



COMMENCEMENT OF EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

Friday, July 11, 2014, 3:00 PM
Empire State Plaza Convention Hall
Albany, New York

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

OPENING OF CONVOCATION

Jerry L. Neff

Chair, Excelsior College Board of Trustees

MUSICAL RENDITION

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Heather Lessard

Senior Academic Advisor, School of Business & Technology

INVOCATION

Claudia Meyer

Board Certified Chaplain

REMARKS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. John F. Ebersole

President

GRADUATE ADDRESS

Andrea Yvette Covington Brown

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Cum Laude

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Jerry L. Neff

Awarding to:

JAMIE P. MERISOTIS

President and CEO, Lumina Foundation

Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*)

Presented by:

Don Dea, Trustee, and Mary O'Connor, Trustee

R. GARY SIBBALD

Professor of Medicine and Public Health, University of Toronto
Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*)

Presented by:

Terry Conry, Trustee, and André Vacroux, Trustee

LEONARD F. TANTILLO

Artist
Doctor of Fine Arts (*Honoris Causa*)

Presented by:

David Oliker, Trustee, and Sharon I. Richie, Trustee

BELLE S. WHEELAN

President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
Doctor of Humane Letters (*Honoris Causa*)

Presented by:

Helen Benjamin, Trustee, and Pamela J. Tate, Trustee

For the descriptions of honorary degree recipients, see pages 4–7.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

JAMIE P. MERISOTIS

President and CEO, Lumina Foundation

AWARDING OF DEGREES

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Dr. Mary Beth Hanner
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Jerry L. Neff

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Jerry L. Neff, John F. Ebersole, Mary Beth Hanner,
and Academic Deans

*Members of the Alumni Advisory Board, Lt. Cmdr. Shannon
McMillan and Marie Wrinn, will greet the graduates, offering them a
small gift to recognize their passage into the ranks of alumni.*

CONCLUSION

MUSICAL RENDITION

“America the Beautiful”

Heather Lessard

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Jerry L. Neff

RECESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

The flags on the stage are symbols of the many nations represented by this year’s graduates. Flags include:

Afghanistan	Indonesia	Spain
Bermuda	Israel	Sri Lanka
Canada	Italy	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Japan	Taiwan
Ecuador	Lebanon	Thailand
England	Maldives	Turkey
Germany	Mexico	United Kingdom
Gibraltar	Scotland	United States

RECEPTION

We request that guests remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional.

RECEIVING LINE

Trustees will offer their personal congratulations by forming two receiving lines through which the graduates will pass as they exit the Convention Hall.

GATHERING SPACES

During the reception, please visit the Schools of Business & Technology, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Nursing, and Public Service, as well as the Alumni Association, under their respective banners.

Note: Commencement is a family-oriented event. We anticipate the ceremony lasting approximately two hours. If you or any of your family members, especially young children, need to stretch during the ceremony, the ushers will be happy to open a door for you as there are plenty of wide-open spaces throughout the hallways of the Convention Center. In addition, the ceremony will be broadcast live on a television monitor in the hallway outside the Convention Hall.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (*HONORIS CAUSA*)

JAMIE P. MERISOTIS

Jamie P. Merisotis is president and CEO of Lumina Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation committed solely to enrolling and graduating more students from college. Merisotis leads the Foundation's \$1.3 billion endowment and oversees all staff and strategic decision making.



Long a champion of the idea that higher education enhances both society and individuals, Merisotis has worked for decades to increase educational opportunity among low-income, minority, and other historically underrepresented populations. At Lumina, Merisotis is continuing that effort by employing a strategic, outcomes-based approach in pursuing the Foundation's mission of expanding college access and success. Under his leadership, Lumina has embraced an ambitious and specific goal: to ensure that, by 2025, 60 percent of Americans hold high-quality degrees, certificates, and other credentials — up from the current level of less than 40 percent.

