

*Great Bay
Community College*



*Seventy - Eighth
Commencement Ceremonies
of the
2024 Graduating Class
May 11, 2024*

*320 Corporate Drive
Portsmouth, New Hampshire*

Commencement Program

May 11, 2024

Message from the President

Dear 2024 Graduates,

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

--Margaret Mead

Congratulations class of 2024! On behalf of the faculty, staff, GBCC Advisory Board, Community College System of New Hampshire, and community partners, we congratulate you on reaching this day and achieving your educational goal. Today marks a new beginning and the chance to choose how you will interact with our world and make contributions to our future.

The faculty and staff have partnered with you through much preparation. Through a commitment to your education and your hard work, you have come to this day, and now you have many opportunities before you. You may know the next step in your journey, whether that be a career opportunity or continuing your educational pathway, or perhaps you will take some time to discover what happens next. 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.

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

Great Bay Community College is located on N’ dakinna (n-DA-kinna), the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the aki (land), nebi (water), olakwika (flora), awaasak (fauna), and the aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N’ dakinna throughout generations spanning more than 12,000 years – since before Tribal memory.

Great Bay Community College is committed to acknowledging and honoring the human history tied to this land, including the hardships the aln8bak continue to endure after the loss of unceded homelands.

**Processional*

Pomp and Circumstance

Faculty Marshal/Mace Bearer

Michael Harrison, B.S.E.E.

Student Marshal

Volodymyr Lysianskyi

**National Anthem*

Rachel Eaton

Welcome

Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D.
President,
Great Bay Community College

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Donnalee Lozeau, Chair of
Governance Committee,
Community College System of
New Hampshire

Speaker Introduction

Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D.

Class of 2024 Student
Commencement Speaker

Abigail S. Wagner

Chancellor’s Address

Mark Rubenstein, Ph.D.,
Chancellor, Community College
System of New Hampshire

Recognition of Award Winners

Chancellor’s Awards
President’s Awards
Academic Department Awards

Class of 2024 Student
Commencement Speaker

Melissa R. Shortt

Conferring of Degrees

Cheryl Lesser, Ph.D.

Lisa McCurley, M.S.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Jenna Anand, M.S.
Director, CAPS, Advising and
Transfer Center

**Recessional*

When the Saints Go Marching In

**Audience, Please Stand*

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

STUDENT BIOS

Recipient, 2024 President's Award for Outstanding Student

Volodymyr Lysiaskyy

Volodymyr Lysiaskyy is graduating with an Associate Degree in Engineering Science with future plans to transfer on to the University of New Hampshire. During his time at the College, he was actively involved in the Student Government Association (SGA) and the International Club (IC), serving as President of the SGA and holding positions of Treasurer and later Vice President in the IC. In addition to his leadership roles, "Vol" also organized three fundraisers supporting victims of the earthquake in Turkey, flood victims in Libya, and initiatives for women's empowerment and coordinated the installation of new recreational amenities to Great Bay's Student Success Center. One of his greatest takeaways from his experience at GBCC has been the value and impact of student organizations as providing a vibrant platform to engage with the community and enrich the collegiate experience.

2024 Student Speakers

Melissa R. Shortt

Melissa Shortt is graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree in English. While at GBCC, she maintained a 3.70 GPA, gaining membership into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. In addition, she received her national tutor certification, peer tutoring fellow students in over fifteen courses and serving as a Teacher's Assistant for several semesters. Furthermore, Melissa participated in an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded New Hampshire Humanities Collaborative research project and was awarded a fellowship to create a website about representations of gender inequity in literature. She won first place recognition in the University of New Hampshire's annual HUGEmanities competition for her website, "Othered: Women in Literature."

Currently, Melissa is completing her first semester at the University of New Hampshire where she is majoring in English Literature. As she moves forward in her education and looks back on GBCC, she finds pride in all that she has learned, the challenges that she has overcome and her ability, with support from the college community, to discover just what it is that she is capable of.

Abigail S. Wagner

Abigail Wagner is graduating with an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Great Bay with future plans to continue to build her career skills in preparation of one day opening her own business.

