

MANSFIELD



SPRING 2026

Commencement

CONVOCATION

Saturday, May 16, 2026
Straughn Hall Auditorium

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please be informed that all candidates for degrees and all honors designated for degrees earned are determined according to the academic record that includes the student's last semester which becomes official once all grades have been submitted and posted. A student's receipt of degree and the declaration of related honors must be confirmed and validated by the final transcript.

In all cases, the actual awarding of a degree by the university is subject to verification by the registrar. Time limitations associated with commencement make such verification before this ceremony impossible. Therefore these exercises are to be considered as ceremonial only.

The views or opinions expressed by the guest speakers at today's commencement are their own and do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of Commonwealth University.

College of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences — Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Social Work

College of Health, Science and Technology — Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Zeigler College of Business — Associate in Business Administration, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Education

Mansfield Campus Emergency Procedures

The Mansfield Campus of Commonwealth University is excited to welcome you to commencement, your safety is a priority, please read the below plan to help better prepare yourself in case of an emergency evacuation.

Evacuation:

Should the need arise to evacuate Straughn Auditorium for an emergency, everyone should immediately exit the venue following instructions provided via the public address system or event staff and emergency responders.

Shelter:

You may need to shelter during an emergency evacuation. During an incident requiring shelter, everyone will be directed to locations and/or buildings closest to the area. Instructions will be provided via the public address system or event staff and emergency responders.

Mobility Impairments:

Persons with mobility impairments who need assistance evacuating will be assisted by event staff and emergency responders.

Medical Emergencies:

Call 911 if assistance is needed for a medical emergency.

Important Phone Numbers

Mansfield Campus Police Department: 570-662-4900

Mansfield Borough Police Department: 570-662-3093

Mansfield State Police: 570-662-2151

Tioga County Emergency Services: 911 or 570-724-4666 (Non-Emergency)

Tioga County District Attorney's Office: 570-724-1350

Tioga County Prison: 570-724-5911

UPMC Wellsboro Hospital: 570-724-7764

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COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

May 16, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Mace Bearer: Brad Lint, Ph.D.

Marshals: Catherine D'Ortona Ph.D., Atika Benaddi, Ph.D., Glorianne Dziuba, DHSc.

Reader: Brad Lint, Ph.D.

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Gretchen Sechrist, Ph.D., Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education
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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor
Michaiah Watkins, Student Soloist

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Jeffery Osgood, Ph.D., President, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania

GREETINGS FROM THE TRUSTEES

John Wetzel, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kenyatta Johnson, Class of 1996, President, City Council of Philadelphia

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Justin Knarr, President, Student Government Association, Mansfield

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Gretchen Sechrist, Ph.D., Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

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Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor
Machaiah Watkins, Student Soloist

RECESSIONAL

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

May 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Mace Bearer: Brad Lint, Ph.D.

Marshals: Nicolle Mayo, Ph.D., Karri Verno, Ph.D. and DCJ

Reader: Brad Lint, Ph.D.

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Brad Lint, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Languages, Literatures and Writing

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor

Machaiah Watkins, Student Soloist

MANSFIELD CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Gretchen Sechrist, Ph.D., Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

GREETINGS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Susan Kefover, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Justin Knarr, President, Student Government Association, Mansfield

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Priya Poehner, Ph.D., Interim Associate Dean

College of Arts, Humanities, Education & Social Sciences

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kenyatta Johnson

President, Philadelphia City Council

Kenyatta J. Johnson became president of the Philadelphia City Council in 2024. He represented the second district on the Council since 2012, becoming the first African American to represent the Second district.

The president of the Philadelphia City Council is the second most powerful person in city government, behind only the mayor. Johnson previously served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, representing the 186th district from 2009 to 2012.

Born and raised in South Philadelphia, Council President Johnson's journey into public service began in 1998 with his Peace Not Guns initiative, a nonprofit created to address crime and violence in local neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia which Kenyatta founded after the tragic murder of his cousin.

