

Commencement Committee

2024-2025 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	2027
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Monecia Taylor	Senior Leader in Advancement with Alumni Responsibility	ex officio
Pascha Gerni	Designee for the VP for Strategic Initiatives & 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	Designee of the Vice President for Communications and Marketing	ex officio
Lance Jones	Designee of the Commandant of Cadets	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 Facilities and Chief Facilities Officer

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

Rachel Miles	President of the Faculty Senate	2025
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One faculty representative from each academic college elected by the faculty in each of the colleges

Stewart Scales	Natural Resources and Environment	2026
James Weger	Veterinary Medicine	2026
Dixie Dalton	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
Michelle Seref	Business	2027
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	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2025
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One staff representative elected by the Staff Senate

Jeanette Biczal	Engineering	2027
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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

Aqab Zahoor	Aerospace Engineering	2025
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Two student members (President of Senior Class and President of Junior Class)

Princess Merritt	President of Senior Class	2025
Kayla Moten	President of Junior Class	2025