CLASS OF 2021
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Honoring the 55th Graduating Class

Saturday, June 12, 2021
Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Although we can’t be together in person, caps can still fly, tears of joy can still be shed and we can definitely celebrate.

Your achievements, hard work and commitment to success culminated in you earning a degree or certificate - your mark of excellence. I would also like to applaud your grit and willpower to earn your degree despite the odds created by an unprecedented global challenge. No matter where your journey takes you next, I know you will continue to make all of us proud.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff of OCC, let me express the pride we have in you and your success. Let me also extend our congratulations to the family and friends who supported your educational journey. With your OCC studies completed, you can now embark on a career, obtain the promotion you desire or transfer to a four-year institution for further studies.

Please keep in touch with your OCC family. Let us know about your accolades and triumphs. Good luck and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Peter Provenzano, Jr.
Chancellor
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Shruti Goel
Valeria Lezama
Irine Valeria Neba
Morgan Sprader
Markus Tepandi-Sivilia
Elena Wong

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LT. GOVERNOR GARLIN GILCHRIST II
Lieutenant Governor of the State of Michigan

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist has dedicated his career to solving problems. An engineer by training, he uses thoughtful innovation, progressive reform, and efficient modernization of policies and programs to make the work better for hardworking families. From spearheading campaigns for equality and justice to harnessing technology to solve real problems, his focus has consistently remained on serving the public and getting things done.

He brings a lifetime of experience to the task, receiving his first computer at age five and setting up a computer lab in a Detroit community recreation center using computers that he built himself at age 16. Lt. Governor Gilchrist studied computer engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan, graduating with honors, and later had a successful career as a software engineer at Microsoft, helping to build SharePoint into the fastest growing product in the company’s history.

Lt. Governor Gilchrist spent the next several years of his career as a social entrepreneur and community organizer who helped people in communities across America realize their full economic and political potential. Lt. Governor Gilchrist worked in local government to build systems that made the government more responsive, transparent, and accountable to city residents. This experience prepared him for a key priority: to bring Michigan’s state government fully into the 21st century on every level.

As part of the Whitmer Administration, Lt. Governor Gilchrist has sought to address injustice and inequality across our state at every level. From co-chairing the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration to helming the Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities, these task forces have taken actions that saved lives and protect our most vulnerable populations. Lt. Governor Gilchrist’s approach to addressing these disparities is deeply rooted in fact-based practices, science, and connecting with individuals across Michigan.

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and his wife, Ellen, reside in Detroit where they are raising their twins, Emily and Garlin III, and daughter, Ruby.
Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients

OCC recognizes the accomplishments of one or more of its former students through its Outstanding Alumni Award. Candidates must have earned an associate degree or certificate (or the equivalent) from OCC at least 10 years ago, and have demonstrated leadership and significant professional achievement or community service. Past recipients include the following individuals. *(Note: the occupations listed reflect their position at the time the award was presented.)*

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<td>Oakland Medical Group, Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital</td>
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<td>IRS Investigator, Community Volunteer</td>
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2021 Candidates for Associate in Applied Science

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

AUTOMOBILE SERVICING
** Andrea Shannon Hansard
Carsen Nathaniel Quick
Yong Zeng

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY: VEHICLE DESIGN
Sergey Michael Caren-Schmeling
Mathew M. Frankol
** Francisco Ramirez
Alfredo Sanchez Salgado
Samuel Alexander Smrtnik
*** Olga Yamada

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY: PRODUCT DESIGN
Austin Lee Cavanaugh
** Smita Deb
** Ethan Kyle Jackson
** Matthew Phillip Pierce

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS: BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
** Alec Riley D'Angelo
*** Shruti Goel
Elizabeth Rose Marie Gonzalez
*** Frederick J. Koehler
Phyllis Nyambura Ng'ang'a
* Thomas Butler Robbins
KenJuan C. Roberson

