



Commencement

MAY 7, 2023 | 2:30 P.M.

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Message from the President



President Randy K. Avent holds a Ph.D. in biomedical mathematics and engineering from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has two master's degrees, one in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University and the other in biomedical mathematics and engineering from the University of North Carolina. His bachelor's degree is in zoology from the University of North Carolina. Avent is also a 2005 graduate of the Greater Boston Executive Program at MIT's Sloan School of Management.

Dear Graduates,

I'm proud to extend to you my deepest congratulations for earning your Florida Polytechnic University degree. Today marks the culmination of a very important chapter of your life full of hard work, dedication, and determination. On behalf of the entire University, we congratulate you on completing your degree and opening the door to the promise of a bright future.

The degree you receive today will provide you with a lifetime of benefits and pride. Your success shows the world that you can not only take on the challenges of a rigorous STEM degree, but that you can thrive while doing so with grace and tenacity.

Today, we honor and celebrate you. As you begin the next phase of your lives, we are sure that you will do great things and accomplish much in the coming years. I urge you to embrace the joys and hurdles along the way, applying your knowledge and experience to improve your workplaces, your communities, and our world.

I share your pride and excitement for the achievements we celebrate today and hope you will always feel welcome on our campus, and that you will stay connected to us now that you are part of our growing alumni community.

It has been my honor to watch you work hard and do what sometimes may have felt impossible. I extend to you my very best wishes as you go forth to meet the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy K. Avent

President

Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

University Choir

as directed by Dr. Maryann Brilleslyper

WELCOME

Dr. Randy K. Avent

STUDENT ADDRESS

Magelee Cortes '23

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ambassador (ret.) Thomas Dougherty

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Student Speaker



Magelee (Maggie) Cortes '23 graduates Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Business Analytics with a concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Cortes, who is from Lake Alfred, Florida is the first in her family to graduate from college.

Throughout her time at Florida Poly, Cortes maintained steady involvement in the Presidential Ambassador program, where she served as the recruitment coordinator and vice-chair for two consecutive years and worked as an Admissions Ambassador.

Cortes is a servant leader who used her time at Florida Poly to make an impact on others by always providing a helping hand and a word of encouragement to those around her.

For fun, Cortes participated in the Women's Powerlifting Team and competed in the 2022 USAPL Florida Collegiate State Championships.

During her time at Florida Poly, Cortes also completed two corporate internships. She worked as a supply chain intern at W.S. Badcock and as a purchasing analyst intern at Publix Super Markets in 2022.

Over the course of her senior year, she continued working at Publix as a part-time purchasing analyst and has accepted a full-time position with Publix post-graduation.

Commencement Speaker



Ambassador (ret) Thomas Dougherty has been the Warburg Chair in International Relations at Simmons University in Boston since July 2021.

A career Foreign Service Officer for more than 27 years, he served in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Australia, and Washington. He was U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso, and served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Australia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Malawi. Other overseas assignments were in Senegal, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), Eritrea, Germany, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, and Iraq where he was Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs. In Washington he was Director of West African Affairs and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Africa Bureau.

Upon retiring from the State Department, he was executive director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission from 2016-2021. During his tenure, the Australian program more than tripled in size, thanks to over \$50 million in new philanthropic funding.

A Fulbright awardee himself in Indonesia and Singapore, he has taught at the University of Wyoming and at international schools in Belgium and Switzerland. A graduate of Brown University, he did postgraduate work in Italy and California. His foreign languages are German, French, Italian, and some Arabic. He is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, and is a board member of AGE (Advancing Girls Education) Africa.

University Seal & Mace



The Florida Polytechnic University seal was created and approved in 2014 by the University's first president, Randy K. Avent, and the Board of Trustees. The outer ring highlights the name of the University with an inner circle of ribbon featuring the founding principles of engineering, technology, and industry. The seal's interior depicts the Phoenix, Florida Poly's mascot, with four distinct wings to represent the University's all-STEM degree focus of science, technology, engineering, and math. Resting on the wings of the Phoenix is the

The Florida Polytechnic University mace symbolizes the University's governing authority and leads the faculty in the academic procession at commencement and other significant ceremonial occasions. The staff of the mace is adorned with five metal segments symbolizing the five lakes that prominently comprise the center of campus, forming its backbone. The symbolic lakes lead to the head of the mace where a medallion depicts the Information, Science, and Technology (IST)

