



*Hooding and
Commencement Ceremony
2025*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
WAIT CHAPEL
1 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 17





Hooding & Commencement

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Wake Forest University
School of Professional Studies
Wait Chapel
Saturday, May 17, 1:00 PM

Organ Prelude	Susan H. Bates
Voluntary in G Major William Walond	
Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge	
Prelude in Fugue in G Major Felix Mendelssohn	
Greetings & Welcome	Lori Bequette <i>Assistant Dean, Faculty and Administration</i>
Processional	
Phoenix Rising Processional.... Dan Locklair	
Opening Remarks and Introduction of Speaker	Charles Iacovou <i>Dean, School of Professional Studies</i>
Keynote Address	Dr. Yele Aluko <i>Chief Medical Officer, EY Americas Health Advisory Practice</i>
Conferral of Honor Degree	Susan R. Wentz <i>University President</i>
Congratulatory Remarks	Susan R. Wentz <i>University President</i>
Conferral of Degrees	Charles Iacovou <i>Dean, School of Professional Studies</i> Susan R. Wentz <i>University President</i>
Presentation & Hooding of the Graduates	Shonda Jones <i>Assistant Dean, Academic Programs</i>

David Robertson
Academic Director, Master of Communications
Adam Dovico
Academic Director, Master of Curriculum & Instruction and Master of Educational Leadership
Ged King
Academic Director, Master of Digital Marketing
Mohamed Desoky
Academic Director, Master of Financial Technology and Analytics
Debra Wolf
Academic Director, Master of Health Administration and Master of Health Informatics
Rich Rinaldi
Academic Director, Master of Project Management

Concluding Remarks

Charles Iacovou
Dean, School of Professional Studies

Recessional

Susan H. Bates

Toccata (from Symphony V).... Charles Marie Widor

Reception

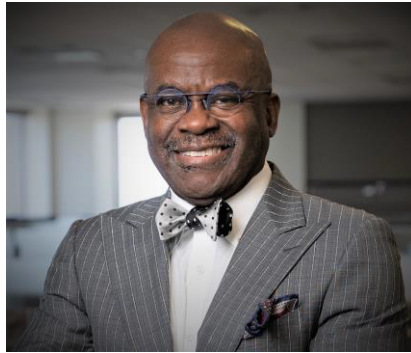
Green Room/Reynolda Hall

Note: The Green Room is accessible through the second-floor lobby of Reynolda Hall, which opens onto Hearn Plaza. Hearn Plaza is equipped with ramps. To access the Green Room from the first floor, enter the building on a ramp and take the elevator to the second floor.

*SPS Hooding Ceremony hashtags #wakesps2025 and #wfugrad
Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.*

Program Notes

Keynote Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



Yele Aluko MD, MBA is Chief Medical Officer in EY Americas Health Advisory practice and a leader in its Global Health Development Team. He advises health system C-suite and senior executives on strategy and business operations, providing insight on megatrends confronting the health industry.

Dr. Aluko is a proven physician executive and corporate leader with astute understanding of strategy that develops competitive advantage for healthcare organizations. He is also the Founder and Director of the EY Center for Health Equity, where he leads EY teams, focused on the upstream political and social determinants of health, in the design of business case driven strategy, solutions and competency building for health industry clients seeking to achieve Health Equity. Prior to joining EY in 2016, Dr. Aluko practiced cardiovascular medicine and interventional cardiology at Novant Health, a southeast USA regional integrated healthcare system. As Senior Vice President for heart and vascular services, he led enterprise clinical integration strategy, operations management and care delivery within the heart and vascular service line across the fifteen-hospital, four state health system footprint.

Dr. Aluko obtained his MBA from the Wake Forest University School of Business. He completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, an Invasive Cardiology Fellowship at Cornell University Medical Center, and both a General Cardiology Fellowship and an Internal Medicine Residency at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He obtained his Doctor of Medicine from the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Certified by the American and Canadian Boards of Internal Medicine as well as the American Boards of Cardiovascular Medicine and Interventional Cardiology, Dr. Aluko is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) and the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions (FSCAI).

Dr. Aluko is a TEDx speaker, and a sought-after public speaker. As an authoritative voice in the health industry, he has spoken and published extensively on topics related to industry transformation, value-based healthcare, digital disruption, the role of technology in industry innovation, cardiovascular medicine, COVID-19, and the business case for Health Equity. He is an Advisory Board member at Harvard Business Review and Honeywell Healthcare Solutions.

Academic Regalia

Candidates for and holders of the master and doctorate degrees wear hoods over their robes as part of their academic regalia. The hood symbolizes heavy burden and identifies the level of the degree, the field of learning, and the institution that awards it. The color of the trimming declares the major field of learning.

