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Lissenny Florentino	Shelly-Ann Lawrence §	Shannon Marie Parkes
Wendy Flores	Kedoo Lightbody	Kirsten Salenga Pascual
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Mitzi A Gallardo	Krystal S Mapp	Ambika Persaud *
Stephanie Garces	Graciela Maradiaga *	Nareena Persaud
Zaria L Garrett	Justin J Mason	Rohinie Persaud
Safary Gayle	Claire Ivy Mayers	Briana Philemy
Mykeal George	Mawunyo Mayo *	Darious Pickett
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Francis Yasniri Gomez	Ophelia C Mcbean	Igor Polyakov
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Genielle Felisa Shaw
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Titus J Dewely

Shauna A Mccrea
Nailah Ameila Walton

Christopher Wright

Bachelor of Science

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Hamdiya Love Abdul-Nasir
Mougondha Acharya
Sheila Acheampong *
Kyla N Adaya
Adeoye T Adegbola
Diane Yasmine Adjibi
Fahim Ahmed
Saieedina Ahmed
Sara Ahmed *
Shafin Ahmed
Syed Ahmed

Ismail Ahsan *
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Sharmin Akter *
Tangina Akter
Taniyia Akter
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Syed Ruhid Badsha	Joanna Biswas	Kalida Clarke-Gittens
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Sherifa Balkaran	Fabiola Bouquet Desire	Carolina C Cornejo
Venita Vidya Balkaran	Kavita Boywah	Tiffany Maria Correa
Navindra Balkissoon ***	Barbara Bradford	Mahki Cotton
Leslie Balogun	Tiandra Charla Shaunte Browne **	Kevin Cruz
Ruenika Balram	Catherine Bruce	Lauren J Cullen **
Sabrina Sochil Banegas	Desaree Bryan	Lisa D Cummings
Dula Banik	Renita Budhan *	Amber Curry
Lachelle Adia Baptiste I	Christopher Yash Budhram	Tumpa Das Gupta
Angelo Jeff Barjon *	Fatema Bulbul	Julian Dawson
Latrell Barker	Tatyana R Burgess	Hancell De Sosa Padilla
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Stevieanna K Elva	Gavin A Greenidge	Dariann J Hunter
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Brandon Harry Espinoza **	Alicia Gumbs	Hinna Ilyas
Victor Fadipe	Yoeli Gutierrez Flete	Osasumwen E Imariagbe
Al Faidi	Kymani Anthony Hall	Janee M Irvin
Sunzida Faiz	Kyra Tanisha Hall	Annabelle R Isaac
Qin Jie Fan **	Yingqing Hang *	Anik Islam *
Zajanah L Farmer	Aliyah Hanif **	Tajmeri Islam
Letisha V Farrar	Aaryanna Hanoman *	Briana Jack
Kareem F Fata	Parsram Hardwar	Jada Jackson
Janet Rachel Fayzibayev **	Thomas Earl Hardy Jr.	Valery Cristina Jackson *
Marla D Feliciano	Shampa Hari	Ifran Jafarally
Alina Felipe	Melanie Harrilal **	Ndey-Fatou Jagne
Narlie Felix *	Chanel A Harris	Kavita D Jainarine
Diana Carolina Fernandez Tellez ***	Makayla Joycelyn Harry	Felicia Sparkle James-Alexander
Devin Fevrier	Jamila F Havercome	Namra Jamil
Vanessa Figueroa *	Ayana Hayes Brown	Rabia Jannat
Cindy Helen Fils	Natanhya I Haynes	Ysmaldi Jaquez
Joshua Flannagan *	Adam P Healy	Ehralph Jean Francois
Daniella R Forman *	Kimberly Heeralall	Stephanie Jean Pierre
Rachelle Francois	Julian Heron *	Seunga Jeong
Arianna Michelle Fraser	David Matthew Herrera	Emily Patricia Jimenez **
Angelica Galicia	Ocean Marley Herrera **	Imani Joedah
Jennifer L Gallway *	Danisha Hewitt	Aliyah Johnson
Brandon Garcia	David Heyliger Jr	Dominique L Johnson
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Johanane D.D Joseph	Marla Lopez	Hasan Muhaiman *
Shajeda Juma	Rashel Lopez	Samantha Mukaase
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Isha Kaur **	Sairin Sultana Manisa	Maria Narine
Rasnapreet Kaur	Tiara D Marshall	Farhan Nasir *
Simranjit Kaur	Michael K Martey	Mwelwa Nguni
Jalynn Latrell Kelly	Aldrich A Martinez	Ardit Nimonaj
Abubakar Khamis	Laura Martinez	Akeela Noel
Alyssa Khan	Yinette Martinez	Tamara Noel
Maryam G Khan **	Wilssy Martinez Ramos	Christopher Norena
Rachael Kharag	Alka Mathew	Geraldine Nunez
Olawale Kila	Nevin Mathew	Robert Yamil Nunez
Andrzej W Klocek ***	Christina Mathews	Sabiha T Nura
Sachin Kochhar *	April Valarine Dcool Maw	Darryl River Nurse **
Niroj Koirala ***	Ashley P Mckenzie	Confidence Chinyere Obasi **
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Dang Maya Lama	Daniela Francisca Mejia	Ayodeji Olasupo
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 Shevell Partridge
 Saba Parveen
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 Devin Paul **
 Janee Pearson **
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 Lisbel A Pena
 Julissa Penalozza
 Kimberly Linda Pereira
 Rosa Perez
 Ivan Perlaza *
 Brian Persaud
 Natasha Persaud *
 Trivani D Persaud
 Bernice Pham
 Nadia M Philistin
 Guyanndji Pierre
 Jakeina Pilgrim
 Analbis Del Carmen Plasencia
 Amelia Ivanka Polydore
 YanYing Kyla Poon *
 Ashamettie Pooran *
 Romu Pradhan
 Justin I Prashad
 Nathan Talactac Prudente
 Miracle Darrena Pryor
 Tiffany Pugh
 Kaitlyn Quinones *
 Jason Fernando Quintuna
 Saida Noemí Quispi
 Adijatu Kay Radan **
 Tahmina Raffi
 Riana N Ragbir
 Aneeka Rahman
 Asa Rahman **