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS: CYBERSECURITY
Heeba Abuna
Preston Anthony Anderson
*** Mohamed Badla
Lisa C. Coleman
*** Matthew Aaron Contoni
Nathalia Virginia Da Silva Bezerra
*** Braden Dahmer
Sara L. Fawal
Brandon Lawrence Gohlke
Daniel Eduardo Gonzalez
* Catherine Mary Gove
Michael Guellec
Michael Ross Holloway, Jr.
Opeyemi Johnson-Hunga
Christine Kenney
** Michael Allen Kuck
* Joshua E. Madak
Andrew Jack Mathews
** Helen Najar
** Kyle James Parliament
** Nicholas Michael Pilarski
* Noah Morgan Pontzer
Martin Qarana
*** Salih Salih
Michael Wolford
Kong Meng Xiong

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- Dakota James Jorissen
- Emma Noel Kortekaas
- Hunter P. Marion
- Rana Tallo Al-Sheikh
- Elizabeth Catherine Aurelia
- Kaeleigh Baran
- Gabrielly Cristhine Brites dos Prazeres
- Courtney Crider
- Ernest John Domingo
- Jessica Franklin
- Savannah Lynn Hudson
- McKenna Erynn Kaukonen
- Jordan Lenore Kessler
- Omaima Khan
- David Kim
- Kevin J. Knupp
- Donovan Edward Love
- LaKessia Mathis
- Jarrett Adam Mertz
- Nancy A. Muñoz
- Cody J. Neumann
- Angela Marie Powell
- Agnieszka Rachfal
- Kimberly Susanne Raymaker
- Sasha Roper
- Anna S. Telesco
- Genesis Angeli Velazquez

**HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**
- Sarah Chekh Alghanameh
- Danesha Brown
- Joseph Dominic Buczkowski
- Meghan W. Ckepyar
- Miya Ewing
- Stephanie Anne Heverly
- Anna Husic
- Mia N. Jackson
- Taylor Johnson
- Holly A. Kozma
- Miranda L. Naeem
- Anna Rauchman
- Chauntika Shinholster
- Janine M. Shoda
- Whitney Nicole Wallace
- Agnieszka Zakosciela

**HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**
- Alexander Moyet

**INTERIOR DESIGN**
- Madi Abel
- Michelle Leigh Baugher
- Chelsea Nicole Cox
- Rania Jandaly
- Sedrat Almontaha Kazkaz
- Roula Makhoul Khouri
- Rachel K. Media
- Ana Margarita Montalvo Urbina
- Shelise T. Scott, I
- Kathleen C. Sparkman
- Erin A. Spiess
- Olivia Swords

**LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE**
- Thomas Allen Beyma

**LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICES**
- Jessica Lynn Gilbert

**MACHINE TOOL NUMERICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY**
- Adam Stanesa

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**
- Alexander Moyet

**HVAC/R SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: HVAC/R TECHNICIAN**
- Dakota Kyler Craig
- Dillon Dargis
- Maria Dawood Schwartz
- Johan Dhakal
- Alan L. Glasel
- Nicholas Mejeur
- Trung Van Nguyen
- Alexander W. Silverman
- Esho Yonan

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* Alivia Talbot
Hailey B. Thompson
* Charly Anna True
* Nhi T. Tu
Lauren Danielle Vestuto
** Max S. Vowles
Darlene Princess
Washington
* Angel J. Welch
* Christina Marguerite Wiegers
Morgan P. Zednik
Abigail Zmijewski

NURSING (EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM)
** Christy Abbott
Enrik Beqiraj
Devin Simone Boazeman
Billey Chan
Tara Mae Cliff
Leah Marie Colucci
Lindsay R. Crawford
Miguel Angelo Tongko
Dulay
Katelyn A. Dzieciolowski
David Jeremy Eaton
* Cheryl Helgren
** John Bennett Hepburn
Sherri Hill
Alisha Francine Jackson-Jones
Ashley Renee Kitchen
** Erin E. Nofar
* Karsyn J. O’Connell
Mary Ratliff-Anthony
** Stephanie Nicole Sicard
DeShawna N. Smith

