



WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday, May 17, 2024 • 6:00 PM • Ralph L. Fike High School Auditorium

*Processional Brass Ensemble
Angel Gonzalez, trumpet; Amanda Friedman, horn; Jared Gilbert, trombone; Will Beach, tuba

Welcome Dr. Jami Woods
President, Wilson Community College

Introductions Dr. Carol White
Chair, Wilson Community College Board of Trustees

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Jami Woods

Commencement Speaker..... Reverend H. Maurice Barnes
Pastor, White Rock Presbyterian Church

Presentation of Academic Excellence Award David Bishop
2023 Teacher of the Year

Introduction & Recommendation of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas..... Rob Holsten
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wilson Community College

Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas..... Dr. Jami Woods

*Recessional Brass Ensemble

*Audience Please Stand

Special thanks to Melissa Gresia and Rhonda Smith for interpreting the ceremony and to the brass ensemble musicians for sharing their gift of music.

2024 CANDIDATES

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

College Transfer

Marieli Ortiz Adame
Ω Taniyah Aquila Atkinson
Ω Kayona Inari Ausby
#Ω Giovanni Barberio-Melvin
William Kaplan Barkovitz
#Ω Ania Jahcuria Barron
Ω Garrett Paul Bateman
#¥Ω Jerryiah L. Battle
*¥ Brooklynn Michelle Bisette
Leacy Page Bowen
Shance Jamea Brathwaite Braswell
Cimone Tainia Brewer
#¥ Cheryl Alanna Burns
Linsey Rebekah Burton
Ω Desiree Lark Bynum
Ω William Ezra Cardin

Aniya Michaela Cooper
*¥Ω Alyssa Grace Crane
Ω Elizabeth Jean Daniels
#Ω Julianna Sari Dubon
Ω Donovan Walter Dunlap
Maribel Chavez Galvan
Kate Ashley Hernandez Quijada
Ω Cohen Alexander Hockaday
Jenna Madison Ingram
NaKeeyah Ja'Lyse Jenkins
#Ω Miles Amir Jones
Ω Lauren Rae Lamm
* Baleigh Dae Lofland
Ω Hanna Nicole Long
Jenny Miranda
Allison Gwen Moore
Megan Nicole Mooring
Reagan Ashley Nelson

#Ω Christopher D. Pittman
America Celeste Reyes
Ω Arianna Julissa Roberts
¥ Ashley Michelle Shingleton
Jada Nicole Smith
#¥ Averl Morgan Stevens
Marques Dupree Taylor
Danielle Thorne
*¥Ω Olivia Frances Walston
#¥ Marcie Logan Webb
#Ω Jakeb Earl Whitby
#¥Ω Caroline Patricia Whitley
India Mercer Williams

Teacher Preparation

*¥ Sheridan Piggott
Mckalyn Erin Williams

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Nursing

Alexus Holmes

#¥ Moriah Gray Killion
Reagan Lanette Reason

Messiah Taniqua Staten

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

College Transfer

Ω Emely Lizbeth Aragon Santiago
¥Ω Jasmine Bagley
#Ω Thomas Winfree Bower
Σ Abbygail Cardoso-Santiago
#Σ Cherish Marie Colo'n
#¥Ω Olivia Nicole Croom
Ω Paris Dezirah Dublin
Σ Solomon Conner Quentin Dukes
Ω Kyra Janae Farmer
Taylor Marie Flowers
Abigail Fernandez Garcia
Σ Katie Angelina Garcia
#Ω Phillip Edward Glennon
Takyla Janae Graham
#Ω Gabrielle Jenai Harris

¥# Aliha Nicole Hicks
#Σ Juliana Nicole Huber
#¥Ω Janesha Queanna Isom
#¥ Allyson Anne Jenkins
#Σ Erica Danielle Jones
Ω Briana Linares-Solorzano
Kelcey Lynn Massengill
Bobby Ray McKeel
#Ω Elena Marie Minter
Daquan Kennode Moore
#¥Ω Miguella Marie Pangilinan
#Ω Gabriella Propst
Σ Haley Reinhold
Katy Rodriguez
Σ Yamileth Sanchez-Sanchez
Freddy Sanjuan-Cruz

*¥Ω Samantha Chloe Sharpe
#¥Ω Zachary Christian Smith
Jakiyah Denese Staton
*¥Ω Carlton Stevens
#¥Ω Jada Di'Nee Stewart
*¥Ω Elisha Dane Thompson
Σ Hannah Mae Tyson
*¥Ω Madalyn Claire Walls
#Σ Emma Lee Watson
#¥Ω Ajaunie Romario White
#Ω Jada Brielle White
Ω Medgan Elizabeth Grace Wilhelm
Mitchell Cole Wiseman
#¥Ω Jarrah Brooke Wood
Amna Zubair