Before joining Lumina in 2008, Merisotis was founding president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy. Established in Washington, D.C., in 1993, IHEP is an independent, nonpartisan organization regarded as one of the world's premier education research and policy centers.

Merisotis' work has been published extensively. He has written and edited several books and monographs and is a frequent contributor to magazines, journals, and newspapers. He has served as a regular commentator on the award-winning PBS show "Nightly Business Report." His writing has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *National Journal*, *Times Higher Education Supplement* (London), *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Huffington Post*, *Politico*, *Roll Call*, and many other publications.

He received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award from Bates College in 2003 and was recognized for his support for community colleges with the 2001 Community College Government Relations Award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees. Merisotis was a 2005 finalist for the Brock International Prize in Education and in 1998 he was named by *Change* magazine as one of the emerging young leaders (under the age of 45) in American higher education.

He is a graduate of Bates College, where he majored in political science, and serves on its board of trustees.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (*HONORIS CAUSA*)

R. GARY SIBBALD

R. Gary Sibbald, MD, FRCPC, FRCPC, ABIM DABD, FAPWCA, is a dermatologist and internist with a special interest in wound care and education. He is a professor of medicine and public health at the University of Toronto. As an international wound care key opinion leader, Sibbald is involved in knowledge transfer projects on four continents.



He served as a board member and coordinator of the Canadian Association of Continuing Health Education and is the former chair of the Accreditation Committee for The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. A past chair of the Cambridge Conference on Medical Education, he is also past president of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies.

An internationally known expert in care of persons with skin and wound care needs, he is a founder of the Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC) and in recognition of his efforts, the R. Gary Sibbald International Scholarship was established by the CAWC in 2002. He was also the founding secretary of the Toronto Dermatological Society and later served as its president. Sibbald co-created the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) that is co-taught in Canada, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, and the United States. IIWCC graduates are key opinion leaders in their countries.

Among his many awards and honors is the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Medal in honor of Queen Elizabeth II. He is clinical editor of an international interdisciplinary journal, has held many positions in professional organizations, and has written book chapters and hundreds of peer-reviewed journal articles. He is co-editor of the fifth edition of “Chronic Wound Care: A Clinical Source Book for Healthcare Professionals.”

He earned a BSc and an MEd at the University of Toronto, and an MD from the University of Toronto Medical School. Sibbald is a fellow of the American Professional Wound Care Association.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS (*HONORIS CAUSA*)

LEONARD F. TANTILLO

Leonard F. Tantillo was born and raised in upstate New York and attended Rhode Island School of Design. Early in his career, he worked as an architectural designer and acquired a working knowledge of building design and construction. During his apprenticeship, the focus of his work shifted to visual presentation, and in 1976 he began working as a freelance architectural illustrator. In 1980, Tantillo was commissioned to depict a series of 19th-century structures from archaeological artifacts and historic documents. Similar projects followed, many of which featured subjects located along the banks of the Hudson River near Albany, New York, and in 1984 Tantillo began the full-time pursuit of fine art. He has spent more than 20 years creating many historical and marine paintings.



A fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists, Tantillo has a studio in Rensselaer County, New York. His work has appeared in national exhibitions, books, periodicals, and television documentaries in the United States, the Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, and New Zealand.

Among his awards and honors is the prestigious Rudolph J. Schaefer Award, presented in 2000 at the 21st Annual Mystic International Exhibition at Mystic Seaport, and an honorary doctorate in 2002 from Russell Sage College.

In 2004, Tantillo's artwork was the subject of a documentary entitled, "Hudson River Journeys," a collaboration between Tantillo and noted folk singer Pete Seeger. Produced by Albany-area public television station WMHT, it has aired on dozens of stations around the United States.

Tantillo was commissioned to create a painting for the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and this work is part of a permanent presentation of Dutch architecture in colonial America. His research on the growth of the early lyceum and Chautauqua movements in the 1800s provided the basis for a 40th anniversary commemorative painting, "Keeping a Tradition Alive," for Excelsior in 2011.

