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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 22, 2021
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Welcome

Dr. Peter Eden, *President*

Presentation of Awards

Community Service Award

Michael Luciani,
Vice President for Student Affairs

Academic Deans' Award

Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield,
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Charles Drake Award

Dr. Peter Eden

President's Award

Dr. Peter Eden

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Peter Eden

Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield

Alumni Welcome

Tricia Stanley,
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Closing Remarks

Dr. Peter Eden

2021 Spring Graduates

Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies

Amelia Breslin*	Walter Kennedy	Alexander Silbermann
Maria Clark*	Liam Miller	Hannah Stein
Lana Deane	Lucy Morgan	Raphael Stein
Patrick Devine	EJ Ogbomo	Zachary Steinbaum
Emily Estko	Ryan Pacheco	Jonathan Tauro
Samuel Evans	James Pirruccello	Jarel Thomas
Liz Gilkey	Michael Poulin	John Vasquez
Drew Higashihara	David Reyes	Jonathan Williams
William Hyams	Chloe Rogers	Cameron Witt
John Iannaccone	Zackary Roy	
William Johnson	Eric Shreckengast	

Associate of Arts in Business Studies

Katlyn Brooks*	Jared Breton	Lyla Kelley
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Associate of Science in Computer Science

Serik Czarnecki	Joey Mancuso	Trey Stevens
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Associate of Science in Life Science

Kathleen Gembczynski	Timothy Turley
Eva Rafferty	Ben Wright

Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

Each baccalaureate student was required to complete a capstone project of their choosing.

Mackenzie Bacastow: *“Flipping for Change: Renovating old properties to promote affordable housing”*

Inna Broadbent: *“Wolves and Ranchers: A look into the conflict between conservationists and ranchers in the Northwest and what is being done to help wolves and ranchers co-exist”*

George Crosby: *Building Environmentalism at Landmark: a proposal to create an apiary and a robust composting program on the college campus.”*

Katie LaBombard: *“Smuggle Buddies: An executive business plan”*

Michael Margolin: *“Relational Loss & Mortality Loss as Human Experiences”*

Gabrian Raphael: *“We Have the News: The development and production of a short film at Landmark College”*

Micah Sherman-Raz: *“Sustainability in the Fire Service: Restoring and strengthening the backbones of our rural communities”*

2021 Spring Graduates

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

Madison Pardi: *"PTSD and Anxiety Disorders and Horse and Dog Therapy"*

Steven Sandy: *"Wastewater Testing as an Indicator for Infectious Viruses: Consideration of Implementation at Landmark College"*

Adam Sherman: *"Political Games": "A Deck Building Game to Teach About American Politics"*

Sonia Shohet: *"Children's Book About White Allyship"*

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Marc Catanese^o: *"Restructuring CBT for adolescents"*

Emily King^o: *"Adapting cognitive behavioral therapy for neurodivergent individuals"*

Victor Tomelden: *"Children separated at the border: Trauma and healing"*

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art

Gus Zarefsky: *"Quiet Spaces Discovered"*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Samuel Mortinger^o: *"RESUMATION: An easy résumé, cover letter, and portfolio creation website"*

Reece Rountree-Hanscom^o: *"IDEAR: An Android mobile application that reads text aloud from photos taken with the device's camera"*

Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity

Laura Alford
Caroline Brosnan
Lota Cobb
Kathy Cross

Dina Djunaedi
Sara Fabricant
Katherine Fisher
Sarah Gilbert

Todd Miller
Kimberlie Musto
Janell Yonkman

^o Golden Key Honor Society
^{*} Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
[♦] Communication
^Ω Psychology

^μ Humanities
[€] Environmental Science
^α Education
[∞] Computer Science

About the Awards

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given to the student or students who have unselfishly given of themselves to the activities of the Landmark College community.

THE ACADEMIC DEANS' AWARD is given to the student or students who have best demonstrated the qualities that define academic success at Landmark College. These qualities include hard work, seriousness toward learning, intellectual development, and measurable achievements such as grades.