While at GBCC, Abigail was placed on the President's List for earning her 3.6 GPA. In addition to her course work, she spent two semesters as a peer tutor, helping her fellow students to develop skills in a variety of courses including writing, American Sign Language, oral communications, time management and computer applications. Reflecting on her experience at Great Bay, Abigail says she is prepared to utilize the knowledge gained from each one of her classes and sees her experience as impactful both now and into the future.

*2024 Graduates in absentia

Accounting

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Accounting

Forest J. Baro*	Leilani Trinity Phachanh	Abigail Shelomitha Simatauw
Qiaoqiao Doane	Logan P. Redmond	Edmond Sam Trieu
Rain Ashley Jelley	Stoddard Sampson*	Bethany Walker*

Candidates for the Certificate in Accounting

Piyachat Puttarak*

American Studies

Candidate for the Degree of Associate in Arts in American Studies

Benjamin B. Rodgers*

Automotive Technology

Candidates for the Certificate in Automotive Technology

Alyvia Anctil*	Ryan Farinha*	Jett St. Laurent*
Griffin Ellis*	Derrick Gaddi	Camerson Sylvester*
Sarah Falvella*	Nathan Moore*	

Biological Science

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Biological Science

Sarah Archambault
Autumn Jolin

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Biological Science

Levi Karolian*
Fiona O'Shea*
Laurel Pigman*

Biotechnology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Biotechnology

Tucker Davison
Annika Rae Strand*

Candidate for the Advanced Certificate in Biotechnology

Noreen Ward

Candidate for the Certificate in Biotechnology

Madelyn Donahue

Business Administration

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Business Administration

Cameron Ansell*	Bryce Gibson*	James Noble III
Mark David Balboni*	Zachary Giles*	Nathan Michael Pantling*
Sierra Brady	James W. Gillis	Mary Paradis*
Craig Brayen	Alexis Hardin	James Peel*
Hunter Bullock*	Ashley Hayes	Taylor Pitts*
Kelsey R. Burnell	Noah Hernandez	Connor Quinn*
Nicholas Clifford*	Gavin Hills*	Brandon Joshua Reneel
Robert Creteau*	Gavin S. Hopkins*	Adrienne R. Smith*
Jordyn Olivia Crisanaz	Chelsea Elizabeth Hurst	Emily J. Solomon
Alison Donnell*	David Immanuel	Ben Sousa
Joshua Dorfman	Nicholas Khalailay*	Kaleb Douglas Steffen*
Elvira Dun	Sophia Kilroy*	Jackson Martin Strayer*
Matthew Einarson	Tayzen Kuester O'Connor*	Alexander Van Blake*
Travis Ell*	Kaycie Kustra	Abigail S. Wagner
Patrick Stephen Fitzgerald	Giovanni Mastro*	Rachel E. Worden*
Brett Fralish	Joshua Miltner	Rebecca Worden*
Eric John French	Jeremy Martin Ness*	Carl Zundell*

Candidates for the Certificate in Leadership and Management

Julie Ann Budek*	Alexis Hardin
Alison Donnell*	Emily J. Solomon
Brett Fralish	Jacob Lee Whicker*

Candidate for the Certificate in Sales and Digital Marketing

Colton Dessell

Computer Numeric Control

Candidates for the Certificate in Computer Numeric Control

Amrit Singh
Joshua Tompson*
Aivry Rice Vital*

Computer Technologies

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Computer Technologies

Ryan Akers*	Spencer Gaudreau*	William Jeffrey Rich
Nickolas Anzalone*	Jacob Axel Hagman*	Abraham Siregar*
Cameron Boyd*	Ryan Tadiwa Marindire	Bradley Tucker
	Eric Bao Nguyen	

Candidate for the Certificate in Programming

Michael A. Brooks*

Criminal Justice

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Criminal Justice

Melissa Marie Blache	Christopher McKay*	Benjamin B. Rodgers*
Devon Ford	David John Francis Miller	Madalyn M. Webb*
Keith J. Landry*	Jalin Noseworthy*	Elaina-Louise Woodill*
Kyra Lunday		

Cyber Security Infrastructure

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

Alexander J. Hyatt*	Phillip Reid*
Nicholas Merrick*	Robert Smith*

Digital Media Communications

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

Susan Corene Anderson	Brittany Leigh Klemczuk	Amelia Poole
Stephanie Bement	Kaylee McNew	

