



LANDMARK
COLLEGE

Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Click Family Sports Center, Landmark College
Putney, Vermont

Commencement

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Academic Procession

Joshua Moyse, *Mace Bearer*
Jarad Weeks, *Bagpipes*
Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Graduates

Invocation

Michael Luciani,
Vice President for Student Affairs

Welcome

Dr. Peter Eden, *President*

Musical Interlude

The Landmark College Ensemble & Chorus

Presentation of Awards

Community Service Award

Michael Luciani

Academic Deans' Award

Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield,

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Undergraduate Student Research Award

Dr. Adam Lalor,

Vice President for Neurodiversity Research and Innovation

Charles Drake Award

Dr. Peter Eden

President's Award

Dr. Peter Eden

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Peter Eden
Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield

Class Gift Presentation

Spring Class of 2023

Alumni Welcome

Tricia Stanley, *Director of Alumni Relations*

Alma Mater

The Landmark College Ensemble,
Chorus, & Community

Closing Remarks

Barbara Epifanio, *Board Chair*

Recessional

Landmark College Ensemble

Landmark College Ensemble: Frank Klucken, violin; Grace Gogola, violin; Kevin Keith, baritone horn; Stephen Glover, piano; Sam Chiche, bass; Greg Despines, percussion

The Landmark College Chorus: Karina Alaniz, Isabelle Bachman, Den Bernard, Liam Bjarke, Isabella Caputo-Starkweather, Sabrina Cohn, Tyra Cole, Gregory Despines, Jman Erkan, Sophie Gravel, Kieran Jennings, Charles Karwowski, Ren Klein, Sage Labbe, Adam Lee, Katherine Mague, Kevin Maxime, George Meade, Hadass Novick, Val Proskauer Valerio, Elias Vary

*Please join us on the Quad under the tent immediately following
the ceremony for a reception in honor of the graduates.*

2023 Spring Graduates

Associate of Arts

General Studies

Zach Arzt	Nina King	Madison Perkins*
Julian Bond	Gretchen Ladner	Hudson Pons
Gregory Despines	Ethan Leonard*	AC Skarimbas
Matthew Judge	Andrew LePera	Yair White
Otto Kauffman	Lukas Pelletier	Gavin Wieland

Liberal Studies

Owen Baum	Timothy Dyer	Olivia Visser
Jack Carani	Sophie Glew	Justin Wade*
Tamar Cohen	Charlotte Mazur*	Sidney Waller
Aidan Colberg	Holly Kasten	Amelia Withington*
Robert Connelly	Celia Lewis*	Marion Yager
Bret Crane	Claudia Sherman*	
Alicia DeCoff	Jack Shine	

Business Studies

Sarvesh Bubna	Audrey Burch*
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Associate of Science

Computer Science

Luke Hensel
Peter Rushton

Life Science

Rebecca Lynch
Dylan Sullivan♦*
Gabrielle Woolgar*
Fernando Zavala♦*
Luke Zdankiewicz

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2023 Spring Graduates

Bachelor of Arts

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

Liberal Studies

Carolina Mellado^o:
“Neurodivergent LatinX College Students and Mental Health”

Chloe Rogers: *“The Subculture of Lolita Fashion”*

Zackary Roy: *“The Ethical Implications of Zoos”*

James Wood: *“That Third Place: A One Act Play”*

Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

Charlie Frost: *“Breaker Spaces for Stress Relief and Anger Management”*

Lyla Kelley: *“Make Women’s Sports at LC Equal to Men’s Sports”*

Daniel Molster: *“LC Voices Marketing and Exposure”*

Petar Petrovic: *“Expanding the Online Presence of Landmark College Athletics”*

Psychology

Ariana Ruddy: *“CBT and Trauma Informed Care for Students Who Have Experienced Abuse and/or Neglect”*

Studio Art

Lana Deane^o: *“Symbols & Systems: What We Send Forward”*

Lucas Hendler^o:
“Disabilities in the Dark”

Will Johnson: *“Seeing the World Through My Eyes”*

Ethan Meeder: *“Humanity vs. Inhumanity and the Role of Resilience”*

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Bachelor of Science

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

Computer Science

Andrew Barrows♦^o:
“Manahawk: A Trading
Card Collection
Management System”

Maddie Krampitz^o:
“Space Trio: An Arcade
Style 2D Game”

Life Science

Yar Deng♦: “Are Owls Raptors?”