About Wake Forest University's School of Professional Studies

Wake Forest University created the School of Professional Studies (SPS) to accelerate the professional growth of adult learners across their careers and support the talent development needs of organizations through accessible, flexible, and cutting-edge educational experiences. At Wake Forest University, you'll gain a rare and valuable blend of leadership --combining academic and practical industry expertise-- that empowers you to advance your career, your organization, and your community.

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Communications

Conferred August 21, 2024

Ellen Matthews Boise, Idaho

Conferred December 20, 2024

Kelsey Brown Advance, North Carolina

Natalie Stewart..... Charlotte, North Carolina

Kathryn Van Schoor..... LaGrange, Georgia*

Conferred May 19, 2025

Eleanor Therese Boldt Chester, South Carolina*

Taylor Cooper Washington, District of Columbia

Loni Covington Spartanburg, South Carolina

Peter Lawrence Spring Lake, North Carolina

Kendra Allene Parks Coral Gables, Florida*

Shimya Patterson..... Angier, North Carolina

Dena Roten..... Charlotte, North Carolina*

Christopher Allan Sullins..... Jackson, Tennessee*

Ariel Thornton Jackson, Mississippi*

Kimberly Wallace Salt Lake City, Utah

David Welborn Conway, South Carolina*

Ashley Daishell Wood Greensboro, North Carolina

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Curriculum and Instruction

Conferred August 21, 2024

Brianna Farrar Durham, North Carolina

Mary Josephine Juran Ambrose Hendersonville, North Carolina*

Ellen Ann Ransley..... Nashville, Tennessee*

Conferred December 20, 2024

Emily Coffield Caldwell Colerain, North Carolina*

Debra L. Gunter Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Jessica Applewhite Wilson, North Carolina*

Martin William Baker High Point, North Carolina*

Abria Frazier Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

Brynn Miller Chicago, Illinois

Toni Moody Lexington, South Carolina*

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Digital Marketing**Conferred August 21, 2024**

Emmaline L. Booker Charlottesville, Virginia

Stacy Elizabeth Burchfield Winter Springs, Florida

Amanda Elliott Gates, North Carolina*

Madison Ives Arlington Heights, Illinois

Brian Lafater Raleigh, North Carolina*

Rachel Lange Yardley, Pennsylvania

Mikaela Grace Marion Kannapolis, North Carolina

Larrell McAllister Kannapolis, North Carolina

Erin Sarah O'Leary Mooresville, North Carolina

Laura Tavira Riverside, California

John Wills Highland Heights, Kentucky

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Capone Blue Winchester, California

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Jessica Elridge Trussville, Alabama

Taylor Gallis Mebane, North Carolina*

DeVonte Gordon Washington, District of Columbia

Ruben Hassell Nashville, Tennessee

Ngozichukwuka Ikeakanam Grayson, Georgia

Peyton Johnson Charlotte, North Carolina

Ava Christine Lambert Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Robert Quintana Allen, Texas

Lyndsi Richardson Crumpler, North Carolina

Amy Kemp Ruchte Raleigh, North Carolina*

Zachary Saltos Arlington, Virginia

Alison Sweeney Cary, North Carolina

Colin Jacob Thomas Canton, Georgia

Libby White White, Georgia

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Madeleine F. Blazer	Canton, North Carolina
Keontae Brodie	Greensboro, North Carolina
Elise Bryan	Oakland California
Caitlyn Dawn Gallo	Raleigh, North Carolina
Cate Hadley	Loxley, Alabama
Abigail Helm	Rock Hill, South Carolina
Xion Hepburn	Durham, North Carolina
Jessica Hill	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Demeara Alissa Monet Hinds	Douglasville, Georgia
Emily Johns	Blackwood, New Jersey
Tanner Johnson	Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming
Kaitlin Amanda Mattingly	Mooresville, North Carolina
Sydney Nichols	Wilkesboro, North Carolina
Erin Quirk	Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
De'Nitria Price Robinson	Concord, North Carolina
Scott Relyea	Oak Point, Texas
Sherry Valle	South Gate, California
Deborah Walker	Garner, North Carolina

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Educational Leadership**Conferred May 19, 2025**

Adam Jacobs Bennett	Spring, Texas
Chris Charles Jr.	Marrero, Louisiana
Keiva Matheson	Brooklyn, New York*
Clifflena Gmanten Tiah	Charlotte, North Carolina
Demetrice Nikita Via	Durham, North Carolina

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Financial Technology and Analytics**Conferred August 21, 2024**

