

Spring Commencement



May 8, 2025

2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Van H. Priest Auditorium

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

May 8, 2025

*PROCESSIONAL.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek
"Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar *Piano*

*INVOCATION.....Reverend Delvin Boatman

*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Lorelei Bennett and Madison Hallmark, Vocals
"The Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.....Dr. John Grosskopf
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INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....Dr. John Grosskopf
President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....Mr. Jesse W. Solomon
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES.....Ms. Jennifer Page
Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs/CAO

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

CERTIFICATES

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES and CERTIFICATESDr. John Grosskopf
Mr. Ricky N. Lyons
Chair, District Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF HONORS *Lynn Wyche*
Associate Dean of Student Life

*BENEDICTION *Reverend Delvin Boatman*

**RECESSIONAL *Mrs. Caitlin Parizek*
"Joyful Joyful" Beethoven *Piano*

Grand Marshal
Mr. Danny Harris

Faculty Marshal
Dr. Guenter Maresch

Trustee Marshal
Dr. Greg Molnar

Student Marshals
Mishel Cruz-Velasquez
Diana Matchett

**The audience is requested to stand.*

***The audience is requested to stand and remain at your seats until the end of the recessional.*

Students, faculty, and staff who served in the armed forces wear a red, white, and blue cord honoring their service to our country.

Following the ceremony, please join us for refreshments on the auditorium porch.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Mackenzi Bochnia****

Antonia Bowman

*Matthew Cupp****

*Eboni Donaldson****

*Athena Duran****

*Jadon Evans***

*Chelsea Graham Huggett****

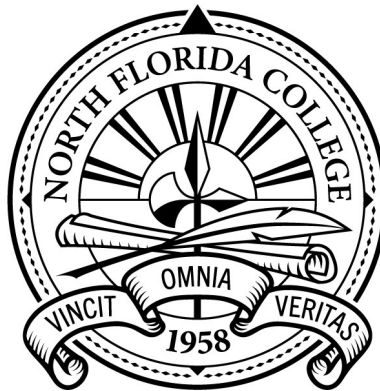
*Cameron Kerr****

*Morgan Elizabeth Lawson****

*Michael Laquan Norwood****

*Cassidy Rountree****

*Auja Silas****



Honor Graduates:	*Cum Laude (3.3-3.49 GPA) – White Cord
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ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

<i>Enekin Anthony***</i>	<i>Evan Duel</i>
<i>Nathan Archer***</i>	<i>Caden Kyle Dunaway</i>
<i>Ke'Niya Jalisia Arnold</i>	<i>Variah Dunnell***</i>
<i>Hafitha Mohammad Ayyad**</i>	<i>Valerie Espinoza Contreras</i>
<i>Kei'Shonda R. Baggs</i>	<i>Jovanna Ferrer***</i>
<i>Kadence Beatty***</i>	<i>Mary Fish</i>
<i>Kwantianna Bell</i>	<i>Ce'Khilah Fitchett</i>
<i>Kinleigh Bembry*</i>	<i>Destiny Flores**</i>
<i>Matthew Bembry**</i>	<i>Tristan Flowers***</i>
<i>Lorelei Bennett</i>	<i>Mallory Folsom</i>
<i>Ashlyn Olivia Blalock***</i>	<i>Tysheonna J. Gaddy</i>
<i>Ciera Danielle Raulerson Boland</i>	<i>Ja'Kayla Gallon**</i>
<i>Taliyah Bonner</i>	<i>Wa'Lashya Gallon</i>
<i>Finley Boyd*</i>	<i>Ava Gantt*</i>
<i>Gabriella Gail Brosseau***</i>	<i>Jeremy Giddens</i>
<i>Maya Brown***</i>	<i>K'Niya Z. Glanton***</i>
<i>Hunter Burch</i>	<i>Sarah M. Gray***</i>
<i>Erin Ashley Burnett***</i>	<i>Bryce Hamlin</i>
<i>Lucia Carroll***</i>	<i>Stephanie Sue Hasty</i>
<i>Kasey Carter***</i>	<i>Marcus Hawkins, Jr.</i>
<i>Ragan Grace Chauncey*</i>	<i>Luke Austin Hayden***</i>
<i>Daisy Contreras-Hernandez</i>	<i>Douglas Hayes*</i>
<i>Keosha Cuthbertson</i>	<i>Johanna Heijkoop**</i>
<i>Delaney Deadwyler***</i>	<i>Hailey Heseltine***</i>
<i>Jalyn Delcastillo***</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Hollinger</i>

