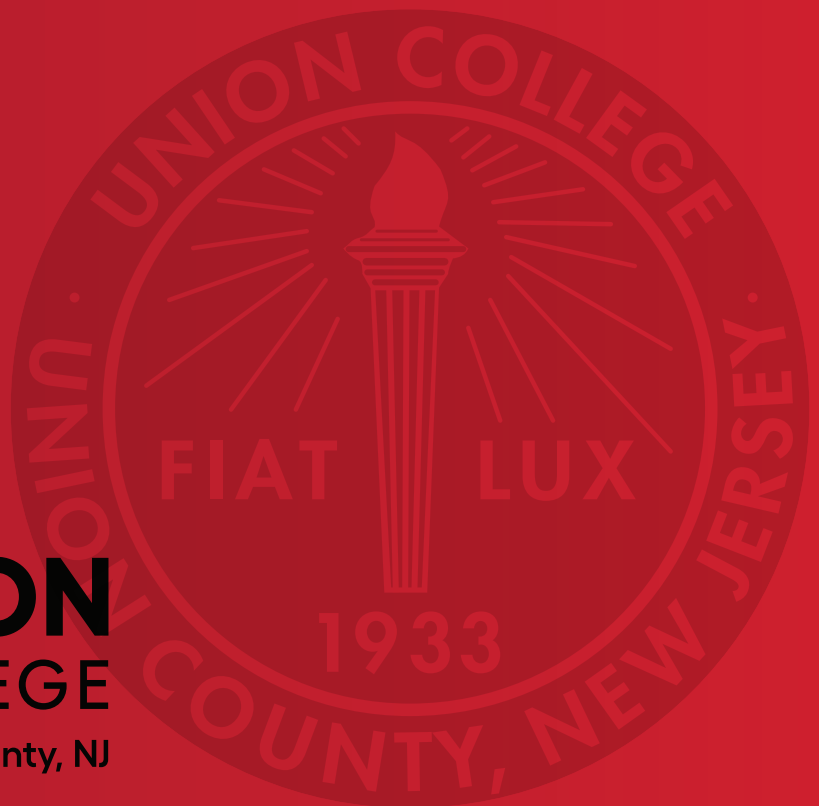


Commencement

JANUARY 12, 2023



Transforming Our Community... One Student at a Time



MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES



Welcome and Congratulations Graduates!

What an auspicious way to begin a new year – with Commencement! A new year is an opportunity for a fresh start and what better way to do so than with a new degree. I am excited to gather with you today as we celebrate this momentous achievement in your lives. Even under the shadow of COVID-19, you managed to earn your degree, which is a difficult task under the best of circumstances. You should be proud of yourselves for persevering and achieving this goal.

We are excited to celebrate every graduating class, but this one does hold particular significance: you are the first class of graduates of the new Union College of Union County, New Jersey! While our mission and commitment to our students and community remains the same, we are thrilled to celebrate all of you as the first class of graduates of the new Union College. While this is a new name for us, it is also familiar to our history: we were actually Union College from 1967 to 1982 before becoming Union County College.

Your path to graduation may have been made possible thanks in part to a Union County College Foundation scholarship. The College's generous donors, individuals and corporations who support Union students, donated more than \$1 million dollars in scholarships this year. A sincere thank you to our generous donors.

We are grateful for the steadfast support of the College's Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. These community members volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of the College. Another critical partner of the College is the Union County Board of County Commissioners who are committed to our mission and to improving the lives of the residents in Union County through their generous support and funding of the College.

Finally, please do not forget your time here at Union College as you move forward in life. Take your experiences and what you learned here into the world and make a difference. You are the embodiment of our mission to transform our community, one student at a time. My sincerest congratulations to each of you.

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin
President, Union College of Union County, NJ



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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Union College **History**

Union College of Union County, New Jersey has a remarkable history as the oldest of New Jersey's community colleges. The College began in 1933 as a one-room night school and has been known through the past almost 90 years as Union County Junior College, Union Junior College, Union College, Union County College, and now once again as Union College, a comprehensive community college serving almost 20,000 credit and non-credit students in Union County.

