



PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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*6:00 pm, Friday, May 12, 2000*

*The College Grounds*

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Charlottesville Municipal Band  
James W. Simmons, *Conductor*

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL\*

Faculty Marshal  
Raymond F. Bratton  
*Professor of Chemistry*  
  
Marshals for the Graduates  
Martha T. Goshaw  
*Associate Professor of Mathematics*  
  
Lloyd L. Willis, II  
*Associate Professor of Biology*

INVOCATION\*

The Reverend Wayne Arnason  
*Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM\*

Led by Barbara Edwards

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Friedman  
*President*

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Philip L. Sparks  
*Chair, Piedmont Virginia  
Community College Board*

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. Sparks

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kathryn C. Thornton  
*Assistant Dean and Professor  
School of Engineering and Applied Science  
University of Virginia*

PRESENTATION OF PVCC AWARDS

Dr. Friedman

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD

Karl R. Hrebik  
*President, Piedmont Virginia  
Community College Alumni Association*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Marsal P. Stoll  
*Dean, Instruction  
and Student Services*

CONFERRING OF  
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Friedman

AWARDING OF  
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Friedman  
Ronald B. Head  
*Executive Director, Planning  
and Information Technology*

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT  
SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

Dr. Stoll

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

Virginia L. Hill  
*A.A., Liberal Arts  
Summa cum laude*

CLOSING REMARKS

William P. Jackameit  
*Dean, Finance and  
Administrative Services*

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Arnason

\*The audience will please stand.

The PVCC Alumni Association will host a reception honoring the  
Class of 2000 immediately following the ceremony.

## SPEAKER

KATHERINE C. THORNTON  
*Educator and Former Astronaut*

After traveling more than 16 million miles in space, Kathryn C. Thornton accepted a new mission at the University of Virginia as a professor and assistant dean in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and director of the Center for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education. The goal of the center is to promote excellence in science, mathematics, and technology education at all levels in Virginia's public schools.

Selected by NASA in May 1984, Dr. Thornton is a veteran of four space flights between 1989 and 1995. She has logged more than 975 hours in space, including more than 21 hours of extravehicular activity (the women's record for number and duration). She was a crew member for the maiden flight of the space shuttle Endeavor and her repair work in space included the Hubble Space Telescope. While serving as an astronaut, Dr. Thornton was also head of the NASA Johnson Space Center Education working group which coordinated the educational outreach activities of astronauts and professional educators working under the "Teaching from Space" contract with Oklahoma State University.

In addition to her duties at the University of Virginia, Dr. Thornton serves as a member of the National Research Council Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board and the U.S. Air Force University Board of Visitors. Her honors and awards include NASA's Distinguished Service Medal, Space Flight Medal, and Exceptional Service Medal. As part of the Hubble Space Telescope repair team, she in 1994 received the National Aeronautic Association Robert J. Collier Trophy, which is awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aviation.

Prior to becoming an astronaut, Dr. Thornton was employed as a physicist at the U.S. Army Foreign Science and Technology Center in Charlottesville. She has a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and earned master's and doctoral degrees in physics from the University of Virginia. She is married to Stephen T. Thornton, Ph.D., also a professor at the University of Virginia. They reside in Charlottesville with three daughters and a dog.

## SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

VIRGINIA LOUISE HILL

*Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts*

*Summa cum laude*

Virginia L. Hill today receives an associate in arts degree in liberal arts. She is graduating with highest academic honors.

Miss Hill moved to Charlottesville from Maine in 1995. She began her career at PVCC with a public speaking course. So satisfied was she with the success of the course in helping her to be more comfortable when speaking in front of people that she returned for a math course and discovered that she really liked math. From these initial experiences with supportive professors a full program of study developed which culminates today with the associate degree.

While at PVCC, Ms. Hill has immersed herself in the life of the college. She has challenged herself academically with four semesters of honors program courses. She was selected for membership in the college's Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was a member of the student committee that interviewed candidates during PVCC's most recent presidential selection process. She has enriched PVCC's music program as a member of the PVCC Chorus and has performed six of her musical compositions for the public or classmates.

New students benefit from her experience through her presentations in the "Adults Returning to School" orientation course. This spring, theater-goers saw her on stage in PVCC's production of *Spoon River Anthology*. And beyond campus, eighth-graders at Buford Middle School found her love of math contagious when she tutored them as part of her service learning.

