

Newberry College

Spring/Summer Commencement



Saturday, May 13, 2023
Setzler Field
10 a.m.

The Lutheran College of the South Carolina, Southeastern,
Florida-Bahamas, and Caribbean Synods of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE SPRING/SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

PRELUDE “Alleluia”	Camille Saint-Saens
<i>The audience will please rise at the beginning of the Processional and remain standing until the conclusion of the Invocation.</i>	
<i>Please turn off all cell phones.</i>	
PROCESSIONAL “Pomp and Circumstance”	Edward Elgar
INVOCATION	The Rev. David W. Coffman ’97
WELCOME	Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Mr. Robert O. Best ’71
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Dr. Sidney H. Parrish Jr.
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES	Ms. Caylee M. Burgess ’23 Ms. Tyla J. Stolberg ’23
INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT	Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens
PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS GIFT	Mr. Dennis G. LoDolce ’23
RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY	Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens Dr. Sidney H. Parrish Jr.
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT AWARDS	Dr. Sidney H. Parrish Jr. Mr. Patrick J. Gagliano
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2023:	Dr. Sidney H. Parrish Jr. Mr. Patrick J. Gagliano
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens Dr. Sidney H. Parrish Jr. Dr. John A. Lesaine ’07
INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:	Mrs. Jessica Beam Shealy ’12
<i>The audience will please rise for the Alma Mater and remain standing throughout the Benediction and Academic Recessional.</i>	
ALMA MATER:	
Though small nor rich in worldly goods, Our Alma Mater dear, We bless thy name fresh crowned with fame, In every passing year. Oh, Newberry, we pledge to thee Our hearts and hands this day; Our love, our faith, our loyalty, Hail, Scarlet and the Gray. Our love, our faith, our loyalty, Hail, Scarlet and the Gray.	When years have passed and college days Become but memories, Though far or near we’ll all hold dear Thy name, thy victories. Where’er we go, come weal or woe, For thee we’ll work and pray, Thy loyal ones we’ll ever hail, The Scarlet and the Gray. Thy loyal ones we’ll ever hail, The Scarlet and the Gray.
BENEDICTION:	The. Rev. David W. Coffman ’97
RECESSIONAL: “St. Anthony’s Chorale”	Johannes Brahms
POSTLUDE: “Minuet” from <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>	George Frideric Handel
“Menuetto”	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Tery Burt ’18

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MAY 13, 2023

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Italiazé Akbar-Savastano

Communications
Spartanburg, South Carolina
MINOR: Spanish

* **Stephon Alexander**

Criminal Justice
Florence, South Carolina

Tyeoyna Veronica Anderson

Graphic Design
Eastover, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

Abigail Grace Beddingfield

Psychology: Forensics AND Criminal Justice
Greenville, South Carolina
MINOR: Social Work

Madison Victoria Bickley

Communications: Broadcasting
Newberry, South Carolina
MINORS: Speech AND Art

Samuel Jack Bridgers

History
Columbia, South Carolina

* **Wonda Evette Briggs**

Psychology
Simpsonville, South Carolina

Miranda Leigh Bright

Art AND History
Union, South Carolina

❖ **Caylee Marie Burgess**

Criminal Justice AND Sociology AND History
Lexington, South Carolina

Zulay Amarelis Castaneda Ruiz

Psychology AND Sport Management
Panama City, PANAMA
MINOR: Business Administration

* **Benjamin Harmon Davenport**

Criminal Justice
Kinards, South Carolina

Tyron Lorenzo Dennis

Criminal Justice
Columbia, South Carolina

Vincenttia Nicole Downing

Early Childcare Management
Inman, South Carolina

Cayman LeeAnna Duvall

Communications: Broadcasting
Lexington, South Carolina

Angela Eastrich-Mack

Psychology
Greenville, South Carolina

William Roy Evans III

English
Richmond Hill, Georgia
MINOR: Biology

Jacaila Camille Geddis

Criminal Justice
Charleston, South Carolina

Nicole Ann Harker

Social Studies Education
Naples, Florida

* **Keoni Jamal Harrington**

Graphic Design
Wallace, South Carolina

* **Maranda Chantilly Johnson Hartzog**

Psychology
Newberry, South Carolina

Haley Havermann

Art AND Digital Marketing
Indian Land, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

