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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, December 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

Dr. Peter Eden, *President*

Presentation of Awards

Community Service Award

Michael Luciani,
Vice President for Student Affairs

Academic Dean's 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

Recognition of Certificate Program Graduates

Dr. Peter Eden

Recognition of Returning 2020 Graduates

Dr. Peter Eden

Alumni Welcome

Tricia Stanley,
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Closing Remarks

Solvegi Shmulsky, *Professor*

2021 Fall Graduates

Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies

Kadina Erwin*
Peter Ferro
Sara Friedman
Zachary Haggis
Maximus Jarl*
Jack Jinks
Abby Jones

Owen Karr
Gabrielle Killin
Alexander Knox*
Kiersten Landin*
Alex Matos
Hayden McQuillan
Spencer Morgan*

Soke Mwantuali
EJ Ogbomo
Nicholas Payne*
Ryan Sanchez
Eric Schreckengast
David Soltero
Caroline Voxman*

Associate of Arts in Business Studies

Lucas Diaz

Ethan Glover

Zachary Hahn

Sophia Spraggins*

Tyler Wong*

Associate of Science in Life Sciences

Gerald Belton

Matthew Grimm*

Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

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

Angel Cintron: *"A Blueprint of PEERS for Student Leaders"*

Shoshana Conley: *"Welcome to Nigel's Dog Park: A Proposal to Create a Dog Park at Landmark College"*

Lucas Sillars: *"Apiculture at Landmark College"*

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Victor Grandet : *"Putting the 'ME' in Mental Illness: An Analysis and Review of Film Adaptations with Main Characters Who Present Symptoms of Mental Illness"*

Matthew Lutz: *"The Immigration Dilemma of the 20th Century"*

Matthew Merline: *"The Use of Outdoor Public Spaces During COVID and the Possible Mental Health Implications"*

Alexa Thomas: *"Traveling with a New Lens: Looking at Recycled Art Installations in Latin America"*

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Alejandro Camerieri-Rodriguez: *"The Psychology of Wrongful Accusations: Problems and Solutions"*

Sarah Silvestro: *"Test Anxiety: What Can a Student Do?"*

2021 Fall Graduates

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art

Jacob Fris: *"Good and Evil in the Graphic Novel"*

Jakob Morrissey: *"It Takes Two to Still Life"*

John Theodosakis: *"Making Music, and Friends"*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Jacob Krupkin: *"Automated DDoS Detection: Detecting Malicious Computer Network Activity Using Artificial Intelligence"*

Elliot Solomon: *"IDEAR: An Android Mobile Application that Reads Text Aloud from Photos Taken with the Device's Camera"*

◦ Golden Key Honor Society

* Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

◆ Communication

Ω Psychology

μ Humanities

€ Environmental Science

⊠ Education

∞ Computer Science

Graduate Certificate in Executive Function/Autism on Campus and Online

Elizabeth Ardolino

Jasmine Badamo

Leeanne Bentley

Lisa Brown

Sara Carter

Melanie Charles

Samantha De Palo

Marianne Doyle

Heidi Drinkwater-Dostal

Caroline Elias

Janelle Foust Reese

Michele Goldstein

Grace Harris

Allen Harrison

Julieanne Himsworth

Ginny Johnson

Amy Knox

Shan-Lee Liu

Sandra McConnell

George McJimsey

Susana Munoz

Noah Nemitoff-Bresler

Ingrid Rapatz-Roettger

Tamara Stenn

Lisa Sticca-Conrod

Rachel Sztul

Mark Tan

Avery Williams

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 rather 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 therefore 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

December, 2021

Alex Camerieri-Rodriguez

Alex, it was a pleasure having had you in my classes. What I think I will remember most about you is the passion you felt for issues that were important to you. Never rude or aggressive, you were nevertheless vocal about the views to which you were committed, and that commitment was inspiring. You provided a focus and an energy to class discussions that I always found helpful, and you helped carry other students in the process, for which I thank you. I wish you all the best as you move on to all that comes next!

