Fifty-fifth Annual Commencement Exercises

Saturday, June Thirteenth, two thousand and twenty
Two o’clock in the afternoon
Virtual Commencement
Congratulations to the Class of 2020! It is with great joy that I celebrate with you at the 55th Commencement at Three Rivers Community College. This has been an unusual semester with the disruption of classes due to the Covid-19 virus. Taking all your classes online has been a significant accomplishment. We, the faculty and staff at Three Rivers, applaud your efforts and congratulate you!

To the graduates, Commencement celebrates both an ending and a beginning. You have worked hard with patience and persistence to achieve this accomplishment. I extend a hearty and cordial thank you to the family members, friends, faculty and staff as well as fellow students for the support they have provided to each of you. Graduates, take time to thank those who have supported you so that you could celebrate this day.

On behalf of the entire Three Rivers community, I am extremely proud of each of you. I hope you will take time to stay connected to the College, come to campus and visit often, and update us on your successes. I charge each of you to become an active member of the Three Rivers Alumni community, your Three Rivers network, so you can help shape the future success and growth of your College.

May the days and years ahead be filled with many personal joys and professional successes!

I extend best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates!

With warmest wishes,

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President
Three Rivers Community College
Commencement Order of Exercises

Processional

William Edward O’Hare, M.A.
Professor of Anthropology
Piper

Presiding Dean

Robert Farinelli, M.S., M.A.
Dean of Academic Affairs
and Student Services

National Anthem

Mya Millbauer
Student

Welcome

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President

Greetings from the
Connecticut State Colleges
& Universities

Mark E. Ojakian, M.A.
President

Greetings from the Faculty

Michael Carta, M.S.
Professor of Chemistry
Chair, Faculty Senate

Student Graduate Address

Sebastian C. Bartosiak
Student Government President

Announcement of Valedictorian
and Salutatorian

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President

Announcement of Medallions
for Academic Excellence

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President
Certification of Candidates

MARY ELLEN JUKOSKI, Ed.D.
President

Introduction of Degree Candidates

MARK COMEAU, M.S.
Department Chair,
Business and Technologies

JOSEPH SELVAGGIO, M.A.
Department Chair,
English and Communication

TERRANCE DELANEY, Ph.D.
Department Chair,
Humanities and Social Sciences

ROXANNE N. TISCH, Ph.D.
Department Chair,
Mathematics and Science

EDITH OUELLET, Ed.D.
Department Chair,
Nursing and Allied Health

Alumni Charge

BETTY C. BAILLARGEON ’94
Director of Institutional Advancement

Closing Remarks

MARY ELLEN JUKOSKI, Ed.D.
President

Recessional

WILLIAM EDWARD O’HARE, M.A.
Professor of Anthropology
Piper
Mary Ellen Jukoski was appointed by the Connecticut Board of Regents as President of Three Rivers Community College in May 2014 after a national search, the latest step in her distinguished career as a teacher, college administrator, and leader in higher education.

During her tenure at Three Rivers, Jukoski has provided leadership that focuses on student learning and success and advances the dual mission of liberal arts and professional education. She collaborated with College Congress to develop a shared governance model that was awarded the CSCU Shared Governance Award 2018-2019 by the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education and Faculty Advisory Committee for “Exemplary Achievement of Lasting Value Through Shared Governance.”

Under her guidance, the state-of-the-art Three Rivers Community College Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center was created to operate in the new Grasso Tech High School in 2019. Previously, she acquired $5 million in funding from the Department of Labor in collaboration with EWIB to provide workforce training for Electric Boat. Jukoski also oversaw the expansion of the Tutoring and Academic Success Center, the implementation of the Certified Clinical Medical Assisting degree program, and the establishment of the College’s first fully online degree program.

Jukoski had previously served as President of Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut for twenty years. She has held several administrative positions at Sacred Heart University, Loretto Heights College, the University of Memphis and Empire State College. She is highly active in the community serving on numerous boards including the Eastern Workforce Investment Board.

Jukoski earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the College of St. Rose, a second master’s degree from SUNY-Albany, and her doctoral degree from the University of Memphis.

Speakers
Mark E. Ojakian became President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system in September 2015. He oversees a system with 17 institutions serving over 85,000 students offering over 1,300 degree and certificate programs.

