



LANDMARK
COLLEGE



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Click Family Sports Center, Landmark College
Putney, Vermont

Academic Procession

Shell Wallace, *Mace Bearer*
Jarad Weeks, *Bagpipes*
Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Graduates

Invocation

Michael Luciani,
Vice President for Student Affairs

Welcome

Dr. Peter A. Eden, *President*

**Faculty/Staff
Recognitions**

Barbara Epifanio, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*

Musical Interlude

The Landmark College Ensemble & Chorus

Presentation of Awards

Community Service Award

Michael Luciani

Academic Deans' Award

Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield

Undergraduate Student
Research Award

Dr. Adam Lalor, *Interim Vice President for
Education Research & Innovation*

Charles Drake Award

Dr. Peter A. Eden

President's Award

Dr. Peter A. Eden

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Peter A. Eden
Barbara Epifanio
Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield

Class Gift Presentation

Spring Class of 2022

Alumni Welcome

Tricia Stanley,
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Alma Mater

The Landmark College Ensemble, Chorus,
& Community

Closing Remarks

Dr. Peter A. Eden

Recessional

Landmark College Ensemble

The Landmark Chamber Ensemble

Matt Judge-Violin, Frank Klucken-violin, Charlie Schneeweis-Trumpet,
Kevin Keith-Tuba, Stephen Glover-Piano

The Landmark College Chorus

Isabelle Bachman, Isabella Caputo-Starkweather, Amina Davis, Fiona Fitzgerald,
Seth Harding, Sophie Gravel, Rebecca Lynch, Katherine Mague, Kevin Maxime,
Nailah Quail-Parker, Val Proskauer Valerio, Olivia Venkus

**PLEASE JOIN US ON THE QUAD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY
FOR A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATES.**

2022 Spring Graduates

Associate of Arts in General Studies

Chloe Ammerman-Gerke Paige Duhl Eric Guditz Alexander Larson*

Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies

Katherine Addison	Kadina Erwin*	Cullin McGregor
Ziad Almuzaini*	Zachary Haggis	Devin McHale*
Faith Anzul	Abby Jones	Meredith Robertson*
Ellie Attridge	Holly Kasten	Matthew Rodrigues
Hannah Carr-Lonoff*	Eden Kayser*	Angus Simmons
Kenneth Cooper	Justice Knight-Garrison	Nicolas Sinaiko
Patrick Devine	Maren Lindberg	Justin St. Martin
Will Donohue*	Andrew Manderson	

Associate of Arts in Business Studies

Chandra Becker* Lucas Diaz James Downey

Associate of Science in Computer Science

Andrew Barrows*	Zachary Mankowitz
Gerald Belton	Quinten Miller
Wolf Elkan	Henry Rosenberg

Associate of Science in Life Science

Jacob Borsh	Eric Ellman	Sophia Jajodia
Luke Dammer*	Oscar Gal*	Kayla Patterson
William Tinsley	Michael Vittum	

Bachelor of Science in Life Science

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

Chase O'Brien: *"What Factors Influence the Abundance of Red Backed Salamanders?"*

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Carter Griffith♦: *"The Role of Black Professional Athletes During Different Historical Civil Rights Movements"*

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art

Kamil Al-Lamki: *"A Day Dream"*

Nicholas Blackwood: *"Click to Add Title 2 (electric boogaloo)"*

Mark Cassidy: *"Self-Discovery of Aesthetics"*

Declan O'Flaherty : *"Written and Performed by"*

2022 Spring Graduates

Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

Jason Dewald: *"Voices: Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies"*

Destany Hankard: *"Shark Food: The Journey of Creating and Closing a Food Delivery Service at a Rural Campus"*

Lauren Orser: *"The Center for Mental Health & Wellness: A Blueprint for Establishing a Mental Health Resource Center for Neurodiverse Students"*

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Alexandra Jassin: *"Disability Bias Training for K-12 Classroom Teachers"*

Sarah Kersey♦: *"Reducing the Harm of Masking: An Identity-Based Approach"*

Katie Marroni: *"Adapting Dialectical-Behavioral Therapy Techniques for a Neurodiverse Classroom"*

◦ Golden Key Honor Society
* Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
♦ Communication
Ω Psychology

μ Humanities
€ Environmental Science
α Education
∞ Computer Science

Graduate Certificate in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity: Specialization in Executive Function

