Fifty-sixth Annual Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May Twenty-ninth, Two Thousand and Twenty-one
Two O’clock in the Afternoon
Virtual Commencement
Congratulations to the Class of 2021! It is with great joy that I celebrate with you at the 56th Commencement at Three Rivers Community College. I am impressed by your determination and perseverance to graduate today. Many of you have faced personally challenging situations dealing with this pandemic. Your resiliency has led to your success today. 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
Kem Barfield, Ed.D.
*Interim Dean of Academic and Student Affairs*

National Anthem
Jordan Chenette
*Student*

Welcome
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
*President*

Greetings from the Governor
Ned Lamont, M.B.A.
*Governor*
*State of Connecticut*

Greetings from the Faculty
Diba Khan-Bureau ’96, Ph.D.
*Professor of Environmental Engineering Technology*
*Chair, Faculty Senate*

Student Graduate Address
Allen Lyon
*Student Government Vice President*
Announcement of Valedictorian
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President

Medallions for Academic Excellence

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

Introduction of Degree Candidates
Stephen Goetchius, M.S.
Dean of Administrative Services

Alumni Charge
Kenneth G. Briggs '99, M.S.
Director of Financial Aid

Closing Remarks
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President

Recessional
William Edward O'Hare, M.A.
Professor of Anthropology
Piper
Professor Mark Vesligaj was a Fulbright Scholar and a Professor of Engineering Science and Technology Studies at Three Rivers Community College since 2016. At the College, he also served as the Campus Director for the Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Council, the Program Coordinator of the CT College of Technology, and the Campus Director of the NASA CT Space Grant Consortium. Prior to that, he held a similar position at Quinebaug Valley Community College and had also worked for ten years as an engineer in the private sector.

Professor Vesligaj was the holder of four patents; has been the recipient of over $7 million in grants and funding awards to support his higher education work; and has been twice recognized with the Connecticut Congress Merit Award. He held a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University.

He was instrumental in the creation and design of the Three Rivers Community College Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center at the Grasso Technical High School in Groton, Connecticut. The facility, which opened in Fall 2019, provides the latest state-of-the-art training and equipment for educating students for careers in manufacturing. The Center plays a pivotal role in responding to the skilled workforce demands of southeastern Connecticut, especially in meeting Electric Boat’s needs for trained pipefitters, welders, and other specialists.

Developing partnerships and collaborations on behalf of TRCC with the Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Association was a particular interest of Professor Vesligaj. He designed specific courses to train employees of many of these businesses to provide a skilled workforce that met their needs.

The Eastern Workforce Investment Board was another partnership that he forged with Three Rivers Community College. He played a key role in the Department of Labor $5 million CAMI grant that the college received in 2016 to train displaced workers for careers in manufacturing. He was a fierce advocate for and an integral part of the Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative.

Professor Vesligaj was a consummate professional who was a beloved teacher, a respected colleague, a kind and caring individual who was generous in sharing his time and talents with others. He will be sorely missed; however, his legacy will continue through his work and the indelible marks he made on all those he touched.
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, President 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. President Jukoski also oversaw the expansion of the Tutoring and Academic Success Center, the implementation of the Certified Clinical Medical Assisting degree program, the new certificate, Data Analytics, and the establishment of the College’s first fully online degree program.

President 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.

President 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.
Edward Miner “Ned” Lamont, Jr. was sworn into office on January 9, 2019 as the 89th governor of Connecticut.

Lamont became involved in public service shortly after college, founding a weekly newspaper in a town hit by the loss of its largest employer. Covering town meetings and the Board of Selectmen, he helped to bring voice and transparency to a community working to recover from job losses and reinvent itself. Later, as a member of both the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Lamont worked in a bipartisan effort to safeguard a multimillion-dollar budget and deliver results for constituents. For four years, Lamont also served as Chairman of the State Investment Advisory Council, overseeing a multibillion-dollar state pension fund.

