



The College of Westchester

**110th
Commencement
Ceremony**

Thursday, May 28, 2026

#CWGRAD26



Congratulations, graduates!

You have persevered, accomplished your goals, and now you are proudly graduating in The College of Westchester's 110th Commencement Ceremony. We are truly proud of all that you have achieved and celebrate this important milestone with you.

Thank you for choosing CW to be a part of your academic journey. We are honored that you entrusted us with your education, and we are grateful to have been a part of your success. You will always be a valued member of the CW family.



Alumni Association - Keep in touch

Call 914.831.0495 or Email alumni@cw.edu

As you celebrate this incredible milestone, we invite you to stay connected with the CW community by joining

the Alumni Association. Becoming a member is a great way to keep in touch with classmates, expand your professional network, and give back to future students. Your journey with CW doesn't end here—it's just the beginning of a lifelong connection. Welcome to the alumni family! And don't forget to follow us on LinkedIn too!



Career Services

Call 914.831.0400

By now you have probably met with CW's Career Services Team. Whether you will be entering the workforce for the first time or have attended The College of Westchester to improve your skills for career advancement and promotion, the team is available to assist and can help you navigate virtual and face-to-face interviews and connect with employers who are hiring now. There are many fantastic career opportunities for those who pursue them. Get out there and make it happen.



Refer a friend or family member

Call 914.831.0495 or Email admissions@cw.edu

Please consider sharing your experience with a family member or friend who could benefit from a CW education. You know firsthand of CW's "students come first" philosophy which extends beyond the classroom into every facet of our institution; this is truly what makes CW unique.



College of Westchester Charitable Foundation

Consider paying it forward. No donation is too small and you could help a fellow CW Warrior make it to the finish line. Some may be waiting for the world to change, but please remember that you should be the change that you envision for yourself.

Best wishes for an abundant and joyful future,

Karen J. Smith
President & CEO

Order of Exercises
ACADEMIC PROCESSION

GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Jacqueline Shaw
Associate Professor, School of Information Technology

WELCOME

Karen J. Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer

INVOCATION

Terence Keyes
Associate Professor, General Education

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Tony Bellantoni
Blue Fountain Recording Artist

OPENING REMARKS

Karen J. Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Karen J. Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Justin C. Brasch
Mayor of White Plains

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS

Maria Gangi
Vice President of Student Services and Retention

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Kaylee Reid
AAS Degree, Day Division
Toniequa Wright
BBA Degree, Day Division

Order of Exercises (Continued)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Karen J. Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Erica Schacht

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

Maria Gangi

Vice President of Student Services and Retention

Mezuan Akeera Ramjohn

President, CW Alumni Association

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

Karen J. Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Erica Schacht

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

ASSISTED BY

Maria Gangi

Vice President of Student Services and Retention

Trae Cooper

Chairperson and Assistant Professor, School of Business

Christian De Matteo

Associate Chairperson and Professor, General Education

Dr. Shamva Wright-Shingler

Program Director, School of Health Professions

Dr. Ann Rodier

Program Director, School of Human & Social Services

Dr. Grace Bonanno

Chairperson and Professor, School of Information Technology

MOVING OF THE TASSEL

Karen J. Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

BENEDICTION

Terence Keyes

Associate Professor, General Education

RECESSIONAL

GENERAL EXCELLENCE & DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The Dr. Milton E. Cagan Memorial Award

Thayra Fermin	Rosalia Jones	Ester Natal
Sylvane Higgins	Kali Martinez	Shamim Nayiga

John F. Sterling Award in Business Administration

Nubia Vera Chicaiza	Lisandro Disla	Samantha Marshall
Camoy Cunningham	Nigel Khan	Angelica Puenta

The Marc Polcek Memorial Accounting Award

Michael Delgado	Nordia Edwards	Cristina Santos
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Health Professions Award

Dana Brown	Ruth Patricia Nina Catalino	Kaylee Reid
Janice Cardenas	Macayla Nayager	Toniequa Wright