University's core academic rigor divided into three sections. In the upper left section is a sine wave icon, which is a mathematical curve, representing applied sciences and engineering. An icon of a gearwheel in the upper right section, represents the engagement of multiple components working together to achieve the same objective, a collaboration of our students and faculty. At the base, an icon of an integral is featured to represent mathematics, which is the foundational knowledge required for all STEM degrees.

building, the University's first academic building and one of the most iconic and world-renowned buildings in all of higher education, representing the strong foundation on which the University is built. Also at the head of the mace is the University seal, which symbolizes the institution's authority to bestow knowledge, and ultimately, degree conferral upon our students. The mace head is topped with a flame to symbolize the everlasting fire that fuels each Phoenix to achieve, innovate, and inspire.

Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Kevan Baker ³	Henry Nguyen ⁴
Samuel de Oliveira ³	Rafael Nunez ⁴
Steven Gold Felker ³	Alexander George Perera ³
Yordanos Jewani ³	Nickolas Van Phan ³
Riley Charles Kiefer ³	Colter Roche ³
Chinmoy Modak ²	Isabel Zimmerman ³
Emmanuel Nelson ²	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

Paul Alexander Dubois ⁴	Mohammad Juma ⁴
Susmitha Reddy Gopavaram ³	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Skyler Rain Batteiger ¹	Edwin Maldonado ³
Jean Doia Moreno Bezerra ³	Dipayan Mazumder ³
Susmitha Cherreddy ²	Isha E. Ruiz-Candelario ²
Charisma Clarke ³	Aamar Shabir ³
Mithun Datta ³	S M Shakil ³
Anthony Diaz ³	Troy Sanjai Sieusankar ³
Bryan Seth Gilliam ⁴	Manuel Soler-Davila ⁴
Michael J. Haman ³	Alexandre Viana Trein ³
Andrew J. Haskell ⁴	Ian Ellis Trunk ⁵
Manuel Heriberto Jimenez Vizcaino ³	

* *Cum Laude* | ** *Magna Cum Laude* | *** *Summa Cum Laude*

Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Jake Greenberg⁴

Robert Christian Thompson²

Tom Mann⁴

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Alexandra Desaulniers^{3*}

David T. Schindler³

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Ben Benyehuda^{2*}

Joseph Tyler Parra⁴

Ryan Joseph Bogdanowicz³

Malcolm Pinkston-Jones³

Michael Connor Cassidy²

Adriana Pinto^{3*}

Dylan Christensen³

Bruce Roger Rodriguez³

Magelee Cortes^{3**}

Andrea Skvarova³

Donavan Dodson³

William Viherek Jr.²

Erick James Gaikowski²

Alden Westfall³

John Scott Levitt Jr.³

Danielle Nicole Williams³

Ian McLennan³

Jasmine A. Williams³

Sulman Mohamed³

Logan Zorrilla⁵

Conner Frederick Murphy^{3*}

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Catherine Flore Abraham³

Matthew Doyon³

Seth Beckman⁴

Bryan Garcia Rodriguez²

Amanda Coleman³

Shane Raposo Holmes^{3**}

Grayson Dannecker³

Juhyung Kim^{3**}

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Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING (CONT.)

Gustavo E. Maldonado Iglesias³

Jordan Schott³

Lily Nikitin³

Alexander Vasta³

Alan Platt³

Lief Daniel Watts²

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ben Adams³

Travis DiDonato⁴

Gabriel Allison³

Benjamin Esmá Dinal^{2*}

Andrew David Arnold III³

Christopher Duclos³

Alexander Bertholf³

Trevor Michael Eckhoff³

Ramnik Kaur Bharath²

Jack Thomas Edwards^{3*}

Aaron Bias^{3***}

William Andres Feucht³

John Joseph Bodoh^{3***}

Logan Fields⁴

Benjamin Thomas Bowman³

Cameron Fisher^{3*}

Jasmine Brown³

Kaylee Funaro³

Jonathan Wesley Brown³

Joseph Giordano⁴

Clay Tyler Carter³

Amir Gonzalez³

Shawn Chouinard³

Adrian A. Gonzalez³

Noah Alexander Coley³

Jakob Guadagno³

Mathew Nicolas Columbo³

Jared Damian Fermin

Zachary Costa³

Hernandez Cintron³

Fernando Cuevas^{3*}

Jacob Reyes Ilas^{3*}

Nesreen Dalhy³

Braden Ireland^{3*}

Justine Kenji Dela Cruz^{3***}

Tyler Scott Jarboe^{3**}

Nicholas Alexander Dergins³

Baruch F. Kirby²

* *Cum Laude* | ** *Magna Cum Laude* | *** *Summa Cum Laude*

Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (CONT.)