Lamont started his own company, taking on the large and established giants of the telecom industry. Under his vision and stewardship, the company grew to serve over 400 of America’s largest college campuses and 1 million college students across the nation.

As a volunteer teacher, Lamont sought to give back to his community by volunteering at Harding High School in Bridgeport. Lamont is on the faculty of Central Connecticut State University as an adjunct professor of political science and philosophy, where he also helped to found a popular business start-up competition. In early 2009, he helped lead an initiative to bring together Connecticut leaders from across the business, nonprofit, and labor sectors to unite in a strategy to create new jobs in the state.

As a candidate for United States Senate in 2006, he stood up for his convictions and challenged the political establishment. Taking on long-time incumbent Joe Lieberman for the Democratic nomination for United States Senate, Lamont campaigned on the platform that wars in the Middle East were draining resources and attention that could be better focused on pressing domestic issues like the economy, education, and healthcare. As a private citizen, he fought for the issues in which he believes, serving on the boards of Mercy Corps and the Conservation Services Group, non-profits which seek to make a difference in the humanitarian and renewable energy fields, respectively.

Lamont was born on January 3, 1954, and graduated from Phillips Exeter in 1972. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Harvard College in 1976 and a Master of Business Administration from the Yale School of Management in 1980.

Lamont married his wife Annie on September 10, 1983. They have three children: Emily, Lindsay, and Teddy.
**Dr. Diba Khan-Bureau ’96** is a professor and the program coordinator of the Environmental Engineering Technology program at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Connecticut.

Dr. Khan-Bureau is currently a gratis research scientist at the University of Connecticut. Her research includes studying micro-algae, diatoms, and benthic macro-invertebrates (insect larvae) as biological indicators of water quality. She uses DNA and morphological methods to identify diatoms. She researches diatom diversity, invasive and native species, and their importance as biological indicators of water quality in Connecticut and has named a new-to-science diatom species.

Dr. Khan-Bureau includes her A.S. degree students in her diatom research, and they all participate in the Riffle Bioassessment of the Eightmile River watershed. She and her students perform this twice a year to better understand benthic macroinvertebrates (insect larvae) and water quality for the towns of Salem, East Haddam and Lyme. She provides all insect larvae samples to the CT DEEP for analysis. This provides her Environmental Engineering Technology students with hands-on, real life research experience. Dr. Khan-Bureau has several publications.

Dr. Khan-Bureau received her Ph.D. from UConn, M.S. from RPI, B.S. from UConn, and her A.S. from Thames Valley State College, now Three Rivers Community College. She has two children.
Allen Wayne Lyon is a 2021 graduate who is receiving an Environmental Engineering Technology, A.S., as well as a certificate in Environmental Health and Safety. He served as Vice President of the Student Government Association over the last two semesters.

He is a first generation, 30-year-old student who decided three years ago to make education his main priority. Since starting at Three Rivers, he actively participated in many of the events put on for students, enthusiastically took part in Student Government, and was the Vice President of the Three Rivers United Environmentalists for his final three semesters. With the Environmentalist Club, he volunteered with CT DEEP, grew vegetables that were donated to the local food bank, and participated in community outreach to local schools.

His program coordinator, Dr. Khan-Bureau, selected him to work on her research, a wonderful and rare opportunity for a community college student. The research is ongoing, but he helped train new students that will continue to assist with the research. This April, he was accepted into the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut and will be a full-time student there this fall.
Three Rivers Community College Candidates for Graduation 2021

Associate in Applied Science

Construction Technology
Associate in Applied Science

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

Chad W. Beane**
Brian P. Csuka*
Shane R. Haase
Craig P. McCullough***
Daniel J. Terrapin
Elliott L. Venturo

General Engineering Technology
Associate in Applied Science

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

Hunter M. Bossie
Mauricio E. Duarte

Note: This program was printed on May 12, 2021, 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.
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Art Studies
Associate in Arts