Tirza Gomez	Raleigh, North Carolina
Matthew Joseph Hanley	Schaumburg, Illinois
Heath Huggins	Morganton, North Carolina*
Aldo Palles,	Jupiter, Florida
Alex Palles	Orlando, Florida
Parth Patel	Charlotte, North Carolina
Maya Rush Pernell	Florence, South Carolina

Conferred December 20, 2024

Meesam AbbasAltamonte Springs, Florida
Hank Bachmeier Lake Elsinore, California
Greg Burns..... Arlington, Texas
Cristian Escribano Frisco, Texas
Catrina Espinosa..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Taylor Harris Charlotte, North Carolina
Kevin Hradek Indian Land, South Carolina*
Keanu Merle..... Orlando, Florida
Nuh MisirliInver Grove, Minnesota
Einer O. Nava Charlotte, North Carolina
Benjamin Rubin..... Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania*
Brandon Setegn Long Island City, New York*
Ricky Lyn ThompkinsMidlothian, Virginia
Stuart Welch Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Adrienne Adams San Jose, California
Weronika Drewnowska Streamwood, Illinois
Jahne Howell Brandywine, Maryland
Assiya Lewis Jacksonville, North Carolina
Tom Rajan Sugar Land, Texas
Joel Skinner Melbourne, Florida
Michael Johnathan Vines Asheville, North Carolina

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Health Administration**Conferred May 19, 2025**

Janvi Desai Scranton, Pennsylvania*
Crystal McClellanYadkinville, North Carolina
Alana McKendall Dallas, Texas*

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Health Informatics**Conferred August 21, 2024**

Jody Johnson..... Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Julia Elizabeth Moomaw Orlando, Florida

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Erin Butler Kimball, Michigan
Kelly Carlin Baltimore, Maryland
Jacob Joseph HansenHendersonville, North Carolina*
Anna Hart..... Lexington, North Carolina

Ashton Oldham	Sanford, North Carolina*
Zack Shelton	Greensboro, North Carolina*
Jaleah Stevenson	Charlotte, North Carolina
Rogchelle Terrell	Albany, New York

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Norvinyo Ama Abiti	High Point, North Carolina*
Kayla Bamberg	Columbia, South Carolina
Duncan Xaxier Dobbins	Lyons, New York
Holly Nicole Herring	Advance, North Carolina*
Tonya Michelle Horton	Winnabow, North Carolina
Nadine Miyamoto	Clarksville, Tennessee
Kate Nappi	Atlanta, Georgia
Amia Rodriguez	Rockaway, New Jersey
Fatima Sholy	Springfield, Missouri*
Daniel Silver	Lewisville, North Carolina*
Allan Yearis	Clayton, North Carolina

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Project Management

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Brandon Barrow	Oak Ridge, North Carolina
Megan Jane Cook	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Katelyn Crim	Durham, North Carolina
Bethanie R. Dixon	Waxhaw, North Carolina
Terrell J. Dixon	FPO, Armed Forces Americas
Cheryl R. Hancock	Kernersville, North Carolina*
Kaia Harrison	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Wendy Moraes	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Danielle R. Poullard	Waldorf, Maryland
Adam Christian Tellier	Ada, Michigan
Jaysen Williams	Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Jemmise Bowen	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Branson Combs	Evansville, Indiana
Holly Crafton-Lay	Maiden, North Carolina
Jeff Hansen	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Cameron Hite	Greeneville, Tennessee
Kam Lewis	North Chesterfield, Virginia
Travis Lorick	Rocklin, California
Alexa Mangum	Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Kiana Mcleod	Carthage, North Carolina*
Ivan Mora	Dalton, Georgia
Jessica Nipper	Mebane, North Carolina
Daequan Lester Porteous	Atlanta, Georgia

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Katheryn Bailey Cary, North Carolina

Leslie Boesch Morrisville, North Carolina

Anabelle Brodeur Essex Fells, New Jersey

Andrew James Brooke Klamath Falls, Oregon

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Kaitlyn Chan Broadlands, Virginia

John Ryan Dillow Jonesborough, Tennessee

DJ Francey Weston, Florida

Chadwick Johnson Stockbridge, Georgia

Quadano June-Rose Johnson Garland, Texas

Tamia Amelia Jones Grand Prairie, Texas

Zoe Lees Frederick, Maryland

Donna Loo Charlotte, North Carolina

Shalini Pallani Charlotte, North Carolina

Aundra Shavawn Parker Goodlettsville, Tennessee

Kevin Darrell Pointer Jonesboro, Arkansas

Caleb Price Concord, North Carolina

Laila Nicole Ricks Torrance, California

Lourdes Sanchez Charlotte, North Carolina

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