Gianna Arie Joi Hill

Sociology
Manning, South Carolina
MINOR: Social Work

Joanne Taylor Hunt

Music AND English
Mount Croghan, South Carolina

NaTaishja Renee Odessa Hymes

Sociology
Ladson, South Carolina
MINOR: Political Science

Benjamin Jackson III

Psychology
Columbia, South Carolina

❖ Summerland Honors

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Completed Degree Requirements - 2020

*** Christopher P. Langdon**
Criminal Justice
Lexington, South Carolina

D-Andria Zyquin Lewis
Art
Cheraw, South Carolina

Wesley David Livingston
Criminal Justice
Pomaria, South Carolina
MINORS: Psychology AND
Political Science

Dennis Gasper LoDolce Jr.
Political Science AND
Public & Non-Profit Administration
Stamford, Connecticut
MINOR: Criminal Justice

Timothy William Luker
Psychology
Goldsboro, North Carolina
MINOR: Criminal Justice

Shakiyah Joanna Lunsford
Early Childcare Management
Columbia, South Carolina

Jeremiah Cornelius Mack
Art
Moncks Corner, South Carolina
MINOR: Speech

Devin John Makovsky
Criminal Justice
Coral Springs, Florida

Madalyn Louise Messersmith
Psychology AND Criminal Justice
Stevensville, Maryland

Lindsey Nicole Mitchell
Criminal Justice
Fairfield, Ohio

Colm Francis O'Shea
History
Sunnyside, New York

Margaret O'Toole
Music
Irmo, South Carolina
MINORS: Musical Theatre AND Theatre

Taylor Autumn Petring
Psychology: Forensics
Newberry, South Carolina

Emma Wells Price
Sociology
Gaffney, South Carolina
MINOR: Social Work

Edwin Francisco Ramirez Jr.
History
Tampa, Florida
MINOR: English

*** Shelton Lenn Rhoden**
Psychology: Forensics AND Criminal Justice
Lexington, South Carolina

Shania Deasia Rice
Psychology
Travelers Rest, South Carolina
MINOR: English

Yamileth Rios
Early Childcare Management
Gaston, South Carolina

Andrew Robinson
Psychology
Lexington, South Carolina
MINOR: Biology

Christopher Anthony Saverance Jr.
Social Studies Education
Whitmire, South Carolina

*** Tyler Scribner**
Digital Marketing
Elgin, South Carolina

Jaylan Malek Strickland
Criminal Justice
Snellville, Georgia
MINOR: Business Administration

❖ Scott Michael Templeton
History
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Sarah Olivia Grace Townsend
Psychology: Forensics
Walhalla, South Carolina
MINOR: Biology

Hunter Lee Vassy
Criminal Justice
Spartanburg, South Carolina
MINOR: Psychology

Quron Vaughn
Criminal Justice
Sumter, South Carolina

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Payton Washington-Faucette
Communications
Monroe, North Carolina
MINOR: Psychology

Grace Elizabeth Webb
Psychology: Forensics
West Columbia, South Carolina

Emmanuel Keveyon Wharton
Psychology
Greenville, South Carolina
MINOR: Coaching

Jillian Ann White
Social Studies Education
Irmo, South Carolina

Kasey Widmyer
Criminal Justice
Newberry, South Carolina

* **Zjane' Marlana Williams**
Music
Aiken, South Carolina

Jin Zheng
Graphic Design
Washington, D.C.
MINOR: Business Administration

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Paul Kelvin Johnson
Music Theory AND Music Performance: Instrumental
Summerville, South Carolina

Zackery Harold Brett Nash
Music Theory AND Music Performance: Choral
Sumter, South Carolina

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Ashley Michelle Burrows
Music Education: Instrumental
Chesnee, South Carolina

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Taylor Marie Arnold
Exercise Science
Summerville, South Carolina

Jessica Lynn Auckerman
Physical Education: Leisure Services
Leesville, South Carolina

Vanessa Maria Baird
Elementary Education
Corona, California

* **Kyle Duffy Baker**
Exercise Science
Gaston, South Carolina

Danny Oran Barker III
Exercise Science
Marion, South Carolina
MINOR: Sport Management

Endia Bria Baylis
Business Administration
Columbia, South Carolina
MINORS: Music AND Spanish

Robin Joshua Phillip Bedford
Accounting AND Business Administration
Welwyn, ENGLAND

Elijah Blair
Health Science
Bennettsville, South Carolina
MINOR: Biology

Enzo Blavignat
Sport Management
Bordeaux, FRANCE

Giulia Bongiorno
Sport Management
Rome, ITALY
MINORS: Business Administration AND Coaching

Brandon Jamal Bostick
Physical Education AND Sport Management
Florence, South Carolina