THE CHARLES DRAKE AWARD is awarded to a student whose personal qualities inspire the Landmark College community. This student is not a quitter, but one who lives in the tradition of Dr. Charles Drake, whose lifetime of vision and courage helped to found the College. This is a student who gives 100 percent, who goes the extra mile, and who perseveres in the pursuit of goals. This student helps the rest of us realize that we have more resources to draw upon than we think, and helps us keep going.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD is given to the student who has best exemplified the principles we believe in here at Landmark College. This student is talented and energetic, meets difficulties head-on, works hard, and is dedicated to their studies. This student also finds time to contribute to the well-being of other persons and to the life of the Landmark College community as a whole.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

May, 2021

MacKenzie Bacastow

MacKenzie, you are a force of nature with your smart, quick mind, your infectious good humor, and the depth and passion you bring to any work you take on. Every classroom you entered was made brighter by your presence, and also challenged by your strong, critical intellect and willingness to say what you thought. You were central in creating *Voices* as an independent outlet for student expression, and it may be your fierce independence that I would praise the most. You demonstrated a model for how a Landmark College degree can engage with the real world and lead to meaningful employment. Working with you over the past couple of years has been a constant source of joy and inspiration to me, and I just can't wait to see what you do next.

MacLean Gander

Amelia Breslin

It's Tuesday evening and I'm sitting at the front desk of the library, greeting students as they arrive. Although Amelia has a lot of work to accomplish tonight, she takes a moment to say "Hi" and catch me up on what's happening with her. I laugh as she shares an amusing story about her dog, Zoie, and another about what happened in class earlier in the day. After we catch up, Amelia spends the next few hours sequestered in a study room working on her assignments, which demonstrates her commitment to scholarship, and earned her a well-deserved place in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Tonight, she resists the perennial temptation to watch YouTube videos.

It has been such a pleasure getting to know Amelia and to share a little part of her journey. Her blend of humor, intelligence, spirit, and kindness makes her a joy to be around. Congratulations, Amelia! I'm proud of you and your accomplishments, and anxious to see what lies ahead.

Jamie Harvey

Inna Broadbent

I have known and admired Inna ever since she arrived here at Landmark, through athletics, the residence halls, and being on my residential staff over the last year. Her former coach, Ellen Wood, said, "Inna never gives up; she just keeps pushing forward." I have been blessed to work with Inna during her time at Landmark and be a witness to that statement. She is quite simply a really good person who cares for others and always tries to do her best. Her love of animals is a pursuit that I hope enriches her future, because she has so much to give. Inna, good luck in the future. Know you will always have family here in Vermont.

John Wood

Katlyn Brooks

Katlyn, we first met in the spring of 2019 in our Wilson class, and soon after, you requested I also be your academic advisor. I have so enjoyed our work together! You have proven yourself to be an incredibly motivated, mature, and successful student, and I am very proud of you. Academically, you were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, and the numerous leadership roles you have had on campus have impressed me to no end. You were hard to keep up with! Your interpersonal strengths and skills have greatly impressed many others as well. You were recently hired to be a resident director in this year's summer program! Hats off to you, Katlyn Brooks! Congratulations on your graduation and your new professional position here on campus! Well done, my friend!

Susan Frishberg

Marc Catanese

When I first met Marc, he was masked-up in Landmark's first in-person session during the pandemic summer of 2020. There was plenty to consider during that session: Will we stay open? Can I hear the professor? Will I get to know other students? Amidst uncertain circumstances shared by all of us, I got to know Marc as a quiet leader in our community. Marc leads by example. He employs wellness strategies as a way of life, with a love for physical fitness, sports, and positive thinking habits. In academics, Marc has been a self-motivated, reliable, and inquisitive student who is naturally curious about psychology. Looking ahead, Marc will attend a social work program working toward his goal to make a difference in the lives of others.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Maria Clark

“There was nowhere to go but everywhere, so just keep on rolling under the stars.”- Jack Kerouac

Maria, I have learned you are one of the fortunate people in this world who sees the beauty and value of the journey and is brave and strong enough to embrace it. I know I am not alone when I say it has been my pleasure to work with you for the past two years; to hear your stories, good and bad, and to watch you grow. You are a natural leader; people are drawn to you and learn from you. Embrace that and change their lives (and yours) for good. Enjoy the journey, but never lose sight of the destination. Thank you for including us in your journey.