MaryAnn Frisina
Amy Gillespie
Tina Hardy
Mary Hickey
Kelly Hronick

Natalie Levitan
Shan-Lee Liu
Amanda Manning
Heather O'Neill
Sarah Owocki^

Elizabeth Sherk
Sabrina Strong-Nasabal
Maureen Whitestone

^earned a second Certificate with Specialization in Autism on Campus and Online

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 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.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD is presented to one, or more, graduating student each semester at commencement. Eligibility is based on active engagement in a research project under the supervision of a faculty and/or staff member for at least one semester or intersession term. Engagement in research includes, but is not limited to, research undertaken as part of an internship, the LCIRT Research Mentorship Program, and College- or grant-funded systematic investigations. Research-based projects can be from any discipline, and awardees are determined by an interdisciplinary committee of faculty, staff, and administrators who review applications and nominations for the award.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

May, 2022

Katherine Addison

I had the pleasure of having Katherine as a student in two courses: Introduction to Political Science, and Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality. Katherine's keen intellectual curiosity and disciplined approach enabled her to succeed academically in such a way that set an example and a standard for others. The research papers she wrote for each class—one critiquing early media coverage of the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. from the 1980s to early 2000s, the other on how “colorism” within the African-American community and its intersectionality with gender augment already existing discrimination—were among the very best I have ever seen from any Landmark student going back the 1990s. In fact, thanks to Katherine, I have been able to use them as “model” papers when I have done these assignments in more recent classes—the first time ever that I've used *two* different papers by the same student for this purpose! Katherine's ability to think critically and readily grasp social science theory, along with her empathy and valuing of social justice, bode well for her continued academic success, and the institution and classes she elects to attend next will be very fortunate to have her. Congratulations on an outstanding job, Katherine, as you have set the stage here for a very bright looking future!

Jim Cabral

Chloe Ammerman-Gerke

Thoughtful, curious, tenacious, dedicated. These are the words that come to mind when I think of you. Your sincere approach to using your studio art assignments to find better and more interesting ways of conveying meaning set a high bar. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with you, and we will miss you.

Jen Morris

Faith Anzul

Faith, what a privilege it's been to get to work with you as you rounded out your experience here at Landmark College! I truly value the way that you engage in reflective and open conversation, and I've been grateful for this opportunity to witness what you've been learning about yourself as a student as you move along this path that will lead you to your next steps. Your love of creative expression will be a compass as you explore the "landmarks" that follow in your meaning-making and career journey. I'll always remember your kind, subtle smile, your sense of humor, and our mutual fashion taste in wearing flowy skirts year-round, even during the long winters of Vermont! I wish you the very best in all of your next endeavors and beyond and thank you for sharing your time with me.

Minna Roussi

Ellie Attridge

I met Ellie Attridge in late summer of 2021. Right away I could see that she had a great support system in her family, as they helped her move in and navigate the Campus. In subsequent visits to Campus Safety, Ellie would talk about her classes and the sporting events she cared about. Just in the brief time I have known her, it is abundantly clear that when she endeavors to do something – classes, sports, etc. – she is laser focused, all in. She is a very caring individual who seems to radiate happiness!

Michael Ferzoco

Gerald Belton

Working to earn a degree in the STEM field, particularly computer science, is an admirable goal because you know it means you are going to be passing tough math classes. Some reading this will have cold sweats just thinking of such a path. But for Gerald Belton, math has been a challenge to lean into, embrace, and learn! Through countless hours of hard work, support, and more hard work, he's succeeded where others have given up. My respect to you, Gerald, for what you have accomplished. That focus and perseverance will carry you far. Congratulations!

Clark Johnson

Nick Blackwood

Nick \nik\ [Entry 1 of 2] verb (1) to create a critically aware, often punned, meta-analysis in varying states, form, and delivery. *OMG you Nicked the assignment.* (2) to cut short. *His time in the Fine and Performing Arts Department seemed nicked though he earned every requirement.* [Entry 2 of 2] noun (1) an important moment. *We were grateful to work with him, as though we caught him in the nick of time.* (2) the name of a specific person, earning their BA in Studio Art today. *With heartfelt congratulations, we wish Nick fairest winds on whatever path his journey takes next.*

Jen Morris

Jacob Borsh

The moments when you both teach and learn from students are one of the best parts of teaching. Through his active engagement in my classes (Principles of Chemistry I/II and Biotechnology), Jacob Borsh both learned chemistry and taught me a few things along the way. I taught Jacob the difference between a welding flame and a Bunsen burner flame, and he demonstrated the differences for a welding flame. Jacob also did extensive research on the first nuclear meltdown in the United States and taught everyone about nuclear energy safety for his final chemistry poster. I want to wish Jacob the best of luck pursuing a career in nursing!

