

Commencement Committee

2023-2024 Members

CHARGE: To plan and implement the University's Commencement programs.
Reports to: Commission on Faculty Affairs.

Chair - President will appoint a chair, usually for a three-year term

Diane Zahm	Chair	2024
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Ex Officio

Monecia Taylor	Senior Leader in Advancement with Alumni Responsibility or designee	ex officio
Pascha Gerni	Designee for the VP for Strategic Initiatives and Special Assistant to the President	ex officio
Kim O'Rourke	Vice President for Policy and Governance & Secretary to the Board of Visitors	ex officio
Michael Stowe	Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations or designee	ex officio
Lance Jones	Commandant of Cadets or designee	ex officio

Director of Processions selected by Chair

Vacant		2025
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Director of Ushers selected by Chair

Vacant		2025
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One Graduate School representative selected by the Dean of the Graduate School

Janice Austin	Graduate Admissions	2025
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One Physical Plant representative selected by the Vice President for Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities

Anthony Watson		2025
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The Commencement Marshal (president of Faculty Senate)

Joe Merola	President of the Faculty Senate	2024
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One faculty representative from each academic colleges elected by the faculty in each of the colleges

Stewart Scales	Natural Resources and Environment	2026
James Weger	Veterinary Medicine	2026
Vacant	Agricultural and Life Sciences	2026
Keith Thompson	Engineering	2026
Jodie Brinkmann	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2025

Jenn Thomas	Architecture, Arts, and Design	2026
Vito Scarola	Science	2026
Margie Deck	Business	2024
Jennifer Cleveland	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026

One representative from the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies elected annually by the Commission

Monica Kimbrell	College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2024
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One staff representative elected by the Staff Senate

Amie Pendleton	Bursar's Office	2024
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One A/P faculty representative elected by the A/P Faculty Senate

Marlena Lester	Engineering	2025
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One graduate and professional student senator elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Jacob Neice	Chemical Engineering	2024
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Two student members (President of Senior Class and President of Junior Class)

Colin Roberts	President of Senior Class	2024
Princess Merritt	President of Junior Class	2024