Ojakian brought with him a vision for reshaping CSCU as a vital and stable organization that supports and expands affordable access for students from all backgrounds, strives to produce educated and enlightened graduates who go on to contribute to Connecticut’s growth, and provides highly skilled workers to support business and industry in the state.

This vision has resulted in the implementation of the “Students First” philosophy throughout CSCU, the expansion and increased funding for eight Advanced Manufacturing Technical Centers across the state; the launching of the Transfer Ticket Program providing seamless transfer pathways from the community colleges to a state university in 25 degree program areas; and the promotion of inclusion and diversity in the CSCU system.

Among other state and community involvement, he is co-chair of the Working Group on Higher Education, a legislatively-created task force empaneled to make financial support available to higher education institutions to stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation.

Prior to his current appointment, he served as Chief of Staff to Governor Dannel P. Malloy for four years, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), and 16 years as Deputy Comptroller under former State Comptroller Nancy Wyman.

Ojakian received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Anselm’s College, and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the American University.
Robert Farinelli is the Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services at Three Rivers Community College where he administers all aspects of academics affairs, including the development of the leadership team, creation of new academic programs, and the facilitation of student success programs. He also oversees Student Services where he drives the success and coordinates the efforts of enrollment, financial aid, advising, student programs, and Workforce and Community Education.

Prior to Three Rivers, Farinelli served as the Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the College of Southern Maryland. There he also held the positions of STEM Director; Division Chair of Mathematics, Physics and Engineering; and faculty member of the Mathematics department. At the Community College of Allegheny County, he was also a Professor of Mathematics. He holds a M.S. in Education from Capella University, a M.A. in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh, and a B.S. in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University.

Michael Carta is a Professor of Chemistry at Three Rivers Community College. Professor Carta served as an adjunct instructor for seven years while working as a research chemist at Pfizer in Groton, Connecticut. After 25 years at Pfizer, he joined the faculty as a full-time instructor in 2009.

Professor Carta received his B.A. and M.S. degrees in chemistry from the University of Dayton. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and volunteers his time with the United Way Mobile Food Pantry and the Adventures in Lifelong Learning group on campus.

Sebastian Carter Bartosiak is a 2020 graduate with an associate degree in Graphic Design and the President of the TRCC Student Government Association. A male transgender, first-generation, 24-year-old college student, he has attended Three Rivers since 2014. In the past six years, Bartosiak has served as President of the Video Game Club, Vice President of the Anime Club, Treasurer of the Three Rivers United Environmentalists Club, Treasurer of the Students Advocating Gender Equality Club, Secretary of Student Government, and Vice President of Student Government. He has also been a student worker in the Student Programs Office since 2015.
Three Rivers Community College
Candidates for Graduation 2020

Associate in Applied Science

Construction Technology
Associate in Applied Science

Mark Comeau, M.S., Department Chair, Business and Technologies

Mauricio H. Escalante
Marlene A. Ewankow**
Paul J. Gazzola**
Jonah E. Godfrey-Fogg*

Jefferey P. Hart*
Danielle M. Pucci*
Courtney S. Ridzon
Cordelia Robinson

General Engineering Technology
Associate in Applied Science

Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering

William J. Race

Note: This program was printed on May 22, 2020, prior to the final confirmation of degrees and certificates awarded. Therefore, this list is tentative only. Students’ transcripts are the official record of the College.
Key:  
* Cum Laude (GPA 3.4-3.69),  
** Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.7-3.89),  
*** Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9-4.0)  
Commencement honors are based on the cumulative grade point average (GPA) as of the Fall 2019 semester end.
CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: History Studies  
Associate in Arts  
Terrence Delaney, Ph.D., Department Chair, Humanities and Social Sciences  
Jacob W. Buckridge  
Micah R. Person*

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Mathematics Studies  
Associate in Arts  
Brian Kennedy, M.A., Professor of Mathematics  
Corey D. Levesque  
Maria Trahan**

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Physics Studies  
Associate in Arts  
Robert B. Niedbala, M.S., Professor of Physics and Mathematics  
Paul J. Tomasto

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Political Science Studies  
Associate in Arts  
Philip E. Mayer, Jr., M.L.S., Professor of Economics and Political Science  
John F. Burnett II**  
Breeze L. Floyd***