Christin Monroe

Mark Cassidy

Seeing Mark achieve this milestone is one of the most meaningful and momentous moments in all my time at Landmark and a true testament to perseverance and grit on Mark's part. Mark started at Landmark over six years ago in classes geared to working on teaching him to read. Over the years, he steadily developed his capacity to do the academic work even while still occasionally coming perilously close to not meeting a critical deadline or passing a class. As his advisor, we rode this roller coaster together all the way to this degree.

But the academic record is not Mark's most important record. The indelible record he leaves is that of ingenuity, reliability, and resourcefulness as a worker, strong residential leadership over many a long night and crisis, and most of all, his incredible wit and gentle, kind personality.

Congratulations, Mark! Auf Wiedersehen!

Christie Herbert

Kenneth Cooper

Kenny is change. Kenny is growth. Kenny is moving forward and not allowing yesterday to stop him from reaching and accomplishing his goals. But the greatest gift I believe any person can ever have that Kenny has, is being able to stop and listen and help others. It's an honor to have met Kenny and to have worked with him. May that light you shine continue shining. Congratulations on graduating - you did it!

Marc Thurman

Luke Dammer

Luke, while we didn't work together for very long, I was continuously impressed by your discipline as a student and learner. Your willingness to go the extra mile was apparent from early on; be it jiu-jitsu or connecting with professors during office hours, you give everything your all. This will serve you well in your future career as a medical professional. I'm confident you have what it takes to be successful at your next institution and am thankful that we got to work together. Congratulations on your well-deserved success and good luck on the next phase of your academic journey.

David Paquette

Jason Dewald

Jason, thank you so much for so many great memories in the classroom, at WLMC Radio, and on the "hardwood". Your dedication to these three areas throughout your Landmark career is second to none. You attended every class, persisted through rigorous academics, and always remained focused on accomplishing your goals. Today's accomplishment is one goal completed you should be most proud, your bachelors degree! Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey at Landmark College, all of our time together was a pleasure. Additionally, WLMC Radio thanks you for all your outstanding service to the station and the airwaves. You will be missed and we all wish you the best of luck going forward. Congratulations again on today's academic milestone.

Eric Matte

Lucas Diaz

Steady, good-natured, organized, a do-it person...this is how faculty describe you as a student. Your academic achievement is a testament to hard work and skill, but that's not the only thing to celebrate today. You are also a good friend and engaged member of the community. Erasing the white board after a long day, I would often see you hanging out by a classmate's desk, waiting for them to pack up so they would not leave alone. Gestures like these contribute to the well-being of others, and that's part of your legacy. Congratulations on earning your business degree and fond wishes for what lies next.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Will Donohue

All the cool kids have cool stickers on their computers. When I first met Will, I asked about his cool "Eye to Eye" sticker, which he informed me is an outreach and advocacy organization run by, and for, individuals with learning differences. In addition to being a diligent and engaged student, Will is a peer mentor for Eye to Eye and is involved with Landmark's Center for Neurodiversity. We are very lucky to have a student who cares so deeply and works so hard, both on his academics and for his community.

Todd Miller

James Downey

I would venture to guess that he has one of the most distinctive voices of anyone on the stage today, but there's more to him than his commanding vocal presence. He is the kind of witty, curious, confident, and well-read person who is as comfortable in wide ranging conversations as he is using a hair tie, some super glue and Scotch tape to fix the vintage broken Hohner® melodica piano mouth organ that you have been reluctant to throw away. He says he's studying business - ha! That's just cover to throw you off from discovering that you're talking to a person of many parts.

