



57th ANNUAL ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT

May 26, 2026

Prudential Center - Newark, New Jersey



57th Annual
Commencement



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
DR. AUGUSTINE A. BOAKYE



Congratulations, Essex County College Class of 2026!

It is both a privilege and a joy to congratulate the **Class of 2026** on this remarkable achievement on behalf of our faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees. This is a moment we will cherish for years to come.

Today, you leave the Prudential Center not simply as students, but as graduates prepared to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead. Before you begin this next chapter, I'd like to offer a few reflections on the journey before you.

You are stepping into a rapidly evolving world that calls for innovation, resilience, and courageous leadership. The path ahead may not always be easy, but perseverance will remain one of your greatest strengths. Meaningful progress is built through collaboration—through our ability to work together with empathy, understanding, and mutual respect. By leading with compassion and seeking common ground, you have the power to create stronger communities and lasting change.

I am especially proud of the many ways you have enriched the culture of Essex County College. Your passion and creativity revitalized our athletic programs, student government, entrepreneurial initiatives, and academic research efforts.

Your achievements have earned recognition across the state—from honors awarded by NJCAA to distinctions from the New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Honor Society, Bloomberg for Education and the All-USA New Jersey Community College Academic Team. You have represented Essex County College with pride, determination, and excellence.

As you move forward, I encourage you to remain connected through the Essex County College Alumni Association. Whether through mentorship, service, or support, your continued involvement will inspire and uplift future generations of students.

We wish you every success in the years ahead and look forward to welcoming you back as proud alumni of this exceptional institution.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. You will always be a part of the ECC family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. B. F.' with a stylized flourish above the letters.

Dr. Augustine A. Boakye
President

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*Assistant Student Marshals
Faculty, Administration and Staff
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Candidates for Associate Degrees
Candidates for Certificates
Alumni Representatives*

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*Dr. Akil Kokayi Khalfani
Professor & Grand Marshal*

HONORED GUESTS

*Cabinet Members
Board of Trustees
Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient
Class Salutatorian
Class Valedictorian
Dr. Augustine A. Boakye, President*

*PRESIDING Dr. Augustine A. Boakye
President, Essex County College*

*NATIONAL ANTHEM Sillia Francois, Student
Accompanied by Professor Rachel Gasataya*

(Please stand)

*INVOCATION The Reverend Dr. Mamie Bridgeforth
Chair, Division of Social Sciences*

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Dr. Augustine A. Boakye

*GREETINGS TO THE COLLEGE Dr. Jake Farbman
Executive Director, Economic Mobility Initiatives, New Jersey Council of County Colleges*

*The Honorable Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive*

*COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Francisco Dillon
President and CEO, Global Performance Group*

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREEDr. Arnold C. Lewis
Chair, ECC Board of Trustees
Dr. Augustine A. Boakye
President, Essex County College

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATESDr. Arnold C. Lewis

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT STUDENT MARSHALSBeth Robinson
Joseph S. Zarra
ECC Trustees

RECOGNITION OF SALUTATORIAN Cynthia D. Martinez
ECC Trustee

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIANDr. Arnold C. Lewis

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS Linda Eddens-Tanner
Class of 2026

MUSICAL INTERLUDESillia Francois, Student
“Here I am” from the Color Purple Musical - Accompanied by Professor Rachel Gasataya

INTRODUCTION OF CHAIRPERSONSDr. Hamin Shabazz
Vice President of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES & CERTIFICATESAcademic Chairpersons

Early College Scholars/Dual Enrollment Programs.....Dr. Elvy Vieira
 Division of Biology, Chemistry & Physics.....Dr. Eunice Kamunge
 Division of Business.....Prof. Germaine Albuquerque
 Division of Humanities & Bilingual Studies Dr. William J. Tooma
 Division of Math, Engineering Tech. & Computer Sciences Dr. Andrew Hrechak
 Department of Nursing & Health Sciences..... Dr. Gennevieve Danville
 Division of Social Sciences.....Dr. Mamie Bridgeforth

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES.....Dr. Augustine A. Boakye

COMMENTS AND CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2026

TASSEL TURNING Dr. Akil Kokayi Khalfani
Grand Marshal

CLOSING REMARKS..... Dr. Augustine A. Boakye

RECESSIONAL

❧ VALEDICTORIAN ❧

LINDA EDDENS-TANNER

A.A.S. Human & Social Services



Ms. Linda Eddens-Tanner's journey to becoming Valedictorian of Essex County College's Class of 2026 is a powerful testament to resilience, determination, and self-belief. Graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA, she will earn her degree in Human and Social Services, transforming adversity into achievement and redefining what is possible through perseverance and purpose.

Once a foster youth navigating life with ADHD and placed in special education classes, Linda refused to accept limitations placed upon her. Through self-advocacy and unwavering determination, she transitioned into mainstream courses and graduated high school with honors, an early sign of the excellence that would follow.

In 2022, Linda began her studies at Essex County College while facing homelessness, using her education as a source of stability and hope. Despite these challenges, she excelled academically and emerged as a campus leader. She served as President of the National Society of Leadership and Success through the EOF program, President of the Social Work Association for Students, and is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Through these roles, Linda has demonstrated that leadership is rooted in service, compassion, and uplifting others. As a first-generation college graduate, her accomplishments are especially meaningful, reflecting both personal triumph and a commitment to breaking barriers. Linda will attend Rutgers University this fall, where she will major in Biology as she works toward earning her BSN and pursuing a career in nursing. She aspires to save lives, serve her community, and inspire others to overcome challenges and believe in their potential.

❧ SALUTATORIAN ❧

DALTON MOORE

A.S. Accounting



Mr. Dalton Moore's journey at Essex County College began as a practical step toward supporting his growing family during his transition from military service. It soon became a transformative chapter marked by personal growth, renewed purpose, and academic excellence.

A nontraditional student, Dalton returned to college at age 33 after overcoming significant life challenges, including early instability, addiction, and an alcohol-related conviction that once disrupted his education. In 2015, a turning point through his faith set him on a path of recovery, restoring hope and shaping a deep commitment to service and perseverance.

In 2017, Dalton enlisted in the United States Army as a combat medic, serving in Greece, Germany, and Poland. These experiences instilled discipline, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility. Following his transition to civilian life in New Jersey, he enrolled at Essex County College, while balancing Army Reserve service, employment, and family life, alongside supporting his wife through the demands of medical school.

At ECC, Dalton found more than academic opportunity; he found community. Through faculty mentorship, academic support services, and determination, he transformed early academic setbacks into sustained success, earning a perfect 4.0 GPA and induction into Phi Theta Kappa. He graduates from Essex County College as the Class Salutatorian, earning his degree in Accounting.

