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*Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall
University of Mary Washington
Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*Friday, the Tenth of May
Two Thousand and Nineteen*

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COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS



Porter R. Blakemore.....	Grand Marshal
Kim Gower, Marie P. Sheckels.....	Faculty Marshals for the Degree Candidates

On the platform this evening are the president of the University of Mary Washington, members of the Board of Visitors, the president's Cabinet, the grand marshal of the faculty, the commencement speaker, the president of the Alumni Association, and the deans of the colleges.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAINO



Dear Mary Washington graduates,

Congratulations! This is a great day of celebration – for you, for your family and friends, and for the entire Mary Washington community. I commend you for your hard work and dedication that have led to this important occasion, your commencement.

Not only is Mary Washington a place of academic rigor and commitment to excellence in all that we do, it also is a place where people truly matter as individuals and where people genuinely care about one another. It is that sense of community that sets us apart and that will live within you for years to come.

The Mary Washington story is your story. What you have achieved here, the relationships you have forged with your faculty and with your fellow students, will forever be woven into the fabric of Mary Washington. And the values of honor, integrity, and citizenship that you have practiced here will serve as a foundation for the remainder of your life. Go forward with pride and with the knowledge that you are well prepared for all of life's challenges and opportunities.

I extend my personal best wishes to you for success in all of your future endeavors. I encourage you always to remain close to your Mary Washington family and to return here often.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "T.D. Paino".

Troy D. Paino, J.D., Ph.D.
President

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER TERRIE SUIT



A former Virginia delegate and state official, Terrie Suit MBA '16 is chief executive officer for the Virginia Realtors. She began her real estate career in 1985 as a real estate agent and transitioned into a 20-year mortgage lending career. In her current position, she also has served on multiple committees with the National Association of Realtors.

Suit earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Mary Washington in 2016. She also is a graduate of both Tidewater Community College and Old Dominion University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. Suit also holds the Certified International Property Specialist designation and the Certified Association Executive certification.

In 2011, she was appointed the commonwealth's first Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. As an Army daughter and a Navy wife, Suit worked diligently to fulfill the governor's goal of making Virginia "the most veteran-friendly state in the nation." She also received a gubernatorial appointment to the Virginia Real Estate Board in 1996.

Suit served in the Virginia House of Delegates for the 81st District from 2000 to 2008. During her tenure, legislative peers recognized her as an expert on housing policy, which included real estate licensure, common interest communities, landlord-tenant issues, real estate finance, foreclosure, and building and fair housing issues. As a delegate, she was chair of the General Laws Committee and its housing subcommittee. She also chaired the Virginia Housing Commission.

Suit and her husband, Tom Suit, live in Stafford County.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*President Troy D. Paino presiding
Friday evening, seven thirty, Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall*



PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and CircumstanceBy Edward Elgar

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Grand Marshal

The Members of the Faculty and Administration

The Eagle Pipe Band

The President of the Alumni Association

The Visitors of the University

The Commencement Speaker

The Rector of the University

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

The Dean of the College of Business

The Dean of the College of Education

The Provost

The President of the University

CONVENING OF THE CEREMONYPorter R. Blakemore
Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Sung by Audrey Francine Fowler '19

WELCOMENina Mikhalevsky
Provost

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENTProvost Mikhalevsky

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE RECTOR..... Troy D. Paino
President

GREETINGSHeather M. Crislip '95
Rector

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER..... President Paino

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....Terrie Suit '16

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY AWARD.....Provost Mikhalevsky

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Presentation of the Candidates for Master’s Degrees Keith E. Mellinger
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Conferring of the Degrees..... President Paino

Presentation of the Candidates for Master’s Degrees.....Lynne D. Richardson
Dean, College of Business

Conferring of the Degrees..... President Paino

Presentation of the Candidates for Master’s Degrees.....Peter S. Kelly
Dean, College of Education

Conferring of the Degrees..... President Paino

SALUTATION Donna Sheehan Gladis ’68
President, Alumni Association

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY.....Grand Marshal Blakemore

ALMA MATER

High on Marye’s Hilltop Jean Crotty ’47 and Irene Taylor ’47
Arranged by Paul Rawlins, performed by the UMW Brass Ensemble
Sung by Julia Rose Graves ’19

RECESSIONAL

Triumphal March from *Aida* By Giuseppe Verdi

Special thanks to Jon Reynolds ’07 from the Department of Theatre and Dance
for announcing our graduates’ names during the ceremony.



