

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
MAY 21, 2022**



**Vaughn**College  
of aeronautics and technology



*The Board of Trustees,  
President  
and Faculty  
Welcome Graduates,  
Family and Friends  
to  
Vaughn College's  
Commencement Exercises  
May 21, 2022*

## **THE FLAG**

Vaughn College has flag colors of burgundy with white lettering.

## **ACADEMIC HERALDRY**

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at college and university functions dates to the Middle Ages, when they were first worn by monks and students for warmth in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning. Through the years, their style and color have come to represent specific meanings.

Gowns for the bachelor's degree have a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front, and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and is primarily distinguished by its long pointed sleeves.

The gown for the master's degree has the same yoke effect as that of the bachelor's but is designed so that it may be worn open or closed. The back of the sleeve is oblong and cut square with the front part carrying a cutaway arc.

Gowns for the doctoral degree are also worn open or closed. They have long velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

The caps usually are mortarboards in shape. Caps can be of serge, broadcloth, cotton, rayon or silk, and for the doctoral cap only, of velvet. The tassel of the doctoral cap can be of gold thread.

The hood gives color and definitive meaning to the academic regalia and signals the rich educational diversity of an institution. The hood is of varying sizes for the degree earned and is made of material to match the gown. It is lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of the proper width and color to indicate the field of learning.

The Board of Trustees, as the governing body of the College, wears doctoral gowns with velvet panels down the front that represent the institution of service, at Vaughn the color is burgundy. The President wears a doctoral gown either from the degree earned or similar to the Board. The President is distinguished by the chain of office worn atop the gown. The faculty and administrators wear gowns representing the highest degree earned.

## **ATTIRE OF THE GRADUATES**

Traditionally, student robes are black.

Associate graduates will wear a small black hood accented in the College colors of burgundy and white. Bachelor's graduates will wear hoods that are lined in burgundy and white. The velvet border on the hood of undergraduates is golden yellow, symbolic of the technology degree. Master's graduates will likewise wear hoods that are lined in burgundy and white. The velvet border on the hood of graduate candidates is drab, symbolic of the business or management degree.

## **COLOR CORDS**

Graduates who have completed their degrees with academic honors are attired with cords: Bronze cords are cum laude; silver cords are magna cum laude; and gold cords are summa cum laude.

## **STOLE**

Graduates who are active members of Vaughn chapters of national professional organizations, may wear stoles.

## **MEDALS/PINS**

Graduates may wear medals and/or pins that have been given to them at previous academic ceremonies.

## **VETERANS**

Vaughn has received federal distinction for our service to Veterans. Graduates may wear tassels in the colors of the American flag, red, white, and blue.

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND  
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT  
DONOVAN RICHARDS**

Donovan Richards '12, lifelong resident of Southeast Queens and Vaughn alumnus, has been the Queens Borough President since 2020.

Richards got his start in politics after a tragedy inspired him to get more involved in his community and join the fight to end gun violence. He worked in numerous positions within the city council where he connected with the community and developed a hands on approach to helping constituents.

In 2011, Richards became the chief of staff for New York City Councilman James Sanders, Jr. Soon after, Richards was appointed chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection.

This knowledge was crucial in getting him elected to the city council in 2013. As Queens Borough President, Donovan is leading the efforts to revitalize our great borough and make it one which works for all of its residents and workers.

Donovan attended Jamaica High School and Redemption Christian Academy before studying communications, radio, and television at Nyack College. He later received a degree in aviation management from Vaughn College.

# PROGRAM

## **Academic Procession** (*audience stands*)

Pomp and Circumstance

*Sir Edward Elgar*

## **National Anthem** (*audience stands*)

The Star-Spangled Banner  
*Lyrics: Francis Scott Key*

## **Introductions**

*Dr. Paul LaVergne*  
*Vice President,*  
*Academic Affairs*

## **Greetings from the President**

*Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo*

## **Greetings from the Board of Trustees**

*Mr. Peter Vaughn, Chair*

## **Recognition of Outstanding Students**

*Dr. LaVergne*

## **Graduating Student Speaker**

*Mr. Wole Barnarde*

## **Presentation of Candidate Conferring of Honorary Degree to Donovan Richards**

*President DeVivo and*  
*Chair Vaughn*

## **Commencement Address**

*Mr. Donovan Richards '12*  
*Queens Borough President*

## **Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**

*Dr. LaVergne and*  
*Mr. Domenic Proscia*  
*Vice President of Training*

## **Conferring of Degrees**

*President DeVivo and*  
*Chair Vaughn*

*Associate in Occupational Studies*  
*Associate in Applied Science*  
*Bachelor of Science*

