



# GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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**FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

Main Theatre, Redfern Arts Center

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## PROGRAM

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Dr. Kirsti Sandy, *Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs*

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dr. Melinda Treadwell, *President of Keene State College*

### INTRODUCTION OF THE GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Stephen Bigaj, *Professor of Education and Graduate Program Coordinator*

### GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Reuben Duncan, *Superintendent, Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District*

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE CONFERRAL

Dr. Tanya Sturtz, *Dean of Accredited Programs, Graduate Studies,  
and Professional Preparation*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Education

*Curriculum and Teaching*

Dr. Stephen Bigaj, *Professor of Education and Graduate Program Coordinator*

*Educational Leadership*

Dr. Stephen Bigaj, *Professor of Education and Graduate Program Coordinator*  
and Dr. Peggy Wozniak, *Adjunct Faculty*

*Post-Master's Educational Leadership Licensure*

Dr. Stephen Bigaj, *Professor of Education and Graduate Program Coordinator*  
and Dr. Peggy Wozniak, *Adjunct Faculty*

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts, Genocide Prevention & Human Security

Dr. Ashley Greene, *Associate Professor, Holocaust & Genocide Studies*

Master of Arts, History & Archives

Dr. Graham Warder, *Associate Professor, History*

and Dr. Gregory Knouff, *Professor, History*

Master of Science, Safety & Occupational Health Applied Sciences

Dr. Christopher Rennix, *Associate Professor, Safety & Occupational  
Health Applied Sciences*

and Dr. Abdul Balogun, *Assistant Professor, Safety & Occupational  
Health Applied Sciences*

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Melinda Treadwell, *President of Keene State College*

### ALUMNI GREETING

Hilary Shepard, *Vice President of Advancement & Constituent Relations*

### ALMA MATER

James Slipp '25

### CLOSING

Dr. Kirsti Sandy, *Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs*

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## MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

#### *Curriculum and Teaching*

Sara Kathleen Dea  
Heather Elizabeth Forte  
Patricia Harrington  
Jennifer L. McCall  
Shauna G. Smith  
Natasha Walker

#### *Educational Leadership*

Nathan Cushman  
Jocelyn M. Perrin  
Benjamin Jeremy Pierce

#### *Post-Master's Educational Leadership Licensure*

Heath Ahnert  
Tamella Rene Allen  
Lori Danelle Benincasa  
Sarah E. Burgess  
Chantelle Champagne  
Lisa Davis  
James Patrick Gallagher  
Tiffany North Marrara  
Alison Trimper

### MASTER OF ARTS, GENOCIDE PREVENTION & HUMAN SECURITY

Peter Michael Graney  
Megan E. Jamison  
Colin Michael Meehan

### MASTER OF ARTS, HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Julianna Rose Benducci  
Gabrielle P. Costa  
Nathaniel James Diers  
Alissa Matheny Helms

### MASTER OF SCIENCE, SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH APPLIED SCIENCES

Matthew Richard Anderson  
Jacob Robert Bettencourt  
Jacob Chiza  
Nathan Steven Dopp  
Lauren A. Fabian  
Ashley Gracia  
Annessia Jimenez-Rezendes  
Brandon Kinney  
Stephanie Theresa Leive  
Reed Parker Miller  
Brian Morrill  
Paige Robyn Priskie  
Philip J. Sissick  
Christopher George Wilson  
Cameron S. Young

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