Eric Moschella

Serik Czarnecki

Serik, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know you in person—even if only for a few short weeks last spring prior to the onset of the pandemic. It was not long after you initially transferred to Landmark in the spring of 2020 that Landmark transitioned to online learning, and since that point in time you have generally appeared at our weekly advising sessions as a set of blinking initials on my computer screen. I would often enter these sessions to discover you strumming away at your guitar, but you always arrived at our meetings armed with questions and ready to embrace the process of learning for its own sake—not just as a means to an end. I have grown to appreciate you as a young man of many talents. I have discovered that you are just as comfortable with navigating online platforms and programming languages as you are with analyzing abstract works of fiction, contemplating the philosophical implications of artificial intelligence and Plato’s allegory of the cave, and experimenting with chords on your guitar. This may, of course, explain why you appear to have been relatively unphased by the transition to remote learning during a global pandemic. While I still sometimes catch myself worrying about what surprises lie await for us all in the coming years, I take great comfort in knowing that you will soon be out there in the world leading the charge. Serik, you represent the future, and the future is lucky to have you.

Lucy Stamp

Emily Estko

Emily, congratulations on completing your degree! You were dedicated to every class, persisted through all the work, and stayed focused to accomplish your goals. For all of this and more, you should be so proud. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey at Landmark College; all of our classes and time together were a pleasure. Additionally, WLMC Radio thanks you for your service to the station and the airwaves. As a disc jockey, the audience appreciated your upbeat attitude and great tunes! We wish you all the best of luck going forward, and congratulations again on this academic milestone.

Eric Matte

Sam Evans

Sam is a self-contained, quiet, and deliberate young man who spends much of his time doing due diligence on his academics. Add COVID-19 restrictions into the mix, and he is someone many may not have had the opportunity to discover. I consider myself amongst the fortunate who have been able to get to know Sam well over the past four semesters as his advisor. Sam is a breath of fresh air: honest, forthright, authentic, always fully himself, a gentle soul. Sam is also very methodical and incremental, a trademark in his approach to academics. More importantly, it has guided Sam in his most valued achievement at Landmark preparing himself for the job market. He is poised today to continue along that path, eager to discover the world of employment and try his hand at independent living. He has much to offer, and I expect that, when he finally lands, those around him will appreciate Sam as much as I do.

Kathryn Karmen

Kathleen Gembczynski

I am honored to write a graduation tribute celebrating the completion of your Associate of Science in Life Science. You have worked very hard to get where you are today and should be proud of the ways in which you have matured. Whether or not you decide to become an EMT, pursue a B.S. in biology, or dye your hair purple, your future looks bright! I wish you abundant happiness as you move on to the next chapter in your life. Congratulations, Kathleen, and please stay in touch!

Eve Khan

Drew Higashihara

What a delight it has been to get to know you and your wonderful family, Drew! You traveled all the way from Hawaii to attend Landmark College, and I am so glad you did. In addition to being your academic advisor, I have also had the pleasure of being your Wilson reading teacher. Though quiet by nature, you have proved to be one of the most respectful, responsible, and hard-working students I have worked with. You have always been on time, prepared, and willing to put forth the effort necessary to earn the high grades you have consistently achieved. I am very proud of you and wish you all the best as you pursue your bachelor's degree in Hawaii. Congratulations on your graduation, Drew. Aloha!!!