Charlie Schneeweis

Paige Duhl

Self-examination and list-making are two trusty tools you have used to great effect on the path to graduation. While students need academic skills—which you have—often that is not enough, and obstacles are inevitable. When you have gotten off-track, you openly examine yourself to understand what happened, and this takes courage. Then you write down a plan to get on track. This takes foresight. Self-knowledge and planning are just some of your strengths, and they have been an inspiration to me in advising. More importantly, they will serve you well in the future. You are a role model for the College motto, “Know Thyself,” and earning this diploma is proof that it pays off.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Wolf Elkan

Wolf Elkan has the intuition of a mathematician. He is constantly asking mathematical questions and exploring mathematical patterns above and beyond his courses. This year he worked on a research project, answering his own question about smoothly transforming one map into another, and prepared a presentation on his findings for the Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference. Wolf also shows great promise as a mathematics communicator.

Thomas Kern

Eric Ellman

Eric, it is clear that doing well in school means a lot to you. You are dedicated to learning, willing to try things, and above all you are persistent. Like a good wrestler, you are working the angles, thinking about possibilities, taking the challenge, and always getting back up. You have a thoughtful approach to mathematical thinking--believe in yourself, have courage, determination, and dedication.

Shell Wallace

Kadina Erwin

When I asked for contributions for this tribute, there was enthusiastic response and universal agreement: Kady is a shining star! One faculty member said, “She is focused, hard-working, and thoughtful. Kady sets high expectations for herself but takes the time to find balance and see the big picture, even when faced with challenging circumstances. Others gravitate towards her positive energy!” Another mentioned Kady’s ambition and confidence. To me, it was always her cheerful outlook and her genuine concern for others that made her stand out. Kady, I’ll miss seeing your smile on campus!

Frank Klucken

Carter Griffith

On day one, upon meeting Carter Griffith and his parents, I remember enjoying discussing goals with them under the big tent during orientation. I was impressed with their collective focus and commitment to see Carter be successful at Landmark. Early on in our work, Carter demonstrated continued determination and commitment, working his formula for success, taking accountability as a rule. Arriving early for weekly meetings and being prepared for what he needed to do or know, he made me a better advisor and no doubt made those who worked with him throughout his career here better as well. Carter, it has been an honor to witness your growth, how you overcame disappointments to move on to accomplish further, and how it all came together as planned for you to walk across the stage and accept your diploma. Great job! I wish you all the best in what I know will be bright future!

Clark Johnson

Eric Guditz

When I first met you at a family weekend, you were making the rounds with your family. In our short conversation, I felt a vibe of calmness and compassion. You spoke knowledgeably and gently about college and your interest in psychology. Since that time, you have engaged with academics and earned a degree. You persevered through ups and downs, which attests to a character strength you have in spades. No matter the challenge, you remain committed and try again. Grace is among the gifts you have given this community, and I am honored to acknowledge that contribution on behalf of the psychology program and the College.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Zachary Haggis

Zach, I've watched you grow tremendously as a student and learner over the short time we worked together. You have a passion for art and music and create beautiful pieces of work. I encourage you to follow your passions as you move forward in your educational and professional career. Keep moving towards the things in life that inspire and motivate you and you will never work a day in your life. Best of luck in the next chapter, Zach!

David Paquette

Destany Hankard

It's hard to believe how far you've come in the last four years. You were so sharp in our business courses, and your self-confidence has come a long way. We have weathered some storms together, and I am so proud of you for your cheerful outlook and drive throughout even the most significant challenges. It is time for you to move on to new adventures, although I will miss seeing you around campus. You're going to fly high, and I hope you will keep in touch with your stories and milestones. You are destined for greatness, and it's time to go find it.

Jeanette Landin

Sophia Jajodia

Sophia, it is a sincere pleasure to write your graduation tribute. It's incredible to think that just a few years ago, you entered Landmark as a non-credited student and now you are taking (and crushing) Neuroscience, Nutrition, and Principles of Chemistry II! I am continually impressed with your determination. Whether it has been in pursuit of Regis's Radiology Training Program or maintaining your strong GPA, it is remarkable. However, the quality that I will remember most about you is your positive outlook on life. Even when you were encountering difficulties (and there have been some along the way), you have been able to compartmentalize and find the silver linings. I wish you all the best in whatever you ultimately decide to do. Please keep in touch – I look forward to hearing about you, your lovely family, and especially about Jerry!

Eve Khan

Alexandra Jassin

Alexandra adds a splash of color to everything she touches. A hardworking and compassionate young woman with complimentary interests in human psychology, social justice, and the arts, Alexandra engages deeply in her coursework and has generously reached out to the greater Landmark community. Not one to shy from a challenge, Alexandra has competently taken on such roles as assistant coordinator of the Center for Women and Gender, Title IX student advisor, and Green Dot member. As she graduates today, she is leaving Landmark College a better place. Congratulations and best wishes!