Among his notable exhibitions are "Hollanders and the Hudson" at the Westfries Museum in Hoorn, the Netherlands, and "A Moment Past: L.F. Tantillo Paints New York's History," appearing at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, New York, through 2014.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS (*HONORIS CAUSA*)

BELLE S. WHEELAN

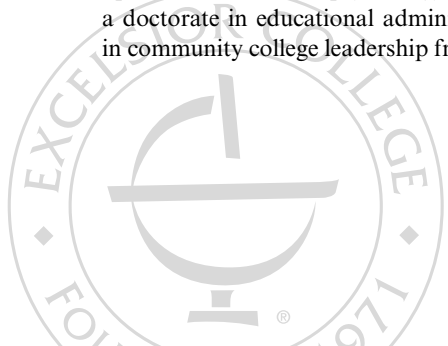
President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Belle S. Wheelan is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans 40 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president, and Virginia's secretary of education.



She has received many awards and recognitions, including four honorary degrees; the Distinguished Graduate Award from Trinity University (2002) and from the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin (1992); Washingtonian magazine's 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, D.C. (2001); the AAUW Woman of Distinction Award (2002); the Suanne Davis Roueche National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's Distinguished Lecturer Award (2007); the John E. Roueche National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's International Leadership Award (2010); and the AACC Leadership Award (2011).

She has been a member of many local, state, and national organizations, including Rotary International; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; the American College Testing Inc., Board of Directors; American Association of Community Colleges, Board of Directors; Lumina Foundation, Board of Directors; the President's Round Table of the National Council on Black American Affairs; the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, Board of Directors; Excelencia in Education, Board of Directors; National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Community College Honorary Board; Next Generation Learning Challenges, Advisory Panel; Project GOALS (Gaining Online Accessible Learning Through Self-Study); and the National Student Clearinghouse, Board of Directors.

Wheelan earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas with a double major in psychology and sociology; a master's degree in developmental educational psychology from Louisiana State University; and a doctorate in educational administration with a special concentration in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin.



PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

This award is intended to recognize individuals for exceptional contributions to the field of adult and distance education, as well as to Excelsior and its mission.

WALLACE W. ALTES

Wallace W. (Wally) Altes has more than 30 years of strategic business development experience, including leading his own human resource consulting firm, directing a large and complex business association, and serving as executive counsel to two of the largest public relations firms in New York's Capital Region. He currently provides strategic policy guidance to a select group of executives and continues to serve on the boards of many community organizations.



Altes has served as executive in residence for both the Lally School of Management and Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and Union Graduate College in Schenectady, New York. He was formerly the host of "The Bottom Line," a business-oriented show on WMHT, the Albany area's public television station. Altes has lent his expertise on many state, regional, cultural, and business boards, including the Chamber Alliance of New York State, the Albany Institute of History and Art, Berkshire Bank, MVP Healthcare, and Excelsior's President's Advisory Council.

From 1990 to 2002, Altes served as president and CEO of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. He and the Chamber led the effort to brand the area as Tech Valley, a name now in common usage and which captures the growing technological research and development occurring in the greater Albany region.

Among his most recent awards and recognitions are the Citizen Laureate Award from the University at Albany and the Chamber's James W. Michaels Award for Distinguished Service to the Region. He and his wife Jane Altes received the Accolade for Community Service from the Arthritis Foundation of Northeastern New York for their humanitarian endeavors and volunteerism and were recognized by the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall for their contributions to the area's art and cultural communities.

Altes holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Southern Illinois University and received an honorary Doctor of Public Service from The Sage Colleges in 2001.

GRADUATE AWARDS

The Graduate Awards were presented at the Awards Convocation on July 10, 2014.

Michael J. Cooley Memorial Award

The Michael J. Cooley Memorial Award is presented to a health sciences student in memory and recognition of the contributions of Michael Cooley to the School of Health Sciences, as a beloved and dedicated adjunct faculty member. The recipient of the award is a graduate of the School of Health Sciences who embodies exemplary academic achievement and exceptional perseverance. This graduate accepts the challenges that befall an adult learner and embraces the opportunity to grow academically, professionally, and personally within the health sciences discipline.