Dan Miller

Angel Cintron

Driven by keen intellectual curiosity and an unwavering will to transform Landmark and the world beyond, Angel has established himself in his short time here as a true campus leader. In just a few semesters, Angel helped found the Pa'lante Center, a vital initiative for amplifying and supporting Latinx voices on campus, and as station manager, played an essential role in the successful launch of Voices TV—Landmark College's first dedicated television network. Angel has a way of making those around him smile, he is a team player, a visionary, and a scholar. During our discussions about course material, which often extended well beyond class time, I was always impressed with his sharp intellect and commitment to doing good in the world. As the honorable Nelson Mandela once said, "A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination." This will take you far in life, Angel, and remember that you'll always have this formidable 1-2 combo, no matter how many slugs life hits you with. We are so proud of what you have accomplished at Landmark. It is truly remarkable. Congratulations!

Gyuri Kepes

Sho Conley

"It is absolutely still possible to make a difference." –Michelle Obama

You have made such a difference and for that I am grateful. You will never know how much of an impact you had yet have faith that you did. You're incredibly encouraging and joyous. Your laugh and zest for life is admirable. Thank you for your commitment to your role as a member of this community. In this next phase, when you face life's hurdles, know that you have everything you need within you to fully experience it all. You are the definition of resilient, and you are a true inspiration! I hope you take a moment during this time of celebration to truly appreciate all you have gone through to get to this point. May you continue to grow and learn, as you have here. Congratulations!

Nicole Pacenka

Lucas Diaz

Lucas, I have come to know you since our first business class together. You have tremendous perseverance and self-awareness that sets you apart from other people. I admire how you recognized your need for in-person classes and resumed your college studies as soon as the classes were available again. Your thirst for understanding and aptitude for business will serve you well. It has been a privilege to witness your growth and the confidence that has accompanied it. Congratulations on your Associate of Arts in Business, Lucas – well done!

Jeanette Landin

Kady Erwin

Kady, over the three semesters that we worked together, I was impressed with your dogged determination and cheerful outlook. Not only did this benefit you, but it also set the tone and positively affected those around you. Your interest in discovering how you learn best along with your genuine interest in the content serves you well. And I appreciate how you care about the success of others. It's been a pleasure to watch you blossom into the student you are now.

Frank Klucken

Peter Ferro

Peter, your kindness and gentle spirit are a gift you bring to all who encounter you. You value language and you use it carefully. When you speak, people listen, knowing that what you will say is considerate and thoughtful. During your time at Landmark, you have challenged yourself – pushing yourself step-by-step out of your comfort zone. During the pandemic, you challenged yourself to maintain momentum with the online format. Back on campus, you learned to play the piano and you got a job! Thank you for sharing your love of exploring the area and the rural drives where you found relaxation. Your curiosity and love of reading will serve you well as you pursue your B.A. degree. Best of luck.

Michaelene Cronin

Sara Friedman

The first time I met Sarah was in a physical education class that she may or may not have been pressured into taking by a very caring parent. That was my introduction to her indomitable optimism and growth mindset, sampling new sports and activities that probably were not her first choice of what she wanted to be doing. She went on to take sport first aid, which was a more obvious platform for her strengths. Drawing on personal experience, and diligently mastering theory and practice, Sarah is someone to trust if ever in need of help in an emergency. It's always a pleasure to see her, share a friendly greeting, or an update on her menagerie of pets. We're all excited to see where your work on your bachelor's degree takes you.

Todd Miller

Jacob Fris

I met Jacob a couple of years ago in one of my film theory courses. He was then a rather quiet and distant fellow, who mostly kept to himself and would not participate in class unless prompted. During the last two years I have had the pleasure of having him in a few other classes and eventually became his academic advisor. From that vantage point, I have gladly seen him gradually develop into a more social and participatory student.

