



LANDMARK
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Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 10 a.m.
Click Family Sports Center, Landmark College
Putney, Vermont

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Academic Procession

Tyler Baker, *Mace Bearer*
Jarad Weeks, *Bagpipes*
Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Graduates

Invocation

Michael Luciani,
Vice President for Student Affairs

Welcome

Dr. Jim Dlugos, *President*

Musical Interlude

The Landmark College Ensemble & Chorus

Presentation of Awards

Community Service Award

Michael Luciani

Academic Deans' Award

Dr. Karrie Kalich,

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Undergraduate Student Research Award

Dr. Adam Lalor,

Vice President for Neurodiversity Research and Innovation

Charles Drake Award

Dr. Jim Dlugos

President's Award

Dr. Jim Dlugos

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Jim Dlugos

Dr. Karrie Kalich

Class Gift Presentation

Fall Class of 2025

Alumni Welcome

Tricia Stanley, *Director of Alumni Relations*

Alma Mater

The Landmark College Ensemble,
Chorus, & Community

Closing Remarks

Dr. Hilary "Ned" Snell, *Trustee*

Recessional

The Landmark College Ensemble

Landmark College Ensemble: Sarah Ellen Matkins, flute; Pamela Pi, violin; Sasha Kuriachaia, violin; Jman Erkan, synth; Jason Beaudreau, guitar; Ben Tozier, baritone saxophone; Kevin Keith, baritone horn; Noah Stanger, tuba; Stephen Glover, piano

The Landmark College Chorus: Ali Lipow, Sofia Masciale-Walmer, Dr. Katherin Mague, Macy Scheldberg, Dri Pak, Megna Sethuraman, Daniel Cabaniss, Stefano Cipriani, Mason O'Brien

Please join us in the dining hall for a reception in honor of the graduates.

2025 Fall Graduates

Associate of Arts

Business

Carter Murphy

General Studies

Aidan Barry

Harry Blankenship

Katie Butler*

Zachary Carr*

Mary Annabel

Chrzanowski

Ethan Ganley

Hannah Henry

Jamie Hickey*

Nia Jaakkola

Orion Kent

Aidan Knoll

Tori Kreatz

Moss Lanahan

Aimee Nelson*

Alfred Otton

Mason Roy

Sophia Scaduto

Julia Seely-Power

Tim Sireci

Michael Swiderski

Fionn Tierney

Liz Wainwright

Annie Whitaker

Liberal Studies

Lucas Flake

Evie Hackett*

Brigid Hamwey

Lee Kaplan

Sarah Ellen Matkins

Theta McQuaide

Bella Sturiale

Associate of Science

Biology

Oz Kersten

Ben Paplawsky

Hannah Phillips-Nish

Computer Science

Tommy Parenti

Life Science

JAR Rubel

- ◊ Golden Key Honor Society
- * Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- ^ Communication
- Ω Psychology
- μ Humanities
- € Environmental Science
- Education
- ∞ Natural Science

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2025 Fall Graduates

Bachelor of Arts

Each baccalaureate student was required to complete a capstone project of their choosing.

Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

Nailah Quail-Parker: *“Falling Through the Cracks: Intersectionality and Neurodiversity”*

Integrated Arts

Trinket Guth*^o: *“Writing on Fire: An Ecstatic Verse Novel”*

Brianna Rivera: *“Pulling Back My Curtains”*

Felicia Rivera*: *“Mosaic of Self”*

Liberal Studies

Isabelle Bachman: *“Photographic Interpretations of the History of Disability”*

Daniel Cabaniss*: *“Crooked: The Effects of Partisan Gerrymandering in Modern America”*

Mars Prigal: *“Mental Health and Academic Performance”*

Bachelor of Science

Each baccalaureate student was required to complete a capstone project of their choosing.

Computer Science

Marcus Aluia*: *“Platformer: A Python based 2D game”*

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Postbaccalaureate

Graduate Certificate in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity: Specialization in Executive Function, Autism on Campus and Online, or Postsecondary Disability Services

Regan Antilla
Martha Brill
Dana Buxton
Teresa Chua
Julie Clarke
Deirdre Fischer
Eric Gobel-Lynch
Rachelle Haroldson
Julia Kleederman
Morgan Lloyd
Rosemarie Lucey
Tracey Marshall
Hannah Mayer
Sheila McElwee
Ridhisha Mekala
Evelyn Nitch-Griffin
Ryan Palm
Amy Proctor
Tiffany Putman
Kristin Rouse
John Russo
Meredith Schwartz
Lucy Stamp
Jodi Then
Lindsey Tonge
Natalie Tucker
Gena VanderMeulen
Melissa Wheeler

About the Awards

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given to the student or students who have unselfishly given of themselves and to the activities of the Landmark College community.

