

# Commencement

JANUARY 15, 2026



*Transforming Our Community... One Student at a Time*



# Welcome and Congratulations Graduates!

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on achieving a significant milestone in your academic, personal, and professional journey. Today marks your commencement, a joyous occasion to celebrate with your peers, family, friends, and all who have supported you throughout your time at UCNJ.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and administration, we extend our best wishes as you embark on your next chapter, whether that means transferring to another institution or pursuing the next step in your career.

Originally established during the Great Depression to train unemployed teachers, the College has spent more than 90 years transforming lives. UCNJ continues to live its mission to “transform our community, one student at a time.” Through your commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and meaningful connections with your peers, you have contributed your own legacy to the College’s ongoing story of success.

Your path to graduation may have been supported, in part, by a Union County College Foundation scholarship. This year, the Foundation’s generous donors, including individuals and corporations dedicated to student success, provided more than \$1.2 million in direct scholarships. We extend our sincere gratitude to these supporters for investing in our students’ futures.

We are also deeply grateful for the steadfast leadership of the College’s Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, whose members volunteer their time and expertise to advance our mission. Another key partner is the Union County Board of County Commissioners, whose commitment to higher education and continued investment in the College strengthen opportunities for residents across our county.



Thanks to your hard work and dedication to learning, UCNJ was named as a 2025 finalist for \$1 million prize by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. The College was recently recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Top 200 community colleges for 2027. Although your studies here have come to an end, your impact on our institution and in the community will endure. Take with you the knowledge, resilience, and lessons you have gained, and let them guide you as you pursue your next goals. Come back to share your progress and support the next generation of UCNJ graduates.

We look forward to seeing the remarkable impact you will make in your communities and beyond.

My sincerest congratulations to you, the UCNJ Class of 2026.

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

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## UCNJ History



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

UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ has a remarkable history as the first of New Jersey's community colleges. The College was founded in 1933 as a one-room night school and is now a comprehensive community college serving almost 12,000 credit and noncredit 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.

UCNJ is an open-access community college that currently offers over 70 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as noncredit opportunities. The College has campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains. In addition to in-person classes, UCNJ offers online courses and more than 20 fully online academic degree programs.

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

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. There are offices and classrooms on the lower level for the College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development.

In January 2020, renovations to the Health Science Building on the Plainfield Campus were completed, adding state-of-the-art facilities and labs for the paramedic emergency health science, physical therapist assistant, and respiratory care programs.

UCNJ's Scotch Plains Campus reopened in 2022 with a University Center and became home to the College's Virtual Campus and many community events. This Campus is located on the same property as the Union County Vocational Technical Schools and John H. Stamler Police Academy.

In 2024, the College underwent a rebranding with a new name and logo. UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ unveiled a logo that represents the flame in *Fiat Lux*, and a U shape. The College's new name helps acknowledge academic excellence and national recognition.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program selected UCNJ as a Top 10 community college for the prestigious \$1 million-dollar 2025 Aspen Prize. While previously being named as a Top 150 community college and semifinalist, this is the first time the College has been recognized as a finalist.

In June 2025, UCNJ'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.

In October 2025, the Aspen Institute College Excellence program recognized UCNJ as a Top 200 community college. The College was chosen for this honor among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide based upon having high and improving levels of learning, graduation, transfer, and workforce outcomes.

With each new program designed to advance students' economic mobility, UCNJ is fulfilling its mission of transforming our community, one student at a time. 



The pomp and ceremony of a UCNJ 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 UCNJ, and also represents the faculty's consent in conferring degrees and certificates.

The UCNJ 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 UCNJ 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. 

# The College Mace & Seal



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. 





## 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:** Black, Gold, and White;
- **Associate in Applied Science Degree:** Black, Red, and White;
- **Associate in Science Degree:** Black, Blue, and White;
- **Certificate:** Black, 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

UCNJ 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 Union Honors, UCNJ'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.
- **Royal Blue and Gold cords** are worn by members of Delta Alpha Pi, the international honors society that recognizes students with additional needs who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, and advocacy.