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Psychology Studies  
Associate in Arts  
Dov M. Kugelmass, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology  
Douglas P. Capazzi*  
Tatum-Teresa P. Martin*  
Amber N. Dubreuil*  
Shalyn Moran*  
Rhiannon A. Gates  
Trinity M. Pelloni  
Karyna M. Jimenez  
Samantha R. Richard  
Audrey Jones*  
Jennifer L. Williams

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CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Social Work Studies
Associate in Arts

JOYCE D. MARTIN, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF HUMAN SERVICES

Joseph W. Black***  Gillian Palmer*
Shannelle Hanson

Liberal Arts and Sciences
Associate in Arts

STEVEN NEUFELD, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Zachary J. Amarante**  Althea M. Hine
Heather L. Anselmo  Justin D. Humphries
Erika L. Austin  Dylan M. Jascenia
Ian D. Bacchiocchi
Andrew J. Baer**
Seth M. Barr
Carissa K. Baxter
Devin M. Bouchard
Victoria L. Bowles
Jacob C. Calvin
Ayla Capozzoli
Jarrett A. Cartell**
Brandon A. Chance*
Jordan M. Chenette**
Marian Chong Cuy*
Allison P. Cilley*
Alina M. Coombs
Tiana Cooper
Megan Dame
Ellie C. Davis**
Yara K. DeRoux
Ashley Edouard
Briana L. Evans*
Alexander T. Fitzpatrick
Breeze L. Floyd***
Fritny A. Fontilus
Isabella A. Fulker*
Azariah C. Fuller
Rahul Ganesh
Laci D. Gardner*
Ashley N. Gomez
Jennifer K. Hancock
Chaste J. Harrell
Kassandra A. Hayes**
Nichole E. Hayes*

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*** Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9–4.0)

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Owen P. Smith  
Jenarie M. Spruielle  
Anandah M. Sutton  
Amanda G. Wagman**

Mackenzie J. Walsh  
Hannah E. Wheatcraft***  
Justine N. Wheeler

Pathway to Teaching Careers  
Associate in Arts

_Jennifer Nally, Ed.D., Professor of Early Childhood Education_

Karina A. Dawley  
Regina T. Grant  
Katrina E. Konow*

Hannah M. Perham*  
Jesse M. Rockwell

Visual Fine Arts  
Associate in Arts

_Sandra Jeknavorian, M.F.A., Professor of Art_

Hoda M. Awad*  
Ariana Bradley  
David Z. Fontaine*  
Eric J. Gilmore

Mallory N. Painter  
Makayla M. Richardson  
Juliaanna Q. Williams***  
John R. Witherly II

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Associate in Science

Accounting Career
Associate in Science

Edwin R. Muenzner ’95, M.S.A.T., Professor of Accounting

Elizabeth M. Avery**
Amy R. Breault
Ryan P. Casey*
Pierre J. Charles
Paul R. Chasse
Madison Coers
Julie Craig***
Nicole D. Debrosse**
Jael R. Estrella
Chance T. Hukill*
Yosmely Liranzo

Rolando R. Martinez***
Samantha K. Peters**
Michele A. Swanson
Anetta M. Torres-Krupa**
Lydia F. Trapp**
Maddison Travaglino*
Haley E. Truken
Hayley J. Wagner**
Robert W. Warren***
Richard J. Wood
Ryan Zeilman***

Business Administration
Associate in Science

James O’Shea, M.S., Assistant Professor of Marketing and Business

Kam M. Babb*
Logan Baldoz
Michael D. Bunch
Ovidio R. Chaparro*
Kelyn G. Curitomay***
Sierra Deandrea
Michelle T. Dougherty
Jordan A. Dufault
Alicia D. Dyer*
Jayvon T. Dyer
Ann M. Everett**
Maxwell Hanson
Sashana D. James-Pinnock*
Nicholas J. Krajcik
Rebecca A. Magyar

Devin M. McGowan
Catherine Y. Mejia
Haley E. Moon
Elizabeth A. Morgan*
J.B. M. Parker
Haydee D. Pepe*
Gregory A. Rezendes
Steven Shenkle
Mark A. Simmert**
Jared M. Soto
Jacob J. St Germain
Chanelle Y. Taylor
Anetta M. Torres-Krupa**
Johanna M. Villegas-Castillo*
Renee J. Watrous**

Key:  *  Cum Laude (GPA 3.4–3.69),  **  Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.7–3.89),  ***  Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9–4.0)

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Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
Associate in Science