SANDRA JEKNAVORIAN, M.F.A., PROFESSOR OF ART

Lisette Pascual Adames*** Maria-Fernanda Reategui Davila

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Business Studies
Associate in Arts

RICHARD BENNETT, J.D., PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

Anthony N. Bailey***
Christian Cloutier
Natalie Escobar
Dharma Gyaltsen*
Shayne Ignazio
Arian Kennedy
Edwin A. Lobo
Adam S. Maine*
Bountai D. McCaffrey*

Cassondra E. Nowland*
Skylar Petersen
Anthony Soldano
Joshua T. Tanguay*
Sara J. Viljanen*
Fabri J. Villanueva-Verde*
Katelyn B. Williams
Kyrell L Wilson**

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Biology Studies
Associate in Arts

SARAH SELKE, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Rassia Fonseca
Angel J. Molina**

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Communication Studies
Associate in Arts

MICHAEL J. STUTZ, M.A., PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Keri-Lin Le
Katja A. Sieling***

Christopher P. Tobin

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*** Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9–4.0)

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CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Computer Science Studies
Associate in Arts

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

Christopher R. Gerk**
John J. Palomino
Andrew W. Pepper
Harry L. Sanders IV*

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Exercise Science Studies
Associate in Arts

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

Andrew S. Braithwaite

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: History Studies
Associate in Arts

Terrence Delaney, Ph.D., Department Chair, Humanities and Social Sciences

Nelson Ramirez*

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Mathematics Studies
Associate in Arts

Brian Kennedy, M.A., Professor of Mathematics

Collin T. Aleksak

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Political Science Studies
Associate in Arts

Philip E. Mayer, Jr., M.L.S., Professor of Economics and Political Science

Christian G. Allyn*
Meracus L. Hernandez
Antonio B. Perry

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CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Psychology Studies
Associate in Arts

* 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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DOV M. KUGELMASS, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Christian G. Allyn* Carter L. King*
Angelina Andreozzi Jamila C. Linder
David S. Ashley Maritza A. Meuse
Janaya G. Burley Sophia Provencher**
Nyila S. Carter** Rachel Raposa*
Ra'anaa J. Clarke* Kayla J. Rivera
Meghann Coers* Kitty L. Vahlberg***
Maranda R. Hay** Shiloh J. Vournazos*

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Social Work Studies
Associate in Arts

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

Jason Edwards Alissia T. Ficara***

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Sociology Studies
Associate in Arts

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

Glendaliz Rivera

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Spanish Studies
Associate in Arts

MARÍA CELESTE ARRIETA, J.D., PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Briahna Borysewicz**
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**Liberal Arts and Sciences**

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

- Nathan D. Antoszek
- James W. Armstrong V
- Brianna L. Beaudette**
- Krista A. Bemis*
- Erik Blanco
- Briahna Borysewicz**
- Kimberly A. Boulay**
- Grace Carlos
- Stephanie M. Cote
- Zoe A. Cowan*
- Alexander T. Fitzpatrick
- Kaitlin E. Gadomski
- Carson M. Gibbs**
- Gwendolyn V. Glaude**
- Noelis M. Guzman**
- Erin M. Harris
- Christopher Robert Hicks Jr.
- Shaina Kirsch
- Rebecca K. Kopecinski
- Sara Lenney
- Jaqelyna A. Lopez-Molina
- Caden J. Lyon
- Cassandra R. Manfredi**
- Tania Nasrin
- Justen P. O’Dell
- Eleni J. Pagan
- Shayla N. Perry***
- Sabrina T. Piccione
- Kallie V. Porter*
- Emily A. Russell*
- Morzia Siddiqua
- Taryn D. Simmons
- Sara Swift***
- Paul A. Urbanowicz, Jr.***
- Julian A. Valdes
- Jonathan F. Wilson**
- Akieli N. Zidbeck*

