

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - CINTAS CENTER

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### 2025 Commencement Program

The Procession

The Presidential Party and The Board of Trustees The Faculty and Administration The Candidates for Degrees and Certificates Provost National Anthem Provost Presentation of the 2025 Faculty Excellence Award Recipients Cooperative Education Coordinator, Engineering and Information Technologies Division President, Faculty Senate House/Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award Recipients: Award Recipient...... Heather Hatchett, PhD Humanities and Sciences Division Award Recipient...... Paula Kirch Smith, MEd, MBA **Business Technologies Division** Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award Recipients: Electronics Engineering Technology '85 Engineering and Information Technologies Division Humanities and Sciences Division Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Presenter. Brittany Collins Associate of Arts '06 President, Alumni Association Pre-Business Administration '05 Global Program Lead - Coaching and Leadership Development, Avanade, Inc. Owner and Principal Career Coach, Brandi Nicole Ayers, LLC Adjunct Faculty Member Accounting Technology '24, Business Technologies Division

Presentation of Honorary Degree
Presenter
Chan, board of Trustees
Award Recipient
CEO, Mobile Infrastructure Corporation
Member, Board of Trustees
Commencement Address
Mayor of Cincinnati
Presentation of Degree Candidates
Business Technologies: Dean Yvonne Baker, MAcc, CPA Engineering and Information Technologies: Dean Doug Bowling, MS
Health and Public Safety: Dean Bonnie Smith, PhD, MSN, RN
Humanities and Sciences: Associate Dean Janet Schlaak, MS
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates
President
Closing Comments
Recessional
The Presidential Party and The Board of Trustees

### Commencement Map

Stage

**Business Technologies** 

The Faculty and Administration The 2024-2025 Graduates

> Health and Public Safety

Engineering and Information Technologies

Humanities and Sciences

### **Graduation Honors**

Cum Laude 3.50- 3.79 Magna Cum Laude 3.80 - 3.89 Summa Cum Laude 3.90 - 4.00

Students graduating with honors wear green honor cords. Honors Program graduates wear gold honor cords.

#### **Academic Dress**

From the costumes worn in the academic procession one can tell the level of degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctor's) the wearer has earned, the field of learning, and the institution that granted the degree. The costume consists of cap, gown, and hood.

The usual cap is a square black mortarboard with a black tassel; the doctor's cap has a gold tassel. The gown is also normally black. Associate's, bachelor's and master's gowns are relatively plain and closed in front; the doctor's gown is cut fuller, is open in front, has velvet panels down the front, and has three velvet bars on the sleeves. The panels and bars are usually black.

The hood, patterned after the medieval monk's hood, goes over the shoulders and hangs down in back. The hoods for the three degrees vary in length from the bachelor's, the shortest, to the doctor's, the longest. The velvet border shows by its color the field of learning; the most common are: white-arts, letters, humanities (usually seen in honorary doctor's degrees); dark blue-philosophy (the most common in doctor's hoods); purple-law; scarlet-theology; green-medicine; golden yellow-science. The same colors may be used in the panels and bars of the gown. The most distinctive part of the costume is the silk lining of the hood which bears the official colors of the institution granting the degree.

# The Ceremonial Mace of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

A mace is a symbol of authority that has been used since medieval times when knights carried them in processions with their king or queen.

Over time, the mace has become an emblem of peaceful leadership and integrity. Many colleges and universities include a ceremonial mace as part of commencement and other official events. A mace is a symbolic reminder that every institution of higher education carries out a long tradition of adding power and knowledge to the lives of those who come to learn. A mace also is a reminder that the learning process is not always comfortable or easy.

The Cincinnati State Ceremonial Mace was created in 2016 to commemorate the inauguration of Dr. Monica J. Posey as the College's sixth President. Each section of the mace represents a portion of the history and the continuing mission of the College.

### Business Technologies

### Associate of Applied Business

#### Accounting Technology

Saharnaz Ahmadi Cum Laude Summer N. Auer Cum Laude Nathanael J. Ben Israel Beata K. Bitenda Cum Laude Jessica R. Blythe Cum Laude Ashley Botteron John T. Davis Sara Haratizadeh Magna Cum Laude Ne'Siah Jones Tourya Khabaidi Cum Laude Zackery Lange Cum Laude Stephanie N. Mapp Kevin M. McGuire Summa Cum Laude Sacha Schell Summa Cum Laude Andrew J. Zucker Summa Cum Laude

#### Administrative Assistant Technology

Danita R. Adams Kealy M. Belmer Cum Laude Etoria R. Bransford Farion S. Gray Magna Cum Laude Teresa Kabwe

#### **Automotive Service** Management Technology

Chalandra D. Courtney Gabriel W. Fellerhoff Marquez D. Jones Rory McCarthy Seyed Sepehr Mir Heydari

#### **Business Management** Technology

Ibrahim Albarghothi Alina Banari Magna Cum Laude Shafter L. Barkley Haley D. Bartlett Miller Beckham, III Jessica R. Blythe Cum Laude Megan A. Cioffi Magna Cum Laude Adrianna N. Ciresi Christopher D. Cockman-Walker Madison Harrington Jah Nae K. Hinkston Vivian Innocent-Mba Cum Laude Janeiro W. Lake Keshena Lall Summa Cum Laude Victoria A. Lane Diara S. Lawrence Exauce N. Mayemba Grant H. McManus Terrell L. Millhouse Tyler Pennington Summa Cum Laude Jaila F. Sanders William B. Schneider Lydia C. Scott Don B. Sendwe Cum Laude Robert C. Sharpnack Hope A. Sheffield Mahalick Destinee Southerland Jacob M. Steed Sarah F. Wadman Cum Laude Mirainda L. Warren Cum Laude Keri A. Wheeler Antrice J. White