Jacob is a thoughtful young person with an acute intelligence and a passion for drawing. This passion for drawing, and the superhero universe, continues to help him engage the world and productively reflect on the complex axis of good and evil, where most of the human condition resides. I have no doubt that Jacob's quiet ambition will continue to develop beyond graduation, and that he will find an enthusiastic audience that will support and inspire his artistic vision.

It has been a pleasure to get to know Jacob and I wish him all the success he deserves.

Humberto Ramirez

Ethan Glover

When I first met you, I remember how reticent you were to speak up during class discussions. What became clear over time was how deeply you understood the material. The saying “still waters run deep” comes to mind with you because you have depths that you yourself may not yet know. I have enjoyed witnessing you become increasingly confident and commend you on pushing your comfort zone during discussions. It has been my privilege to work with you in class and as your advisor. Congratulations, Ethan, on attaining your associate degree!

Jeanette Landin

Victor Grandet

Positive, respectful, curious, and empathic are some select words I would use to describe Victor. In the classroom you were dedicated, worked hard, and proved to be a model student. Overall, I love how you think, particularly the ideas, questions, and curiosity you shared in our time together. You also worked hard as a broadcaster and found your voice on the WLMC Radio airwaves! I feel privileged to have gotten to know you during your education and we are lucky to count you amongst our alumni. Congratulations on completing your degree, Victor!

Eric Matte

Matthew Grimm

Matt, thank you for bringing your great sense of humor to every advising meeting. Just shortly after your arrival to Landmark, you carved out a plan to your associate degree and, even in the face of a pandemic, you did not waiver. You have always kept your love of family as your compass – which has served you well during challenging times. You are the master of the understatement, Matt, but what you have accomplished at Landmark can only be described in superlatives. Your curiosity, dedication, and hard work are commendable. You exude kindness. The manner in which you represented Landmark as a campus ambassador made us all proud to be Sharks! Best of luck as you take on a new adventure.

Michaelene Cronin

Zach Hahn

Many people think sports are about performance and competition, but truly they are about character. The best athletes are selfless, strong communicators, organizers, and motivators, draw the best out of their team, and play with integrity, honesty, and humility. In his time at Landmark College, Zach has embodied this ideal, excelling in his role as an athlete and teammate, and growing as a leader on and off the soccer field. My greatest joy in working at Landmark is seeing our students explore their own potential, and to me, Zach exemplifies the type of student I am proud to know, nurture, and call a Landmark Shark. Zach, I am honored to have been a part of your journey here and so excited to see the great things you will do beyond Landmark. You will be missed!

Kari Post

Maximus Jarl

Max is a very quietly determined young man. “Gradus ad Parnassum” is Latin for the “steps to Parnassus”, the 8,000-foot Greek mountain which was the home of the nine (artistic) muses. If you were on that road, you were on a journey of self-improvement, attaining your goals one laborious step at a time. Max was in piano class. It’s rather a solitary journey up that particular mountain, and while you get advice from more experienced fellow travelers, only you can teach yourself a skill like mastering the piano. It takes determination and self-discipline, (which really means self-patience) and Max has it in spades. It must have manifested itself in other classes as well, which is why he is a member Phi Theta Kappa. Excelsior!

Stephen Glover

Jack Jinks

Jack, I am pleased to write your graduation tribute. I know that your journey at Landmark hasn't always been an easy one. You were met with some academic challenges early on, including questioning and changing the major you had originally intended. However, with each hiccup you faced, you were able to get back up again and move forward. I really appreciated how well you explained things and in so much detail. (For example, you tried to teach me about the world of video games and the different playing options. Your tutorial was so eye opening and made me really appreciate how students could get caught up.) I wish you all the best as you enter the next chapter of your life. I know whatever you decide to do, Jack, you are going to do it well!

Eve M. Khan

Abby Jones

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." – Nora Ephron

You have brought so much joy and light into this community by being here. Thank you for all you have done to create an incredible experience that was true to you while encouraging others to do so! It has been one of the greatest pleasures to know you and see you take on different opportunities in stride. You are a ray of sunshine! Pursue your next steps with confidence as you have the skills and outlook to accompany you through that journey.