Early Childhood Education

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

Alexis Cole-Mooney	Amanda C. Perko
Megan Elizabeth McCombie	Quinlan Rich*

Candidate for the Certificate in Early Childhood Education

Ciera Brown*

Educator Preparation

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Educator Preparation

Alexa P. Chase	Sarah Fowler*	Natasha Marie B. Portes*
Hailleeann Clayton*	Sarah Girard	Sarah Jeanne Toms*
Brooke Clooney	Susan Moran*	Kira Tzizik
Valerie Donais*	Oliver O'Keefe*	Spencer Alexander Wirth

Engineering

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Engineering Science

Corinna LeAnn Browning*	Franchesca Kate G. Juanillas	Ahmed Nada
Caroline Duhamel	Volodymyr Lysianskyi	Madison Faith Osier
Jacqueline Huggett	Laura Elizabeth Murphy	

English

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in English

Bethany Marie Gibney
Madison Lovely
Melissa R. Shortt

Environmental Science

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Environmental Science

James Clarke*
Lilianna J. Sullivan*
Sara Sullivan*

Fine Arts

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Fine Arts

Katelyn McNamara* Elise Francine Soto
Laura Elizabeth Murphy Halle J. Studley*

History

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in History

Elizabeth Akridge Lance Lawrence Dion Lexie A. McNew
Nicholas Brooks* Paul McNally

Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Candidate for the Degree of Associate in Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Jaime Negron*

Candidate for the Certificate in Homeland Security

Keith J. Landry*

Hotel, Restaurant, and Event Management

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

Liette Jane Duncan
Sydney Salzman

Information Systems Technology

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

Keith Cummings* Tyler Hampton Fritz Nicolas Johaness Warokka
Mark Justin Donnell Andrew S. Mori

Candidates for the Certificate in Information Systems Technology

Danielle N. Lalone*
Gabriel Sakash*

Liberal Arts

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts

Nikita Bates Dee McGuire Abigail E. Singlar*
Katerina Dow Scott Everett Miller Ryan Spayd*
Rachel Eaton Mitchell P. Nollett Sophie-Frances Stewart
Zachary Fishbein* Katie Anne Orr Zacary Twombly*
Celine Kan* Simon James Ropars* Anna Faye van der Voet*
Jack LePage* Jackson Charles Rutland*

Massage Therapy

Candidates for the Certificate in Massage Therapy

Elissa Armstrong* Sandra Michaud*
Chelsea Bradbury* Mariana Najera*
Alexa Lizotte*

Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology

Candidates for the Certificate in Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology

Keith Becker* Dustin A. Grant Jason Reynolds*
Colby Dale Desmarais Thomas Lee* Joshua Alberto Veliz

Nondestructive Testing

Candidates for the Certificate in Nondestructive Testing

Richard Steven Cavanaugh*
Khali Heath*
Nathaniel Johnson*

Nursing

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Nursing

Spencer Allen* Alexandra Fuller Meredith Renee Marquis
Nikki Leigh Ata Joelee Gagnon Ashley G. Mastrullo
Caitlyn Hope Baker Ashley Amber Gonzales Elizabeth McGee
Jacob Beecher* Zoe Catherine Greene* Erin Nash*
Hannah Beringer Kimberly J. Hopkins Stacey Marie Odette-Bissell
Roland S. Bowe* Albina Hubbard Ashleigh Page
Rebecca Brockney Cassandra Marie Johnson Juliana Roma
Ernie Buonopane Zoe Jost* Alissa Ashleigh Silver
Justine Nicole Carey* Devin Kent-Wallace Nicole L. Slosser
Jennifer Conway Mikaela Lafontaine* Bree Tillinghast
Jeanne Marie Crateau Meghan LaPierre Erika J. Tozier
Mackenzie Nicole Deschenes* Julie Lee Madelyn Carmina Turell
Sarah E. Fisher* Hongmei Lin*
Erin Ashley Foley* Katlynn Marcum