Brianah M. Ellis

#### **Culinary Arts Technology**

Sarah C. Woolridge

Elizabeth C. Carras

Ashley M. Chen

Jonah Allen

Magna Cum Laude Amaya N. Day Bryan R. Higgins Lydia M. James Margaret K. Lemma Summa Cum Laude Logan P. Luck Maiko N. Martinez Conor P. McCormick Summa Cum Laude Sabrena M. Morrissette Maggie E. Ossege Theodore D. Parlin Anthony J. Roberts James David Sutton Summa Cum Laude

#### Finance

Lydia E. Tellez

Justin K. Thompson

Alexander Bamberger Summa Cum Laude

Justin Barrett Adrianna N. Ciresi Prabin Dhamala Nathan M. Nyembo

#### Hospitality Management Technology

Jennifer M. Cain Cum Laude Amber R. Caudill Cum Laude Julia Gandert Kristen Griffith Diane M. Lelli Elena M. Schreiber Lydia E. Tellez Justin K. Thompson

#### Landscape Horticulture Technology

Matthew O. Albonetti James M. Bauer Summa Cum Laude Tyler Cebulskie Magna Cum Laude Riley J. Holmes Nat L. Kutcher Summa Cum Laude Shannon E. Maloney John J. Niehaus Cum Laude John A. Parlin Magna Cum Laude § Alexsis C. Perrmann Sarah R. Shipman

#### Law and Paralegal Studies

Davontae J. Daniels Airrea Durden Lakesha Knoll Sua'jay S. Zanders

Summa Cum Laude

Kimberly R. Swisshelm

Lily R. Taylor

#### **Marketing Management** Technology

Cesar Esquivel Landon Fairbanks Sowonie V. Kollie Maxwell Metsch Mporana C. Mireille Ingrid Perez

Cum Laude
Breezy L. Redden
David M. Schoppe

Magna Cum Laude
Charlotte R. Sunderman

Magna Cum Laude
Chauntel L. Todd §

#### Medical Administrative Assistant Technology

Sydney B. Lewis

Cum Laude

#### Pastry Arts Technology

Scarlett R. Cornell

Summa Cum Laude 
Ashley Flax

Magna Cum Laude

Daphne M. Glazer

Magna Cum Laude

Margaret B. Jula

Summa Cum Laude

Mary E. Krumdieck
Carmie Maloney
Summa Cum Laude
Hazel G. Meza
Katrina N. Morgan
Cum Laude
Nasean Murray
Courtney L. Schmidt
Anne-Marie Woolhiser
Kelly A. Zeigler

#### Supply Chain Management Technology

Taran Kafley
Summa Cum Laude

#### Sustainable Horticulture Technology

Matthew Q. Albonetti Shannon E. Maloney John J. Niehaus *Cum Laude* John A. Parlin *Magna Cum Laude* § Alexsis C. Perrmann Tayla M. Smart *Cum Laude* Jonathan Smotherman

#### Turfgrass Management Technology

Patrick Quinn Day Riley J. Holmes Garrett Krausen Shannon E. Maloney Jack E. O'Connell Alexsis C. Perrmann Adam Snow Summa Cum Laude James A. Sten Cum Laude

### Associate of Applied Science

#### **Brewing Science**

Austin B. Fields

Magna Cum Laude

Nathanial D. Paine

#### Dietetic Technician

Kyriah Carpenter Cameron Fulton

Ayman Elayyadi

### Associate of Arts

#### Pre-Business Administration

Adam Abu-Attiyeh

Ratasha D. Darling

Summa Cum Laude

Jessica Dysert

Summa Cum Laude
Amanda Angert
Cum Laude
Gnilim D. Bakai
Cum Laude 
Pranisha Bhujel
Tyler Boyajian
Summa Cum Laude
Cheikhou Camara
Kadi H. Carver
Christopher D. Cockman-Walker
Bailee A. Conway
Cum Laude
Promise Daniels

Katharine L. Freese Haliey N. Freudenberg Summa Cum Laude Megan A. Gibbs Kiya A. Haynes Roscoe Herald Jabraan Hussain Cum Laude Justin Lacev Margaret K. Lemma Summa Cum Laude Aida A. Leye Daniel G. Luecke Erin M. Mattan Cullen J. Muir Matthew Murrell Bintou Nianghane Amal H. Osman Ambrejah Phifer

Mariana Pylypaka Summa Cum Laude § Amayrani Santos Gomez Cum Laude § Noah A. Schroder Daniel K. Smith Claira E. Stehlin Cum Laude Honesty Sweeten McDelyn Wantaki Gavin T. Whitaker LeRoy Williams Sydney G. Williams Cum Laude Laura M. Woodruff Tsungai M. Zunidza

### Associate of Science

#### **Pre-Nutrition Science**

Peggy Emma F. Abankroh Kyriah Carpenter

### Bachelor of Applied Science

#### Culinary and Food Science

Nola F. Argiro *Cum Laude* Gary C. Clark Bryce E. Czechorski Justin D. Edsell *Cum Laude* Toni M. Halstead Bryan R. Higgins Aden Maddux *Magna Cum Laude* Steven M. Sims

### Certificates

#### Accounting

Summer N. Auer Monae Hamner Madison Humphrey Tamarra L. Kauffman Sarah E. Lowry Jacob R. Sandman