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt founded Union County Junior College as an "emergency junior college" through the federal Works Project Administration with the original mission of providing jobs for unemployed teachers and professors.

Union College is an open-access community college that currently offers over 60 associate degrees and certificate programs, as well as noncredit opportunities. Union has campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains. In addition to in-person classes, the College offers online courses and more than 20 fully-online degree programs.

The Cranford Campus expanded in 2016 with the two-story Student Development Building which houses student services on the first floor in the Helen E. Chaney Student Services Center, named for the generous donor and alumna Helen Chaney, '48. The second floor has classrooms and faculty offices.

In June 2017, Union's accreditation was reaffirmed by The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, a voluntary, non-governmental, membership association that defines, maintains, and promotes educational excellence.

On the Elizabeth Campus, renovations to the Lessner Building were completed in 2018. This included the development of a new Student Services Center on the first floor and offices and training classrooms on the lower level for the College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development. The impact of Hurricane Ida in September 2021 left the Kellogg Building closed for a full year after severe flooding damage, with operations moved to the Lessner Building or other campuses. The Kellogg Building reopened in fall 2022.

In January 2020, renovations on the Health Science Building on the Plainfield Campus were completed, adding state-of-the-art facilities and labs for the paramedic



The College's faculty in 1936 at Union's first Commencement Ceremony.

emergency health science, physical therapist assistant, and respiratory care programs.

In March 2020, as COVID-19 hit the United States, the College was forced to adapt in the wake of this global health crisis. While COVID-19 impacted the way in which the College operated and delivered education, the College's commitment to its mission remained unchanged.

In 2022, the College was named a semifinalist for the 2023 Aspen Prize. This acknowledges Union as one of the top 25 community colleges in the United States! This is the first time the College received this recognition. The College was chosen for this honor among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide based upon having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds. In 2019, for the first time, the College was named one of the top 150 community colleges in the U.S. by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.

In 2022, the College's Scotch Plains Campus reopened as a destination campus and reimagined as a University Center and home to the College's virtual campus. Located on the same property with the Union County Vocational Technical Schools and John H. Stamler Police Academy, this destination campus is an opportunity for students to take both credit and non-credit courses or pursue a four-year degree with one of the College's university partners in a newly renovated state-of-the-art space.

On July 1, 2022, the College became Union College of Union County, New Jersey. The name change was celebrated at the College's 89th Founders Day in October when the new logo was revealed. The name Union College moves us into the future, showcasing our academic excellence and national recognition while also connecting us to our history.

With each new program, opportunity, and modern space for learning, the College is fulfilling our mission of transforming our community...one student at a time! **U**



The College Mace & Seal

The pomp and ceremony of a Union College Commencement traditionally includes a procession led by a senior faculty member carrying a mace. The mace served as a weapon in medieval times, however, the mace as a symbol of civil authority dates to the mid 13th century. Since the 1500s, colleges and universities have used the mace as part of academic regalia in formal ceremonies.

The mace symbolizes the authority of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, and the Office of the President of Union College, and also represents the faculty's consent in conferring degrees and certificates.

The Union College mace is 38 inches long and sculpted from a solid piece of walnut. The triangular carvings at the base of its shaft reflect the tripartite interaction among research, education, and innovation, which are key drivers of a knowledge-based society. The upper portion of the mace features the round Seal of Union College with the "Fiat Lux" motto, which is Latin for "Let There Be Light." The head of the mace also displays the College Owl, the mascot that symbolizes the College's 1933 origin when it was a night school for unemployed teachers. **U**



The College Seal, shown at the right, is the original design used in 1933 when the College was founded.

The seal is used primarily for official events such as commencement. The College's motto, "Fiat Lux," which is translated "let there be light," is engraved on the seal along with a torch. The implication of the motto is that to be educated is to let in the light thus dispelling the darkness of ignorance. **U**





COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

ACADEMIC Attire & Colors

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was that of a cleric. Formal academic attire is an important part of the pageantry of modern day commencement ceremonies.

A college commencement is a colorful celebration of student excellence and achievement. In academic processions each color is a symbol.

Gowns

The associate gown is black, as is the gown for certificate candidates. This gown, like the bachelor's gown, has pointed sleeves and is worn closed.

