



PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

6:00 pm, Friday, May 11, 2001

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
Bruce Robinson
Assistant Professor of Business Management

John P. Walsh
Professor of Biology

INVOCATION*

The Reverend Bruce Wollenberg
St. Mark Lutheran Church

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*

Led by Barbara Edwards

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Friedman
President

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Thomas E. Albro
*Past Chair, State Board
for Community Colleges*

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Thomas W.D. Smith, Jr.
*Chair, Piedmont Virginia
Community College Board*

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. Smith

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Judge Roger L. Gregory
*Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals*

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT
AWARD

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

Gregory J.C. Gstatenbauer
*A.S., Science
(Engineering)*

CEREMONIAL PASSING OF THE MACE

Dr. Friedman

CLOSING REMARKS

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

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Wollenberg

*The audience will please stand.

The PVCC Alumni Association will host a reception honoring the Class of 2001 immediately following the ceremony.

SPEAKER

ROGER L. GREGORY

Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Judge Roger L. Gregory, the first African-American judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, is a real-life example of the power of education to release talents and to prepare students for successful careers and fulfilling lives.

The first of his family to graduate from high school, Judge Gregory was born in Philadelphia but grew up in Petersburg. He received a bachelor's degree with highest academic honors from Virginia State University and obtained his law degree at the University of Michigan. He is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma National Foreign Language Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society.

Judge Gregory had served as managing partner with former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder in the Wilder & Gregory Law Firm in Richmond before his appointment by President Clinton in December. In January, he was sworn in as a judge for the Richmond-based court in a ceremony at the federal court in Charlottesville.

Judge Gregory is a member of the state bars of Michigan and Virginia, past president of the Old Dominion Bar Association, a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, and a former board member of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.

His civic activities include the Christian Children's Fund, Richmond Renaissance, and the Industrial Development Authority of Richmond. He is a past rector and member of the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, and a past member of the board of visitors of Virginia State University.

Judge Gregory is a member of the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Petersburg and in 1997 received a humanitarian award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He and his wife, the former Carla Lewis, are the parents of three daughters.

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

GREGORY J.C. GSTATTENBAUER

Associate in Science, Science (Engineering)

Gregory J.C. Gstatattenbauer today receives an associate in science degree in science with an engineering specialty.

Mr. Gstatattenbauer is a 1999 graduate of Western Albemarle High School. Although he was accepted by Virginia Tech for enrollment that fall, he chose instead to come to PVCC because he felt that he was not ready for a four-year university.

Two years later, he has been accepted into the aerospace engineering program at Virginia Tech. He also has applied to the University of Virginia School of Engineering and is awaiting a response.

His choice to come to PVCC has been a good one. Mr. Gstatattenbauer has praise for his professors who couple knowledge of their subjects with a personal concern for all their students. As a result of his classroom experience at PVCC, he will enter the four-year environment with a strong foundation in mathematics and science.

Mr. Gstatattenbauer has been involved in activities beyond the classroom at PVCC. He is a Student Ambassador, volunteering for tasks in the Division of Student Services and serving as a representative for the college. In January, he was part of the PVCC delegation that traveled to Richmond for Community College Day. This annual event brings community college representatives from around the state to the General Assembly to meet with their senators and delegates.

The son of Werner and Pam Gstatattenbauer of Crozet, he is an Eagle Scout in Troop 79. His most recent community service has been at the University of Virginia Medical Center where he delivered flowers and mail to patients this spring.

Mr. Gstatattenbauer's long-term plans will take him far from Central Virginia—he hopes to become an astronaut.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

ERIN HUGHEY-COMMERS

Centennial Scholar, Commonwealth of Virginia

Erin Hughey-Commers is a scholar and a student leader. Her achievements were celebrated in April when she was recognized as Virginia's 2001 Centennial Scholar at the American Association of Community Colleges national convention in Chicago. The scholars program was created to mark the 100th anniversary of the two-year college system in this country.