Edith Ouellet, Ed.D., Director of Nursing and Allied Health

Kimberly Accede*
Melissa Amaro
Bryanna A. Camp
Alina M. Coombs
Luisa F. Duarte-Gutierrez
Kelsey Grzelak*
Nicole A. Grzelak
Lindsey McKee*
Kim M. Rosenthal**
Gabrielle N. Smith
Allisyn N. Spicer
Kathy W. Veloz*
Jessica S. Wheeler*
Kelly M. Wierzbicki

Computer Science Technology
Associate in Science

Patrick Burton, M.S., Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Christopher A. Jones
Sachi A. Patel

Lydia F. Trapp**

Criminal Justice
Associate in Science

Jeffrey A. Crouch, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice

Emmanuel Alexandre
Malcolm A. Allen
Bear M. Barkhurst*
Nicole M. Betulia*
Kristen Cables
Bryant A. Campos Sanchez
Austin L. Canova
Heather A. Carlsen
Darren R. D’Amico
Debera L. Donovan
Christina M. Formiglio
Shannonnda Gaertner
Roselle S. Garchitorena*
Elizabeth Gauthier
Eli Grous
Ashley M. Haggett
Tyler S. Hughes
Nathaniel B. Jean
Sevda N. Kalican
Brianna M. Lally
Devon T. Lamoureux
Stormi J. Letourneau
Brighton L. McShane
Emily M. Ramirez
Jaron C. Reed
Anthony D. Ruggiero
Shariff Sanchez
Ashley M. Todaro
Caitlynn R. Wiese

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Early Childhood Education
Associate in Science
Sheila Skahan, M.S., Professor of Early Childhood Education

Marissa R. Alfield**
Jessica Butler**
Patricia M. Hanson
Payton K. Howser
Hannah Kupis
Alexis Parker*
Samantha A. Regine

Stacey A. Rivard*
Jhannah R. Rivers
Jennifer L. Tussing
Arianna N. Velez*
Justice Wilk
Christie A. Wood***

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Electrical, Laser & Robotics Engineering Technology
Associate in Science
Aaron Dahlen, M.S., Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Technology

Nikolai J. Famiglietti
Jared G. Kolada*
Aiden M. McVicker

Edward Velez
Nicholas E. Wycoff

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Engineering Science
Associate in Science
Mark J. Vesligaj, M.S., Professor of Engineering Science

Christopher Annino***
Sara A. Armass
Christopher J. Bean*
Christopher M. Berg***
Zachary J. Brayman*
Jessica A. Canty*
Wilfredo G. Dolores Santana
Aston S. Foley
William B. Harwood***
Vadim V. Mostavlyuk
Johnathan O’Neill

Pujan V. Patadia*
Christopher Pedersen
Collin E. Poore*
Georgios A. Provatas
Jose A. Rios Espinal
Kristen Schadtle
Alexi Soto
Cody T. Sowell*
Maya I. Waldron
Nicholas E. Wycoff

Environmental Engineering Technology
Associate in Science
Diba A. Khan-Bureau, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Engineering Technology

Hayle A. Clark
Tyanne M. Mateo-Petry
Nicholas C. Nado**

Marie L. Parry
Ashley Wibel*
Emily Woodin*

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Exercise Science
Associate in Science

Heidi Zenie, M.S., Professor of Exercise Science and Sports and Leisure Management

Christina Hood
Elias J. Illescas***

Hunter R. Lewis

General Studies
Associate in Science

Steven Neufeld, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and International Studies

Dylan A. Ackerman
Suyeon An***
Heather L. Anselmo
Krista L. Anthony*
Mary C. Baudro*
David T. Bauer***
Julie A. Beck
Alana M. Berkman*
Tara L. Billups
Donna Blackman
Mallory L. Boulay*
Kristin L. Casey
Jason Chavez
Mandy L. Cluff
Hannah C. Connors*
Jamie M. Connors**
Catherine M. Crouch
Jamie L. Davis**
Tiffany J. Delancy
Grace M. DeLucia
Michael F. Dickey
Manjola Dodani
Isaac P. Doggart
Morvin Ducroisy
Tisha M. Duggan***
Mégine L. Eliassaint
Christopher Ferrand
Haley R. Gagnon
Leynny B. Garcia-Johnson
Olivia M. Gentry
Griffen L. Gooden
Heather D. Grisham
Samuel L. Gushurst
Brittany S. Harpin
Elizabeth J. Harraka