** Kathryn Smith
Shelby Steffes
Heather Leigh Sviderskiy
London Audrey
Thompson
Ashley Yang
Beth A. Wilber

NURSING: TRANSITIONAL LPN
* Belinda Imafidon Jacobs

PARALEGAL
Samantha Rose Adsit
Tyrone Bean, Sr.
*** Helen Bienek
*** Kaarina Bienek
Melanie Marie Brown
Michele M. Brunson
** Evalena Brittany Patricia
Coleman
*** Nataliya Davis
Gabrielle Raeann Frey
Nia Zenai Grantham
*** Brianna Hadjiveloudos
Damariya Hamilton
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Heaven Rain Ca’Bria
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* Alfreda Minus
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Jaclyn Parvin
* Hannah Elizabeth Ruth
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Denise Lee Rose
** Nicole Paige Satchell
** Emily Victoria Satchell
Nicole Shammmami
Jennifer L. Simmons
* Julie Steiger
*** Rose Van Patter
** Nataliya Verestyuk
Marquita Renee Whitfield
Bai Yang

PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY
Joseph Robert Carzon
Toni R. Hutchins
Eric Christian Stakley
Avanti Michelle Williams

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY (EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM)
Dina Alzumut
Audrey R. Duncan
* Jessica M. Feigley
** Jacqueline Michele Feys
Kelsey Elaine Ruth
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* Alexandrea Lynn Moore
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** Ryan Dumsa
Andrew Henry Fleming
** William Alex Grady
*** Daniel John Haskell
* Eric J. Iott
** Jake Gregory Kreutzer
** Joshua Reed Miller
* James Tony Millican, III
** Mitchel Raymond Morawski
Brian Jacob Price
* Germaine Delano Valentine, Jr.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING
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* Swati Bakuli
Amy Clark-Gibson
*** Samantha Brianne Feil
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*** Natthakarn Emma Johnson
Etsuko Kishi
** Tara Moustic
Ngoc Nguyen
*** Nisha Sunil

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
** Hannah Eugene Kim
Dawn Evelyn Wilson

HVAC/R SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: AIR CONDITIONING
*** Dakota Kyler Craig
* Steven Karl Pilon
Alexander W. Silverman

HVAC/R SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: BUILDING AIR AND WATER BALANCE/RETRO-COMMISSIONING
*** Ryan Matthew Giorio

HVAC/R SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: HEATING
*** Dakota Kyler Craig
*** Ryan Matthew Giorio
* Steven Karl Pilon
Alexander W. Silverman

HVAC/R SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: REFRIGERATION
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Alexander W. Silverman

LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE
Thomas Allen Beyma

MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY: NUMERICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY
Seit Beiko Doresi

MEDICAL ASSISTING
Gisselle Rodas

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** Zoe Bougatsos
Melissa Bunge
*** Kelsey Ann Cheaney
*** Amelia Cook
*** Nataliya Davis
*** Trevor Kane Donovan
*** Bria Ellis
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Calvin Pepper
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2021 Candidates for Certificates

PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY
Joseph Anthony Connors

ROBOTICS / AUTOMATED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
*** Michael L. Lepley

Welding Technology
*** Scott Bernhardt
*** Zachary Brigham
   Chad Fochesato
   Stephen Hamilton
*** David J. Hampshire
** Josef Koenig
   Yusef Ahmed Mir
*** Michael Richter
   Daniel Maxim Sawchuk
* Paul Schihl
** Adam Lee Schroeder
*** Zachary C. Teets

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CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATING
CLASS OF 2021!

As an Oakland Community College student or alumni, we look forward to assisting you with:

Resume Writing
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“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
- B.B. King
College Degrees

American colleges and universities confer four general types of degrees – associate, bachelor, master, and doctorate. These represent different levels of academic achievement.

The associate degree normally indicates the completion of two years of collegiate work above the high school level. It is generally thought that this degree is conferred only by community or junior colleges, but in fact, it was conferred in the United States by the University of Chicago in 1900 and is now granted by many four-year colleges as well as by two-year colleges.

The bachelor degree is usually conferred upon the completion of a four-year college curriculum and is the most common, as well as the oldest, collegiate degree used in America. The Bachelor of Arts degree, first conferred by Harvard University in 1642, was the only earned degree used in American colleges for 125 years.

The master degree represents one year of advanced study beyond the bachelor. In some instances, two years are needed to complete required courses in specialized fields.

The doctoral degree is the most advanced degree. It takes at least three years beyond the bachelor level, but often longer, to complete all the requirements of this degree.

Associate Degree Programs

Oakland Community College offers five associate degrees which provide for study in many areas designed to be specialized or general; for employment preparation or in preparation for the pursuit of a higher degree; or for other academic, business, or technological studies. A minimum of 60 credit hours with an overall grade point average of at least 2.00 are fundamental requirements.