David Kozdra ³	John Pita ³
Francis Elwood Krause ⁴	Andrew Michael Ponce ²
Braxton Kuder ^{3**}	Chad Nicholas Pool ³
Michael Thomas LaFollette ²	William Rhys Porter ²
Krister Joseph Lawlor ^{3*}	Caitlyn Puening ³
Scott Lovett ^{3*}	Travis Rau ^{3*}
Rosely Machado ⁴	Richard Raybon ^{3*}
Ethan Michael Marshall ³	Cade Matthew Riley ^{3*}
Maximillian Martins ³	Angel F. Rivera ⁴
Brandon Jacob McFarland ³	Keith Roberts ^{2*}
Orion Mendes ²	Jack Nathan Rogers ⁴
Joshua Merritt ³	Charlie David Ross Jr. ³
Pablo Mesa ⁴	Nicholas Rossano ³
Phillip Morriscal ³	Andrew Isaac Shepard ³
Christian Moticska ³	Dominique Shim ^{3*}
Joshua Murphy ^{3**}	Damar Sierra ^{3*}
Vincent Ly Nguyen ³	Michael Smith ³
Jackson Darby Nunley ^{3*}	Maia Solomon ⁴
P Britnie Ojie-Ahamiojie ^{3*}	Mykell Wade Spencer ^{3*}
Jacob Olinger ²	Casey B. St Pierre ³
Corey Michael Palmateer ³	Nicholas Jeffrey Stafford ³
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Tiffany Peck ³	Solomon Lee Storts ^{3***}
Edan Fabio Phillip ³	Jacob Strayer ²

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Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (CONT.)

Nelson Suarez ³	Thomas Ward ³
Sterling Swope ³	Steven Whitfield ³
Gabriel Amorim Tavares ³	Alexander Whitworth ³
Julianne Torres ²	Timothy Jonathan Wigginton ^{2*}
Jerren Trifan ³	Dustin D. Wikoff ³
Cameron J. Ugi ⁴	Philip Christopher Wilson ^{3*}
Constantine Peter Varelas ³	U-Genie Yang ³
Noel Vazquez ⁴	Ricardo Zuniga ²
Austin Joseph Viens-DeRuisseau ^{2*}	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

Ahna Cecil ^{3*}	Isabella Morales ³
Graham Gilbert ³	Cole Young ⁴
Sydney Lieske ³	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

James Keller Andrews ²	Pearson L. Harris ^{3*}
Bruce Cheung ³	Cole Russell Helley ³
Patrick R. Coley ³	Timothy Lawrence Honeycutt III ³
Timothy Max Connally ³	Paul Edward Loyd ²
Spencer Fitzgerald ^{3*}	Diego Rosario ³
Noble Frazier ^{2*}	Bobby Theodosiadis ⁴
William Cole Friend ³	Dimitris Vasilakis ³
Christopher James Gragg ⁴	Kendrick Washington ³

** Cum Laude | ** Magna Cum Laude | *** Summa Cum Laude*

Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Joseph Pusateri⁴

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Matthew Spencer Brown³

Angelina Di Fiore³

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Jabari Akil Acre³

Joshua Meador^{2*}

Bredi Aranya³

Demetreas Medina²

Ryan A. Brown³

Jack Mistarz³

Patrick Matthew Cole^{3***}

Alexander Christian Nees³

Austin Coley³

Arthur Thomas Neudek⁴

Anthony Cruz³

Kel Nielsen³

Christopher Dardich³

Timothy Nolan III^{3**}

Trace Presley Donnelly^{3*}

Rory O'Connor²

Robert Christopher Gleason³

Berthe Andrea Onana³

Joshua Tobe Jordan Hammel³

Jaleel Jesus Padin Rodriguez³

Samantha Hepler³

Daniel Page²

Eugene Kolibas⁴

Rylee Pilar³

Juliana Laurin²

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Taryn Jewell McCain³

Christopher Wade Roberts Jr.³

Christian McGrath⁴

Stephen Silman²

Steven Mckittrick³

Gabriel Ethan Sladeczek³

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Graduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (CONT.)

Anna Leigh Swanson³

Connor Lowrey Tomihiro³

Oscar Ronnay Tavera³

Shannon Zoltek^{3*}

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