



# Commencement 2017

Forty-third Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 20, 2017

11 a.m.

Bunker Hill Community College

## Processional

## Presiding

James F. Canniff, Ed.D.

*Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs*

## National Anthem

performed by

Sergeant James Connor, *Massachusetts State Police*

## Welcoming Remarks

Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Carlton V. Aird, *President, BHCC Foundation*

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*

## Faculty/Professional Staff Speaker

R. Arlene Vallie, *Director of Learning Communities*

## Presentation of Scholarships and Awards

## Presentation of Departmental and Academic Excellence Awards

## Presentation of Medals to Commonwealth Honors Students

## Recessional

Janet Bergstrom and Mark Riley, American Sign Language Interpreters,  
certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
and the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

*Kindly mute all cell phones during the ceremony*

## Presentation of 2017 Scholarships and Awards

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*  
Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*  
Carlton V. Aird, *President, BHCC Foundation*

### Spring 2017 Academic Excellence Award for Continuing Students

Nicholas C. Dion • Patricia A. Kiely • Yena Kwon • Eva V. Gomes Montrond • Erin E. Yandle

This scholarship is awarded to continuing students who have earned at least 15 credits at BHCC and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

### Fall 2017 Academic Excellence Award for Continuing Students

Gregory M. Karsner • Stephanie Etienne • Claire A. Aki-Cobham • Deborah S. Briggs • Benjamin K. Kharpertian

This scholarship is awarded to continuing students who have earned at least 15 credits at BHCC and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

### Bunker Hill Community College Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship for Continuing Students

Kay Ann Jones

Awarded to a continuing student enrolled in the Commonwealth Honors Program; the recipient must demonstrate academic excellence and evidence of completion of Honors Program contracts.

### Bunker Hill Community College Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship for Graduating Students

Marrissa Grant

Given to a graduating Commonwealth Honors Program student who has completed program requirements and plans to attend a four-year institution.

### Foster Furcolo Scholarship

Rosa Y. Martinez-Hercules

This merit-based scholarship is awarded to a Fall 2016 BHCC graduate or to a Spring 2017 BHCC graduating student with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher who is a resident of Massachusetts and accepted for admission to UMass-Boston for the Fall 2017 semester.

### The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Sondos Alnamos

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is intended to cover a significant share of a student's educational expenses for the final two-to-three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cooke Scholars are also eligible for graduate school funding for up to four years.

### Student Government Association Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship for Continuing Students

Jennifer A. Davidson • Zainab Lakhani

Established by the BHCC Student Government Association, this award goes to two continuing students who are enrolled in six or more credits and who best demonstrate academic achievement and outstanding leadership.

### Student Government Association Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship for Graduating Student

Brenda L. Posada Rivera

Established by the BHCC Student Government Association, this award goes to a graduating student who will be transferring to a four-year institution in fall 2017 and who best demonstrates academic achievement and outstanding leadership.

### Maurice F. O'Shea Trustees' Academic Award

Nia E. Lamrock

This is awarded to a continuing student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence while attending Bunker Hill Community College. Applicants must indicate how they have contributed to the institutional values of the BHCC community.

### Trustees' Service Award

Eva V. Gomes Montrond

The Trustees' Service Award is given to a continuing student who has demonstrated academic achievement and performed outstanding community service while attending Bunker Hill Community College. Community service includes civic responsibility/civic engagement or volunteer service.

### Brandy R. Bonney Memorial Scholarship

Maria E. Oliveira

*presented by Ronald Bonney, Jr.*

Established in memory of Brandy Bonney, this scholarship is awarded to an honors graduate of Somerville High School who was an active member of the high school and community and is or was a resident of the Somerville Housing Authority.

### José A. Chaves Memorial Scholarship

Leticia A. Silva

*presented by Dorothy Chaves and her sons Mark and Philip*

This scholarship was established in memory of José Chaves, a beloved former professor at BHCC, through the generosity of the Joe & Dorothy Chaves Foundation. It is awarded annually to a current BHCC student majoring in Business Administration who has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### Kayla DeMello Memorial Scholarship

Zainab Lakhani • Tinh T. Pham

*presented by Kelsey DeMello, Diane DeMelo and Kaisie Moitoso*

Established in memory of BHCC student Kayla DeMello, this scholarship is awarded to two students who are enrolled in or have been accepted to the Medical Radiology Program with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher.

### English as a Second Language Award for Continuing Students

Ashraf M. Matar • Luis A. Gonzalez Nova

*presented by Marcela Rodriguez*

This award is presented annually to one or more students who have completed at least two English as a Second Language courses at BHCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and are enrolled for the same in the coming academic year. *The scholarship has been endowed through the generosity of the Freedom Charitable Foundation.*

### Pedro A. Juarez Scholarship

Keith J. Clark

*presented by Pedro Juarez*

Awarded to a current BHCC student, preferably a graduate of Everett High School, who has completed at least 12 college-level credits at BHCC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and whose area of concentration is history and government.