Susan Frishberg

William Hyams

Will, we first met on the telephone in the summer of 2017 when I was helping you select classes for the upcoming semester. Though placed in the full credit program, you chose instead to enroll in the Language Intensive Curriculum to take the Wilson class and fill in some gaps in foundational instruction you missed in previous schools. This took courage, maturity, and a solid understanding of your learning profile and academic needs. You have an insatiable curiosity and passion for learning, Will, and these traits are sure to take you far. After a brief stint at the University of Denver, you returned to Landmark this fall to complete your graduation requirements, and here we are today to celebrate your success. Congratulations and best of luck to you always!

Susan Frishberg

John Iannaccone

I have had the great pleasure of working with John during his time at Landmark. He is kind-hearted and willing to learn, grow, and push himself. Every semester I have worked with him, I have watched him achieve an outstanding amount of growth, both academically and socially. I have witnessed his willingness to both challenge himself and stay true to who he wants to be. For the past year, he has worked in the Drake Center for Academic Support. John has a bright future ahead of himself and has been a valued member of the Landmark College community.

Rob Lutz

Will Johnson

Will Johnson never ceases to impress. His teachers describe him as responsible, talented, conscientious, diligent, enthusiastic, engaged, organized, and committed. Todd Miller commended Will for turning in “consistent work of consistent high quality,” while Liza Burns described Will as bringing “a friendly and serious energy to the class.” Alicia Beth praised Will for his strong work ethic and great self-awareness. Jen Morris admired Will’s tenacious advocacy and noted that he is always cheerful and curious about what is next. Did I mention that Will has (almost) never missed class in all of his time at Landmark? Well done! Will plans to remain at Landmark to pursue the B.A. in Studio Arts. Will, we look forward to seeing you back on campus soon!

Eve Léons

Lyla Kelley

Lyla, you are a notably determined student who has worked diligently this year to earn your degree. You are quietly attentive and attuned to the work at hand and to achieving your academic goals. Your professors note that you are “quiet and self-reliant” and “a good leader” to whom your classmates look for your thoughts and insights. One professor shared the observation that when you encountered challenges, you “always remained calm and well-grounded” and “always took responsibility” for your own actions, overcoming obstacles and maintaining your focus on the future. It has been a privilege to work with you. Congratulations on receiving your Associate of Arts in Business Studies!

Jeremy Holch

Emily King

It has been an absolute pleasure sharing so many psychology courses with you, Emily. With each one I was left more impressed about your knowledge of the discipline than the last. You’ll always be remembered fondly as the only student I have ever had who brought her personal copy of the DSM to class every day. This was an early indication of not only your unparalleled interest in all things clinical psychology, but your willingness to draw on all available evidence to speak up about issues that are important you. These traits culminated in one of the most advanced and clearly articulated senior seminar presentations I have ever seen. I am excited to see where this unique combination of passion and intellect takes you in the future.

Tim Beck

Katie LaBombard

Katie is the definition of a “sweet person.” She is caring, friendly, intelligent, and honest. She is one of the most creative and ingenious individuals I have ever worked with over my years. She always puts others first. Katie is a person who has exhibited great courage and strength in her time at Landmark and has been an exemplary student leader. She is an exceptional role model. Both my wife and I have been privileged to work with her over her time at Landmark. Katie, know you have left an indelible mark on this college. Your work in the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion and with the residential staff has made a real difference.

John Wood

Joey Mancuso

Joey embodies the concept of the Renaissance Man: A well-rounded, self-taught free thinker who is analytical, well read, inventive and sociable. This may sound like a laundry list of attributes, but please understand, this is not hyperbole; it is an honest attempt to convey how talented, interesting, and deep Joey truly is. Selfishly, I have learned more from him than he from me. Once he was on an established academic path and after we did some preliminary academic advising, Joey shared his brilliance with me in our meetings. One day it is a tutorial on crypto currencies, another it is a lesson on neuron action response while describing his computer science internship to me. More recently, Joey has helped me become more woke in getting my subReddit organized. Joey shared his musical and literary favorites with me: I learned that the characters in his favorite book, Good Omens (by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett) is about two friends who share clumsy misadventures while trying to prevent the prophesied end of the world. Joey's favorite song, *Ends of the Earth* (by Lord Huron), has to do with learning from the world with wanderlust and loyalty. Another favorite song is about perseverance in the face of challenges. Joey will tell you that his biggest point of growth is in the many lifelong friends he has made along his academic journey, specifically here at Landmark College. Joey truly possesses the essence of the Renaissance Man.