**Pathway to Teaching Careers**

*Awarded by Jennifer Nally, Ed.D., Professor of Early Childhood Education*

- Regina T. Grant
- Skyla D. Politowicz
- Katarina Turchetta*

**Visual Fine Arts**

*Awarded by Sandra Jeknavorian, M.F.A., Professor of Art*

- MacKenzie L. Gaulin
- Cora R. Rheaume
- Amanda C. Swan**
- Ian B. Thompson*

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**Associate in Science**

**Accounting Career**

*Associate in Science*

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

Francis Ivan Bacamante
Franchesca L. Casucog**
Pierre J. Charles
Austin F. Egger*
Alexander D. Fauxbel
Nicole M. Fisher
Raina S. Haase
Tamara R. Heupel***
Aqeeb Hussain*
Susan M. Kobyluck***

Andrea L. Lantigua**
Anastasia Larionova***
Barry Lin***
Janelis Lugo
Rita M. Rivarola*
Kathryn I. Snider*
Crystal L. Vallieres
Amanda E. Williams***
Kingsford J. Yankey*

**Business Administration**

*Associate in Science*

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

Nicholas Ashley
Matthew J. Benway
Ingrid D. Burdick**
Caitlin M. Carroll**
Franchesca L. Casucog**
Tamika L. Coppedge
Jean W. Ducroisy
John M. Hardell, Jr.
Chad B. Johnston
Patrick J. Jullarine
Deana R. King
Dorie A. Langlois

Bonnie Ludovico
Brooke Lussier
Thomas J. Marley
Catherine Y. Mejia
Kayla M. Morey
Daniel L. Rosa
Walter L. Scott
Jacob J. St. Germain
Katherine J. Trejo
Alicia R. Wessel
Ara Wilnas***

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Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
Associate in Science
LuAnn Wolff, M.B.A., Allied Health Coordinator

Lynda Denomme***
Valerie Glover***
Marion L. Johnson***
Jacqueline T. LaMark
Loretta I. Moye*
Mary E. O'Donnell**
Adriana Percovich
Brittany L. Stickman
Abigail D. Tabilas**
Reed Webler

Computer Science Technology
Associate in Science
Patrick Burton, M.S., Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Sarah Blette
Matthew J. Follett
Yamila N. Garcia***
Ryan M. Hessling**
Kyle M. Kreyssig
Renandy Ledoux
Carlos R. Quiles

Criminal Justice
Associate in Science
Jeffrey A. Crouch, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice

Enilyan Aponte Febus
Stanley H. Beckford***
Philip J. Carrier
Nicholas Dole*
Rezearta Ferraj
Roselle S. Garchitorena
Sean M. Hayslip**
Jason W. Hicks
Herb Horner
Tyler S. Hughes
Jacob Lagace
Mariah P. Lupo
Jaden R. Maignan
Alexandria L. Markley
Carly R. Matthias**
Jasmine R. Raill
Emily M. Ramirez
Alisha N. Shortman*
Krystal A. Thomas
Caitlynn R. Wiese

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

Shaina M. Ausburger
Auri N. Baez
Kaela Ferguson
Adrienne R. Grillo-Smith
Skylar Holmes
Brooke Mackin
Hannah N. Merrill
Rose Spicer
Lilyan E. Tashea**
Sydney L. Zagarenski

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Electrical, Laser & Robotics Engineering Technology
Associate in Science

Aaron Dahlen, M.S., Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Technology

Gregory A. Cochran
Zachary D. McGee

Jeffrey Truongcao

Engineering Science
Associate in Science

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

Julia A. Boyce*
Kyle A. Guertin***
Zachary C. Jones***
Lord Han Godric C. Magpali
Jared P. Matteau
Teddy Nosiku
Joshua Palko

Alexander M. Pearl***
Georgios A. Provatas
Jason G. Soucie
Michael C. Strobel
Anthony J. Tulli
Collin L. Wiltshire II
Elizabeth M. Wyland**