THE ACADEMIC DEANS' AWARD is given to the student or students who have best demonstrated the qualities that define academic success at Landmark College. These qualities include hard work, seriousness toward learning, intellectual development, and measurable achievement such as grades.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD is presented to one, or more, graduating students each semester at commencement. Eligibility is based on active engagement in a research project under the supervision of a faculty and/or staff member for at least one semester or intersession term. Engagement in research includes, but is not limited to, research undertaken as part of an internship, the LCIRT Research Mentorship Program, and College- or grant-funded systematic investigations.

THE CHARLES DRAKE AWARD is awarded to a student or students whose personal qualities inspire the Landmark College community. This student is not a quitter, but is one who lives in the tradition of Dr. Charles Drake, whose lifetime of vision and courage helped to found the College. This is a student who gives 100 percent, who goes the extra mile, and who perseveres in the pursuit of his or her goals. This student helps the rest of us realize that we have more resources to draw upon than we think, and helps us keep going when we feel discouraged.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD is given to the student who has best exemplified the principles we believe in here at Landmark College. This student is talented and energetic, meets difficulties head-on, works hard and is dedicated to their studies. This student also finds time to contribute to the well-being of other persons and to the life of the Landmark College community as a whole.

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Marcus Aluia

Marcus, you have become a wonderful student and have really improved in the years that I've known you. When we first met, you weren't as talkative as you are now. But that slowly changed as we got to know each other, especially when it came to your love of LARP (Live Action Role Playing). Our discussions of it led to us forming our own LARPing group. And though it didn't last long, it really helped you come out of your shell. I am very proud of how far you've come, and I know you will continue to do so in your life after Landmark.

Gus Zarefsky

Isabelle Bachman

Isabelle, congratulations on completing your B.A. in Liberal Studies! From our first meeting in the Drake Center four years ago to now, our work together has always been a highlight of the semester. I appreciate that you reached out to me last spring and again this fall, asking to meet week to week even though you had moved to an upper-division advisor. Thank you for sharing your artwork with me, as well as keeping me up to date on the lives of your family and your dogs. You have notable abilities in the visual arts, enhanced by your attention to details both abstract and figurative. Your quiet demeanor belies a depth of attention, engagement, and enthusiasm that will serve you well as you take your next steps into the future.

Jeremy Holch

Aiden Barry

We obviously must start by congratulating you on earning a degree. Congrats, champ! Earning a college degree is not easy, especially in an online environment, which is why you should always remember today as a victory lap of sorts. What you accomplished here takes a unique type of discipline. You now have solid proof, if you even needed it, that you can, indeed, set your mind to accomplish something meaningful, then do the thing quite well. You're going to continue to find success, of that I have little doubt. Do not forget, though, that the geographic distance between you and LC means very little here. You are, and will always be, part of our community. If things ever get shaky along the way, or you just need a refresher on how good you are, remember you have a home in Putney.

Tyler Baker

Harry Blankenship

Today we begin your graduation celebration, Harry - your earning of your associate degree now and, shortly, your earning of your bachelor's next May. Your journey through college has been nothing short of cinematic. As you revel the LC community in your encyclopedic knowledge of movies and your uncanny ability to quote the perfect line for any moment, Harry, you brought the magic of film to every advising meeting and conversation. Your academic dedication has been equally impressive, as you pushed yourself to advocate for your needs, to grow in confidence, and to seize every opportunity to learn. As you earn this degree and come one step closer to reaching your academic goals, I want to acknowledge and honor not only your achievements but the inspiring, authentic voice you bring to the world. Congratulations, Harry!