ANDREA YVETTE COVINGTON BROWN

Bachelor of Science

Catherine Craig-Erhardt Memorial Award

This award is given in memory of Catherine Craig-Erhardt, a member of the College staff beginning in 1980, who, from 1984 until her untimely death in 1986, served as the College's liaison to the military. It recognizes and commemorates her commitment to helping military servicemembers attain their educational goals and is presented for service to others, commitment to education, and for academic, professional, and personal achievement.

FRANK ANDOLINI

Bachelor of Science

Marvin Curling Memorial Award

This award is given in memory and recognition of the vision and contribution of Marvin Curling to the development of collaboration between industry and education through the integration of corporate-sponsored training and college-level learning. A New York Power Authority training superintendent, Curling motivated employees at NYPA to persist in educational advancement and helped establish degrees in technology at Excelsior (then Regents) College. In honor of the superior model of collaboration that he helped establish, the New York Power Authority contributed the endowment to maintain this annual award.

JAMIE DONALD ROTTMANN

Bachelor of Science

Arthur J. Gregg Award

This award recognizes the leadership and vision of founding trustee Lt. General Arthur J. Gregg [U.S. Army (Ret.)]. General Gregg chaired the College's Board of Overseers and guided the transition to independence as a private institution, becoming the first chair of the Board of Trustees. With a distinguished career in the U.S. Army, General Gregg has contributed greatly to the College's service to the U.S. military. The award is presented to a student who is on active duty in the military and who demonstrates outstanding academic and career or professional achievement.

BARBRA GRIGGS

Bachelor of Science



GRADUATE AWARDS

Robert E. Kinsinger Award

This award recognizes the leadership and vision of founding trustee Dr. Robert E. Kinsinger. As the first chair of the College's Board of Overseers, Dr. Kinsinger built upon his earlier relationship with the College as a vice president of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. While at the Foundation, Dr. Kinsinger encouraged and supported the development of the Regents College nursing degree programs, an interest that he carried forward into his work as an overseer and later as a trustee. The award is presented to a student who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and who is involved with the nonprofit sector as either an employee or volunteer.

CHRISTOPHER T. MOORE

Master of Science

Charles W. Laffin Jr. Memorial Award

In recognition of Charles W. Laffin Jr., whose vision and leadership gave momentum to a fledgling community college movement and left a legacy of opportunity to millions of adult learners, and in gratitude for his invaluable service to Excelsior College, the faculty of the College presents this award for academic excellence and outstanding achievement.

HANNAH ELIZABETH ARTHUR

Bachelor of Science

Robert P. Mahoney Award

In recognition of Dr. Robert P. Mahoney's outstanding contributions to liberal arts education at this College and his devotion to serving his community, this award is presented to a liberal arts graduate who completed his/her degree in the face of significant challenges and demonstrated a dedication to community and volunteer service.

BEATRIZ DE LOS SANTOS

Bachelor of Science

Ruth V. Matheny Memorial Award

This award is given in memory and recognition of the distinguished contributions of Ruth V. Matheny to nursing and nursing education, her nationally acclaimed leadership toward progressive, patient-centered practices in the classroom and at the bedside, and of her wise and willing counsel to the Excelsior College nursing programs. The recipient of this award has completed an undergraduate degree at Excelsior College and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and excellence on the nursing theory examinations or nursing courses and the nursing capstone requirement.

MOOKA M. SITALI

Bachelor of Science



GRADUATE AWARDS

Mildred L. Montag Memorial Award

This award is given in recognition of Dr. Mildred L. Montag's national leadership in nursing and nursing education and her distinguished contribution to the development of the nursing programs offered by Excelsior College. The graduate selected to receive this award has completed the Excelsior College Master of Science degree in nursing and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and excellence in all of the nursing courses, including the capstone course.