Ms. Hughey-Commers was PVCC's entry into the annual All-USA Academic Team competition conducted by Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society of two-year colleges, and supported by *USA Today*. She was named Centennial Scholar for Virginia because she ranked highest in the state in scoring based on academic and leadership achievements. Her scoring placed her on the All-USA Academic Third Team and she was listed in the April 5 issue of *USA Today*. As a Centennial Scholar, she also received a \$2,000 stipend from the Coca-Cola Scholarship Foundation.

The daughter of Patrick and Tina Hughey-Commers of Lovington, she came to PVCC in the fall of 1998. PVCC was her first formal educational setting; she previously had been home schooled.

One of her most significant experiences at PVCC was her year-long internship with English Professor Dick Harrington. Through the internship she learned how the college works as she attended faculty meetings and participated in college committees. She learned about the teaching profession as she traveled to several conferences for presentations with Dr. Harrington. She also assisted him in the classroom.

As Ms. Hughey-Commers began to realize "what an exceptional experience I've had here," she set out this spring to "give something back." She surveyed her peers and then scheduled two round-tables—one on how students would change their experience if they could and another on the nature of teaching and learning. She hopes these events will lead to an ongoing forum that will challenge students and faculty to think about "how we can become better."

Ms. Hughey-Commers has concluded her study at PVCC. She will enroll this fall at St. John's College in Maryland.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

DAVID V. STRIDER, JR.

*Associate in Applied Science, Nursing
Summa cum laude, Class of 1983*

David Strider is honored today as the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award. Established by the PVCC Alumni Association in 1998, 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. Strider is manager for the Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery Service In-Patient Units within the Heart Center at the University of Virginia Medical Center, a position he has held since 1998. As manager, he hires, evaluates, and provides ongoing professional development opportunities for more than 120 health care providers, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing aides, and clerical aides. He also lectures, participates in conferences, teaches an advanced cardiac life support class several times a year, and conducts research. He has served on numerous Medical Center committees and work groups and has been guest editor for *HeartBeat* newsletter.

Mr. Strider earned a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and a master's degree in biology from UVa before entering the nursing program at PVCC. Six years after graduating from PVCC with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, he received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from UVa. In 1991, he earned a master's degree in nursing, also from UVa. Most recently, he completed the acute care nurse practitioner program at the university.

Except for several years as a part-time nurse for Culpeper Memorial Hospital, Mr. Strider has been employed at the UVa Medical Center. His clinical expertise was acknowledged in 1995 when he received the prestigious Nancy Hilt Award given by the local chapter of the international nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau.

Mr. Strider is involved in the Charlottesville community as a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, as an organizer and official for several swim teams, and as a participant in the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association.

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2000-2001 GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting

Lauren Rocklein Ball
summa cum laude
Dushantha Chelliah
magna cum laude
Wanda H. Colvin*
summa cum laude
Marticia Michelle Mathias
magna cum laude
Nicole Anderson
Powers***
cum laude
Marcos Rodriguez
cum laude
Fatima H. Seidu

Administrative Support Technology

Stephanie Laverne Blair
Tracy Fain
cum laude
Tavia Marie Johnson**
magna cum laude
Cynthia S. Newman
magna cum laude
Angela Marie Nicely
Karen B. Reid
summa cum laude
Mandy Bliss Snoddy
Charisse Marian Williams

Computer-Aided Drafting and Design

Timothy James Fitzgerald
cum laude
Joshua Daniel Haislip
Ricardo Alejandro
Lawrence
Gary E. Lowe

Eric William Sellers
magna cum laude
Sharon Lynn Will

Electronics Technology

Matthew Corey Johnson**
Corbett Brian Messa
George Mark Nimmo*
cum laude
Nathaniel Elijah Scott, Jr.**
Jason E. Shifflett*

General Management

Brenda Elizabeth Crider**
magna cum laude
Angela Hackett Davis**
magna cum laude
Amanda G. Kutch
magna cum laude
Howard D. Mallison, II
cum laude
Heather Renée Mallory
Charles Randolph Martin
Michelle Lynn Morris
summa cum laude
Cindy L. Pritchett*
cum laude
Judith Ann Grady