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

as of April 15, 2019

+ Graduating in absentia



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS

John Michael Bentley Centreville, Virginia
David J. Berry Shenandoah, Virginia
Colin Bruce Cate Middleburg, Virginia
Summers Bernice Cleary Fredericksburg, Virginia
Elizabeth J. S. Davis Fredericksburg, Virginia
Meredith Dunn Gregory Richmond, Virginia
Simon A. T. Kristensen McLean, Virginia
Richard Guy Lafleur Ruther Glen, Virginia
Laura N. Phoebus Fredericksburg, Virginia
Justin Jerome David Safarik Fredericksburg, Virginia

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ghanem A. Alomari Fairfax, Virginia
Omar Ali Awan Spotsylvania, Virginia
Michael A. Bradshaw Jr. Stafford, Virginia
Christopher R. Carl Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kenneth C. Chisholm Louisa, Virginia
Brian D. Cooley Stafford, Virginia
Jeffrey D. Cox Fredericksburg, Virginia
Nicole Kaleigh Depelteau Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michael Edward Enis Fredericksburg, Virginia
Robert Joseph Fullen King George, Virginia
Larry J. C. Galvan Ballinger, Texas
Mitchell Edward Goodreau Stafford, Virginia
Ryan J. Greer Fredericksburg, Virginia
Katelyn Anne Hart Gainesville, Virginia
Aaron Charles Harvey IV Fredericksburg, Virginia
Bianca Samone-Faison Hightower Fredericksburg, Virginia
Carolyn Amanda Kline Fredericksburg, Virginia
Joshua Beuchert Klotz Washington, District of Columbia
Andrew Paul Kosko Jr. Spotsylvania, Virginia
Hillary Claire Lebedun Fairfax Station, Virginia

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

Leslie W. LeMaire	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Austin Daniel Lillard.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Damon Royal Lowery.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Patrick Sean Brennan Murrie	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Frank Boamah Owusu	Charlottesville, Virginia
Rasbin Pandey	Culpeper, Virginia
Barbara A. Shurtleff.....	Stafford, Virginia
David Eugene Simpson	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Christopher Lloyd Skinner	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Katherine E. Sweeney	Gainesville, Virginia
Suzanne Ramsey Tills	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Alec Wade Villiva	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kenneth J. Vukmanic.....	Stafford, Virginia
Thomas Michael Weaver.....	Roanoke, Virginia
Howard Patrick Wilson	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Theodore Yntema	Stafford, Virginia
Sean Patrick Zickert	Leland, Mississippi

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION MASTER OF EDUCATION

Rob Landon Abbott.....	Stafford, Virginia
Jessica Marie Alb.....	Stafford, Virginia
Shannon L. Anthony	Dale City, Virginia
Alison Mae Ashby.....	Bealeton, Virginia
Cassandra Renee Barlow.....	Stafford, Virginia
Addam C. Baxter	Merrimack, New Hampshire
Keiry V. Beltran	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michele Elaine Black	Stafford, Virginia
Myia D. Bradford	Dumfries, Virginia
Laura M. Bufano	Fairfax, Virginia
Robert R. Bumgarner	King George, Virginia
Alyssa Nicole Carr	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Julie Elizabeth Clements.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jasmine Naomi Courts.....	Scottsville, Virginia
Yasmin S. Cox.....	Harlem, New York
Jessica Michelle Culley	Ruther Glen, Virginia
Kristina M. Currie	Chesterfield, Virginia
Laura Catherine Cusumano	McLean, Virginia