Kendra E. Harris
Letecia U. Harris*
Victoria Hartmann
Lindsay L. Helfrich*
Korianne M. Hillyer-Timmerman
Kelly A. Howser**
Megan Jacobs
Moriah Jensen*
Joseph Keller*
Lindsay M. Kelly**
Sara E. Kelly
Katherine L. Krug
Lisa A. Kutneski***
Rachel G. Labak**
Bethany LaFramboise
Abigail E. Leach
Austin Levine*
Molly A. Linder***
Nicholas J. Litke*
Blanca A. Maclellan
Andrea L. Maillet
Nathan Main
Elizabeth C. Manley
Madison Marcavage
Sharon L. Mason*
Darryle McClinton
Cailin L. McClung*
Lindsay J. McElroy
Sarah M. Messick
Jessica L. Michaud
Keyane S. Miles*
Zackary V. Mingo
Lucy L. Moore
Sharon Mott*
Clothilde Mukawera*

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Kathleen L. Murphy***
Mark M. Nygaard*
Joshua L. Oswald**
Moriah E. Payne
Summer G. Pellegrini**
Alyssa Pescatello
Herminegildo A. Phee II
Liza P. Pickens
Maeve Pierce
Kathryn V. Pierre
Tessa L. Plummer***
Kelsey M. Rosborg
Dominique Roussy**
Ryan W. Sanders
Jessica E. Semmelrock
Jessica C. Sevigny**
Kim T. Sinclair
Michael C. Smith
Shannon M. Smith**
Escott O. Smith III

Daria J. Snoke
David D. Sykora
Ronald F. Tetrault***
Christopher A. Toledo
Ronisha N. Tolliver
Brittany L. Turner
Lavar L. Valentine
Justin M. Vance
Reginald Veillard
Keith M. Verraneault**
Taylor M. Vertefeuille
Aidan Walls
Gabrielle N. Watrous
Joseph H. Weselcouch
Mary Wilcox**
Aaron L. Williams
Jonathan T. Williams
Katie Williams**
Alexus M. Wilson
Tyler X. Zolkowski

Graphic Design
Associate in Science

Kevin Amenta, M.A., Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Communication

Sebastian C. Bartosiaik
Christopher J. Boyle**
Michelle A. Chenail
Jerico V. Ciliano*
Ariana A. Cloutier*
Kirsten E. Galloway***
Colin A. Kmiecik

Bianca M. Lane
Linda L. Mossberg*
Tucker R. Noniewicz*
Jessica O'Brien
Tyler W. Riddle
John R. White
Samantha W. Zod

Human Services
Associate in Science

Joyce D. Martin, Ph.D., Professor of Human Services

Dominique R. Daggett
McKenzie T. Gauthier
Sharon Gosselin**
Alyson M. Hartung
Mary E. Hinton*
Jordan I. Judge

Rebecca K. Kopeckinski
Deeann T. Morton*
Vanessa L. Nieves
Tammy L. Phillips
Rahmeik C. Watson

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Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Associate in Science

Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering

Bennet T. Perry
Brian T. Rasimas

Mechanical Engineering Technology
Associate in Science

Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering

Christopher A. Knight*
Matthew T. Peterson***

Nuclear Engineering Technology
Associate in Science

James R. Sherrard, Ph.D., Professor of Nuclear Engineering Technology

Matthew L. Berky*
Blake D. Brochu
Tory S. Burgess*
Sergio R. Colletti
Tristan L. Dubreuil**
Jakob R. Fontaine
Steven Herrick
Besmir Kami

Patrick M. Kearns*
Jarred F. Kennedy
Corey D. Levesque
Cameron T. Macko
Eric B. Moller***
Faysal S. Prodhan
James H. Rutty
Joseph L. Whitmore

Nursing
Associate in Science

Edith Ouellet, Ed.D., Director of Nursing and Allied Health

Lisa H. Baldwin
Sarah M. Behne
Ma Agnes Booc
Kathrine Bustamante
Amanda Caouette
Jessica Chappelle
Katelyn E. Chenail
Christina A. Cormier*
Kelly Costin
Elise M. Couillard
Lindsay M. Danner
Christine E. David
Nichole L. Davis
Nicole I. Davis*
Anah G. DeAngelis
Alyssa B. DeCrosta