## **Recessional** (*audience stands*)

Crown Imperial

*Sir William Walton*

## **Marshals for the Academic Procession**

*Grand Marshal*

*Mr. Robert Kammerer, Associate Professor*  
*Arts and Sciences*

*Platform Party Marshal*

*Ms. Kelli Smith, Vice President*  
*Student Affairs*

*Faculty Marshal*

*Dr. Hossein Rahemi, Chair*  
*Engineering and Technology Department*

*Student Marshal*

*Mr. Wole Govan Barnarde*

## **Presentation of Colors**

*Civil Air Patrol Color Guard/Drill Team*

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### Associate in Occupational Studies Airframe and Powerplant Technology

#### Graduates – August 2021

Joseph Almonte, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kevin Silva Araujo,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alli Uriah Bailey, *Cum Laude*  
Shawn Omar Bryan  
Peterson Cilaire  
Marvin Dorestant  
Bryan Joel Espinoza Parra,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Justin Goris, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeffri Andres Hernandez  
Steffon Jordin Jettoo,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bekhruz Kazim Zoda  
Tenzin Lakshey, *Cum Laude*  
Yiheng Li  
Amin Mechouche  
Kevin Wellington Moreira Ortiz  
Timothy Ga Chang Nie  
Waldemar Enrique Palma Palma  
Eduard Placido Jr.  
Jose Rodriguez, *Cum Laude*  
Dylan Sequera Rodriguez,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Burhan Abdulsattar Sherhan,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hardeep Singh  
Japneet Singh, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Leslie Giselle Soto,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Edward Junior Tejeda Castillo  
Jade D. Thompson, *Cum Laude*  
Geovanny Ricardo Villacres  
Guanliang Xue

#### Graduates – December 2021

Saleh Abdulrub Salah Abbadi,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ahmed Fikry Ahmed,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Abdul Hakeem Alhassan  
Robert S. Amaya, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jeremy Aponte Rodriguez, *Cum Laude*  
Paola Andrea Aranda,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lance Christian Ayuso  
Rashaun Robert Barnes, *Cum Laude*  
Waynedell Roydell Biggs

Brian Castillo  
Fitzroy M. Chambers,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jose Alejandro Coba  
Starlynn Coronado  
Shirley Johanna De Souza Ferreyra,  
    *Cum Laude*  
Samir Adnan Dehal  
Daren Devendra Dhuman  
Ahmed Fathy Elnagar, *Cum Laude*  
Basel Samer Elsayed,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Melanie Theresa Grant  
Edwin Steven Guerrero,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Antony Navin Hargobin  
Mohammed Tamim Hasan,  
    *Cum Laude*  
Richard Rayvon Izeman  
Manuel Alfonso Jimenez  
Bilal Khan  
Justin Adan Lopez  
Jeronimo Lopez Vargas, *Cum Laude*  
Zhoorullah Mehirdel, *Cum Laude*  
Heydi Mailyn Mendez, *Cum Laude*  
Jon Gonzalo Mentovay  
Shariq Akbar Mian,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nabil Hasan Molla, *Cum Laude*  
Akiva Yonasan Moshel  
Mohsan Nawaz, *Cum Laude*  
Avinash G. Nohar  
Tassanique Mayim Nakieta Notice  
Alexander Pena, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Oneil Shawn Plunkett  
Raj Lamar Pope-Carter  
Adam C. Roberts, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Angad Yudhishtir Rupee,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mohamed Fouad Saedi,  
    *Summa Cum Laude*  
Harry Leonardo Salazar  
Rafael Sampedro, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Savitree Satdeo, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jaleel B. Scott  
Sidney Senat  
Gabriel Solano, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shantal Nadine Souden,  
    *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aydar Sulo  
Miguel De Jesus Suriel III  
Alec Christoffer Tedoco