Nicole Pacenka

Gabby Killin

Gabby, I am incredibly honored to write your graduation tribute. You began your journey at Landmark as an online student, in the beginning of a pandemic, in a completely different time zone, and you were successful! Just the adjustment to waking up at a very early hour so you could attend your classes was a major accomplishment. Then you moved to campus this semester and have taken the college by storm. You have accessed and taken advantage of many different resources on campus; you registered for a variety of different courses; and you have even developed a love for biology (OK, that part I am totally making up!). Gabby, you have faced adversity before and have proven that you can persevere and triumph. Whether you wind up going to Eastbay for storyboarding, or do an internship at Pixar, I know you are going to get there with your Disney Princess "A" Game! Best to you, Gabby!

Eve M. Khan

Jacob Krupkin

I first met Jacob when I was fairly new at Landmark. I have known him as both his professor and advisor. At times Jacob has struggled with understanding concepts but in the end, he ends up mastering the topic and does a great job utilizing the skills acquired in the course. I am confident that Jacob will do well with whatever he sets his mind upon as he ventures out into the workplace. It has been a pleasure to walk beside him during this part of his journey.

John Russo

Kira Landin

As I was thinking about what I wanted to write in this tribute to you, Kira, the expression “fire in the belly” kept coming to mind. You have such a fierce drive and passion that steers you as you consistently take on an array of challenges. What I particularly appreciate is your ability to maintain your sense of humor and perspective no matter what you’re dealing with. You have already come so far at Landmark! I look forward to watching you continue this path as you complete your B.A. here. Congratulations!

Christie Herbert

Matt Lutz

Matt Lutz is a truly good human being. I have been privileged to work with Matt in a variety of ways over his time at Landmark and I am truly a better person because of him. Matt cares deeply about others; he is honest, sincere, intelligent, and simply as good as it gets. In his capacity as a resident assistant, he has helped countless students and during that time developed a self-confidence that for too long was lacking. I will miss Matt on duty nights when he made me feel welcomed, comfortable, and listened to – which is what Matt does for everyone. Good luck, my vegetarian friend.

John Wood

Alex Matos

Alex! Congratulations on reaching this special day. Take a moment, look out at the audience, and breathe it all in. You are surrounded by friends, faculty, family, and people from many facets of the Landmark community. I have had the pleasure of getting to know you both as an advisee and as a student leader. During your time here, you have grown tremendously. Professors describe you as conscientious, diligent, consistently prepared, and able to persevere through challenges. You have a well-deserved reputation for being a good friend and a strong community member. A leader in the Stonewall Center, you organize and offer weekly programs, no small feat on top of your coursework. Best of luck as you move forward with your studies!

Eve Leons

Hayden McQuillan

Hayden, it's been so great getting to know you, especially this semester. I've had a front row seat to see and admire the independence you have shown in our work together. You have taken on the role of leader in your own life, and I've seen you multitask and coordinate and meet deadlines to perfection. Please be proud of your accomplishments and take this confidence with you everywhere in life. Once a shark, always a shark!

Jonathan Steele

Matthew Merline

Congratulations on earning your bachelor's degree! Try not to think of leaving Landmark as an ending but as an exciting new journey for you! To help you on your way, here is some advice that I wish I had been given when I graduated college; I hope this advice helps smooth your path forward. Life will probably not unfold the way you think it will, but this is not necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes a fork in the road leads to an even more incredible adventure, so remember to be flexible. Apply the skills you've learned at Landmark College, and, combined with your natural curiosity and motivation, you can accomplish great things!

Kim Coleman

Spencer Morgan

"Check out the big brain on Brett!" – Jules Winnfield

Spencer, you were in the first class I taught at Landmark. Since then, I've seen you grow not only academically but also as a leader, team member, friend, and integral part of the Landmark community. I have outlined your qualities in a language I know we share. You, Spencer Morgan, are as singular as *Being John Malkovich*, as dynamic as the *City of God* favela, as diligent as *Magnolia*, as perfectly dry as anything at all by Errol Morris. Knowing you will leave this campus in the spring: bittersweet as that last scene in *Lost in Translation*, gutting as the tracheotomy in *The Princess and the Warrior* (and, literally, the whole organ thing in *Dirty Pretty Things*).