Brian Cohen

Katie Butler

Katie, throughout your time at Landmark, you have been a beacon of joy and optimism. You embody the spirit of collaboration and kindness, always ready to lend a helping hand and uplift those around you. Your intellectual curiosity and success-oriented mindset have helped you to excel academically, while your perseverance and dependability have made you a trusted friend and teammate. With your charisma, you have built connections that will last a lifetime, inspiring others with your powerful sense of purpose and unwavering positivity. Studious yet approachable, you have shown that true success is not only measured by achievements but by the impact we have on others. As you step into the next chapter, we know you will continue to shine brightly and make a difference wherever you go. As Walt Whitman said, "Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you."

Lee Crocker

Daniel Cabaniss

Daniel, you are an exceptional student whose intellectual curiosity and deep critical thinking have highlighted your college journey. Your interest in politics came to life through your insightful Capstone project on gerrymandering, where you demonstrated not only academic rigor but a genuine humanity and commitment to understanding complex civic issues. You carry yourself with professionalism and maturity well beyond your years. Your ability to balance demanding coursework with a rich array of extracurricular commitments, all while maintaining a grounded sense of purpose serve as an inspiration for both your instructors and your classmates. But what truly sets you apart, Daniel, is belief. The American historian, Gordon Wood, recently said, "To be an American is not to be someone, but to believe in something." Daniel, over the past year I have watched you come to believe more in yourself, your talents, your convictions. Congratulations and good luck on your continuing journey.

Brian Cohen

Zac Carr

Erudite. Reliable. Hilarious. Zac is a model student that never fails to enrich class. I have learned much from his contributions to discussions, but also from the exceptionally creative ways he employs the deep pools of his intellect in his writing, wrestling with challenging theory and making sense of it alongside his own interdisciplinary interests. Zac delivers insightful and inventive comments to class discussion and respectfully helps his colleagues think about course material in new ways. Time and again, I have watched Zac engage in exploration and writing far beyond what is asked – not for show, but for deep interest in and love of inquiry. On top of these qualities, Zac brings sharp wit and humor to both his interactions and his texts. It is such a pleasure to write in honor of you, Zac, and I hope that we can work together again in the future. Congratulations!

Ryan Ware

Mary Annabel Chrzanowski

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty. – Maya Angelou

Reflecting on all the moments that have gotten you to this very one, I can sum up in one word for you Mary Annabel. PROUD. You have never given up, and you have pushed through all the hard stuff. You are the one that fought for this moment. You are the one that wanted to celebrate this achievement as you are now ready to start the rest of your journey. Want to know the best part? It is you showing all here on campus your fun, joking, friendly personality. Keep sharing that with the world, we all need it. All I can promise to you is that I will not shout your name on campus, even though I am always so excited to see you. Keep running.

Suzanne Clark

Lucas Flake

Lucas, congratulations on graduating with your A.A. in Liberal Studies! During our first advising meeting, you let me know that history is “my favorite thing” and that you read “a lot of history.” And that’s the truth! You have the ability to remember new information and incorporate it readily into your knowledge base, not just with history but for current affairs and a wide range of areas of interest. All of this was consistently apparent in our conversations related (and unrelated) to your coursework. I still hope to get to one of your Landmark basketball games. Best wishes for your future as you continue on the path to earning a bachelor’s degree.

Jeremy Holch

Ethan Ganley

Having come to know you over the last few years, Ethan, I am reminded of the phrase “still waters run deep”; beneath a placid surface lies a swiftly flowing current that is the true, active spirit within. You’ve shown an impressive ability to create artwork that reveals a hard-working mind and a feeling heart. Your contributions to my classrooms have included deeply insightful comments, discussion, and feedback. And all the while, you’ve been a gentle presence in our Integrated Arts cohort, a person whose steady consistency and determination never wavers. As you move on to new adventures, continue to grow this combination of calm and creative as you have during your time at Landmark; it will impress and improve any community you are a part of. Congratulations, Ethan. Be proud.

Luke Strosnider

Trinket Guth

“Form is never more than an extension of content,” wrote Robert Creeley. Trinket, when I assigned a sonnet, you crafted a villanelle. When I requested lines with enjambment, you penned end-stop free verse. It wasn’t out of defiance, though; in keeping with Creeley, you have an uncanny sense of the interplay between medium and message, finding the form that suits the theme. You weaved my skits into your works, rendering your instructor—airborne at light speed, slowing clocks and scrubbing walls with bread—in long and rollicking lines that mimed “Song of the Open Road.” Your capstone epic poem was majestic, a testament to your narrative flair and ear for linguistic music. I was honored to present you with the Creative Writing award, and I have been privileged to read the incredible range of your compelling prosody.