Other gowns are black with few exceptions. The master's degree gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, and may be worn open or closed. The gown for a doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves, is worn open or closed, and is embellished with velvet crossbars on the sleeves. Doctoral gowns may be colored to represent a particular institution.

Cowls

Academic cowls identify the degree attained. The color of the cowl a student wears reflects the degree or certificate the graduate is receiving:

- **Associate in Arts Degree:** Royal Blue and Gold;
- **Associate in Applied Science Degree:** Gold and Red;
- **Associate in Science Degree:** Royal Blue and Silver Gray;
- **Certificate:** Green and Gold.

Bachelor's, master's and doctoral hoods feature velvet edging in the color of the discipline and a lining in the color of the institution.

Caps and Tassels

Union College graduates wear a black mortarboard and the tassel indicates academic achievement.

Students wearing red tassels on their mortarboards have achieved an overall Grade Point Average of 3.75 or better. Students wearing white tassels on their mortarboards have a Grade Point Average of 3.25 or better. The tassel is worn on the right side until the formal conferral of the degree. At that time the tassel is moved to the left.

Honors

Degree candidates who have been awarded honors in scholarship are distinguished by colored stoles, satin panels draped over the shoulders. Stoles or cords are worn as an accessory to graduation robes and have special meaning:

- **Gold stoles and blue and gold cords** are worn by members of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges;
- **Green stoles** are worn by members of Tau Alpha Pi, the national honor society for engineering technology;
- **Green stoles** are also worn by members of the Engineering and Architecture Honor Society;
- **Burgundy stoles** are worn by members of Mu Alpha Theta, the two-year college mathematics honor society;
- **White and Gold stoles** are worn by members of American Honors, Union's honors program;
- **Red and Black stoles** are worn by members of the NJ STARS program;
- **White and Red stoles** are worn by members of the Educational Opportunity Fund program;
- **Black and Red stoles** are also worn by student-athletes;
- **Black and Silver cords** are worn by members of The National Society of Leadership and Success;
- **Blue and White cords** are worn by members of Chi Alpha Epsilon, the national academic honor society for the Educational Opportunity Fund.

Colors

For all academic purposes, including the trim of doctoral gowns, the edging hoods, and the tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture	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, including Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet
Veterinary Science	Gray

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ORDER OF EXERCISES



2:30 PM CEREMONY

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

DEGREE CANDIDATES

The Associate in Science degree is awarded for programs in the areas of mathematics, natural sciences, health sciences, engineering, or technology. It enables students to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor of Science degree.

Amir E. Abdelmalak	Jude Blanc	Marcus E. Clark	Jennifer Espinosa
Juan C. Acosta Lopez	Tonirenee M. Blanford	Thomas J. Cody	Lordson R. Estil
Tomasz M. Adamczyk	Martha C. Bolanos	Simone K. Colon	Samuel H. Fajardo
Ehemeiri C. Adeloye	Cynthia C. Boursiquot	Samiyyah A. Colter	Mina Farid
Joel E. Aguilar	Leeann R. Devito	E'dreena Cook	Florencia A. Favale
Grisel M. Agurto	Samantha D. Brennan	Tyshimah Cook	Manuela Fernandes
Marc E. Alexandre	John H. Brooks	Steffany D. Cordero Cordoba	Daria Fernbacher
Lamaar D. Allen	Kelvin Bruce	Kimberly Corea-Zamora	Briana S. Ferreira
Felix P. Allende	Shanique Y. Bucknor	Wadline W. Corgelas	Marylise Figaro
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Jonathan Alvarez	Kevin A. Byron	Racquel N. Cumberbatch	Yordy Filpo Garcia
Stacy M. Amewoyi	Joanna A. Caceres	Andressa J. Da Cunha Prado	Edna Fils-Aime
Brooke A. Andre	Hildania M. Caceres Corniell	Stella M. Dasilva	Joseph S. Fischgrund
Ashina K. Andrew	Sherry-Ann K. Caesar	Priscila S. Debarros	Maylen Fonseca
Magdaline Antoine	Steve Cajuste	Frank M. DeGeorge	Valerie J. Fragoso
Kimberly N. Arcos	Andrew S. Cardona	Tanisha A. Degroot	Leslie Y. Franco Mauricio
Maria J. Arreola Rios	Natali E. Cardoza	Amy Deiboldt	Sybel Francois
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Sun-Mee S. Atay	Angelica S. Carvalho	Matthew J. Delgado	Ranisha N. Frejuste
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Brooke M. Beyer	Brianie Cejour	Rachael M. DiCocco	Damaris E. Garcia Roman
Joao Bitencourt	Mindy S. Celestin	Julia A. Digiovanni	Jerry Gasson
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	Franklin Chacho Castro	Tammi L. D'Innocenzio	Archie Albert Gerona
	Natalie Chagui	Morgan E. Donofrio	Anna N. Glueck
	Shenise S. Champagne	Leomaris Duran	Busra N. Gocenler
	Nicolas G. Charles Pierre	Chereka Y. Echols	Andrei L. Gomez- Arbona
	Urbain Charles Saint	Toure L. Edwards	Olinda L. Goncalves
	Tri H. Chau	Rachel A. Ekhaguere	Angelica M. Gonell Pena
	Katherine A. Chavarria	Malika El Habbaz	Gretchen Gonzalez
	Dan E. Chery	Branden J. Embree	Jair N. Gonzalez
	Paul C. Chikezie	Brendan Emile	Neil Mervin S. Gonzalez
	David A. Ciani	Ricardo Emmanuel	Charlotte T. Goodall
	Kristina Cibikova	Onyinye B. Esan	Brian Gladstone A. Gordon
	Demi Cioci	Raydy Espinal Rodriguez	Saradienne Gourgue

