



WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday, May 9, 2025 • 6:00 PM • Ralph L. Fike High School Auditorium

*Processional Degrees of Brass

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..... Ryan Simons
President, Wilson Chamber of Commerce

Presentation of Academic Excellence Award Stephanie Winstead
2024 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 Degrees of Brass

*Audience Please Stand

Special thanks to Carolyn Hornick and Rhonda Smith for interpreting the ceremony, and to Degrees of Brass musicians William Beach, Jared Gilbert, Christian McIvor, Caresse Virnig, and Tyler Wrench for sharing their gift of music.

2025 CANDIDATES

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

College Transfer

#¥Ω Sydney Nicole Barnes
Kaleigh Denise Battle
Madison Alana Branch
Maribel Chavez Galvan
Juan Chavez Jaimes
Ω Jah'Mauri Jo'Sam Conner
#Ω Zavion Keyontae' Crawley
* Landan Currie
Ω Logan Destiny Dublin
#Ω Abigail Faith Durrett
Σ Jahniyah Farmer
Adam Gresia
Tykeela Lasha Hardy
* Noah James Harrell
Ω Jacob Brayden Jones
#¥ Elizaveta Denisovna Karteleva
*¥ Terin Lacerte
*¥ Baleigh Dae Lofland

Ω Kioka Brown Martin
Andraya Michelle McIver
Trevor Stephen Mercer
Lakeshia Davetta Moore
Maram Muharam
Amanda Diane Norris
#¥Ω Christina Alausi Pappas
Jessica Martin Parham
Ω Ethan Parker
Ω Caleb Carlton Patterson
Tremaine Lamar Pittman
*¥ Mariah Evette Polk
Faith Pollard
Samantha Zsofia Quintavalle
Christopher Ramirez-Jimenez
Julianys Enid Rivera-Mercado
Ω Lisette Sanchez
#Ω Jackson Bryan Sannes
Lucina Denise Santiago-Juarez
Ω Lizbeth Saucedo-Cruz

Davis Allen Scott
Luke Adam Seals
#¥ Joseph Nathanael Tate
#¥Ω Emma Isabella Teixido
Dezarae Arianna Tulloch
Cesar Yunior Veras
Ω Dayana Vieyra-Hernandez
Taylor Nicole Watkins
Rebecca Ann West
Ω Elijah Earl Whitley
Ω Alaysia Shyanne Williams

Teacher Preparation

Linda Azucena Deleon Godínez
Gavin Dublin
Noor Gamal Hauter
Ukyallia May
#¥ Janice Melton
Patricia Munoz-Perez
Laura Adriana Spinant

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

College Transfer

Σ Munir Anwar Aljabali
Ω Adriana Leal Alvarado
Ω Luis Ernesto Ameca-Guevara
Naomi Mara Denise Atkinson
Ω Victoria Kaye Barbour
Σ Cyrus Kendal Barringer
Σ Nathan Tyler Bass
Σ Sav Morgan Beal
#¥Ω Avery Elizabeth Bisette
Cassie Brooks Bisette
Nora Nayeli Casillas
Makaelah Grace Cuddington
Σ Emily Diaz-Santiago
#Ω Abigail Faith Durrett
Ω Janya Pam Faison
Ω Madeline Clarie George
*¥Ω Ashanti Gervacio-Diaz
#¥Ω Bineta Gueye

*¥Ω Makinzy Green Hathaway
#¥Σ Salvador Moises Hernandez
Σ Rafael Hernandez-Quijada
McKenzie Renee House
Σ Eric Huynh
¥Ω Labib Ismail
Ω Ashiah Zymier Johnson
Hannah Leigh Jones
*Ω Ryan Joshua Jones
Σ Trinity Nicole Jones
Σ Jayla Michelle Joyner
Σ Austin Blake Kiefer
#Σ Stephanie Michelle Lopez Lopez
#¥Σ Emily Elaine Marquard
Ω Melany Dayanna Martinez
Ω Amarii Krystine Mercer
* Zoe Elizabeth Mitchell
Jonathan B. Oliver
Σ Rachel Padilla