John Rose

Evie Hackett

Evie, today we celebrate your love of learning, your unwavering resilience, and the tremendous growth you’ve made in personal strengths and skills. Your journey at Landmark has been filled with curiosity, creativity, and passion to explore important topics such as mental health and spirituality. Your creativity is unmatched, and it shines through everything you do. You are an incredible writer, whether crafting poems, fiction, stream-of-consciousness pieces, or research papers, and your work reflects the power and beauty of your unique perspective. I’ll always remember the way your stories and poems can make me pause, think, and laugh all at once. I’m so excited to continue hearing about all the stories you craft and passions you chase as you pursue your bachelor’s here at Landmark. Once again, congratulations on this amazing accomplishment, Evie!

Jenna Fernandez

Brigid Hamwey

Brigid has been a steady, positive force on our campus. As a Resident Assistant and Coordinator for the Center for Women & Gender (CWAG), she has shown real commitment to building community and supporting others. Her leadership has guided CWAG this year and supported the continuation of CWAGletics, a space for women-identifying students to come together, stay active, and feel seen. Anyone who knows Brigid knows how often she shows up for others, whether she's cheering from the sidelines, offering encouragement, or advocating for her peers. Of course, no campus legend escapes the occasional appearance on YikYak, and Brigid has taken that in stride. I've always told her she's in good company there, right alongside a few campus administrators. Her ability to stay kind, grounded, and humorous through it all is part of what makes her stand out. We're thankful for all she's contributed and excited to see what she'll do next!

Craig Marcus

Hannah Henry

Today, we celebrate *you*—your effort, your growth, and your determination to reach this moment. Every challenge you faced, be it pushing through doubt and frustration, or willing yourself through academic responsibilities, brought you to this milestone. You've proven something powerful: success isn't defined by how fast you move, but by your willingness to keep going. Maybe you slow down at times, but you do not give up. That persistence is what makes today meaningful. As you step into what comes next, have confidence in your abilities and in the strength that you cultivated here. Trust your ability to keep growing, even when the future feels opaque. I am proud of you, truly. And I can't wait to see the future you build from this moment forward. Congratulations!

Christian Laureano

Jaime Hickey

Jaime, congratulations on completing your A.A. in General Studies/ Integrated Arts! You have worked steadily, immersed in your coursework, as you have become increasingly expert in your learning challenges and the strategies that allow you to achieve success. You have made excellent use of support resources, regularly scheduling and attending Drake Center appointments while also communicating and meeting with your teachers when you have questions or concerns about assignments. Over the past two and a half years, your sense of humor, often evident at times of great challenge, has been a source of strength. I enjoyed our weekly advising meeting and supporting your Landmark experience. You are resilient and capable, and with these traits and your dedication to your education, you are on track for success as you pursue a bachelor's degree.

Jeremy Holch

Nia Jaakkola

Nia, your stories don't just tell—they transform. You bring fearless insight, deep curiosity, and a storyteller's heart that helps others feel seen. You show up for your community: encouraging peers, engaging with faculty, and exploring ways to step into advocacy and mentoring. This year, you've begun tuning in to what fuels you—focusing less on constant adaptability and more on grounding strengths like creativity and reflection. Whether in education, communication, or your next creative venture, your voice will continue to light the path for others.

Scott Schaedler

Lee Kaplan

Lee, getting to know you as your professor and having the privilege of traveling with you has truly been a joy! Your creativity is exceptional, and it's matched by your sharp mind and your kind, sensitive spirit. In Sculptural Ceramics, you approached your work with curiosity and care, always seeking deeper meaning in every project. During our study abroad trip to Japan, I saw your openness to new experiences in powerful ways. Your reflections on meditation and awareness revealed how attentively you observe the world - whether in the resonance of a temple bell or the subtle weight of gravity beneath your feet. I have no doubt that your creativity, insight, and gentle presence will continue to enrich every community you join. I am proud of all you've accomplished, and I hope you are, too. Here's to everything still becoming—congratulations, and all the best!