Information Systems Technology

Regina Lynn Bevins***
Sharon Lee Bowles**
Mansi M. Chapatwala
Malinda Catherine Farinholt***
cum laude
Toice Samone Jackson
Michael Aaron Jensen**
magna cum laude

Thomas Joseph
Lachendro*
cum laude
Karen M. Ledford**
cum laude
Russell William Lewis, II
Gregory Allen Lloyd
magna cum laude
Howard D. Mallison, II**
cum laude
Melody P. Roberts*
magna cum laude
Qiong Shen
summa cum laude
Dian L. Sierra*
summa cum laude
Jeffrey Derek Smith*
Gerard A. Titus
summa cum laude
Edward Joseph Wells
summa cum laude
Leo C. Whitenack*
magna cum laude
Jeffrey Scott Wolford
summa cum laude

Marketing

Donald Lee Bishop

Nursing

Heidi Deann Cabot
Rachel Renee Brewster
Melissa Anne Briggs
Vada Mae Burley
Charles R. Byam, Jr.*
Kasandra Lee Campbell
Neena S. Chacko
Wendy Lynn Covington
Dana Lynn Crickenberger
magna cum laude
Stephanie Maxey Curcio
magna cum laude
Donna F. Cyrus
Leah Page Dalton

Angela Elizabeth Davis
cum laude
Kate Jaquette Evans
Mary Jane Frank
magna cum laude
Gloria Anne Fritz
Brenda B. Gough
Marcia Lynn Gunsallus
Edith Helen Haga
Theresa Lynn Havel
Susan Rebecca Jones
Susan Jordan
cum laude
Patricia Suzanne Keith
Ralph Frederick Klein
magna cum laude
Nickie Knight
Brenda Gail Martin**
cum laude
Carrie Delana Mitchell
Deborah Ann Morley
cum laude
Abby Susan Nespeco
Olga Noonan
cum laude
Shelia Groome Palmateer**
Amy Langdon Poore
Melissa Morris Pritchett
Karen W. Rawlings
cum laude
Sarah Rebecca Rose
Connie C. Rush
magna cum laude
Shelly Lynnette Rush
Linda Quickel Slosson
summa cum laude
Ashley Marie Stone
Tonia Kay Swenson
Marsha Renee Taylor
Sheryl Lee Vaughn
summa cum laude
Juanita Michelle Venable

Jessica A. Waller
Katherine Nicole Walton
Glenda S. Wingfield**
cum laude

Police Science

Paul John Best**
cum laude
Carla Denise Coe
Gloria Powell Graves
magna cum laude

Pamela Teresa Johnson
Preston Wayne Knott*
Martin Emil Kumer*
Elizabeth Mason Layman
Valerie Lynne Price***
Charles Donald Sheffer,
Jr.*
Deborah Birdsong Vaughan
cum laude
Alyssa Jane Yoho***

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Fine Arts

Tracy Lee Dudley
Rebecca Anne Edwards**
magna cum laude
Scott R. Houchens*
Linda Hana Nacamulli**
magna cum laude
Jeremy Michael Webber

Liberal Arts

Kristie Lynn Anderson
Michele Käfer Aron
cum laude
Matthew James Baldwin
magna cum laude
Allen Franklin Birkhead,
III
Anayanci Lora Ceron**
Shanika Tamara Clark
Heidi Michelle Conley
magna cum laude
Cassandra Morgan Dovel
cum laude
Cyrus Damon Emerson
magna cum laude
Nicole Alexandra Everson
Meredith Elaine Faust
cum laude
Katherine Casey Feola
Leah Ann French
Mark Joseph Gearhart
cum laude