### Accounting with QuickBooks

Angela Q. Jones William J. Stath, IV

#### Automotive Service Technician

Mohamed Bouali, Sr. Oscar Defrancesco Jasmine B. Edmond Gabriel W. Fellerhoff Terrell Isome Adam J. Lott Caesar Meador Zachary M. Metz Paris Norman

### Banking and Financial Services

Justin Barrett
Adrianna N. Ciresi
Jenna F. Cox
Robin Seifert Goforth
Wilber J. Lopez Gonzalez
Nathan M. Nyembo
Micah L. Reese, Jr.
Benjamin Snodgrass

#### Bookkeeping

Summer N. Auer Chelsea M. Monroe Paige J. Nagy Emily P. Oakes

#### Brewing and Beverage Laboratory

Austin B. Fields Brendan M. Reilly Daniel J. Smith

#### Brewing Sales and Marketing

Elizabeth D. Brame Joseph L. Cappel

## **Business Pathways**Adam Jamal Abu-Attiyeh

Ryan S. Allen Keren-Rose K. Arthur Alina Banari Jessica R. Blythe Daniel Boateng William Chen Ramata Dia Lindsey N. Gehlenborg Monae Hamner Adam J. Helwig Sandra L. Hensley Jada M. Inabnit Katelynn S. Kitts Cory Leonard Cara M. Lier Brandi D. Liermann Charles R. Marston Kyndall J. Mason Dylan L. Meagher Matthew Minnick Mporana C. Mireille

Eman Nasir Shmu-El N. Ocho Alicia Porter Alovode J. Sangnidjo John Schwachter Hope A. Sheffield Mahalick Cam Long Tsan Valerie A. Voss Sarah F. Wadman Garrett R. Welch Kammon A. Wilcoxson Stephanie E. Young

#### **Computer Applications**

Farion S. Gray Teresa Kabwe

#### **Culinary Arts**

Robert G. Baker Vincent J. Brown Sara Bruner Aiden J. Geers Annalee M. Grout Tyler J. Hester Bethany D. Kieffer Mary E. Krumdieck Nicholas D. Leisten Margaret K. Lemma Logan P. Luck Tyler L. Mains Desiree J. Meadows Molly K. Mullikin Zachary M. Nascimento Samuel T. Nutter Maggie E. Ossege Canaan M. Peake Parker Ramey Glenda M. Shaw-Thomas Bryan K. Slater Brianna Tenhundfeld Shakeyia D. Vance

#### Dietary Management

Warrington K. Webbe

#### Dietary Management Pathway II

Marcos Litts

#### **Dietary Management** Pathway III

Tony T. Campbell

#### Entrepreneurship

Damilia L. Akemon Drea'von M. Andrews Kayla A. Barrett Jack M. Boerger Joseph L. Cappel Luke B. Dearborn Heather N. Dunn Jackson D. Franklin Nikole S. Hanson Jah Nae K. Hinkston William T. Hollingsworth Terrell Isome Keshena Lall Ariana G. Lewis Leo Nerswick Maritza Rivas Sanchez Prajwal Subedi Pelden Tamang Victoria J. Thomas Jaida Trapp Nova R. Vanlieu

#### **Financial Counselor**

Eileen G. Crowe

Stacey T. Williams

#### Landscape Design

Matthew Q. Albonetti Maureen A. Comella Riley J. Holmes John J. Niehaus Irene E. Spalazzi De Alcala

#### Landscape Technician

Garrett Krausen Nat L. Kutcher John Joseph Niehaus John A. Parlin Sarah R. Shipman Amy D. St. John Lily R. Taylor

#### Law and Paralegal Studies

Lakesha Knoll Megan Maloney Julia R. Migliara Elizabeth A. Slocum

#### **Marketing Specialist**

Alexis C. Ewing Britney R. Toney

#### Ohio Real Estate Salesperson

Brandon S. Belle Diane C. Davis Esquire M. Heard, Jr. Melissa Matz Damien Walker

#### **Paralegal**

Sarswoti Dhamala

Erin B. Middlebrooks

#### Pastry Art

Jasmin Barrera Julia Gandert Tanner R. Guy Teresa Luck Nancy D. Slayton

#### Real Estate

Mariah F. Bickford Andre Bradley Amber R. Clark Anayelli Diaz-Lopez August A. Everhart Bobby T. Henderson, Jr. Ravyn Jones Sharrell Lasley Abigail F. Lewis Melissa Matz Jack E. McCausland John Schwachter Mindy S. Shelton Amy D. St. John Markayla Y. Sullivan Britney R. Toney Toni R. Willis Kaelyn R. Winters

#### Sustainable Agriculture Management

Peyton L. Stitzel Andreya T. Williams Joy N. Williams

## Engineering and Information Technologies—

### Associate of Applied Science

#### Audio/Video Production Technology

Elizabeth Bacu Daniel Ball Sheliyah Z. Barnes Kylie Childress Owen S. Christie Summa Cum Laude Rico Cosby, Jr. Ingrid R. Dubarry Summa Cum Laude § Joshua A. Edwards Summa Cum Laude Dylan D. Gaskins

Magna Cum Laude

Ariyana Hardy

Christopher V. Hemmila Jalen J. Jamison Magna Cum Laude Emma Leugers Zachary Muller Cum Laude Matthew Osborn Cole T. Sellers Ezekiel E. Shaffer Summa Cum Laude Daniel B. Smith Tatiana C. Thelusma