Beyond the classroom, Dalton remains committed to serving others through emergency medical care and by supporting individuals facing addiction and life challenges, guided by his belief in the power of compassion and second chances. After graduation, he will transfer to the University of Alabama to continue his studies in accounting and pursue CPA licensure. He has also been called to ministry and is committed to serving others wherever his path leads.

❧ ASSISTANT MARSHALS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026 ❧



HOPE AMORY - A.A.S., Nursing

Ms. Hope Amory's journey at Essex County College reflects resilience, growth, and an unwavering commitment to becoming a compassionate healthcare professional. Graduating with a 3.90 GPA, she will earn her Associate of Science in Nursing and will be earning her RN License. Ms. Amory is currently a Licensed Practical Nurse and Preceptor.

Entering Essex County College in 2023, Hope arrived determined to redefine her path. Once a student with an Individualized Education Program, she refused to be limited by past labels and instead focused on personal growth, perseverance, and developing the skills necessary to care for others. Through dedication and self-belief, she transformed uncertainty into confidence, discovering both her voice and her purpose within the nursing profession.

At Essex, Hope found a supportive and inspiring community. Faculty mentors, including Dr. Koribanics, Prof. Okoro, Prof. Pangilinan, and Dr. Bacchus, played a pivotal role in her development, challenging her to excel and reinforcing her belief in her own potential. Their guidance, along with meaningful connections with peers, helped her grow not only as a student but as a future nurse grounded in empathy and strength.

Beyond the classroom, Hope has demonstrated a deep commitment to service. She has participated in community initiatives such as breast cancer awareness walks and volunteering at Toni's Kitchen. Most notably, her work as a home health nurse supporting children and families has shaped her passion for patient care. Through these experiences, she has learned that true success is measured not by recognition, but by the impact she has on the lives of others.

Hope plans to continue her education by pursuing a BSN at William Paterson University, with the goal of becoming a pediatric critical care nurse. She is dedicated to providing compassionate, skilled care and advocating for patients and families during their most vulnerable moments.



PERLA MARÍA BERROA GUEVARA – A.S., Finance

Ms. Perla María Berroa Guevara's journey at Essex County College is a powerful testament to resilience, determination, and global perspective. Born and raised in Spain to Dominican parents, she relocated to the United States just three years ago, successfully navigating a new language, culture, and academic system. Beginning in ESL courses, she steadily developed her English proficiency while discovering a passion for finance.

Graduating with an exceptional 3.95 GPA and a degree in Finance, Perla distinguished herself both academically and as a campus leader. In recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, she was inducted into the NJCBAA Honor Society (New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association).

As President of the Business Club, she cultivated strong leadership, organizational, and public speaking skills. She also competed in the Bloomberg Trading Challenge, earning third place and gaining hands-on experience with the Bloomberg Terminal, including a visit to Bloomberg headquarters in New York City.

A dedicated student-athlete, Perla was a member of the women's soccer team and played a key role in leading her team to win the NJCAA Division II Region 19 Championship in 2023—an accomplishment that reflects her commitment to teamwork, discipline, and excellence. She proudly carries the spirit of "Be a Wolverine!" Perla will continue her academic and athletic journey at Rutgers University, where she plans to study finance and continue playing soccer.

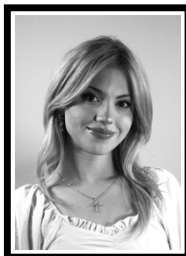


NATALIA ALVARADO-HUNT – A.A.S., Vision Care Technology

Ms. Natalia Alvarado-Hunt's path to Essex County College is a powerful example of resilience and determination. After leaving high school and earning her GED, she spent years in the workforce believing higher education was out of reach. Encouraged by her mentor in the optical field, Natalia made the decision at age 29 to return to school and pursue a degree in Vision Care Technology.

Balancing full-time work while attending college full-time, Natalia approached her studies with purpose and discipline, graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA and earning consistent placement on the Dean's List. Through hands-on training in the optical lab and support from faculty and the Learning Center, she developed both technical expertise and a passion for patient care, securing a position as an apprentice in ophthalmic dispensing.

A member and chapter officer of Phi Theta Kappa, Natalia has demonstrated a commitment to leadership, scholarship, and service. As an Assistant Marshal, her journey reflects perseverance and the belief that it is never too late to pursue one's goals.



LOLA PEJOVSKI – A.S., Business Administration

Ms. Lola Pejovski's time at Essex County College has been defined by academic excellence, personal growth, and a commitment to purposeful leadership. Graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA, she will earn her degree in Business Administration.

Throughout her college journey, Lola embraced both the challenges and rewards of higher education, developing discipline, confidence, and a clear vision for her future. She credits her success to the support of dedicated faculty who brought real-world experience into the classroom and fostered an environment of engagement and encouragement. Through smaller classes and meaningful peer connections, she found both inspiration and a strong sense of community. She also credits much of her drive and perseverance to her mother, a fellow Essex County College graduate, whose example has been a constant source of inspiration.

Beyond academics, Lola is deeply committed to youth empowerment. She has volunteered in social-emotional development workshops for middle and high school girls, helping to facilitate discussions on self-awareness, confidence, leadership, and goal setting. Through these experiences, she has supported young women in building resilience and a strong sense of identity while strengthening her own leadership and passion for service.

After graduation, Lola plans to continue her education abroad at Anglo-American University in Prague, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Marketing & Digital Communications. She aspires to build a career as a marketing manager, ideally in New York City within the beauty or fashion industry. With a strong interest in the intersection of creativity and business, she is also considering future studies in corporate law to expand her impact in the field.

After graduation, Natalia plans to become a licensed optician, continue her education, and ultimately pursue a Doctor of Optometry degree, with the goal of building a meaningful career while inspiring others to follow their dreams.

GRAND MARSHAL
AKIL KOKAYI KHALFANI, PH.D.

Professor, Director of the Africana Institute, and the Center for Global Education and Experiences



Dr. Akil Kokayi Khalfani is a distinguished scholar, educator, and global thought leader whose work spans academia, public service, media, and international engagement. He serves as Director of the Africana Institute and the Center for Global Education and Experiences at Essex County College, where he is also Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies. In addition, he provides leadership for the Sociology and Africana Studies programs and serves as President-Elect of the Faculty Association, reflecting his deep commitment to academic excellence and shared governance.

*A prolific scholar, Dr. Khalfani is the author of *The Hidden Debate: The Truth Revealed about the Battle over Affirmative Action in South Africa and the United States*, and co-author of *Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Our Complex World*. He has also contributed to numerous influential scholarly works examining race, inequality, and global social dynamics. His research and teaching focus on Africana Studies, race relations, social stratification, and advancing solutions to complex social challenges.*

Beyond the classroom, Dr. Khalfani is actively engaged in global education and community development. He serves on African Union Committees of Experts on Reparations and previously served as a UNESCO advisor on global education. He serves on numerous boards including the Black Inventors Hall of Fame and the Newark Anti-Violence Coalition.