Extended Associate Programs

Some degree programs may require that the student complete a sequence of instruction that constitutes 73 credit hours or more. Because this is an institutional requirement which goes beyond the minimum degree requirements, the college recognizes the efforts of students by designating those programs as “Extended Associate Programs.”
Graduation with Honors

Students are eligible to graduate with honors according to the following grade point average requirements:

- Summa Cum Laude .......... 3.86 - 4.00
- Magna Cum Laude .......... 3.66 - 3.85
- Cum Laude .................. 3.50 - 3.65

College honor graduates are recognized by a golden cord adorning their academic attire.

Phi Theta Kappa is the only recognized national honor society for community and junior colleges. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or better are eligible for membership. Members are distinguished here today by gold stoles.

Commencement Committee

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A Brief History and Overview of Oakland Community College

A uniquely American institution, community colleges are studied and imitated around the world. Today’s community college has grown from its roots providing two-year transfer curriculum in liberal arts and sciences—often referred to as “junior colleges”—adding advanced technical and career education, a wide range of student services, workforce development, and programs to meet community need.

Early Roots

The community college movement received its first major boost when passage of the GI bill enabled huge numbers of veterans to pursue schooling following World War II. Community college growth was again spurred in the 1960s and 70s with the arrival of postwar “baby boomers” and the massive re-entry of women into the workforce. Community colleges proved a source of quality education for both “non-traditional” students, whose family and job responsibilities made it impossible to go away to school, and the traditional 18-20 year old group seeking convenient and affordable advanced education.

Oakland Community College (OCC) was established in 1964, a time when one new community college opened across America each week. Today, there are more than 1,000 such colleges across the United States.

Led by a public-spirited group of citizens who believed Oakland County needed its own community college, OCC began. In the early 1960s, these founding members raised public support and awareness to start a local two-year college open to all. In June 1963, they secured a spot on the ballot to establish and fund this endeavor through a one-mill property tax.

The portion of the proposal authorizing the establishment of the College passed, but the section levying the tax was rejected, and so the entire measure was defeated. The committee immediately began again and, one year later, the entire measure passed, the College established, and a charter Board of Trustees elected.

Building a Foundation

During its first year, the Board purchased the College’s first two campuses, Auburn Hills, a demobilized army anti-aircraft missile base, and Highland Lakes, a former county tuberculosis sanatorium. Fittingly, Auburn Hills Campus is home to advanced technology, manufacturing and public safety training centers; Highland Lakes houses many of OCC’s health science programs.

The Charter Board also appointed OCC’s first president, faculty and staff, and bought an undeveloped tract of land in Farmington Hills upon which the Orchard Ridge Campus was soon constructed.

The need for College services in southeast Oakland County led to the start of the Royal Oak and Oak Park campuses in the 1970s. In 1980, Oak Park operations transferred to a new facility in Southfield.
Students and Programs

On its opening day, OCC set a national community college registration record. Fall 1965 headlines noted 3,860 students enrolled at the College’s two campuses. This fall, OCC’s registration was more than 15,000 students across its five campuses making OCC one of Michigan’s largest community colleges.

For students who plan to continue their education at a four-year institution, OCC has the highest percentage of college transfers in the state of Michigan. Students generally meet transfer requirements by earning an **Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associates in Applied Science** or **Associate in Business Administration**. Additionally an **Associate Degree in General Studies** allows students to choose from a wide area of interests.

The College offers nearly 60 associate degrees designed to give students the credentials needed for employment in high-demand technical and career occupations, in five major categories:

- **Arts & Communication**: including graphic design, music, fine arts, and theatre.
- **Business, Management and IT**: including accounting, business administration, business management, cybersecurity, systems analysis, software engineering, international business and paralegal and web design.
- **Health Sciences**: including dental hygiene, nursing, health care administration, medical assisting, respiratory therapy, radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography and surgical technology.
- **Human Services**: including global studies, early childhood education, library studies, hospitality and culinary arts, sign language interpreter, criminal justice, emergency medical services, firefighter, law enforcement and mental health/social work.
- **Engineering/Manufacturing and Industrial and Technology**: including automobile servicing, collision auto repair, computer-aided design, construction management, mechatronics, machine tooling, welding, robotics and automated systems technology.