### Sivarubini Murugaiah Memorial Scholarship for Continuing Students

Gabriella Esparza Schupchek

*presented by Veeravagu and Thavamani Murugaiah and Praba Manchunath*

Established by Veeravagu, Thavamani, and Kirubahari Murugaiah in memory of their daughter and sister, this scholarship is awarded to an academically-motivated student who is the first in his or her family to attend college, has completed at least 30 credit hours at BHCC, and intends to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

### Andrew Graham Narcus Semper Fi Scholarship

Dalia A. Zeabis

*presented by John Narcus, BHCC Class of '14*

The Andrew Graham Narcus Semper Fi Scholarship was established by friends and family in memory of Andrew Graham Narcus, USMC and funded through proceeds from the Boston River Run 5K. It is awarded annually to a continuing BHCC student with a demonstrated financial need, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

### Rukmini Rao Memorial Scholarship

Ameena Sajjad • Cam N. Do

*presented by Anugeeta Rao and Anand Rao*

Established by Yenamandra V. Rao in memory of his wife, this scholarship is awarded to two current students majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics who have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, demonstrate dedication to their field of study, and intend to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

### James R. Ware Stop & Shop Scholarship

Mohammed N. Hossain • Essi Kwasi

*presented by James W. Murphy*

This scholarship was established in 1998 by the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, and later named in recognition of James Ware, a long-time executive of Stop & Shop who helped arrange the first corporate internship program at BHCC. The scholarship is awarded to one or two current students in the Business Administration program.

### Frank J. Bellairs Memorial Scholarship

Rachael Davis

Established in memory of Frank Bellairs, a Culinary Arts student at BHCC, this scholarship is awarded to a first-year Culinary Arts student for the purpose of purchasing books, supplies or uniforms, or for tuition and fees.

### The Bethoney Family New Beginnings Scholarship

Anne C. Lerebours

Established in 2015 by Jessica Bethoney, an English Department faculty member, this scholarship is awarded to a student with an immigrant background, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and significant financial need.

### Deputy Warden John A. Blaney Scholarship

Amanda Ortiz

This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the children of the late John A. Blaney, Deputy Warden of the Charlestown State Prison, which was located at the current site of Bunker Hill Community College. The scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in Criminal Justice with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### Boston Sand & Gravel Company Scholarship

Stephanie J. Lavita • Claudia Gerardin

Established in 2000 by the Boston Sand & Gravel Company, Inc., this scholarship is awarded to two full-time BHCC students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, exemplify the institutional values of the College, demonstrate dedication to their field of study, and intend to complete their associate degree at BHCC.

### Bunker Hill Community College Charlestown Housing Development Award

Maria Sanetel Guidovia

This scholarship is awarded to a new or current BHCC student in good academic standing who is a resident of the Boston Housing Authority in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

### Bunker Hill Community College Chelsea Resident Award

Juliana A. Mira-Arango

This scholarship is awarded to a current BHCC student in good academic standing who has completed at least 15 credits at BHCC and is a resident of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

### Bunker Hill Community College Foundation Grant

Danaya Docanto-Brito

This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing BHCC student who is in good academic standing and has been nominated by City Year.

### Bunker Hill Community College Memorial Scholarship

Consuelo E. Toledo

This scholarship is awarded to a BHCC student who is enrolled part-time and has completed at least 15 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### The Gateway Scholarship

Anthony E. Stefanelli

Established in 2015 by Doris Partan, a long-time member of the Department of English as a Second Language, this scholarship is intended to provide a gateway to a stable future for full-time students with financial need.

### Thomas A. Kershaw Scholarship

Shu Zhu

Established to honor the long and generous commitment to BHCC of Tom Kershaw, this scholarship is awarded to a Culinary Arts student in recognition of outstanding performance.

### Edward L. Kerr, Jr., Memorial Scholarship

Emerson L. Loaiza-Gonzalez

Established in memory of Edward Kerr, distinguished Professor of Accounting for more than 20 years at BHCC, this scholarship is awarded to a student in a business program with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better.

### Stanley Z. Koplik Scholarship

Alicia Walker

Established in honor of Chancellor Stanley Koplik's commitment to providing quality education to all students attending the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education, this scholarship is awarded to a BHCC student enrolled in at least nine courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who intends to complete an associate degree in accordance with MassTransfer guidelines.

### Stephen J. Perez Memorial Scholarship

Fritz St. Fleur

Established by family and friends of Stephen J. Perez, this scholarship is awarded to a Criminal Justice major who has completed at least 20 credit hours at BHCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and the intention to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

### Refrigeration Service Engineers Society Scholarship

Phuc Kim Hoang

Established in 1989 by the Boston Chapter of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, this scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in mathematics, engineering or physics who has completed at least 30 credit hours of college-level work.