Narendra Rajendra
 Arjune Ramdin
 Megan Ramdin
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 Keisha Ramirez
 Dylan Damien Ramjattan
 Simon Ramnauth
 Ashley Rampersad
 Devin Rampersaud
 Shania K Ramroop
 Chayenne Ramsammy
 Tanvir Rana
 Dianna Ravina Ranchurejee
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 Wisleidy Elizabeth Reid Rodriguez
 Bella S Reinoso
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 Tenzin Rigsang
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 Yasmine A Riley
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 Tashelle Anilia Robinson
 Divya Angsha Rocca *
 Romona V Rodney-Parks
 James Rodriguez
 Sophia Rodriguez
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 Jose Rojas
 Angelise Roman
 Alma Romero
 Yamahli Annyiah Rose
 Yanique Keyonte Royes

Barbara Rozario
 Mishel Stephanie Ruiz Cuji ***
 Adrita Saha
 Joyeta Saha
 Chloe Antoinette Sam *
 Ngawang Tendrel Samdrup
 Georgeina Atasha Samuels
 Kristin Caroline Sanchez *
 Luis Eduardo Santana
 Dawrilyz Nichole Santiago Figueroa *
 Zubaida Sara
 Mahmudur Sarkar
 Natalia Scarin de Oliveira Vaz ***
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 Veronica Elyse Scott *
 Abdul Seck
 Alisha Uvita Seepersaud
 Jellamee M Segovia
 Saean Seikh
 Scarlet Sena
 Clorelisa Severe Louis
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 Lhakpa Yangjung Sherpa *
 Monisha Sherpa
 Zu-Raina Shipp
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 Priscillia Afi Afefa Sikpa
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Jason Singh	Telesha Telemaque	Megan Naomi Watson
Jaspreet Singh	Nazia Thamanna	Aaliyah Weekes
Kamlawattie Singh ***	Anisha Thapa	Anthonette Aaliyah Wells
Kevin Singh	Chanda Solier Thompson	Brittney Williams
Ranjit Singh	Vanessa K Thompson	Duojay R Williams
Sharda L Singh	Leonard Timmers	Shaniakay S Williams *
Valarie Singh	Nandanie Tiwari	Shavelle G Williams Jones
Cailin A Smith *	Jovanny A Tolentino	Pannalada Wolinski
Dana S Smith	Da'Quan Trotman	Jonathon Wong
Detrice D Smith	Dawa Tsering *	Cloe Kymani Wright
Kayla Patricia Smith	Lateisha M Turner	Diamond D Wynter *
Toni-Ann A Spence	Norden Ukyab	Shenett Yee
Taylor Stephens	Pierre M Vails	Ellen Yegoryan **
Anecia Stewart	Malyka T Valentine	Sadman Zaman
Doanny Suazo	Nicole Nayeli Valenzuela Montas	Reggie Alexander Zambrano *
Suvidya Sugrim	Kerryann Cherizette Van Velzen	Roba Mohsin Zandani *
Sayma Sultana ***	Nadia Bianca Vasco	Jie Zeng
Sean Navendra Sumaroo	Melissa Vasquez Perez **	Estefany Carolina Zenteno
Yan Sun	Steven Vega	Doujina Zephir
Sarika Sunehra	Carlos J Velasco-Vargas	Richard K Zheng ***
Md Rashidul I Sunny	Antonio Velasquez	Hui Shan Zhou Peng
Tamicia Iris Sylvester	Giusel L Ventura	Erika Zhumi *
Seham Ibrahim Tajeddin *	Akanksha Verma	Yuting Zhuo
Shishir Tamang	Gwyneth Viason	Mert Zor
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Raymond Tang	Fallon E Volcy	
Iman Tariq	Homaira Wali	
Asadullah Tarzi	DeAnna Marie Walker	
Abria Tasher	Lance Wang ***	

