



Commencement

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my formal congratulations to you on the culmination of your years of effort, endeavor, and achievement at the University of Connecticut.

When you cross the stage at commencement, you will become part of a great experiment with humble beginnings in the fall of 1881, which today encompasses nearly 300,000 fellow Huskies across the globe, who can be found at the heights of industry and public service all the way to the daily joys and responsibilities of life in communities both large and small.

I know you will cherish many memories from your time at UConn. Among them will be moments that forged lifelong bonds of friendship at an all-night study session or in the student section at Gampel Pavilion; discoveries in the classroom or the laboratory that helped shape and direct your career path; and the feeling of empowerment that comes from joining together with your peers on a service project, political cause, or even raising money for a children's hospital by dancing the night away at HuskyTHON.

These memories will be an inexhaustible treasury for you no matter where your journey leads next, and so will the values that you developed here at UConn: a passion for discovery, a commitment to service, and a relentless desire to pursue excellence.

In the years to come, I ask only that you let those values bring you home to UConn. By this, I mean not only attending alumni gatherings and sporting events, but keeping us up to date on your achievements and triumphs, of which there will be many. Your friends, your peers, and your professors will benefit from this, but so will future generations of Huskies, who will look to you as mentors, models, and inspirations.

As you embark on the next chapter in life, I wish you the fulfillment of all the promise a UConn degree brings, and the immeasurable joy that comes with hard-won accomplishment.

Once again: congratulations! Huskies FOREVER!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Radenka Maric".

Radenka Maric
President
University of Connecticut

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COMMENCEMENT NOTES

Commencement Day at the University of Connecticut is a time of ceremony and pageantry, embracing traditions dating back to medieval times.

The University of Connecticut was founded as the Storrs Agricultural School in 1881 when the General Assembly accepted a gift of money and land from Charles and Augustus Storrs, natives of Mansfield. In 1893 when it became a land-grant college and officially opened to women, the name was changed to Storrs Agricultural College. As the mission of the institution grew, its name was changed in 1899 to Connecticut Agricultural College, and in 1933 to the Connecticut State College. At first a small but vigorous college with limited undergraduate offerings in agriculture, home economics and mechanical arts, with the development of a university program it became The University of Connecticut in 1939. The Graduate program began in 1935, and in 1949 the University awarded its first doctoral degrees. The regional campuses were established in 1946 to accommodate the influx of veteran students. Today, the University is made up of fourteen different schools and colleges. Through its administrative Divisions, Institutes, and Centers, the University is a Land Grant and Sea Grant College and a Space Grant Consortium Institution, privileged to serve the citizens of the State of Connecticut, and beyond.

Enormous expansion has taken place over the years together

with increased enrollment. Today, the University has an enrollment of over 34,424 students. At Storrs, there are over 21,042 undergraduates and more than 8,233 graduate students from the various campuses, representing some 111 nations.

This May, the University will award over 8,836 degrees. Of these, approximately 6,163 will be Bachelor's degrees, 1,660 Master's degrees, 160 Juris Doctor degrees, 74 Master of Laws degrees, 68 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees, 52 Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees, 105 Doctor of Medicine degrees, 4 Doctor of Musical Arts degrees, 4 Doctor of Audiology, 4 Doctor of Education degrees, 34 Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees, 31 Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees, and 411 Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Also to be awarded are 26 diplomas in Professional Education and 40 Associate's degrees in the two-year Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

The Commencement Ceremony, because of the large number of graduates, is divided into separate exercises, by college or school. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Medicine, located in Farmington, and the Schools of Law and Social Work, both located in Hartford, hold their own exercises. The Commencement procession in each of the exercises at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs is heralded by the ceremonial trumpets, acquired especially for the University's commencement.

THE PROCESSIONAL BANNERS

College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources	Maize
School of Business	Drab Green
School of Dental Medicine	Lilac and Gold
Neag School of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering	Orange
School of Fine Arts	Brown and Pink
The Graduate School	
Masters Candidates	Blue, White and Gold
Doctor of Philosophy	Gold
School of Law	Purple
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Navy and Yellow
School of Medicine	Green and Gold
Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing	Apricot
School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Green
School of Social Work	Citron

The Academic Procession is led by the Bearer of the Mace, followed by the faculty. The University Marshal, identified by his Baton, follows the President, together with the speaker, members of the Board of Trustees, vice presidents, deans, and other University officials. The Mace is presented at the center of the stage while members of the platform party enter and take their places. Once the Mace is placed on the stand, it signals the beginning of the ceremony.