### 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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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



# ORDER OF EXERCISES



## 2:30 PM CEREMONY

### UCNJ COMMENCEMENT

#### ~ PROCESSIONAL ~

Presiding .....	<b>Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin</b> President, UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ
Invocation .....	<b>Pastor Kip Wright</b> Agape House of Worship, Roselle
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Salute to the Flag .....	<b>Dr. Demond T. Hargrove</b> Vice President, Student Development
National Anthem .....	<b>Pamella Garzon</b> UCNJ Student
Welcome .....	<b>Mr. Victor M. Richel</b> Chair, UCNJ Board of Trustees
Introduction of Dignitaries .....	<b>Dr. McMenamin</b>
Student Speaker .....	<b>Theo Hamadallah</b> UCNJ Graduate, Class of 2026
Presentation of Awards .....	<b>Dr. McMenamin</b>
Presentation of the Abdallah-Thomas Memorial Award .....	<b>Professor Marc Postiglione</b> Associate Professor, Social Sciences/Business/History Division
Presentation of the Alumni Prize Award .....	<b>Ms. Lisa Vecchione</b> UCNJ Board of Governors, Union County College Alumni Association, Class of 2003
Charge to the Graduates .....	<b>Dr. McMenamin</b>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees .....	<b>Dr. Maris Lown</b> Executive Vice President & Provost
Conferral of Associate in Science Degrees .....	<b>Dr. McMenamin</b> Assisted by Mr. Richel and Dr. Lown
Turning of the Tassels & Closing Remarks .....	<b>Dr. McMenamin</b>
Benediction .....	<b>Pastor Kip Wright</b>

#### ~ RECESSIONAL ~

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## 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.

Nephteline Abraham	Anna Anikiej	Nancy R. Bull	Nicole M. Del Carmen-Lopez
Isha Acosta	Shemide Archil	Tara Buntin	Larema Deloach
Antoinette W. Adade	Fabio Arias	Tetiana Burak	Kiara S. Denis
Linda Adjetey	Safwaan Arif	Shade Busler	Michelle S. Desarno
Kyara M. Adolphe	Makayla Armamento	Breana R. Burrell	Simmi Dharan
Shayla Afflick	Shante N. Armstead	Mikaelle Cadestin	Jose E. Diaz
Kiaraliz Agramonte	Caitlin Armstrong	Allyson A. Calderon	Catalina Dietl
Daniel Aguilar	Fuhad Aroworowon	Angelo C. Calle	Daniel G. Diettmann
Tresha A. Agyeiwaa	Valeria S. Avila	Christian M. Campbell-Boucher	David M. Digiacomio
Chinasa J. Aina	Paula Marie A. Badua	Thomas Candela	Lin Ding
Shams Al Serreya	Saiteja Bandaru	Marilyn Capa Sanchez	Wilmardoni T. Dorcius
Krystle D. Alba	Victoria Baptista	Nikia D. Capers	Godwin Dossou-Reinhold
Melissa R. Albrecht	Jeffrey Bartolo	Natalie T. Cardarelli	Nicholas Dubois
Adrian Joseph Alcalá	Julrene Batiquin	Brenda M. Carrillo	Anderson Duchene
Mirtha Alexandre	Trinity A. Batson	Cieran M. Carthy	Diana Dudash
Trisha Alexis	Judley C. Belin	Emma Cary	Tamara Dumas-Pierre
Lisbeth Almonte	Imani Bell	Steve E. Cerdan Guevara	Gabriela M. Duran
Mohammed Alqaysi	Michelle F. Belo	Melida D. Cey	Maria Echeverry
Audreyana Alvarez	Bola S. Benson	Nasir D. Cezaire	Betchina Edouard
Juan E. Alvarez	Kyle Bentancur	Rosario Chales	Zoe G. Edwards
Lettichia Alvarez	Laura Bermeo	Jeremiah Charles	Andy Egoavil
Balbina Alvarez Lovato	Cinthia A. Berrones	Christian Chavez	Vanessa N. Ejiofor
Carolina Amaya	Andres Betancourt	Karla Chavez	Chigozie G. Ekeh
Lourdenie O. Amilca	Markychen Bien-Aime	Fanghua Chen	Samer Elbanna
Elemi Amorighoye	Cheyene O. Blackwell	Shane Cilaire	Jasmine M. Elmalah
	Christiana O. Bonsu	Krisania K. Coach	Desiree P. English
	Evelyne Boyd	Juglande Colas	Patricia Espin
	John Branco	Lakesha D. Cole	Ariana D. Espinoza
	Kia A. Bratton	Stephanie A. Conteron	Nathaly Estevez
	Angello J. Bravo	Hazel N. Correa	Luvenia L. Everett Jackson
	Sebastian Briceno	Andrea Cueva	Johana A. Fabara
	Owen Broadwell	Brayan Cuquej	Justin Felipe-Sahoye
	Kiana D. Brown	Patricia E. Curiel	Rayanne Felisbino
	Kaitlin Bruno	Victoria V. Daniel	Lilys J. Felix Gomez
	Dylilah M. Bryant	Jayson Dauphin	Jada I. Fernandez
	Marco Bueno	Marvin Dauphin	Kristen E. Fernandez
	Wendy S. Bueno	Alexa De La Lastra	Summer M. Fernandez
			Natacha Festa