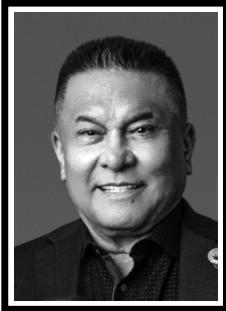
*An award-winning media host and dynamic speaker, Dr. Khalfani is the Executive Producer of *The Pulse*, a televised program exploring the diversity of the African global experience. He has delivered keynote addresses at the United Nations, the TSA, and at international conferences across Africa, Asia, and beyond.*

His leadership and service have earned him numerous national and international honors recognizing his contributions to education, advocacy, and cultural engagement. Dr. Khalfani holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Throughout his career, Dr. Khalfani has remained committed to advancing knowledge, empowering communities, and fostering global understanding—values that continue to inspire students, colleagues, and communities around the world.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
DR. FRANK DILLON

Executive Leader | Philanthropist | Community Architect | Behavioral Health Professional



Dr. Frank Dillon is a distinguished executive leader, behavioral health professional, scholar, and philanthropist whose career reflects an unwavering commitment to leadership excellence, community empowerment, and transformational impact. As President and CEO of Global Performance Group, he is widely recognized for his strategic vision and his success in developing high-performing leaders across corporate and nonprofit sectors.

Dr. Dillon's career uniquely bridges executive leadership and clinical expertise. For more than two decades, he served at Rutgers Medical School as a clinician and Director of the Outpatient Child and Adolescent Unit, where he led multidisciplinary teams providing critical behavioral health services to children and families. His work has focused on strengthening family systems, advancing youth development, and addressing complex mental health challenges, with particular attention to trauma, violence prevention, and culturally responsive care within Hispanic communities. In the corporate arena, Dr. Dillon achieved national distinction as a Senior National Sales Director with Primerica Financial Services. A pioneering Hispanic leader within the organization, he became the first Hispanic Wall of Famer and among the first Hispanic immigrants to reach millionaire status in the company. Through his leadership, he has developed thousands of professionals and built organizations generating multi-million-dollar success.

A visionary in leadership development and economic empowerment, Dr. Dillon is the Founder and Chairman of the Primerica Hispanic American Leadership Council, a national organization dedicated to advancing financial education and expanding opportunity in Hispanic communities. Through this work, he has mentored and coached thousands, helping individuals achieve personal and professional success. Dr. Dillon is also deeply committed to community service and education. He serves as Chairman of the Board of F.O.C.U.S. Hispanic Center for Community Development in Newark, and as a member of the Essex County College Foundation, where he advocates for student success and expanded access to higher education.

He holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Seton Hall University, a Master of Social Work from Rutgers University, and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Montclair State University. He has also completed the Senior Executive Leadership Program at Columbia University and holds a Human Rights Consultant Certification from the U.S. Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights.

In recognition of his exceptional leadership, commitment to community empowerment, and sustained contributions to economic, educational, and social advancement on a global scale, Dr. Dillon has been awarded two Honorary Doctorates (Doctor Honoris Causa) by The World Humanistic University and the Politecnico di Studi Aziendali in Switzerland.



DEGREE RECIPIENTS

for

AUGUST 2025

DECEMBER 2025

APRIL 2026

JUNE 2026

EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLAR 2026

DEGREE RECIPIENTS FOR AUGUST 2025

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****Highest Honors 3.85 to 4.00 grade point average*

***High Honors 3.65 to 3.84 grade point average*

**Honors 3.50 to 3.64 grade point average*

DIVISION OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, AND PHYSICS

GENERAL SCIENCE

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Angela Sophia Arca ***
Allysoun D Calle **
MMah Saran Camara **
Diewo Valerie Diaw *
Shantiah Danielle Dore
Kristofer Ervin Huggins
Monique Reynolds
Grace Ankomah-Twum **

DIVISION OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Associate in Science

Elijah S J Nelson-Lockwood
Tamarri Valentine*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate in Science

☞ Associate in Applied Science

Delince Alexis**
Noah Samuel Anaya
Daniela Cajamarca
Douglas Davila
Miguel Franco*
Maria Gonzalez
Corinne Jean-Jacques
Evan C LiCalsi
Alexis A Quishpi
Winsome J Alexander
Marjory Alexandra Valdivieso

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND BILINGUAL STUDIES

LIBERAL ARTS

Associate in Art

April Dunmore
Isabella Golinski

LIBERAL ARTS: COMMUNICATION

Associate in Arts

Joseph Andreaggi

DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

CYBERSECURITY NETWORK TECHONOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

Nisrine Taalba

ENGINEERING

Associate in Applied Science

Jean Stephen Zoa

DIVISION OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Certificate

Opeyemi Kabirat Adenuga
Bashirat B Adewusi
Shatayah E Anderson
Udoka Onyebuchi Asogwa
Denisha J Bobb
Tiffany Nicole Dinkins
Pillar Dwah
Fathia Olatorera Eleshin
Chisom Ann Ezeadi
Olukayode Olakunle Fabuda
Tammy Garland
Humberto Gonzalez-Grueiro
Andrea Michelle Holifield
Violet N Isaac
Oluwafunke O Komolafe
Leonette Lewis
Ashly Liranzo

Winder Marc Fortilus
Atyana McClain
Cheyenne N McGaw
Tania Meronvil
Linda Nduneseokwu
Gladys O Ogunbiyi
Arly M Quinonez
Ashley Rivero
Kayla Aiyon Roberts
Kyla Tamarah Roberts
Tinesha Tonya Rodrigues
Malikah Rose Shillingford

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate in Applied Science

Kyra A Hollingsworth-Phillip

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate in Science

Wendi A Huerta

EDUCATION

Associate in Arts

Kendra A Johnson
Michaelle D Negra
Wendy T Nunn
Abigail T Williams *

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate in Science

Oluwatobi Adeola
Janetta Camara
Jeanith Fernandez
Nasir Gaines
Felicia Minnigan
Albida E Saldana
Naomi Lois Van Doornik ***
Michaelyn A Watson

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DIVISION OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, AND PHYSICS

BIOLOGY PRE-MEDICINE

Associate in Science

*Bryan Pacheco Cavalcante **
Ange Diane Chouna
Franklin Archangel Gabriel **
Tushar Kalia **
Melynda Rosario*

