summa Cum Laude
Mariah Villalon, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology Avionics

Graduate – December 2023

Christopher Zuna, Summa Cum Laude

Candidates – May 2024

Maria A. Fajardo, Cum Laude
He Huang
Shervin Jabez
Kendrick Martinez, Cum Laude
Edward A. Towers
Edgar W. Vega Tamay

Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology: General Electronics

Candidate – May 2024

Michael Reed

Bachelor of Science General Management

Candidate – May 2024

Akeem James, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

Graduates – December 2023

Bibi Khan
Stephen Moore
Yusuf Rafi
John Sutera

Candidates – May 2024

Christopher Oswaldo Campoverde
Bryan Cordero Cabral, Cum Laude
Naresh Dannypersad
Marizeli Diaz, Magna Cum Laude
Nigel Sean John
Arayana Khelawan
Efrain Magana, Cum Laude

Aninda Nahiyan
Aisling O'Sullivan, Cum Laude
William Kanison Samaroo
Brian Tenezaca

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology: Aeronautical

Candidates – May 2024

Husam Abbassi
Thierno Barry
Atalay Erem
Franken Mercurius
Parth Patel, Cum Laude
Brian Pichardo
Ashiq Rahman
Jairo Ramos

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology: Computer-Aided Design

Candidates – May 2024

Edward Calixto
Samantha Tikalall

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology: Dual-Aeronautical and Computer-Aided Design

Candidate – May 2024

Felopater Ghobrial

Bachelor of Science Mechatronic Engineering

Candidates - May 2024

Mahin Bhuyan
Brandon Cuevas
Anton Myles DeGuzman,
Summa Cum Laude
Natalia Garzon Correa,
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Garcia
Kenny Harris
Romain Hernandez
Samuel Hernandez, Cum Laude
Josiah J. Lovell
Chasisty Melo
Huzaiifa Naveed, Cum Laude

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Suraiya Nawaz, Summa Cum Laude
Kacper Olchanowski
Carlo Ovalle, Magna Cum Laude
Gordon Qian
Lilidania Rodriguez
Miguel A. Rosario
Anthony Tamburello
Christopher Walker,
Summa Cum Laude
Mohamed Youssef

Masters of Business Administration Aviation Management

Candidates – May 2024
Narindra Maharaj,
Summa Cum Laude
Cheerio Pawoo

Certificate Recipients

Safety Management Systems

Candidate - May 2024
Mohamed Ibrahim
Ilona Gallego Rodriguez

Unmanned Aerial System Design, Application and Operations

Graduates – December 2023
Samuel Ashkenas
Joshua Taylor Khargi
Cody Ng
Juliane Ng

Candidates - May 2024
Jasurbek Abdusalolov
Ryan Bangari
Tristan Kuper
Valentina Wolfe

Disclaimer

Because the list of names must be furnished to the printer in final form prior to commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree, or may have elected voluntarily to register for additional work and to graduate at a subsequent ceremony. The change does not imply that a student has failed, nor does it commit Vaughn to grant a diploma to a person thus listed in error. In addition, final determination of academic honor status lies with the Registrar.

HONORS STATUS

Graduation with honors is based on the cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Summa Cum Laude

GPA 3.85 or higher

Magna Cum Laude

GPA 3.68 to 3.84

Cum Laude

GPA 3.50 to 3.67

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*Vaughn College
would like to congratulate all graduates
and wish them the best
in their future endeavors.*

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