Michael Vittum♦: “A Census
of Large Animals in Botswana’s
Okavango Delta”

Benjamin Wright: “Making
Landmark College More Energy
Independent”

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Post-Baccalaureate

Certificate in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity: Specialization in Executive Function

Eileen Bosco
Indira Cope
Deborah Hoelper
Mansi Khanna
Jennifer LeDuc

Casey McCormack
Stewart Pienaar
Deanna Sanders
Mara Scarbrough
Lisa Sookochoff

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 successes at Landmark College. These qualities include hard work, seriousness toward learning, intellectual development, and measurable achievement such as grades.

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.

THE CHARLES DRAKE AWARD is awarded to a student or students whose personal qualities inspire the Landmark College community. This student is not a quitter, but is 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 his or her 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 when we feel discouraged.

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.

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Andrew Barrows

At the end of your first semester at Landmark College, I wrote that your natural ability and curiosity give me great hope for your future. Four years later and you've exceeded all of my expectations as your professor, mentor, and advisor and I now have even greater hope for your future! You've not only grown as a programmer, but as a leader who shows great compassion and caring for others. You've learned some great new skills as evidenced by your work in ceramics and your recordings on the piano. 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.

P. Kevin Keith

Julian Bond

"I know I can be what I want to be. If I work hard at it, I can be what and where I want to be." – Nas

It's a great verse from Nas and that's exactly who Julian Bond is: the I CAN BE. This is why we are here celebrating Julian today—because he believed.

Marc Thurman

Audrey Burch

Sometimes our paths cross with the right person, and when we are fortunate they align and our lives' journeys parallel for a moment in time in which you forever change one another. Audrey arrived at Landmark as an incredible, capable, compassionate, thoughtful, and exceptional young woman, and in her time here blossomed into one with increasing confidence and leadership. She has the ability to make each day a bit brighter by her presence, whether being blessed by a visit, drinking from a sentimental mug, or receiving a sweet message. I have often felt inspired by her integrity, creativity, and poise, remarkable in any person and exceptional in someone so young with so much life still ahead of them. I feel lucky to have been a part of Audrey's journey at Landmark, and her mine. I am so excited to see what the next chapter of Audrey's life brings and hope we remain lifelong friends.

Kari Post

Jack Carani

Jack, it has been a pleasure working with you these past two and a half semesters. I've seen you work hard for success, and struggle with the best future path that will allow you to continue to be the hardworking, active, and passionate person I know you to be. You have a lot of transferable skills that you have developed since you came to Landmark, which lend toward a great many options for your future.

As you start on the next chapter of your life, I hope you continue to explore who you are and utilize all your supports (including Career Connections!) in your journey forward. I know you will be successful wherever you end up, Jack, and I wish you the best. Congratulations on your associate degree!

Meara Wolfington

Tamar Cohen

I can picture Tamar in the future (cue *Raiders of the Lost Ark* theme music): at her archeological dig, keen gaze surveying the landscape, yet not missing even the tiniest of relics. I imagine her poring over tiny fragments of bone and pottery, which whisper rich stories of history to her. I see her carefully considering hypotheses to knit the fragments into a compelling academic narrative, and I will smile as I remember the enthusiastic, dedicated student poring over the skeletons in the anatomy lab and carefully considering experimental evidence to determine whether dinosaurs were endo-, meso-, or ectothermic vertebrates. Tamar, I wish you the happiest of dusty explorations, the quiet joy of the Museum of Natural History when the crowds are gone, and the satisfaction of digging into the past. Best of luck to you; I will provide the beat-up fedora!

Kim Coleman

Robert Connelly

I got to know Robert as my advisee in spring of 2022. He worked hard to balance challenging coursework in a variety of classes, including calculus, which he conquered! Robert always communicated his concerns and incorporated all my tips on time management and organization—enough to make any advisor proud! This fall I continued working with him as he completed the Employment Readiness Experience. Whether going through online courses with a fine-tooth comb or researching travel insurance prices, Robert was always prompt, dependable, and displayed great attention to detail. Congratulations, Robert!