Psychology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Psychology

Alexandra Baillargeon* Tiffany Jumawan* Scott Everett Miller
Mikaela Belanger Peter Karambatos* Rachel Minnichello
Katharina Kay Clapper-Vaughn Stephanie Mae Knapp Angela Renee Nichols*
Owen Clough* Madeline Kriete* Angela Pelletier*
Sophia Emery Emily Renae Lecuyer Grace Schwaegerle*
Sarah George* Brianna R. Matthews* Gilbert Aquila Suitela
Abigail Maria Gullick Jocelyn Miller Anamaria Zapata

Surgical Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Surgical Technology

Lauren Beverly Geleas
Erika Merritt

Gerardo Montes
Lily Stadig

Emily Christine Thornton
Tiffany Lynn Veary

Technical Studies

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Technical Studies

Alan Michael Bronchuk
Zackeree Mical Watson Kendall
Zebedee Benjamin Wood

Veterinary Technology

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Veterinary Technology

John Robert Benoit*
Madeline Ann Brown
Kelly Louise Cox
Kristen Doherty
Ella Dunker-Bendigo
Priscilla L. Durst
Sarena Dutton*
Emma Eddins

Finneas Fermon
Victoria George
Ellora Johnson
Ceralene J. Lizotte
Amanda K. Michaud
Liam Noble
Haley Brett Robbins
Julie Rossetti-Cipullo

Michelle M. Rossi
Fabiola Salas
Melany Salazar
Virginia Siglin*
Nicholas Silva*
Amy Supernor
Jennifer Alycia Taris
Christine Verrill

Candidate for the Certificate in Veterinary Practice Management

Joshua Miltner

Welding Technologies

Candidates for the Certificate in Welding Technologies

Tyler Beckley*
Kas Berriault
Troy Blaisdell*
Logan Braz*
Adam Bridgeford*
Roman Brigandi
Chase Camarato*
Elijah-Jacob Carr*
Ashley Cote*
Amiee Crispo*
Anthony Doane*

Christopher Edwards*
Richard Falardeau*
Holly Farley*
Emily Fogerty*
Kevin Hurst*
Quinn Keller*
Patrick Kelley*
Griffin McGraw*
Beau Murphy*
Tristan Nash
Connor Newton*

Jackson Obrey*
Rylan Pinkham*
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Matthew Proulx*
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2024 Faculty/Staff Awards

Chancellor's Awards

- Chancellor's Award for Service Excellence - Rebecca Clerkin
- Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence - Lynda Bonneau

President's Awards

- President's Award for Outstanding Adjunct - Eric Hinnov
- President's Award for Outstanding Student - Volodymyr Lysianskyi
- President's Award for Special Contributions - Brian Scott

Academic Department Awards

- Accounting A.S. Degree - Abigail Shelomitha Simatauw
- American Studies A.A. Degree - Benjamin Rodgers
- Biological Science A.A. Degree - Autumn Jolin
- Biological Science A.S. Degree - Laurel Pigman
- Biotechnology A.S. Degree - Tucker Davison
- Business Administration A.S. Degree - Kelsey Burnell
- Computer Technologies A.S. Degree - Jacob Hagman
- Criminal Justice A.S. Degree - Benjamin Rodgers
- Cyber Security Infrastructure A.S. Degree - Phil Reid
- Digital Media Communications A.S. Degree - Susan Anderson
- Early Childhood Education A.S. Degree - Quinlan Rich
- Educator Preparation A.S. Degree - Sarah Jeanne Toms
- Engineering A.S. Degree - Ahmed Nada
- English A.A. Degree - Melissa Shortt
- Environmental Science A.S. Degree - Lily Sullivan
- Fine Arts A.A. Degree - Elise Soto
- History A.A. Degree - Lance Dion
- Hotel, Restaurant & Event Mgmt A.S. Degree - Liette Duncan
- Information Systems Technology A.S. Degree - Keith Cummings
- Liberal Arts A.A. Degree - Sophie-Frances Stewart
- Nursing A.S. Degree - Albina Hubbard
- Psychology A.A. Degree - Stephanie Knapp
- Surgical Technology A.S. Degree - Lauren Geleas
- Technical Studies A.S. Degree - Zackeree Kendall
- Veterinary Technology A.S. Degree - Victoria George

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.

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2024