CHEMISTRY

Associate in Science

Jasmine C Eke

ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE

Associate in Science

*Jade Sarmiento
Kayla Anyah Womack*

GENERAL SCIENCE

Associate in Science

*Ngozi Esther Abalihi
Rasheedat Adetutu Akanbi
Gyan Asamoah
Joan Atselefun
Sakisha S Bell
Ronda Melissa Benjamin *
Sandy I Berrospi
Esther Delva Hilaire
Gabriely V Domience Santos
Danae Danielle Doyle
Samantha Peter Gay Earle
Jude Alexander Ford *
Vanasa Jones
Gene R Levell
Stalyn Alfredo Magallanes **
Alex M Mendoza
Stephanie M Moreno-Jimenez
Autumn-Nicole Denise Morgan****

Rhiana Marie Negron
Chinwe Ogbuehi *
Titilayo A Olusegun *
Juliette Paul Michel
Vanessa Previlon
Stacy Shaelee Prieto
Ikelia Ellanae SpruillCobb
Vanessa Taday
Margaret Mary Tsike
Joan Varela Almonte*
Onyekachi Christopher Wogu*

DIVISION OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

Associate in Science

*Fernando Abambari
Jared Aguilar
Jordan A Alix ***
Amenda Alphonse **
Shannan Shanice Blackwood *
Mame-Fama Gueye **
Hunter Hascup ***
Raiane D Kuter *
Radwin S McKenzie
Kadean Sashikay Mitchell
Sterline Nephtalie Phanord
Cory David C Turnbull ***
Emily Vallejo
Ina Yessenia Velazquez***
Tyree Ware ***

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate in Science

*Akinfolahan Basit Akinyemi
Sabine Albuja *
Ahmad Ali
Berline Augustin
Daniel R Barton
Jessica L Basora
Luizhao Eliceo Briones
Katia Jackeline Buri*

*Liyeira Calcano *
Jeannette Caro
Luis Emilio Cespedes ***
Kosisochukwu P Chukwu **
Saran Conneh
Declan Debold ***
Serena I Douglas
Andrea Elizalde
Jimmy Gabriel
Hanri Glemaud
Tane Ishe Gonzalez *
Gustavo J Guerrero
Jennifer Gusnay **
Ashleigh Hernandez
Jessica J Hernandez Chacon***
Allenson Jean-Louis
Noah Benedict Kaiser **
Wesley Lafleur
Jenifer K Leon *
Madison Sandra Lipinski ***
Ashia T Martin *
Carlos Kevin Mendoza
Kayla M. Moto***
Nicholas Mrowko
Chinenye Precious Nwokedi***
Haylee Giselle Pauta*
Michael Vincent Piombo
Serge Pompilus**
Joselyn Dayana Quezada*
Alexander Reyes*
Mateo Richardson
Yulis P Rivas**
Melissa Rodriguez***
Xiomara N Rodriguez Garcia
Jareth Fernando Romero***
Fatimah Sales
Monaca Sanon
Sariya N Shaw*
Shamsiyat Wuraola Shehu
Alyssa Kionna Smith
Courtney C Tyner
Issac A. Vasquez
Linden K Wallerson
Ranique Woodson*

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

Associate in Science

Jelly Prophete Jourdain ***

FINANCE

Associate in Science

Ziyanna Amanuel

Shaheen Fuad Bages

Halaina K Davis

Valery Y Espindola Barrera **

Akram Lechguar

Catherine Mayancela

Lucas Fabricio Molina

Julio C Perez

Aaron Puryear

Brandon Jabier TamayJerez

Giorgio Demetri Vagelakos

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Associate in Science

Woody Armand

Taheesha K. Green *

N'Digo Sumarah Jones

Steven Schiff ***

**BUSINESS CAREER
DEVELOPMENT**

Certificate

Eyram I Akakpovi

Gail Y Baldwin

Yadira Borja

Brenda Ivonne Canari

Christian James Edrington-Wilson

Abel Daniel Martinez

Abouya Grace-Priscille N'kayo

Janet Saldana

Darcell L Sherin

Tiara Alexandra Tinoco Saavedra

Yasbely Torres Burgos

Matthew Veloso

**DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND
BILINGUAL STUDIES**

ART

Associate in Art

Olivia Asante

Emilia Vanessa Cruz Gonzalez ***

Jaylon Jihad Dunlap *

Yanelly Mariah Gonzalez *

Sarah Khelifi

Jessica Sucuzhanay **

LIBERAL ARTS

Associate in Art

Michael A Diaz **

Laureen Britton

Imani Medy

Eslam Mostafa

Maria Nathalia Moyano

Deana D Olaechea Plath de Leon

Symone J Price ***

Christopher Reid

Leticia S Rice **

Jasmine Rodriguez

Joana Filipa Gomes Sequeira **

Julian Christian Trowell

Emily Gecelly Valenzuela

Romina Villafan *

Timothy Wilson

**LIBERAL ARTS:
COMMUNICATIONS**

Associate in Art

Joshua L Davis

Seyed Mahdi Hashemi Sohi *

Miracle Stewart

Phanta Swaray

**LIBERAL ARTS: AFRICAN
STUDIES**

Associate in Art

Kaleda A Joseph **

NEW MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

Adelmar Diaz

Aydin Ahmad Graves **

Kyle Andreese Harper- Ricks

Ivan Dominic Macaraeg *

Kenya Pringle

Shania Rose Smith-Fullwood *

**DIVISION OF MATH,
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Associate in Science

Joseph Ellis

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

Erik A Campos Gomez

Khari Cummings

**CIVIL ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY**

Associate in Applied Science

Savannah Prowell

**COMPUTER INFORMATION
SYSTEMS**

Associate in Science

Denise G Dos Santos Cruz ***

Chelsea Guevara

Tamia Danae Heck

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Associate in Science

Anthony Cando

Terry Adams Exama **

Jeremiah Germain

Sa-hira T Green **

Shirley Bridget Lopez Marcillo *

Farid K Marcos

Awoodwisen Norelus

Jessica V Odias

Laura Omonefe Okohere

Kanyinsola Oremosu *

Gladson Pierre

Salsabeel Asad Saadeh ***

Johan San Martin

Justice N Sarfo **

Jefferson Theodate *

Philip Uzoaru

**CYBERSECURITY NETWORK
TECHONOLOGY**

Associate in Applied Science

Cristian R Agard *

Olateju Jeremiah Babatunde

Oluwatimilehin Keji Bamishe *

Yaw Bandoh

Rafael Alejandro Cuicas Medina

Toni Eluemunor

Marqui A Gonzalez

Prince A Hamilton

Adjoua Esse Homawoo

Abdou Niang

*Abiola Onisile ****

*Christopher A Pina Mamani **

*Md Mahfujur Rahman ***

Virginia Maria Salas

*Ameerah A Sanni ***

Adams Olawale Sanni

Adama Seydou Sanogo

*Missoune St Felix ****

Ousseynou Taha

*Shaneece Thompson ***

ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

Augustine Chibuike Ugoaru

ENGINEERING

Associate in Science

*Stacy Agyemang **

Milo Yousef Attal

Devon Henry

Oskar Klus

Augustin Kolamou

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Jefferson Ortiz

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Alexander Andres Roldan

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science

Oluwaseun Oladipupo Ashaye

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

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TECHNICAL STUDIES: UCC

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NURSING

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VISION CARE TECHNOLOGY

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*Adrian Hernandez ***

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LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Certificate