Naomi M. Figueroa	Maria Guzman Mora	Aliyah-Zarina Khan	Danielle J. McLean
Lisalee Firnstein	Eriq A. Hagan	Joshua Khan	Kamia A. McLeroy
Brendan Fitzsimmons	Mohammed A. Halai	Nour Khawaldah	Alaysia McNill
Justin Flax	Theo K. Hamadallah	Chyna S. King-Robinson	Samuel N. McQuoid
Jorge F. Flores	Francesca Harice	Nyah Kolas	Brandon Medina
Yesenia Flores	Jamil Harris	Natasha Kovach	Ivette Medina
Junicka Florus	Tateyanna L. Harris	Nicolette Kuras	Sean J. Meehan
Lucy N. Fortune	Darryl Henderson	Cherise Lafond	Erika C. Mejia
Robert Franco	Kim-Marie S. Henry	Liliane D. Lage	Eliza Mendez
Emmanuella G. Francois	Zalma Herrera Merino	Jessica D. Lamarre	Lorena Mendez Perez
Justin Francois	Bianca P. Herscovici	Alimot A. Lawal	Shanys Meronvil
Jazlynn M. Fraticelli	Dechelle A. Hinton	Mirsada Lazoja	Rose Metellus
Nana Friedman	Diksha Hooda	Tyler P. Levanti	Michael E. Mills
Destiny Funderburk-Pittman	Cherylaya J. Hughes	Taneka M. Lewis	Nicholas Minch
Phillip Galante	Michael K. Ibarra	Marisa Lipari	Milalyn L. Miralles
Marvin Galvez	Sandra M. Ibrahim	Cilene Liscano	Rosa Miranda
Johana L. Garcia	Dilawaiz Irshad	Abrey Lopez	Ana F. Mirenda Avila
Liliana Garcia	Justin James	Dalila Lopez	Jeffrey Mobisa
Emely N. Garro Lopez	Ana Jano	Fran Lopez	Andrea Molina
Hazel M. Garzon	Sebastian D. Jaramillo	Jasmine Lopez	Darnelle C. Mondesir
Jenifer Gelin	Dieumika Jean	Sucely J. Lopez	Ahmed Mokhtar
Erin Gerity	Jose Jean Baptiste	Sebastian Lopezrincon	Nicole Monzon
Gregory Gerlovin	Clare Jeffery	Rose A. Louis	Alaisa M. Morales
Rajdeep K. Gill	Anne-Gaelle Jeudy	Bryanna Lozano	Fabiana Morales
Naomi K. Gilles	Ashley Jima	Dieunel Lumeran	Tristen Moreno
Deyasha Gilyard	Jennifer X. Jimenez	Yarixa L. Luzuriaga	Shelleon T. Morgan
Cristhian A. Gomero	Nakiya M. Johnson	Giovanna Machado Teixeira Da Silva	Vikuse Morilus
Edwin Gomez	Raven L. Johnson	Paul Magalong	Lela R. Morris
Rebecca Gomez	Kervin Joly	Nicole M. Malaiko	Renee B. Mosley
Ariel G. Gomezcoello	Taraji Jones	Erika Maldonado	Joseph Moya Carvajal
Eddie J. Gonzalez	Leslie Jordan	Richelle Manginelli	Alejandro Munoz
Yvette Gonzalez	Ashlyn M. Josaphat	Mikayla Marcellus	Christopher Yohan Napiza
Lezlie G. Gonzalezperez	Linju Joseph	Veronica Marin	Anette Narvaez
Juan Grajales	Marie Sauveur S. Joseph	Emmanuel Martinez	John F. Narvaez
Vanesa Grajales	Noureen Kamel	Madeleine Martinez	Jose Navarro
Rashada R. Greenaway	Asha Kaneswaren	Luz Mateo	Jada J. Nazon
Angela Greene Hazel	Olivia P. Karolys	Kelly R. Mayancela	Jason Nguyen
Garvey Gregory	Gurpinder Kaur	Anne M. Mbugua	Alyssa c. Nicholls
Christopher Grenda	Harkarman Kaur	Sherrica McDonald	Isabella Nila
Iwona Grochowicz	James R. Kelsey	Ahmad N. McDowell	Elizabeth Nsiah
Angella Gutierrez	Adam Kern	Michelle McKay	Ashley M. Nunjar
Steven R. Guzman	Yasmina Khalil		Kevin Oberoi



