

*Great Bay
Community College*



*Seventy - Seventh
Commencement Ceremonies
of the
2023 Graduating Class
May 13, 2023*

*320 Corporate Drive
Portsmouth, New Hampshire*

Message from the President

Dear 2023 Graduates,

“The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations class of 2023! On behalf of the faculty, staff, Advisory Board, Community College System of New Hampshire, and community partners, we congratulate you for reaching this day, on completing an educational credential on your way to your future. You may know what the next step is in your journey, a career opportunity or continuing your educational pathway. Whatever you choose or wherever you go, Great Bay Community College has been honored to be your partner and will always be here for you.

You have an exciting journey ahead, filled with many opportunities and choices. You have a strong foundation to make decisions and be an important contributor to our community, to our world. The Great Bay Community wishes you the very best for a life filled with joys and successes.

Dr. Cheryl Lesser
President
Great Bay Community College

Commencement Speaker

Noelle Lambert

Noelle Lambert was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Growing up, she attended Londonderry High School before continuing to attend UMass Lowell.

In 2016, Lambert, a collegiate athlete, was seriously injured, losing her leg in a moped accident on Martha's Vineyard. While rehabilitating, she learned to use a prosthetic leg and returned to play college Lacrosse. After graduating from UMass Lowell, she began training to qualify for the U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Team and in 2019, she broke the U.S. women's record at the World Para-Athletics Championship in Dubai. She then set a new American record, placing 6th in the 100meter at the Summer Paralympics in Tokyo held in 2021.

Not one to be satisfied with being a world-class para-athlete in one sport, Noelle took up snowboarding in March of 2021. By November, she was competing at the Europa Cup in The Netherlands where she placed 4th. She has her sight set on competing in the 2026 Winter Paralympics in Italy.

In 2018, Lambert founded The Born to Run Foundation, which aims to provide amputees with prosthetics that will allow them to run again. In 2022, Noelle appeared in Season 43 of *Survivor*. She has received numerous prestigious awards since her accident including the Boston Celtics' Heroes Among Us Award, the America East Inspiration Award, and most recently the L'Oreal Paris Women of Worth National Honoree.

Commencement Program

May 13, 2023

<i>*Processional</i>	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>
Faculty Marshal/Mace Bearer	Catherine Ciotti
Student Marshal	Elsa Le Blanc (Morning) Heather Burwell (Afternoon)
<i>*National Anthem</i>	Natalie Blackington, Alumna 2014
Welcome	Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D. President, Great Bay Community College
Greetings	Alison Stebbins, Treasurer, Board of Trustees Community College System of New Hampshire
Speaker Introduction	Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Noelle Lambert Founder, The Born to Run Foundation
Recognition of Award Winners	Chancellor's Awards President's Awards Academic Department Awards
Class of 2023 Student Commencement Speaker	Timothy Warokka (Morning) Shannon Obrey (Afternoon)
Conferring of Degrees	Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D. Lisa McCurley, M.S. Vice President of Academic Affairs
	John Boggs, M.S. Interim Associate Vice President Academic and Student Affairs
<i>*Recessional</i>	<i>When the Saints Go Marching In</i>
<i>*Audience, Please Stand</i>	

Thank You, Woodbury Florist, for Always Exceeding Our Expectations!

*2023 Graduates in absentia

Accounting

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Accounting

Stephanie Marie Lincourt
Karen J. Miranda Vera

Christina Osborne
Kriss Silva-Rivera

Ian Soucy*

Candidates for the Certificate in Accounting

Cindy Marie Ackerman

David J. Densmore

Analytics

Candidate for the Degree of Associates in Science in Analytics

Alexander Brian Ferris

Automotive Technology

Candidates for the Certificate in Automotive Technology

Hunter Hauser*
Jon Herrick*

Laehcim Miller*
Kevin Patch*

Francisca Sawyer

Biological Science

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Biological Science

Danielle Doucette
Savannah Gibson*

Elizabeth Mary Hart*
Courtney Healey Gearwar

Artemis Strangecrow
Amelia K. Taggart

Biotechnology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Biotechnology

Jennifer Lauren Currier
Alexander Nicholas deJesus

Taylor Elise Hartley
Courtney Healey Gearwar

Trinity Minard*

Candidate for the Certificate in Biotechnology

Kelsey Gross

Business Administration

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Business Administration

Samantha M. Berrill
Gabrielle Louise Bolang
Geoffrey I. Booker
Kayla Buckley
Noah Carbone
David J. Densmore
Nicholas Dubin*
Brooke Esslinger
Lilly Foss*
Brennan Daniel Garland
Tyler M. Geis*
Ashley Hayes