Caleb Dean Caldwell
Business Administration
Hartsville, South Carolina

Jacob Ryan Carmichael
Chemistry: Forensics
Joanna, South Carolina

Brady Robert Carson
Digital Marketing
Columbia, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

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Nastassia Chamoun
Business Administration
Dijon, FRANCE

Jackson Neal Chappell
Business Administration
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Ar'Tonius Radrique Cherry
Sport Management
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Nautica Lashon Chisholm
Health Science
York, South Carolina

Garrett Allen Clark
Business Administration
Albemarle, North Carolina

Kalyn Cook
Business Administration
Lexington, South Carolina

C'Xaurius Kenyontae Corley
Business Administration
Newberry, South Carolina

Addison Michelle Cox
Biology
Columbia, South Carolina
MINOR: Psychology

Hillary Martha Dana
Elementary Education
Prosperity, South Carolina

Holly Megan Davies
Sport Management
Camberley, ENGLAND
MINOR: Business Administration

Jason Chase Dickert
Sport Management
Newberry, South Carolina

^ Michelle Matsue Doby
Applied Mathematics
Lithonia, Georgia

Shaun Christopher Ferguson
Physical Education: Leisure Services
Lyman, South Carolina

Ethan Flynn
Business Administration
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Lawrence Benjamin Friedland
Business Administration
Cary, North Carolina
MINOR: Sport Management

Thomas Avery Funderburk
Health Science
Heath Springs, South Carolina

^ Paul Gagliano
Applied Mathematics
Chapin, South Carolina

Rebecca Joanne Gibbons
Exercise Science
Rock Hill, South Carolina
MINOR: Psychology

Jade Mary Gomez
Digital Marketing
Saint Francis, Minnesota
MINOR: Business Administration

Christopher-Stanley Morgan Green
Health Care Management
Columbia, South Carolina
MINOR: Biology

Shakera Keyonni Griffin
Early Childhood Education
Newberry, South Carolina

Spencer Bryce Harris
Business Administration
Marshall, North Carolina

Alexis Marie Higbe
Elementary Education
Prosperity, South Carolina

*** Zavaric Quonte Hines**
Business Administration
Hartsville, South Carolina

Trevon Jacole Hobson
Business Administration
Salisbury, North Carolina

Emily A. Hughes
Business Administration
Parrish, Florida
MINOR: Accounting

Patrick Jacobs
Sport Management
Newberry, South Carolina

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Charlette Quenetta Alyssa Johnson
Mathematics
Garnett, South Carolina

Emma Goldie Johnson
Health Care Management
Camden, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

* **Jada Charrde Satrice Johnson**
Health Science
Dorchester, South Carolina

* **Jalen De'Shawn Johnson**
Business Administration
Sumter, South Carolina

* **Oluwagbeminiyi Rest Johnson**
Mathematics
Lagos, NIGERIA

Matthew John Jonasch Jr.
Accounting AND Business Administration
Moore, South Carolina

❖ **Kadianne Merritt Knight**
Biology: Environmental Science
Prosperity, South Carolina

Joseph LaFiora
Physical Education: Teacher Certification
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
MINOR: Sport Management

Javen Jamar Latimore
Sport Management
Gray Court, South Carolina

Skylar Dylan McCants
Physical Education: Teacher Certification
Elgin, South Carolina
MINOR: Coaching

* **James Howard McKinney III**
Sport Management
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Garet Jax McMahan
Biology: Environmental Science
Collingwood, Ontario, CANADA

Mikayla Beyonce Miles
Business Administration
Clio, South Carolina

Kayla Regina Montgomery
Health Science
Augusta, Georgia

* **Russell Montgomery Jr.**
Sport Management
Ladson, South Carolina

Devan Moore
Sport Management
Baxley, Georgia

Elizabeth Ober
Accounting
Houston, Texas

Bryce Lee Peterson
Health Care Management
Coon Rapids, Minnesota
MINOR: Accounting

Datreavian Lamont Phoenix
Business Administration
Early Branch, South Carolina

Alex Matthew Pillar
Sport Management
Hawley, Pennsylvania
MINOR: Business Administration

Marissa Trudyann Plumer
Business Administration
Stevensville, Maryland

* **Kendall Arthur Powell**
Sport Management
Batesburg, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

Quovardis Jose Ragland III
Commissioned - 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Army
Sport Management
Savannah, Georgia
MINORS: Military Science Leadership
AND Business Administration

Scott Thomas Reed
Business Administration
Whitby, Ontario, CANADA
MINOR: Sport Management