Environmental Engineering Technology
Associate in Science

Diba A. Khan-Bureau ’96, Ph.D.,
Professor of Environmental Engineering Technology

Michael Arabic*
Katherine L. Doiron*
Hannah M. Gienau**
Leif R. Horstmeyer*
Allen W. Lyon**
Jennifer P. Messervy

Kelly A. Morgan*
Robert T. Obey
Jennifer L. Paul**
Damian Preka
Brianna Woomer

Exercise Science
Associate in Science

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

Tony Hong
Mary H. Pasqualini

Christine Patterson
Anthony J. Tulli

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General Studies
Associate in Science

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

Tina L. Acosta
Jack Adille
Chantele E. Alford
Katherine E. Archer
Chelsea N. Atwood*
Jessica A. Baron
Julie A. Beck
Summer E. Beebe
Brett W. Caisse
Sarah E. Carter
Jade G. Ciliano
Patience Clarke
Hannah C. Connors*
Jennifer Cortes-Sanchez
Joshua P. Davila*
Yalibi Disla D’Oleo
Ashley A. Doak***
Hailey E. Dubois
Danya Enamorado
Ginni C. Estevez Jimenez
Larissa Fatone*
Gavin W. Fitch
Ciera N. Fontaine
Jason Foor
Richard J. Gagnier
Olivia M. Gentry
Shawn D. Ginter
Tesche Gray
Ashley N. Harris**
Haley Hayes
Sean M. Hayslip**
Holly E. Herzberg
Hanna C. Hollenbeck
Carly E. Gust
Sabrina M. Hyde
Eloise Jean
Svetlana A. Kasem-Beg***
Louis L. Kimbriel, Jr.
Karrie M. Knowles
Alyssa M. Kondratowicz
Dorie A. Langlois
Hanna E. Ledoux
Casandra C. Liddell
Erick Lopez
Jaquelyn A. Lopez-Molina
Yesenia I. Lovaton
Taylor E. Mahan*
Mary M. Malloy
Elizabeth C. Manley
Jason T. Matthewson
Pinky Mazibuko
David Medina
Raul E. Montalban
Elisa V. Morcos
Lauren Murphy**
Vanessa Nunez
Joshua L. Oswald***
Sidney L. Petro
Bryauna Phillips
Aquasha T. Rambharose
Kaitlin M. Reen
Daniel E. Robles
Jeannette Rodriguez*
Carol Roper
Anna Senay
Braxton K. Smith
Sister Alexandria M. Smith
Jacqueline M. Sosnoski*
Cassidy R. Stefanski
Giselle Tavers
Kaitlyn R. Terry
Sarah Rose Tetreault
Haley M. Turano*
Vanessa Verilli*
Aidan Walls
Alexandra Weeman-Breauault
Jodi A. White***
Tanner Joseph White***
Yolande White
Elizabeth M. Wyland**
Stacey L. Yuchniuk**

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Nursing
Associate in Science

**EDITH OUELLET, Ed.D., MSN, RN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH**

Audrey E. Bartelt
Shannon L. Bergeron
Jennifer Berti
Asmita S. Bhagat
Kiana L. Bloomingburgh
Eryn Bosworth*
Renee A. Bourassa
Brendon K. Bourcier
Twanasia M. Brown
Patrina A. Byfield
Kimberly A. Byrne
Christina L. Delicata
Olivia M. DePetrillo
Katherine K. DePolito
Rachel E. Dickens
Alexis A. Donahue
Jodi L. Donato-Trottier
Thomas J. Fearon
Lori A. Fella
Sarah L. Fellows
Alyson J. Fowler
Jennifer L. Grayson
Gabrielle B. Green
Anna C. Griggs
Nichole C. Hall
Wilfried Harris-Lorougnon
Jennifer L. Hedding
Stephanie N. Herber*
Megan E. Hicks*
Sabrina M. Hyde
Yolande F. Kamta
Priscilla L. Kirkland
Elizabeth O. Kuti
Meghan Lavallee
Noreen Lavoie
Reid M. Mailloux
Sarah A. Malboeuf
Samantha B. Marien
Jennifer L. McNeil
Saige E. Morin
Nathalie M. Onema
Ashley M. Ortega
Jacqueline F. Ouellette
Tvinkal J. Patel
Gerardie V. Paul
Kristin A. Phillips
Victoria M. Pryputniewicz
Megan L. Read
Cassandra M. Reyes*
Tia M. Rosado
Tiffany A. Salen
Alissa J. Simkowski
Alexandra E. Smith
Cynthia N. Snider*
Anna C. Stewart*
Elysia M. Teskey
Evelyn R. Vieira-Fleming
Jasmine Walker
Stephanie L. Wanat
April Weeman
Nichole L. Williams
Alyssa M. Zima