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Millan Grant	Akemi Y. Johnson	Gerlyne Louis Jacques	Giandra Morales
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Bossie Ibanez-Mancuso	Virginia Lagdameo	Annie C. Merand	Jasmine S. Ore
Samantha E. Ifere	Giovanna G. Latorre	Stravinsky Merville	Maria E. Orellana
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Amanda Irizarry	Nicky J. Leonardis	Roman E. Mieses	Jada L. Osaji
Hannah Jambawai	Jaleah M. Lettley	Kemmalia N. Miller	Steven Osores
Nikol A. Javier Abreu	Authorine S. Lewis	Gabriela C. Mintz	Naica Ovil
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Mozardell Jean-Noel	Josefina Lieberman	Darnelle C. Mondesir	Victoria A. Pane
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Madeline L. Parisi	Briana L. Reid	Tamilya J. Simmons	Olivia O. Tutu
Jessica L. Pastor	Christopher Sousa Resende	Maya Simonson	Sara Urbaniak
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Chinwe K. Patrick	Mary Reyes	Jaspreet Singh	Carolyn Valdez
Brittany L. Patterson	Alexander M. Ribau	Kayla N. Smith	Ashley G. Valladares
Valerie Payoute	Janaina Ribeiro	Tuere Snead	Carolina Vargas
Andrea B. Pelerigo	Natalia Ribera	Yovana C. Sola Barrientos	Juan C. Vargas-Santos
Isabelle M. Pena	Jocelyn R. Riddick	Daniel S. Sotomayor	Victoria Vega
Alexandra Perez	Jennifer D. Rivas-Chavez	Hawa Soumare	Kenneth Velarde
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Rebecca Pierre	Maricruz Romero Castelan	Kathleen D. Sung	Lawanda T. Wade
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Lisnery Polanco	Briana I. Ruiz	Dian D. Tajudeen	Robyn J. Walker
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Kinna Prajapati	Victoria B. Salzedas	Gladys V. Tello	Faith U. Williams
Akima M. Prevost	Homero J. Sanango	Justin P. Thomas	Melanie C. Williams
Candace N. Price	Maria A. Sanchez Gallego	Jhanille D. Thompson	Gloria J. Willis
Kevette M. Pulyado	Erika A. Sanchez Munoz	Mayani L. Thornhill	Abigail N. Wilson
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Abdullah Qayyum	Joseph N. Sapia	Wakila S. Timmons	Asia S. Wise
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Milagros Acosta	Noelia M. Changobalin	Connor F. Fitzgerald
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Skyy Alston	Robert Clappsy	Lauren N. Freitas
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Shavell N. Anderson	Leilani Corea	Michael Rembert Gonzalez
Erin P. Approbato	Ashten D. Craig	Ieesha M. Green
Chrislore Audige	John G. Cuccolo	Helen M. Guardado
Teresa Avila	Jennifer J. Cuji	Joceline G. Guerra Osorio
Adiel F. Ayala	Amritdeep S. Dasu	Jailene A. Gutierrez
Shaneka A. Baker	Stephania Debrosse	Zoe R. Hammond
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Evie L. Barletta	Chukwunonso B. Diane	Helder J. Henriques-Castro
Alex A. Berrezueta	Anthony Diaz	Marcus Jackson
Clarissa J. Blue	Nicholas A. Dicosmo	Zaynab B. Jamaal
Jennifer A. Bowen	Tyrese Dieudonne	Aaron I. Jaruczyk
Romina T. Boyan Martinez	Erica M. Dixon	Lauren C. Jeffery
Nicholas P. Brown	Lopez B. Dorismond	Shirley B. Jilus
Genesis A. Brunton	Tosha Dornelus	Shaunna C. Joseph
Rossanni A. Buitrago	Tonya A. Dudley	Justin A. Kula
Jennifer R. Buonaguro	Edward P. Duffy	Kimberly Landaverde
Jacqueline Cabrera	Mark Esteves	Shannon Lanfranca
Lizbet J. Caguana	Michelle Estevez	Alicia A. Lapierre
Roibe A. Canar Guillen	Ashlee N. Farmer	Samantha Lopez
Matheus C. Cardoso	Tyler M. Farrar	Andrew M. Loza
Yadira Carrasquillo	Stephanie J. Faura-Diaz	Ysewrantz Lubin
Brian A. Castellon	Alexander Ferreira	Pasquale D. Maioriello
Wisblonde Cesar	Angel A. Fiallo	Diandra A. Manning
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Ernesto Chanax	Katelyn Y. Fischer	Madelin Martinez