As you span time like Billy and Layla (work for that one), I hope you will remember Landmark with the same warmth you have allowed all of us during your time here.

Alicia Beth

Jakob Morrissey

Jake, you have worked tirelessly and long to be up on the stage today! Along the way, you developed those aspects of yourself that make you such a wonderful person. In Japan you distinguished yourself by quietly volunteering for every hard task that needed to be done. As an art student, you did the same, often leading the class or the art club. As a ceramic artist, you practically lived in the studio and set the bar for every other student. As an intern, you did that which needed doing before needing to be asked. And throughout your time here, you were kind and steady and curious, attributes that will serve you very well as you leave Landmark. We will miss you!

Christie Herbert

Soke Mwantuali

Soke, what can I say – you are driven and you have the ambition of someone who set a goal and went after it. Today you are graduating because you didn't give up on yourself. You made an impact in the Reach One, Teach One program; in your leadership at the Rise Up Center, Soke, you did just that – you rose up and conquered your goal of graduating, but you also reached out and helped others believe in themselves. You led by example and showed others that they, too, can do it. Soke is more than what the eye can see; he keeps you believing and moving forward. Congratulations to an all-star young man on graduating.

Marc Thurman

EJ Ogbomo

EJ, it's been a pleasure to observe your transformation and growth as a learner as you've worked hard to meet the demands of each new experience and challenge you've encountered in your educational journey. You have certainly endured more than your fair share of ups and downs along the way, but you have always mustered the grit and determination to keep going through it all. Although the pandemic may have knocked you off your balance a bit, it certainly didn't dampen your sense of resolve. When the college shifted to online learning in spring 2020, you rose to meet the challenge. You also demonstrated some eclectic talents and skills in the online courses in which you enrolled during fall 2020. You performed an impressive rendition of the Panamanian national anthem for your Language and Culture class, demonstrated "diligence and thoughtfulness" in your work for your Digital Literacy course, and cultivated a "fine tenor voice" in your Songwriting Techniques class when you returned to campus to attend hybrid classes in spring 2021. Although the last leg of the journey towards earning your degree proved to be a little bumpy, you found a way to push through the final hurdles and emerge triumphant. As you prepare to take the stage to claim your prize, remember to pause for a moment and look back in awe at all that you have accomplished.

Lucy Stamp

Nicholas Payne

Nick, When I met you in your first semester at Landmark, which was in the fall of 2019, I was immediately struck by your sense of purpose, composure and self-assurance. I have always perceived you to be somewhat of an *old soul*. As I have mentioned to you on a number of occasions, I see you as wise beyond your years. I know you don't see yourself the same way, but one day I think you will understand what I mean when you encounter someone who inspires a similar sentiment in you. You have a sense of foresight that belies your youthful appearance. You take everything in stride and seem to have an intuitive understanding that "knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom," as Aristotle once said. You are a free thinker who sees things as they are, who values relevance and authenticity in all endeavors, and who is not afraid to challenge authority, norms, or conventions. You are introspective and thoughtful, and you have hidden depths that can make you appear aloof at times, even though this is rarely your intention. You are simply much more of a listener and observer than a talker, and you are patient in your efforts to hold space for people so they can present their best selves. I have always been impressed by the fact that you have a tremendous ability to focus your energies on anything you set your mind to do. I can't wait to see where this takes you in the future.

Lucy Stamp

Ryan Sanchez

Well done, Ryan, in reaching this important step in your college career. Having spent the last two years coaching you on the baseball team, I can state confidently that I have never met anyone with more passion for the sport than you. What is most impressive, though, is the way this passion radiates to those around you. As you've grown more comfortable sharing your knowledge and love of the game with others, I've watched your teammates' respect for you increase while you've become a leader both on and off the field. Considering how naturally you've assumed this role; I am sure that this growth will only continue as you embark on the next stage of your journey—beyond baseball and across new phases of your life.