Eve Leons and Linda Kerr

Holly Kasten

Usually, tributes are about what you have achieved, but this will not be about your achievements. Sure, you completed credits in the right areas to earn the currency of a postsecondary degree, but I want to focus instead on what you have given the institution. Holly, you have led the neurodiversity movement on campus with compassion and sharp intellect. Through dedicated work at the Center for Neurodiversity, club leadership, conference presentations, and earnest conversations with faculty and students, you have provided a north star for our community working toward greater disability justice. As you prepare for what is next, please know that your contributions will last, benefiting Landmark College into the future.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Eden Kayser

Eden is the force to be reckoned with that the world needs. She's a leader in the Arcade Club, PTK Honor Society, and Impressions. Whether she's working the game room, Fireside Cafe, or the laundry room, Eden consistently advocates for herself and her peers to make their experience at Landmark more inclusive and, equally as important, fun. All of this while performing at a high academic level! Eden would like to use her degree to make people laugh and think as a writer in entertainment while normalizing neurodiverse voices in the field. All things with Eden are a combination of fun and thoughtful, and she's going to change the world one joke at time.

MaggieMae Farthing

Sarah Kersey

What a journey these last few years have been! Across the pandemic, online/hybrid courses, our work together at the Center for Neurodiversity, and an assortment of different semester lengths, I have been continually impressed by the determination and introspection with which you have faced each challenge along the way. Your rare combination of intellect and passion for social justice was on display across every conference presentation, class discussion, and conversation at the Center. What has stood out most, however, is the care you consistently demonstrate for others, particularly those who need it most. Altogether, these traits make you a natural and unassuming leader -- I am excited to see where your journey takes you next.

Tim Beck

Justice Knight-Garrison

Justice, congratulations on completing your A.A. in Liberal Studies! Your willingness to embrace difficulty has been inspiring. In only one year, I have seen so much growth in your ability to self-advocate and identify your personal strengths and challenges. Furthermore, you've brought so much humor and thoughtfulness to advising. I am excited to see you pursue your passion for computer animation. I know your creativity and originality will only continue to blossom as you make this next transition!

Anna Habib

Alexander Larson

"The test of a first-rate intelligence," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald, "is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless yet be determined to make them otherwise." Yes, Alex, it's hopeless: Research and Analysis will never levitate the Marina on the Water; it will not float eight miles over Windham County at 186,000 miles per second as promised in the syllabus. You, however, led the chant, and the Marina left the ground whenever you spoke in class or penned your exemplary essays. Your comments on a range of topics—Mind at Large versus reducing valve, "best minds" of a generation (who found a "hopeful little bit of hallucination" in a "yellow paper rose"), the puns and double imagery of *Un Chien Andalou*, triumph in "The Myth of Sisyphus"—were eloquent and superb. I will miss your Janus-like acumen and look forward to reading your book, that extraordinary treatise on and follow-up to *Man's Search for Meaning*.

John Rose

Maren Lindberg

Maren, I know that you are proud of your swim team history, but I contend that the pace and depth of your personal growth at Landmark these past two years is truly a personal best. You and I had a few "stand-offs" in that first semester as you stared at me from the back of the classroom repeating "I don't know" to every question. But with some nudging and encouragement, your competitive drive kicked in and by the end of the term you were primed and ready for launch. Recently, I spoke with a number of your current faculty, and I can tell you that I swelled giddily with pride as they repeatedly referenced your dedication, conscientiousness, persistence, follow-through, nuanced understanding of content, and use of resources. Maren, the whole of your experience, all the struggles and triumphs, will serve you well as you continue to pursue a career working with children. You are becoming a woman with purpose and a belief in yourself. I am immensely honored to have been witness to a portion of your journey and am sure that you will continue to beat your own record.

Rebecca Whittaker Matte

Andrew Manderson

Andrew, congratulations on your most recent accomplishment, earning your B.A. degree from Landmark College. In the time I have known you (3 years through 6 different history courses!), I have seen you hone your thoughtfulness into deep, intellectual curiosity and your inquisitiveness into answers to some of the Humanities' bigger questions. You may have started your Landmark career with a Mainer's cold feet, but you eventually warmed to the Landmark experience, and of course, as the expression goes, if you couldn't read with cold feet, there wouldn't be a literate person in Maine, right? Again, Andrew, congratulations on earning your degree, and on all your hard work, and to close with the words of John Irving, "Goodnight you princes of Maine, you kings of New England."

