# 197<sup>™</sup> COMMENCEMENT

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Mann Center for the Performing Arts

#### **UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY**

Jefferson College of Architecture and the Built Environment
Jefferson College of Health Professions – Health Sciences
Jefferson College of Humanities and Sciences
Jefferson College of Life Sciences
Jefferson School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Kanbar College of Design, Engineering, and Commerce



## **University Mission**

We are a university with preeminence in transdisciplinary, experiential professional education, research and discovery, delivering exceptional value for 21st century students with excellence in architecture, business, design, fashion, engineering, health science, and textiles infused with the liberal arts.

# And then we learned anything can happen

Wherever you think your life and career are going, it will not be a straight line. If the COVID pandemic has proven anything, it is that anything can happen! That's why I believe creativity, collaboration and optimism are the keys to the future of your profession and your career.

But that's the future. The fact is that today, this is all about you ... and congratulations, you did it!

Your commencement is a profound accomplishment that happens to be at an extraordinary time. You are, I believe, stepping into a world that needs leadership, that needs professionalism, that needs empathy, and most of all, that needs you.

The Class of 2021 graduates are at a critical moment in history. I love the advice Steven Spielberg offers anyone graduating during this pandemic:

"One of the things this moment is teaching us is that truly anything is possible. It will be imagination and innovation that gets us to the other side. This is a time of huge loss, but it's also a chance to dream big about our futures together."

He's right. I hope you graduate believing in yourself, and believing in the power of imagination and innovation to get us to the other side.

The faculty worked hard to build Jefferson's effective hyflex education model and you responded beautifully. In fact, this approach enabled you to learn in a mode that will be increasingly how you'll work.

My great hope is that we will all learn from this pandemic. We will learn that our greatest power is human connection, whether in person or virtual. That while science will overcome this virus, it is the human spirit that will sustain us, and drive us to create a better world. In our yearning for time with friends and collaborators, I believe we'll know even more deeply the power of creativity, communication and empathy.

Thank you for your amazing work finishing this academic year and congratulations on your accomplishments.

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA

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President, Thomas Jefferson University

CEO, Jefferson Health

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# Undergraduate Ceremony Program May 13, 10:00 a.m.

**Processional** 

Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley
The Jefferson Processional Burle Marx

Perfomed by The Fairmount Brass Quartet

**Opening Proclamation** H. Richard Haverstick, Jr.

Chair, Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health Board of Trustees

**The National Anthem**Thomas Jefferson University Singers

Robert Abishek, SKMC
Lauren Banner, SKMC
Kaitlin Demarest, SKMC
Gina Goldberg, SKMC
Richard Kirby, SKMC
Casey Konys, SKMC
Gabrielle Scher, JCLS
Rachel Zachian, SKMC

Patrick Hearle, SKMC

Convocation and Remarks Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA

President & CEO

Thomas Jefferson University

and Jefferson Health

Mark L. Tykocinski, MD

Provost and Executive Vice President,

Thomas Jefferson University

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA

Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College

**Presentation of the Valedictorian**Mark L. Tykocinski, MD

Valedictorian Madison Sisco, *JCHS* 

Student Speaker Brittney Bell

Commencement Speaker Geoffrey Cromarty, EdD

Conferring of Honorary Degree Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA

Honorary Degree Recipient

Eileen J. Voynick

Chair of the Board of AGS Health (PA)

**Conferring of Degrees in Course** 

Jefferson College of Architecture

and the Built Environment

Barbara Klinkhammer, RA (DEU),
Dipl.-Ing. Dean,

and the Built Environment Dipl.-Ing. Dean,

Jefferson College of Health Professions Michael Dryer, PA-C, DrPh, Dean

Jefferson College of Humanities and Sciences Barbara Kimmelman, PhD, Dean

Jefferson College of Life Sciences Gerald B. Grunwald, PhD, Dean

Jefferson School of Continuing & Professional Studies

Kanbar College of Design, Engineering and Commerce

Gerald B. Grunwald, PhD, Dear

Shelley E. Osagie, EdD, Dean

Ronald G. Kander, PhD, Dear

**Recessional**Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar
The Fairmount Brass Quartet

## Honorary Degree Recipient

### Eileen J. Voynick



Eileen Voynick is a highly regarded entrepreneur and dedicated education advocate. A 1986 graduate of Philadelphia University, Mrs. Voynick is a noted philanthropist with a passion and dedication to improving education programs. She continues to support our students with the generous funding of the Eileen Martinson '86 Fund to support the undergraduate capstone experience in DEC. The tremendous reach and impact of the fund enables a multitude of creative careers to get off to a promising start.