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Cassandra S Flowers

Nana Kofi Genfi

Neyda Elena Guerrero-Gomez

Theresa Marie Hazle-Thomas

Patience Kotey White

Pauline Shaira Yuzon Liban

Valery Marius

Katherine A Mejia De Jesus

Alexis Michelle Mendoza

Nsutebu Mokijika A Epse

Christine Mogoi Moracha

Helen Chinyere Nwafor

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Nakiyah L Olmeda

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EDUCATION

Associate in Arts

*Ana Sofia Alejo Martinez ****

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DIVISION OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

BIOLOGY PRE-MEDICINE

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CHEMISTRY

Associate in Science

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GENERAL SCIENCE

Associate in Science

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Veronica Alice Barinas
Magret Temitope Barker
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DIVISION OF BUSINESS

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Marquise Newby
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Eric Santander
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Maria Isabel Ataide Carmona
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Debora F De Almeida Ferreira
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FINANCE

Associate in Science

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BUSINESS CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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DIVISION OF HUMANITY AND BILINGUAL STUDIES

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**APPLIED COMPUTER
SCIENCE**
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TECHNOLOGY**
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TECHNOLOGY**
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Richard H Rodriguez
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Jaida Star Rolon
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Ebunifeoluwa E Soderu
Olubusayo Grace Sodiyan
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Hannah Flanigan
Jonathan Kwai Guerrero
Alex Lawrence Gutfleish
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Rita Massoud
Imani McEachern
Margaret Ann Pierce
Kiernan Rowe
Matheus Santos
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Emily Tsinkelis
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VISION CARE TECHNOLOGY

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Farah Hernandez
Josh Hernandez
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Molly Larkin
Kassandra Nicole Luna
Lydia Joana Mayancela
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Lesly S Nerio
Sharif A Norris
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Ivy Rodriguez
Arianny Rosario
Omarys Sanchez
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VISION CARE TECHNOLOGY

Certificate of Achievement

Stephanie Collins

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Jhoycelin Jhoanna Huerta
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EDUCATION

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Gloria M Guerrero
Iesha T. Lee
Emely Milagros Liz Marte
Gaia Mercedes Martins
Keyonna Mary Miller
Victoria Raquel Nina-Veloso
Gissella Milagros Oyola Garcia
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Laura Rodriguez
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HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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PARALEGAL STUDIES

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ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE

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GENERAL SCIENCE

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Frank E Okhions
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Tyrese Ramirez
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Jovonna M Robinson
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MANAGEMENT**
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**DIVISION OF HUMANITIES
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ART
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Christofer Vinicio Caguana Quito
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Gustavo Santos Cardoso
Jocelyn Stephanie Castillo
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Rose Blandine Charles

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Ines Lopes De Sousa
Hadassah Dias Lana
Wagner Gabriel Duque Vega
Nicole Daly
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Tabitha Gayles
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Diana Grande Ramirez
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Alex Guaman
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Associate in Arts

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Liberty Adjei
Gustavo Gomes Naegele
Raziel J O'Meally

LIBERAL ARTS: ENGLISH
Associate in Arts

Shammond Jowon Brooks

LIBERAL ARTS: HISTORY
Associate in Arts

Jessica Ann Pernel

LIBERAL ARTS: SPANISH LANGUAGE

Associate in Arts

Claudia Claribel Carias Lazo

LIBERAL ARTS: THEATER

Associate in Arts

Natalie Grisell Fonseca

Jimmy G Louis

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Isis Diamond Reed

Douglas Joel Mendez

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Essa Zahid Alavi

Libety J Doyle

Ian Paul Mera

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AND COMPUTER SCIENCES**

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Fadua Maite Mera Dalgo

Luis Miguel Sucuzhanay

CYBERSECURITY & NETWORK TECHNOLOGY

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Claudy Petion

Mannal Ayobami Sanni

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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Nicaria A Samms

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Astrid J Chacon

Chinasa Naomi Ezeani

Emani KY Gerard

Sabrina Y Jean-Baptiste

Keyanah S Johnson

Lakita L Lloyd

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Mia Natejah Williams

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Generia M Bugess

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Pricilla Chacon

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Khady Myrna Diakite

Darian Samayah Montigue

Abigail Nii

Damaris Rivera

Jenna Marie Yannuzzi

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Erick Joel Gonzalez

Jeanine Jones

PARALEGAL STUDIES

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Ndeye Salane Cisse

Claudia DosSantos

Laura P Escobar

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Associate in Science

Charlemange Cadet

William Charles

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate in Science

Stephany Adino

Ericka Anita Augustin-Lawson

Omar Qamar Baig

Juandy Felipe Beaez Guzman

Cerice Clarice Barron

Justin Perez Bonilla

Nasiyah Closs

Jakira Emony Coar

Yamilka Cruz

Cintamani Tulais Devone

Antoine Gonzalez

Jayleen Gomez

Olivia Gooden

Kai'jon Hall

Maressa J Hartman-Harriott
Marisa Ann Heim
Elvis A Holder
Naira Y Janvier
Great Daodu Jimoh
Richard Isaiah Jorge
Nicole L Love
Fiona O Mitchell
Shahadah Mitchell
Lisbeth L Marte
Omar Lugo
Daniel Odozi
Doris-Precious Ifeyinwa Obiano
Zyangelis S Ortega
Amanda Pena
Shirley Nairobi Pino Pacheco
Omar Baig Qamar
Vanessa C Roca
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DEGREE RECIPIENTS FOR EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLAR 2026

*This is a list of degree candidates and not an official list of graduates.
Degree candidates will have to be officially certified for graduation by the Registrar.*

****Highest Honors 3.85 to 4.00 grade point average*

***High Honors 3.65 to 3.84 grade point average*

**Honors 3.50 to 3.64 grade point average*

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Great Daodu Jimon
Richard Jorge
Ericka Lawson
Omar Lugo
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Doris Obiano
Shirley Pino Pacheco
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Jazmin Sosa-Garcia
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Yasmin DeBastos
Ash Tavares DePinho
Ines De Sousa
Hadassah Dias Lana
Samuel Dias Rodrigues
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Tamiris Goncalves Araujo
Yuris Granados Aguilar
Diana Grande
Jostin Guaman
Jennifer Guillen
Melany Jaramillo
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Kevin Pinzon Paucar
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Briana Rodrigues
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Clara Rodriguez
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Marlon Santander
Lara Sena Malaquias
Kevin Solis Leion
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Jennifer Lopez
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Iver Melgar
Robert Menich
Angelly Moreta
Thania Naula
Oluwadunsin Olatunji
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Deborah Hernandez
Michael Ibojo
Divine Long
Jennifer Nwobu
Nakira Poole
Soidat Raheem
Tyrese Ramirez
Jovonna Robinson
Melissa Santiago
Ernestina Gyedua Sekyere*