Having reached the milestone of an associate degree, Ms. Hill looks forward to continuing her baccalaureate study at the University of Virginia this fall. She will pursue her interests in music, math, and religion. After three years of study, she will graduate from the Curry School of Education with a master's degree in education.



## DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT

AMBER N. CAPRON  
*Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts*  
*Summa cum laude*

Amber N. Capron, a member of the PVCC Class of 2000, has distinguished herself through scholarship and service. A student in the college's honors program, she graduates today with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

A professor who knows Ms. Capron from five classes, praises her extraordinary intelligence which is manifested in verbal and written eloquence. Ms Capron embodies the Buddhist goal of a "pure heart and enlightened mind," the professor says.

But Ms. Capron's legacy is more than that of a stellar student. The service learning projects she has completed will provide a continuing reminder that she was a student here. The bulbs she planted and the landscaping she undertook around the ornamental pond at the north entrance will beautify the campus for years to come.

Service has been key to Ms. Capron's PVCC experience. In fact, it kept her here long after she might have chosen to transfer to a four-year college or university. Her service has extended to the larger community including two elementary schools. At Stony Point Elementary School, the school she once attended, she has volunteered several hours a week in a first grade class. At Peabody School, she has worked with kindergartners, reading to them and helping them with math.

The student body at PVCC benefited from Ms. Capron's service this spring as she helped to organize a public information campaign that culminated in two days of AIDS awareness programming on campus.

Ms. Capron plans to continue her studies at the University of Virginia, pursuing her varied interests in philosophy, law, and environmental science.

## DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT

SAMUEL A. TAYLOR, JR.  
*Associate in Science, Science*  
*Magna cum laude*

Samuel A. Taylor, Jr., a member of the PVCC Class of 2000, is a scholar and a student leader. His unique combination of talent and service was recognized earlier this year when the college nominated him to the All-USA Community College Academic Team sponsored by *USA Today* and Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

Mr. Taylor is an experienced student, having graduated from the University of Virginia in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in French language and literature. His desire to become a physician brought him to PVCC, where he has been refreshing and enhancing his scientific knowledge prior to applying to medical schools. An honors program participant, he has high praise for his academic experiences at the college, citing the excellence of the faculty and their genuine concern for students. Mr. Taylor's professors, in their turn, cite the academic talent and curiosity of their pupil as well as his willingness to share his knowledge with fellow students.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Taylor has been very involved in college life. He is a student representative to the College Advisory Council and served on the committee which planned the inauguration of President Friedman last fall. He is a member of the Science Club and treasurer of the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of PTK. His willingness to volunteer has benefited many college organizations. This spring, for example, he participated in the PVCC Alumni Association phonathon.

A resident of Madison County, Mr. Taylor is active in community life. He is the director of youth ministry at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church and last year was an aide for the campaign of Michael Sharman for delegate in the Virginia General Assembly.

Medical school is the next step for Mr. Taylor. As he looks to the application process, his goal is to return to the University of Virginia. He plans to specialize in oncology because "I want to be actively involved in the search to eradicate cancer."

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

RONALD H. J. LANGMAN

*Associate in Science, General Studies  
Magna cum laude, Class of 1978*

Ronald H. J. Langman, who graduated from PVCC in 1978, is honored today as the recipient of the 2000 Distinguished Alumni Award. Established by the PVCC Alumni Association in 1998 and first presented at last year's commencement ceremony, the award recognizes personal or professional accomplishments of PVCC alumni. It was created to call public attention to the significant roles PVCC alumni are playing in Central Virginia communities and beyond.

Mr. Langman is the president of Branchlands Corporation, which built and manages Branchlands Retirement Village in Charlottesville. As president, he is committed to providing services and promoting an atmosphere of sharing and caring in the community. He has been a builder and owner of RVC Homes, which has built more than 350 homes in the Charlottesville regional market.

His community service at the present includes Hospice of the Piedmont and the National Brain Tumor Association. He lectures on aging and retirement issues and is working on a book on aging in America. He has worked in the past with the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Charlottesville Board of Realtors, the Thomas Jefferson Area United Way, the YMCA, and the Blue Ridge Home Builders Association.