Jessica Lindoerfer

Bret Crane

You have made great strides at Landmark College. At the root of this is your wonderful sense of curiosity. Because you pursued knowledge and improvement, we spent a lot of time together, whether it be in the classroom or during office hours. I've enjoyed that time immensely—it has been a constant joy. That time has allowed me a deeper understanding of you, Bret. You have faced your fears, stood tall, and conquered them. You have persevered and grown. You are well-equipped for your next steps. Enjoy the day—you earned it!

Josh Moyse

Lana Deane

Lana, in preparing to write about you and somehow do justice to just how remarkable you are, I kept coming back to the word “marvel!” Throughout your time at Landmark, I consistently marvel at what you have created—quietly, fiercely, and brilliantly. And we all marvel at what you have to say or think, as you usually find a way to articulate a complex idea in a critique and deliver it with kindness and clarity. Those of you reading this, please head over to the Fine Arts Gallery after graduation and behold Lana’s work on display. You will get an inkling of just how marvelous she is!

Christie Herbert

Alicia DeCoff

It has been both inspiring and fun to get to know Alicia from her first days at Landmark and on. It’s easy to see that her wide general knowledge grows naturally out of her innate curiosity about the colorful world around her, and her empathy for others leaps past the bounds of caring for her fellow humans to loving dogs and other creatures, and even to tending the jade plants at the Drake Center. Alicia’s spirited intelligence, imaginative creativity, and sense of moral justice; her dedicated hard work toward personal and academic growth; and her kind and gentle presence are all a joy to know. It will be equally inspiring and fun to see where Alicia goes as she continues on her Landmark path and beyond.

Alice Fogel

Yar Deng

I think Yar's academic experience would make an incredible fantasy game—a grand adventure with a sacred goal, challenges of all shapes and sizes, and lots of side quests! Our intrepid protagonist possesses unusually good scientific ability, excellent leadership skills, and overflowing community spirit. Aided by a trusty band of fellow adventurers, with the occasional assistance of the absent-minded academic, our player discovers and describes new bacterial species, fearlessly tackles the chaos of disorganized labs, and plunges into unknown depths of independent studies. Through it all, our player faces ever more complicated problem-solving skills, adrenalin-raising RA experiences, and time management crunches with elan and the coolest blue hair and boots. Cheers, Yar: may the dice always roll in your favor, and if they don't, be confident in your ability to face all demons!

Kim Coleman

Gregory Despines

*"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."
– Will Rogers*

The day I met Greg he burst into my office, excited and maybe a little bit scared. Coming to Landmark was a big deal for him, an opportunity he was eager to dive into, but one he also knew would be filled with lots of new things, different from anything he'd done or even tried before. We made a deal that day that he'd go to class, work hard, ask for help when he needed it, take help when it was offered, and get in touch with me whenever he worried that things were going badly. Over the next two years, Greg stuck with that deal. He'll be the first one to tell you that college hasn't always been easy, but Greg pushes every day and that's why he's a success. I'm proud of who he is, who he's becoming, and anticipate great things from him in the future. To me, Greg is a perfect example of how Landmark College can work for students who really commit to their education here. Congratulations!

Jamie Sheffield

Tim Dyer

Well Tim, it looks like you're finally ready to walk...across the stage and collect your associate degree! Just remember, walking is a lot like learning. It's all about taking one step at a time. So, don't trip, don't slip, and don't forget to thank your advisors, family, friends, and professors for helping you get to this point. Now go forth and walk your way to success! And as one wise person once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."
(Ferris Bueller's Day Off)

David Gilliam

Charlie Frost

When one sees the black and yellow Bruins' jersey heading down the quad in a flurry of friends and laughter, one immediately knows Charlie Frost is "in the house." I asked those who work closely with him to describe Charlie, and here is the list: exuberant, enthusiastic, energetic, friendly, astute, jovial, and kind. I agree with each adjective, and I know those traits will lead him onto his next colorful path.

Liza Burns

Lucas Hendler

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this commencement tribute for Lucas Hendler. Lucas has been an exceptional student in all his classes. He is a great self-initiator, has a solid relationship with self-discipline and self-manages very effectively. Lucas' maturity has been in ample evidence in all his endeavors at Landmark College, and his generosity towards his fellow schoolmates has been instrumental in helping me develop a healthy learning environment in the classroom. Lucas is a young artist with a unique vision, focusing on the formative experiences of childhood. His capstone project, which I had the luck to oversee, has translated into a self-published book geared to elementary school children, informing and introducing the student to the subject of learning differences. Lucas has already been accepted to a graduate program in early childhood education at Adelphi University and is scheduled to start his coursework in the fall. I have no doubt that he will shine there as he has done here. Congratulations!