Cindy Ludlam

Orion Kent

Orion, your journey toward your associate degree is a powerful example of perseverance and determination. Despite your challenges, you never allowed obstacles to define your future, and you maintained your sense of humor that brightened every classroom. I found your laughter contagious and am inspired by your unending courage. Your hard work with the soccer team kept you grounded and connected with your peers. You have proven that anything is possible with dedication and a positive spirit. Congratulations on earning your degree—you richly deserve it!

Jeanette Landin

Oz Kersten

Oz, It has been such a delight to get to work with you! Your enthusiasm for learning has propelled so many fruitful discussions. You have an ability to both retain facts for long periods of time and creatively connect that information—as gathered within and outside of the classroom—with the topics at hand. You also have a talent for artistically communicating information, such as your exceptional final project in freshwater ecology. You were able to artistically depict the potentially uninteresting topic of lampreys as ecosystem engineers in their native habitat, creating a compelling poster solidly grounded in scientific information. I expect to use your poster the next time I teach this class, and I will be so glad to point out your name. I anticipate that these abilities will serve you well in your future endeavors. Congratulations on completing this step of your college career!

Denise Burchsted

Aidan Knoll

Aidan, your steady commitment to community, your calm presence, and your quiet resilience have shaped the people around you more than you may know. Even when setbacks came, you didn't let them define you—you kept your sense of self intact, choosing growth and generosity every time. As a computer science student, you've built skills that matter. But more importantly, you've shown how to stay strong without becoming hard, how to lead without needing the spotlight, and how to serve without needing credit. We need more of you in the world.

Scott Schaedler

Tori Kreatz

Tori, your time at Landmark has been a powerful journey of growth, courage, and self-belief. You've worked hard not only in your academics and work life, but in learning to trust yourself, reshape old habits, and build authentic confidence. Your kindness, empathy, and ability to truly listen and connect with people set you apart, and your creativity shines in the way you connect with people (not just art projects!), especially kids. You've grown so much in understanding your instinct to help others while also learning when to set healthy boundaries. That balance, along with your warmth and patience, will make you an extraordinary educator. You see the strengths in others and help them believe in themselves, just as you've learned to believe in your own. You should be incredibly proud of how far you've come and all the lives you'll brighten ahead. Congratulations, Tori!

Jenna Fernandez

Moss Lanahan

Moss, when I imagine the “architecture” of you, I imagine the most elaborate, elegant, and refined edifice, with long, winding halls leading to open cavernous ballrooms and cozy nooks, and windows that look out to magical vistas. I begin my tribute with this analogy because I have had the honor of seeing you be a clay architect and settle yourself into a work zone from which you cannot leave, even if you have not eaten for seven hours, or taken a break. Once you have a vision for your work, down to the exact nature of each detail, you are unshakable and unstoppable until you achieve what you are working toward. When you do emerge, it is always with the kindness, humility and humor that we all appreciate so much. I cannot wait to see you harness these qualities as you continue with your life.

Christie Herbert

Sarah Ellen Matkins

Sarah, it has been such a joy to watch you grow into the thoughtful, courageous, and compassionate person you are today, qualities you showed from the very beginning. You consistently think of others, speaking up for those who might be unsure or afraid to raise their voices, and your empathy and honesty inspire everyone around you. You have a way of making people feel seen and heard, and you always seem to know just what to say or do to help. This semester, it stood out to me that you chose to take on extra classes purely for the joy of learning, showing just how much your curiosity and passion drive you. Your dedication to growing yourself while caring for others is truly remarkable. I have no doubt your heart, resilience, and drive to make a difference will continue to touch everyone lucky enough to know you. Congratulations, Sarah!

Jenna Fernandez

Theta McQuaide

When you and I first met a year ago, I was immediately struck by your creative flair. I recall admiring an item of jewelry you were wearing at the time, and you quietly shared that you had made the item yourself, an exchange that spoke volumes about your talent and humility. I was also intrigued by the enigmatic quality of your name: Theta, a symbol that crosses many realms of meaning and representation. Visually, the symbol appears as a line or point in a circle, which draws the eye of the observer to its center. Theta has been associated with enlightenment, transformation and the pursuit of truth or understanding. At this juncture, I cannot think of a name more fitting for you since it encapsulates the courage, creativity, and authenticity you brought to all aspects of your learning journey at Landmark. As you prepare to cross another threshold, I'm excited to see where this next chapter takes you.

