FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Finger Lakes
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Success. It’s In Our Nature.
Welcome to the 48th commencement ceremony of Finger Lakes Community College. This is an exciting day! I hope you will always remember with pride your traditional walk across the stage in front of family, friends and professors to receive your hard-earned recognition as a college graduate.

When all is said and done, your college experience, more than anything, is about the people you meet and the lessons you learn; not just the coursework, but the life lessons: the value of hard work and the realization that you can accomplish more than you ever thought possible with guidance and support from your professors, advisors, family and friends.

All too soon, today’s ceremony will be over and everyone will ask, “What are you going to do next?”

I hope you never tire of questions about what’s next. Think about it this way: People are asking because they expect you to have an answer. They have seen your success in getting your associate degree or certificate. Those closest to you watched you reach other goals along the way: Dean’s list, a scholarship, a winning season, a personal best, an A on that final project, a passing grade on the hardest class you ever took.

“What are you going to do next?” is a hopeful question. It is a sign that others take an interest in you and have confidence in you. Please count me among them. Whatever is “next” for you, may you embrace the future with confidence, enthusiasm and joy.

Congratulations to all of our 2016 graduates!
Gail O. Mellow
President, LaGuardia Community College
2016 FLCC Commencement Speaker

Since 2000, Dr. Gail O. Mellow has served as the president of LaGuardia Community College in Queens. LaGuardia serves more than 50,000 students and is one of the most ethnically diverse campuses in the U.S.

Since Dr. Mellow joined LaGuardia, the college was named one of the Top Three Large Community Colleges by the Community College Survey of Student Engagement in 2003 and was awarded the prestigious 2006 MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Award for Service to Underserved Students.

An expert on the history, development and future of the American community college, Dr. Mellow co-authored *Minding the Dream: The Process and Practice of the American Community College* and the new book *Taking College Teaching Seriously: Pedagogy Matters!* She is frequently sought as a commentator on the changing landscape of higher education, strategies for improving the nation’s graduation rate and the important role community colleges play in growing America’s middle class and strengthening the economy. She has been quoted in a range of publications, including *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* and has appeared on national radio and television broadcasts on NPR, MSNBC and PBS.

Dr. Mellow attended Finger Lakes Community College in fall 1974 and received an A.A. from Jamestown Community College, a B.A. from SUNY Albany, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in social psychology from George Washington University.

Dr. Mellow was presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award at last night’s FLCC Alumni Association Awards Celebration.
Order of Events
FLCC’s Forty-eighth Annual Commencement Ceremony

Processional  Selections by: The Bookworms
Led by: Geoff Smith, M.M., Professor of Music

The National Anthem*  The Star-Spangled Banner, Lyrics by: Francis Scott Key
Performed by members of the College Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Directed by: Ines Draskovic, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music

Invocation*  Lori K. Vail, M.A., M.L.A, Instructor of English

Welcome  Barbara G. Risser, Ed.D., President, Finger Lakes Community College

Greetings  Eileen “Izy” Grooms, M.A., R.D., Assistant Professor of Biology
Devin M. Armstrong, President, FLCC Student Corporation

Commencement Address  Gail O. Mellow, Ph.D., President, LaGuardia Community College

Presentation and Announcing of Candidates  Kristen Fragnoli, M.A., Provost, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
Kimberly A. Wager, M.S., Associate Professor of Mathematics

Awarding of Degrees  Barbara G. Risser, Ed.D.
Kelly LaVoie ’96, President, CCFL/FLCC Alumni Association
Donna Mihalik, Chair, FLCC Board of Trustees
**Alma Mater**
Performed by members of the College Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Directed by: Ines Draskovic, D.M.A.
Accompanist: David R. McGuire, Ph.D., Professor of Music

**Benediction**
Lori K. Vail, M.A., M.L.A.

**Recessional**
Selections by: The Bookworms

We ask guests in the audience to remain seated until after the recessional.
Please stand for all events with an asterisk (*).

The College and the Class of 2016 request the honor of your presence at a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Finger Lakes Café on the second floor of the Student Center.

The 2016 Commencement ceremony may be viewed on Finger Lakes Television, the public access station on Time Warner Cable, May 28 at 8 a.m. and May 29 at 2 p.m.