The Human and Social Services Award

Bancroft Grant	Marisol Ruano	Teafa Webster
Aliyah Joseph	Ashley Valentin	

The Information Technology Award

Joseph Badke	Lourdes Espinoza Llapa	Bright Quansah
Roberts Ekhoyai-Osawaru	Dajoni Gomez	

The Excellence in Digital Media Award

Tatiana Andrea Gomez Thorrens

The CW Spirit Award

Nigel Khan
Denise Morales

The CW Student Leadership Award

Shanon Bonner
Camoy Cunningham

The CW Alumni Achievement Award

Giovanny Ramirez, Class of 2012

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Associate Degrees

ACCOUNTING (AAS)

ACCOUNTING FOR BUSINESS (AAS) ONLINE

Darlene Acosta ☐	Alex Espinoza*Φ
Jose Arana ■■	Carlos Lemus ■■
Malachi Bent	Rebekah T Rivera ☐
Nordia Edwards***Φ	

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION-MANAGEMENT/MARKETING (AAS) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT/MARKETING (AAS) ONLINE

Jeanine Allen ☐	Rashell Garay
Sofia Alvarez	Miracle Hedrington ☐
Brenda Arias Lopez	Nigel Khan**Φ■■
Jewel Summer Burnette Eskridge*☐Φ	Blerta Krasniqi
James Byrnes**■■	Vanessa Ledesma
Dorian Chavis	Rose Manzueta
Avril Christopher ☐	Angelica Pena Pichardo ☐
Davina Codling ☐	Angelica Puente**☐
Devin Dilone	Daisy Ramos ☐
Lisandro Disla***Φ	Ryan Marcelo Ricci
Jonathan Dubon-Hernandez*	Jamila Richardson ☐
Karla Flores*Φ	Taylor Thompson ☐

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

ACCOUNTING (BBA)

Sarah Acosta**Σ	Veronica Mcdonald*
Yoenny Alvarado*	Karen A Mckenzie**
Andrely Batista	Jimena Paucar
Daniele Davis***	Sarahdia Pierre-Philippe
Michael Delgado**Σ■■	Maria Elena Pinanjota**
Sharlyn Gomez	Chandra Ramkaran**
Sylvane Higgins**Σ	Cristina Santos**
David Lopez*	Ashim Wingiwson*

☐ - Online Studies Φ - Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Σ - Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society
H - Honors Program h - Baccalaureate Honors ■■ - Veteran

*** 3.90 - 4.00 Summa Cum Laude ** 3.70 - 3.89 Magna Cum Laude * 3.50 - 3.69 Cum Laude

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION-MANAGEMENT (BBA) ONLINE

Clausel Berrouet	Nadia Montague ☐
Francisco Cabral ^{***} ☐ Σ	Denise Morales [*] 🇺🇸
Emy Cabrera ☐	Rajkumarie Nagesar [*] ☐
Camoy Cunningham ^{***}	Alejandro Olmedo
Viviane Da Cruz Santos [*]	Kayla Pardesi ^{***}
Esther Egbuna ☐	Jason Pasato ^{**}
Stephany Espinal ^{***} ☐ Σ	Alexis Rattler ^{**} ☐
Qmari Felton	Aidan Rivera ^{**}
Jeana Hinton 🇺🇸	Kelly A Tharas ☐
Maryuri Jordan Conoz	Odette Ulloa
Anaida Lebberes [*]	Ciara Velez ☐
Jocelyn Marroquin Ochoa ^{**} ☐ Σ	Nubia Vera Chicaiza ^{***} Σ
Samantha Marshall ^{***} ☐ Σ 🇺🇸	

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA AND MARKETING (BBA) DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING (BS)

Tatiana Andrea Gomez Thorrens [*]	Libertad America Perez Galvez
Davion Headlam [*]	Fana Vivanco [*]
Nini Khujadze ^{**} Σ	

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Candidates for Certificates

MEDICAL ASSISTANT SPECIALIST

Angelina Durkin**

Vanity Falcon*

Kelly Lemus

Daphney Maurice

HEALTH INFORMATION SPECIALIST

Dana Gomez □

Ashley Manso

Candidates for Associate Degrees

MEDICAL ASSISTANT MANAGEMENT (AAS)