*Daniella Taiwo
Zoe Torres
Tejon Walters*

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Kaniya Gaddie
Iretomiwa Hassan
Mariame Kourouma
Ade McCoy
Yasmin Caldwell
Kerolos Francis
Elquin Tenezaca*

Supply Chain Management Scholarship..... **Austin Lindsay**
Studio Art Excellence Scholarship..... **Stephanie Rouse**
Emilia Cruz

Organization and Administration Awards

Presidential Scholarship **Abed Amicy**
Salvatore Gencarelli
Phanta Swaray
Terry Exama
Suean Yang
John Palacios

Administrative Association Scholarship **Cory Turnbull**
Shanika Liberati

The Believer’s Hope Foundation - Haitian Students Association Scholarship **Terry Exama**
Missoune St. Felix

Haiti Edu-Action - Haitian Student Association Scholarship..... **Terry Exama**
Jefferson Theodate

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship..... **Missoune St. Felix**
John Palacios
Bryan Pacheco Cavalcante

Academic Programs and Department Awards

Math, Engineering Technology, & Computer Science Scholarship **Andres Uvidia**
Daniel Campaore
John Palacios

Academic Achievement Award **Ameerah Sanni**

Division of Biology, Chemistry & Physics Scholarship **Nhu Phan**
John Palacios
Bryan Pacheco Cavalcante

Faculty Association Scholarship **John Palacios**
Cory Turnbull
Marcia Juliana Sarmiento Osorio
Andres Uvidia
Shanika Liberati

**Perla Berroa Guevara
Rita Massoud**

Humanities & Bilingual Studies Student Scholarship **Marcia Juliana Sarmiento Osorio**

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Student Success Scholarship **Stephanie Rouse**

ACADEMIC REGALIA

THE CAP AND GOWN

The academic costume originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for clerics and scholars in unheated buildings. The distinctive gown served to set students apart from their fellow citizens. Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. Although black is the traditional color of academic gowns, a number of institutions in the U.S. now use gowns of distinctive colors. Members of the Class are wearing green caps and gowns with gold tassels to reflect the colors of Essex County College.

The gowns for the bachelor's degree have long, pointed sleeves whereas the gowns for the master's degree have oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. Gowns for the doctorate carry broad velvet panels down the front and three open bars on the full, open sleeves. Among the gowns you will see worn by faculty at ECC are scarlet and black for Rutgers, silver gray for Columbia, violet for New York University, and yale blue for Seton Hall. The cap, or mortarboard, also derives from the medieval costume. The tassel is worn on the right side before the conferral of the degree and then is worn on the left.

THE HOOD

The hood indicates the type of degree and the school from which the degree was earned. The velvet around the collar is colored according to the type of degree earned and the lining is distinctive for each school. Colors indicative of some fields of learning include white for arts, gold for science, light blue for education, purple for law, brown or gray for business.

THE MACE

Ceremonial maces, symbols of internal authority and the independence from external authority, are used at many educational institutions. The 42-inch cherry wood mace carried by the Grand Marshal at today's Commencement contains two 4-inch 24K gold plated brass medal accents on wood surrounded with gold plated wreaths along with the 4-inch diameter gold plated College seal. The fluted wood staff is finished with a 24K gold plated brass neck piece, sixteen 24K gold plated brass rings and a 24K gold plated brass foot.

Please observe that some graduates, including the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, are wearing honor stoles. These stoles identify candidates who are graduating with honors, high honors, and highest honors.

Congratulations

Class of 2026



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**Every great dream begins with a DREAMER.
Always remember, you have within you
the STRENGTH, the PATIENCE, and the PASSION
to reach for the STARS to change the world.**

Harriet Tubman

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COMMENCEMENT EDITION

MAY 2026

Academic Honors and Student Leadership

Each year, Essex County College recognizes students whose academic achievement reflects not only excellence in the classroom but also resilience, discipline, and growth. This year's honorees represent a wide range of experiences and journeys. What connects them is a shared commitment to pushing forward, even when the path was not always easy.



Linda Eddens-Tanner, Valedictorian



Dalton Moore, Salutarian

VALEDICTORIAN

Linda Eddens-Tanner
Human and Social Services

Linda Eddens-Tanner's journey has been shaped by perseverance and self-belief.

From an early age, she faced challenges that could have defined her path. Instead, she chose to challenge expectations and push beyond them. After advocating for herself academically, she continued to build on that momentum at Essex County College - where she found both stability and purpose.

At ECC, Linda became a student leader, serving in multiple organizations and contributing to

a strong sense of community on campus. Her experience reflects not only academic excellence but a commitment to uplifting others along the way.

"This moment is proof that hard work, perseverance, and grit will always produce results," she says.

She plans to continue her education in nursing, to serve her community and inspire others to pursue their own paths forward.

SALUTARIAN

Dalton Moore
Accounting

Dalton's path to graduation reflects discipline, growth, and a strong

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Augustine A. Boakye



Dr. Augustine A. Boakye

Dear Members of the Class of 2026,

Commencement is always a meaningful moment for our college community. It gives us a chance to pause, reflect, and recognize what it takes to reach this milestone.

This year's graduating class reflects resilience in many forms. Our graduating class balanced work, family, and academic responsibilities. Others returned to the classroom after time away or began their journeys in a new country, navigating new systems as they continued to move forward.

At Essex County College, we remain committed to creating an environment where students are supported, challenged, and encouraged to find their path. The stories shared in this newsletter speak to that commitment and to the strength of our community.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations. You have earned this moment, and we look forward to what comes next for each of you.

As you embark upon this next phase, we cordially invite you to maintain your connection through the Essex County College Alumni Association and to remain as an engaged and active member of the College community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Augustine A. Boakye
President
Essex County College

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COMMENCEMENT DAY SPEAKER

Frank Dillon, Ph.D.

President and CEO, Global Performance Group

Frank Dillon, Ph.D., is a distinguished executive leader, scholar and philanthropist whose career reflects an enduring commitment to professional excellence, community empowerment and transformational leadership.

As president and CEO of Global Performance Group, he has established a reputation for strategic vision, organizational growth and results-driven leadership.

Across both corporate and nonprofit sectors, his leadership has impacted organizations by shaping culture, developing leaders and expanding opportunity for the communities they serve.

He is nationally recognized for building high-performing teams that have generated multi-million-dollar production and for mentoring and coaching thousands of individuals in financial services, leadership and personal development.