Courtney M. Duff
Kelsey N. Durand
Heather L. Dyer
Carmen M. Felo
Danielle M. Floyd
Helen Forbes
Elisa C. Formiglio
Hannah B. Forster
Mara E. Fowler
Katherine E. Gagnier
Laci D. Gardner*
Maria L. Grabill
Karen M. Greb
Kimberlee F. Grohocki
Sheridan S. Groves
Heather J. Gruwell

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Ashley A. Haye  Jasmine L. Perkins*
Kourtney S. Irons  Katelynne J. Pluss
Meghan L. Ivey  Ray R. Rinkes
Evelyn Johnson  Beth A. Rogers
Kiara Johnson-Claudio*  Kaylyn A. Sadler*
Kathryn Kay  Vanessa L. Sanchez
Kathleen P. Kenyon  Keleigh J. Santarcangelo
Tes Koutrolli  Valerie Savino
Ruz N. Linares  Betty L. Schand
Kimberly A. Linares-Torres  Jessica L. Scrivano
Amanda M. Marchand  Noelle E. Sostre*
Amber M. Marshall  Sonia M. Stavens
Linda C. Martin*  Shanice S. Sterling
Emily A. May*  Dolma T. Tamang
Fallon E. McIvor  Carrie L. Tetreault
Chelsea N. McQuown  Magdalena Tkaczuk
Donna M. Miller  Lizbeth R. Tomasto Solis
Taylor M. Miller  April Tylerheaps
Alexander C. Nelson  Chelsea L. Voelker
Ashley T. Nichols  Jiraporn S. Walton
Kristina L. Oddo  Brandon H. Wenzel
Stefanie C. Owens  Kelsi Wilhoit
Tabitha Parciak  Cindy-Jo Youssef
Kimberly D. Pedchenko**  Ashley W. Zupan

Sports and Leisure Management
Associate in Science

Heidi Zenie, M.S., Professor of Exercise Science and Sports and Leisure Management

Joseph A. Arpin Jr.  Tiffany S. Lazur
Christina Hood  Shawn M. Novick

Technology Studies
Associate in Science

Mark J. Vesligaj, M.S., Professor of Engineering Science

Jeffrey T. Dreimiller*  Rebecca J. Whewell*
Zachary T. Truelson
Certificate

Accounting Certificate

Edwin R. Muenzner ’95, M.S.A.T., Professor of Accounting

Colleen M. Strapazzon** Ryan Zeilman***
Gabrielle L. Vige

Business Administration Certificate

James O’Shea, M.S., Assistant Professor of Marketing and Business

Laura E. Edelstein** Amanda Lanphear

Case Management Certificate

Joyce D. Martin, Ph.D., Professor of Human Services

Mary E. Hinton* Rahmeik C. Watson

Computer-Aided Drafting Certificate

Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering

Ariel S. Quinones Christopher A. Reynolds

Construction Management Certificate

Mark Comeau, M.S., Department Chair, Business and Technologies

Danielle M. Pucci* Lyonel M. White

Environmental Health and Safety Management Certificate

Dira A. Khan-Bureau, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Engineering Technology

Heather A. Lussier Jaden Sperling
Nicholas C. Nado** Emily Woodin*

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General Studies
Certificate

Steven Neufeld, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and International Studies

Lillie B. Kuhn
Brittney M. Serra*

Laser & Fiber Optic Technology
Certificate

Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering

Samantha R. Paecht**

Library Technology
Certificate

Marie Shaw, Ed.D., Program Coordinator, Library Technology

Laurie A. Irving Gardner***
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The entire faculty and staff of Three Rivers Community College wishes the Class of 2020 the best in happiness, health, and success.

We hope you never lose the will to learn. As you seek to make your difference in life, please remember this quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

“To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882)
American Essayist & Poet
Mission of Three Rivers Community College

Three Rivers is an accessible, affordable, and culturally diverse community college that meets varied educational needs by creating an environment that stimulates learning.

To accomplish its mission, Three Rivers Community College:

• Offers post-secondary educational opportunities;
• Encourages lifelong learning;
• Provides a well-rounded and rewarding educational experience with an emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication, and the College’s institutional values;
• Fosters an appreciation of the natural and social sciences, humanities, technology, and the arts;
• Helps students achieve their goals;
• Serves as a community resource for people and institutions within its service area;
• Delivers its services efficiently and measurably; and
• Contributes to the economic development of this region and the state.
About Three Rivers Community College

On May 9, 1962, ground was broken for the construction of a local community college soon to be named the Norwich State Technical Institute. The first students began classes in September 1963. The name was changed in 1964 to Thames Valley State Technical College, with the first graduation taking place in 1965. In 1970, Mohegan Community College was also formed in Norwich.