Brian Cohen

Katie Marroni

Whether looking at the world through her camera lens, reflecting on the practical applications of psychological research, or contemplating her own inner wisdom, Katie possesses a deeply probing mind. Resilient and determined, Katie works tirelessly to honor her own exacting standards within the limits of available time. Psychology professor Solvegi Shmulsky observes, "Katie's authenticity and compassion for all creatures has been a gift to all of us." It's been a delight to work with you, Katie. Congratulations and best wishes!

Linda Kerr

Devin McHale

"I think I'm quite ready for another adventure." -Bilbo Baggins

Devin, you are a hardworking, dedicated, and active student, which can be seen in your accomplishments here at Landmark. Over the course of the year we have worked together, you have acknowledged important lessons about yourself, what you would like to achieve in life, and you started establishing and taking steps toward those goals. It has been great to witness this and support you as you navigate what is next for you and kickstart the next part of your academic journey. I look forward to seeing you continue to flourish and grow as an individual and what else you achieve.

Sarah McMahon

Quinten Miller

“A hard worker” is a phrase that many of your professors have used to describe you. I wholeheartedly conquer with this assessment. Your first semester as a computer science student was in the fall of 2020. In just three semesters you completed your degree requirements for a program that is designed to take four. But you had a goal and you made it happen! Your computer science professors want to wish you the best of luck as you pursue your dream of becoming a gaming programmer. If your time at Landmark College is any indication of your ability to realize a dream, I have no doubt that it will come true!

P. Kevin Keith

Sage Morgan-LaRosa

Every one of your computer science professors is proud that you are graduating this semester. Your road to selecting CS as your major was a bit circuitous and there have been a few potholes along the way. But that was balanced with moments of determination, perseverance, and brilliance. Your contributions to Landmark College extend beyond the classroom as you have also established yourself as a student leader on campus. I'm going to miss seeing you in classes and hearing the stories of your adventures. You should be proud of your accomplishments, and I wish you great success in the future!

P. Kevin Keith

Chase O'Brien

Chase O'Brien often enters the classroom quietly. But by the end of class, he has asked some of the most insightful questions and managed to get his classmates laughing. In the face of challenges, Chase is thoughtful and considerate of others- even when occasionally ribbing his classmates. His curiosity, work ethic and humor will take him far. Congratulations on being the first graduate in the B.S. in Life Science! You are a trailblazer and a great example for those that follow!

Andrew Stein

Declan O’Flaherty

Declan, working with you in the classroom, studio, and theater has been a joy. Whether you were playing Juror #4, Natasha, or Dave Moss, your passion, curiosity, and charm shone through. Your approach to acting is meticulous yet spontaneous. Your intellect and quick wit bolster all that you do. Landmark College and I will miss your skill, humility, and kindness. I know that the world will benefit from your considerable talents as you move forward in your life and career. Safe travels, my friend.

Josh Moyse

Lauren Orser

Where do I start with Lauren Orser? She is one of the finest resident assistants we have ever had at this college; she is a great student; a tremendous asset for our Office of Admissions; a good friend; and a really great human being. She cares, has empathy for others, offers to help when no one else can, and is as knowledgeable as any resource on campus. It has been my privilege working with Lauren and she will be sorely missed. In closing, I wish you luck Lauren, but you do not need luck – you have everything you need to fly high into your future. Just remember to take care of yourself, too!

John Wood

Kayla Patterson

Kayla, it has been great getting to know and work with you over the past year. You are a kind and compassionate student who cares deeply about the well-being of your fellow students; this is both humbling and admirable. I'm also impressed by your advocacy skills; you are never afraid to connect with resources for support or ask questions if you don't understand something. I view this as one of your greatest strengths. Your passion and dedication as a life science student has me confident that you will do amazing things in the future. Best of luck!