Cade C. Harvey

#### Aviation Maintenance Technology

Luca Acito Cum Laude Sammie Al-Mawali Magna Cum Laude Donald C. Applegate, Sr. Michael H. Arnett Summa Cum Laude Christopher F. Barnett, Jr. Martin L. Bixler Michael D. Brockman Cum Laude Madison N. Casagrande Anthony A. Davis

Devyn J. Webb

Emma M. Glancy Cum Laude NaVonn J. Goddard Cum Laude Melvin Y. Gonzalez Joshua J. Grippa Magna Cum Laude Dylan J. Haigwood Magna Cum Laude Price A. Hamrick Mia Holt Cum Laude Alton C. Jester Summa Cum Laude Mikauley R. Jewell Cum Laude Paul T. Johnston Cum Laude Prabin Katuwal

Cum Laude Devon J. McClea Matthew D. Mocahbee Juvonte J. Montgomery Cum Laude Julian A. Mulligan Summa Cum Laude Emiliano L. Rodriguez Jamie M. Sherman Cum Laude David L. Townsend Cum Laude Patrick S. Vanpraag Cum Laude Morgan N. White

#### Chemical Technology

Ryan Casurella Daniel T. Kaiser Magna Cum Laude

#### Civil Engineering Technology

#### Architectural Major

Matthias O. Akindele Magna Cum Laude Aniya Hutchinson-Taylor Cum Laude Tatiana Phillips Nathan Robinson Cum Laude

#### Construction Management Major

Tyler D. Barter Carson R. King Cum Laude Jacob R. Knecht Adam K. Malonda Darrell Mays, Jr. Cesar Osegueda Serrano Jerika M. Partin Tatiana Phillips

Carmen D. Byes

#### Computer Network Administration

Magna Cum Laude Douglas D. Curry Kara Y. Delaney Diarietou Diallo Benjamin W. Gruber Cody T. Herndon Alexander N. Klein Asta Lo Cum Laude Jacob D. Mick Magna Cum Laude Joseph Morgan Summa Cum Laude Lamontay Morgan Cum Laude

#### Computer Support Major

Aya Arfaoui Cole Clark Will E. Leisgang Justin H. Lucas Summa Cum Laude Thomas D. Luers Christina M. Maurer Magna Cum Laude Robert J. Rapking Cum Laude

#### Computer Network **Engineering Technology**

#### Cyber-Security Major

Jacob N. Asiedu

Spencer K. Baylor

Ibrahima Dia Cum Laude Casey Dunn Fatoumata Gassama Cum Laude Zachery Hall Summa Cum Laude Joseph Hamilton Theophilus A. Nkrumah Valentine Mofor Noteching Magna Cum Laude Taoficath Laye A. Sanni Summa Cum Laude Kristen Scott Summa Cum Laude Alexander Sizemore Cum Laude Ismail A. Sodamade Magna Cum Laude

#### **Computer Programming** and Database Management

#### Computer Information Systems Major

Holly Hayden Cum Laude Corey E. Stone, Jr. Summa Cum Laude

#### Computer Software Development Major

Summa Cum Laude

Apiwat Anachai

Cherent D. Avele

Alexander K. Bertke Ayesha Z. Bondogji Summa Cum Laude Brandon W. Burton Summa Cum Laude Madison M. Canada Cum Laude Keegan S. Collins Cum Laude Jeffrey Cook, Jr. Liam M. Earley Tyler I. Ethridge Viktoriia Getman Cum Laude Gavin G Glancy Magna Cum Laude Brennan C. Horsley Micah R. Howard Summa Cum Laude Perry Li Cum Laude Joshua M. McCoy Summa Cum Laude Megan Noel Summa Cum Laude Chase A. Owens Jeffery A. Quarles Attignon C. Segnon Stephen Weber Summa Cum Laude Cole A. Whitaker Summa Cum Laude

#### Software Engineering Technology Major

Makaiaha R. Alozie-Dike Sophia G. Bruns Mariah S. Jackson Seth E. Lubic Anthony D. Painter Cum Laude Corey E. Stone, Jr. Summa Cum Laude

Gabriel A. Walker

#### **Electrical Engineering** Technology

#### Biomedical Equipment Major

Mason G. Earls Tanner S. Thornberry Bryce Washick Katie M. Wernicke Magna Cum Laude

#### Electronics Systems Major

Samuel J. Beccaccio Summa Cum Laude Alexander V. Bozhenov Cum Laude Kantima Egington Jordan L. Hess Damen Madaris Andrew K. Moreland Cum Laude & Wesley R. Ortiz William E. Smith, Jr. Manoj Waiba Cum Laude Katie M. Wernicke

#### Magna Cum Laude Power Systems Major

Isabella M. Carmen Michael B. Nyanzoy Cole L. Quitter

#### Electro-Mechanical **Engineering Technology**

#### Energy Major

Andrew D. Osburg Cum Laude

#### Industrial Automation

Zemirah Torrey

#### Environmental **Engineering Technology**

Jojo Belle Bartholomew Despotes Nolan W. Gravitt Anne Munro Summa Cum Laude Timothy M. Norman, Jr John J. Thompson Summa Cum Laude Brian S. Wagner Summa Cum Laude

#### Stormwater Management Major

Catherine I. Lagasse

#### Water & Wastewater Major

Celestin C. Cimalamungu, Jr. Anne Munro Summa Cum Laude Tracy Stephens

#### Graphic Design

Varvara G. Alekseeva Magna Cum Laude Rebecca R. Bedingfield Ian Bendel Braizlee Browning Cum Laude Zane S. Chiasson Phillip D. Hein Magna Cum Laude § Kaylee F. Johannes Leighton M. Mitchell Casey J. Morgan Allie K. Sebastian Magna Cum Laude Yulia Wimp Summa Cum Laude