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HONORS AWARDS 2025

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

School of Arts and Sciences

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Academic Distinction Award in Political Science

Safary Gayle
Drachard Jenkinson

Academic Distinction Award in Psychology

Melissa Kerrette
Krista Lashawn Warren
Zainab Tahir
Shelly-Ann Lawrence - Posthumous

Academic Distinction Award in Sociology

Ranneka Morgan
Anakaren Santana
Jachimma Onwuamaegbu

BIOLOGY

Academic Excellence in Biology Award

Loidra Anderson

HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Excellence in Anthropology Award

Patricia Robinson

Samuel J Hartenberg Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies

Amanda Pelaez

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Honors in Mathematics

Roldan Chicaiza
Aleksander Zuniga

Honors in Computer Science

Andrzej Klocek

Honors in Mathematics Education

Carlos Tamayo

WORLD LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND HUMANITIES

Sor Juana Inés De La Cruz Award For Academic Excellence in Spanish

Alva Ruiz

Latino Faculty Caucus - Simón Bolívar Award For Academic Excellence

Hassan Mehr

Gloria Waldman Award For Courage, Strength, and Perseverance

Steven Díaz
Fabely Araujo

CHEMISTRY

Academic Excellence in Chemistry:

Tatiana McLaren
Mark Mongal

Academic Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science:

Danea Miller

Academic Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science and Business

Gaia Di Risio

Distinction in Research and Scholarship

Angeliisa Arjune
Jennifer Duverge
Sophia Rodriguez

Ranjit Singh
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A NOTE ON AMERICAN ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic costume worn at American college exercises today goes back in its essential features to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the Middle Ages as part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day, not merely on special occasions, but as their regular costumes.

The gown worn today is the medieval robe and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the Middle Ages, undergraduates, bachelors, and masters could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns -- the masters' gowns were often furred -- and this survives today in the ornamentation found on doctoral gowns.

The wide velvet borders down the front of the doctoral gown, as well as the velvet bars on the sleeves, are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these are:

White • Arts and Letters
Brown • Fine Arts
Purple • Law
Lemon • Library Science
Citron • Social Work
Light Blue • Education
Blue • Philosophy
Sage Green • Physical Education
Gold • Science
Scarlet • Theology
Drab • Business

THE PRESIDENTIAL MACE

The mace is a symbol of power or authority. It dates back at least to medieval times when it was literally an instrument of power as a war club. It eventually evolved into the ceremonial scepter of monarchs. The mace is carried at the head of academic processions and on such formal and official occasions as commencements, regular and special convocations.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion signifies the authority of the college's chief executive. The college president will wear the medallion at commencement, convocation, and at other times when academic regalia are appropriate. The medallion is hand-tooled, cast in oxidized nickel and hand polished. It measures 3-1/2 inches in diameter and hangs on a chain of the same metal. The college's motto in Latin SAPERE AUDE: INCIPERE and its modern English translation, DARE TO BE WISE: BEGIN, are inscribed in the center of the medallion, surrounded by the name of the college and the university and the date each was founded, 1966 and 1847, respectively.

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BY ANDREA KAZLAS, CLASS OF 1987

Hail York College! Proudly we see
York as the star of The City University
so here we stand to pledge by your name
to bring our college glory, honor, and fame.

From all corners of the world,
from our rich diversity,
in our common quest for truth
we have formed a family;
and though we may be far away,
yet our hearts are ever near
to the school we hold so dear.

Though the road was often rough
we worked hours late and long
when the going seemed too tough
we strove harder to be strong
and now we've made it here at last
we can hold our heads up high
we can spread our wings and fly.



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