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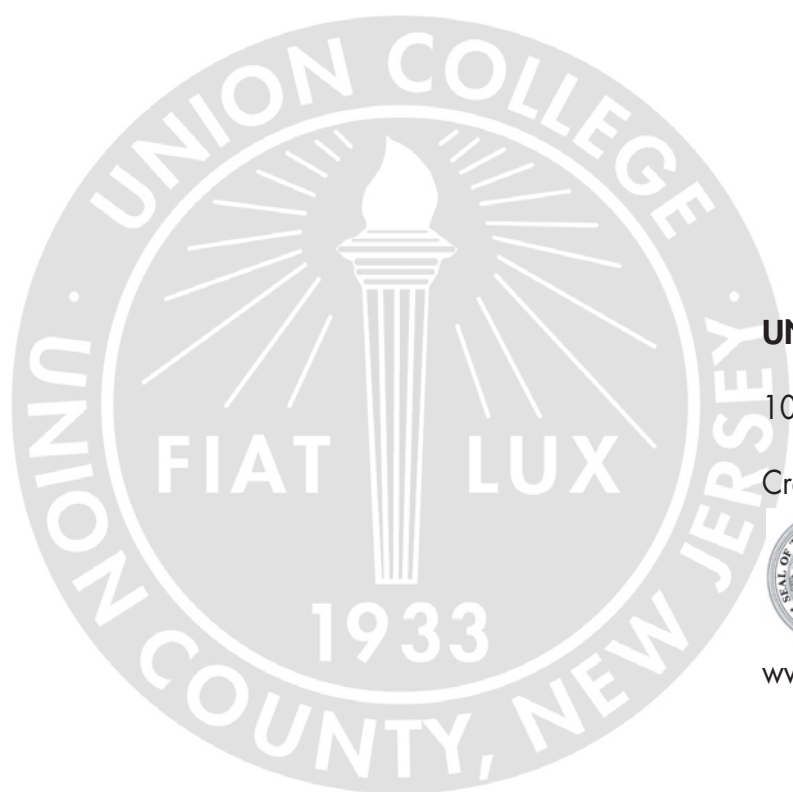
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