In 1992, Thames Valley State Technical College and Mohegan Community College were combined to form Three Rivers Community College, a name that was chosen to reflect the geographical nature of the region. The first commencement as Three Rivers Community College was held in 1993. The two campuses were consolidated to the current location, and in the fall of 2009, Three Rivers officially opened its doors to students with a new complex that featured state-of-the-art classrooms, and science and computer laboratories. In addition to the main campus in Norwich, there is also the new Three Rivers Community College Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center in Groton as well as an instructional center located at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

The student population consists of approximately 4,000 students enrolled in degree and certificate programs each semester, and 2,500 students in the Workforce and Community Education program each year. Through the integration of technical, career, and liberal arts programs within the College, Three Rivers students are able to move with greater ease from one program to another.

What Makes Three Rivers Unique?

Three Rivers is an excellent choice for students pursuing studies beyond high school. The College offers 50 Associate Degree programs and 12 Certificate programs. Programs range from Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Exercise Science, and Nursing to Early Childhood Education, Graphic Design, and Business Administration. Students can also transfer credits earned at Three Rivers to state universities and private colleges in order to attain a bachelor’s degree or higher in the field of their choice.

The Workforce and Community Education Department (WCE) offers non-credit on-campus classes as well as hundreds of online courses. Training and certification in various fields, such as Allied Health, Real Estate, Safe Boating, and Security Officer Training, help those who are looking to begin a new career as well as those who want to learn more to advance in their current positions.

WCE also partners with employers in promoting and implementing educational training programs. This includes developing courses for the Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA), representing over 70 manufacturers from eastern and
southeastern Connecticut. Three Rivers is also a critical partner with the Eastern Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) and General Dynamics/Electric Boat, developing the Eastern Connecticut Manufacturing Pipeline programs. Previously, these programs were funded by a $5 million US Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Grant, one of only six awarded in the country, and the only project focusing on manufacturing.

Three Rivers also expanded its manufacturing training programs with the new 8,500 square foot, state-of-the art TRCC Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center (MAC) that is the first of its kind in the nation. The MAC is a flexible space that simulates factory conditions using the actual machinery that students will encounter on the job. It is a hub for manufacturing training of all levels in a variety of disciplines and trades.

Many scholarship opportunities are available, and students are encouraged to apply each semester. These scholarships provide financial support for our students beyond the traditional financial aid.

Three Rivers has a very active Student Programs department with many activities, events and over 30 clubs and organizations.

The College meets the diverse needs of the community by creating an environment that stimulates learning, while at the same time providing comprehensive, accessible, affordable and innovative educational opportunities.
At her inauguration, Dr. Jukoski received her Presidential Medallion from then President of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, Dr. Gregory Gray. The Presidential Medallion, like the College Mace and academic regalia, comes to us from medieval Europe. The display of a heavy medallion and chain of office represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer. The chain itself connotes strength in unity, as well as strong communication. The Presidential Medallion is worn by the College President at all formal academic ceremonies. It bears the Connecticut State Seal which is a shield depicting three grape vines, supported and bearing fruit. Below the shield is a streamer bearing the motto:

“Qui Transtulit Sustinet”
(He Who Transplanted Still Sustains)

During the Middle Ages, the wood mace clad in metal was an effective weapon in battle, but as newer and more powerful arms developed, it was transformed into a symbol of dignity and authority.

The earliest ceremonial maces were borne by bodyguards of 12th century English and French kings. By the end of the 16th century they were used widely. The ceremonial mace is found in the British House of Parliament and is carried before ecclesiastical dignitaries.

The Academic Mace symbolizes the independence, strength, and authority of academic institutions, and is usually carried by a senior faculty member who leads the ceremonial procession at occasions such as convocations, commencements, and presidential inaugurations. The mace precedes the president in processions and represents the president’s responsibility as the chief academic and administrative officer of the institution.