Please note: Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not confirm that a student has earned his/her degree. Degrees are conferred after the student's final grades have been verified and issued by the institution. The Commencement program includes the names of students who are completing, or who anticipate completing, all degree requirements between August 2015 and August 2016.

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Today's graduates are now members of the FLCC Alumni Association and qualify for alumni benefits. We encourage you to volunteer, support a scholarship fund or simply share your FLCC story. Learn more at give.flcc.edu. Tell us what is happening in your life at alumni@flcc.edu.

ARC’s College Experience

Ontario ARC’s College Experience gives individuals with developmental disabilities an opportunity to develop skills that will prepare them for employment and help them achieve greater independence. Finger Lakes Community College and Hobart and William Smith Colleges serve as the learning environments for Ontario ARC’s program.

Students in the College Experience can join the campus community by taking part in athletics, clubs, classes and special events. The program helps students establish goals and make meaningful life choices. This year’s graduates are Anthony James D'Aurizio, Orin Levi Rivenburg, Lindsey Arsenault and Michael Anthony Yannotti.
Candidates for Graduation
Associate in Arts Degrees

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Nancy Ann Ahl-Tuccio
Tasia L. Allen
Dorren Yusuf Allen-Carr
Erica Yasmin Andrus
Brett Arcidiacono
Nicolette Elizabeth Aruck
Rachel E. Atkins
Robin Marie Bakos
Alise M. Bamonto
Christina M. Barnhart
Audra Laine Beechler
Brody Beechner
Tyler T. Benjamin

Associate in Arts Degrees

(P) Natatyana J. E. Conner
Sydnee Helen Cook
(P) Jonathan E. Coyle
(Humanities Track)
Cassandra Anne Cronin
Lisa M. Cummings
(P) Suzanne M. Custer
Kendall Lisa Cyr
(P) Michelle L. D'Arduini
Nicholas C. Darby
Mara Catherine Darling
Samantha Marie Davis
Kelly N. DeConinck
Morgan Eileen DeFisher
Pamela A. DePauw
Carli F. DeRosa
Kylie Morgan DeWilde
Courtney Leeann Dean
Shannon K. Delcour
(P) Colin M. Delgado
Austin Joseph Deuschle
Marissa A. DiGrazio
Kimberly Anne DiRienzo
Bridget L. Dugan
(P) Dakota Kaine Earl
Brian Eddington
Nicholas J. Elsloo
Pamela D. Enos
Mary Louise Erb
Todd Lloyd Erb
Megan A. Falkey
Melissa A. Farrell
Meghan M. Fellows
Christopher R. Ferrante
Dionne E. Freelove
Jessica Faye Frink
Kiera A. Futch

(C) Danielle Elizabeth Brown
Tyrone Brown
Sadie Marie Burgess
Yexenia Burgos
Katie Mae Campano
Sean C. Carbonell
Megan Victoria Cavalier
Sarah Ann Claeyksen
Stephanie Lynn Clintsman
Jacob Sheldon Collier
Chloe R. Collins
Michelle H. Collins

(P) Casey B. Gerstner
Amanda Marie Gobeyn
(P) Megan S. Godlewski
Nicole Grace Goulette
Angela M. Griffin
Todd R. Habberefield
Rebecca S. Hagoood
Devan R. Halton
Jake C. Hanson
Maeghan Elizabeth Harrison
Carl M. Hartwell
Whitney Larisa Harvey
Emily K. Henderson
Bailey Marcéa Hernandez
Christopher C. Hopkins
Johnathan A. Hyde
Johnal S. Jackson
Benjamin C. Jacobs

(P) Shani M. Jerome
Andrew B. Johnson
Cole A. Johnson
Darlene Elizabeth Johnson
Olivia R. Kachel

(P, C) Kristen Lei Karam
Brittanie Christina Keller
Amanda N. King
Jessica E. Kniffin
Amy B. LaBombard
Alyssa Catherine Lannou
Lacey Jae Lapresi
Cassidy Jane Lawrence
Gabrielle Louise LeClair
Rebecca E. Leistman
Tahaj Shyquann Lewis
Alison Louise Lindsey
Angela Liu