Humberto Ramirez

Luke Hensel

I had the privilege of getting to know Luke Hensel when he worked in our office through the ERE class and then through the work study program. Luke is honest, forthright, curious, and thoughtful. He takes a fearless approach when searching for answers about himself and the world around him. He's a delightful and engaging conversationalist. He loves pugs, knows *a lot* about geography and cooking, and he does an excellent impression of Chef Gordon Ramsay. Luke is a remarkable person and I believe he has a great future ahead of him.

Tracy Company

Will Johnson

While being highly stressed about multiple, simultaneous deadlines for major assignments, you somehow are always able to hold to the core of who you are and deliver a wry quip displaying wonderful attitude focused on getting through it. More importantly, you take steps to get things right and then get to work. It somehow happened that in this last semester at Landmark you took three courses with me and are my advisee. Luckily for both of us, we work well together and made it work. In the process, I have come to an even deeper appreciation of your kindness, humor, intelligence, and sheer grit in literally navigating with a visual impairment. You have used your unusual perspective to create an exquisite body of work for your capstone exhibition. Congratulations!

Christie Herbert

Matthew Judge

When I first met Matt, I found him to be a curious, joyful, and creative young man. As we worked together this past year, I came to learn how dedicated he is to supporting others with his gifts. This semester, Matt began working at an early childhood education center, applying the knowledge and skills he has gained from his studies in education and psychology. It has been my joy to see him find his calling and truly shine. As the famous puppeteer Jim Henson once said, "Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are." Matthew, you will be remembered for your warm and giving spirit by all who are graced to know you.

Margie Salvante

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 Landmark College. Holly, you have led the neurodiversity movement on campus with compassion and sharp intellect. Through dedicated work at the Center for Neurodiversity, conference presentations, and earnest conversations with faculty and students, you provided a north star for our community working toward greater disability justice. As one example, this spring you took time out of your busy schedule to speak to faculty at Keene State College about education for neurodivergent students. You care generously for the community, and we appreciate all you do.

Solvegi Shmulsky

Otto Kauffman

Otto, you have worked especially hard on and off the field this semester. Your passion for sports, as a player and a fan, is joyful and contagious. Sports taught you the importance of working within a team which not only makes you an exemplary scholar but will also shape you into a motivated leader, driven to promote cohesion and equity. As you move off the bench and onto the pitch of the next chapter of your life, remember Sir Bobby Robson's wise words: "The first 90 minutes are the most important."

Scott Schaedler

Lyla Kelley

Lyla, as your advisor, I've marveled at your independence. You have worked diligently to carry full courseload (often overloads) in addition to working maximum work-study hours in the Click Center. When I asked folks who work closely with you to describe you, they said: earnest, directed, sincere, grounded, athletic, and deep thinking. I couldn't agree more. Best of luck on your next adventure into the work world, Lyla. Your determination will carry you far.

Liza Burns

Nina King

Nina, congratulations on completing your associate degree! Your dedication to every class, persistence learning, and your willingness to grow as a person have brought you to this moment in time. Your growth and dedication to WLMC Radio is also impressive. Thank you for your service to the radio station and the hundreds of hours spent on the airwaves. Personally, I am proud of all you have accomplished, and I have enjoyed being part of your academic journey. Be proud, and congratulations on today's academic milestone.

Eric Matte

Ethan Leonard

Ethan, we often talked of the roles time and space play in the “doing of history” during our class sessions in multiple history courses over the years. Reflecting on your abilities and accomplishments as a historian in those courses, I can't help but think of the ideas expressed by historian John Lewis Gaddis when he wrote of the landscape and scope of history - that historians have the capacity for selectivity, simultaneity, and the shifting of scale: they can select from the cacophony of events what they think is really important; they can be in several times and places at once; and they can zoom in and out between macroscopic and microscopic levels of analysis. You were able to demonstrate these capacities, Ethan, frequently, consistently, and with relative ease and fluidity. As another respected historian, Marc Bloch, wrote, “Understanding, in all honesty, is a word pregnant with difficulties, but also with hope.” Ethan, your level of understanding of the historical concepts we worked with, and your ability to “do history,” despite its challenges, gives me hope. Thank you and congratulations!