Holly Marie Gentry
magna cum laude
Brandon Patrick Gilbert
summa cum laude
Honors Diploma
John Mershon Grachus*
Kristen Lyn Grav*
cum laude
Johanna Mary Kessler
cum laude
Ambha Dawnielle Lessard
Philip Michael McDowell
summa cum laude
Honors Diploma
Curtis Wayne Minor
magna cum laude
Frances Walker Mitchell*
Sabrina Jacquelyn Morris**
April Lee Naylor**
cum laude
Dimayra-O'Neill Owens
magna cum laude
Joseph Russell Palanzo*
cum laude
Geraldine Cardenas Perea
Nancy Pinzon
magna cum laude
Daniel Geoffrey Radley*
summa cum laude
Jessica Elizabeth Reiss
cum laude
Honors Diploma

Kimberly Michelle
Richardson
Christina Heather Rosene
Lynn Kathryn Russell*
magna cum laude
Daniel Lee Rutherford***
cum laude
Adam Herbert Silvers
James Colburn Steere

Crystal Annette Thacker
summa cum laude
Clayton Forrest Waldrop
magna cum laude
Delisa Dolores Wildy
cum laude
Elizabeth B. Wilmer
Paula A. Woods

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Business Administration

Billy David Binger
Steven Forrest Blodgett
Heather Michelle Boggs
Michael James Brophy**
magna cum laude
Dustin Dale Bryant
Joanie Lane Chapman
Chien-Yu Chen
magna cum laude
Christa Donnis Crenshaw
Ryan Robert Crookston**
magna cum laude
Jason A. Davis
magna cum laude
Stephanie A. Deal
summa cum laude
Malinda Catherine
Farinholt***
cum laude
Crystal Elaine Fitzgerald*
Michael A. Franco
cum laude
Kathleen Anne Good**
cum laude
Deborah Lynn Harding*
Lisa C. Harlow
magna cum laude
Kiran Elizabeth Hassan***
Joel Timothy Herring
Brenda Lynn Kearns
magna cum laude

Anastasia Vyacheslavoviva
Kulikova
magna cum laude
Heather N. Law*
cum laude
Kristin Mariá Lidstrom
cum laude
Yolanda K. Lindsay
Daniel Martin Megginson
cum laude
Michael Christopher Merritt
Josh K. Mesner**
cum laude
Charleste LaTrice Payne
Angela Marie Price
magna cum laude
Robert Adam Racine***
Melissa Kim Reinhold**
cum laude
Melissa Yancey Samuels
magna cum laude
Tally Anita Sanford*
cum laude
Fatima H. Seidu
Joshua Anderson Shumaker**
cum laude
Jeremy Todd Siddons*
cum laude
David Lee Stokes
cum laude
Joseph A. Tomasino*
Sarah J. Wade***
Chris E. Walker
Sandra Kay Williams**

Education

Sarah Barton Amick
magna cum laude
Jennifer Marie Bobbitt*
Melissa Maxine Goins
Ann Marie Harris
Jeronda Cartrease Jackson
Felicia Mae Johnson**
Eleanor Leigh Lacy*
cum laude
Stephen Andrew Merica
LaTonya Ross
James Colburn Steere
John Robert Stone, Jr.*

General Studies

Anna E. Allen
Danisha Charnette
Anderson***
cum laude
Janet G. Awkard
Kelsey Pernell Ayers
Kristen Nichole Baber
Asher Armstrong Bazzarre
Gary Lewis Beasley
Patricia N. Buck
magna cum laude
Ashley Leigh Burnett
cum laude
Kelli Dawn Butler
Derek Paul Cain
Lawrence White Everett
Klara Ferro
Katherine Ann Heitz**
cum laude
Pedro Juan Hernandez
Melissa Mae Hill
Jack (John) Peter Hirsch**
Juanika Cowana Howard*
Rebecca Anne Jones*
magna cum laude
Matthew Bauman Krauss**
Nicole Marie Kretsos