Devon Rashaad Rice
Physical Education: Leisure Services
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Nestor Nunez Rodriguez
Digital Marketing AND Graphic Design
Madrid, SPAIN
MINOR: Business Administration

Adam Chase Rogers
Exercise Science
Sumter, South Carolina

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Ashlee Nicole Rotert
Interdisciplinary: Elementary Education AND
Physical Education
Chester, Maryland

Nicholas Tavani Ruhl
Digital Marketing
Middletown, Delaware

Shield Stewart Sawyer
Business Administration
Newberry, South Carolina
MINORS: History AND Political Science

Marcel Schomburg
Exercise Science
Bingen, GERMANY

Jamie Smith
Business Administration
Ipswich, ENGLAND

Ryan James Smith
Sport Management
Newberry, South Carolina

Tyla Stolberg
Physical Education: Teacher Certification
Sinnamon Park, Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Brock Jeremy Earl Strong
Business Administration
Newberry, South Carolina

Sean Nicholas Swaringer
Exercise Science
Manning, South Carolina

* **Fletcher Daniel Swindall**
Sport Management
Alexandria, Alabama
MINOR: Business Administration

Kedarius Nyquan Tate
Business Administration
Anderson, South Carolina

Christopher Allen McKithen Taylor Jr.
Physical Education: Leisure Services
Florence, South Carolina

Emily Abigayle Thoms
Early Childhood Education
Mayo, South Carolina

* **Tyler Ray Tuck**
Interdisciplinary: Exercise Science AND Sport Management
Liberty, South Carolina

Jackson James Von Eschen
Physical Education: Teacher Certification
Sayville, New York

* **Jamaal Washington**
Business Administration
Beech Island, South Carolina

Tommy Woodrow Washington Jr.
Sport Management
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Rebecca Loraine Watson
Elementary Education
Aiken, South Carolina

❖ **Avery Webb**
Biology
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

Shanna Faith Wicker
Elementary Education
Little Mountain, South Carolina

Courtney Marie Wilson
Early Childhood Education
Newberry, South Carolina

Ryder Mason Wishart
Sport Management
Moncks Corner, South Carolina
MINOR: Business Administration

BACHELOR OF NURSING

Kaylyn Aliene Herlong
Nursing
Batesburg, South Carolina

Maddison Grace Higbe
Nursing
Prosperity, South Carolina

Miranda Louise Kirkley
Nursing
Irmo, South Carolina

Madison Taylor Mims
Nursing
Columbia, South Carolina

Hannah Macy Murray
Nursing
Monroe, Georgia

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Olubunmi Daniel Oluwarotimi

Nursing
Lagos, NIGERIA

Sarah Adriana Elizabeth Peake

Nursing
Elgin, South Carolina

Emily Ann Salisbury

Nursing
Fort Mill, South Carolina

Mattie Rachel Turner

Nursing
Ninety Six, South Carolina

Tiffani Alyssa Tutt

Nursing
Evans, Georgia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Lisa Maria Collins

Respiratory Therapy
Columbia, South Carolina

Lashunda D. Evans

Respiratory Therapy
Lexington, South Carolina

Sherman Maurice Manning

Respiratory Therapy
Florence, South Carolina

Jill Kelly Peake

Respiratory Therapy
Elgin, South Carolina

Benjamin Zack Rikard

Respiratory Therapy
Whitmire, South Carolina

Victoria Whitfield

Respiratory Therapy
Saluda, South Carolina

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Samantha LaRue Grovenstein

Organizational Development and Leadership
Statesboro, Georgia

SENIOR COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

THE DR. L. GRADY COOPER AWARD

Each year, the senior class selects a student who best exemplifies the loyalty and devotion to Newberry College that Dr. L. Grady Cooper showed during his long tenure as Professor of Religion and Greek.

THE ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARD AND THE MARY MILDRED SULLIVAN AWARD

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award are given to the man and woman of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the President of the College, best exemplify the traits of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, individuals of faith, hope, and charity.

THE GEORGE B. CROMER AWARD

In memory of Dr. George B. Cromer, President of Newberry College from 1895-1904, the Class of 1938 first gave an award to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the faculty, exemplified the qualities of Dr. Cromer: academic excellence, leadership ability, and personal integrity.

BACHMAN HONOR SOCIETY

The Bachman Honor Society was founded on March 15, 1962, by a group of faculty who were members of Phi Beta Kappa and others who were deeply committed to fostering high standards of scholarship. The society is named for the Rev. John Bachman, D.D., churchman and scholar, and the main guiding force in the founding of Newberry College in 1856. Each year the Society inducts new members from the top eight percent of the senior class, as well as distinguished members of the faculty.