Mrs. Voynick is a member of the Board of Directors of CDK Global (Hoffman Estates, IL) and r<sub>3</sub> (London). She is also the Chair of the Board of AGS Health (PA). She was an Independent Director of Advanced MD

(Salt Lake City UT) during their ownership by Marlin Equity. The business was successfully sold in 2018 to Global Payments.

Mrs. Voynick served as the Academic Board Chair of Thomas Jefferson University and the former Philadelphia University for a combined total of eight years. The innovative merger of the two universities occurred during her term. She continued to serve as a Trustee of Thomas Jefferson until June 2020.

Mrs. Voynick is the former CEO of Sparta Systems, a leading provider of enterprise quality management software solutions, where she provided focused vision, leadership and strategic direction.

During her tenure Sparta transformed itself from a steady state to accelerated growth company, doubling revenue, while maintaining strong profitability. Further, Mrs. Voynick led a competitive and successful transaction in 2014 that resulted in the company's sale to leading private equity firm Thoma Bravo. In 2017 she led a second transaction where New Mountain Capital purchased a majority share of Sparta.

Prior to joining Sparta, Mrs. Voynick was already a highly successful enterprise software industry executive, known for her ability to implement change leading to profitable growth and increased company valuation. As the Chief Operating Officer of Allscripts, a provider of clinical software, information and connectivity solutions for physicians, Mrs. Voynick drove significant growth in profits and revenue and developed an extensive product portfolio. She was also instrumental in helping the company to successfully merge with Eclipsys, a \$1.3 billion transaction.

In addition, Mrs. Voynick was an Executive Vice President at SAP during its formative hyper growth years in the mid-1990's, improving revenue from \$100 million to more than a \$1 billion. In the mid-2000's, as Siebel Systems' Senior Vice President of Global Services, she had general manager responsibility and helped to create the Customer Experience Blueprint Program, which was later issued a U.S. patent. She subsequently joined Oracle's North American executive team as the Senior Vice President of Americas Consulting, a more than \$1 billion organization with over 5,000 employees.

Mrs. Voynick continues to mentor young women with a passion for their growth and development as future global leaders and entrepreneurs.

## Commencement Speaker

### Geoffrey Cromarty, EdD



Geoffrey Cromarty, EdD, is Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Thomas Jefferson University, and the key liaison to corporate services for all University campuses.

Dr. Cromarty's years of expertise in administration, planning, government relations and fundraising at Drew University, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia University, and now, Thomas Jefferson University, have been invaluable. He is highly regarded among faculty, staff and students and has been a key contributor to the many initiatives surrounding the successful merger of the two universities.

Dr. Cromarty has also played a key role in developing and implementing the robust planning process for the University's strategic academic

framework and for spearheading planning for the new Kay and Harold Ronson Health and Applied Science Center. He is widely recognized by students as a strong advocate for their causes and their educational experiences at the University.

As Chief Administrative Officer and key adviser to the provost on administrative matters for the University, Dr. Cromarty leads the multi-year post-merger integration strategy and is responsible for achieving key the strategic objectives that will ensure that the University delivers an immersive 21st century education to its students.

Prior to Philadelphia University's merger in 2017, Dr. Cromarty managed the strategic planning process for the University and worked closely with the president and provost to advance a distinctive and award-winning education model. As the chief operating officer, he managed the planning for a number of new buildings, including the Lawrence N. Field DEC Center, Gallagher Athletic Center, Kanbar Campus Center, Falls Center and the Specter Center. He also successfully nurtured a number of important relationships with benefactors; managed all board activities; spearheaded the University's effective efforts to improve retention, persistence and graduation rates; and served as the interim dean for the School of Design and Engineering from 2009 to 2011.

Dr. Cromarty holds an EdD and MGA from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from Western New England University.

# Student Speaker

### Brittney Bell



Brittney is from Richboro, Pennsylvania and will graduate with a BS in Health Sciences. She has been on the Student Government Association for the past four years and has been the student body president for the past two. She has also done industrial hemp research on campus, has worked as a peer mentor through the Office of Student Engagement, and currently works at Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health. She will be continuing her education at the Jefferson College of Nursing in Center City in the FACT 1 Nursing Program.