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Stephanie S. Ogunleye	William J. Ramsay	Karen V. Salzedas Teodoro	Lovita Tsaku-Adjei
Ore Ogunwolere	Gilbert Recana	Amanda M. Sanabria	Jeane M. Tumbaga
Thainara Oliveira Ramos	Kelissa Rendel	Diego Sanchez	Kevin M. Turner
Omobolanle Olonade	Luiza Rengifo	Michelle Sandhu	Vivian Ugwumadu
Alia Omero	Gahana Michele Resignac	Jorjia Schmitt	Jovana J. Ulloa
Etinosa Omoregbe	Lennin Reyes	Opoku Seidu	Adelina Urena Peralta
Shannon O'Neill	Yana Machtel P. Reyes	Abed Semeus	Tamara Vasilova
Audrey E. Oostdyk	Wendy G. Reyes	Jennifer Sepulveda	Ivis Vasquez
Justin Osei	Marissa Richards	Valentina Serna	Tyleen L. Vasquez
Steady Osore	Kathy M. Rivas	Bryahna T. Shaw	Alan G. Vasquez Quintero
Diana Osorio Orozco	Crystal M. Rivera	James Shields	Nicole Vaz
Laura Oware	Rebecca I. Rivera	Yanira I. Silva	Shayla S. Vaz
Crystal Palacios	Fatima Rizvi	Sean Simoes	Talia Venturina
Nilam N. Patel	Zahiyah M. Roberts	Sandra L. Simonauskas	Anthony J. Vera
Shefali Patel	Michelle M. Robinson	Rachel Singer	Bryan Vera
Nina C. Pedraza	Frank Rodriguez	Riccikita Singletary	Cindy L. Vera-Acosta
Merlin Penado	Keila Rodriguez	Kawanna Smith	Melanie Villalba
Yazmin Elizabeth Perea Solarte	Liliana Y. Rodriguez	Apryl N. Solano	Lucy Vo
Alyssa M. Perez	Tatiana Rodriguez	Nixie Solano	Colleen Vuitton
Eduardo Perez	Justin Rojas	Maleika N. Solomon	Rousel C. Walden
Luis Perez	Matthew Rojas	Uraniaanna Somiras	Miracle Walker
Veronique M. Perez	Jennifer Roman	Sneha L. Soni	Damisha M. Washington
Joseph Pierre	Dora W. Romulus	Bryant Soriano	Jevohn Washington
Patricia Pigeot	Keller Rosales Gomero	Adam Soumare	Deyna J. Watkins
Daniela F. Pinateli	Gabrielle Rosenow	Keith Stewart	Yasin Wehye
Yozelin Pineda	Christina Ross	Tiffany Suarez	Evande'er B. White-Fitch
Jasmine Pinzon	Kaylee A. Ross	Barbara T. Surjawidjaja	Nyla I. Whyte
Szymon Piotrowski	Orletta Ross	Marjorie Surpris	Jayda A. Wilks
Juline C. Placide	Sarahlee Rotestan	Nicholas Swandrak	Angela D. Williams
Jackaina Pluiose	Kieran H. Roy	Camila Taddeo	Izera B. Williams
Yalasia Ponce-Miller	Solange Rubiera	Amina Tapia	Maya M. Williams
Keila M. Pozo	Amanda Russell	Karina Tascon	Renae A. Williams
Bedelet Previlon	Shunethy Russell	Marc Techachal	Shakira Williams
Anthony Punina	John K. Sabado	Karen E. Tepoz	Shydequah S. Woodson
Brian Pyrus	Biana Saint Jean	Bledoine Z. Tetsassi Tiombou	Nakia J. Wright
Ab Quiga	Edgar Saint-Val	Shyahna L. Thompson	Alexis Yauri-Cuzco
Yribelda Quizhpi	Carolina Saire	Autumn V. Tines	Ronan L. Yawger
Siobhan M. Raimondi	Christie N. Sajous	Tiffany Toro	Denisse Y. Zaruma
Michelle Ramirez	Nadir Salazar	Richard Torres	Amy Zarzuela
Roy Ramirez	Marlent Salazar Ramon	Stefani Torres	Sarah Zengel
Yolanda Ramos	Angelica D. Salon	Donnaka Towns	Alona Zhytovo