(P, H) Anne Eloise Livingston
(P) Patricia A. Loiacono
Aubrey Lynn Loquasto

(P) Efrain E. Lugo
My connection with the staff and faculty at FLCC has grown into a family-like relationship. And, the academic and leadership opportunities I’ve had here have played a major role in my character development and success. I served on the Campus Activities Board and participated in AALANA, an organization that represents the college’s African-American, Latino, Asian and Native American populations. I also represented the student body on a committee to find a new staff member, and more recently, I served on the committee in charge of the search for a new college president. I am grateful and honored to have been part of this successful and loving college.

Dorren Allen-Carr
A Place to Grow
Candidates for Graduation
Associate in Science Degrees

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Rachel L. Andrus (P)
Courtney L. Baldwin (P)
Marina T. Beach (P)
Brittany Amber Bennett (P)
Tessa N. Borba (P)
Cassidy L. Bosch (P)
Khadesha Bryant (P)
Vanessa Louise Buskey
Samantha Erin Clark (P)
Valerie Cray
Micailah E. D’Arduini
Alexa M. Drier
Matthew G. Dryer
Katherine Elizabeth Erdle
Brooke N. Ficarella
Erika Jazmin Flores Medina (P)
Caitlin Marie Fox (P)
Kerri L. Gee
Tanya L. Geer
Allie K. Gleason
Amanda Lynn Gualtieri (P)
Jodi Lynn Guerrieri (P)
Brandon D. Gulledge (P)
Brian S. Harr
Amy J. Harvey
J. Keenan B. Hazen
Megan R. Howell (P)
Elena Sofia Jackson
Andrew C. Johnson (P)
Ethan Kahler Kennedy (P)
Hope Christine Knope (P)
Jordan N. Lunser (P)
Kelly J. Maher
Elizabeth R. Martens
Jamie N. Morris
Angela J. Mowry
Aidan M. Nicolai
Travis R. North
Robert O’Brien
Hallie Marie Ordway
Bridget A. Osterhout
Gabrielle M. Parrow
Meghan A. Patchen
Stephanie K. Payne
Devlin M. Peck
Alyssa A. Peters
Aaron W. Pirwitz
Alyssa Elizabeth Porter
Rachel Rasmussen
Jacob T. Reeder
Stephanie M. Rodriguez
Samuel W. Rollo
John K. Rowlands
Amy Marie Ryan
(Mathematics Track)
Jordan A. Sabin
Leeann Marie Schultheis
McKenzie L. Serens
Caroline Salia Sharza
Caitlyn June Smith (P)
Meghan T. Smith
Kristen Michelle St.Jean
Sara Grace Stella
Jonathon K. Stutes
Joshua Michael Thorp
Kristopher M. Tones
Tomasina Mia Trank
Leah M. Van Son
Amanda Lynn Webb
Chase M. Weber
Austin J. Weimar
Sara Eileen Werdein
Krystal A. West
Gabrielle N. Wilkins
Paige A. Williams
Ariel M. Wood
Emelina Christine Yost
Biotechnology

(P) Christopher C. Beeney
(P) Brian Joseph Lafferty
(P) Laura L. Luchene-Beland

Business Administration

Cody R. Barkley (A,P)
Rae Lynn Biehl
Shane M. Bremer
Shantell Shaneice Burwell
Matthew Carey (A,P)
Patrick Thomas Climie
Tyler S. Cummings
Jeremy P. Dammeyer
Peter W. Daum
Amber Katherine DeWeaver
Brandon M. Dickson
Amalia Mary Dolley
Devin J. Egan
Wesley A. Elling
William L. Gales
Jeremy A. Garnish (A,P)
Kassandra Ashley Gibbons
Ryan J. Hamilton
John P. Grande
John E. Green, Jr.
(P) Victor Charles Gurba
(P) Jackman Q. Jacobs
Axl J. Joram
Kortni A. Klug
Mollie Elizabeth Lawton
Deborah M. Lester
Christopher M. Lindsay
Benjamin Troy Lowe
Monica Sierra Martinez
Rachel E. Maslyn (A,P)
Nicholas A. Mastrolonardo
Jacob P. Mercer
Alexander S. Merrell
Kaillin M. Milella
Amanda M. Monachino
Nathaniel Evan Murad (P)
Jackson Thomas Negley
Ryan Patrick O’Dea