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<i>ZaKira Howard</i>	<i>Breann Rasmussen*</i>
<i>Brayden Jones***</i>	<i>Susie Reams*</i>
<i>Madison Grace King***</i>	<i>Camila Roman***</i>
<i>Chloe Koon</i>	<i>Robert Russ</i>
<i>Aria Lehmann**</i>	<i>Trinity Salmons*</i>
<i>Brandy Lightfoot</i>	<i>Ana Sanchez</i>
<i>Caleb Linton**</i>	<i>Selby Schneitman*</i>
<i>Kiley Nicole Malone*</i>	<i>Timothy Shaw</i>
<i>Hannah Mantooth*</i>	<i>Elijah Shockley**</i>
<i>Adrian Mathis**</i>	<i>Joshua Kyle Smith**</i>
<i>Brentson McCall**</i>	<i>Camden Swartz***</i>
<i>Katelyn McGee</i>	<i>Charnecia Thomas</i>
<i>Kiley Elizabeth Melvin***</i>	<i>Emily Reese Thomas***</i>
<i>Hayden Noel Moates*</i>	<i>Elliot Thompson*</i>
<i>Ashley Giselle Morales*</i>	<i>Sebastian Tordsen***</i>
<i>Gabriele Michele Saunders Mullins***</i>	<i>Chevarra D. Ulee</i>
<i>Whitton Musgrove*</i>	<i>Jocelyn Urzua-Tlapa*</i>
<i>Todd Odom*</i>	<i>Kayden Weatherly*</i>
<i>Benicio Angel Ortega***</i>	<i>John Michael Weed***</i>
<i>Emali Osteen***</i>	<i>Desmond Javon Paul Whitfield</i>
<i>Jacqueline Perez-Tavera*</i>	<i>K'lyn Williams*</i>
<i>Dixie Rose Phillips</i>	<i>Orrie Jakarion Williams</i>
<i>John Pike**</i>	<i>Rihanna Lequoia Williams**</i>
<i>Isaac Pitts***</i>	<i>Margaret Anna Shaw Wolfer</i>
<i>Nathan Lane Pye</i>	<i>Caroline Grace Wynn**</i>

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ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION EMPHASIS

*Ashley Sharpless****

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES

ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY

*Alan Francisco Quantanilla-Chavez***

*Barbara Siplin****

Stacey Lynn Walker

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lisa Marie Primm

Kaiya Richardson

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY

*Kerria Livingston**

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REGISTERED NURSING

Arianna M. Allen
Emily Elizabeth Boggus
Emma Audrey Brown
Hannah Grace Byrd
Dulce Chavez
Bethany Crossno
Alana Demps
Tamara DeVore
Kimarie Eldridge
Yvonne Elliott
Terra Felix
Kaisy Gray

Jonathan Gray
Jessica Henderson
*Kelley Ann Howell**
Tanisha Johnson
Andrena Lawery
William Lawhorn
Julissa Ramos
Jaime Lynn Sessions
Kaila Smith
Lindsay Thomas
Landri Washington

PRACTICAL NURSING TO REGISTERED NURSING BRIDGE

Quanisha Bailey
Courtney Nicole Barraza
Tara Anne Byrd
Samantha Ann Lundy

Lidia Moreno
Ashley Michele Upshaw
Iman Williams

**Honor cords for Practical Nursing to Registered Nursing Bridge will be presented at their August pinning ceremony.*

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CERTIFICATES

ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS and ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

*Lisa Primm**

*Alan Francisco Quantanilla-Chavez**

*Barabara Siplin***

*Stacey Walker***

ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

*Barbara Siplin***

*Stacey Walker**

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT and BUSINESS OPERATIONS

*Lisa Primm***

Kaiya Richardson

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CERTIFICATES, cont.

CHILD CARE CENTER MANAGEMENT

*Ashley Sharpless****

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

*Kaiya Richardson**

HUMAN SERVICES GENERALIST

Karen P. Hiers

PRESCHOOL SPECIALIZATION

*Gabriele Mullins****

Dawn Swallow

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CERTIFICATES, cont.