Denise Higgins

Michael Margolin

If you have ever wanted someone on your team for trivia night, it's Michael. Not just because he is good with random facts, but because he is quick with connections, processing information and always fun to be around. He'll make you laugh one minute and make you question your role in the world the next, all while tying in the politics and life lessons of his favorite story line. Michael, you are a talented gamer and brave when it's the right choice. There will be a void left in your wake, but don't let that stop you from making waves. Good luck!

Josh Ascani

Liam Miller

Liam, what an honor it is to be writing your graduation tribute. It seems like it was not that long ago when you arrived at Landmark for your first semester. Since that journey began, you have matured in many ways, both academically and socially. Your curiosity and drive to be and do your best has led you to explore theater, clubs, campus leadership activities, and of course, excelling in academics. You have held the compass steady, always reminding yourself of your goals, especially when faced with challenges. Well done! Congratulations on your summer internship. Best of luck as you pursue the B.A. in Studio Arts. I look forward to hearing about your continued accomplishments.

Mickey Cronin

Lucy Morgan

It has been a great pleasure to have you as a resident of the Aiken Hall community. In the time I have known you, it is clear that you conceptualize the world in a hopeful and considerate way. You encourage your peers to put their best selves forward, and they appreciate you for the guidance you impart. You are inquisitive and persistent. I hope that you continue to navigate the world as a curious steward. You have all that you need within you to do anything you want. Congratulations!

Nicole Pacenka

Samuel Mortinger

Sam, it seems that you have always been a man with a mission. You earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of fourteen. You transferred to Landmark College and completed almost the entire computer science curriculum in two years. Your capstone project set a new standard for all future students and it was nearly ready to be marketed as a fully realized application. And, by my recollection, you are the first Computer Science graduate to be hired as a programmer six months before you finished your degree. This last year has been challenging, but you have handled each new challenge with calmness, kindness, and confidence. We will miss you at Landmark College, but we know that you are ready to embark on a new mission, and we are confident that you are prepared to meet it.

Kevin Keith

Ryan Pacheco

I was fortunate to work with you in three courses, and to see how you grew over the course of your time here at Landmark. You grew as a mathematician, but more importantly you developed confidence, independence, and self-advocacy skills. More and more, you came to embody this quote, attributed to writer Joyce Carol Oates: "The quiet people just do their work." On a few precious occasions, I saw the humor that was waiting just below the surface when it emerged to share in a spontaneous pun with a classmate. You have created for yourself a strong foundation and sense of direction for your next goal, a B.S. in computer science. And to top it all off, you have the skills to model where you came from, where you are, and where you are going with statistical distributions, slopes of tangent lines, and matrix transformations!

Gil Rosenberg

Madison Pardi

Madison, the entire campus should thank you for helping us get through this last year. Despite the trials of the pandemic, you remained upbeat, always looking on the bright side of things. You seemed particularly in your element when you were doing your capstone project on animal therapies for anxiety and PTSD. If the poet Anatole France is correct in stating, "Until one has loved an animal a part of one's soul remains unawakened," then you must be one of the most fully awake people sitting here today. I look forward to seeing how you take your Landmark learning and your love for animals into your future.

Peg Alden

James Pirruccello

“Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.”
- Frank Lloyd Wright

James is on a constant search for his place in the world, and we have explored many areas that match his interests and values. Even so, James will tell you he is still unclear about what direction he wants to go in. He wants to be sure he gets it right, and with so many options, it is a challenge to harness the perfect road ahead. In the career inventories we do and the conversations we have, it remains clear: James is a committed naturalist. A kind and gentle man with an expansive smile and an abundance of affability, James manifests the essence of good nature. Match that with his affinity for the natural world and therein lies great harmony.