Johnson is a graduate of the School District of Philadelphia. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mansfield University in 1996 and a Master's in Government Administration from the Fels Institute at the University of Pennsylvania in

2001. Additionally, he completed the Governing for Non-Profit Excellence Certificate Program at the Harvard Business School.

A Pennsylvania State Senate staffer for six years before running for the House of Representatives, Council President

Johnson was a former volunteer for AmeriCorps, and a founding staff member of City Year, the non-profit AmeriCorps organization whose primary goal is to build advocacy through citizens' service.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Council President Johnson is also a dedicated family man. He is married to Dawn Chavous and father to sons Isaiah Mandela and Elijah Kwame.



HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude

Stephanie Nicole Dorn
Amelia Jane Johnson
Caden Mekhi Skasko
Emma Nichole Wonsick
Logan T. Wood

Magna Cum Laude

Marissa Carynne Allen
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Jonathan Daniel Consadine
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Kory Joseph Hassen
Mackenzie Ann Kieser
Lilli M. Kjellander
Amber Carol Lavoie
Makayla Marie Mickelson
Heather Kess Newhart
Victoria R. Nichols
Shannon Lynn Perlungher
Skylar Nicole Peterson
Andrea Nichole Proehl
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Morgan Smith
Ives Vaughn Spalding
Isaac Colie Tice
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Adriana Zebrowski

Cum Laude

Pius Kwadwo Adomako Jr.
Alison May Barber
Kylie Ann Bornman
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Lilac Elizabeth Burke
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Kaelyn Ann Crawford
Dashawna Alize Crawford
James Tiberius Davies
Destiny C. Dunn
Stella M. Fink
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Gracie Morgan Mays
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Cana Riley
Mackenzie Alexis Roio
Alexis Lynn Rush
Jeremiah Joseph Smith
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Erin Thomas
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Sarah Bobowski
Bryant Matthew LeBeau
Ashlyn Faith Miller
Grace E. Morgan
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COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice (AS)

Christopher T. Wheeler

Criminal Justice (BS)

- # Jonathan Daniel Consadine
- Brock A. Mayer
- Letristen Mortimer
- Cana Riley
- # Mackenzie Alexis Roio

Criminal Justice Administration (BS)

Emma Theresa Fleet
Stephanie Sanchez

Curriculum & Instruction (MEd)

Madison Nicole Bailey

Early Childhood & Elementary Education (BSEd)

Gracie Morgan Mays

Early Childhood Education (BSEd)

Riley Batdorf
Hailie Belle Cook
Stephanie Nicole Dorn
Lauren M. Gleckner
Kory Joseph Hassen
Cassandra Ann Heath
Mackenzie Ann Kieser
Emma Kathryn Maurer
Kara Ann Moser
Heather Kess Newhart
Gracie Lynn Osterhout
Meriah Michelle Schoonover
Madison Lynne Stahl
Erin Thomas

English (BA)

Joshua D. Brelo
Caitlin Chamberlain
Paige Patience Glover Gumaer
Nina Thomas

Graphic Design (BS)

- # Lucia Nora Joy Briar
- Susan Anna Citro
- Kendall Lynn Mrozinski

History (BA)

Logan T. Wood

Media & Journalism (BA)

- # Valerie Kelly Miller

Multidisciplinary Studies (BA)

Nasir Juana Brown
Michelle M. Carrasquillo
Maria Morgan Coates
Kimberly Marie Hazlett
Stephen D. Hazlett
Jackson Antonio Henry
Dashel J. Little
Cahsid Raymond
Alexis Lynn Rush

Music (BM)

Mayson Aaron Bryant
Lilac Elizabeth Burke
Jason L. Gao
Amber Carol Lavoie

Music Education (BM)

Mayson Aaron Bryant
Jason L. Gao
Amber Carol Lavoie

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Political Science (BA)

Allyson Rebekah Lewis

Psychology (BS)