### Valedictorian

#### Madison Sisco



Madison Sisco is from Mohrsville, Pennsylvania and is graduating from the College of Health Professions with a bachelor's degree in Health Science. She is in the 3+2 Physician Assistant Program and is coming to the end of her first year of PA school. Throughout her time at Jefferson, Madison has been a member of the Honors program in addition to PA Society and Global Medical Brigades, which gave her the opportunity to volunteer in La Paz, Honduras. Through the Study Away program, she was also able to spend a semester studying in London, England at the University of Westminster. Madison has worked on campus as a library assistant and off campus as a pediatric certified nurse aide during her time at Jefferson. Madison is continuing her master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies and is interested in pursuing a career in dermatology

or women's health, but hopes to continue traveling and practicing medicine in a variety of different fields. She is grateful for the many opportunities that Jefferson has given her and looks forward to the future as a certified physician assistant.

# Jefferson College of Architecture and the Built Environment

## Bachelor of Architecture

Turki Bandar N Alhouti	Philadelphia, PA	Summer Love Koch Temple, PA
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Isaiah Keith Brinson	Tinton Falls, NJ	Dennis Meyer McWeeney † Brick, NJ
Joseph Gennaro Camello	Forest Hill, MD	Sarah Quinn Meyer †* Philadelphia, PA
Ross D. Capaccio	Hillsborough, NJ	Jose Abraham Montealegre Brick, NJ
Michael Conolly	Perkasie, PA	Anthony Musto Jr Staten Island, NY
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Shaira Gonzalez Herrera	Long branch, NJ	Liviu Dan Trifoi Bethel, PA
Sydney Elise Hitchens	Newark, DE	Elias Valdes East Longmeadow, MA
Saifeldin Hussein	Hoboken, NJ	Felix Alexander Warren Tobyhanna, PA
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Alexander Ryan Jones	Hammonton, NJ	Barry C. Whitfield Philadelphia, PA
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Bachelor of Landscape		
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### Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies

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Bachelor of Science in Construction Ma	anagement
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Bachelor of Science in Interior Design	
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# Jefferson College of Health Professions

### Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

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Rhea Isaac ‡ Huntingdon Valley, PA	Zaheeda Zakir ‡‡

# Jefferson College of Humanities and Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Biopsychology	
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# Jefferson College of Life Sciences

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# Jefferson School of Continuing and Professional Studies

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Akhila Kurian	Springfield, PA	Sharron Williams	. Philadelphia, PA
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Brittany Christina Black	·	Sherida Lopez	
Alexa L. Bradley	•	Anna Maddox	•
Edwina C. Braswell	•	Suprina Rosalie Marks	
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Michelle L. Clemente ##	Blackwood, NJ	Summer-Lea Rivito	Schwenksville, PA
Charlene Denise Cooper	•	Egypt T. Schmidt	
Caitlin Marie Cotter	Springfield, PA	Amy M. Semola ‡	Warminster, PA
Boubakar Diallo ‡‡	Blue Bell, PA	Shamell Nicole Slade	. Philadelphia, PA
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## Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management

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Megan Everett	PA Claudette A. Singleton Philadelphia, PA PA Dennis Paul Stepchin Huntingdon Valley, PA

## Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Abigail Carly Bitton † Philadelphia, PA	Jerin Mathew Philadelphia, PA
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Daniel Robin Ong ‡ Franklin, TN  Reed Kenneth Phillips	Allison Barbara Wisnewski Flanders, NJ	

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Latin honors indicated in the Commencement Program are unofficial. Official Latin honors will appear on the student's official transcript and diploma.

As final action cannot be taken before the program goes to press, Thomas Jefferson University reserves the right to add or withdraw names from the list of candidates for degrees and certificates.

In curricula such as the degree program in Occupational Therapy, candidates complete formal course work prior to Commencement and fulfill additional clinical requirements during the summer. Students in these programs participate in Commencement Exercises but receive their diplomas only after all requirements have been satisfied.

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<sup>†</sup> Cum Laude (Light Blue)

<sup>‡</sup> Magna Cum Laude (Dark Blue)

<sup>##</sup> Summa Cum Laude (Dark & Light Blue)

## Marshals

### **Grand Marshal**

Sara Loesche, MS

#### Marshals

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### **Honor Societies**

### Sigma Lambda Alpha Landscape Architecture Honorary Society

Sigma Lambda Alpha ( $\Sigma\Lambda A$ ) is a scholastic honor society that recognizes academic achievement among students in the field of landscape architecture. It operates within the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA), a global association of landscape architecture faculty.