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Josias Urena  
Eben Mathew Varghese,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Patricia Velasquez, Cum Laude  
Richard Marlon Augustus Walcott  
Shannon Kah-Yee Wong,  
Magna Cum Laude

### Candidates – May 2022

Ali Akbar, Summa Cum Laude  
Omar Amer  
Lovindra Ameralli  
Josue Amparo Quezada  
Jacob Daniel Anderson  
Attain Joy Anglin  
Daniel A. Arroyo, Cum Laude  
Sukhtej Singh Bassi,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jose Bazil  
Brian Bhagwandin  
Ronald A. Blanco, Cum Laude  
Jessie Ismael Bonilla  
John M. Brion, Magna Cum Laude  
Suraj Kumar Budhram, Cum Laude  
Catherine Camargo,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Eloy S. Carrasco,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Giancarlo Chavarri Purihuaman  
Daniel Cianov  
Juan Sebastian Contreras Achury,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Mitul Das, Summa Cum Laude  
Riga Dorjee, Cum Laude  
Michael Emad Ebrahim  
Eric Brian Fajardo  
Kevin Emmanuel Francis,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Bryan Rafael Gil  
Jared Emmitt Holmes  
Craig Antonio Jones  
Mohammed Hasan Khan,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Raheel Ahmed Khan,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Doyeon Kim, Magna Cum Laude  
Jeewon Kim, Cum Laude  
James McEntee Knap  
Budeshwar Kumar  
Kelvin Lee, Cum Laude  
Samga Lenjor, Cum Laude  
William Lung Lin,  
Summa Cum Laude

Victoria Lokie  
Shakurullah Mashriqi,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Alberto Maya-Rodriguez,  
Cum Laude  
Alexander Mitchell,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Youssef Mandouh  
Ramadan Mobarak  
Yorman Huneiky Molina Gomez,  
Cum Laude  
Mohammed Arafat Mridha  
Javier Alejandro Munguia Reyes  
Magna Cum Laude  
Paul Nathaniel Nazario  
Simon Ng, Summa Cum Laude  
Alan Estuardo Orellana,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Patrick Ariel Ortiz  
Md Mashudur Rahman,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jared John Rakowicz,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Adrian Harry Ramdeny  
Darius Jack Salazar Ramirez,  
Cum Laude  
Vickesh Ramkaran  
Anand Kumar Ramoo  
Shaun-Michael Rose  
Brian Neill Ross,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Kamal Mohamed Saleh  
Frank Jhon R. Salvatierra,  
Cum Laude  
Kevin Alexis Satizabal  
Guy Selamy Jr.  
Nathan Timothy Somwaru,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Jorelle Deloeste Sosito  
Ravinder Dylan Suniar,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Frank Michael Syso,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Frangel A. Tejada, Cum Laude  
Tenny Thomas  
Santiago Valencia  
Dominick Michael Valere  
Sebastian Alexander Wiley,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Yizhou Zhu, Cum Laude



## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### Associate in Applied Science Aircraft Operations

#### Graduates - December 2021

*Kaustubh Chitnis, Cum Laude*  
*Christopher De Santis*  
*Michael De Santis*

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Elijah Colon*  
*Stanley Fleurant*  
*Zakhariy Sayko*  
*Rex Wong*

### Associate in Applied Science Airport Management

#### Graduates – December 2021

*Manuel Adrianzen,*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*Lisandros Hadjigeorgi*  
*Magna Cum Laude*

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Michael Contreras*  
*Fabio Pasquariello*  
*Kevin Tyrone Williams*

### Associate in Applied Science Aeronautical Engineering Technology

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Husam Abbassi*  
*Earl E. Gayadeen*  
*Jim Paolo Locsin*  
*Greg Solomon*

### Associate in Applied Science Animation and Digital Technologies

#### Graduate – December 2021

*Daniel Del Corral*

### Associate in Applied Science Electronic Engineering Technology Avionics

#### Candidate – May 2022

*Rodrick Brown*

### Bachelor of Science Aeronautical Science

#### Graduates – August 2021

*Brandon De La Cruz*  
*Ephyni Ferreras*

#### Graduates – December 2021

*Marven Alphonse*  
*Kaustubh Chitnis, Cum Laude*  
*Hazem Hassan*  
*Ernesto Hernandez,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Devin Rigby, Cum Laude*  
*Jolie Z. Slatton*