In recognizing this native of the Netherlands, the PVCC Alumni Association also is paying tribute to its founding president. Mr. Langman was a member of the group of alumni who worked together in the early 1990s to organize the association. He was elected to serve as its first president in 1995-96. His work with the association provided a way for him to reconnect with the place where he found focus and direction, he said in an interview several years ago. PVCC prepared him well for continuing study at the University of Virginia, where he earned baccalaureate and master's degrees in the history of religions, and for the career which followed, he said.

Mr. Langman and his wife, Linda, are the parents of two young children.



# PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## 1999-2000 GRADUATES

### ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

#### Accounting

Alexandra Marie Barré\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Mary Pamela Batchellor\*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
Wanda H. Colvin\*\*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
Cary Speh Ferguson  
Amber Nichole Hartman  
*summa cum laude*  
Angela Marie Seago  
*cum laude*

#### Administrative Support Technology

Anita D. Bankard\*\*  
Stephanie Laverne Blair\*\*\*  
Lori Nicole Drewry  
Christine L. Giesecke\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Barbara A. Henson\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Maria Nicole Lawrence\*\*

#### Computer-Aided Drafting and Design

Louis J. Baskfield  
Eric John DeWinter  
*magna cum laude*  
Michael Paul Nagy  
Charles Ellsworth Neff, Jr.  
*summa cum laude*  
Lily Maureen O'Cearnaigh  
*magna cum laude*  
Vera Corley Rose  
Erich Daniel Schuler\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
James H. Halstead, Jr.\*\*  
*cum laude*

#### Electronics Technology

Matthew Owen Carroll  
Joshua Kyle Clark  
Christopher Page Gordon\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Mark Ellis Lynch  
Mark Devlin McClemens\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Stephen Metro  
*magna cum laude*  
Bryant Kenneth Powell  
Marlow R. Scott  
*cum laude*  
Antoinette F. Simpson  
*summa cum laude*  
Jason Edward Sipe  
*cum laude*  
Charles Nathaniel Turner, Jr.\*\*  
Troy E. White  
*magna cum laude*

#### General Management

Marvin D. Caish, Jr. \*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
Ramona C. Deane  
*magna cum laude*  
Cynthia L. Estes\*\*  
Stephanie O. Farrish  
Dennis Lansing Garrison  
Zenaida Lenay Hawkins  
Christie Amanda Lamb  
Wilma B. Lynch\*  
*magna cum laude*  
Mark Steven Seago  
*cum laude*  
Doris Hall Shifflett\*  
*magna cum laude*  
Judy L. Sites\*\*  
*cum laude*  
Yadira Valencia

## **Information Systems Technology**

Elizabeth Assefa  
*magna cum laude*  
John M. Bourke  
*summa cum laude*  
DeTeasa L. Brown  
Mansi M. Chapatwala  
Elizabeth English Daniel  
*summa cum laude*  
Donald Ray Dyer  
Charles Arthur Felker, Jr.  
Cynthia D. N. Harris  
*summa cum laude*  
Nathan Troy McKee\*  
*cum laude*  
Jeffrey Derek Smith  
Vicki Jo Vallastro

## **Marketing**

Dana Renee Brown\*  
Danny Wade Morris\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
Susan L. Rohm-Briggs  
Kelly Jeanette Watson  
*cum laude*

## **Nursing**

Martha Coupe Alben  
*magna cum laude*  
Allison Bingler Allen  
*cum laude*  
Delana M. Barksdale  
*cum laude*  
Tanya Lightfoot Bickford  
Nancy Ann Birkhead  
Cynthia Renee Brooks  
April Joanne Burns  
Shirley Beatrice Clay  
Rebecca Lynn Cowan  
Michael F. Dewes\*  
Angela Dawn Dorman  
Tiffany Erica Dowell  
Aimee Nichole Eppard

