

University College

CONVOCAATION

May 2021





73RD ANNUAL

Convocation Ceremony

Honoring the Part-Time Student Graduates
of Syracuse University

Class of 2021

Program

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Ronald J. Tracy
College Marshal, Student Speaker

Reverend Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D.
Dean, Hendricks Chapel

Ryan O. Williams, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, University College

Rosemary B. Kelly
Assistant Dean, Student Administrative Services, University College

Karen Davis
*Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Keynote Speaker*

Michael J. Frasciello, Ph.D.
Dean, University College

PRESIDING

Michael J. Frasciello, Ph.D.
Dean, University College

INVOCATION

Reverend Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D.
Dean, Hendricks Chapel

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Karen Davis
*Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence
College of Engineering and Computer Science*

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Rosemary B. Kelly
Assistant Dean, Student Administrative Services, University College

STUDENT SPEAKER

Ronald J. Tracy

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SERVICE AWARDS

Recognizing excellence in service to Syracuse University part-time students.

DEAN'S EXCELLENCE AWARD

To Be Announced

STAFF SERVICE AWARD

Information Technology Services

Samuel J. Scozzafava Jr.

Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mark Borte

Adjunct Professor, University College

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Nancy C. Gelling Award

Recognition of the Alumni Scholar with the highest grade point average

Ronald J. Tracy

Sylvia Wyckoff Award

Recognition of outstanding achievement in the College of Visual and Performing Arts

Henry T. Rose

Alumni Scholars

Members of the Class of 2021 with the highest grade point averages

Jason Davis

Elizabeth A. Furchino

Kathryn J. Gerace

Lisa Marie Murray

Daniel Ryan

Jessica Anne Ticknor

Ronald J. Tracy

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Rosemary B. Kelly

Assistant Dean, Student Administrative Services, University College

BENEDICTION

Reverend Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D.

Dean, Hendricks Chapel

SINGING OF ALMA MATER

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CLASS OF 2021

Certificate, Associate and Bachelor's Degree Candidates

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jeanette A. Bova[†]
Rachel E. Frantz
Kathryn J. Gerace^{**}
Lisa Marie Hanley
Sydney Olivia Hilton
Liam B. Kirst
Barbara Christine Lu

Teresa Denise Miley
Eileen T. Pomeroy
Danielle M. Rocca-Herbert
Matthew J. Russo
Ray H. Starbird
Jessica Anne Ticknor^{**}

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jason Davis^{**}
Stephen Yosuke Kiely
Tory N. Stewart

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Jacqueline M. Emery
Arianna M. Fedroff
Shy'heim Manning

William Mathis
Leondra Jeanne Tyler
Jennifer Patrice Young

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Daniel A. Wildenstein

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Justin Benevento

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT AND HUMAN DYNAMICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Riny Ayol
Trinity Benton

Lisa Bush
Rachael A. Zubal-Ruggieri

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Ahmed Al-Siddiqi
Debra L. Autrey
Pothwei Apet Bangoshoth
Anne Marie Domingue-Kratz
Elizabeth A. Furcinito**
Kim Gailor-Layton†

Lisa Marie Murray*
Daniel Ryan*
Leonard A. Shanes
Jacqueline E. Spears
Ronald J. Tracy**

CERTIFICATE

Jennifer Lynn Zalewski

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Noah D. Hudson
Thuy-Jody A. Nguyen
Henry T. Rose

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Frances B. Hradil
Karen Morris King

† Member of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

*Alumni Scholar (GPA of 3.7 or higher)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Karen Davis



Karen Davis is assistant dean for inclusive excellence in the College of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) at Syracuse University. Born and raised in the Bronx, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in communications and rhetorical studies from Syracuse University in 1983. She went on to earn an MBA from the Whitman School of Management in 1990.

Davis began her career as an administrator at Syracuse University. In 1989, she moved to industry, joining UTC Carrier Corporation as a business analyst. In her 15-year career at Carrier, Karen held various roles in human resources, including equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, diversity and recruiting.

Her passion for student support and excellence inspired Davis to return to campus in 2004. As a member of the ECS leadership team, Davis served for 14 years as director of career services, and for the last two years as assistant dean for inclusive excellence. Among her contributions demonstrating strategic leadership expertise, Davis introduced VMock, an analytical resume building platform, which was later adopted and applied for campuswide use by central career services.

In her current role as assistant dean for inclusive excellence, Davis is leading a collegewide effort to enhance the culture of diversity, inclusion and equity in the ECS community. A key element is the Leadership Dialogue Circle, which Davis helped to create and implement. After two years of highly successful engagement in ECS, the blueprint for the Leadership Dialogue Circle was adopted and expanded across Syracuse University's schools and colleges. Under Davis's leadership, ECS was recently recognized among its peer institutions with bronze medal distinction in the 2021 American Society of Engineering Education Diversity Recognition program.

Adding further sparkle to her administrative leadership, Davis is known, respected and widely admired for her outgoing positive spirit and willingness to go above and beyond for students. She is considered an "influencer" based on her sincere mission of utilizing resources to inspire the advancement of others.

Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA
MEETS THE EASTERN SKY
PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER
ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.
FLAG WE LOVE! ORANGE! FLOAT FOR AYE,
OLD SYRACUSE, O'ER THEE.
LOYAL BE THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS
TO THY MEMORY.

-Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