Martin Emil Kumer
Yolanda K. Lindsay
Henry Balfour Marshall***
Grant William McElwain
magna cum laude
Tracy Lee Morris*
Dana Lynne Noël
magna cum laude
Honors Diploma
Sherice Jenelle Paige***
Okiima Sharell Pickett
Konrad Podoba
Neva Joan Price*
Robert Adam Racine***
Michelle L. Riddle
Jeffrey Scott Saul
cum laude
Shannon Leigh Snoddy**
Allison Hope Tankesley
Douglas B. Taylor**
Allison Bonita Templeton
Kristal Patrice Tinsley*
Kevin Kristopher Wilson
cum laude
Catharine Doyle Zarski
cum laude

Science

Naomi Grace Anderson***
summa cum laude
Christina Renée Ayers
Shawn M. Bambrey
Falana Lynn Beepath
Matthew G. Chapter
Michael Allen Dunbar
Diana Kay Edwards**
Whitney Neal Godfrey**
cum laude
Angela Nicole Houchens
summa cum laude
Honors Diploma
James Daniel Hunter
cum laude

Sarika Khanna
cum laude

Nebiyou Mohammed

Paul Robert Pugh*
summa cum laude

Justin Travis Rains**
magna cum laude

William Christopher
Rutherford***
cum laude

Joshua Meyrick Seigler**
magna cum laude

Hillary Nicole Simons**

David William Steinberg
magna cum laude

Aerial Lamar White

Science (Engineering)

Gregory J. C. Gstatenbauer

Paula Lorraine Johnson

Michael Benjamin Lent
cum laude

William Walter Reith, III

Justin Matthew Shimp

Imran Ali Vohra
summa cum laude

Debora Tedja Wesner
summa cum laude

Adam C. Wolovick
magna cum laude

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATES

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Fred Eubanks

Biotechnology

Barbara Bartha Szomju

Business and Management

Christina Lynn Abbott

Child and Family Services

Katina Nicole Reid**

Child Care

Nebahat Cetinkaya***

Cynthia P. Elliton**

Doretha Marie Johnson**

Lori C. Megginson

Ashanti Michelle Smith

Dawn Marie Stewart**

Deborah Colvin Winston

Computer-Aided Drafting and Design

Linda Cohrs Balnave

Constance Jean Deklewa**

Paul Joseph Grady, Jr.**

Ricardo Alejandro
Lawrence**

Eric William Sellers

Financial Accounting Analysis

Johanna O. Ackert*

Olga Bazhenova

Keith Andel Carter

Robert Scott Chinn*

Jevata B. Crawford*

Alfred R. Dunu

Mark Matthew Fairhill**

Stephanie Amy Lowenhaupt*

Deborah L. Robertson Myers

Urszula K. Sabat*

Reena Thomas*

Nitin R. Tripathi

Preston Clay Ware

Basharat Karim Zahedi

Horticulture

Stephen Journeyay Bromm**

Vicki Jean Cordell

Mariam Caroline Douglas

Erich J. Henschel

Information Systems Technology

Michael David Burtner**

Baihua Liu

Insurance Support Technician

Olive C. Denbow*

Medical/Dental Office Management

Ruth Olinger Aldridge

Natural History

Crystal Coleman*

Walter E. Morgan, III**

Lynda S. Mosen**

PC Upgrading and Repair

Shafique Ahmed*

Eugene Marcus Allen

Russell E. Beverly**

Terry Lee Casey**

Tyrall N.C. Crowe**

Donald R. Ellison**

Lynn Irvin Hall

Ronald Wayne Holley**

Matthew Corey Johnson

John Allen Kutch, II

Steven Lee Moore

Neil Edwin Morris**

McClaren William Roberts

Robert Hawver Sanders

Laura L. Skauge**

Christopher Stuart Spencer

Noman A. Vohra***

CERTIFICATES**Administration of Justice**

Carla Denise Coe

Pamela Teresa Johnson

Martin Emil Kumer*

Howard George

Lagomarsino, Jr.