Lucy Stamp

Carter Murphy

What gives an idea its lighting spark
before it ignites, fills and ends the dark?
And who knows how that thought fills up a plan
that will direct the action of the man.
How final is a final reckoning?
Numbers add up, but do they also sing?
The world may be full of entrepreneurs,
so think what part of it you will make yours.
Whether those lessons you learned of value
will lead to profit, copious and true,
depends on their precise application,
some luck, and a lot of dedication.
While the world lays its struggles at your door,
keep in your hands some hope and some humor.

Joshua Chapa

Aimee Nelson

Aimee, today we celebrate not just your accomplishments, but the remarkable person you've become. From those first weeks when you sat in my office each morning—overwhelmed yet determined—you have grown into a confident, thoughtful, and compassionate leader. Your strong work ethic, curiosity, and resilience shine through everything you do, and winning the First-Year Student Award in Spring '24 was only the first glimpse of your potential. You've brightened this community with your kindness, authenticity, and the quiet ways you support and uplift others. I've watched you recognize your own strengths and learn how to use them wisely while setting healthy boundaries and caring for yourself. Seeing you step into your voice and trust your abilities has been a true privilege. As you pursue your dream of educating and empowering others in the non-profit sector, carry forward the heart, strength, and generosity you've shown here. Congratulations, Aimee!

Jenna Fernandez

Alfred Otton

Alfred, your growth has been steady, grounded, and admirable. On the soccer field and across campus, you carry yourself with quiet strength, loyalty, and grit. You show up, every time — honoring both your goals and the belief your family holds in you. As Pelé once said, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing." That's you, Alfred — you play with heart, lead with humility, and keep rising.

Scott Schaedler

Ben Paplawsky

I first met Ben during the Summer Bridge Experience, and I was delighted at the level of rigor and engagement he brought to his work. When I found out he decided to attend Landmark full time, I knew our community had gained an asset. Ben's quiet presence camouflages a keen intellect, and in his writing, I saw that intellect hold sway over the published authors he wrote with. Ben possessed a strong command over the discourse conventions that we use to make meaning, and from his strong deployment of conventions in conjunction with his sharp mind, he produced some of the most engaging writing I have had the pleasure of reading at Landmark. He also has an *impeccable* taste in music! Congratulations, Ben—I am honored to have been part of your journey, and I'm thrilled to see what you do next.

Ryan Ware

Tommy Parenti

Tommy, you carry joy and depth in equal measure—a rare and beautiful combination. You bring a maker's heart to everything you do, whether coding, learning, or sharing a laugh in advising. Your spirit reflects a boy who never stopped wondering and a young man who never gave up. Even when things got tough, you never lost your creative spark or your generous nature. The world needs people like you—curious, kind, and strong enough to hold both wonder and truth.

Scott Schaedler

Hannah Phillips-Nish

Hannah, it has been such a pleasure to see you continue to grow over the past two years, building on the compassion, thoughtfulness, and curiosity you've always had. Your love for animals and fascination with the natural world shine through in everything you do, whether you're diving into a science experiment, bringing an art project to life, or excitedly sharing a story about an animal that captured your heart. Your honesty and courage to speak up for what's right leave a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know you. Even though your first semester brought its challenges, you've grown tremendously in self-advocacy and confidence, learning to trust yourself, make decisions, and face obstacles with grace and determination. Your dedication to learning and your fearless embrace of new experiences are truly remarkable, and I can't wait to hear about where your heart takes you next. Congratulations again, Hannah!

Jenna Fernandez

Mars Prigal

Mars's mix of subtle good humor and hard common sense has been a great delight to me over the past two years. It always makes me smile to watch her face shift back and forth between wide-eyed appreciation for something and brow-furrowed skepticism, as well as to be told firmly during advising sessions what the plan should be. I have watched Mars quickly figure out how to be a good student and then excel in her classes. Most recently, I was delighted to hear of Mars's plans for the future, returning home to pursue a career providing care for others. I know that Mars is going to be successful and make a positive difference in other people's lives and I wish her all the best.