#### Mechanical Engineering Technology

#### Design Major

Aaron M. Cook Thomas J. Gilmore Christian L. Iaroli, Jr. Magna Cum Laude Maria Lowry

#### Manufacturing Major

Aaron M. Cook William W. Crozier Cum Laude Samuel J. Emmerling Christian L. Iaroli, Jr. Magna Cum Laude Andrew C. Lakes Ilan Wallace Songhua Wu Cum Laude

#### Surveying and Mapping

Andrew Baker Lane M. Schulz Nathan C. Stringer Saidou M. Wane Cum Laude

#### Web and Multimedia Design

Georgii Gorelov Cum Laude Fatima M. Kasim Alexandra Zunze Magna Cum Laude

#### Welding

Corderreck T. Abernathy Nicholas Gates Cum Laude Tyler S. Jones Michael A. Philpot Ezra J. Schelly Cum Laude

### Associate of Science

#### **Pre-Engineering**

Ava N. Chapman Cum Laude § Alex Kist Andrew M. Rhoades Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Applied Science

#### **Land Surveying**

Andrew Baker David J. Bogan Noah W. Horn Michael P. Neiser Tim C. Seestedt Charles C. Steffey Jennifer Townsend Cum Laude Jesse Waggoner Magna Cum Laude

### Certificates

#### **Aviation Mechanics** Airframe

Luca Acito Jacob M. Arnett Antony A. Ashland Martin L. Bixler Michael D. Brockman Madison N. Casagrande Chao Chen Karl Coakley Emma M. Glancy NaVonn J. Goddard Dylan J. Haigwood Mia Holt Alton C. Jester Paul T. Johnston Prabin Katuwal Ryan M. McAffry Devon J. McClea Matthew D. Mocahbee Julian A. Mulligan Andrew A. Pence Christopher Schul David L. Townsend Patrick S. Vanpraag

#### **Aviation Mechanics** Powerplant

Luca Acito Donald C. Applegate, Sr. Jacob M. Arnett Christopher F. Barnett, Jr. Michael D. Brockman Mia Holt Leanndra Lee Joel W. Mink Juvonte J. Montgomery Ryan A. Sehlhorst Thomas S. Stratman David L. Townsend

#### Avionics

Sammie Al-Mawali Joel W. Mink

Cohen E. Aull

#### **Basic Welding**

Parker S. Bedgood Keegan Dotson Nicholas Evans Alexander K. Fenty William C. Hebenstreit Joseph J. Jackson Jackson J. Meale Jenrui M. Velasquez

#### Chemical Technology Operator

Mary G. Faller

#### Computer Network Administration

Jesse Cromer Assa Kamissoko Austin J. Linville Justin H. Lucas

#### Computer Software Development

Lori A Becker Keith P. Brock Viktorija Getman Ian Hostetler Micah R Howard Hamzah Jodeh Nicolas Le Mame M. Ndiaye Oluwaseun Oladimeji Adebayo O. Osho Kyle J. Suiter

#### **Environmental Safety and** Security

Melissa R. Goetz

#### Land Surveying

Matthew A. Brubaker Garrett M. Chapin Thomas L. Harris, IV Jennifer Townsend

#### **Machine Operator Level 2**

Stanley F. West, III

#### Mechanical Engineering Technology-Computer Aided Design

Adam E. Dargis Summer Gidewall Olivia Huculak Philip V. Kettering Jessica G. Klanke Andrew C. Lakes Joseph Meskin

#### **MET-Manufacturing CNC**

Adam E. Dargis Alexander Grothaus Cameron Hackney Dean K. Horn Olive Huculak Christian L. Iaroli, Jr. Rathana Kreal Andrew C. Lakes Joseph Meskin Denver Nieman

Ilan Wallace Joseph M. Wallace

#### Web and Multimedia Design

Madison Bonifacio

#### Welding

Allan L. Evans Ezra J. Schelly Cameron M. Schirmer

### Health and Public Safety Associate of Applied Science

#### Diagnostic Medical Sonography

#### Cardiovascular

Allison F. Ball Rachelle Grubbs Kaitlyn N. Howard Cum Laude Dakota L. Parrish Kara M. Thomas Cum Laude

#### General Imaging

McKenzie J. Bowling Cum Laude Kaitlynn Gooch Cum Laude Sabrina Harrison Cum Laude § Peyton Hennessy Summa Cum Laude Pamela Kettler Cum Laude Zoe King Lauren Voss Cum Laude Bailey White Taylor M. Williams Cum Laude

#### **Emergency Medical** Technician Paramedic

#### Management Major

Benjamin Feldman

#### Science Major

Arya A. Jouhari

Isabel F. Accurso

Jason C. Brice

#### Fire Service Technology

Joseph B. Eppert Jacob F. Groeber Cum Laude Alexander M. Inderhees Jack Metzger Zachary D. Paff Jack M. Sell Magna Cum Laude Parker J. Smith

#### **Health Information** Management Technology

Alisa Destazio Summa Cum Laude Amanda N. Inskeep Cum Laude Kelly Pope Ashton J. Rose Cum Laude

#### **Health Science Technology**

Joey M. Costa Shelby S. L. Crossty Ava C. Grant Courtney M. Murphy Cum Laude Cynthia M. Peterson Summa Cum Laude

#### Medical Laboratory Technology

Kaitlyn B. Conley Mardochee N. Mabele Kenley L. Phillips Brendan Shank Hirut T. Woldemariam