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Collin C. Daniels.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Kirby Mark Daras.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jenna Nicole Davenport.....	Chesapeake, Virginia
Megan C. Dickinson.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Laura P. Dove.....	King George, Virginia
Chawrdi L. Elliott.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Rebecca M. Faust.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Brandon Allen Fincham.....	Culpeper, Virginia
Stephanie D. Flora.....	Quantico, Virginia
Audrey Francine Fowler.....	Salisbury, North Carolina
Emily C. Gage.....	Williamsburg, Virginia
Joseph Anthony Garay.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Katelyn Marie Gardner.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Victoria S. Garrett.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kaitlyn Michelle Goodwin.....	Haymarket, Virginia
Julia Rose Graves.....	Centreville, Virginia
Shannon Noelle Haley.....	La Plata, Maryland
Jessica Lynn Haynes.....	Lorton, Virginia
Rebecca Hernandez.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Kaylee Amber Holland.....	Waco, Texas
Courtney A. Hupman.....	Stafford, Virginia
Emily Barbara James.....	Crozet, Virginia
Shannon Meredith Stanley Johnson.....	Alexandria, Virginia
Demi N. Kappen.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kendrick D. Keener.....	Stafford, Virginia
Morgan A. LaRowe.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Rachel A. Manning.....	Centreville, Virginia
Levi A. Manuel.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
John T. Martin.....	Woodford, Virginia
John A. Mayen-Krogstad.....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Kasey Ann Mayer.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Julia Kristin McAvinney.....	Henrico, Virginia
Richard T. McGrady.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kelli Michelle Melton.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Mary Catherine Mills.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jessica Holly Mullins.....	Henrico, Virginia
James Anthony Mulreany.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Thomas N. Murphy.....	Springfield, Virginia

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
MASTER OF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Deidre J. Norman.....	Chester, Virginia
Shannen N. Nowakowski-Downing.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Taylor Ann O'Dell.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Catherine Elizabeth Parrotte	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Rachel L. Perkins.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Amy Quantrille	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Ernest Quintana	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Sarida Asamah Saadeh.....	Culpeper, Virginia
Lauren A. Sargent	Waterford, Virginia
Amanda Leigh Scheel.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Heidi Castle Schmidt.....	Arlington, Virginia
Patricia Jean Schott.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Natalie Lynn Seal	Warrenton, Virginia
Nathan A. Slater	Rockingham, Virginia
Nicole Lynn Spreeman	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jessica L. Takas.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Heather L. Taylor	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Deanna K. Thompson.....	Stafford, Virginia
Annika L. Troutman	Gloucester, Virginia
Alexandria Christine Turner	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dana M. Wallace.....	Warrenton, Virginia
Trena Kerianne Wilson.....	Stafford, Virginia
Zaynah Maria Zaatar	Barboursville, Virginia

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Erin Amanda Altschuler.....	Herndon, Virginia
Lucy R. Bartges.....	Ashland, Virginia
Brooklynne R. Brown.....	Stafford, Virginia
Kelsie J. Dalton	Vienna, Virginia
Tiffany Megan Diaz.....	Stafford, Virginia
Brandi Nicole Dye.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Casey Lee English	Mechanicsville, Virginia
Marleigh Bounds Eure	Snow Hill, Maryland
Nourhan Ihab Fahmy.....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Megan M. Falzarano.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia

Rebecca Lynn Fetty..... Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Alexandra Marie FitzgeraldNorth Garden, Virginia
 Brienne Shea Flanagan.....Bristow, Virginia
 Courtney Elizabeth Hannah.....Spotsylvania, Virginia
 Megan A. Jensen.....Stafford, Virginia
 Martha Anne Keegan..... Richmond, Virginia
 Lesya M. Melnychenko Alexandria, Virginia
 Courtney Elizabeth Merson..... Elkridge, Maryland
 Gillian M. Miller.....Glen Allen, Virginia
 Allison Page Neal.....Spotsylvania, Virginia
 Danielle N. Odeh Fredericksburg, Virginia
 Sarah Mae Peterson Alexandria, Virginia
 Alexandra Manning PetrasGreat Falls, Virginia
 Victoria E. Power Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Amanda Angela Rice..... Richmond, Virginia
 Madalyn A. Rymer.....Strongsville, Ohio
 Morgan J. Sidle Locust Grove, Virginia
 Alexandra Noelle Smith.....Springfield, Virginia
 Kaitlyn Abigail Tucker..... Stephens City, Virginia
 Megan Paige Turner Toano, Virginia
 Briana N. TylerPurcellville, Virginia