ANN MARIE F. DESMOND

Master of Science

Ewald B. Nyquist Award

In recognition of the leadership of Ewald B. Nyquist, founder of the College, who was determined to extend the quality of educational opportunity from kindergarten through college to learners everywhere, the trustees of Excelsior College present this award for academic excellence and outstanding achievement in earning a degree through independent study.

CHAVA T. HECHT

Bachelor of Arts

Joshua L. Smith Award

This award recognizes the leadership and vision of founding trustee Dr. Joshua L. Smith. During his three years as chair of the Excelsior College Board of Trustees, he encouraged the College to expand graduate degree programs. Smith, a retired professor and director of the Program in Higher Education and Center for Urban Community College Leadership, School of Education, New York University, dedicated his career to education. Thus, this award is presented to a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies graduate who demonstrated outstanding achievement and has a career focused on education.

MICHAEL CLARIZIO

Master of Arts

2014 Student Support Award

The Student Support Award is presented to a person (or persons) whose assistance and encouragement played a significant role in a graduate's quest to earn an Excelsior College degree.

LOLLY DEBOIS

nominated by

FRANCIS R. DEBOIS JR.

Bachelor of Science

Biographies of all awardees are available at excelsior.edu/commencement.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Excelsior College Alumni Association is to foster a sense of identity and community among graduates, students, and the College. The Association is committed to advocating the interests of alumni and supporting the College's mission of access, excellence, and diversity. The Association receives leadership from an Alumni Advisory Board selected by popular vote of alumni peers.

The Advisory Board of the Excelsior College Alumni Association

SANDRA E. BUTTERFIELD, BS IN NURSING, CALIFORNIA**

DANIEL L. COBERLY, BS, ALABAMA

KADIDIA DOUMBIA, BS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

JENNIFER GENTRY, AS IN NURSING, BS IN NURSING, TEXAS**

DWAYN HANFORD, BS, VIRGINIA

LCDR SHANNON McMILLAN, BS, VIRGINIA

WAYNE A. OPPEL, BA, NORTH CAROLINA

SHELIA SCOTT, BS, NORTH CAROLINA

WILLIAM SENN, BCI, TENNESSEE

RONALD TOSTO, BPT, CALIFORNIA

MARIE WRINN, BS IN NURSING, ARIZONA*

*DENOTES OUTGOING MEMBER

**DENOTES INCOMING MEMBER

ALUMNI AWARDS

The Alumni Awards were presented at the Awards Convocation on July 10, 2014.

Alumni Achievement Award

This award is presented to a graduate whose outstanding academic achievements and professional, personal, and community contributions may serve as inspiration to other graduates and enrolled students.

MARK ARVID BOWMAN '00

Bowman earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College in 2000.

Alumni Service Award

PAMELA SUE LEWIS '88, '14

Lewis earned an Associate in Science in nursing from Excelsior (then Regents) College in 1988 and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences in 2014.

Carrie B. Lenburg Award

This award is presented to a graduate whose outstanding academic achievements and professional, personal, and community contributions may serve as inspiration to other graduates and enrolled students.

LINDA ANNE DAYER-BERENSON '89

Dayer-Berenson graduated from Excelsior (then Regents) College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

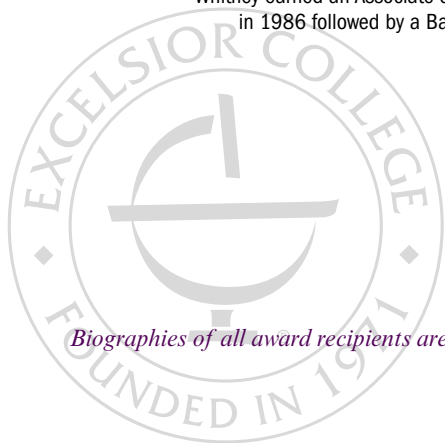
C. Wayne Williams Award

Named after the College's first president, this award is presented in recognition of outstanding public service and community involvement by a graduate.