Tim Beck

Eric Schreckengast

Eric is one of the only students with whom I've shared the location of my favorite secret swimming hole. That speaks to Eric's appreciation of special things, as well as his thoughtful and trustworthy nature. Whenever our paths cross, I know our interaction will involve rumination on some big idea, pushing the limits of a metaphor, or, at the very least, trying out a total groaner of a joke. This fall, while photographing the soccer team, some of the best photos were of Eric, defending an incoming attack at full speed, elbow to elbow with one of the fastest runners on the pitch, with a big smile on his face. That's my lasting image of Eric; working hard to help his teammates, not giving up, and enjoying the challenge.

Todd Miller

Lucas Sillars

Luke Sillars is truly one of a kind. He was a class leader in every class he took with me, and his work was always delivered right, tight, and overnight. As a colleague on the governing board of Vermont Independent Media, Luke has demonstrated constant calm, clear analysis, and an ability to use his wisdom to cut through confusion when things were confused. We have worked together as reporters, too, on major stories on the opioid epidemic and on race in Vermont, and from that work it is easier for me to call him a colleague than a student—he is a first-rate reporter and he knows how to frame a story. But the best things about Luke are his kindness and compassion for others, his keen sense of social justice, and a truly wicked sense of humor. I am glad to count him as a friend and look forward to seeing what kind of trouble he stirs up next.

MacLean Gander

Sarah Silvestro

“Positivity, confidence, and persistence are key in life, so never give up on yourself.” – Khalid

Sarah has grown into confidence and perseverance with such grace. She has learned to advocate for herself and other students through her internship at Philadelphia Children’s Hospital, her leadership as a resident assistant, and her pursuit of a B.A. in Psychology. Sarah’s ever-kind and gentle personality and experiences here at Landmark allow her to approach any situation with a quiet determination to succeed. Human service organizations need people who are advocates, caring and compassionate like Sarah. Come January 2022, Philadelphia is in for something special!

Candace Brown

Elliot Solomon

One rewarding benefit of working at Landmark is the opportunity to observe the remarkable transformation that students undertake between their first and final years of college. Elliot joined the IT team as a student intern with limited experience and the determination to contribute in a meaningful way. His personality, desire to learn, and willingness to embrace any assignment quickly won the approval of our team. Elliot eventually completed an unprecedented three internships with us – configuring and installing equipment, providing network connectivity and event support, and establishing himself as the evening “go-to guy” for new and returning students.

The IT team will miss Elliot’s presence, his dry sense of humor, and perhaps even his questionable choices in music. We’re proud of you, Elliot (teammate, colleague, friend), and are confident that you will accomplish anything that you set your mind to.

Tina LaFlam

Stephen Soltero

Spending time with Stephen is a bit like getting swept up in a *Wizard of Oz*-style twister and being transported to an unexpectedly beautiful place. Professors describe Stephen as brilliant, quick, perceptive, supportive, witty, and erudite - with a wide array of arcane knowledge at his disposal. Stephen, while your path here at Landmark has been anything but linear, paths do not need to be linear. As the Spanish poet Antonio Machado wrote, “Caminante, son tus huellas el camino y nada más; caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar” (“Traveler, your footprints are the path, and nothing else; traveler, there is no path, the path is made by walking.”) We here at Landmark wish you all the best as you make your own path through this world!

Eve Leons

Sophia Spraggins

Your time here at Landmark has been marked with growth and self-understanding. You have set clear goals for yourself and have high expectations of the work you deliver. You have discovered strengths that have allowed you to overcome all challenges set before you with quiet determination and never-ending persistence. What has impressed me the most is the way you seek connections between yourself and course content, in which you develop your own unique understanding of the world. You have grown incredibly during your time at Landmark, and I wish you the very best in your future academic and career pursuits. Congratulations, Sophia—you did it!