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting and Finance

Nathaniel James Barnes
¥ Rowena M. P. Holman
#¥ Johnsie Jean Taylor

Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology

Donnell Coppedge
Benjamin Lewis Liles
Justess Edward MacInnis
* Noah Lee Tanner
Ricardo Hernandez

Applied Engineering Technology

Σ Eduardo Almaraz-Zapote
Jordan Travon Barnes
Ethan Battle
#Σ David Allen Boulo
Σ Jacob Connor Creech
#¥ Chase Anthony Fields
Σ Jonathan Axel Sanchez
Jakeyah Staton
Σ Jonathan Torres-Pleitez

Associate Degree Nursing

Isaac Mitchell Jesus Bates
Stacy Kaye Bennett
Amber Monique Bryant
Exzora Cobb
Ashley Crowder
Shekia Lanette Darden
Rachel Moore Dennison
Katedra Lawan Dixon
* Bailey Alexis Hardison

Melissa Diane Jackson
Marshall Logan Jenkins
Teairo Marie Jordan
Valarie Adams Joyner
William Blake Lewin
Kacie Rae Long
¥ Erica Richards McLean
§ Melanie Benjamin Molyneaux
Marjorie Mary Moran
Tiffany Dawn Murray
Chanel Whitney Opoku-Adjei
Bradley Tyler Watson
Sharda Renee Wilkes
Brandy Nicole Zurface

Automotive Systems Technology

Christopher Daniel Barnes
Jose Miguel Cabrera
Cameron Mitchell
Ethan James Vazquez-Gallegos

Biotechnology

Jayla Latrice Blount
Σ Naree N.S. Cameron
#Σ Evelin Chavez
#Σ Minashki Ikiesha Deer
Σ Dennys De-Leon-Garcia
Brendan Grace Lee
Σ Samya Alyse Lucas
Naomi Williams-Chandler

Building Construction Technology

#§ Raymond Thompson Bassett
Blake E. Mastman
Armando Vieyra-Hernandez

Business Administration

Elix DeVon Coe
Alicia Mondragon
#¥ Wendy Sue White
#¥ Carson Lee Winstead
Ashton Douglas Nelson

Community Spanish Interpreter

Monica Avery
Josefina Loa Gonzalez
#¥ Miranda Brooke Mahany
Saida Sanchez Montilla
Quincy Nathaniel Wright
Wendy Zapotitla

Criminal Justice Technology

#¥ Brandon Lamar Artis
Logan Cooper
* Jack Charles Davies
Quanesha Lashay Ellison
¥ Derek Woodrow Evans
Nukayla Harris
#Σ Raemeisha S. Knight-Alavardo
Victoria Leigh Linkous
Diana Martinez
Johaana Morales
*¥ Kaitlyn Diane Pollard
*¥Σ Keyona Deshea Stroman
Jalen Alan Watkins
Yashica Moneki Webb

Culinary Arts

Bri-undra Lashae Richardson
Joshua Donald Sherrod Speight

Early Childhood Education

Shakiyla Sade Barnhill
Dalexia Sheri Charles
Rosa Juanita Coley
Demekia Danielle Dickerson
KeOsha Verscena Ukelly Graham
#¥ De'ja Hodge
Felita Elizabeth Hudgins
Robin Denise Jacobs
Dajua Twahyana Lee
Ladina Shonnette Peterkin
Lynsey Nicole Reason
Shuquale Shontae' Royal
Kathy Diane Ruffin
Jyoti Sharma
Tasha Renee Simms
Ronika DeQuanna Spellmon

Information Technology - IT Support Track

Jalen Warren

Information Technology - Networking & Cybersecurity Track

*¥§ Adrian Safraz Ali
#¥ William James Bruesch
#Σ Crystal Lizett Flores-Bravo
Kathleen Grace Miles
#¥ Mykala Brantley Thomas
#¥ Tina Rose Thomas
Darnell Lee Thoms

Interpreter Education

§ Reyna Kay Harper
*†¥ Madeleine Rae Kadam
#¥ Krystal Terese Streeter
Lakeesha B. Whitaker

Medical Office Administration - Medical Billing and Coding

¥ Marquita Alicea
Ashley Dills Burkett
Dykita Anne Boone
#¥ Linda Curtis
Tamesha Warren

Medical Office Administration - Patient Services Representative

Mary-Beth Peyton Godwin

Office Administration

Iesha Katherine Marie Arrington

Paralegal Technology

Sophia Nicole Lewis
Priscila Munoz Solis

Surgical Technology

Jordan N. Beebe
Ellen Marjorie Clark
Kayla Ranae Hart
Jada Hollynn Lamm
* Abigail Kristine Mullins