TANYA R. WHITNEY '86, '91

Whitney earned an Associate of Liberal Arts from Excelsior College in 1986 followed by a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in 1991.

Biographies of all award recipients are available at excelsior.edu/commencement.



FACULTY AWARDS

The faculty awards were presented at the faculty luncheon hosted by the provost on July 10, 2014.

2014 Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year Awards

Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year awards are given to faculty members in each school who are nominated by students, staff, and faculty for outstanding accomplishments. The recipients exemplify the finest qualities of the Excelsior College faculty and are representative of the extraordinary and truly distinguished service they provide to students and the College.

Amy Elinskas, MSN, RN

School of Nursing

Beginning her Excelsior College career in 1995 as a clinical examiner for the School of Nursing's Clinical Performance in Nursing Exam (CPNE), Amy Elinskas became a full-time faculty program director in 2008. Honored for her outstanding student service, Elinskas works with students as they prepare for nursing theory examinations and the CPNE. She speaks with students on the phone during scheduled faculty conference calls, provides assistance via the Message Center, and also serves as faculty for the CPNE workshops. Not a single week passes without a student sending a message thanking Elinskas for her words of support and encouragement, or for her assistance in helping them to understand a difficult concept. One thankful student wrote, "Amy, thank you for being a consistent voice in my ear and through email. You helped to give Excelsior a heart."

Elinskas graduated from the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, worked there as a staff/charge nurse, and later taught in its associate degree program. She also earned a BSN and MSN from State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome. Elinskas was named the 1994 Volunteer of the Year with the American Diabetes Association and also volunteers with the American Cancer

Society and the Celiac Disease Support group. The past president of St. Elizabeth Nursing Alumni Association, she has four children, three of whom are nurses.

Eileen Hegel, EdS

School of Liberal Arts

Eileen Hegel has been affiliated with Excelsior College for the last nine years, teaching a range of communication courses. She is a professional speaker and writer, as well as former producer and host of the "Higher Ways" radio show designed to educate women on personal growth topics such as attitude, mentoring, and conflict resolution. She has published the book "Our Garden Room: 365 Days of Nourishment for Your Soul," a daily step-by-step book to help women make simple changes in their life.

Hegel has proven to be a helpful, accessible, and involved faculty member. Students have remarked that she is not only approachable and knowledgeable, but also encouraging and invested in the student experience. One student noted, "She genuinely cared about the students and their performance."

She holds an EdS in educational leadership from Liberty University, an MA in dramatic communication from Regent University, and a BA in telecommunications and film from San Diego State University.

FACULTY AWARDS

Dianne Oakes, JD, MSW

School of Health Sciences

On the Excelsior faculty for more than five years, Dianne Oakes has developed and taught courses in the Bachelor's of Health Sciences Gerontology Emphasis in the School of Health Sciences. In 2013, she received a Professional Development Grant for Applied Scholarship from the College to develop a presentation on "Teaching Case Studies in an Online Classroom to Maximize Learning."

Oakes has been practicing law for over a decade, specializing in estate planning, estate administration, elder law, not-for-profit corporations, and guardianship. Her work has involved counseling older adults and their families regarding end-of-life care, transition planning, and decision-making, as well as work with charitable organizations on start-up, federal and state tax exemption, and governance issues.

Recognized for her excellence in teaching and the dignity and grace with which she assists all of her students, she holds her students to standards of excellence. She has a unique ability to transcend the asynchronous format of online courses without putting pressure on students, and students feel valued in her class. One student characterized Oakes as an outstanding educator, noting, "She provides exceptional quality feedback which enables students to adjust their work. She is quick to respond to issues and her guidance encourages the student to look beyond the simple lesson plan and learn even deeper. In all my years with Excelsior she is the best professor I have had with the school!"

Oakes earned a Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University, a Master in Social Work from Marywood University, and a bachelor's degree in psychology and English, with a minor in human

services, from Binghamton University. She is pursuing her doctorate in social welfare at the University at Albany School of Social Welfare.