James, in times of doubt and uncertainty, remember the words of Albert Einstein: “Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better.”

Denise Higgins

Gabrian Raphael

“The best things in life are free – and \$19.95.” - Billy Mays

Gabrian does not easily fit into the proverbial boxes and that is what makes him so enigmatic. If I were to describe his persona however, it would be equal parts Eric Andre, Hunter S. Thompson, and Billy Mays. His work often straddles genres, shifting between avante-garde cinema verité, magical realism, parody, and man-on-the-street-style gonzo journalism. A trickster with a knack for shapeshifting, Gabrian has also brilliantly cultivated several on-air personas, from a floundering news anchor to an illustrious vacuum vender.

When I first met Gabrian during the fall 2019 semester he struck me as a reticent yet budding talent. Through internships, work study, and many intensive hours in the studio, however, he has transformed into a virtuosic videographer and polished on-camera personality, with more requests for his services than could be humanly managed. Recently, I observed his comedy bring a room to roaring laughter—and in that moment I was awed by his complete metamorphosis—from reluctant leader to one who radiates confidence and gusto. Congratulations, Gabrian!

Gyuri Kepes

Reece Rountree-Hanscom

Reece set the gold-standard with everything that he achieved in my courses. He was a barometer as to whether a course/project was too demanding; if he had trouble with, or got anxious about, an assignment then I knew that the bar had been set too high. He was a natural leader with his peers, leading by example; putting in the time and effort himself motivated his teammates. He was always helpful, kind, humble, respectful, and emotionally intelligent. He was a reliable, patient, and sought-after staff member in computer science support. It was truly a pleasure to get to know Reece and to have him in my classes at Landmark. After he graduates, he will be long remembered and greatly missed (though I do hope he stays in touch).

Karina Assiter

Steven Sandy

More than once a faculty member has exclaimed to me something akin to, "I've got this student who is so quiet and unassuming in class, but then cranks out the most insightful work!" They, of course, were talking about you and your understated wisdom. Over the years I have had the pleasure of having you in many classes, Steven. Before the beginning of each semester when I checked my roster, I would have a little personal celebration when I saw your name because I always knew I would have an interesting class if you were in it. I'm going to miss seeing your humble smile in my classrooms, but I hope that you will stay in touch with us here at Landmark. Many of our future students could learn so much from a past student like you.

Peg Alden

Zackary Roy

“Whatever it is you seek, you have to put in the time, the practice, the effort. You must give up a lot to get it. It has to be very important to you. And once you have attained it, it is your power. It can’t be given away: it resides in you. It is literally the result of your discipline.”
— Michael Crichton, “Jurassic Park”

If you are an early riser, you may have seen Zack taking one of his predawn strolls around campus. The trees, ravines, and creeks comprise his natural companions and he demonstrates great loyalty to them as a budding environmentalist. Since his arrival in the fall of 2019, Zack has taken a full load of five courses every semester and, as Michael Crichton counsels above, he put in time, practice, and effort and is now graduating with his A.A. in Liberal Studies. His discipline and effort were tested last fall when he took two, three-credit classes in a three-week block, a feat that had some of us concerned; however, Zack prevailed and succeeded. Landmark will continue to benefit from the grace, gentility, and grit of this exceptional young man as he continues to earn a Landmark College bachelor’s degree.

Denise Higgins

Adam Sherman

Adam, you did it! After many years and tons of work on your part, you are walking across the stage today to receive your bachelor’s degree. I hope that you are feeling proud as you claim your place among some of the best of our Landmark scholars. I have no doubt that your intelligence, your creativity, your sense of humor, and your concern for our country will serve you (and all of us) well. Landmark is better for your having been here and I thank you!