Matthew Lacey
Thomas Cathcart Lamb*
Ben Lavoie*
Luis Anthony Marrero*
Abigayle McVeigh*
Cassidy O'Dwyer*
Nathan Michael Pantling*
Meridius Pendell
Morgan Elizabeth Pierce*
Seles Olivia Pierce
Katrina Marie Poor
Jacob Colby Radwan*

Sophie Louise Richer
Nova Sequeira*
Alan Stanley
Turner James Sykes*
Alexander J. Tavares
Kenrick Tendi
Caitlin Thivierge
Gabriel E. Ticoalu
Shneider Vil*
Timothy Warokka
Kevork Waroujan Yeremian

Candidates for the Certificate in Leadership and Management

Caitlin Thivierge

Joseph L. Holmes*

Chemistry

Candidate for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Chemistry

Nicholas J. Mixon

Bayzil Moreau

Computer Numeric Control

Candidates for the Certificate in Computer Numeric Control

Holden Akridge
Xavier Dixon*
Mason T. Mathews

Bower McCracker-Barber*
Nicholas McIntyre*

Kyle Vincent McLaughlin*
Umbu Rumampuk

Computer Technologies

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Computer Technologies

Skyler Ebelt*
Michael Goss*
Ryan A. Jewell

Keshon M. Jones
Alija Karki
Cameron Kinney
Antawn Phetakoune

Jacob Siede*
Nathan R. Webber
Michael J. West*

Candidates for the Certificate in Programming

Connor A. McDonough*

Candidates for the Certificate in Software Development

Adah Camielle Keeney*

Criminal Justice

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Criminal Justice

Christopher Alexander Bennett
Joseph Furey*
Edward T. Hyde*

Ailish Nicole Kelliher
Ingrid Laakso*
Alex Marriott

Ian D. Matheson*
Cole Menger
Nicholas Merrick*

Candidates for the Certificate in Homeland Security

Ian D. Matheson*

Cyber Security Infrastructure

Candidate for the Degree of Associate in Science in Cyber Security Infrastructure

Amanda Lee Connor

Tyler Saysouk

Imelva Williams

Digital Media Communications

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Digital Media Communications

Susan Corene Anderson*
Michael C. Dawson*

Jayden Langan
Casey McNair*

Ruby Juliana Portier
Jacob D. Van Amburgh

Early Childhood Education

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education

Jessica Amorelli*
Madison Jean Leonard
Abigail Katherine Saunders

Skyler Jordan Thompson
Sara Weeks
Courtney Lyn Whitehouse

Candidates for the Certificate in Early Childhood Education

Jessica Amorelli*

Engineering

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Bioengineering

Benjamin P. Harris

Enrico Tulong

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Engineering

Alexander Brian Ferris

Angel Arath Flores Cordoba

English

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in English

Olivia Grace Berry

Environmental Science

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Environmental Science

Michele L. Adams*

Aleah Comtois*

Natalie Unger-Mochrie*

Taran Cartony*

Jonathan Godin*

Fine Arts

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Fine Arts

Kelly Ruggelo*

History

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in History

Tyler M. Guptill

Hotel, Restaurant, and Event Management

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Hotel, Restaurant, and Event Management

Wade Paquette*

Candidate for the Certificate in Spa and Wellness Management

Meredith C. King

Information Systems Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Information Systems Technology

Andrew Bouldin

Micah Robert Kelly

Christina Michelle Scala

D. Madison Paige Foster

Noah Valentino Leppa*

Fritz Warokka*

Shana O'Connell

Candidate for the Certificate in Information Systems Technology

Shana O'Connell

Imelva Williams

Liberal Arts

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts

Jessica Lee Buswell*

Ellyn M. Eastman

Hannah McGlone

Emma Denise Cheney*

Sabryn Janae Eaton*

Eloisa R. Newcomb*

Valerie Connolly

Sarah R. Hanson

Kathryn Grace O'Sullivan*

Sarah Cooper*

Alexander King*

Luke Emery Williams Parsons

Erin Dawson

Abigail Laurion

Mario St. Remy*

Katerina Dow

Jake David Lavery*

Luke Traeger*

Summer Dube

Emily E. Lavoie

John Weston Wagner*

Richard Dunn

Elsa Le Blanc

Liam E. Wiberg

Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology

Candidates for the Certificate in Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology

Douglas Doane

David Goodwin*

Scott Raymond Mitchell*

Robert Fitzmaurice*

Darryl Scott Knight

Alexander Trask

Psychology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Psychology

Taryn Elizabeth Higgins

Allison Norbert*

Jessica Renee Wickens*

Maerta Knudsen-Fowler

Elbert Rivas

Ethan Wisniniti

Samantha Lewis

Michaela Russo*

Angela Renee Nichols

Joshua Nicholas Walker

Teacher Preparation

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation

Coral R. Brooks

Tristan C. Letourneau

Natasha Marie P. Portes

Amber Desrosiers*

Emily Lucius

Haley Rogers*

Lillian Howard*

Courtney Micciulla

Brittany Smart*

Anna Layfield*

Elizabeth Grace Murray*

Amanda L. Walters*

Technical Studies

Candidate for the Degree of Associate in Science in Technical Studies

Richard Steven Cavanaugh*

Irene Rigazio

Welding Technologies

Candidates for the Certificate in Welding Technologies

Tyrone Benedict*

Noah Hurst*

Jonah Nimirowski*

Andrew Bonagura*

Colin Jones*

Brandon Peck*

Aaron Clemenzi*

Kayla Maserati

Clayton Rodgers*

William Cope*

Edward McCaughey*

Sophia Sinks

Gavan Coussoule*

Jason Morton

Matthew Steer*

Marina Defilippo*

Lindsey Mutascio*

Qrow Tzizik

Wyatt Ebare*

Chris Nadeau*

Danielle Girard*

Andrew Nielsen*

Afternoon

Massage Therapy

Candidates for the Certificate in Massage Therapy

Jonathan Anderson	Emily Lyman*	David Smith*
Leah N. Chabot*	Anne Marple*	Diane Sweeney*
Meredith Cogswell*	Amanda Peterman*	Savannah Zagwyn*
Brenna D'Amours*	Kyle Petsel*	

Nursing

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Nursing

Melinda J. Bailey	Noelle Marie Gilmore*	Shannon Marie Obrey
Caitlyn Bennett	Abigail Goodhue*	Sarah Jean Plant
Mikaela Boyer	Rebekah Leah Greason	Jessica Plante
Heather Burwell	Hayden David Gunnell*	Beth Ann Rachdorf
Kendra Leigh Cormier	Jae'Wuan Horton	Morgan Randall
Alberta Cunha	Caitlin Hoyt	Kerry Rich
Alauna L. Drew	Samantha James	Carley May Rodrigues
Hannah Dubosque	Kristen J. Kephart	Cameron Rova
Alyssa Leigh DuLong	Brandon L. Lorusso	Emily Thornton
Katelynd Dyer*	Amanda Lucas	Erin Elizabeth Wenker
Charlie Matthew Eaton	Shelby Ann-Saulnier Mash	Abigail H. White*
Elizabeth Felker	Michele Marie Merrill	
Allison J. Gifford	Jordan A. Messier	

Surgical Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Surgical Technology

Alicia Marie Bold	Megan Marie Chase	Luz Julisies Lopez
Nicole Boule*	Nicole Marie Fenell	Kristen Parker
Kierstin Bryant	Trescia Innis*	Corrinne Pease

Veterinary Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Veterinary Technology

Lindsay Ann Marie Bolton	Natalie Heres	Alexandra Murray*
Coral Rae Boudreau	Rebecca Hoffmann	Hannah Mary Salmon
Catherine Ellis Brady	Brooklyn Johns	Kylie Marie Slater
Cedar Rae Burke	Victoria Kozinski*	Aubrey Smart*
Faith Dittmar	Shaylee Xixun Lavallee	Kristen Stearns
Jesse Gagnon*	Sydney Elizabeth McCarthy	
Arianna Guay	Erin Millette*	



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2023 Faculty/Staff Awards

Chancellor's Awards

- Chancellor's Award for Service Excellence - Geoffrey Stone
Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence - Michael Harrison

President's Awards

- President's Award for Outstanding Adjunct - Kimberley Mihelich
President's Award for Outstanding Student - Rebekah Greason