The Academic Gowns, Hoods and Regalia represent more than elegance or colorful attire. Academic caps and gowns continue a tradition which reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities of the Middle Ages. The early European universities were founded by the church; the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear prescribed gowns and caps at all times. Caps and gowns were once common forms of clothing and were retained by the clergy when the laity adopted more modern dress. Hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university which conferred the degree. The velvet edging of the hood varies in length for bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. The color represents the appropriate degree. The tassel for the bachelor's and master's degree may be of color distinctive to the degree, and the tassel for the doctoral degree may be made of gold thread. The gown and hood of the University Marshal were made specifically for University ceremonies in the official colors of national flag blue and white. The Processional Marshals wear blue velvet "beefeater" berets.

The Mace is presented at all academic ceremonies. In medieval times maces were weapons of warfare, but today a mace is "a staff borne by, or carried before, a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of his authority." It is the emblem and symbol of the President's authority to administer the University. This mace was first used at the Inauguration of President Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. on October 20, 1962. It was designed by Nathan Knobler, former head of the Department of Art. The University's early seal, executed in beautiful wood carving, appears on both faces. A penny dated 1881 is affixed to it, to commemorate the date of the University's founding.

The Baton, carried by the University Marshal, was specifically designed for ceremonial activities at The University of Connecticut and was first used at the Commencement in 1968. The Office of Marshal can also be traced back to the medieval period, and the Baton is a symbol of the Marshal's authority. This Baton has silver mountings and is surmounted by a representation of the University's former seal in enamel, which itself incorporates the coat of arms of the State of Connecticut.

The University Marshal, carrying the Baton, follows the Mace Bearer as he leads the academic procession into and out of the place of ceremony.

The Silver Collar/Medallion, worn by Radenka Maric, President, was first used in 1964, at the time of the University's Silver Anniversary. Each link on the collar represents one of the University's Schools or Colleges and consists of a cloisonné circle engraved with an appropriate design for the particular school and enameled with its traditional school or college colors. Hanging from the chain is a large silver medallion containing the University's early seal.

The Awarding of Degrees at the University of Connecticut is accomplished by a threefold process. First, the candidates for degrees of each respective school or college are presented by the University Marshal. The candidates proceed to the front, receive their diploma covers, are congratulated by their administrative officers, and return to their seats. Second, the School or College Marshal then officially presents the candidates to the Dean who acknowledges the candidates and declares the appropriate degree. Third, when all candidates have been duly presented, the President of the University (or the highest ranking official of the University in attendance) formally confers the appropriate degree. This is accomplished verbally at the time that they speak the words:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Trustees of The University of Connecticut, and in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the University, I confer upon you the Associate's Degree, appropriate Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, Sixth Year Diploma, or degree of Doctor for which you have been presented at this One Hundred and Forty Seventh Commencement of The University."

The Recessional of the officials and faculty is once again led by the Mace Bearer and University Marshal. The graduates, along with the audience, are requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.

ACADEMIC HONORS

University Scholar

The University Scholar designation is the highest scholastic honor at the University. The individualized undergraduate programs of these students, which in some cases include work toward a graduate degree, are supervised by faculty committees. Up to thirty students are selected as University Scholars in the junior year. Candidates for the University Scholar designation wear a golden medal on a gold and blue ribbon at the Commencement exercises.

Honors Scholar

Honors Scholars are academically talented and highly motivated students who complete intensive two- to four-year programs, including Honors courses of unusual depth in the major field. Honors Scholars must demonstrate engagement in their major field and complete a departmentally-approved Honors thesis/Honors capstone project. Candidates for the Honors Scholar designation wear a silver medal on a blue and white ribbon at the Commencement exercises.

Honors Scholar and University Honors Laureate

Honors Scholars and University Honors Laureates are academically talented and highly motivated students who complete intensive two- to four-year programs. As Honors Scholars these students participate in Honors courses of unusual depth in the major field and complete a departmentally-approved Honors thesis/Honors capstone project. Honors Scholars show engagement in their major field through projects that support their professional development. Honors Scholars who complete additional academic and co-curricular requirements also earn the University Honors Laureate designation. This award recognizes breadth in Honors work, as well as engagement and involvement in a variety of communities. Candidates for the Honors Scholar and University Honors Laureate designations wear a white enamel and silver medal incorporating both awards on a blue and white ribbon at the Commencement exercises.