Kylie Aaron-Nicole Beard

James Tiberius Davies

Eli'Jannay R. Devine

Michael Cael Gleason

Oakley Monro Gorman

Erika Bryn Haag

Madisyn Laneé Hart

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Shannon Lynn Perlungher

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Kayla Jalynn Williams-Alston

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Secondary Education (BSEd)

Marissa Carynne Allen

Lewis Anthony Clearwater

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Social Work (BSW)

Destiny C. Dunn

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Visual Arts (BA)

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology (BS)

Airianna Beck
Kylie Ann Bornman
Morgan Elizabeth Myers
Emma Nichole Wonsick

Biology (MS)

Deanna Michelle
Lamphere Johnson

Biomedical Sciences (BS)

Elzandie Lyzette Du Plessis
Jessica S. Schultz

Chemistry (BS)

Tamara Rose Dirk
Caiden Richard Henley
Kaelyn Rae Watson

Computer & Information Science (BS)

Frederick William
Goodrich II
Kyra Elizabeth Keefer

Environmental, Geographical & Geological Sciences (BS)

Eli James Clark
Noah T. Long
Mariah Mercedeez Simon
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Healthcare Professions (AAS)

Natalie Lynn Ohler

Health Sciences (BS)

Austin Bayer
Anthony Henry Dunkel
Jeffrey S. Griffiths
Adedoyin Lydia Olasumboye

Nursing (BSN)

Alison May Barber
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Quinn Michelle Brown
Kaelyn Ann Crawford
Dashawonna Alize Crawford
Vanessa de Assis Pomarico
Caelan Ostend Dick
Grace Olivia Dutra
Sadie Nicole Evans
Shae'anna M. Farr
Stella M. Fink
Lilli M. Kjellander
Ian Nathaniel Mapp
Jordyn Alexis Oldroyd
Colin Michael Shafer Rosh
Lauryn May Schultz
Ibrahim F. Sheriff
Derek Anthony Simpson
Morgan Smith
Ethan Kaleb Stettler
Kaylee Mallory Sutryk
Brooke Linn VanCamp
Ethan Lee Witherow

Nursing (DNP)

Heather L. Kreger

Nutrition (BS)

Connor Jacob Bridwell
Amelia Jane Johnson
Alanna Moiraine Moreau
Julianna R. Mullikin
Daniel Colin Reilly
Sophia Rose Vadnaiss

Radiologic Technology (AAS)

Sarah Bobowski
Braelynn Butler
McKenna M. Cary
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Simeon D. Kyler
Bryant Matthew LeBeau
Ashlyn Faith Miller
Grace E. Morgan
Gabriella J. Susanj
Kayleigh Marie Thoman

Respiratory Care (BS)

Benjamin Kelley
Makayla Marie Mickelson
Lauren Alexis Sauley

ZEIGLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accountancy (MAcc)

Conner Nicholas Michel

Accounting (BSBA)

Zoie J. Lamphere

Alexys L. Miller

Jeremiah Joseph Smith

Business Administration (AS)

Elliott David Good

Business Administration (BS)

Alexis Renee Garrison

Tessa Nicole Lewis

Austin Thomas Lowrey

Christopher Quezada

Kellen Ivy Sharp

Caden Mekhi Skasko

Business Administration (BSBA)

DeShawn Ards

Tyler Raymond Grube

Breanne Nicole Patterson

Sterling Tyler Scott

Sarah Jane Sherman

Hayden Louis Zaffino

Supply Chain Management (BSBA)

Pius Kwadwo Adomako Jr.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The traditional academic regalia worn at commencement exercises is a record of the academic achievement of that individual. Its use originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

The long gown evolved from the monk's habit. The hood evolved from the cowl that the monks wore over their heads. Today's mortarboard can be traced to the skull caps worn by the churchmen.

The colorful hoods designate the degree of the wearer, the subject in which the degree is held, and the institution that awarded the degree. The color of the velvet band on each hood and robe represent a scholar's field of learning, while the official colors of the school awarding the degree always are shown in the lining of the hood and, sometimes, by the distinctive color of the gown. Bloomsburg University colors are maroon and gold.