The College also offers more than 40 certificate programs in career fields where course accomplishments are required.

OCC and You

From its spirited beginnings, OCC has enrolled over one million students, nearly the equivalent of half of Oakland County’s population. We are honored and proud to count each of our graduates who continue to make history, every day.


Academic Regalia

Lending color to the pageantry of the Commencement Exercise are the academic robes and hoods worn by the faculty. This regalia reaches back to medieval times when it served a functional as well as an ornamental role, separating learned men from other groups, as well as offering warmth and protection.

In late nineteenth century America, a conference was held by representatives of colleges and universities to bring some order and system to the custom of academic dress. Since then, there have been periodic conferences to revise or reconfirm existing practices.

Essentially, holders of the associate degree wear robes unadorned in the school’s color or pearl-gray. Holders of the bachelor degree wear black robes unadorned. Holders of the master degree wear hoods which are lined with the colors of the college conferring the degree and trimmed with the color representing the subject in which the degree was earned. The doctoral robe is adorned with velvet and is also worn with the hood suitably ornamented.

The following list reflects the colors which will be found on hoods worn in the academic procession at this Commencement Exercise and the subject each color represents:

Agriculture..............................Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities .............White
Commerce, Accountancy, and Business Drab
Dentistry...................................Lilac
Economics.................................Copper
Education.................................Light Blue
Engineering...............................Orange
Fine Arts....................................Brown
Forestry.....................................Russet
Journalism.................................Crimson
Law............................................Purple
Library Science..........................Lemon
Medicine....................................Green
Music........................................Pink
Nursing......................................Apricot
Oratory (Speech)..........................Silver Gray
Pharmacy...................................Olive Green
Philosophy..................................Dark Blue
Physical Education......................Sage Green
Public Administration..................Peacock Blue
Public Health.............................Salmon Pink
Science.................................Golden Yellow
Social Work...............................Citron
Theology.................................Scarlet
Veterinary Science.......................Gray
The Academic Mace, used to lead ceremonial processions and indicate the official opening of the ceremony, links Oakland Community College to an academic tradition first recorded by historians in 1385 at the University of Vienna. A descendant of the medieval battle mace, the modern mace is used as a ceremonial staff in solemn processions preceding college officials. The Mace is an emblem expressing the dignity, authority and prestige of the college and serves as a symbolic weapon to protect and proclaim the values and ideals of harmony, truth, justice and learning.

The Oakland Community College Mace is 37 inches long and weighs about seven pounds. The Mace has a five-sided column constructed of sturdy red oak with inlaid purple heart wood. The current and historical logos of the college are inset on the column. A four inch bronze college seal is affixed to the crown of the Mace.

The Mace was designed and built in 1997 by Mickey L. Glover, a retired craftsman from Oakland Community College.
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#OCCGrad2021

So you’ve got your grad box… now show it off!

- Take a selfie in your cap and grad mask
- Decorate your cap
- Post an “unboxing” video
- Find our Snapchat filter and try it out

Be sure to tag us and use the hashtag #OCCGrad2021!

How to participate in virtual commencement

We may not be celebrating in person, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get social during commencement!

- Personalize the announcement of your name at graduation by uploading your personal message to the StageClip portal by June 4
- Watch the ceremony on June 12 at 10 a.m. from the link found on oaklandcc.edu/commencement
- Create your own virtual commencement “watch party” by sharing the event on your Facebook page
- Host a Zoom event with your friends and family to watch virtual commencement together
- Take screenshots and post to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as you watch
- Record a video or take a selfie as your name is called

We’ll be sharing all of your pictures and videos leading up to virtual commencement AND all day on June 12, 2021, so don’t be shy – tag us and use hashtag #OCCGrad2021!

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Our graduates tell us how grateful they are for the help they received as students. Guidance and encouragement from faculty and staff, and financial support from OCC Foundation scholarships all help our students achieve success.

Begin your tradition today of helping those who follow. You can honor the person who helped you most at OCC with a gift to the Student Success Fund. Or give to a scholarship for students in your program of study.

Give online at oaklandcc.edu/foundation or call 248.341.2137 or email OCCFoundation@oaklandcc.edu for other options.