Brian Cohen

Andrew LePera

Andrew, beyond your academic excellence, you are an extremely caring and patient student who is respected and liked by faculty and peers. Throughout the last year, you demonstrated empathy for the opinions and feelings of others, along with shrewd powers of observation. These are qualities that make you an outstanding student and a burgeoning writer. You inspire me to remember the lessons of great indigenous leaders, like N. Scott Momaday, who said, “We are what we imagine.” I hope the skills that have made you an exemplary scholar will also motivate you to lead and promote change in your community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a small part of your journey.

Scott Schaedler

Emma Lucarelli

Emma, I picture you in front of a large photograph at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center this fall. You are looking, and looking again, and taking notes, while your classmates have already reached their limits on concentrating that long. This snapshot of you says a lot about who you are—a bright, motivated, and curious student and a developing artist and photographer. You are thriving at Landmark and will continue to do so as you work toward your B.A. in Integrated Arts.

Christie Herbert

Rebecca Lynch

“Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.” – Marie Curie

What a pleasure it has been to follow Becca Lynch’s journey here at Landmark. Becca is a strong student, a natural leader, and a delightful, kind, curious person. She has an extraordinary ability to rally and make things work. Certainly, what I will remember most about Becca is how she draws upon laughter and humor when faced with challenging situations. Eternally upbeat, optimistic, organized, and ready to lend a helping hand, Becca is a popular student leader and is always assisting others on campus. To name just a few of her responsibilities, she is currently the assistant coordinator for the Center for Women and Gender, a member of the Title IX Advisory Committee, and a resident assistant. Becca, while you will be missed here at Landmark, we wish you well and look forward to watching you spread your wings!

Eve Leons

Charlotte Mazur

Congratulations on completing your associate degree. As you pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Arts, awaken your senses to the world all around. Glean inspiration from your “life palette”, your travels, art, creative expression, books, music, meaningful connections, and self-reflection. Like colors on your palette, bring your experiences together and into your open canvas to envision your story. Engage with the clarity of your color connections and embrace the white space as a reminder to maintain equanimity. Reflect on the story emerging within as you trust your convictions and continue to wonder and explore. Pay attention to space, form, color, straight lines, and curves; they are all an important part of your journey. Your “life canvas” is open and ready, keep painting! Once again, congratulations on your graduation, and *carpe diem!*

Jacquie Serebrani-Kesner

Ethan Meeder

In the capstone seminar this last semester and culmination of years of hard work on your part, your work focused on notions of resilience and persistence along with what it means to be humane and moral. It makes a lot of sense that you are drawn to the very attributes that best define you. You are the embodiment of persistence in the face of the many challenges you’ve had to face, as well as the resilience you’ve developed in the process. You have also developed a strong moral compass and sensitivity to the suffering of others. I picture you on the Berlin study abroad trip we took in the summer of 2018 and all that you’ve learned and done since then, and I am in awe. Congratulations!

Christie Herbert

Carolina Mellado

Your great strength is knowing who you are and not being afraid to be the one to speak up and lead so that there can be others. Today we celebrate someone who isn’t about “I” but about “we.”

Pa'lante!

Marc Thurman

Daniel Molster

Hard working, tireless, and passionate are a few words that come to mind when I describe Daniel and his commitment to the Landmark community. Dan, your academic career here has been one for the ages! You have led WLMC Radio with relentless enthusiasm and your leadership has been infectious. “Best College Radio Station” two years in a row, and “Best College Radio Drama” are evidence of your creativity and work ethic. We also thank you for your leadership with LC Voices and leaving behind a legacy in the media outlets. On a personal note, I have enjoyed all our conversations over the years and watching you grow as a person. Congratulations on all you’ve accomplished and achieving your bachelor’s degree.

Eric Matte

Lukas Pelletier

Your enthusiasm and love of theater is unsurpassed. Each day when you came into the theater, a giant smile shone on your face. As you move forward, carry that joy with you everywhere you go. This joy will support you and draw others closer to you. Couple it with your leadership skills, and your future becomes dazzling. Congratulations on all that you have and will accomplish.