Halei Almodovar

Jasmine Joanne Mateo Trejo

Marya Alsayidi**

Genesis Mendoza

Iris Aparicio**Φ

Adriana Monteiro**Φ

Melissa Arias**Φ

Shamim Nayiga***Φ

Gentijana Bajramaj

Sara Osorio*Φ

Janice Cardenas**Φ

Diana Ramos

Nelly Chocho

Kaylee Reid*Φ

Keisha Dort*Φ

Kimberly Remache Gomez*Φ

Antonette George

Josmary Reyes**

Courtney Goulbourne

Maria Sanchez*Φ

Devora Grullon Francisco

Raychelle Tull

Adamaris Hernandez Calderon

Charlotte Ulloa**Φ

Jennifer Inga Poguio

Denisse Uruchima**Φ

Jennifer Yasemin Kepekci**

Kevin Vallejo

Jeniffer Lucero

Tyler Wilks

Kali Martinez**Φ

Alexis Williams

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**HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (AOS)
HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (AOS) ONLINE**

Monica Alexander ☐	Ruth Patricia Nina Catalino *** ☐ Φ
Luz Corona ☐	Jalynia Patterson ☐
Barbara Domenech ** ☐ Φ	Brandy Rios Escalante * ☐ Φ
Dominique Donofrio ☐	Valerie Rodriguez ☐
Shanike Duncanson-Barker * ☐ Φ	Fabiola St. Fleur ☐
Thomesha Garland ☐	Marlene Zacatelco
Moses Martinez-Palacios	

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

**HEALTHCARE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (BBA)
HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (BBA) ONLINE**

Jennifer Arias * ☐	Skyy King ***
Guisela V. Bresciani ** Σ	Sabrina Kingston * ☐
Dana Brown ** ☐	Samara Lawes ☐
Deisy Cardenas	Brittney Lelie *** ☐
Melissa Cortes	Catrice Milligan ** ☐
Tiana Dalton * ☐	Marcia L Naulasaca *
Dionne Diallo	Macayla Nayager *** Σ
Millicent Dixon-Walker * ☐	Alicia Neder ** ☐
Aisha Douglass ☐	Aaron Okyere
Olivia Ellis ☐	Kately Payero ** ☐
Jesenia German *** ☐	Cheila Peralta Ferreira
Antoine Gomes * ☐	Ashana Pitre * ☐
Yulisa Gonzalez	Chyanne Secone *** ☐ Σ
Farrah Grayson ** ☐ Σ	Trishaun Segree ☐
Shakima Harris ☐	Kiara Smith ☐
Rosalia Jones *** ☐ Σ	Toniequa M Wright ** Σ
Georgette S Kelly * ☐	

SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Candidates for Associate Degrees

HUMAN SERVICES (AS)

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES (AS)

Andolsa Annie Alago	Suzanna Lacrete Dorleus*
Shanon Bonner**Φ	Brianna Loague □
Keah Burgess	Ashley Manzueta
Lizabeth Cuateco	Katheryne Manzueta
Vyola Debe*Φ	Marsha Martinez □
Paula Desouza □	Tajon McAllister***□
Thayra Fermin**□Σ	Ariel Mcfadden □
Lakenya Graham-Barnwell	Rivier Navarrete
Bancroft Grant*Φ	Lize' Parker □
Teneka Grant**□	Yetta Rondon**□
Taneshia Harrison	Camille Samuels**□
Cadesha M Johnson**Φ	Moria Strachan-Powell*□
Aliyah Joseph***□	Ashley Valentin***Φ
Destiny Kennedy□	Farhana Zoha □

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

HUMAN SERVICES (BS)

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES (BS) ONLINE

Waiddy Barriola***□Σ■	Ester Natal**■
Maleeka Francis**□	Dyonni Noel □
Olivia Griffin	Ashley Pivalo**□
Keny Hernandez*	Fredia Christina Poteau**□Σ
Brennet Holsborough**□	Jahaira Robinson**□
Donnee Johnson □	Marisol Ruano***
Nancy Leger	Priya Singh***□
Aaron Lema ■	Teafa Webster***□
Pamela Mckoy □	Denisha Williams
Jada Miller*□	Todd Williams***□Σ