Jeanette Landin

John Theodosakis

John, watching you give your capstone artist talk this week, I was struck by how much your project embodied the best of you. Making ocarinas and helping others to make them channeled your love of music and ability to bring people together. It also showed your strengths as a mentor or teacher. I expect that you will do something in the world after you leave Landmark that draws on these core strengths, and the world will be the better for it. Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment!

Christie Herbert

Alexa Thomas

Many of the classes that I teach at Landmark could be called “experiential” in nature. Over the last year and a half, Alexa has taken five(!) of those classes and jumping into whatever “experience” was offered with gusto. She’s jumped right into clearing trails and rivers in our Civic Engagement class, teaching cultural games in Anthropology of Sports and Play, and working steadily to produce a recycled art travel guide for her capstone project. Alexa, you are clearly a “hands-on” learner who can draw meaning from doing. My hope for you after graduation is that you keep doing and learning the things that inspire you. And that you come back to Landmark every once in a while, to keep us informed about your adventures.

Peg Alden

Caroline Voxman

What a pleasure it is to celebrate Caroline's accomplishments today as she receives her associate degree from Landmark College. Caroline first came to Landmark in summer 2019 for the Summer Readiness program. She returned the next summer to attend the Bridge Experience and remained the following academic year before returning to Azusa Pacific University this fall.

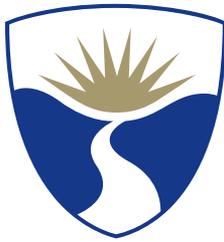
Caroline is a mature and reflective psychology major with deep interest in neurodiversity and disability studies. She has worked steadily, determinedly, and successfully to pursue her academic goals. Congratulations, Caroline, and best wishes as you complete your undergraduate studies.

Linda Kerr

Tyler Wong

Tyler, it is a sincere pleasure to write your graduation tribute. I remember the first day I met you, in that EAB (now the Lewis Academic Building) classroom on the first floor. We were charting your pathways journey and you were being asked introspective questions to help you think ahead and plan for your upcoming experience at Landmark. One of those questions sticks out in particular: "When we next meet with your family, what would you like to be able to say you have accomplished?" Well, you and I have met with your lovely family a few times since then, and you have accomplished a lot indeed! I would like to highlight some of these accomplishments here. First, you entered Landmark as a non-credited STEP student and now you're going to graduate with honors! You successfully completed an internship in the dining hall, where you helped Lucy and Michael manage the lunchtime and dinner crowds. Finally, you have not missed a single advisement meeting with me since you came to Landmark! I am so proud of all your hard work, Tyler. I hope you enjoy your celebratory dinner at Ninety-Nine (get the potato skins, they are seriously good)!

Eve M. Khan



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About Academic Graduation Ceremonies

The pageantry and color of an academic commencement come to us from medieval times, when academic robes and regalia were adapted from ecclesiastical garb. Most faculty robes were black to symbolize the democracy of scholarship, since they cover and dress of rank of social standing.

The hood, originally a simple cowl attached to the gown, bears the heaviest symbolism of the academic costume. Its lining displays the colors of the university or college which granted the degree, and the bordering color indicates the field of learning (or faculty) in which the degree was earned. The square cap, or mortarboard, originated in the 13th century at the University of Paris and came to England in Tudor times. Earlier caps were round and reserved for doctoral holders. This velvet cap is still worn by doctors, except those with degrees in theology. Doctoral tassels are usually gold, and black tassels represent other degrees.

Honor society graduates are noted by the color of their tassels and the double cording worn around their necks.

Some of the colors you might see in this morning's processional are:

Accountancy, Business – Drab
Arts, Letters & Humanities – White
Economics – Copper
Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Fine Arts – Brown
Journalism – Crimson
Law – Purple
Library Science – Lemon
Nursing – Apricot

Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physical Education – Sage Green
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Public Health – Salmon Pink
Science – Golden Yellow
Social Science – Gold
Social Work – Citron
Theology – Scarlet
Music – Pink

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!