As institutions of higher learning were established in America, beginning with Harvard College in 1636, the universities followed the English precedent in which each developed its own version of academic dress. As has been the case with the British universities, there was virtually no conformity from one institution to another and sometimes not even within institutions. College and university administrators, sensing a need for

uniformity, convened in 1895 to develop a uniform code of academic regalia. Still in use by most American institutions, the code has been reviewed and revised only twice.

The colors for academic fields established by the American Council on Education include:

Agriculture Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business Drab
Dentistry Lilac
Economics Copper
Education Light Blue
Engineering Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture Brown
Forestry Russet
Journalism Crimson
Law Purple
Library Science Lemon
Medicine Green
Music Pink
Nursing Apricot
Oratory (Speech) Silver Gray
Pharmacy Olive Green
Philosophy Dark Blue
Physical Education Sage Green
Public Administration,
including Foreign Service Peacock Blue
Public Health Salmon Pink
Science Golden Yellow
Social Work Citron
Theology Scarlet
Veterinary Science Gray

THE UNIVERSITY

Mansfield University dates to 1857 when the Mansfield Classical Seminary opened with 105 students. In 1862, the institution was designated a State Normal School for the training of teachers.

Enrollment had grown to 400 by 1905. In 1927, Mansfield became the first school in Pennsylvania to be designated a State Teachers College, authorized by the State Board of Education to grant bachelor of science degrees in elementary and secondary education, music, and home economics.

In 1960, the school became Mansfield State College, a multi-purpose institution offering a broad range of curricula. On July 1, 1983, Mansfield University became a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. In an effort to expand high-quality, affordable academic opportunities to support the needs of all learners,

Mansfield integrated with Bloomsburg and Lock Haven universities to form Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania in 2022.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Mansfield University Alumni Association congratulates all of today's graduates, and we welcome each of you as our newest members. Today, Mansfield alumni benefit from an expanded network that now includes 145,000 graduates of Mansfield, Lock Haven, and Bloomsburg.

Mansfield continues to have professional staff on campus dedicated to support Mansfield alumni of all generations. Mansfield-specific alumni

programming includes Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, and regional receptions.

The Alumni Office and Career and Professional Development have been combined to create the Alumni and Professional Engagement Office to expand alumni engagement with students through Professional U. Professional U is Commonwealth University's focus on more fully integrating alumni and employers in the student experience to ensure our graduates are well-positioned for their careers.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Alumni Affairs and Advancement, 212 South Hall, 888-305-6505

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MANSFIELD ALMA MATER

MANSFIELD, HAIL!

Written in 1917.

Words and Music by
WILL GEORGE BUTLER, Mus. Doc.

Class of 1897

Vigorous.

1. Old Mans-field, high up - on the east - ern hill, Dear Mans-field, hail to thee!
 2. The world is bet - ter for the bea - con light Which thou hast shed a - broad,
 3. We nev - er can for - get the days we've spent With - in thy hal - low'd walls,
 4. The vis - ion that we caught be - neath thy spell Has o - pened up the way

Thy loy - al sons and daughters with a will Sa - lute in mel - o - dy.
 Strong hearts are stronger for the test - ing fight That leads men up to God.
 We'll learn sometime what all your les - sons meant When lar - ger du - ty calls,
 To op - por - tun - i - ty and serv - ing well Up - on the King's high-way.

We bring a lau - rel wreath of praise, And pledge our love thro' all the days;
 In all the va - ried walks of life, In peace - ful paths and stress of strife,
 For ev - 'ry law and rule of thine Is made to fit our life's de - sign.
 We love the mem - 'ry of thy ways, Strong lads and lass - ies fair as fays:

Our Al - ma Ma - ter, dear, all hail to thee! Old Mans - field, hail to thee!
 We find thy sons and daughters true to thee, Old Mans - field, hail to thee!
 We'll con - se - crate our lives to Truth and thee, Old Mans - field, hail to thee!
 Our Al - ma Ma - ter, dear, all hail to thee, Old Mans - field, hail to thee!

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