#¥Ω Kaylin N. Penny
Σ Alejandra Quiroz
#Ω Brianna Marie Simons
#§ Steven Sabastian Smarsh
Σ Mary Katelyn Stroud
Σ Tyson Edward Talley
Ω Madison Grace Tant
Σ Joshuauna Victoria Taylor
Aundrea Neshaye Thomas
Ω Christian Alexander Thompson
#¥Ω Destiny Leigh Thorne Williams
#¥Ω Benjamin Tinajero
Matthew Upchurch
#¥Ω Dayanara Vieyra-Hernandez
¥Ω Gretchen Rose Weeks
#Ω Conner William Whitley
Ω Tanaeja Suri Williams
Σ Dylan Bryce Williford
Ω Da'Nyriah M. Woodard

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting & Finance

Myra Roberson Best
#¥ Tanika C. Simmons
Doris Taylor

Applied Engineering Technology

Samia Allan
Σ LaMonte Eugene Lucas

Associate Degree Nursing

Kalen Paige Evelyn Atkinson
Serenah Calhoun
Jaznit Lara Casillas
¥ Megan Elizabeth Conti
* ¥ Leigh Ann Creech
¥ Sara Sharp Deans
Aloma Nichelle Duhart
Devin Reese Fowler
Elizabeth Grace Hodges
Joy Diane Hood
Samantha Stocks Lamm
Krishanna Shavon McDougal
Lizbeth Guadalupe Medina
Jazmine Nicole Middleton
Lyndsey Renee Mikitis
Herson Navarrete
Grace Wanja Njoroje
Payton Noel
Allen Matthew Norman
Courtney Nicole Passeau
Kaylin Danielle Peaden
#¥ Kiara Mekayla Rhodes
Shaneque Sampson
Kayla Faith Smith
Rachel Smith

Samantha Jane Smith
Ashley Nicole Strickland
Paola Trejo
Tanna Elizabeth Twigg
Lisa Ann Williams

Automotive Systems Technology

Σ Juan Manuel Ramirez
Dylan Christopher Scott
Σ Jacob Thomas Williams

Biotechnology

#¥ Ryan I. Campbell
#¥ Yacoshiana M. Gaines
Aaliyah Parker
#¥ Dasheka Quinn
#¥ Jessica Denise Ray
#¥ Donna Judy Romero

Building Construction Technology

Itzel Charres-Vargas
¥ Brennan Fazzari Myrick
Tyler Steven Wardle

Business Administration

Lisa Marie Bowans
Shelby Edwards Myers
Leigh Ann Sullivan Perry
Bobbie Michele Quinn
Daquan Ratley
Kalani Katie Simone Richardson
§ Angie Giles Sanders
#¥ Lynnette Michele Terry

Community Spanish Interpreter

Magaly Almaraz
Leslie Clara-Rodriguez
#¥ Widnelia Lynch-Santos
Esther Ilemi Rivera Ortega
Jennifer Ventura Santos
Jessika Ventura Santos

Criminal Justice Technology

#Σ McKayla Nicole Chatman
Σ Joanna Chavez Nunez
Logan Cooper
#§ Deonte Daniels
#Σ Jason Elias-Sanchez
Σ Lena Marie Herring
Destiney Aquilla Johnson
Edie Renee Mangum
Qwatezia Ruffin
Phoebe Skylar Williamson
Naja Monay Wilson

Culinary Arts

¥ Naomi R. Lockamy

Early Childhood Education

Precious Nicole Bynum
Stephanie Maerie James
Joyce Ann Jones
* Wendy Ramsey
Carolyn V. Thomas
Becky Wilder

Early Childhood Education - Birth to Kindergarten Licensure

Nikki Padgett Johnson

**Early Childhood Education
Non-Teaching Licensure**

Ashonda Anderson Davis

**Information Technology -
IT Support Track**

Tracy Eugene Carey, II

#¥ Kaitlyn Glen Joyner

#¥ Danielle Lynd

**Information Technology -
Networking & Cybersecurity Track**

Angel Alesandria Brassfield

#¥Σ Colby Dean Broadwater

Σ Brantley Scott Bryant

Christopher Chance Davis

Deandre Davis

#¥ Millicent McClain Edwards

#Σ Angel David Flores-Bravo

George Richard Green

Martha Victoria Jones

#Σ Jonathan Lynn Joyner, Jr.