Dr. Frank Dillon

COMMENCEMENT DAY GRAND MARSHAL

Akil Kokayi Khalfani, Ph.D.

Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies

Director, Africana Institute

Akil Kokayi Khalfani, Ph.D., is a change agent, motivational speaker, ambassador, author, professor and award-winning TV host.

At Essex County College, he is director of the Africana Institute, director of the Center for Global Education and Experiences, and professor of sociology and Africana studies. He also the coordinator of the sociology program and co-coordinator of the Africana studies program.

He is the author of "The Hidden Debate: The Truth Revealed about the Battle over Affirmative Action in South Africa and the United States" and co-author of "Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Our Complex World."

His community service efforts have been honored on numerous occasions.

He has delivered keynote addresses at the United Nations and for organizations including KPMG and the Transportation Security Administration. He continues to be recognized for his commitment to service, education and global impact.



Dr. Akil Kokayi Khalfani

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Spotlighting ECC's 2026 Assistant Grand Marshals

These students reflect the dedication, growth, and leadership that define the Essex County College experience.

Lola Pejovski *Business Administration*

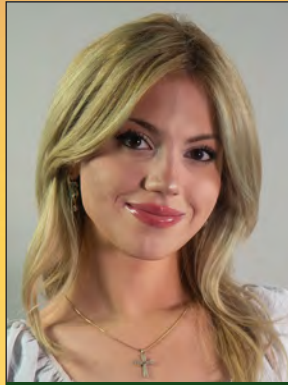
Lola's time at ECC has been shaped by growth and a clear sense of direction. Through her coursework and her work leading youth empowerment workshops, she developed confidence in her voice and her goals. She plans to attend a university in Fall 2026 to study marketing and continue building her professional skills and online presence.

"There are moments you don't realize are changing you until you've already become someone new. ECC was that space for me, where growth was quiet, but it was always happening beneath everything else."

Natalia Alvarado-Hunt *Vision Care Technology*

Natalia returned to school at 29 after earning her GED, balancing full-time work while staying focused on her goals. At ECC, she built a strong academic record while gaining hands-on experience in the optical field. She plans to become a licensed optician and continue her education toward a career in optometry.

"It is never too late to pursue your goals."



Lola Pejovski



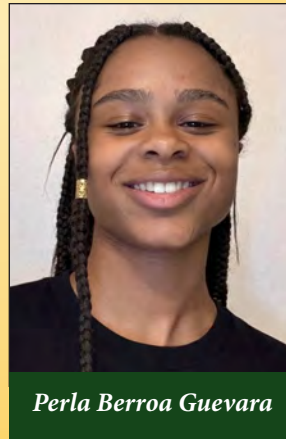
Hope Amory

Hope Amory *Licensed Practical Nurse Program*

Hope's time at ECC reflects persistence and a deep commitment to patient care. Alongside her studies, she worked as a home health nurse, supporting children and families while continuing to build her clinical skills. She plans to pursue advanced training and continue her education in nursing, with a

focus on pediatric care.

"I realized that I did not have to be perfect, but instead focus on doing what I could to become the best nurse in the future."



Perla Berroa Guevara

Perla Berroa Guevara *Finance*

Perla's time at ECC reflects determination, leadership, and growth. After moving from Spain to the United States, she adjusted to a new environment while building a strong academic foundation. She became actively involved on campus, serving as President of the Business Club and competing on the

women's soccer team, where she helped secure a regional championship. She will continue her studies in finance at Rutgers University- New Brunswick.

"No matter where I go next, I will always carry the spirit of being a Wolverine with me."

LAPTOPS 4 LEARNING

Today's academic success requires more than just determination: it requires technology.

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Voices from the Class of 2026

Every Essex County College student arrives with a different story, goal, and path forward. These graduates reflect the resilience, growth, and determination that continue to shape the Class of 2026.



Khadijatou Ndir

Khadijatou Ndir
Liberal Arts

After arriving in the United States in 2024, Khadijatou quickly adapted to a new academic environment while balancing work and school. Though English was not her first language, she remained committed to her studies and built confidence through the support of faculty and advisors. She plans to continue her education in

political science. "With determination and hard work, it is possible to overcome challenges and succeed."



Declan Debold

Declan Debold
Business Administration

After serving in the Army, Declan enrolled at ECC and completed his degree in just 14 months. His experience at the College strengthened his discipline, focus, and time management as he adjusted back to academic life. He plans to continue his studies in finance while exploring opportunities in investment banking.

"Focus on what is in front of you, and before you know it, you will have traveled many miles."



Denise Grazielle dos Santos Cruz

Denise Grazielle dos Santos Cruz
Computer Information Systems

Denise came to ECC seeking a new direction and the opportunity to begin again professionally. Through persistence and self-reflection, she rebuilt confidence in her academic abilities and discovered a renewed sense of purpose. She plans to continue her studies in business information systems.

"Starting over can be difficult, but it creates space for growth."



Adewale E. Agboola

Adewale E. Agboola
Computer Information Systems

Adewale explored several paths in technology before finding his focus in computer information systems. While balancing work, academics, and service, he continued building a strong foundation for the future. He plans to transfer and continue his studies in technology.

"This experience reflects both academic success and personal growth."

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ALUMNI CORNER



From ECC to Princeton University



Randall Gonzales
*Operations Research and
Financial Engineering
Class of 2029
Princeton University*

Randall Gonzales's path to Princeton began with a decision to try again.

After several years away from school, he enrolled at Essex County College unsure of what to expect. Like many students returning to the classroom, he questioned whether he still belonged in an academic setting.

That uncertainty began to shift once he got back into the rhythm of learning.

"Once I got into the classroom, I started to feel like I belonged again," said Gonzales.

Randoll's journey highlights the impact of Essex County College as a starting point. After attending ECC, he transferred to

"At some point, you have to take the chance and believe in yourself."

Princeton University, where he is studying Operations Research and Financial Engineering.

Through his coursework and the support of faculty, Randall rebuilt his confidence as a

student. Professors challenged him, supported him, and helped him reconnect with his academic goals.

During his time at ECC, he decided to apply to Princeton University - a goal that once felt out of reach.

"At some point, you have to take the chance and believe in yourself."

Today, Randall is pursuing a degree in Operations Research and Financial Engineering at Princeton. While the transition has been

demanding, he credits ECC with preparing him for the rigor and expectations of a highly competitive academic environment.

ECC gave him more than a starting point. It gave him the structure, discipline, and confidence to move forward.

"The only way something becomes impossible is if you never try."

Randoll's journey is a reminder that where you begin does not define where you can go.

Academic Honors and Student Leadership

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sense of purpose. He enrolled at Essex County College at 33 after transitioning from military service, balancing his studies with work, service in the Army Reserve, and raising a young family.

