



# Spring 2024 Convocation

**Saturday, January 20, 2024  
in The Click Family Sports Center  
10 a.m.**

**LANDMARK**  
COLLEGE  
Putney, Vermont

## Joshua Sampaio

Joshua Sampaio is from Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. He is a 21-year-old Brazilian student who began his journey at Landmark College as a sophomore in January 2023. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership. At Landmark College, Joshua holds various roles, serving as a staff member at the Pa'lante Center, one of the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion; a senator in the Student Government Association; a volunteer billiards coordinator; and a campus ambassador. His hobbies include soccer, volleyball, pool, and playing the piano.



## James Stockwell '14

The Associate of Science in Life Science degree that James Stockwell '14 earned at Landmark College helped launch his career as a respiratory care practitioner. He also has a B.S. from Franklin Pierce University and an A.S. in Respiratory Therapy from Southern Maine Community College. During his time as an LC student, James was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and worked as a resident assistant, for which he was named "R.A. of the Year." James also received the President's Award upon graduation.



## Eric Matte

Eric Matte is a professor of communication and has served as the faculty advisor for WLMC Landmark College Radio since 2008. He oversees the radio station's regular operations, teaches courses in radio journalism, production, and programming, and trains every WLMC disc jockey. If you ask Eric, he is most proud of WLMC Radio winning the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System – Best College Radio Station (under 10,000 students) for 2022 and 2023. A teacher at heart, Eric's philosophy is to maximize student agency and empower students to lean into their own curiosity, personal growth, and learning journey. Eric lives in Keene with his wife Kristin, son Tate, and dog Louie.



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## **Processional**

Josh Moyse, *Assistant Professor of Theater Arts,  
Chair of Faculty Senate, Mace Bearer,*  
Students, Trustees, Faculty and Staff, and Guest Speakers

## **President's Message**

Dr. Peter Eden, *President*

## **Student Welcome**

Joshua Sampaio

## **Alumni Perspective**

James Stockwell, Class of '14

## **Recognition of Student Leadership**

Michael Luciani, *Vice President for Student Affairs*

## **Faculty Perspective**

Eric Matte, *Professor of Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership*

## **Academic Charge**

Dr. Karrie Kalich, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## **Distribution of Coins**

Dr. Peter Eden & Dr. Karrie Kalich

## **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Peter Eden, *President*

## **Recessional**

Josh Moyse, *Assistant Professor of Theater Arts,  
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## **Stage Party**

Dr. Peter A. Eden  
Dr. Karrie Kalich  
Michael Luciani

Joshua Sampaio  
James Stockwell '14  
Eric Matte  
Josh Moyse

Josh Ascani,  
*Director of Athletics,  
Fitness, and Recreation;  
Vice Chair of Staff Council*

*Please join us for brunch in the dining hall  
immediately following the ceremony.*

## President Peter Eden

Peter Eden, Ph.D., is Landmark College's fourth president. His commitment to inventive educational models and the need for an "ideal college of the future" drives the vision for LC. Prior to joining LC, Dr. Eden was dean of arts and sciences and professor of biotechnology at Endicott College in Massachusetts. Before this, he was a tenured associate professor and chair of the science department at Marywood University in Pennsylvania, and a research fellow at molecular genetics institution The Jackson Laboratory in Maine. Dr. Eden earned his B.S. at University of Massachusetts Amherst, completed a Ph.D. at University of New Hampshire, and was a postdoctoral fellow at MIT in microbiology, molecular biology, and neurobiology, respectively. President Eden has published many scientific articles, received National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation grant funding for research, and led the development of many undergraduate and graduate academic programs. He enjoys working closely with LC faculty, staff and students to help create initiatives that keep Landmark College unique and resilient as we serve neurodiverse students.



## OUR MISSION

Landmark College's mission is to transform the way students learn, educators teach, and the public thinks about education. We provide highly accessible approaches to learning that empower individuals who learn differently to exceed their aspirations and to achieve their greatest potential. Through research and training, the College aims to extend its mission across the nation and throughout the world.

## STUDENT COIN

We give this coin, emblazoned with our college seal, to all entering students as an earnest token of what they will achieve. Coins have symbolized worth and value ever since we left the barter system behind. For us and for our students, this worth or value is denoted in the skills and challenges undertaken, and in the accumulation of knowledge and accomplishments that college infers. This coin embodies our mutual bond and promise for the worth and worthiness of each of our students, now and in the future.

## REGALIA

According to the American Council on Education: "The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, the medieval scholar had taken at least minor orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. The assignment of colors to signify certain faculties was to be a much later development, and one which was to be standardized only in the United States in the late 19th century.