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Mrwan Abdelsalam,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Rashid Ahmed, Summa Cum Laude*  
*Andrew Amoako,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*David Barbu, Cum Laude*  
*John M. Barga*  
*Zuleika Briceno*  
*Timothy Buhrmeister*  
*Alexa Rae Cruz, Magna Cum Laude*  
*Mohand Eltoukhy*  
*Alex Flambert, Cum Laude*  
*Ilona Beatriz Giraldo,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Najma I. Jaima*  
*Leury Jimenez Vasquez,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Ayad Kaid, Summa Cum Laude*  
*MD Ishmam Khan*  
*Suriel Lambert, Cum Laude*  
*Yakaub Mohamed*  
*Armand Ortiz, Magna Cum Laude*  
*Franklin Ortiz Rodriguez,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Kelian Rodriguez, Cum Laude*  
*Elwin Rafael Rodriguez Vargas*  
*Isaac Sosa, Summa Cum Laude*  
*Maximiliano Velasquez,*  
*Cum Laude*

### Bachelor of Science Aircraft Operations

#### Graduate – August 2021

*Eric J. Estrella*

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### Graduates – December 2021

*Adrian Jimenez  
Johan Mantilla, Magna Cum Laude*

### Candidates – May 2022

*Bryan Arias, Cum Laude  
Steven Duran,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Ahmed Hassan, Cum Laude  
Alister Lockiby,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Benjamin E. Martinez  
Freddy Javier Peralta,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jerrivel Rodriguez, Cum Laude  
Sibin Samuel,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Matthew Small*

### Bachelor of Science Aviation Maintenance Management

#### Graduates – August 2021

*MingJing Gu, Cum Laude  
Tongkai Pan, Magna Cum Laude  
Jordan Scott Raimondi  
YanYin Zhu*

#### Graduates – December 2021

*Yijie Fang, Summa Cum Laude  
Robert Kovalonoks, Cum Laude  
Changming Li, Magna Cum Laude  
Eric Christopher Santos Silva,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Nateram Sumrah, Summa Cum Laude  
Yinhao Sun, Cum Laude  
Carlos S. Vega  
Jiacheng Wu, Magna Cum Laude  
Jinjia Xu, Magna Cum Laude  
Haoran Zhang  
Jiaqi Zhang, Magna Cum Laude  
Chenyue Zhu, Cum Laude*

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Renereend Flores, Magna Cum Laude  
Philip Thomas Foldi,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Joseph H. Lachance,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Victor H. Polit  
Kodai Takahashi,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Bheem Zohar*

### Bachelor of Science Airport Management

#### Graduates – August 2021

*Leopista G. Itangare, Cum Laude  
Zarin Tasnim  
Xudoyor Urokov  
El-Shawn Wheeler,  
Magna Cum Laude*

#### Graduates – December 2021

*Abdullah Abdusalam Alzahrani  
Victoria A. Andreyeva,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Camila Maria Beltran Mora  
Boyuan Chen, Magna Cum Laude  
Trevor Madramuthu,  
Magna Cum Laude  
Narindra Maharaj, Cum Laude*

#### Candidates – May 2022

*Ceaser Araula  
Bilal Arif, Cum Laude  
Ian Deluglio  
Kevin Ferrara, Magna Cum Laude  
Janil Garcia  
Sadia Harun, Summa Cum Laude  
Daniel Itzhakov  
Jennifer Karikovi  
Alisha Mohabir  
Rose Nguyen, Summa Cum Laude  
Lucy Ramirez, Summa Cum Laude  
Enderson Rondon,  
Summa Cum Laude  
Murad Hatem Mahfood Saleh,  
Cum Laude  
Kristina Shea, Cum Laude  
Tatiana Starovoytova  
Januar Busa Zeng*

### Bachelor of Science Airline Management

#### Candidate – May 2022

*Greg Redhead*

### Bachelor of Science Airport / Airline Management

#### Graduate – August 2021

*Roy A. Singh, Cum Laude*

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### Graduate – December 2021