Please Note: An asterisk () after a graduate's name indicates that they are a candidate for dual degrees.*

COMMENCEMENT

ORDER OF EXERCISES

SCHOOL OF LAW
55 Elizabeth Street, Hartford
Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 10:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL FLAG BEARERS

Alexander C. Kiley '26, *Juris Doctor, Day Division*
Hannah Kegley Govan '26, *Juris Doctor, Evening Division*
Jakob Eliah Buerger '26, *Master of Laws, Energy and Environmental Law*
Zala Saeed '26, *Master of Laws, Governance, Risk Management and Compliance*
Alinda Mutabazi '26, *Master of Laws, Human Rights and Social Justice*
Daniel Howard Raddock '26, *Master of Laws, Insurance Law*
Felix Schmidt-Rhaesa '26, *Master of Laws, Intellectual Property and Information Governance*
Johanna Philippa Stephanie Bock '26, *Master of Laws, U.S. Legal Studies*
Haley Ruth Anderson '26, *President, Student Bar Association*

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Alexandra Maya Majka '26

INTRODUCTION

Paul Chill '85

Clinical Professor of Law Emeritus and Chief Marshal

WELCOMING REMARKS

Eboni S. Nelson, *Dean, School of Law*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Radenka Maric, *President*

Bryan Stevenson

Honorary Doctor of Laws

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bryan Stevenson

Founder, Equal Justice Initiative

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Jessica Rubin

Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Clinical Professor of Law, School of Law

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Radenka Maric, *President*

PERRY ZIRKEL '76 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION

by Eboni S. Nelson

Dean, School of Law

to Steven Wilf

Anthony J. Smits Professor of Global Commerce

STUDENT REMARKS

Soba Elizabarashvili '26, *Master of Laws*

Haley Ruth Anderson '26, *Juris Doctor, Evening Division*

Syaad Khan '26, *Juris Doctor, Day Division*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Robert Hinton '95

President, The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc.

RECESSIONAL

COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT AND COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

Mr. Stevenson has argued and won multiple cases at the United States Supreme Court, including a 2019 ruling protecting condemned prisoners who suffer from dementia and a landmark 2012 ruling that banned mandatory life-imprisonment-without-parole sentences for all children 17 or

younger. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief, or release from prison for over 140 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row and won relief for hundreds of others wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced.

Mr. Stevenson has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge inequality in America. He led the creation of EJI's highly acclaimed Legacy Sites, including the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and Freedom Monument Sculpture Park. These new national landmark institutions chronicle the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation, and the connection to mass incarceration and contemporary issues of racial bias.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dea Ballij
Myah Bassett
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Austin Russell Blum
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Andrew Seeber Boyd
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Jalyn Michelle Brown
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ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION

Each year, the President of the United States, through the Secretary of Defense, grants commissions to Connecticut students in the Regular Service and in the Reserve Components.

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

The following have received a commission as active duty Second Lieutenants through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Connecticut.

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Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

Second Lieutenants Active Duty, National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve

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MICHAEL QUESNEL **
University of Connecticut
Military Intelligence

KATRINE SEMENYAKA *
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Logistics/EOD
JOHN TAKACS *
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University of Connecticut
Medical Services Corps
HERICA VOGADO
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*Distinguished Military Student
**Distinguished Military Graduate

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Maryann Markowski
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Kathleen O'Connor
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Alicia Wyse

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Donna Paolella
Kouros Parham
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COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEES

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The official seal of the University of Connecticut depicts the ancient and mighty oak. Beautiful and sacred, the venerable oak symbolizes wisdom, longevity and hospitality. To Aristotle, the oak represented human potential.

The oak holds a special place in Connecticut's history. In a time long before statehood, the Connecticut colony's self-governing status was guaranteed by a charter issued by King Charles II of England. When, in 1687, his successor King James II attempted to reinstate the monarchy's authority, the Crown's emissary's efforts were foiled as the Royal Charter was secretly spirited to a temporary hiding place—a majestic oak in Hartford, forever after known as the Charter Oak. The oak became a symbol of freedom worldwide.

The oak has unique meaning for the University as well. In 1884, the commencement exercises of the second graduating

class of the Storrs Agricultural School were held in an oak grove on the Storrs campus. This grove, long a favorite gathering place for a variety of open-air meetings, served as the spiritual home to the growing community of scholars.

The University of Connecticut's graphic interpretation of the oak is a stylized synthesis of two acorns and three oak leaves, representing maturation, intellect and moral strength. The seal is the symbol of a large and diverse institution; it is used by all of the University's schools, colleges, regional campuses, professional schools and UConn Health. It communicates the broader mission of the University as a center for the pursuit, the creation, and the sharing of knowledge. The University of Connecticut, like the mighty oak, is rooted in a proud past and reaches toward a limitless future.