### Rosann Sperduto '88 Memorial Scholarship

Marrissa D. Grant

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating female student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and leadership ability. It was established in memory of Rosann Sperduto, BHCC class of '88, whose contribution of time and talent to the College, the Alumni Association, her family and the community personifies the essence of this award.

### Jeffrey Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Joice Buccarey

This scholarship was established by Charles and Sheri Thompson in memory of their son, a graduate of BHCC who, although permanently disabled as the result of a car accident, pursued his education at BHCC and later at the University of Massachusetts Boston and advocated for students with disabilities. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students.

## Recognition of Bunker Hill Community College Silver and Pearl Scholars

These scholarships were established by the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation through funds raised at galas celebrating two milestone events – the 25th Annual BHCC Foundation Gala in 2015 and the BHCC Foundation 30th Anniversary Gala in 2016. Students were selected based upon their academic achievement and their commitment to completing their associate degree within a targeted timeframe.

The following are the Silver and Pearl Scholars who are graduating in 2017.

### Silver Scholars

Sydney Bears  
Hilena Beauciquot  
Jean Hermy Beauciquot  
Rizel Bobb-Semble  
Michael Curran  
Noon Farsab  
Ashley Fishbein  
Beth Howard  
Yufeng Tan  
Shawn Willing

### Pearl Scholars

Catherine Adewoye  
Christopher Aguirre  
Alexandra Broda  
David Carpenter  
Reina Guevara Perez  
Joseph Hally  
Anne Heng  
Elizabeth Hickey  
Benjamin Kai Kharpetian  
Diane McManus  
Romula Savino Locke  
Tomny Tran  
Wei Wei



**Presentation of Departmental Awards**  
*In Recognition of Special Achievement*  
and  
**Presentation of Academic Excellence Awards**  
*In Recognition of Superior Academic Performance*

**Professional Studies and Workforce Development Departmental Awards**

Dean Michelle M. Elias Bloomer, J.D

Accounting Option .....	Elena Mironova
Administrative Information Management Option .....	Marcela Medina-Madrid
Business Concentration .....	Silmara Kan
Computer Information Systems Concentration .....	David Alvarado
Computer Science Concentration .....	Shipeng Yu
Computer Science Transfer Option .....	Christopher A. Bat-Shalom
Computer Support Specialist Program.....	Tyana Lacend
Criminal Justice .....	Salvatore R. Clemente
Culinary Arts Program .....	Karolina Kajewska
Database Programming & Administration Option .....	Paula Hodgkins
Early Childhood Development Program .....	Sindy X. Villatoro
Education Concentration.....	Marlon I. Portillo
Electric Power Utility Program .....	Tristen Harrop
Entrepreneurship Option.....	Kimberly Perez
Finance Option.....	Jonathan James Crawley
Fine Arts Concentration .....	Stephanie A. Cree
Fire Protection & Safety Program .....	Michael Browder
Gaming/Computer Programming Simulation Option .....	Daniel Bowman Baker
Graphic Design Option .....	Manita Khamsuan
Hotel/Restaurant Management Option.....	Vandira S. Depina
Human Services Program .....	Johanna Deras
Information Technology Security Option .....	Jiaqiang Wang
Information Technology Transfer Option.....	Donna Ruck
International Business Option .....	Paula A. Jaramillo
Management Option.....	Erik D. Branch
Medical Information Management Option.....	Liyng Mei
Network Technology & Administration Option .....	Demir C. Taruz
Paralegal Studies Option.....	Jeannelle Moody
Web Development Program.....	Daniel Bowman Baker

*Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) used to determine eligibility for these awards was based on the GPA at time of review and may not reflect final GPA*

## Professional Studies and Workforce Development Academic Excellence Awards

Dean Michelle M. Elias Bloomer, J.D

Accounting Option .....	Nicole Samantha Gibbs
Administrative Information Management Option .....	Marcela Medina-Madrid
Business Concentration .....	Joseph D'Amico, Silmara Kan, Steven M. Russo
Computer Information Systems Concentration .....	David Alvarado
Computer Science Concentration .....	Dongwon Park
Computer Science Transfer Option .....	Sang H. Lee
Computer Support Specialist Option .....	Tyana Lacend
Criminal Justice .....	John J. Kelley
Culinary Arts Program .....	Karolina Kajewska
Database Programming & Administration Option .....	Paula Hodgkins
Early Childhood Development Program .....	Eva M Mancio
Education Concentration.....	Anthony J. Costello
Electric Power Utility Program .....	Esayas T. Abeber
Entrepreneurship Option.....	Michael J. Flaherty
Finance Option.....	Jonathan James Crawley
Fine Arts Concentration .....	Stephanie A. Cree
Fire Protection & Safety Program .....	Erik Anderson
Gaming/Computer Programming Simulation Option .....	Joseph Amoroso
Graphic Design Option .....	Wildo R. Perallon
Hotel/Restaurant Management Option.....	Marek Altoff
Human Services Program .....	Constance M Hurvitz
Information Technology Security Option .....	Jiaqiang Wang
Information Technology Transfer Option.....	Calvin Pradhan
International Business Option .....	Paula A. Jaramillo
Management Option.....	Katerina Chlupacova, Erik D. Branch
Media Communication Program .....	Paul Y. Myers
Medical Information Management Option.....	Liyong Mei
Meeting & Event Planning Option .....	Jonathan P. Panciotti
Network Technology & Administration Option .....	Andy Pena
Paralegal Studies Option.....	Tatiana Barsukova
Web Development Option.....	Hafed Figuani