Velislav Pavlov, MS

*School of Business & Technology
(Technology)*

Velislav Pavlov joined Excelsior in 2012 and has been instrumental in developing and teaching the College's cybersecurity courses. He goes above and beyond, spending quality time with students to ensure they understand the materials and providing timely resources to facilitate coursework. One student noted, "Instructor did an outstanding job providing supplemental materials and feedback on discussions and assignments. The most well-resourced and enjoyable online class I have taken to date."

In addition to his instructional work, Pavlov serves as the faculty advisor for Excelsior's Cyber Security Student Group. The group placed in the top 25 at the 2013 Symantec Cyber Readiness Challenges and participated in the National Cyber League (NCL) competition.

As IT coordinator at Ferris State University, his duties include managing IT projects, incident response, vulnerability assessment, and system administrator. Pavlov earned a bachelor's degree in computer and information security from Davenport University and a master's degree in information system management from Ferris State University. He holds several professional certifications, including CompTIA Security+, Dell Certified Core Technician, and ComTIA A+.

FACULTY AWARDS

Rebecca H. Shaffer, CPA

*School of Business & Technology
(Business)*

Rebecca Shaffer joined Excelsior College in 2009, and has taught online courses, developed and revised business courses, and served as an advisory faculty member on the School of Business & Technology's Business Faculty Committee. She is the tax director of Dick's Sporting Goods Inc., where she manages all aspects of taxation, including tax compliance, capital, tax planning, gains policies, annual and quarterly reporting, and audit declaration.

Shaffer is a motivator of Excelsior's adult learners. One student noted, "Professor Shaffer was a great instructor and [I] appreciate everything she did for me She stimulated my interest and the desire to learn more than what was in the material." Not only is she passionate about her profession, but also empathetic and accommodating of her students' personal and professional challenges. Another student wrote, "Professor Shaffer was great. During the course ... I became homeless and was confused about what to do. She worked with me and understood why work was late. Although I lost points, the fact that she bothered to care was rewarding. There should be more like her."

Shaffer earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Penn State University, a master's degree in accounting from the University of Virginia, and a master's degree in taxation from Robert Morris University. She is a DBA candidate at Columbia Southeastern University.

Anthony W. Zumpetta, DEd

School of Public Service

With Excelsior College since 2008, Anthony Zumpetta teaches criminal justice courses. He has been a valued and well-respected member of the faculty and his students regularly provide positive feedback and accolades with regard to his work and dedication to his profession.

He is a professor emeritus from West Chester University and has written 28 publications. The former editor of *Sociological Viewpoints*, the journal of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society, he is certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). Zumpetta was selected as a distinguished alumni of Edinboro University, received the Others Award by Salvation Army, was selected as the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer in Pennsylvania, and named Outstanding Citizen of Huntingdon County.

Zumpetta earned a BA in social and behavioral sciences from Edinboro State College, an MA in counseling services, and a DEd in counselor education and criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

GRADUATES IN ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Associate

Fred Aklassou, Newark, DE
* Gleidis Angeles, Bronx, NY
Fatmata Bah, Reading, PA
Steven N. Benjamin, Cincinnati, OH
Jennifer Rebeccah Bobok, Cheshire, CT
Rachel Marie Boris, Cincinnati, OH
Sherry Ann Bozek, Tewksbury, MA
Sherri Yolonda Bradford, Jeffersonville, IN
Jullett M. Brown, Haines City, FL
Egegayehu A. Chernet, Riverdale, MD
Thierry Coriolan-Beauregard, Stratford, CT
Mariatu A. Epps, Piscataway, NJ
Theresa M. Gibson, Perkaspie, PA
Jessica Ann Gould, Poughkeepsie, NY
Tshombe L. Grueso, Katy, TX
Alice W. Harris, Bristol, PA
Nicholas V. Harrison, Brooklyn, NY
Jonathan A. Hathaway, Edinburg, VA
Janice N. Herrera, Brooklyn, NY
Reginald Yves Joseph, Baldwin, NY
Jemimah Wanjiru Kariuki, Chelmsford, MA
Silas Gathiru Kinuthia, Newark, DE
Nicole Camille LaViolette, East Haven, CT
Chakaya R. Lozano-Rexach,
Pembroke Pines, FL
Jackson Mwangi Maina, Lynnwood, WA
Renee M. Mattos, Nashville, TN