DIPLOMA

Accounting and Finance

Brantley Robert Bridgers
#¥ Rowena M. P. Holman

Electrical Systems Technology

Daniela Michelle Garcia Solis
Vicente Hilario Lopez
Christopher Patricio Silva

Practical Nursing

Quintina Artis
Heather Michelle Cartrette
Crystal L. Christensen

Stephanie Renee Cowley
Carla Wennette Darden
Beth Gichuhi
Annabel Catana Guzman
Niesha Tykil-Shafra Jackson
Katrina Madison
Courtney Chanelle Mitchell
Telisha Moore
Maritza Maribel Serrano
Kesha Lishanda Taylor
¥ Tyeicha Nacolia Underwood

Welding Technology

Glenn Alan Ballinas Castro
Camari Tobias Bynum
Anjelo Will Gatambia Evangelio
Steven Kyler Lane
Kenneth Douglas Paff
Tyler Joseph Saienni
Xavier Sanchez
#§ Jeremy Snyder
Osvaldo Ventura-Ramirez
Spencer Thomas Wild

Symbol Key

¥	Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
†	National Technical Honor Society
*	With Highest Honors (4.0 Cumulative average in major)
#	With High Honors (3.50 - 3.99 Cumulative average in major)
Ω	Wilson Early College Academy Graduate
Σ	Wilson Academy of Applied Technology Graduate
§	Veteran

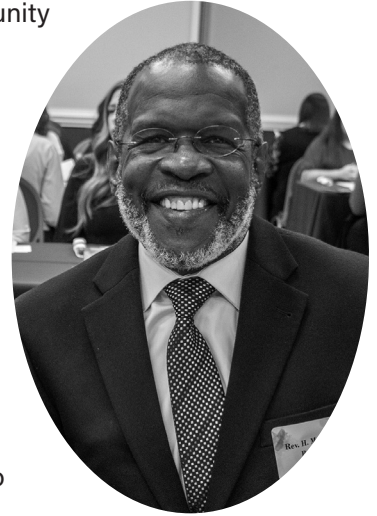
Some graduates are scheduled to complete graduation requirements at the end of the summer semester.
Honors for summer graduates are calculated based on coursework completed through the spring semester.

2024 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: REV. H. MAURICE BARNES

Reverend H. Maurice Barnes is a native of Wilson, NC. After graduating from Ralph L. Fike High School, he went on to graduate from Wilson County Technical Institute--now Wilson Community College (Wilson, NC), Shaw University (Raleigh, NC), and Duke University (Durham, NC).

When he returned to Wilson in the early 1990s, Rev. Barnes served Wilson Community College as a Counselor & Student Activities Director. For the past 26 years, he has served as Pastor of the historic White Rock Presbyterian Church, (Kinston, NC), and he recently assumed the role of Transitional Minister at Calvary Presbyterian Church, (Wilson, NC). In February of 2022, he retired from the Wilson County school system, where he served as Coordinator of the Gentlemen's Agreement program, and led the district's Equity & Inclusion Initiative.

In July of 2021, Rev. Barnes founded the Gertrude Wilson and William Pal Barnes, Fred Douglas Ellis, and Dorothy Lee Pender Educational Foundation, and serves as its Chief Executive Officer. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that endows scholarships and supports various educational endeavors. Named in honor of his adoptive and biological parents, the Foundation reflects his profound gratitude for the sacrifices his parents made to ensure that he received the best education possible.



Committed to community service, he has served as a member or in leadership positions on various boards, commissions, and organizations including Hope Station, the United Way, Sallie B. Howard School of Arts & Science, the Black Caucus of New Hope Presbytery, and the NAACP (National Association of Colored People) of both Wilson and Lenoir counties.

Rev. Barnes' international travels have led him to visit countries such as Jordan, Greece, Egypt, Mexico, and Iraq, on missions of peace and justice, as well as travel/study tours of these and other international locations. He has authored and published the following books: *Some Pre-Marital Points to Ponder* (2018), *Lord, Teach Us to Pray...* (2020), and *My Self Portrait...of Poetic Reflections* (2022).

He also had two daughters, Maurissa Imani Barnes, and Jimesha Zawadi Barnes. They are the apples of his eye.

More important than where he has been or what he has been blessed to experience, Rev. Barnes believes that "... in the final analysis, only what we do for Christ will last! We've all been gifted with graces and abilities to make the world a better place than when we first arrived...to God be the glory for the things He has done and is doing in the lives of all His children!"

2024 PARTICIPANTS

MARSHALS

Zavion Crawley
Leigh Creech

Ashanti Gervacio-Diaz
Bineta Gueye

Kaylin Penny
Emma Teixido

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