#### Nursing Kimberly Allen

Jordan M. Anderson

Ashley R. Baker Megan M. Barlage Summa Cum Laude Mila Bhujel Jordan Blue Rita N. Boateng Sarah Boggio Nichelle I. Bonner Cum Laude Brandy M. Bradford Breasia M. Brice Maranda J. Brock Nicole R. Buccasio Christine Burkart Tyshon D. Capell Maycee O. Carney Paige E. Carpenter Magna Cum Laude Eunjoo Chang Cum Laude Roselynn F. Choate Ashley A. Clark-Fink Sade M. Cohen

Larissa G. Da Silva Lins Cum Laude § Courtney Darnall Bintou Diallo Allison N. Duty Diana L. Edwards Rachel A. Enzweiler Rikita Everett Jeremy Fair Ashley S. Gase Madeline Gingell Kourtney Green Melissa A. Greve Kari P. Griffin Geno Griffith Haleigh G. Gruber Timothy J. Haders Victoria L. Hafford Heather Hansford Alvsha M. Harris Megan M. Hart Nawal Hattar Kameisha L. Hill-Gueye Christian D. Hinh Quoc Hoang Natasha Nicole Hodge Tori L. Holbert Jayla J. Huff Brandy R. Ivey Rainelle V. Jackson Yasmin A. Jallag Jourdan Johnson Nathan I. Jones Gursimran Kaur Christopher P. Labar Danielle M. Lajoie Summa Cum Laude Lauren Lambeth Cum Laude Erica Lansdell Jack M. Lawson Amber Lee Sabrina M. Leigh Odalis M. Lemus-Perdomo Joyce Bain Leonard Andrew C. Lindholm Jazmin N Luke Macayla L. Lunsford Alexis N. Madden Mariah M. Mason Kamishia L. Master Sean T. McCullough Stephanie A. McFarland Magna Cum Laude Mary L. Mercurio Cum Laude Mackenzie K. Miller

Sita D. Mishra

Rebecca L. Molnar Cum Laude

Katelyn O. Montgomery

Karla Morales

Jessica N. O'Hearn Nadege F. Ouedraogo

Marie Owens-McNair

David K. Pack Destinee A Patterson

Kaylee N. Pearson

Jessica M. Piotrowski

Avery M. Poe Cum Laude

**Brittany Radford-Cutts** 

Tiffany M. Rak

Dominique M. Reinhart

Melanie N. Renzenbrink Lukesha E. Richardson

Ashley J. Riga

Yamuna Rijal

Marie S. Salgo

Rosabeth A. Schultz Corin J. Scott

Cum Laude

Amanda C. Sloan

Yolanda Spencer

Arielle T. Steele

Stephanie Stidham Allison F. Stolz

Lea N. Strayhorn

Wallis C. Suter

Curran Valleio

Deshawnna Velez Samuel Ward

Maria T. Weisbrod

Taja M. Wells

Virginia M. Whaley

Cum Laude

Chenise M. Whitaker Michaela N. White

Morgan E. White

Cum Laude Nosson N. Wiggins

Carlee A. Williams

Cum Laude

Melanie K. Wolff Sarah E. Woolhiser

#### Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology

Sierra Barker

Danielle R. Brown Kenee R. Delaney

Amber Flachs

Summa Cum Laude

Moira Hoke

Summa Cum Laude

Carnesha N. Johnson Cum Laude

Elizabeth Lounsberry

Summa Cum Laude

Stephanie E. Morrison

Nichelle C. Natvik

Victoria L. Prater Summa Cum Laude Meredith C. Schwiebert Jada A. Sims Sidney A. Winston Cum Laude

#### Respiratory Care **Technology**

Angela Davis Jami Johnson Kendall R. Keller Summa Cum Laude Kimberly Negrelli Kear K. Walker

#### Surgical Technology

Emily L. Clemons

Cum Laude

Sarah M. Evans

Cum Laude

Hayley Marie Jones

Kylea S. Kammer

Cum Laude

Jensen E. Murphy

Aniah P. Paul

Cum Laude

Amanda Stegman

Summa Cum Laude Danielle Vanlandingham

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

#### Nursing

Amal Bouadiela

Summa Cum Laude

**Ebonie Brooks** 

Magna Cum Laude Loren N. Broughton

Cum Laude

Carmela D. Chevere

Delisa Craig

Kendra Dalby Wisdom E Eziukwu Rebekah T. Ferrari Morgan D. Foley Kamryn Igbonegun Keisha N Keese

Taylor D. Keiser Cum Laude Haddijatou Kora

Elena Kosulina Joseph H Macejko

Alexa L. Herrmann

Yolanda A. Mayes Kristina Merriweather Jacqueline R. Parlier Edyta Swider

Cum Laude Mercedes T. Turnbow Dalisa R Walker

Kelly R Wiggins Jayrel Williams Angela T. Wireko

### Certificates

#### **Advanced Health Careers** Preparatory

Catherine Balcerek Jaden H. Beard Trina T. Cook Samantha J. Corbin Emma D. Cox Aimee Delgado Maya Dunn Connor W. Gibson

Dakota R. Goodwin-Jackson

Dominick C. Givens

Deshauna Harper

Kristen R. Ivory Rachel Kempf Horty F. Matingu Ireland J. Moor Debra A. Morris Marthe Ndachi Catherine J. Parker Thulith H. Pathirana Hannah E. Pierani Kassidi J. Puthoff Colin F. Riggins Benjamin P. Roman Mariah Shephard