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SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Candidates for Associate Degrees

COMPUTER NETWORK ADMINISTRATION (AAS) COMPUTER NETWORKING AND SECURITY (AAS) ONLINE

Sebastian Almonte	Zeresh Mattadeen**
Andi Alonzo	Brandon Mills
David Carchipulla	Kevin Ramos □
Ismael Cruz	Dakota Rhoades
Berdensky Derilus	Robert Rodriguez
Roberts Ekhoiyayi-Osawaru**Φ	Jose Salas □
Lourdes Espinoza Llapa*Φ	Yonis Sanchez
Hunter Ingoglia □	Jenniva Thom Φ
Marken Isaac	Cristofer Zhungo Paltin ■■
Jabimel Martinez	

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BS) COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS (BS) ONLINE

Joseph Badke □	Lucas Lopes***Σ
Christian Alfonzo Bravo Morales	Geront Porja*
Fabrizio Flores	Bright Quansah**Σ
Josiah Ghosh	Sarah Sancho-Persad**
Dajoni Gomez*	Anwar Sharhan
Jaren Hatcher	Danny Sigua
Mohammed Konneh □	Fabiola Ten ■■
Aaron Boah Kusi***Σ	Daniel Walters**

110TH KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MAYOR JUSTIN C. BRASCH



Justin C. Brasch was elected Mayor of White Plains in November 2025 and began his term in January 2026, continuing a lifelong commitment to public service. Focused on preserving quality of life, his priorities include expanding affordable housing, enhancing public safety, advancing sustainability, and developing an intergenerational community center. With over 30 years of civic involvement, Brasch brings experience from roles in local government, community organizations, and law, working collaboratively to keep White Plains a strong place to live, work, and raise a family.



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR: GIOVANNY RAMIREZ



Giovanni is a career mentor, life purpose coach, and business leader with over 15 years of experience spanning finance, operations, and career development. As Assistant Vice President and Head of AI Initiatives at Fifth Season Investments, he works at the intersection of technology, strategy, and human potential, with prior roles at Bridgewater Associates, GE Capital, LifeOptions, and U.S. Trust. Beyond his professional career, Giovanni has helped countless individuals navigate career transitions, build confidence, and align their work with purpose. He is the host of The Breakthrough Lab podcast and founder of the Think Positive Conference and continues to advance his expertise through certifications in human development and AI applications.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & RECOGNITION AWARDS



Dr. Milton E. Cagan Memorial Award

Presented annually to select Associate and BBA graduates in honor of a former CW President, recognizing academic excellence, service, and a strong commitment to success.

Excellence in Digital Media Award

Recognizes students for outstanding creativity, initiative, and achievement beyond coursework, along with strong commitment to the College and community.

Information Technology Award

Recognizes IT graduates for academic excellence, strong work ethic, industry certifications, and commitment to staying current with evolving technologies and best practices.

John F. Sterling Award in Business Administration

Recognizes outstanding business graduates for academic excellence in marketing, strong communication skills, and a results-driven sales mindset.

Marc Polcek Memorial Accounting Award

Recognizes outstanding accounting graduates for academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to the College and community.

Health Professions Award

Recognizes graduates for academic excellence and meaningful impact on others both on campus and in the community.

Human and Social Services Award

Recognizes graduates for academic excellence, leadership, and meaningful impact on individuals both on campus and in the community.

School Spirit Award

Honors students who exemplifies school pride through positivity, active involvement, and enthusiasm for the CW community.

Student Leadership Award

Honors students for exceptional leadership, service, and contributions to campus organizations and activities.

New Master of Business Administration



MBA at 

The New York State Board of Regents has approved The College of Westchester Master of Business Administration (MBA).

To join our list for status updates, please scan here:



Pending Additional Approval

The next steps include submission of our substantive change request to our accreditor, The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, as well as gaining certification for federal funding through the US Department of Education.

Do you know a potential Warrior?

YOU CAN REFER A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO CW!

Acts of friendship, compassion, hospitality and courage are part of our daily life!

We call it the CW Way and CW students are true Warriors!



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