Jenny S. Farlam-Davis  
*magna cum laude*  
Marsha Kestner Felici  
Dawn Aimée Fisher  
Bridget Gregg Floyd\*\*  
Candy Elaine Furman  
*magna cum laude*  
Judith Anne Gentry  
Teresa H. Gray  
Sherri T. Groom  
Katherine Picco Hall  
Michelle J. Hershberger  
*summa cum laude*  
Martha Elizabeth Hogan  
Devon Gayle Knott  
Amanda Lynn Lane  
Christie Kaelber Lee  
*magna cum laude*  
Susan W. Leggett  
*cum laude*  
Anthony Colin Mallory  
Alexander Tucker  
McConnell  
Kwianrat Nakkhong  
Dana Elizabeth Nuckols  
*cum laude*  
Walter Scott Owen  
Jennifer Dawn Peachey  
Kristi E. Pulcini  
*magna cum laude*  
Catherine Ebbets Quick  
*cum laude*  
Janet Gray Ramey  
Cathy S. Sides  
Emily Lucinda Silvea  
Victor James Somers  
*cum laude*  
Kimberly L. Staton  
*summa cum laude*  
Chae P. Summe  
Stacy Annette Thompson  
Leah Rosa Veney  
Kelly Michele Watson

Deborah Willson  
*summa cum laude*  
Bernice Elizabeth-Johnson  
Wood  
Yaling Yang  
*magna cum laude*

### **Police Science**

James Justin Brett  
*cum laude*  
Brian Keith Brown  
Darryl Franklin Canipe\*\*  
*magna cum laude*

Karen Elizabeth Casey  
Gloria Powell Graves  
*magna cum laude*  
Robert George Hastings, Jr.  
Mandy Leigh Herring  
*cum laude*  
Michael Dale Kenney  
Preston Wayne Knott  
Laura Ruth Payne  
Ralph Dominick Scopelliti\*  
Brent Uzdanovics\*  
*cum laude*

### **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

#### **Fine Arts**

Andrea Janelle Dickens  
*summa cum laude*  
Heidi Rebecca Howard\*  
*summa cum laude*  
Amanda Claire Payne  
*magna cum laude*  
Dwayne Cameron Phillips  
*cum laude*  
Melissa Christine Wilber  
*summa cum laude*  
Pamela Marie Wilson\*\*  
*cum laude*

#### **Liberal Arts**

Jayne P. Ashworth\*\*  
Rebecca Ann Baber  
Ryan Joseph Brown  
*cum laude*  
Amber Nicole Capron  
*summa cum laude*  
Tami Lynn Collins  
Sonja Lynn Craig\*  
*cum laude*  
Shaun D. Daniel\*\*\*  
Aaron Matthew Dove  
*cum laude*  
Domonique Cheracé  
Edwards  
John Mershon Grachus

Kristen Lyn Grav  
Emily Randolph Grymes  
*magna cum laude*  
Richard Oliver Havasy  
Margaret Gale Heflin  
Deborah Joy Heishman  
*summa cum laude*  
Virginia Louise Hill  
*summa cum laude*  
Rachel Dawn Horsley\*  
*summa cum laude*  
Ivan Daniel Klavans-Rekosh\*  
Susan Lewis Krest  
*magna cum laude*  
Erin Elizabeth LoFiego\*\*\*  
Julie Martel  
*summa cum laude*  
Christopher Brian  
McSweeney\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
Frances Walker Mitchell  
Melanie Denise Monger  
*summa cum laude*  
Ayla Fahire Olson  
*summa cum laude*  
Jennifer O'Malley  
William Gordon Owen  
Joseph Russell Palanzo  
*cum laude*  
Brian D. Parrish\*

Lisa Anne Pawlina  
*magna cum laude*  
 Marley Fauna Peale\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Kimberly Michelle  
 Richardson  
 Brandi Leigh Sharpe  
*magna cum laude*  
 Timothy Vincent Slater  
*summa cum laude*  
 Paige Amory Snead  
*magna cum laude*  
 Aaron Benjamin Steers-  
 Smith\*  
*cum laude*

Cheryl Allison Sullivan  
 Natalie Anne Waldron  
 Robin Martha Willis-Tomlin  
*summa cum laude*  
 Scott Keith Wills\*\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Stefanie Winter  
*magna cum laude*  
 Stanley Chapman Woodruff  
*summa cum laude*  
 Brandi Lynn Wright

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

#### Business Administration

Heather Abell Adams\*  
 Marshal Garnett  
 Anderson\*\*  
 Harold Duane Ayers  
 Richard Douglas Clark\*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
 Wilbert Lewis Critzer\*  
*cum laude*  
 Jennifer Stone Davis\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Blake Winston Dudding  
 Donna W. Farnum  
 Susan Carter Feild  
 Crystal Elaine Fitzgerald  
 Michael A. Franco  
*cum laude*  
 Michael Floyd Fulk  
 Weldon James Garris  
*cum laude*  
 Nancy Carol Gimbel\*  
*summa cum laude*  
 Tiffany Michelle Goff\*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
 Chester Earl Gray\*\*  
 Tondra Ronea Hughston  
 Alp Acar Isin