KAPPA DELTA PI



An international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects to membership those who exhibit outstanding scholarship and a commitment to the teaching profession and to excellence in education. The University of Mary Washington chapter, Nu Xi, was chartered in 1975. These members may choose to wear purple and green honor cords.

Shannon L. Anthony
Brooklynne R. Brown
Laura M. Bufano
Jasmine Naomi Courts
Laura Catherine Cusumano
Kelsie J. Dalton
Jenna Nicole Davenport
Marleigh Bounds Eure
Nourhan Ihab Fahmy
Shannon Noelle Haley
Emily Barbara James
Megan A. Jensen
Martha Anne Keegan
Lesya M. Melnychenko
Courtney Elizabeth Merson
Deidre J. Norman
Taylor Ann O'Dell
Sara Mae Peterson
Victoria E. Power
Madalyn A. Rymer
Lauren A. Sargent
Heidi Castle Schmidt

SIGMA BETA DELTA



An international honor society, Sigma Beta Delta recognizes superior records of graduate and undergraduate students in regionally accredited business programs. The association encourages and promotes personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind. The University of Mary Washington Sigma Beta Delta Chapter was chartered in 1997.

Austin Daniel Lillard

BETA GAMMA SIGMA



Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society, recognizes students who have attained superior records in business programs in colleges accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Its mission is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to cultivate and celebrate leadership and professional excellence, to advance the values of the society, and to serve its lifelong members. The University of Mary Washington Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter was chartered in 2019.

Brian D. Cooley
Michael Edward Enis
Mitchell Edward Goodreau
Damon Royal Lowery
Katherine E. Sweeney
Suzanne Ramsey Tills

GRADUATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Outstanding Student in Master of Science in Geospatial Analysis

Meredith Dunn Gregory

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration

Omar Ali Awan

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Barbara Bishop Mann '66 Virginia Educator Award

Lesya M. Melnychenko

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Virginia Scholars Award

Sarah Mae Peterson

Catherine Elizabeth Parrotte

Outstanding Education Student

Kendrick D. Keener

ACADEMIC CUSTOMS AND DRESS



The origins of many customs of the academic world can be traced to the Middle Ages, particularly the 11th and 12th centuries, when the first European universities – Bologna, Paris, and Oxford – were founded.

In their original organization, the universities were like medieval corporations or guilds. In fact, the word “universitas” originally referred to any kind of corporation. The students at the universities were equated to guild apprentices, so the completion of the apprenticeship was celebrated by a “commencement” marking the beginning of their careers.

In the 12th century, everyone wore gowns. The social and economic status of an individual was shown by the extra features, such as fur trimming, on the gowns. Cloaks with hoods were worn over gowns for protection in bad weather. Degrees began to be awarded in the 13th century, and different styles of gowns and different colors came to represent the various degrees and disciplines.

Over the centuries the styles of dress changed, and by the 17th century the wearing of gowns by men had virtually ceased. But the universities, particularly those in Britain, continued to be conservative and strict in the manner of academic customs and dress. At Oxford, for instance, a candidate for a master’s degree had to swear that he owned a gown and would always wear it at the proper times.

The first American universities were founded on English models. However, the wearing of academic dress was not universal and ceased during the Civil War. The custom was revived in the late 19th century, and in 1895 an academic custom code was adopted that, with modifications, is still used.