Josh Moyse

Madison Perkins

“Make a choice: Continue living your life feeling muddled in this abyss of self-misunderstanding, or you find your identity independent of it.”
– Meghan Markle

Madison, it has been a pleasure working with you for the last two years. During your time here you have thrived, become more confident, and found your passions and possible career goals. While there have been some challenging times, you have looked in the face of adversity and decided what you wanted to do moving forward. Helping you navigate and explore your interests has been great and I know you are on your way to a rewarding career. I hope you continue to foster and grow the connections you have made within our community and become a leader as well. Good luck with all that life has for you, I know you will do amazing things!

Sarah McMahon

Petar Petrovic

Petar, thank you for all the time spent together over your academic career and the hundreds of hours dedicated to your WLMC Radio shows. You have branched out and served all the Voices media outlets in various ways and have developed quite a skill set from your efforts. Personally speaking, I have enjoyed working with you over the years; you are kind and conscientious, and I appreciate your composed nonchalant leadership style. It's been a true pleasure to have been part of your Landmark College journey. Congratulations on this day and achieving your diploma!

Eric Matte

Hudson Pons

Hudson, it has been a great pleasure to share coaching and conversation with you at Landmark. When we met, you had a passion for psychology and a confidence to pursue higher education that's rare in college students. Your purpose sprang from your strong values and a commitment to alleviating the suffering of others. But you also know that well-being cannot exist solely in your own head. You must reveal your heart and be vulnerable in relationships. Continue to be brave and open-hearted as you serve your new school community in Arizona.

Scott Schaedler

Chloe Rogers

What can tell you of Chloe Rogers? A truly gifted student, Chloe distinguished herself in my classes by undertaking challenging assignments and reading with great energy and insight truly challenging texts. We first met in the spring semester of 2020. Yes, *that* spring semester. Which meant that our final half of the semester was spent entirely online in one another's living rooms. What struck me about Chloe is that she creatively went about her work on her research paper, looking into faith-based film and analyzing the work with a fearless eye and an ever-ready sense of humor, despite the inconveniences of being at home online, and the lowgrade background horror of that stage of the pandemic. What a pleasure, then, to work with Chloe this semester—to see her in class with her embroidery and her incredible ability to analyze complicated literature with ease and panache. Her memory for narrative is as incredible as her verbal and auditory acuity. The way she hurls herself into character for role-playing assignments astonishes and delights. What can tell you of Chloe Rogers? She is a true student in every sense of the word: one for whom life-long learning is not just a goal, but a realizable facet of her personality.

Adrienne Major

Zackary Roy

It has been a privilege getting to know you in my capacity as your academic advisor over the past several semesters. I've consistently been impressed by your work ethic and your ability to take on a full course load while maintaining strong academic standards. I think your ability to reflect on your own interests, abilities, and strengths will serve you well as you move on from Landmark. And, in a world of those who are not "morning people," I have appreciated getting to spend time with a fellow early-riser—not many of my advisees respond immediately to my 5:30 a.m. emails!

Daniel Miller

Ariana Ruddy

What a pleasure it is to celebrate Ariana's accomplishments today as she receives her B.A. in Psychology from Landmark College. Ariana first came to Landmark in the fall of 2019 as a transfer with a strong interest in psychology. Since then, she has worked steadily and determinedly to pursue her academic goals. Ariana is a thoughtful young woman with a deep interest in neurodiversity and disability studies, as well as practical experience providing care to elders.

Congratulations, Ariana, and best wishes as you begin your next adventure.

Linda Kerr

Peter Rushton

I remember one of our first conversations; it was about whether you already had the required knowledge to skip the introductory course in computer science. It was very apparent after only a few minutes that you came to Landmark College with a strong background in programming and the mindset of a programmer. You've built on this background and completed the Associate of Science in Computer Science curriculum in record time, taking just three semesters to complete what normally takes four. Your computer science professors wish you the best of luck as you continue your journey to become a top-notch programmer. If your time at Landmark College is any indication of your ability to write great code, I have no doubt that you will succeed!