David Paquette

Meredith Robertson

“Outstanding” is one of the first words that come to mind when thinking about your time here at Landmark College. In your two years here, you have been a part of our residential staff, the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion, sports, the Neurodiverse Brain Club, and the Center for Neurodiversity as an intern. Meredith, your passion and dedication to your studies are inspirational to all who get to know you. When you set your goals, nothing is stopping you from achieving them. Your ability to take on such a robust amount of work shows us that you truly understand what it takes to be successful. Our community has been lucky to have you be a part of it, and we are here to celebrate your achievements and wish you luck on your next steps.

Rob Lutz

Matthew Rodrigues

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.” - Dr. Maya Angelou

Matt, every time I see you, I smile because you are one of my all-time favorite Landmark College success stories. Your defeats never defeated you, and now, after several semesters on the Dean's List, there is much to celebrate. Professors comment that you are insightful, enthusiastic, studious, and that you offer a unique and wonderful view of the world. You produce high-quality work and have a talent for bringing together complex ideas. Even while perpetually exhausted, you remain focused and never fail to display your trademark mischievous sense of humor. Please take a moment to enjoy this achievement! You are one step closer to earning your B.A. here at Landmark.

Eve Leons

Harrison Simmons

Harrison, you began your journey at Landmark in the fall of 2019, prior to the onset of the pandemic. In that first semester, I observed you rally your way back to a 'B' average from one of the more significant mid-semester slumps I think I have ever witnessed. Despite some of the challenges you encountered in that first term and in the semesters that followed during the pandemic, you always impressed me with your ability to remain dogged and unflappable in your efforts to persist through whatever obstacles you faced. Your professors have always noted your "adaptability," your "sharp intellect," your "self-confident speaking voice," your "polite, kind demeanor," and your ability to transform the dynamics of a class through your "insightful comments." Although there have certainly been some nail biter experiences in your college career, I observed you turn a corner in your final semesters at Landmark: during our weekly advising meetings, you started taking notes without prompting; you proactively sought out more of the support available to you on campus; and you initiated conversations with me about internship, college, and career opportunities. In short, I started to see glimpses of the self-assured, self-confident, and successful adult you are already well on your way to becoming. I know I am not alone in feeling privileged to have played even just a small role in that journey. You will most assuredly be missed!

Lucy Stamp

Nicolas Sinaiko

I have enjoyed working with you over the last year because you are a strong student and straight shooter. For example, at one of our first meetings, you asked, "Why can't you be more like my last advisor?" Moving up to baccalaureate advising, you were legitimately skeptical that your needs would be met; after all, your core advisor had been amazing. Despite valid concerns, you kept an open mind and talked candidly. Over time you adjusted to many transitions—a new advisor, new semesters, schedule changes, roommates coming and going—and this is growth to be proud of. You have demonstrated the flexibility to handle whatever comes at you, and your sparkling academic record is proof. Congratulations on this important step, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Justin St. Martin

When I think of a student who is mature, career-driven, thoughtful, and community-focused, I think of you. You have brought me your ideas and passions, which are always supported by your hard work, and we have dialogued even more ways for you to develop yourself professionally. You are a true member of both the Landmark community and the Putney community. Your participation in soccer and basketball have earned you the respect of your teammates; your active role in Putney has put you on the front line as a first responder. You are a remarkable son and student, and this summer you will be a remarkable intern. Thank you for all our talks. It's been a pleasure to work with you and get to know you. Your future is bright!

Jonathan Steele

William Tinsley

Will, congratulations! Today, as you graduate, we celebrate your academic success. Watching you develop into the engaged and committed student you are now has been a highlight of the past two years. From online sessions with cameras off, to face-to-face yet masked advising sessions, to these final weeks of mask-free meetings, you have always been super present and ready to catch me up to date on your academic efforts. You are personable and appreciative, and your sense of humor spikes our sessions unexpectedly and always right on time. You have embraced the life sciences wholeheartedly in pursuit of your associate degree here at Landmark and are prepared for the next stage of your college experience at the University of Arizona. Best wishes for a lifetime of learning.

Jeremy Holch

Michael Vittum

Mike Vittum is not subtle. It may be the best part of his charm. He is kind, hardworking, strikes with a sharp wit, and readily shares his wealth of knowledge with his classmates. It has been a tremendous pleasure to spend time with Mike in class, setting wildlife cameras outside of class and just chatting about life in my office. Whether it's discussing captive animals, "bopping a bear," or the many potential roads laid out ahead of him, I will fondly remember our times together. Best of luck continuing for your bachelor's degree (here at Landmark) and beyond!

Andrew Stein



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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!