Ayshalun D. Summerhill Sydney Turner Lindsay Valle Sarah F. Wadman Ava N. Welch

#### **Coding Specialist**

Kimberly Gorenflo Justine M. Jones Sade R. Sebastian Kendra L. Weiss

#### Electrocardiography - Basic Healthcare Foundations

Ashley Bethancourt Dayna Foster Ava C. Grant Deshauna Harper L'Sheila Lewis Cynthia M. Peterson

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# 2025 House/Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award Recipients:

Heather Hatchett, PhD Professor of Psychology and Department Chair, Social & Behavioral Sciences

#### **Humanities and Sciences Division**

Dr. Hatchett has been a faculty member since 2010, and she received the House/Bruckmann Award in 2015. Her nomination this year recognized her Collaborative Spirit and recent Contributions to the College, including leading projects for the College Credit Plus (CCP) Committee to create more efficient and effective programming for high school students who are completing college coursework at Cincinnati State. She led the creation of guidance documents for CCP coordinators college-wide and worked with administrators and faculty to rewrite the guidelines for relationships between Cincinnati State and participating CCP high schools.

Heather also provided research, vision and tireless effort to assist the College in securing a \$2 million Federal Title III grant to create the CState Complete program, which supports student success by preventing students from "stopping out" of college, and helps these students complete their degree. She serves as Faculty Champion for CState Complete, providing leadership to the faculty advisory team and working with the program staff to gather and analyze data and report invaluable insights about student and faculty needs.

Her nomination noted that Heather offers "unwavering commitment to collaboration with colleagues," along with "willingness to share her expertise and experiences as a trusted resource," and "dedication to the success of students and faculty."

Paula Kirch Smith, MEd, MBA
Professor and Program Chair, Hospitality Management and
Pre-Business Administration

#### **Business Technologies Division**

Professor Smith has been a member of the faculty since 2009. Her nomination for the House/Bruckmann Award recognized her Contributions to the College and Collaborative Spirit, including active participation in governance groups that affect many aspects of College operations, such as the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, the Academic Calendar Committee, and the Safety Committee. Paula also has served as Vice President of the Cincinnati State Chapter of the American Association of University. Her nomination described her work in these groups as "a staunch advocate for reform, improvement, and employee and student advocacy" and said she demonstrates "commitment to excellence, equity, and understanding."

Her nomination also stated that Paula's "constant nudging of Cincinnati State in the right direction has had significant and lasting impact," and noted that her collaborative spirit often is focused on the College's longterm success, such as contributions to development of student-centered language for several College policies, and serving as a driving force in building faculty and student camaraderie. The nomination commended Paula's work as both an official and unofficial mentor to many other fulltime and adjunct faculty members.

### 2025 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award Recipients:

Raymond Ellington
Electronics Engineering Technology '85
Instructor of Aviation Maintenance Technology & Electrical
Engineering Technology

#### **Engineering and Information Technologies Division**

Mr. Ellington has been an adjunct instructor since 2009. He is also a Senior Lab Technician for the Engineering and Information Technologies Division at the College's Harrison Campus. Ray was nominated for his Excellence in Instruction, Commitment to Student Success, and Collaborative Spirit.

His nomination said Ray's passion for teaching and commitment to student success make him a standout educator who effectively combines theoretical concepts with real-world applications. He fosters interactive learning environments where students feel comfortable asking questions, experimenting, and developing critical problem-solving skills. He applies varied teaching tools including simulations and case studies that connect to students' interests and help them grasp complex topics.

Ray's nomination said "he ensures that every student is engaged and challenged," by providing one-on-one support for students struggling with complex concepts and by pushing high achievers to explore more advanced material. Ray also serves as a mentor, guiding students through their academic journeys and offering valuable career advice. His nomination noted that Ray's students "leave his courses with a solid understanding of the material but also with a deeper appreciation for the impact of these technologies on the world around them."

#### Nicholas Shaver, PhD Instructor of Mathematics

#### **Humanities and Sciences Division**

Dr. Shaver has been an adjunct instructor in the Math department since 2022. He was nominated for his Excellence in Instruction, Commitment to the College, and Professional Achievements.

Nick's nomination said his teaching is "pivotal to student success in math," and demonstrates "true passion for helping others." He takes student engagement to a new level by incorporating real-world examples of practical applications of math into his classes and providing individualized support to help students gain confidence.

While working at Cincinnati State, Nick completed his PhD in Education from the University of Cincinnati, and conducted research focused on ways to better serve students by implementing new techniques. His nomination said Nick's research "makes it very clear he is an expert in helping students who traditionally struggle with math."

### 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Brandi N. Ayers, MBA
Pre-Business Administration '05
Global Program Lead – Coaching and Leadership Development,
Avanade, Inc.
Owner and Principal Career Coach, Brandi Nicole Ayers, LLC
Adjunct Faculty Member

When Brandi Ayers reflects on her life, she says, "no matter how windy the road, everything seems to fall into place."

Raised in an economically challenged area of Cincinnati, Brandi attended Cincinnati Public Schools. Soon after graduating from High School, she gave birth to her daughter, Anastaja. She knew that she needed to buckle down to build a better life for them, she said. "When I enrolled at Cincinnati State, I didn't have a grand plan. My only goal was to get an education to secure employment that would change the trajectory of my daughter's life."

As a Pre-Business Administration student, Brandi worked full-time. Oftentimes, she'd bring Anastaja to class with her. She reflected on her instructors' support saying, "they saw something in me and were willing to do anything to help me." She eventually secured a co-op role with P&G. She was hired full-time post-graduation and remained employed with P&G for 10 years. During that time, she also earned her B.S. in Business Administration from Franklin University and later her M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati.