Donald Phillip Johnson\*  
 Michael R. King\*  
 Hazel Nora Kreh  
*magna cum laude*  
 Amanda Gail Kutch  
 Pierre Lee\*  
*cum laude*  
 Wilma B. Lynch\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Renee Ann Martinez\*\*  
*cum laude*  
 Karen L. Maupin\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Kristel Lynn McIntosh  
 Nanci Elaine McNees  
*summa cum laude*  
 Eric Brinson Newsome\*  
*cum laude*  
 Marsha J. Okst  
*magna cum laude*  
 Ophelia M. Payne  
*cum laude*  
 Michele Renee Peyton\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Daniel Robinson  
*summa cum laude*  
 Allison Carter Flavia Ruffner\*\*



Sky David Sager  
 Monique Yvette Sanders  
*summa cum laude*  
 Matthew Brian Schultz  
*cum laude*  
 Sara Conway Schwind  
*cum laude*  
 Pamela Scott  
*summa cum laude*  
 Nicole R. Small\*\*  
 Amanda Elizabeth Spain\*  
 Kimberly Kaye Weakley  
*magna cum laude*  
 Parker Adam Wentling  
 Todd Allan Wheeler\*  
 Ramece A. Williams  
 Changqing Xiao\*\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 Cui Zhang  
*summa cum laude*

### **Education**

Michael Glenn Drier  
 Michelle Veronica Gough  
 Tiffani-Rae Ann Manteris  
*cum laude*  
 Kathlinda Cassells  
 Marshall  
 Sarah Monnier\*  
*summa cum laude*  
 Frances Emily Morris\*  
*cum laude*  
 Virgilia M. Strother\*  
 Gabriel Scot Turner\*  
*magna cum laude*

### **General Studies**

Janet G. Awkard  
 Jennifer Lyn Charback\*  
 Jonathan Clay Clark\*  
*magna cum laude*  
 M. Lynne Clark  
*cum laude*  
 Ashley Virginia Clarke\*

Rachel Anne Clore  
 Sandra Kay Dorrier\*\*\*  
 Patrick Albert Hahn\*  
 Matthew H. Hartung  
 Christina Marie Hartz\*\*  
 Jack (John) Peter Hirsch\*\*\*  
 Little Daniel King\*  
 Hazel Nora Kreh  
*magna cum laude*  
 Nathan Scott Lane\*  
 Lisa Marie Lotts\*  
*cum laude*  
 Jennifer Echols McCauley  
 Sean Farrington Morris\*\*  
 Tracy Lee Morris\*\*\*  
 Joshua S. Nelson\*  
*cum laude*  
 Adriana May Nicholson  
*summa cum laude*  
 Sarah Lynn O'Keefe  
*cum laude*  
 Laura Ruth Payne  
 Melissa Anne Prather  
 Eric John Saunders  
 Douglas B. Taylor  
 Roger Antal Toth, II  
 Theresa Veronika Tucker  
 Linda Carol Warner  
 Amy Adams Williams\*\*

### **Science**

Andrew L. Bennett  
*cum laude*  
 Matthew G. Chapter  
 Melinda Ann Cobb  
*magna cum laude*  
 Diana Kay Edwards  
 Karen Hackenberg\*\*  
*summa cum laude*  
 Stephen Ellis Lotts  
*cum laude*  
 Shannon Michelle Mayo  
*summa cum laude*

Carla Rae Rothmann  
Ancolien Klaassien Tate-  
Siertsema  
*magna cum laude*  
Samuel Andrew Taylor, Jr.  
*magna cum laude*

Sterling Wise Wright  
**Science (Engineering)**  
John David Hodge  
*summa cum laude*  
James Randall Wade\*  
*magna cum laude*

### ***CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATES***

**Advanced Heating, Air  
Conditioning, and  
Refrigeration**  
William Gale Thompson\*\*

**Architectural Computer-  
Aided Drafting and Design**  
Dick Smith, IV

**Child and Family Support**  
Algetta M. Pilgrim

**Child Care**  
Chrystan Witt Bunch\*\*  
Denise Marie Didio\*\*  
Glinda Mae Garrison\*  
Dorothy Ghee King\*  
Hilary Ann Sprinkel\*\*  
Gloria A. Williams\*\*

