

One Hundred and Eighth Commencement

Friday, July 25, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts Long Island University Greenvale, New York

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Commencement Ceremony

President Charles E. Callahan Presiding

Academic Procession

Academic Administration, Faculty, and Staff Class of 2025

Welcome Address

Charles Callahan IV Provost

The National Anthem

Danielle Atkinson

Director of Clinical Coordination

Please remove your caps and remain standing until after the singing of the National Anthem.

Keynote Speaker

Helen Arteaga Landaverde, PhD

Chief Executive Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst

Student Address

Bianca Blocker Court Reporting, A.O.S. Graduate

Special Presentation

Dr. Caroline Callahan

Dean of Enrollment Management

Presentation of the Class of 2025

Joseph D'Agostino *Trustee*

Charles Callahan IV Provost

Conferral of Degrees

Charles E. Callahan President

Alumni Induction & Closing Remarks

Candace Nixon

Director of Student Advisement

Recessional

Please remain seated until the recessional concludes. You may meet your graduate outside after the ceremony.

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THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Information for Guests

On behalf of all the graduates, faculty, administration, and staff, Plaza College welcomes you to the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2025! In order to ensure the best ceremony possible, we ask that all guests please observe the following procedures during the entirety of the event.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL.

Please be respectful of all graduates and remember that everyone is here for the same reason – to hear their graduate's name called and see their graduate walk across the stage. Please help us ensure that everyone is granted this opportunity!

Please turn off all cellphones and electronic devices. The use of tripods, monopods, selfie-sticks, signs, and banners is strictly prohibited. Keep loud, excessive applause and cheering until the end of the ceremony.

<u>Please do not leave your seats to take photographs</u>. Guests may not approach the stage nor crowd aisles for any reason during the ceremony. Failure to comply with this regulation may stop the flow of the ceremony and result in your removal from the theatre.

The academic procession will begin shortly and the graduation ceremony itself will last approximately two hours. Due to Fire Department regulations, we ask that all guests please be seated before the procession begins and remain in their seats until the ceremony has ended. Guests with children should seat themselves at the end of the row to ensure a quicker exit should a child need to leave during the ceremony.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, you may meet your graduate outside. Please do not leave your seats until the recessional has concluded and all graduates have left the theatre.

TILLES CENTER ASSISTANCE:

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building. Restroom locations are marked by signs. At the conclusion of the ceremony, please meet your graduate outside of the theater. If you require additional information or assistance, an usher or security officer will be happy to help you.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Whether you are a #plazaGRAD or you are here to celebrate a #plazaGRAD, we invite you to join the commencement conversation on social media. Before, during, and after the ceremony, please be sure to tag Plaza College and use the hashtag #plazaGRAD in your social media posts to join the virtual commencement celebration. Also, please feel free to share our updates!

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please do not leave your seats to take photographs. Professional photographers will be available to photograph each degree candidate before and during the ceremony. Each student will be photographed twice during the ceremony. Within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event, you will receive a link by email from Island Photography to view your photos online. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase.

THE PROGRAM IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GRADUATION LIST.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this Commencement program, printing deadlines may result in the omission of names of graduating students and the appearance of names of students no longer completing graduation requirements as intended. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status.

Your cooperation in following the above procedures will ensure a pleasant and memorable experience for all those involved.

Thank you!

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduates are recognized at Commencement for their outstanding academic achievement.

WITH HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE. Candidates who have earned an institutional cumulative grade-point average of 3.8 to 4.0 are awarded this distinction of highest honor. These graduates are wearing a medal with a white ribbon and their names are marked with ***.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE. Candidates who have earned an institutional cumulative grade-point average of 3.7 to 3.79 are awarded this distinction of great honor. These graduates are wearing a medal with a red ribbon and their names are marked with **.

CUM LAUDE. Candidates who have earned an institutional cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.69 are awarded this distinction of honor. These graduates are wearing a medal with a blue ribbon and their names are marked with *.

Based on academic achievement, graduates may also qualify for acceptance into a number of academic honor societies.

HONOR SOCIETIES

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA. With chapters at over 250 colleges and universities throughout the United States, was established in 1946 to honor superior scholarship and leadership in adult students. The criteria for acceptance to the society require the candidate to have: (1) a minimum of 3.3 grade point average; (2) successful completion of 24 semester credits; (3) successful completion of 12 liberal arts credits; (4) no instances of violation of the "Student Code of Conduct." Members of this honor society are wearing a white and burgundy stole.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA. Nationally recognized honor society for achievement in English. There are chapters of this society on campuses all across the country. The aim of Sigma Kappa Delta is to recognize those students who have achieved a certain level in college English and to promote literacy in both the school and community. To qualify for membership, students must hold a minimum grade-point average of 3.3, have completed 24 college credits, and have earned a B or higher in LL254 with no violations of the "Student Code of Conduct." Members of this honor society are wearing a green and gold honor cord.

SIGMA TAU DELTA. Internationally recognized English Honor Society. To qualify for admission to the society, the student must be enrolled in one of Plaza's bachelor degree programs, hold a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.3, have earned a "B" or higher in the course LL290 Literary Analysis, and have no instances of violation of the "Student Code of Conduct." Members of this honor society are wearing a red medallion.

SIGMA PHI ALPHA. The national honor society of the dental hygiene profession. Membership in Sigma Phi Alpha is comprised of elected dental hygiene educators and of graduates from accredited dental hygiene programs with high scholastic achievement. The purpose of Sigma Phi Alpha is to promote, recognize, and honor scholarship, leadership, and service among dental hygiene students and graduates of dental hygiene programs. As such, the Honor Society encourages electees to contribute to the advancement of the dental hygiene profession. The criteria for acceptance to this society are as follows: (1) the student must be in the top 25% of their class, as determined by grade point average; (2) have no less than a 3.5 cumulative grade point average; (3) have no less than a grade of B+ in all core dental hygiene courses; and (4) no instances of violation of the "Student Code of Conduct." Members of this honor society are wearing white stoles and purple and gold honor cords.

SIGMA THETA TAU. Sigma Theta Tau is an international honor society comprised of clinical nurses, nurse administrators, educators, researchers, policymakers, and others. Sigma's mission is to develop and connect nursing leaders from across the world in an effort to transform global healthcare. The criteria for acceptance to this society are achieving academic excellence, ranking in the highest 35 percent of the graduating class in scholarship; and meeting the expectation of academic integrity. Members of this honor society are wearing a white and purple honor cord.

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