Academic Department Awards

- Accounting A.S. Degree - Christina Osborne
Analytics A.S. Degree - Alexander Ferris
Bioengineering A.S. Degree - Benjamin Harris
Biological Science A.S. Degree - Amelia Taggart
Biotechnology A.S. Degree - Trinity Minard
Business Administration A.S. Degree - Brennan Garland
Chemistry A.A. Degree - Nicholas Mixon
Computer Technologies A.S. Degree - Alija Karki
Criminal Justice A.S. Degree - Ailish Kelliher
Digital Media Communications A.S. Degree - Jacob VanAmburgh
Early Childhood Education A.S. Degree - Sara Weeks
Engineering, A.S. Degree - Alexander Ferris
English A.A. Degree - Catherine Moloney
Environmental Science A.S. Degree - Michele Adams
Fine Arts, A.A. Degree - Kelly Johnson
Information Systems Technology A.S. Degree - Fritz Warokka
Liberal Arts A.A. Degree - Elsa Le Blanc
Nursing A.S. Degree - Rebekah Greason
Psychology A.A. Degree - Samantha Lewis
Surgical Technology A.S. Degree - Alicia Bold
Teacher Preparation A.A. Degree - Amanda Walters
Technical Studies A.S. Degree - Richard Cavanaugh
Veterinary Technology A.S. Degree - Brooklyn Johns

Academic Honors

Golden Stole designates members of
Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society

Blue Stole designates members of
Kappa Beta Delta, National Honor Society

Golden cord designates degree student with Honors

Red, White and Blue Cord
designates Veteran status

Academic Costume

American academic costume had its origin in the ancient European universities, where it distinguished academic persons, such as doctors, licentiates, masters, and bachelors from other parts of the population. Gowns probably were a necessity because of unheated buildings, and hoods were needed to cover the heads of medieval scholars.

As they were founded, American colleges and universities adopted the gown, hood, and cap from their European antecedents. No uniform code or system existed until late in the nineteenth century. Then in 1902 an Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was chartered by the Regents of the State of New York to serve as an arbiter on matters of academic dress.

Bachelors' gowns have closed fronts and long, pointed sleeves. Masters' gowns may be worn open or closed and have oblong sleeves open at the wrist, the lower portion hanging down with an arc near the bottom. Doctors' gowns may be open or closed and have velvet facing, and three velvet bars on the round open sleeves. Presidential regalia are unique among academic vestments in that they symbolize the president's rank and authority as the chief official of the institution rather than reflecting an individual's academic credentials. There are four velvet bars known as "chevrons" on the sleeves of presidential regalia. Their hoods are reflective of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

Hoods are the most distinctive features of the American code, and they are usually black. All are lined in silk in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree, with a chevron for additional colors. The color of the hood border indicates the nature of the degree earned.

The black mortarboard cap is worn for all degrees. Only Doctors' caps may be made from velvet and only Doctors or Presidents may wear gold tassels on the cap.

The Ceremonial Mace

The mace, once carried as a weapon in medieval times, is now a symbol of scholarship and integrity at special academic occasions such as graduation. The ceremonial mace identifies the authority of the president of the institution and the mace-bearer often leads an academic procession. The Great Bay Community College ceremonial mace is 48" high and crafted from black walnut. The mace features the College seal.

GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Celebrating 75 Years of Student Success



1945

Founded as the State Trade School of Portsmouth, the mission was to provide “trade and vocational training and retraining for the occupational adjustment of youths and adults and particularly to provide trade school facilities for veterans demobilized from the armed services...”

On July 17, the City of Portsmouth made space available for rent within the Morley Button Factory. Classes started in the fall - making this the first operating school in the system. The first class consisted of 130 veterans of war. Fields of study included machine tools, sheet metal, auto mechanics, electronics and refrigeration.

The college moved to Stratham and was re-named New Hampshire Technical College and in 2009, moved to the Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth. In addition to state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, the campus also houses the Business and Training Center (BTC) and WorkReady NH.



1982 - 2009



PRESENT

Since 1945, Great Bay Community College has evolved to offer over 60 degree and certificate programs providing education in the sciences, career and technical fields as well as in the liberal arts. Today, we serve over 5,000 students and work with over 50 companies annually. Expanded programs continue to prepare students for direct-entry into the workforce or advanced degrees, and transfer opportunities have grown to include partnerships with public and private four-year institutions both in and out of New Hampshire.

In 2013, the College opened their new Advanced Technology & Academic Center in Rochester, currently known as the Rochester Campus.

In August 2015, GBCC opened a new Student Success Center. In addition to a gymnasium, student lounge, exercise and meeting spaces, the center houses a variety of intentionally designed student leadership programs central to the mission of the College.

Great Bay has continued to serve as an essential educational resource for students, the business sector and community at large. In 2020, a new welding lab was created on the Rochester campus to accommodate growing industry demand. Collaborations with transfer partners have expanded seamless pathways and access to top colleges and universities. In the Spring of 2023, the GBCC Men's Basketball Team played in the Final 4 of the USCAA D2 National Tournament, a first in College history.

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2023