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Student Speaker .....	<b>Rosebertine Michel</b> UCNJ Graduate, Class of 2026
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Conferral of Associate in Science and Applied Science Degrees .....	<b>Dr. McMenam</b> Assisted by Mr. Richel and Dr. Lown
Conferral of Certificates .....	<b>Dr. McMenam</b> Assisted by Mr. Richel and Dr. Lown
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## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

### D E G R E E C A N D I D A T E S

This degree forms the foundation of a Bachelor of Arts degree. It enables students to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Associate in Arts degree is awarded for programs in the social sciences or humanities.

Kenia Abarca Escobar	Maria Cabistan	Kathiana P. Eugene
Momina Abbas	Oscar Cabrera	Brianna Evelina
Brandom Acosta	Daniel Campos	Jean Flores Diaz
Xavier A. Aguas	Dylan Carvalho	Leiyah Fong Choy
Chibuike Akakwere	Elie Cejour	Hyllenne Francisco
Brian E. Akridge	Nemesis Cerezo	Jefferson Frimpong
Marium M. Ali	Emely Chango	Edgar Galvez
Madaline Alicea	Mauricio Colato	Michelle Garcia
Stephanie Almache	Aaron Collado	Roberto Garcia
Lettichia Alvarez	Kyle Conza	Joseph Gargiulo
Kevin Alzate	Gabriela C. Cruz	Deaysha Gilyard
Michelle G. Ameris	Charly M. Daniel	Tyler Golson
Lina E. Andrade	Justin Darrell	Adonis Gomez
Fnu Anjali	Jennifer De Leon	Elisa N. Gonzalez
Valentina Arboleda	Hannah Dettmer	Linda Gonzalez
Nyasia Ashe-Gilkes	Jack Devaney	Dezarae Goode
Algeta Avdimetaj	Maryana D. Diaz	Shalaya H. Gramby
Anjy A. Averos-Garcia	Soph N. Dominguez	Diana Gutierrez
Lina Aymar	Jahquay Dunn	Gloria Hernandez
Jonathan Barros	Jeremy Duran	Kevin Houghton
MR Darius M. Benson	Michael Edwards	Diego Huaita
Makayla Biddulph	Jacob Eitmanas	Chanley Hyppolite
Kiwi M. Bolivar	Serhat Erparlak	Faith Itepu
Brianna M. Bowles	Milagros D. Escalante	Tyler Jachera
Sharlama Brooks	Yaritza L. Escobar	Kayleen M. Jimenez
Lauren Brown	Valeria Escobar Quintana	Darla A. Johnson