*Zachary Fall, Cum Laude*

### Candidates – May 2022

*Katelyn Beharry, Cum Laude*

*Luis Godreau*

*Rami Morcos*

*Balram Ramnaras*

*Robert A. Tocco*

### Bachelor of Science General Management

### Graduate – December 2021

*Ayoka Lawrence*

### Candidate – May 2022

*Lukas J. Engstrom,*

*Summa Cum Laude*

### Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

### Candidates – May 2022

*Wole Govan Barnarde,*

*Magna Cum Laude*

*Adem Bunardziu*

*Matteo Salamone, Cum Laude*

*Ankit Mistry, Magna Cum Laude*

*Tika Tamang, Summa Cum Laude*

### Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology

### Graduate – December 2021

*Deven Noel-Quashie,*

*Magna Cum Laude*

### Candidate – May 2022

*Andy Paulino*

### Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology Avionics

### Graduate – August 2021

*Mahammad M. Serour*

### Graduate – December 2021

*Darius Booker, Cum Laude*

### Candidates – May 2022

*Johann Cole*

*Thomas Fix, Cum Laude*

*Ashley Noemi Nunez,*

*Summa Cum Laude*

*Mahase Ramlakhan*

*Edgar W. Vega Tamay*

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

### Graduate – August 2021

*Cae Lan Chow*

### Graduates – December 2021

*Pablo Mauricio Guzman-Moumtzis*

*Luis Pintado, Cum Laude*

*Cesar Valle*

### Candidate – May 2022

*Bryan Gordillo, Cum Laude*

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology: Aeronautical

### Graduate – August 2021

*Melissa Hardcastle*

### Graduates – December 2021

*Othaniel Beausejour*

*Joseph Blejec*

*Radhames Cabrera*

*Juan David Cortes*

### Candidates – May 2022

*Rakan Hamid S. Alabsi*

*Jacky Chang*

*Abdullah Khan, Cum Laude*

*Chavez Reece*

*Aryan Rijal*

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology: Computer-Aided Design

### Graduate – August 2021

*Gouranga Kundu,*

*Summa Cum Laude*

### Candidate – May 2022

*Samantha Tikalall*

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

**Bachelor of Science  
Mechanical Engineering  
Technology:  
Dual- Aeronautical and  
Computer-Aided Design**

**Graduate – December 2021**  
*Radeya Khan*

**Candidate – May 2022**  
*Patrick Silva Da Cruz*

**Bachelor of Science  
Mechatronic Engineering**

**Graduates – December 2021**  
*Ludgi S. Antoine*  
*Manolo Duenas*  
*Deanna N. Gubitosi*  
*Yitzchak Rand*  
*Samantha Vitez,*  
*Summa Cum Laude*

**Candidates – May 2022**  
*Nicholas Bentancur,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Wiktorija Harkot,*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*Kang Jiang*  
*Misael Marquez,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Jack Sze, Summa Cum Laude*

### CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

**Aviation Maintenance  
Airframe and Powerplant**

**Graduate – December 2021**  
*Timothy Biro Estrella*

**Safety Management Systems**

**Graduate – August 2021**  
*Erick A. Matias, Cum Laude*

**Graduate – December 2021**  
*Jefferson Pilco Tenezaca,*  
*Summa Cum Laude*

### *Disclaimer*

*Because the list of names must be furnished to the printer in final form prior to commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree, or may have elected voluntarily to register for additional work and to graduate at a subsequent ceremony. The change does not imply that a student has failed, nor does it commit Vaughn to grant a diploma to a person thus listed in error. In addition, final determination of academic honor status lies with the Registrar.*

**DEGREE PROGRAM RECEPTION  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
CEREMONY  
THE WEST WING CAFE**

**HONORS STATUS**

Graduation with honors is based on the cumulative grade point average (GPA).

**Summa Cum Laude**  
GPA 3.85 or higher

**Magna Cum Laude**  
GPA 3.68 to 3.84

**Cum Laude**  
GPA 3.50 to 3.67

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*Vaughn College  
would like to congratulate all  
graduates  
and wish them the best  
in their future endeavors.*



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