Patrick Climie

Big aspirations

I moved to the Finger Lakes from Michigan after an unsuccessful stint in college. I enrolled at FLCC after I met John Cromartie, the administrator of the Geneva Campus Center: He was so positive and welcoming, I knew that it was the right place for me. I knew I was smart and capable, but for some reason I didn’t believe in myself. When others like John started to believe in me, I knew that I could do anything I set my mind to. They recommended me for scholarships, introduced me to transfer counselors, and had me consider schools of a higher level. My path became richer and more fulfilling than I ever could have imagined.
## Candidates for Graduation

### Associate in Applied Science Degrees

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I was a stay-at-home mom and a waitress, but I always wanted to be a nurse. I never thought I could do it, but I decided to start taking classes when my five children got older. I transferred to FLCC because it was close and convenient. Everyone in the nursing program was extremely helpful! This is going to change our lives.
Candidates for Graduation
Associate in Applied Science Degrees (Continued)

Mechanical Technology
Zachary R. Thompson
Dylan M. Webster

Natural Resources Conservation
Chase R. F. Amrhein
Gabriel Charles Appleton
Chelsea Jeanne Bartlett
Caleb Z. Bryant
Karley Mae Bush
Elizabeth Grace Curran
Phillip M. Hammond
Shanty Lynn Hawke
Corey Allen Hurley
Zachary R. Jadus
Jacob Michael Maslyn
Robert Aulden McLean
Bree Minges
Michael S. Naples
Devan R. Sutton
Pamela B. Webb
(A,P) Reneé E. Wickman

Paralegal
Jennifer Christine Carrier
Taylor Nichole Farrell
Ashley Jean Grisewood
Diane Lynne Guererrri
Maggie Ryan McDonald
(A,P) Elia K. Mezger
(P) Luke W. Murray
Ashley N. Piano
Saasha Nicole Scott
Dawnelle Lyn VanAmburg
Jayna L. Wagner
(A,P) Kelly Nicole Wright

Registered Nursing
Dana Calista Abbott
Sharry Lynn Ames
Ashley E. Arnold
Ashley E. Ashe
Allison E. Austin
Sarah Jane Belonga
Anna C. Bennett
Jordan Elizabeth Boylan
Susan Leigh Brede
Samatha F. Brown
Alyssa Ann Ciaito
Kelly A. Clarke
Alexandra Michelle Crist
Elizabeth A. Cushman
Holly DeGraw
Brittany Anne Dockum
Erica June Feldman
(Tawnett R. Felton
Maria Louise Fratangelo
Tammy A. Frawley
Sophia Maria Goluses
Brittany A. Goodale
Charlotte S. Haws
Breana Raelene Himes
Martha Ann Hoh
Meaghan Hummel
Dawn M. Kneut
Jillian Rae Kubasik
Tanya Leigh Lent
Melissa K. Lohnes
Danita M. Mann
Michelle Lynn Markle
Amanda Kay Matt
Samantha Jo McCollister
Shannon L. Miller
Jacqueline E. Monk
Nicole Alana Northrup
Cortney E. O'Connell
Terri-Lynn O'Gara
Dylaini Marie Papke
Steven J. Philp, Jr.
LisaMarie Pilo
Jillian Marissa Pitkin
Rianna Rose Prine
Vanessa S. Riley
Maureen C. Schmidt
Krystal L. Speed
Jacob G. Spencer
Jennifer L. Taylor
Maureen Leigh Tese
Sarah Grace Traugher
Layla M. Troyer
Tuyet Khanh Truong
Hunter M. Wasdin
Nichole A. White

Therapeutic Massage/
Integrated Health Care
(P) Anne K. Chilson
Veronica L. Chilson
Tattiana S. Couser
Laura Madison Dunning
Matthew R. Fuller
Alyssa M. Matteson
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(P) Caitlin Mae Boland
Patrick K. Carroll
Nicholas Paul Dalrymple
Brian M. Dieter
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Candidates for Graduation
Certificates

Awards and Recognition
Congratulations to all the recipients!