His time at ECC became a period of focus and rebuilding, as he worked to strengthen his academic foundation and regain confidence in the classroom. With the support of faculty and campus resources, he developed the structure and discipline needed to succeed. He plans to transfer to the University of Alabama to pursue a degree in accounting and continue working toward a career grounded in integrity, service, and financial leadership.

He plans to transfer to the University of Alabama to pursue accounting and continue building a career rooted in integrity and service.

"Show up, do the work in front of you, and take advantage of every opportunity available."

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COMING SOON

PTA Graduates Honored in Pinning Ceremony

Essex County College celebrated 23 graduates of its Physical Therapist Assistant Program during a heartfelt pinning ceremony held May 5 at the Newark campus. The event marked the students' transition from learners to licensed health care professionals. Faculty, alumni and students spoke about resilience, compassion and the impact these future PTAs will have in the field.



PTA Class of 2026

Laptops 4 Learning Raise your Glass for Student Success

Essex County College and the ECC Foundation welcomed supporters, alumni, faculty, and community members to the West Essex Campus for the "Raise Your Glass for Student Success" Wine Tasting in support of the Laptops 4 Learning initiative. The evening celebrated student success while raising support for expanded student access to technology and digital learning resources.



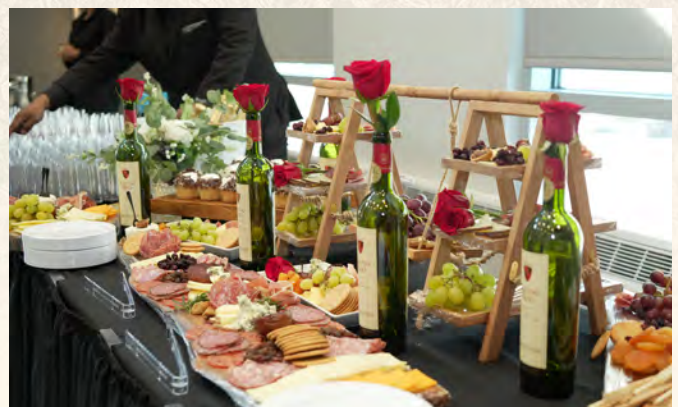
West Caldwell Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. receives the Legacy Partner Award from Dr. Augustine A. Boakye



President Emeritus Dr. A. Zachary Yamba receives the Legacy Partner Award from Dr. Augustine A. Boakye



Social Sciences Chair Dr. Mamie Bridgeforth at the Laptops 4 Learning Wine Tasting



Wine display at the Laptops 4 Learning fundraiser

ECC Dual-Enrollment Program Paves the Way for Student Success

ECC's dual enrollment students are already building strong academic foundations while gaining the confidence and experience to move forward. This year, students from Newark Public Schools and the Essex County Vocational Schools District completed associate degree pathways in areas including Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Business Administration before graduating high school.

Otito Anyaonu
Payne Tech H.S.
A.S. in General Science

Otito enrolled in ECC courses early with the goal of earning transferable credits and challenging herself academically. Balancing high school and college coursework required discipline and focus, but the experience helped strengthen her confidence and sense of direction.

"The whole process was demanding, but it showed me I was capable of more than I thought."

As she prepares to graduate with her associate degree, she plans to continue building on the foundation she developed through ECC's pre-college pathway.

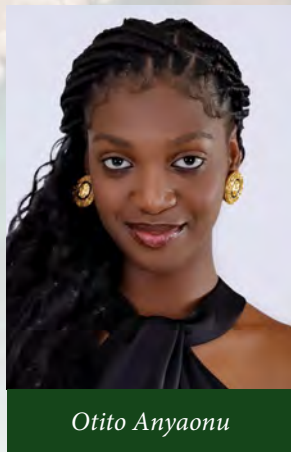
Tejon Walters
West Side H.S.
A.S. in Business Administration

Tejon participated in ECC's Dual Enrollment program and will continue his academic journey at Montclair State University, where he plans to study Business Administration. His experience at ECC helped him take an early step toward his long-term goals.

Jennifer Martins de Queiroz
East Side H.S.
A.S. in Social Sciences

Jennifer completed coursework through ECC's Dual Enrollment program and plans to enroll in college in Fall 2026. While she is still exploring her academic path, her experience at ECC has provided a strong foundation for her next steps.

Through early access to college-level coursework, these students are not only earning credits, they are learning how to balance responsibilities, navigate academic expectations, and define their goals before beginning the next phase of their educational journeys.



Otito Anyaonu



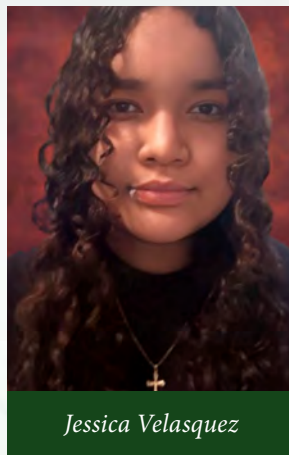
Iretomiwa Hassan

Iretomiwa Hassan
University H.S.
A.A. in Liberal Arts

Iretomiwa participated in ECC's Dual Enrollment program and plans to pursue Computer Science. He is currently considering NJIT and Rutgers University–New Brunswick as he prepares for the next phase of his academic journey.



Tejon Walters



Jessica Velasquez

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American History H.S.
A.S. in Social Sciences

Through ECC's Dual Enrollment program, Jessica explored subjects including psychology, sociology, criminal justice, and history before developing a strong interest in political science and public policy. The experience gave her early exposure to college life while strengthening her confidence academically and personally.

By earning college credits early, Jessica gained a stronger sense of direction and a deeper understanding of how law, ethics, and government policies can shape communities and everyday life.

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Kristijan Penic
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Kristijan plans to continue his academic and soccer career at a four-year university following

graduation from ECC. During his time at the College, he developed discipline, balance, and patience both in the classroom and on the field.

“Stay humble, work hard, and let your performance speak for you.”

Milomir Crnovic

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Milomir will continue his academic and athletic career at Seton Hall University, where he plans to lead both on and off the field. He credits ECC with strengthening his accountability, communication, and leadership skills through competition and teamwork.

“ECC taught me accountability every day and how to lead through consistency and communication.”



Ashia Martin

Jamaica | Business Administration | Track & Field

Ashia will continue her academic and athletic career at Virginia Union University following graduation from ECC. Her experience as a student-athlete helped strengthen her discipline, preparation, and confidence under pressure.

“Stay organized, put in the work early, and trust yourself.”



Daniel Barton

Jamaica | Business Administration | Track & Field

Daniel will continue his academic and athletic career at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, where he plans to compete in track and field. During his time at ECC, he developed perseverance, consistency, and confidence through both academics and athletics.

“Never let obstacles stop you from chasing your goals.”