The Three Rivers Community College Mace is adorned with the three seals of Thames Valley State Technical College, founded in 1963; Mohegan Community College, founded in 1970; and Three Rivers Community College, formed in 1992 by the legislative merger of Thames Valley and Mohegan. The Thames Valley Seal was designed by staff member Ann Turcotte in 1963. The Mohegan Seal was designed by author Wally Lamb in 1970, when he was a student at the University of Connecticut. The Three Rivers Community College Seal was designed by Three Rivers student James Cady in 2008.
Academic Regalia

American Academic Dress originated at medieval British universities. The gown is normally black and the cut of the gown indicates the level of the degree. The Bachelor’s gown is simple and recognized by its long, pointed sleeves. The Master’s gown is fuller, and its sleeves are square at the ends. The Doctoral gown is more elaborate, cut full with velvet down the front and around the neck of the gown. The sleeves are bell-shaped and decorated with three horizontal chevrons.

Hoods

The hood is the most distinctive feature of the academic regalia. The length of the hood and width of its velvet border indicate the level of the degree. The color of the border indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned and the inner lining bears the colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The colors for academic fields established by the American Council on Education in 1959 include:

Colors indicating fields of learning

Arts, Letters, Humanities ......................................................... White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business .......................... Drab
Economics .......................................................................... Copper
Education ................................................................. Light Blue
Engineering ................................................................. Orange
Fine Arts ................................................................. Brown
Journalism ................................................................. Crimson
Law .............................................................................. Purple
Library Science ....................................................... Lemon
Music ................................................................. Pink
Nursing ................................................................. Apricot
Philosophy .............................................................. Dark Blue
Physical Education ............................................. Sage Green
Public Administration ........................................ Peacock Blue
Science .............................................................. Golden Yellow
Social Work ............................................................ Citron
Theology ............................................................... Scarlet
Students graduating “cum laude” are wearing a bronze tassel. Those graduating “magna cum laude” are wearing a silver tassel and those graduating “summa cum laude” are wearing a gold tassel.

**STOLES AND CORDS**

Students affiliated with the following academic and leadership honor societies wear stoles and/or cords:

- Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society of students attending community and two year colleges – gold stole and/or blue and gold solid cords
- Kappa Beta Delta, the national honor society of business programs at two-year institutions – blue stole
- Sigma Alpha Pi, the national honor society of leadership and success – silver stole and/or silver and black cords

Graduating military veterans wear red, white and blue intertwined cords.

Lavender Graduation participants wear black stoles with rainbow accents.

Students who have achieved excellence in leadership of the following clubs and associations wear honor cords:

- Alpha Omega Christian Club (AOCC) – gold
- American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAS) – white and wedgewood blue
- Anime Club – royal blue, silver, and purple, intertwined
- Art Club – red, blue, and yellow
- Baseball Club – red and blue
- Future Educators – kelly green and purple, intertwined
- Karaoke Club – black and yellow, intertwined
- Mind Your Mental Health – purple and teal
- National Association of Hispanic Nurses – blue, green, and orange
- Psychology Club – silver and navy
- Sexual Identity and Gender Minority Advocates (SIGMA) – rainbow
- Student Government Association (SGA) – gold, red, and blue, intertwined
- Student Nursing Association (SNA) – purple, teal, and ecru, intertwined
- Student Performing Arts Group – purple
- Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE) – purple, white, and gold, intertwined
- The Writers’ Guild – black, navy, and white, intertwined
- Three Rivers Aquatic Activists – navy blue and teal, intertwined
- Three Rivers United Environmentalists (TRUE) – green
- Video Game Club (VGC) – blue, red, and green, intertwined
- Voices of the River – blue, green, and white, intertwined
Alumni Charge

On behalf of the Three Rivers alumni community, we congratulate you on your academic accomplishments and welcome you as members of the alumni. Today, by virtue of your graduation, you are joining other Three Rivers alumni.

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with Three Rivers will not end today, but rather, evolve into a new form. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater. We are counting on you to remember your education. This is your College! We ask you to take this ownership seriously by maintaining your connection to Three Rivers.

So today, your alumni community extends to you an invitation to begin this lifelong relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let our Office of Institutional Advancement know where you are and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved. And, through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Three Rivers an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help ensure that years from now, you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation. Go out and distinguish yourself and Three Rivers by succeeding in your life’s goals.

Once again, congratulations and our warmest welcome to the proud family of Three Rivers alumni!

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Star-Spangled Banner

By Francis Scott Key, 1814

O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O’er the ramparts we watch’d were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket’s red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?