Sports and Leisure Management
Associate in Science

**HEIDI ZENIE, M.S., PROFESSOR OF EXERCISE SCIENCE AND SPORTS AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT**

Christopher D. Beatty**

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Technology Studies  
Associate in Science  
Mark Comeau, M.S., Department Chair, Business and Technologies  

Bernard D. Adeyanju*  Nathan J. Swift  
Hayden M. McKelvey  Zachary T. Truelson  
Calixto Mesterhazy*  Rebecca J. Whewell*  
Austin T. Perkett

Certificate

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

Austin F. Egger*  Andrea L. Lantigua**  
Alex D. Fauxbel  Amanda E. Williams***  
Jessica Gaulin  Christopher J. Yoo

Computer-Aided Drafting  
Certificate  
Michael Gentry, M.S., Assistant Professor of Engineering  

Arly Berroa  Austin T. Perkett  
Derrick D. Otero*  Christopher J. Yoo

Construction Management  
Certificate  
Mark Comeau, M.S., Department Chair, Business and Technologies  

Chad W. Beane**

Data Analytics  
Certificate  
Elizabeth Allen, B.S., Associate Professor of Mathematics  

Jason Castagna***  Renandy Ledoux
Environmental Health and Safety Management Certificate

Dira A. Khan-Bureau ‘96, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Engineering Technology

Michael Arabic*  
Randy M. Chartier  
Katherine L Doiron*  
Hannah M. Gienau**  
Leif R. Horstmeyer*  
Allen W. Lyon**  
Kelly A. Morgan*  
Jennifer L. Paul**  
Russell L. Perillo***  
Damian Preka  
Chandra M. White  
Chad David Whitehead

General Studies Certificate

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

Gwendolyn V. Glaude**  
LaTonya S. Kupper  
Connor S. Longwill  
Emily McElroy  
Eudora D. Poe  
Sonia Simpson  
Jeremy S. Woodruff*

Library Technology Certificate

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

Joseph M. Almquist*  
Hailie M. Ethier*  
Rebecca M. Everett*  
Sarah W. Karpinski***  
Molly A. Linder**  
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Graduates receiving Spring 2021 honors will be listed on www.threerivers.edu/commencement.
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 2020 semester end.
Recognizing the Graduates of 2020

Last year, due to Covid-19, we could not hold a traditional commencement ceremony. We were happy to welcome back the following 2020 graduates who chose to participate in this year’s Commencement Ceremony.

Cinderella Mosley '20 – Early Childhood Education, A.S.

Jordan Chenette '20 – Liberal Arts and Sciences, A.A.

Jhannah Rivers '20 – Early Childhood Education, A.S.

Kaylyn Sadler '20 – Nursing, A.S.

Lavar Valentine '20 – General Studies, A.S.

John White '20 – Graphic Design, A.S.
The entire faculty and staff of Three Rivers Community College wishes the Class of 2021 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.

The student population consists of approximately 3,000 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 45 Associate Degree programs and 13 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 the following.

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
TASSELS ON THE MORTARBOARD

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
- 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 Current – red and white
- 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?