Darby Mann

### Tau Sigma Delta

Tau Sigma Delta, founded in 1913, includes the fields of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Interior Design and Interior Architecture, Sustainable Design and other fields allied with Architecture. It recognizes intellectual achievement, efforts, and initiative as well as leadership and character.

Salvatore Armetta Madison Giovinazzi Eric Rushinski
Priya Badri Alexis Hooks Lauren Sterner
Kaitlyn Cusumano Lauren Najarian Audrey Swanson
Keith Ellis Emily Potenza Carly Strauss

### Sigma Lambda Chi International Construction Honor Society

The fundamental purpose of Sigma Lambda Chi is to provide recognition to outstanding students in construction curricula. Sigma Lambda Chi is the society that offers students the opportunity to be recognized locally and internationally for their academic accomplishments as a construction major.

Carolina Ramirez Jahaziel Roman

### Psi Chi – The National Honor Society of Psychology

Psi Chi is an international honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

Sarah Jean Hill Jaqueline Khanh Ngoc Huynh Brianne Ashlyne Spellman

### Alpha Mu Alpha

Alpha Mu Alpha is the national marketing honorary for qualified undergraduate, graduate and doctoral marketing students as well as marketing faculty.

Membership status in Alpha Mu Alpha is available to individuals who attend a college or university having an established American Marketing Association (AMA) collegiate chapter, and/or who attend a regionally or nationally accredited institution. Undergraduate students must be senior marketing students, nominated by their AMA Collegiate Chapter advisor, and have a minimum GPA of 3.25.

Elizabeth Ann Barbarevech Skylar Lauren Fox Meghan Nicole Sutphen

Annie Welling Demetroules Quinn Kathryn Haba Emily Ditro Chloe Renee Kaenzig

### Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

Founded in 1945 at Northwestern University, Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society devoted to the advancement of scholarship and recognition of nontraditional students continuing their education all while fulfilling their many responsibilities home, family, career, community and education.

Membership is restricted to matriculated students in the baccalaureate degree programs offered through the School of Continuing and Professional Studies who have completed at least 24 credits at Thomas Jefferson University, with a minimum of 12 credits in the Liberal Arts. They must maintain a minimum 3.6-grade point average and be in the top 20 percent of those qualified.

Neil Amadio Edison Guzman Nary Rennie

Natalie Belefonte Zenia Jones Shannon Rodriquez

Alina Chicaros Courtney Lacorte Leah Teti

Michelle Clementi Stephani Losi Sibi Varughese

Sheila Colalongo Giana Martin Devon Deon Wilson

Virginia DeFelice Bryanna Niklauski Heather Yatsko

### Philadelphia University Honors Institute at Thomas Jefferson University

Philadelphia University Honors at Thomas Jefferson University provides academically talented, driven and intellectually curious students substantive experiences in professional and multi-disciplinary tracks. Philadelphia University Honors at Jefferson assures direct and meaningful contact with faculty, outstanding peers and industry leaders. In addition to advising from top scholars, Honors students receive guidance about prestigious post-graduate scholarship opportunities. Honors courses focus on perfecting writing, presentation and overall communication skills, while providing a student-centered experience that promotes experimentation and innovation in teaching, learning and scholarship. It brings together students from different majors to build peer groups that deepen intellectual engagement with faculty and advance collaborative, innovative and professional pursuits.

Rachel Ann Alexander
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Brittany Leigh Bernath
Katelyn Chobanoff
Alejandra Lucia Conejo
Catherine Nicole Conejo
Carmen Rita Cordero Frontera
Connor Marie Grozier
Bryce William Herman

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## The University Mace

Originally a medieval weapon, the mace evolved from a short staff weighted with metal (used for breaking armor) into a bejeweled and sculptural relic. It fell into disuse by the 16th century as firearms made protective armor and some hand-to-hand combat weapons obsolete. In one of the earliest ceremonial uses of the mace, it was carried by the royal bodyguard before the French king in the 1200s. Examples of the mace as a symbol of authority in modern government include its use in the British House of Commons where the ceremonial mace has a presence on the Treasury table and in the U.S. House of Representatives, where it is placed on a pedestal to the right of the Speaker's podium when the House is convened.