Peg Alden

Micah Sherman-Raz

Micah is friendly and outgoing, and he encourages others. Micah is always open to new ideas, listens to the opinions of others, and takes the initiative to accomplish tasks. In this way, he is a leader and a role model to his peers. This year, he served on Student Government Association and as the president of the Campus Activities Board; he excelled in both positions. Furthermore, Micah has been a Student Center monitor for several years, and his professionalism in that role has influenced his colleagues positively. Overall, it has been a pleasure to watch Micah grow over the years, and I know that he will find success in his future endeavors.

Emily North

Sonia Shohet

Sonia, you have left your mark on Landmark in so many ways, including on those of us who have had the chance to work with you. Professors Alicia Beth, Peg Alden, and Mac Gander describe you as one of the strongest student leaders, whose presence in the classroom inspires and makes everyone better. You are patient with peers, creating safe spaces for collaboration, yet challenging everyone in your orbit to think deeply about issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion. You are committed, serious, and insightful, with an exceptional work ethic that drives not just your academic endeavors, but also your leadership in Landmark's Center for Women and Gender. As you near graduation, you express gratitude that you have found your voice at Landmark and have gained independence, self-advocacy, and lasting friendships. As you go forward with the goal of eventually becoming a social worker and giving a voice to others, please know how honored we have been to work with you and to be inspired by all you do.

Jim Baucom

Eric Shreckengast

Eric, congratulations on completing your A.A. in Liberal Studies! I am so proud of all that you have accomplished. Your determination has truly been inspiring. When challenges have arisen, you have shown your fearlessness in confronting them head-on. You have worked hard to meet this significant milestone, and I am excited to see you continue to develop and reach your goals as you pursue your B.A.!

Anna Habib

Alexander Silbermann

Alex, you arrived at Landmark in the fall of 2019 and then returned to another college for the spring 2020 semester. What a wonderful surprise it was to see you return to Landmark last fall, and now we get to honor you on this day of your graduation. I have had the privilege of being your coach and your advisor. Observing you grow to be the student you are today is one of the perks of my job. You are one of the kindest, gentlest, most empathic, most considerate students I have known. You are off to begin your journey in the field of political science/photojournalism, and I know you will capture the essence of humanity in all its forms, in every story you write and in every photo you take, simply because of who you are. Wishing you always the best.

Kathleen D'Alessio

Gryph Stein

Gryph, you began at Landmark with skills and experiences in providing care for others and a strong passion for education, a love of the strength of family and of music. You knew you had many gifts to apply and grow as you honed these strengths through your college experience. Congratulations to you in your success and best wishes for your bright future.

Clark Johnson

Hannah “Hal” Stein

It is a sincere pleasure to write your graduation tribute. It is also wonderful to see how you have grown since I first met you! Over the past semesters, you have learned ways to face adversity and disappointments without it interfering with or crushing your unique curiosity and knowledge of the world. I will miss our meetings together where we talked primarily about academics and grades, but also about movies, music, and culture. I will miss your amazing sense of humor as well. Hal, I am so excited for your future, to see where you go and what you create!

In the words of Elim Garak, DS9, “Now if you’ll excuse me, I’ve got tailoring to do and doctors to debate.”

Eve Khan

Zachary Steinbaum

Creativity is often referred to as one of the great marks of intelligence. Zack quickly stood out in the Athletic Department as a creative player and continued to prove this, as well as the ability to infer, problem solve, and emotionally regulate when making decisions and communicating. He was quickly recognized as a leader among students and employees, confident in his abilities, comfortable in his own skin and a talented communicator. Here at LC, we ask students to know themselves, and although it is sad to see Zack go, I know he has definitely embarked on that journey. Good luck, Zack. I know you will do very well!

Josh Ascani

Trey Stevens

I have known Trey since I started at Landmark. He is very bright and quite technically capable. Trey has struggled a lot with completing work on time. I am confident that as he develops more strategies to manage his time, he will succeed in the computer science field. He has demonstrated his technical skills during an internship this past year. I wish Trey all the best as he graduates and moves on to the next stage of his journey.