Σ Bryana Shante' Lowder

* Jesse Miller

Hala A. Muharam

Σ Jahrell Maleke Parrish

Σ Juan David Rodriguez-Guerra

#¥§ Bryan Ray Woodruff

Interpreter Education

Kristina Louise Ampong

#¥§ April Briley

Rebecca Hemby

*¥ Reagan Faith Hylton

Jaina Krebaum

Campsie Carol Maynor

#¥ Honour Elizabeth Patrick

Robert Da'Kawan Smith

**Medical Office Administration -
Medical Billing and Coding**

Brittany Nicholson

**Medical Office Administration -
Patient Services Representative**

Esmeralda Arias Olmedo

Office Administration

#¥ Brittany H. Mocsari

Anita DeSarro Smith

Paralegal Technology

Yenny Cecilia Barahona

Surgical Technology

Vandatta Mae Artis

Rashanda Battle

John Michaliadis

#§ Steven Sabastian Smarsh

#¥ TraNisha Vann

DIPLOMA

Business Administration

Shelby Edwards Myers

Daquan Ratley

Kalani Katie Simone Richardson

#¥ Lynnette Michele Terry

Electrical Systems Technology

Rigoberto Edwin Aragon Santiago

Calvin Carter, Jr.

* Christopher Niles Chin

Ethan Allen Mason

* Samuel Angelo Mason

Johann Sanchez Mendoza

Brady Michal Morales

Practical Nursing

Omari Itzel Perez Chavez

Gernese Maria Cox

Jasmine S. Crane

Tyshem Darden

Alison Maria Johnson

Stephanie Loretta Johnson

Janeth Aracely Martinez

Jenny Miranda

Shaneka Pittman

Jasmine Smith

Tyra Sachelle Speight

* Tashaunda Lafaith Themes

Mary Uwah

Welding Technology

Jaidan Willow Pearce-Cameron

Zacheria Hosam Ramadan

Melinda Laurel Reeves

Osvaldo Ventura-Ramirez

Symbol Key

¥	Phi Theta Kappa 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.

2025 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: RYAN SIMONS

Ryan W. Simons has served as President of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce since 2013, and is active on a number of boards of directors, including the Wilson Economic Development Council, Wilson Education Partnership, Wilson Community College Foundation Board, Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and he is the Chairman of Wilson Forward. Born in Twentynine Palms, California, Ryan lived in Manteo, North Carolina before calling Wilson home in 2008.

After earning a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from East Carolina University, and an MBA from the University of Maryland's University College, Ryan served as a city planner and economic developer for local governments in Johnston and Dare counties in North Carolina. In 2022, he earned a Spanish for the Workplace Certificate from Wilson Community College. Ryan also completed the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), a professional development program offered by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The IOM designation recognizes individuals who demonstrate essential knowledge and elevate professional standards in nonprofit management.

Since joining the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, Ryan has focused on delivering value to member businesses through market development, and building Wilson's pipeline of community leadership. In 2021, the Chamber was named the Outstanding Small Chamber of the Year by the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. In 2024, the Chamber became one of only four local chambers of commerce in the state to earn Accreditation from the US Chamber of Commerce.

Ryan is married to Debra, a principal with Wilson County Schools, and they have two daughters. Ryan's dedication to serving the community is evident in his work, and he is a valued, long-standing supporter of Wilson Community College.



2025 PARTICIPANTS

MARSHALS

Sergio Santiago-Jimenez
Tamryn Finch

Arianna Hoskins
Lydia Simons

Andrea Bahena Garcia
Javonni Bynum

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