Robin Joshua Phillip Bedford
Giulia Bongiorno
Nastassia Chamoun
Hillary Martha Dana
Holly Megan Davies
Tyron Lorenzo Dennis
Haley Havermann
Emily Abigail Hughes

Emma Goldie Johnson
Timothy William Luker
Shield Sawyer
Marcel Schomburg
Shanna Faith Wicker
Courtney Marie Wilson
Dr. Carrie Caudill
Dr. Sara Peters

Drs. Maurice and Sandy Scherrens offer their heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates. The roses distributed at the entrance are their gift in honor of our newest alumni and of Mother's Day.

PLATFORM PARTY

Maurice W. Scherrens, Ed.D. President of Newberry College
Sidney H. Parrish Jr., Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Barry McClanahan, M.A. Vice President for Student Affairs
Robert O. Best '71 Chair, Newberry College Board of Trustees
Patrick J. Gagliano, M.F.A. Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
David W. Coffman '97, M.Div. Campus Pastor
John A. Lesaine '07, Ed.D. Faculty Marshal
Carrie Caudill, Ph.D. Faculty Marshal
Jessica Morton, M.Ed. Assistant Registrar

MUSIC

Newberry College Brass

Jerry V. Gatch, D.M.A., Director of Bands
Associate Professor of Music

TRUMPET

Carley D. Baird
D. IsaBelle Kneece
Wayne G. Belisle II
David M. Santiago, M.M.

HORN

Michael A. Tucker
Noah T. McCathern

TROMBONE

BreAnna M. Ford
TeOndrus C. Billie

EUPHONIUM

David J. Price

TUBA

Bryce W. Eubanks

HEARING INTERPRETER

Holly May, M.A., M.I.C. Certified Interpreter

FACULTY MARSHALS

John A. Lesaine '07, Ed.D. Associate Dean for Student-Athlete Success
Carrie Caudill, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Psychology

STUDENT MARSHALS

Student Marshals have achieved the highest scholarship ranking in their respective classes and serve as Marshals for one year.

FRESHMEN

Abigail Grooms
Dantzler Long

JUNIORS

Sara Bowers
Aidan Listermann
McGuire Raines
Brycen Shelley
Alexandrea Sullivan

HONORS

Cum Laude
3.5 GPA-3.74 GPA
on a 4.0 Scale

Magna Cum Laude
3.75 GPA-3.89 GPA
on a 4.0 Scale

Summa Cum Laude
3.9 GPA or higher
on a 4.0 Scale

DISTINGUISHED TRANSFER AND ONLINE STUDENT HONORS

30-55 credit hours
3.75 GPA on a 4.0 Scale

ACADEMIC HOODS FOR 2023 GRADUATES

Members of the graduating class receive academic hoods, similar to those worn by the faculty, as part of the commencement ceremony. These hoods, trimmed in white for the Bachelor of Arts degree, pink for the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees, gold for the Bachelor of Science degree, apricot for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, gold for the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy degree, and drab for the Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership degree, are lined with the Newberry College colors of scarlet and gray.

SUMMERLAND HONORS COMMUNITY

In the 1995-1996 academic year, a group of faculty and staff crafted a general honors program for Newberry College that is now called the Summerland Honors Community. The program is structured upon the theme Quest for Identity, exploring what it means to be human through a three-year, six-course sequence featuring interdisciplinary seminars, each of which focuses on a particular aspect of the human story. Newberry College is very proud to honor this year's students who will carry the distinction of being graduates of the Summerland Honors Community.

SAFETY STATEMENT

For safety purposes, all guests are required to remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony. Please do not leave your seat to take photographs of your graduate. This blocks other guests from being able to see the platform clearly and creates a personal hazard.

Professionals are in place to photograph all graduates. Each graduate will be contacted by email so that proofs may be viewed and ordered.

In case of emergency, follow the directions of Newberry College Chief of Security, Paul Whitman. Please remain in your seats after the recessional until dismissed by a member of the platform party.

Disclaimer

This program contains the most accurate graduation information available at present time. Appearance of a Degree Candidate's name in the program is presumptive evidence of graduation and graduation honors, but it must not be regarded as conclusive. The signed and sealed diploma of Newberry College remains the official testimony of the possession of a degree. This program has the Graduation Candidates for spring 2023 and summer 2023.



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