Matthew Hoffman

Nailah Quail-Parker

Nailah, your favorite color is purple, and you embody the strength of purple, a power like no other. You speak not only for yourself but for a community that deserves to be heard. You stand tall, declaring, "I am that I am." As you graduate, you take bold steps into the world, affirming your place and paving the way for those who will follow. Congratulations on being not just a Landmark leader, but a visionary who is poised to change the world. You are already making an impact right where you stand. A wise leader once told me to reach for the stars, so that when you fall, you land on the moon. Congratulations, Nailah! Your journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see all the incredible things you will achieve.

Marc Thurman

Brianna Rivera

Whether as my student (in many of my classes!) or as my academic advisee, the word that I associate with you, Brianna, is "tenacity." Your commitment to figuring things out and getting things done has always stood out to me; you are an example of what all Landmark College students should aspire to. But your strength and determination do not come with a hard edge: I've always looked forward to seeing your smile and hearing your laughter, both of which were a big part of your classroom presence and our conversations. This combination of grit and positivity will serve you well as you embark on your next phase of life. It has been splendid to teach you, to advise you, to see your creativity bloom, and—now—to see you graduate. Celebrate and take pride in your accomplishments! You have earned them!

Luke Strosnider

Felicia Rivera

Well, on the one hand, I could not be prouder and more thrilled and excited that you are graduating. Woot! On the other hand, though, I'm sad to see you go. You are, without a doubt, one of the gentlest, most empathetic, sensitive soul that I've come across during my ten years of teaching in higher education. Those traits are going to serve you incredibly well in life, and you should, at no point, ever doubt that what you bring to the table is more than enough—it always will be. What also matters is that you remember you earned the right to celebrate. You should celebrate the fact that you are walking away from LC with a degree, but, more importantly, you should celebrate the fact you are deeply cared for in a community of people who believe, wholeheartedly, in what you can achieve next. Well done, Felicia. Congratulations.

Tyler Baker

Mason Roy

Mason, the first semester I taught you, you said that would be your last semester because you were feeling done with the entire college scene; I'm glad you changed your mind. You truly lived up to the Landmark principle of perseverance and are now here today earning your degree. I have watched you grow in your communication skills as you increased your ability to apply words to your experiences and share them with others in a way that they could understand. Take that skill and your ability to persevere wherever you go in life, and you will do well. Congratulations!

Daisy Milman

JAR Rubel

Congratulations, JAR! It has been a true pleasure to support your academic journey across multiple courses and experiences at Landmark College. Your overall performance reflects not just strong grades, but consistent growth, persistence, and a willingness to rise to every challenge. Throughout our time together, you demonstrated a deepening mastery of scientific concepts, strong collaboration skills, and a mature, positive attitude that lifted those around you. Your go-getter spirit has been especially inspiring—from actively participating in class to initiating your lab internship with me this semester. You continually sought opportunities to expand your skills and took on every role with confidence and enthusiasm. Even during moments of difficulty, you showed resilience and the ability to regroup, communicate, and move forward. As you continue pursuing your education and future lab technician positions, I have no doubt that your determination and work ethic will carry you far.

Christin Monroe

Sophia Scaduto

You have a lot to be proud of here, Sophia. Consider how far you've come, and the things you've managed to accomplish, in the last two years. You are doing the things that you want to do, and you should recognize how much effort, dedication, care, time, and overall good executive functioning it takes to live a life and earn a degree. I watched as you balanced commitments to family, jobs, and an online degree program. You could have said, "Nope, this is too much, I'll find another way," but you didn't. That's because, at the end of the day, you embody the grit it takes to be pulled in a million different directions and still do the job. Keep setting good goals and chase 'em. Regardless of where you end up, do not forget that you have folks cheering you on here at LC. Congratulations, you graduate, you!

Tyler Baker

Julia Seely-Power

Jules was in my College Composition & Rhetoric class in fall 2024, her first semester at Landmark. She was a positive presence in the course: asking good questions, engaging collegially with other students, and demonstrating a deep and thoughtful curiosity. This semester she reached out to ask if I might help her learn to knit. We've met three or four times in my office. She's really teaching herself to knit, as I watch, and we talk. Her time at Landmark has not been without a few bumps in the road, but she handles it all with equanimity and grace. She is deeply invested in the work of understanding herself and what she needs, academically and socially. I am quite in awe of her maturity and wisdom. And her rows of garter stitch are looking more and more even and smooth. Keep up the good work, Jules. I wish you all the best.