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence
Kellie Damann '16
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SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Mary Coriale, Professor of Nursing
Bruce Gilman, Professor of Environmental Conservation and Horticulture

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
James Hewlett, Professor of Biology

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Robert Lowden, Athletics Director

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service
Karen A. Hopkins, Executive Secretary to the President

FLCC Distinguished Alumni Award
Gail O. Mellow
Jack Moran '79

Outstanding Horticulture
Jeffrey R. Standish '08

Outstanding Computer Science
Kris R. Nettin '00

Outstanding Humanities
David L. Keefe, Jr. '70

Outstanding Nursing
Cathern “Cathy” F. Boylan ’92

CCFL/FLCC Exceptional Service Award
Louise Mulvaney,
Professor of English (retired)

Legend of Symbols Special recognition and honors

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(P) Phi Theta Kappa (C) Nominee for the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

* Veteran graduates can be identified by the red, white and blue cords worn over the gown.
Half-century of FLCC

In less than two years, FLCC will mark the 50th anniversary of the first day of classes on Feb. 1, 1968. A total of 125 full- and part-time students began taking courses in downtown Canandaigua storefronts. It would be another seven years before FLCC had its own campus on Lincoln Hill.

FLCC began marking milestones along the way to our 50th anniversary last fall, with a celebration to mark the Ontario County Board of Supervisors vote to create a college on Sept. 16, 1965. The first board of trustees met on Nov. 14, 1966, and the college got its first name, Community College of the Finger Lakes, on March 27, 1967.

Anyone interested in getting involved in events related to the 50th anniversary can contact Amy Pauley, executive director of the FLCC Foundation, at Amy.Pauley@flcc.edu. Anyone interested in sharing photos or other materials about college history, should contact Lenore Friend, director of community affairs, at Lenore.Friend@flcc.edu.

Geneva Campus Center

The College recently marked the final phase in FLCC’s eight-year expansion and renovation plan with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the FLCC Geneva Campus Center at 63 Pulteney Street. The 32,000-square-foot center has nine general classrooms, two computer labs, one biology/chemistry lab and dedicated rooms for emergency medical service courses, certified nurse assistant training and adult literacy programs.

The completion of the Geneva Campus Center follows the construction of the FLCC Viticulture and Wine Center in Geneva, the expansion and renovation of the main campus in Canandaigua, the addition of a biology lab at the Wayne County Campus Center, the addition of the East Hill Campus in Naples, and the opening of the Victor Campus Center.

Academic Regalia

History and explanation

Academic regalia – the cap, gown and hood – is higher education’s link with its long and illustrious past. Regalia indicates the academic degree earned by the wearer. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves. The master’s gown has notched slits in the sleeves through which the forearms protrude. The doctor’s gown is distinguished by the three horizontal velvet bars on the large, bell-shaped sleeves, and the doctor’s cap is round. Additionally, the colors of the hood lining represent the degree-granting institution, and the color of the border indicates the academic field in which the degree was earned:

- Agriculture ................................... Maize
- Arts, Letters and Humanities ..................... White
- Business Administration .......................... Drab
- Economics ..................................... Copper
- Education ..................................... Light Blue
- Engineering .................................... Orange
- Fine Arts ..................................... Brown
- Forestry ....................................... Russet
- Law ........................................... Purple
- Library Science ................................ Lemon
- Medical Technology ............................... Green
- Music .......................................... Pink
- Nursing ........................................ Apricot
- Philosophy ..................................... Blue
- Physical Science, Natural Science and Mathematics. ............................ Golden Yellow
- Social Science .................................. Citron
- Theology ...................................... Scarlet
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Alma Mater
Written and scored
May 2008

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Finger Lakes Community the College we hold dear.
Our memories of learning years in heart and mind stay clear.

VERSE
Our college stands upon a hill
Where skills and learning strive
To aid all students mightily
To keep their dreams alive.

VERSE
Below our school there shines a lake;
Remembrances it sends
Of those we met and won't forget,
Our teachers and new friends.

LYRICS WRITTEN BY ELAINE LOMBER
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