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Ayana Jones	Sofia Minadaki	Cristian Puglisi	Margarita Solis
Kyana N. Jones	Christopher Moniz	Alexa Pulidore	Emely Sosa
Toni Jones	Juan P. Montoya	Nicole Pyszynski	Samuel Sosnowski
Tieem J. Jordan	Elene Morchiladze	Yadana Rabelo	Christian A. Sotomayor
Rory King	Gianna F. Moreno	Yvonne Raczkowski	Tiguide Soumare
Brandon M. Knight	Jhon Moya	Dominic Ramirez	Trenise N. Spruill
Amir Knowles	Elijah Muhammad	Connor Reddington	Jordan Stevens
Bryan Lanol	Deziah Murray	Ritila Reis	Natalia Stypulkowski
Tahina Lantigua	Jose Nakanishi	Tiffany M. Reynolds	Owen Suozzo
Zakeyna Lasure	Maria J. Navarrete	Valdine P. Riche	Max Tenorio Rosado
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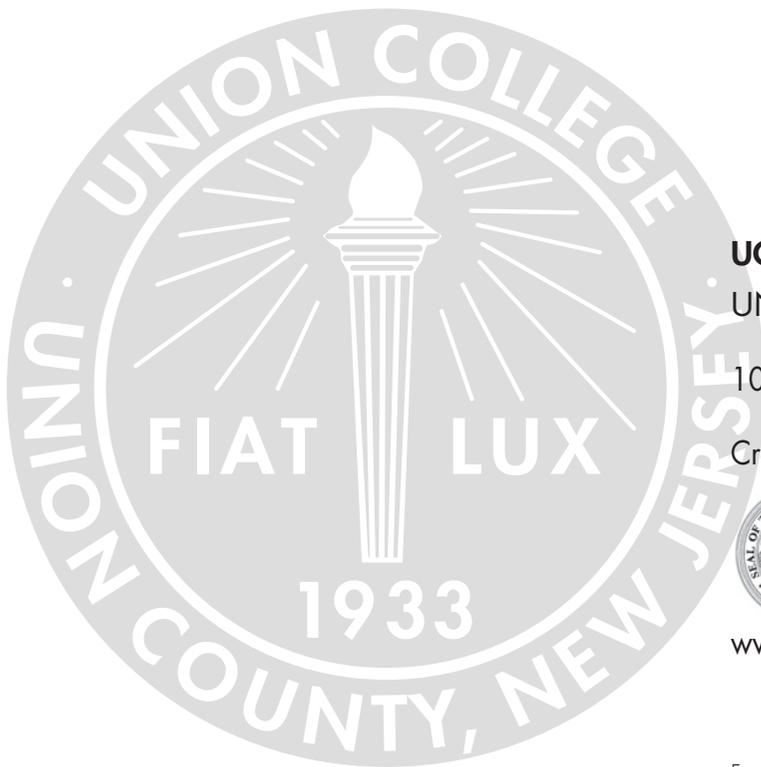
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