CHILD CARE CENTER OPERATIONS

*Jasmin Adair****
*Katherine Morgan****
*Michele Rodriguez-Crouch****

*Gena Rosario****
Terarra Simmons
Katrina Williams

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVING

*Andrew Beckner****
*Deon Cherry****
Luis Garcia
*Jacqueline Hall****
*Perry Howard****

*Dalton Mercer****
*Michael Mobley, Jr.****
*Jon Nowling****
*Veton Samuel****
*Drake Terry****

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVING CLASS "B"

*Ethan Melvin****
*Ernie Phillips****

*Wendell Pierce****

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING/REFRIGERATION (HVAC/R)

*Cameron Carter****
*Ronny B. Hall****
*Taner Holton***
*Christopher Lago***

*Stavon McCreary***
Aaron Philmon
Jagger Whitaker

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CERTIFICATES, cont.

INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY MAINTENANCE 1

*Zane Carter***

*Criston Dember****

INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY MAINTENANCE 2

*Axel Hernandez****

*Wyatt Liles****

*Ta'Keya Shaunice Jones****

NURSING ASSISTANT

Delayna Bearden

*Taylor Medlin***

Barbara Bennett

PRACTICAL NURSING

Mariela Garcia-Rendon

Tarra Seifert

Erica A. Hampton

Blake Christine Selph

Ashley Howard Johnson

Markeasha Robinson

Jessika Jones

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WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Zarkese Haynes

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CERTIFICATES, cont.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

*Mary Beck***
*Erica Hawthorne***
*Seth Horner****

*Brooke Alayze Howell***
*Gavin McAllister****

FLORIDA CORRECTIONAL BASIC RECRUIT ACADEMY

*Lafaye Alexander****
*Jesse Barnes****
*Kasey Blue****
*Devin Brannan****
*Brennan Brewer****
*Omar Del Llano Godinez***
*Cadeci Dobson**
*Tyron Harris***
*Garrett Lancaster**
*Toni Lekanka****
*Javier Maldonado****
*Robert Navarro-Reyes****

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*Dedrick Pullens****
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*Ashlin Sibley****
*Willie Smith****
*Shyla Stephens****
*Jacob Stewart****
*Gunnar Thurman****
*Gabrielle Timmerman-Register***
*Avonnia Ware***
*Amanda Watson****

FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

*Garrett Beckenbaugh****
*Jalon Herring***
*Paul Pagano****

*James Pitts****
*Mason Tompkins***

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Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty twelfth century castles and halls of learning.

The gowns for the associate's degree, earned after 60-70 credits of undergraduate study, have a semi stiff yoke, long pleated front and shirring across the back and shoulders.

The gowns for the bachelor's degree, earned after undergraduate study are similar in appearance to the gown for the A.A. degree. The bachelor's gown may be worn either open or closed and is primarily distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

The holder of the master's degree, earned by postgraduate work, wears a gown with the same yoke effect as the bachelor's, and it may be worn either open or closed. The very long sleeve is square and closed at the end. Some are designed to allow the forearm to come through a slit near the elbow. With others, the arm is covered to the wrist.

Gowns for the doctor's degree may also be worn open, but they carry broad velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Caps may be of serge, broadcloth, or, for the doctor's outfit only, of velvet; and the tassel of the doctor's cap may be of gold bullion. Tassels are moved from right to left upon graduation.

It is the hood that gives the color and real meaning of the academic regalia. The bachelor's hood is sometimes worn upon completion of the course even though the degree has not yet been actually conferred. A black shell, of varying size for the three degrees, and of material to match the gown, is silk-lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is then bordered with velvet of the proper width, to indicate the degree and of the color signifying the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities.	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Criminal Justice.....	Gold
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Laws	Purple
Library Science, Information Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration, Public Policy	Peacock Blue
Science	Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

Other regalia NFC faculty, staff, and students may wear:

Veterans and Servicemembers wear a red, white, and blue cord honoring their service.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Honors Stole

NFC Sentinel Scholars Collegiate Academy Stole

NFC Alumni Spirit Cord

NFC First Generation Medallion