Sara Glennon

Bella Sturiale

Congratulations, Bella, on earning your degree! You are sharp, creative, and a strong leader. From your incisive discussion points in class discussions for Crip Linguistics, to body doubling in my office hours, you are always disability justice minded, working to "crip" our campus and radically transform spaces to be more equitable, such as your work to establish and lead the Physical Disabilities Community Club. It's been a pleasure getting to know you and learn alongside you. I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish next!

Hann Bingham Brunner

Michael Swiderski

The path for the artist, now, is not clear
when so many others are always near,
and beautiful portraits are simply made
by anyone with a phone and displayed
next to the china in some cabinet.

A painting on the easel, paint still wet,
and by the time the package has been shipped,
its value and novelty, by then stripped,
and, long after you'll need to stream new songs,
you'll have forgotten those numerous wrongs
that burned and inspired you first to sing
and commemorate that loveliest thing.
It takes courage and it is important
to create in the face of such torment.

Joshua Chapa

Fionn Tierney

Your journey is a testament to resilience, persistence, and heart. You rise each time life challenges you—stronger, clearer, and more determined. Your adventurous spirit and openness to new experiences give you a perspective that continually shapes your writing, your ideas, and meaningful connections. As a thoughtful and creative writer, you use your voice with intention. As a generous volunteer and advocate, you offer that voice in service of others. Your ambition, hard work, and courage guide you into new spaces where you grow, contribute, and lead. You stand up for yourself with growing confidence; always learning, always moving forward. I will always value the relationship we shared and the many moments of honesty and insight along the way. Embrace the opportunities all around and be open to adventure. Wishing you the best of success in your future endeavors.

Jacqueline Serebrani-Kesner

Liz Wainwright

"It's your road and yours alone. Others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you" – Rumi

Liz, from the moment I met you it was clear that you are not afraid to create your own path. You are open to guidance but are also willing to speak up for what you want. Whether we are talking about assignments, Drake appointments, cats, or any other myriad of topics that come up, you approach life with curiosity, humor, and kindness. You fit in here at Landmark and it's been an honor to walk this associate degree path beside you. Officer Wainwright, I can't wait to see what comes next for you!

Heather Stinson

Annie Whitaker

Annie moves through the world on her own timeline — never rushed — and often motivated by the promise of snacks and the opportunity to tell a good story. While she may talk tough, I know her to be deeply caring and fiercely protective. Earn her respect and she'll show you her softer side — thoughtful, loyal, and ready to stand guard and defend like a one-woman security team. Clever and made for action. I've always imagined Annie leading a farm or work crew — expertly bossy and entirely devoted to the innocents in her care. And while the debate still rages about the correct spelling of our shared surname, it has been a welcome connection, and I am excited to see where she takes it!

Rebecca Whittaker Matte

LANDMARK COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM: Today Landmark College celebrates a significant milestone with the graduation of its inaugural class of Honors Program students. Designed for students who demonstrate intellectual curiosity, the Landmark College Honors Program recognizes and supports high-achieving students by offering a structured pathway for academic distinction, community service, and campus engagement.



Honors Program Medallion: The Medallion, worn today by Honors Program graduates, was designed by 2020 Landmark graduate Jenny Beller '20. Silver medallions distinguish associate degree graduates, while gold signifies baccalaureate graduates. Beller's design centers around the iconic colonnade—a signature architectural feature of the campus that serves as both a literal and symbolic guide for students as they journey from class to class. A key element of the medallion is the series of perspective lines on the ceiling of the colonnade. Beller drew these lines to end just shy of the top edge of the medallion, creating the semblance of light radiating outward. This subtle yet powerful choice evokes a sense of openness and infinite possibility, capturing the spirit of exploration, growth, and academic achievement that defines the Honors Program. The sunburst featured in the medallion pays tribute to the College's logo, honoring Landmark's history while symbolizing its ongoing commitment to guiding students forward with the hope and promise of a bright future.



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As you gaze upon lush green hills
And inhale the crisp morning air;
Or enjoy the colors of the changing leaves,
Or of white and glist'ning snow;
You will find Landmark College
In such beauty to behold,
True to you, Landmark College,
The home of Blue and Gold!