**Computer-Aided Drafting  
and Design**  
Lily Maureen  
O'Cearnaigh\*\*

**Drawing**  
Christopher Wm. Wharam

**Electronics Technology**  
Michael W. Goodloe  
Jeffrey W. McDaniel  
Neil Watson Pierce

**Financial Accounting  
Analysis**  
Stephen Matthew Beverly  
Mary Ann Durrer\*  
Mark Matthew Fairhill

Karen Margaret Gordon  
Tami Lavon Thompson  
Sherri R. Whyte

**Horticulture**  
Rory Sean Burns  
Marie A. Cockrell\*\*  
Lottie H. Weaver\*\*

**Horticulture with General  
Education**  
Patrick Neil Wright\*\*

**Information Systems  
Technology**  
Roger Wayne Johnson, Jr.  
James Daniel Krise

**Information Systems  
Technology—Networking**  
Robert Wayne Klima\*

**Insurance Support Technician**  
DeTeasa L. Brown  
Lisa Leanne Heald-Maynor  
Nichole Lee Kidd  
Maria Nicole Lawrence

**Natural History**  
Charles Burke Petty

**Networking**  
Thomas Anthony Via

**Painting**  
Christopher Wm. Wharam

**PC Upgrading and Repair**  
James E. Arbaugh Jr.\*\*

John Robert Bolton\*\*  
Mark James Davis  
Bryan Todd Gray  
Jesse McCoy Haskins  
Ricky O'Neal Howard

Michael H. Mason\*\*  
Charles E. Richards, Jr.\*  
Thomas Anthony Via  
Ray Jurgen Wood

### ***CERTIFICATES***

#### **Administration of Justice**

James Justin Brett  
Brian Keith Brown  
Lorie Michie Brown\*\*  
Karen Elizabeth Casey  
Toni C. Cox  
Jennifer Arlene Balmores  
dela Peña\*\*  
Gloria Powell Graves  
Robert George Hastings,  
Jr.  
Mandy Leigh Herring  
Coy Brent Rea  
Michael W. Simmons  
Brent Uzdانovics\*  
Deborah Birdsong  
Vaughan

#### **Administrative Support Technology**

April J. Key\*\*

#### **Automotive Technology**

James Michael Hudgins\*\*

#### **Administrative Support Technology**

Pamela L. Buckland

\* 1999 Summer Graduate

\*\* 1999 Fall Graduate

\*\*\* 2000 Summer Graduate

#### **Explanation of Honors**

Cum laude, with honors: 3.2-3.499 GPA

Magna cum laude, with high honors: 3.5-3.799 GPA

Summa cum laude, with highest honors: 3.8-4.00 GPA

Graduates wearing a gold stole and tassel are members of the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. The silk honors stole and tassel are worn by graduating PTK members as a symbol of their outstanding academic achievement.

## **TELETECHNET**

### **1999-2000 GRADUATES**

Since the fall of 1994, a partnership between PVCC and Old Dominion University in Norfolk has provided Central Virginia students the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree without leaving the PVCC campus. Through the program known as TELETECHNET, students complete their freshman and sophomore courses in PVCC programs and then move on to the ODU courses which come to PVCC via interactive satellite technology. The students listed here received their degree in ceremonies May 6 at ODU. Because of their association with PVCC, the college takes this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and to wish them well.