Most American universities have the standard black gown with the hood serving to distinguish the individual institution. Some American and European universities have adopted or preserved more distinctive gowns. There are three styles of gowns, distinguished mainly by the sleeves: the bachelor’s gown, with long pointed sleeves; the master’s, with a squared sleeve, cut so the forearm is free; and the doctoral gown, with bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bands.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of modern gowns, indicating the degree (the width of the edging band), the discipline (the color of the band), and the college or university (the colors of the lining). Today’s graduates have hoods edged in gold (M.S. in geospatial analysis), drab (MBA), or light blue (M.Ed., M.S.). Many faculty members will have blue edging indicating the doctoral degree. The faculty will wear hoods representing many distinguished institutions of higher education.

THE ACADEMIC MACE



The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century, when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a symbol of the authority of the president or rector of a university. Noblemen carried the battle mace as both a weapon and staff of command, and the sovereign used the regal scepter as a sign of rulership, justice, and authority.

Together with the chain of office, the academic mace indicates that the president of the university is the temporary embodiment of the power, authority, autonomy, and sovereignty vested in the institution represented.

At the University of Mary Washington, the grand marshal carries the academic mace on behalf of the president at academic events such as commencement exercises, inaugurations, and convocations.

The original University of Mary Washington mace, first used for the May 1970 Commencement, was designed by Asprey and Company of London, England. The sterling mace carried in today's commencement ceremony was commissioned as a special project of the University Centennial Celebration in 2008. It was designed by Suzannah Wagner Merritt of Ashland, Virginia. The mace encompasses numerous symbols of the University, including lapis stones to display the school color; blossoms of dogwood to honor the Virginia state tree; acorns and oak leaves to recall the historic tree at Brompton, home of the UMW president; and a herringbone motif representing Campus Walk. The six prongs are engraved with the six names of the school prior to its becoming a university in 2004; the prongs are adorned with a lapis disc engraved with the University seal. The handle is emblematic of the original Mary Washington mace.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



In addition to a book and lamp, signifying knowledge, the University seal denotes the year the institution was founded, 1908, and the University motto, *Pro Deo Domo Patria*, translated from Latin to "For God, home, and country."



PRESIDENTIAL COLLAR



Chains of office, also known as collars, originated in the Middle Ages and are worn today by presidents on ceremonial occasions as part of their regalia. The University of Mary Washington chain is a unique design crafted from gold-plated sterling silver with lapis lazuli gem accents. Symbols important to the history of the University are incorporated in elements of the chain. A large medallion, depicting the university seal, is flanked by white oak leaves symbolic of the historic oak tree at Brompton. The names of the presidents of the institution, along with their dates of service, are engraved on links that are connected with blossoms of dogwood, the Virginia state tree. The chain was unveiled during the University of Mary Washington Commencement in 2006, and it is presented to each new president to wear during ceremonial occasions.

THE EAGLE PIPE BAND



As has become tradition, the UMW Eagle Pipe Band will perform at today's commencement ceremony.

The band was formed in 1997 with a small number of Mary Washington students and members of the Fredericksburg community. Over the years a number of students have learned piping, drumming, or dancing skills through participation in this group. The band has been a top contender in pipe band competitions across the East Coast.

The Eagle Pipe Band was founded by Raymond B. Scott, University of Mary Washington professor of chemistry, and is under his direction. The tartan worn by the musicians was designed for the University to match the school colors and is registered in Scotland's official registry of tartans.

ARCHIVED RECORDING



Today's ceremony will be archived and available on the UMW Commencement website.

Alma Mater

All hail, dear Alma Mater,
We sing our praise to you.
High on Marye's Hilltop
You stand forever true;
Born in truth and honor
You ever more shall be,
The model of our future years
And all eternity.

Whene'er we have to leave you
We never will forget,
The lessons you have taught us,
And all the friends we've met;
And we your sons and daughters
Will hold your name on high,
So here's to Mary Washington;
Our love will never die.

– Irene Taylor '47
– Jean Crotty '47



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MARY WASHINGTON

where great minds get to work