P. Kevin Keith

Claudia Sherman

You are a driven, enthusiastic and strong scholar both in and out of the classroom. In class, you ask insightful questions, and help other students to do their best work through thoughtful feedback. In our research project, you think critically and work to solve problems, making sure that our project is the best that it can be. You have formed connections across campus, soaking up knowledge and offering support whenever possible. I know that your goal is to go to graduate school, and I believe that you are well on your way. Congratulations on completing this important step, and I look forward to seeing you continue to grow as an academic and a researcher!

Chaia Flegenheimer

Jack Shine

Congratulations, Jack, on earning your degree! It has been a tremendous pleasure to get to know you and learn with you these past two years. We started at Landmark the same semester, and while I am sad to see you go, I am so proud of all you have accomplished. You are inquisitive, collaborative, and kind – always advocating for your fellow students. No matter where you are, you work to make it a better place for everyone. From our early laments about that hill, our understanding of disability justice grew through countless conversations dreaming of a more accessible future. It's yours to create!

Katie Roquemore

AC Skarimbos

AC, you are the first to arrive, the first to ask a curious question, the first to think ahead about a plan for an assignment, the first to offer to help, and the first to reach out when someone is struggling. You have developed such extraordinary empathy, curiosity, and motivation while at Landmark. We have all been the beneficiaries. I can't wait to explore Berlin with you!

Christie Herbert

Dylan Sullivan

Dylan is a leader in both Life Science and overall campus community. He has had several Life Science lab assistant positions, each one building off the previous position. He is also an LC Campus Ambassador. During his time at Landmark, he has focused on growing both academically and professionally. Dylan has overcome many academic challenges and has built a remarkable level of resilience, a skill that will serve him well pursuing a career in research science. He will be spending this summer further expanding his scientific knowledge by participating in an internship for the Vermont Biomedical Research Network at the University of Vermont. I want to congratulate Dylan on earning his associate degree and I look forward to following his expanding scientific career as he pursues his Bachelor of Science in Life Science at Landmark College.

Christin Monroe

Olivia Visser

Olivia is a student who shows up to do the work with determination and drive spurred on by her goals. She is a person committed to self-improvement and a pursuit of better health of others. She openly shares her thoughts about psychology careers and life goals and interests with a clear connection to how this is supported in her transfer to a psychology program closer to home. She expects excellence as she works hard to be focused, manage her courseload, and earn good grades.

Olivia, you will be successful going forward with a new program as you employ strategies gained through your Landmark College experience. Your strength, confidence, passion for the work, and skills will carry you far.

Clark Johnson

Michael Vittum

They don't make them like Michael Vittum very often. He stands out in a crowd- not only for his stature, but his personality. He is knowledgeable, motivated, curious and displays a ripping sense of humor. I have known Mike for several years and had the pleasure of working with him on several independent projects including a capstone project to analyze wildlife survey data in a previously unstudied part of Africa. His attention to detail and enthusiasm provided essential insights for supporting protected landscapes on the boundary of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mike has the skills and talent to make a difference in the world and I cannot wait to see where he goes next.

Andrew Stein

Justin Wade

You started here with the promising attitude to grow and learn as much as you could—each experience you've taken as an opportunity to improve yourself. Your graduation is a testament to your perseverance and commitment to your future, and I have no doubt that you will continue to achieve what you set your mind to. It has been a pleasure to witness you emerge as a leader within this community. Thank you for being true to yourself while supporting others in the way you have while you've been here. While you have shared how much you'll miss Landmark, enjoy this next adventure and be sure to keep in touch!

Nicole Pacenka

Sidney Waller

Sidney, it is my sincerest pleasure to write your graduation tribute and an even bigger honor to have been your academic advisor. Just think about the amazing progress you've made since the fall semester of 2018 when you entered Landmark in partial credit classes: you will now be graduating on the Dean's list. Sidney, I feel that one of your biggest accomplishments is your willingness to go outside of your comfort zone socially: it's a huge deal, and I am so proud of you! I will miss seeing you in my office every week and cracking up at your wicked sense of humor. Please have lots of adventures, explore lots of cities, and take care of your truly awesome parents (big shout out especially to your mom). I will leave it here with a quote from one of the greats, Tupac Shakur: "I'm not perfect. But I'll always be real."