## Nurse Education and Medical Imaging Departmental Awards

Interim Dean Laurie K. McCorry, Ph.D.

Medical Radiography Option .....	Drew Sutherland
Nursing Program Day Option.....	August Matzko
Nursing Program Evening Option .....	Shannon Rocci

## Nurse Education and Medical Imaging Academic Excellence Awards

Interim Dean Laurie K. McCorry, Ph.D.

Cardiac Sonography Option.....	Anthony Chinedu Onochie
General Sonography Option .....	Kristin Tersolo
Medical Radiography Evening Option .....	Claire Sidorski
Medical Radiography Option .....	Shawn D. Willing
Nursing Program Alternative Option .....	Shannon Rocci
Nursing Program Day Option.....	Niamh M. Daly
Nursing Program Evening Option .....	Katie Amelia Doyle

## Science, Engineering and Health Programs Departmental Awards

Dean Laurie K. McCorry, Ph.D.

Biology Transfer Option .....	Igor Popovich
Biotechnology Option.....	Chelsea L. Abbott
Chemical Science Concentration .....	Vinh Minh Dao
Engineering Transfer Option .....	Noon M. Farsab
Environmental Science .....	Steven E. Reitz

## Science, Engineering and Health Programs Academic Excellence Awards

Dean Laurie K. McCorry, Ph.D.

Biology Transfer Option .....	Igor Popovich
Biomedical Engineering Option.....	Aaron Gaylord
Biotechnology Option.....	Chelsea L. Abbott
Chemical Science Concentration .....	Vinh Minh Dao
Engineering Transfer Option .....	Jhoud Milaud Logane Ikapi
Environmental Science .....	Ashley M. Fishbein
Medical Laboratory Technician Program .....	Rachelle Espejo
Paramedic Studies Program .....	Tyler E. Fagan

## Mathematics, Behavioral and Social Sciences Departmental Awards

Interim Dean Maria Kathleen N. Puente, Ph.D.

History & Government Concentration.....	Jeffrey Haropolous
Mathematics Concentration .....	Myriam Iralien
Psychology Concentration.....	Alicia A. Colombo
Sociology Concentration .....	Muniba Khan

## Mathematics, Behavioral and Social Sciences Academic Excellence Awards

Interim Dean Maria Kathleen N. Puente, Ph.D.

History & Government Concentration.....	Nicole L. Silvestri
Mathematics Concentration .....	Myriam Iralien
Psychology Concentration.....	Alicia A. Colombo
Sociology Concentration.....	Muniba Khan

## Humanities and Learning Communities Departmental Awards

Dean Lori A. Catalozzi, M.F.A.

Communication Concentration .....	Margaret Wetherington
English Concentration .....	Nicole Jennings
Foreign Language Concentration .....	Janet C. Cintron Lopes
General Concentration .....	John G. Gonsalves
Music Concentration .....	Luis A. Berroa

## Humanities and Learning Communities Academic Excellence Awards

Dean Lori A. Catalozzi, M.F.A.

Communication Concentration .....	Yin MeiLai
English Concentration .....	Victor M. Keryakos
Foreign Language Concentration .....	Michael F. Nystrom
General Concentration .....	Kaixuan Tan
Music Concentration .....	Luis A. Berroa

## Special Recognition of Bunker Hill Community College Commonwealth Honors Students

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*

Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Manel Abdellaoui  
Katerina Chlupacova  
Henry Costellanos  
Nadine Sofia de C. B. Borges  
Vy Dinh  
Gawain Dornelly  
Cherise Everett

Marrissa Dani Grant  
Jeffrey Haropolous  
Simon Holtmo  
Myriam Iralien  
Muniba Khan  
Xiaoyuan Liu  
Bethany Mutchler

Jose Anthar Nieto  
Reyna Palma  
Kateryna Pokrovska  
Brenda Posada Rivera  
Nyeica A. Scott  
Mariah Whipple  
Lourde-Meyard Xavier

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