Elizabeth Mason Layman

Valerie Lynne Price***

Charles Donald Sheffer,
Jr.*

Stuart Randall Snead

Chris E. Walker*

Paula A. Woods

Administrative Support Technology

Terry Lohr Urbsis*

Surgical Technology

David Michael Beech

Rose M. Fournier

Teresa Vanessa Mehegan

Christy A. Shubert

Dyshanta Denise Stinnie

* 2000 Summer Graduate

** 2000 Fall Graduate

*** 2001 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

Honors Diplomas are awarded to students who have completed 15 credit hours of honors courses and have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

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 2000-2001 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 5 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)

Helen Kelati
Lisa Koch

(Finance Major)

Dina W. Armstrong

(Information Systems and Technology Major)

Kenneth M. Vickers

(Management Major)

Alisa Scott
Melinda Smith-Robinson

Criminal Justice

Theresa Paczkowski

Health Sciences

(Minor in Human Services Counseling)

Holly Lewis

Human Services Counseling

Charles N. Scott
Michelle R. Swingler
Arica White

IDS-Professional Communication

Michael P. Davis

IDS-Teacher Preparation

Thomas M. McMurdo

Nursing

Robert Bonser
Mary Carroll
Patricia Finneran
Mary Henofer
Ann M. Petcavage
Shannon Welch

Occupational and Technical Studies

Jeanine Miller

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Business Administration

Lynette Bishop
Seth Matula

Public Management Certificate

Lynette Bishop
Seth Matula

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE 2000-2001 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 20 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

Melissa Bickley	C. Eric Lamb
Janice Breeden	Troy Leathers
Cheryl Bryan	Alan Lynch
Veronica Carroll	Patricia Mattingly
Christa Clore	Laura Miller
Michelle Cogan	Bridget Morris
Delores Darnell	Michele Peyton
Douglas Davis	Martin Powell
David DeGregory	Marina Schladitz
Lisa Dockery-Boyce	Timothy Sennett
Amy Farley	Teresa Simrell
Edith Fisher	Deborah Uttaro
Hansie Haier	Oksana Velez
Gerald Harlow	Lori Wilson
Carter Harris	Wm. Patrick Wood
Richard Kizer	Laura Young

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Colleen A. Krieder

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 AWARD

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)
Amber N. Capron (2000)
Samuel A. Taylor, Jr. (2000)

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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Joseph R. Daniel

Marjorie L. Funk

Marcia A. Gilliam

Mary Louise Jackson

Jerry W. Kilgore

Benjamin T. King, Jr.

James Chin Lee

Bruce D. Leftwich

Victoria D. Malick

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Wilbur E. Thomas

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Arnold R. Oliver, *Chancellor*

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Gary S. Forrest, *Vice Chair, County of Greene*

Frank Friedman, *Secretary*

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County of Albemarle

John E. Davidson
County of Albemarle

Ray A. Dunn, Jr.
County of Nelson

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PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Piedmont Virginia Community College promotes student success through excellent educational programs and services that are accessible and affordable.

The college is a comprehensive, public, associate degree-granting institution. As part of the Virginia Community College System, Piedmont Virginia Community College serves the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

College transfer and workforce development are the core of the college's mission. Challenging coursework and a full range of support services are provided for students in both college transfer and workforce development programs. The first two years of baccalaureate study prepare students for success at four-year colleges and universities. Workforce development programs prepare students for successful careers and promote a skilled regional workforce by meeting the training and educational needs of employers. Programs and services in developmental education, general education, community service, and lifelong learning support and enhance the mission core and prepare students for success in life.

Piedmont Virginia Community College values the multicultural diversity of its students, faculty, and staff. We are committed to creating and nurturing a campus environment which both welcomes and empowers all individuals. We recognize cultural differences of background, experience, and national origin, and we seek to promote a genuine understanding of and appreciation for these differences. We seek as well to recognize and promote the common bonds of humanity which cross the boundaries of cultural difference.

Piedmont Virginia Community College maintains and promotes equal employment and educational opportunity in its educational programs and activities without regard to race, color, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification), religion, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, or other nonmerit factors. Inquiries concerning the affirmative action policy should be addressed to PVCC's affirmative action officer.