Eve Khan

Yair White

I first got to meet Yair last fall when I was doing a baseball/athlete camp at Landmark. The first thing I noticed about him is that he is always engaged and asking questions. That continued when I came back to Landmark and started coaching Yair in baseball. I see throughout practices and team events that he loves the game, wants to understand, and tries to be the best he can be on and off the field. As Yair continues after Landmark, I hope he will always be himself, not worry about the little things, and strive to be the best he can be!

Patrick McKenna

Gavin Wieland

I first met Gavin when he enrolled in basic songwriting. Gavin has a genuine love of music and delights in creating entire albums of songs and music. But beyond music I have found him to be an honest and cheerful young man. He treats his fellow students with kindness and respect, and he is always supportive of their efforts. Unfailingly polite, he is a pleasure for all to be around. I congratulate him on this important step in his life.

Stephen Glover

Amelia Withington

“They require chiropractors, don’t they,” I said, deadpan at the lectern, “they who recite ‘in many married London estranging grief,’ that phrase of Dylan Thomas, as they climb the staircase. With your remarkable mind for metaphor, you knew what I meant: that the climbers would throw out their backs, as the poem’s descending cadence would work against the ascent. With this aptitude for analogies, along with diligence and eloquence, you thrived in my classes, starring as the cave painter for “The Allegory of the Cave,” conductor for “4:33,” and proprietor for Flatland Circus. Your writings were a testament to your rich imagination and verbal dexterity. Congratulations, Amelia. I wish you the best as you “advance for as long as forever is.”

John Rose

James Wood

Since the first class on the first day, you’ve been superb. You’ve taken what I’ve taught and made it your own, or better- thereby fulfilling every teacher’s dearest wish for a student. You would accept nothing less of yourself. With that, you have not yet found limits to what you can achieve. To scale the heights, you deserve when it is time: Go places, see the world, take chances, and pursue dreams even if you think them folly. In this journey, know that it is okay to lean on others. Let them support you and do some of the work. Because you will meet people who can elevate you to higher heights. Until then and beyond, I will help you, look forward to working with you, and always call you a friend. Congratulations!

Josh Moyse

Gabby Woolgar

Gabby, congratulations on earning your degree! You have persisted through many obstacles, growing in your self-knowledge and assuredness in your rights. I hope that you continue to never settle for less than you deserve. You are thoughtful, hardworking, and capable. You never fail to greet others with a smile and genuine compassion and care—our impromptu chats around campus always brighten my day! Best wishes for your future endeavors!

Katie Roquemore

Benjamin Wright

Ben has had an amazing journey here at Landmark. He has cultivated his natural interests and talents and has actively worked to grow and evolve as a student. Ben is self-motivated, kind and conscientious and will no doubt be successful in the future.

John Vitale

Marion Yager

You are a wonderfully considerate person; we are a better community because you are in it! Thank you for all you have done as a resident assistant and for being a supportive community member to your peers. We are so lucky that you have decided to remain for your bachelor's and know that you will continue to have an encouraging impact on campus. This next step in your journey can be everything that you want it to be, so go for it! While you head into another educational endeavor, take some time to enjoy all that you have accomplished!

Nicole Pacenka

Fernando Zavala

The first few times I interacted with Fernando he appeared to be shy and nervous about his academics. During his time earning his Associate of Science in Life Science, he has certainly come out of his shell. He demonstrates leadership through his academic diligence and inclusive nature for his peers. On several occasions, Fernando has volunteered to help with recruitment activities, like open houses. This has led to a science communication internship at the Putney Central School, where he is able to share his love of science with elementary school students. Fernando also presented at the Student Leadership Conference, has assisted with recordings of several chemical demonstrations, and gave a guest lecture for the Chemistry of Magic course. I want to congratulate Fernando on earning his associate degree and I look forward to continuing working with him as he pursues his Bachelor of Science in Life Science.

Christin Monroe

Luke Zdankiewicz

Luke, Congratulations! You have worked steadily, semester by semester, to achieve this success. We first met online almost 3 years ago, managing to establish a strong working relationship even though Wi-Fi failed and cameras froze. Week by week and semester by semester, you have taken increasing responsibility for your success, leading to your graduation today. Along the way, your sense of humor has emerged, sometimes reserved and sometimes right out front, and contributed to our weekly conversations. Serving as your academic advisor through this process has been a privilege. Very best wishes for a wonderful future!

Jeremy Holch



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