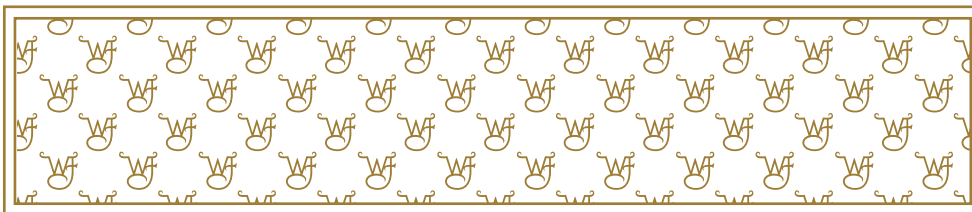




WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

*Hooping and
Commencement Ceremony
2024*



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1:00 P.M.



Organ Prelude

Voluntary in G Major William Walond
Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge
Prelude in Fugue in G Major Felix Mendelssohn

Susan H. Bates

Greetings & Welcome

Lori Bequette
Assistant Dean for Faculty and Administration

Processional

Phoenix Rising Processional.... Dan Locklair

Susan H. Bates

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Speaker

Charles Iacovou
Dean, School of Professional Studies

Keynote Address

Portia Mount
Founder and Chief Marketing Officer, Mount Creative

Congratulatory Remarks

Susan R. Wentz
University President

Conferral of Degrees

Charles Iacovou
Dean, School of Professional Studies
Susan R. Wentz
University President

Presentation & Hooding of the Graduates

Ramu Nagappan
Assistant Dean, Academic Programs
Rich Rinaldi
Academic Director, Master of Project Management
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 Informatics

Concluding Remarks

Charles Iacovou
Dean, School of Professional Studies

Recessional

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

Susan H. Bates

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 #wakesps2024 and #wfugrad
Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.

Program Notes



Portia Mount

Founder and Chief Marketing Officer, Mount Creative

The School of Professional Studies is honored to have Communications Program Advisory Board Member and Founder and CEO of Mount Creative, Portia Mount as your Hooding Ceremony speaker.

In 2024, Portia made the leap to entrepreneurship and launched Mount Creative, a boutique fractional chief marketing officer business offering marketing, business strategy and executive coaching services to mid-market industries, non-profit organizations and professional services companies.

In addition to being an accomplished marketer, Portia has extensive communications leadership in her background, is a 2x TEDx speaker, and co-author of the best-selling career advice book “Kick Some Glass: Ten Ways Women Succeed at Work on Their Own Terms” published by McGraw Hill Education. She is host of The Manifista Podcast, a career podcast for aspiring women. As an executive coach and facilitator, Portia frequently writes and delivers keynote talks on career and lifestyle issues for professional women. She is passionate about the future of work and the power and potential of the freelance and gig-economy to unleash the potential of people everywhere.

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 School of Professional Studies

Wake Forest 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, 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 Project Management

Conferred August 21, 2023

Marcus Rashad Brown.....	Hampstead, NC
Angelia Vernice Futrell.....	Belews Creek, NC
Mark A Klamerus*.....	Leland, NC
Michael Augustine Powers.....	Mount Juliet, TN
Holden William Sprague.....	King, NC

Conferred December 30, 2023

Devonta Imonty Haney.....	Charlotte, NC
Sydni Jenee Hill.....	Nashville, TN
Michael Jeffrey Kern.....	Winston-Salem, NC
Alexandra Nicole Kirby*.....	Charlotte, NC
Alice Swindell Mitchell.....	Grantsboro, NC
Robert Avery Thigpen.....	Richmond, VA
Keenen Deion Walker.....	Atlanta, GA

Conferred May 20, 2024

Joseph Michael Burroughs.....	Sims, NC
Siclinda Canty-Elliott.....	Roanoke, VA
Christian Carr.....	Wake Forest, NC
Jackie Scott Elliott.....	Charlotte, NC
John Compton Gladman.....	Rural Hall, NC
Nicholas Andrew Helbig.....	Groton, CT
Tonya Renatta Summey.....	Charlotte, NC
Elayna Shene Wilson.....	Charlotte, NC

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Digital Marketing

Conferred August 21, 2023

Chase Andrew Caples.....	Knoxville, TN
Alison Lynne Chambers*.....	Charlotte, NC
Molly J Hammonds*.....	Charlotte, NC
Rebeca Maria Johnson.....	Larue, TX

Conferred December 30, 2023

Max Philip Leaman Fox*	Las Vegas, NV
Anthony Pete Gonzalez-Holling	Nashville, TN
Jacob David Isley	Charlotte, NC
Rebecca Leigh Nadolne	Roswell, GA

Conferred May 20, 2024

Brianna Janaé Briggs	Boiling Springs, SC
Caroline Shim Combs	Mt. Pleasant, SC
Sherri Farmer	Granger, IA
Jiangmiao Hao	Vancouver, BC
Nicholas Honeycutt	Marvin, NC
Angela Knipp	Wichita, KS
Stephanie May Muscat	Campbell, CA
Madison Elizabeth Peppard	Dallas, TX
Anna Elizabeth Pollock	New York, NY
David Kyle Williams	Westlake Village, CA

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Financial Technology and Analytics

Conferred May 20, 2024

Thomas Matthew Berry	Virginia Beach, VA
Mark Christopher Darling	Jacksonville, FL
Chase D Jones	Chesterfield, VA
Cristian Magana	New Rochelle, NY
Ayush Rakesh Patel*	Nashville, TN

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Health Informatics

Conferred May 20, 2024

Hope Mills	Zebulon, NC
Scott Austin Wells*	Charlotte, NC

*denotes Academic Distinction**



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