Chemona McIntosh, Bronx, NY
Kimberly Anne Millard, Bethel, CT
Anne Njae Nguyai, Dallas, TX
Marie G. Noel, Bradford, MA
Jackline Nyaboke Nyakundi, Minneapolis, MN
Janet Jumoke Odeyomi, Houston, TX
Andrea Pauline Oldham, Lebanon, PA
Rita Omomhenle, Staten Island, NY
Lorrita Alexsia Ortiz, Dolton, IL
Rachel Anne Ozdemir, Saint Louis, MO
Tambra A. Peters, Lancaster, PA
Jennifer L. Plaise, Charlotte, NC
Sammanasu Prakasam, Staten Island, NY
Jacqueline Rodriguez, Vineland, NJ
Tijan Saidykhan, Herkimer, NY
Janet B. Soff, Saddle Brook, NJ
Julie Anne Sosa, New Milford, NJ
Claire Cecile Souffrant, Stamford, CT
Sharon J. Thomas, Punta Gorda, FL
Jessica L. Thompson, Mexico, NY
Christiana Turner, Elizabeth, NJ
Marie A. Turnier, Malden, MA

Baccalaureate

- William A. Abrokwa, East Hartford, CT
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Associate Degree Honors:

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Terry M. Evans, Perry, NY

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EMBLEMS AND SYMBOLS

Mace and Chain

The mace and the presidential chain-of-office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the 16th century. The mace, originally used as a medieval weapon, now symbolizes the authority of the university to grant degrees. The sterling silver torch of the Excelsior College mace reflects the College's logo. The mace carries designs that depict the degree programs Excelsior College offers. The Scottish thistle represents thrift, the acorn represents new ideas which will grow into great oaks, and the bee represents industry.

The chain-of-office similarly originated in a culture of centuries ago and has been used traditionally in ceremonies to symbolize the office of the wearer. Matching the mace in theme, the chain-of-office of the President for Excelsior College features the same symbolic craftsmanship and the College's logo. The medallion bears the College's name.

The artist for both the mace and chain-of-office was Kurt J. Matzdorf, Professor of Gold and Silversmithing Emeritus in the State University of New York College at New Paltz art department.

Academic Dress

The academic costume is derived from the garments worn at medieval universities. The gowns and the hoods were common at British universities before the 14th century; the square cap is thought to be a 16th-century import from the University of Paris. From the color and the size of the American academic attire, one may determine the institution from which the wearer received the degree, the degree earned, and the academic rank.

The bachelor's gown is knee length and has long, pointed sleeves; the master's

gown is made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom, and a slit for the arm; the doctor's gown has a full, round, open sleeve and is faced with velvet and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be black or the color representative of the degree. The black Oxford or mortarboard-style cap is worn for all degrees, but only the doctor's cap may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap.

The most distinctive feature of academic dress is the hood. It varies in length depending on whether the wearer has an associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree. The hoods for all degrees are lined in silk with the academic colors of the institution conferring the degree. The trim on all hoods except the associate degree hood is velvet and the color indicates the degree granted: white for arts and letters; drab for business areas; yellow-gold for science; gold or apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy (PhD); light blue for education; brown for fine arts; purple for law; citron for social service; scarlet for theology.

At Excelsior College, gold honor cords are worn by baccalaureate-level graduates with GPAs of 3.5 or above having earned at least 60 graded credits and by associate-level graduates with GPAs of 3.5 or above having earned at least 30 graded credits.

Servicemembers and veterans wear red, white, and blue cords.

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