#### ***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE***

##### **Business Administration (Accounting Major)**

Sharon M. Wray

##### **(Finance Major)**

Carrie Lindau

Angela Morton

##### **(Information Systems Major)**

Jeffrey Urban

##### **(Management Major)**

Connie C. Stevens

Erin K. Spencer

##### **(Marketing Major)**

Christopher Ledbetter

Joy Minor

##### **Electrical Engineering Technology**

Vinson Epperson

Michael Ramey

##### **Human Services Counseling**

Donna S. Farrar

Lisa M. Lotts

Elizabeth P. Sorensen

##### **Health Sciences**

##### ***(Minor in Management)***

John Marc Winstead

##### **Nursing**

Linda Curcio

Julia Gremer

Kelly Smith

#### ***MASTER OF SCIENCE***

##### **Master of Taxation**

Nancy Bransfield

Eugene R. Criscione

##### **Master of Education, Special Education**

Jennifer Brown

AveMaria Griffin

Cherlyn Smith

Barret Stump

##### **Master in Occupational and Technical Studies**

Mark Fitzgerald

##### **Public Management Certificate**

Ruth Wallace



## **MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE 1999-2000 GRADUATES**

The Mary Baldwin/PVCC Adult Degree Program is a nonresidential, individualized program of college study culminating in the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree from Mary Baldwin College. The program allows credit for prior learning and includes academic advising from a Mary Baldwin faculty member in residence on the PVCC campus, access to most student services at both colleges, and flexible learning opportunities allowing for study in daytime, evening, or weekends. The students listed here will receive their degree in ceremonies May 21 at Mary Baldwin's Main Campus in Staunton. Because of their association with PVCC, the college takes this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and to wish them well.

### ***BACHELOR OF ARTS***

Charles Archer	Isaac Kahler
Marilyn Ayala	Preston Marls Lamb
Suzanne Ball	Terry Levinson
Dawn Bradshaw	Cari Lumsden
Dedra Cash	Robert Mitchell
Annabel Crum	Andrew Perkins
David DeGregory	Nancy Sue Pierce
Marie Duncan	Linda Salomone
Christine Esposito	Laura Skinner
Mary Kathryn Farmer	Tara Staton
Kerrie Gildersleeve	Sandra Sullivan
Bonnie Gray	Christine West
Sharon Hildebrand	J. Michael Wooten
Stephanie Jones	

### ***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE***

Jim Bosket

## **THE ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The history of academic dress reaches back to medieval universities, where the gown, the cap, and the hood signified the privileges and responsibilities of the scholar. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts; the bachelor was the apprentice of the master.

At Cambridge and Oxford universities, every detail of academic dress is subject to regulation by the university. At one time, Oxford tailors who did not comply with the rules could be punished by the vice chancellor of the university. European universities continue to show great diversity in academic dress. American colleges and universities, however, have followed a single standard of academic dress since 1895.

The gown has become a symbol of the democracy of scholarship as it covers dress indicating rank or social standing. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming; the doctor's degree gown is faced with velvet and has velvet bars on the sleeves in colors to show the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The cap symbolizes freedom of scholarship. The symbol derives from Roman times when freed slaves had the privilege of wearing a cap. Academic caps feature a tassel indicating the discipline of the wearer.

The hood is the forerunner to the present cap. Its colors denote the discipline represented by the degree, and the college or university from which the degree was granted.

## **THE CEREMONIAL MACE**

The Piedmont Virginia Community College mace was presented to the college by University of Virginia President Robert M. O'Neil in 1988. The gift honored PVCC President George B. Vaughan as he prepared to leave the college and also signified the close working relationship that had developed between the two institutions.

The mace is a traditional ceremonial staff which serves as a symbol of authority. The PVCC mace is made of silver and walnut and incorporates a Jefferson cup into its design. It was created by John J. Owen, retired vice president for development at the University of Virginia.

## **PVCC MEDALLION**

The Piedmont Virginia Community College Medallion is awarded to persons who, through special acts or sustained service, have made extraordinary contributions to PVCC. The Medallion is the highest non-academic honor the college bestows. Recipients are:

Bernard J. Haggerty (1984)  
P. Joseph Jenkins (1985)  
V. Earl Dickinson (1986)  
Elizabeth H. Woodard (1988)  
Dr. James R. Batten (1989)  
W. A. Pace, Jr. (1993)  
Grace H. Carpenter (1996)  
Grace L. Tinsley (1997)

## **PVCC HONORARY DEGREE**

The honorary associate in humane letters degree is awarded by Piedmont Virginia Community College to persons who have demonstrated exceptional support for education and exemplary service for the public good, both at PVCC and beyond. The honorary degree is the college's highest academic honor and has been awarded to:

John T. Casteen, III (1992)

## **PVCC DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS**

The Piedmont Virginia Community College Distinguished Student Award is given to students who demonstrate exemplary service or leadership within the college or in the college service region and beyond. The award was instituted in 1994. Past recipients are:

Victoria Barry Watson  
(1994)  
Elizabeth Fraser (1995)

Steven D. Bickers (1997)  
Colleen M. Higgins (1998)  
Zeno Lantos (1999)

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