Universities also used the ceremonial mace, borne by the chief marshal, during academic processions. The Thomas Jefferson University Mace, carried for the first time in the 1986 commencement ceremonies by Grand Marshal Robert Mandle, PhD, was designed and cast by Howard Serlick, member of the Guild of Mastercraftsmen, Winterthur Scholar and Chief Conservator (Gilding) of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It was crafted by silversmith Eugene Zweigle and woodturner Michael Copeland.

The four-foot-long, 14-pound mace is made of ebony highlighted with lapis lazuli to reflect Jefferson's colors (black and blue). It features a miniature of Henry Mitchell's sculpture, the "Winged Ox of Saint Luke," symbol of Saint Luke the Physician, the original of which stands on campus beside the Scott Building on Walnut Street. The miniature was cast in silver by Zweigle.

Mitchell's original statue of the "Winged Ox," adopted by the University in 1976 as its symbol of clinical excellence, is mounted on a column containing the names of 50 medical scientists who have most advanced the art of healing. It also reflects the historical evolution of Thomas Jefferson University from its beginnings as Jefferson Medical College in 1824 to its current. The mace, a grand emblem of the University's heritage, is carried at the head of all formal academic processions.

## The Presidential Medallion of Thomas Jefferson University

The President's Medallion was created in 2009 during the tenure of Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, the fourth President of Thomas Jefferson University. It replaced the previous, well-worn President's Medallion made in 1977, which had depicted four old corporate seals used in various eras of the institution's history.

The current medallion was designed and crafted by Tiffany & Company, New York. It consists of a sterling silver medallion suspended from a heavy, silver double-link chain. The medallion's obverse depicts the University seal; a bas-relief profile of Thomas Jefferson and the surround reads, "THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY – 1824," the year the institution was founded. The reverse is engraved with the names of the four University Presidents.

Silver is a metal long-associated with medicine and is recognized to have anti-bacterial properties. Hippocrates (ca. 300 BCE) acknowledged the healing powers of silver and the ancients used silver bottles to keep water or wine from spoiling. The expression "born with a silver spoon in your mouth" comes from the

Middle Ages; when the wealthy gave their children silver spoons to suck on to prevent disease. Like many academic traditions, the display of a heavy "chain of office" comes down to us from medieval regalia and represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer. The chain itself connotes strength in unity, as well as strong communication.

The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President at all convocations of the University.

## The Jefferson Processional

The Jefferson Processional was commissioned by the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College, now named Sidney Kimmel Medical College and played for the first time on November 15, 1974, at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. This piece was presented to Thomas Jefferson University by the President of the Alumni Association, John J. Gartland, MD. It was composed by Burle Marx.

## Academic Regalia

The attire worn at academic ceremonies evolved from the dress worn by clergy in the 12th and 13th centuries. Throughout the years, European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. American universities, when they decided to adopt academic dress in 1895, immediately established a code of regulations that today is followed by practically all American institutions.

The code provides for three types of gowns. Those worn by the bachelors are made of black worsted material and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters may wear either black silk or black woolen gowns, made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom, and a slit for the arm. The doctors' gowns are black material, typically silk, with a full, round, open sleeve. They are faced with velvet and have three bars of velvet or chevrons, on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or the same color as the velvet, indicative of the discipline, which edges the hood.

The black Oxford or mortarboard-style cap is worn for all degrees, but only the doctor's cap may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is normally worn in the left-front quadrant of the cap and is made of black thread.

It is the hood, however, that is the most important and distinctive feature of the American Code. The system established by the Intercollegiate Commission enables anyone attending an academic function in this country to distinguish at a glance the bachelors, masters and doctors, and, at the same time, recognize the university that has given the degree.

The doctor's hood, of black cloth matching the gown, is four feet in length and made with a wide panel. The master's and bachelor's hoods are three-and-one-half feet and three feet in length, respectively. They are made of black cloth matching the gowns and follow the Oxford shape. The hoods for all the degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree.

The binding or trim of all the hoods is of velvet or velveteen, two inches, three inches and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this velvet trim indicates the department or faculty to which the degree pertains, each department having been assigned a different color by the Intercollegiate Code

#### DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC DRESS

The colors associated with many of the academic disciplines are		
Violet	Apricot Nursing	
White Arts and Letters	Slate Blue Doctor of Occupational Therapy	
Tan or Drab	Maize	
Light Blue Education	Olive	
Teal	Dark Blue Philosophy	
Green	Teal	
PlumMidwifery	Salmon	

Adapted from *The Story of Caps and Gowns*, by Helen Walters, 1939, E.G. Moore: New York.