Brandi's career continued to flourish after P&G. She's held leadership positions at Macy's, Generation USA, Georgia State and Avanade. She also owns a professional career coaching consulting practice that provides services globally. In addition, she teaches as an adjunct at Spelman College and Cincinnati State.

Brandi is dedicated to using her education and experience to help others, to equip people with the knowledge and resources they need to become the best versions of themselves. She has also contributed a significant amount of her time to Cincinnati State.

"Brandi could be anywhere in the US, and her commitment to giving back never stops," said Kelly Harper, director of the Career Center at Cincinnati State.

Cincinnati State Co-op and Internship Coordinator Jayne Martin Dressing, who nominated Brandi, said, "Brandi is an advocate for working people in all aspects of her life."

Brandi is also a strong advocate for maintaining a healthy work-parenting balance. She considers her greatest accomplishment is being a mother to her two daughters, 25-year-old Anastaja who is a chemical engineer at P&G, and 15-year-old Amira who is a decorated musical theater thespian. "Nothing is more important to me than those two girls," Brandi said.

### 2025 Student Speaker

Sacha Schell Accounting Technology, '24 Summa Cum Laude

#### **Business Technologies Division**

When Sacha Schell began taking classes at Cincinnati State in January 2020, she had already accomplished a lot in her adult life.

She and her husband, Will— a Cincinnati State Civil Engineering Technology graduate ('96)—had become parents to two daughters, Anna and Evie. She also had a solid work history. In 2016, the family moved from Sacha's hometown of Mason to Blanchester, Ohio, where she took a part time job as the assistant fiscal officer for the Village of Blanchester.

"I was diving into territory at work with which I wasn't familiar, and I needed to get a post-secondary degree in accounting," she said. "I thought I had a talent in that area, but I didn't have enough to advance. I needed to know more in a shorter period of time."

Sacha enrolled in Cincinnati State for the Spring semester of 2020. Three months after classes began, so did the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately for Sacha, her program was online, and COVID did not disrupt her studies. Like many online students, her contact with professors was mainly in writing, but "they were very encouraging, and I appreciated that."

In 2022, she became the assistant to the finance director at the City of Milford, and in 2024 went full time. Even with the added time and responsibility her job required, she persevered with her studies and completed her associate degree.

With Anna in college and Evie beginning college this fall, Sacha said she is not planning to pursue a bachelor's degree—at least for now. Between work, family, and completing college, "it was a tough haul, but I am glad I got it done," she said.

### 2025 Honorary Degree Recipient

Manuel Chavez III
CEO, Mobile Infrastructure Corporation
Cincinnati State Board of Trustees

It was spring 1999, and Manuel Chavez III had just graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. He considered enrolling in law school or pursing an MBA. "My dad, one of the wisest guys in the world, said 'while you decide, why don't you come and work for myself and your uncles," Chavez remembered.

He took his dad's advice. "I got hooked immediately," he said about working at PCA Inc. and Chavez Properties, the family-owned parking and real estate companies that today employ more than 1,100 in markets across the country. Starting in operations, he rose to become CEO, responsible for all subsidiaries, business development, and financing activities.

In 2017, Chavez struck out on his own as founder and managing partner of Bombe Asset Management. In 2021, he also became CEO of publicly traded Mobile Infrastructure Corp., overseeing more than \$1 billion in real estate investments. "I really enjoy solving the puzzle of real estate transactions" he said, "not only creating a win-win for our company and clients but also finding the best and highest use for the community."

Dr. Monica Posey, president of Cincinnati State, said "Manuel is truly a great person and his accomplishments in business and public service are amazing. We appreciate how he has supported Cincinnati State over many years and in many different ways, enhancing our ability to positively impact Greater Cincinnati."

Former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley said, "Manuel is a lifelong Cincinnatian who has demonstrated his commitment to our community. As a successful businessman, he has created jobs and expanded opportunities in our region. He has never shied away from giving his time to the community, including to the Port Authority, to which I appointed him. I am proud to call him a friend."

Chavez has contributed his time to multiple nonprofits, including the Music Hall Revitalization Co., which led the \$143 million renovation of the historic venue. He now focuses on the Port, and on Cincinnati State, where he served on the Foundation Board and for the past eight years, on the Board of Trustees. "It's a great combination," he said. "The Port gets real estate ready for job creation and Cincinnati State trains the workforce to fill the need."

Asked about hobbies, he laughed. "At this time of life, it's work and kids. I wouldn't have it any other way."

### 2025 Commencement Speaker

### Aftab Pureval, JD Mayor of Cincinnati

Aftab Pureval is the 70th Mayor of Cincinnati, and the city's first Asian American Mayor.

Mayor Pureval was raised in Southwest, Ohio, the son of first-generation Americans. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 2005 followed by the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2008, where he was an editor at UC Law Review.

Before entering politics, Mayor Pureval worked as an associate for a law firm in Washington, D.C., as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the United States Department of Justice, and as a global brand attorney for The Procter & Gamble Company.

He served as Hamilton County Clerk of Courts from 2016 to 2021. During his tenure, he brought modern and professional reforms to the Clerk's office. He paid a living wage to all employees and become the first county officeholder in Ohio to offer comprehensive paid family leave.

As Mayor, he is committed to serving Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods. He has made equitable economic growth a top priority of his administration, as well as a comprehensive reform and improvement of public safety, affordable housing, and environmental action.

Mayor Pureval resides in Clifton with his wife, Whitney, and their sons, Bodhi and Rami.





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