John Russo

Jonathan Tauro

JT, you have many varied talents driven by your interest in the sciences. From the High School Summer Program to today – graduating with your A.A. in Liberal Studies – you have continued to strive to be and do your best. Your reputation as a hard worker in your academics is well-earned. When faced with a challenge, you persevere, work harder, and seek the resources to support your success. You are an enthusiastic Shark, engaged in the campus and our beloved Davis Hall. Let's not forget your prowess at the electric bass. Congratulations on your next adventure, pursuing your B.S. in Life Science. Well done!

Mickey Cronin

Jarel Thomas

Congratulations on completing your degree, Jarel. Through several semesters at WLMC Radio, you have evolved into quite the on-air radio personality. You showed tremendous perseverance and love for the radio station, and this passion came through in your work in radio production. As a disc jockey, the WLMC audience finds your beats, your voice, and your creative choices infectious when listening. Thank you for your time and efforts here at Landmark; be proud and celebrate this academic milestone. Bravo, Jarel!

Eric Matte

Tim Turley

One of the most interesting aspects of teaching is the opportunity to get to know students on a personal level; I learn about their interests, goals, and dreams. Tim Turley has been both a student in my classroom (Nutrition and Health, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy) and my mentee via the AIE STEM Scholars program. I've watched Tim explore interests, set goals, and learn about himself to find the right career fit; reach out to Career Connections and research internship activities; and initiate communication with the organizations that can help him achieve his goals. Tim has chosen to pursue oceanography, and I can't think of a more fitting field for a young scientist with boundless curiosity and hidden depths!

Kim Coleman

Jonathan Williams

Jonathan, it was my pleasure to work with you in an American history class when you began your journey at Landmark College and to continue working side by side with you in DCAS in subsequent semesters right until your graduation. You are gifted with a ceaseless energy, creativity, and intellectual curiosity, and your penchant for making connections and stamping class assignments as your "own" really stand out for me. Your natural ability to think historically and critically allowed you to complete some of the most original, creative, and insightful written pieces I have had the chance to read. And, of course, you introduced me to the game of "Florida man," so thank you for that, too! Congratulations!!

Brian Cohen

Cameron Witt

Cam, congratulations on receiving the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies! During your time at Landmark, you have matured socially and academically, discovering who you are as a learner and what it takes for you to be successful. You have enjoyed, pursued, managed challenges, and thrived in campus life. You have identified goals and persevered. You have set standards of achievement that you expect yourself to accomplish, and you work very hard to reach those expectations. This summer you are moving on to new challenges with two internship experiences as you continue to explore career interests and begin setting post-Landmark goals. But first, you will be completing your B.A. in Liberal Studies. Well done!

Mickey Cronin

Ben Wright

Ben, you are both curious and hardworking, and these traits will serve you well. I believe this quote by Francis Bacon sums up your abilities and prospects for your future: "Who questions much, shall learn much, and retain much." I am so pleased that you will be continuing with us by pursuing your B.S. in Life Science here at Landmark. We are proud to have you become a member of our community of scholars.

Brian D. Young

Gus Zarefsky

I know you won't believe me when I type this: you are patient. (I can now hear you yell, "Come on!") It's true: you are patient with schedules, patient with processes, patient with learning new things. Your unabashed earnestness, investment, and dedication are testament to this patience—and everyone I know values and adores you for these qualities. Own it. Cultivate it. Whatever you do: please keep being you. (I'll never be able to step through a darkroom light trap again without singing the Batman theme song.)

Jen Morris



Landmark College Alma Mater

As you gaze upon lush green hills
And inhale the crisp morning air;
Or enjoy the colors of the changing leaves,
Or of white and glist'ning snow;
You will find Landmark College
In such beauty to behold,
True to you, Landmark College,
The home of Blue and Gold!

