



LANDMARK
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Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 16th, 2026 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 and Dr. Karrie Kalich

Class Gift Presentation: Spring Class of 2026

Alumni Welcome: Tricia Stanley, *Director of Alumni Relations*

Alma Mater: The Landmark College Ensemble, Chorus, & Community

Closing Remarks: Barbara Epifanio, *Board Chair*

Recessional: Landmark College Ensemble

Landmark College Ensemble: Pamela Pi, violin; Sasha Kuriachaia, violin; Dakota Huff-Brand, trumpet; Ben Tozier, baritone saxophone; Kevin Keith, baritone horn; Stephen Glover, piano

The Landmark College Chorus: Kris Archuleta, India Austin, Stefano Cipriani, Sasha Kuriachaia, Aly Lipow, Martina Lopez, Dr. Katherine Mague, Emma Ng, Mason O'Brien, Meghna Sethuraman, Macy Scheldburg

Please join us under the tent on the quad immediately following the ceremony for a reception in honor of the graduates.

2026 Spring Graduates

Associate of Arts

General Studies

India Austin*	Erica Guidobono	Leif Roalsvig
Jonathan Brukhartz	Thomas Hall	Charlotte Rosenthal
Nicholas Ciccone	Naomi Hill*€	Laura Sacktor€
Stefano Cipriani	Robin Kulp	Julia Seeley-Powers
Oliver Clark	Henry Kvetan	Noah Stanger
Addison Copeland*€	Quentin LeHouillier	Jacob Stefanick€
Colin Ebding	Emily Lighthall	Patrick Towle
Joshua Feldman	Soph Lyczak	Liz Wainwright
William Felsman	Kodiak Ormiston	Spencer Welsch
Ari Ferber*€	Jack Phillips	

Liberal Studies

Alexandra Deutsch	Ethan Lofgren	Zach Ramsay
Eliza Gilpin*€	Sofia Masciale-Walmer	Lizzie Rosato
Charlotte Graham	Glen McCormick*	

Associate of Science

Biology

Foster Eddy*€
Forrest Kasschau
Calla Lunney
Ben Tozier
Ari Weinshenker

Computer Science

Coleman Bongardt
Gryffon Foldeak
Bryan Martin
Alexander Pacheco
Kaveh Zamiri

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2026 Spring Graduates

Bachelor of Arts

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

Communication & Entrepreneurial Leadership

JJ Davis*^o€: “*The Birth of MAGA: What Led to President Trump’s 2016 and 2024 Election?*”

Saleh D’Kaidek: “*Reviews of the Yuka App: A Content Analysis on the Nutritional Scanner*”

Calvin Jordan*^o: “*Truth Discovery: Mechanisms, Accuracy, & Real-World Applications of Prediction Markets*”

Charles Karwowski: “*The Impact of Defunding Public Media: Chicago Radio After the Rescissions Act*”

Ethan Lyles: “*Project APEX: A 501(c)(3) to Help Fund Landmark’s Front Porch*”

Felix Mann*^o: “*Directing Landsharks Abroad: A Podcast About Leading Inclusive Study Abroad at Landmark*”

Anthony McKinney: “*Effective Communication Within Microsoft: Crisis Communication in a Post-Epstein Environment*”

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

Matty Robson: “*Journalism and News Production at WLMC Radio*”

Claudia VanGessel*^o: “*How Nike Shapes Consumer Behavior: Examining Nike’s Social Media Presence*”

Liberal Studies

Kris Archuleta€: “*Historical Events & People: Representation in the Star Wars Saga*”

Harry Blakenship: “*What Makes a Good Sequel?*”

Aesop Block: “*Effects of Epilepsy in Relation to Mental Health*”

Chris Levesque: “*American College Students: Public Health Trust v. Skepticism*”

Apollo Miller: “*Are We What We Eat? Meat Consumption & Gender Presentation*”

Joey Ripp: “*What Am I Doing? Why Am I Here: A Memoir in Clay*”

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History

Kris Archuleta€: *“Historical Events & People: Representation in the Star Wars Saga”*

Cavainna McBurnett: *“The Fabric of Film: Weaving Between History & Fantasy”*

Ian McCory: *“Elections and the Future We Want”*

Integrated Arts

Catherine Brogan: *“Emotions in Motion”*

Christopher Gurr: *“Echoes of the Metro”*

Emily Lighthall: *“All Squared Away”*

Chloe Lindsay: *“The Study of Fashion and Drawing”*

Macy Scheldberg€: *“Behind the Mask: IRL.COM”*

Psychology

Parker Hirsch: *“Neurodivergent Individuals in Law Enforcement: Benefits, Struggles, and Support Needs”*

Ava Lapsley*: *“Designing a Neurodivergent 5th Grade Lesson with UDL and Motivation Theory”*

Nat Lauter*o: *“UDL or Aptitude-Treatment Interaction: Can Different Learning Needs Truly Co-Exist in a Classroom?”*

Julia Yaeger: *“Empowering Neurodivergent Children in Speech Therapy: Stripping Away Unnecessary Norms”*

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Biology

Anastasio Bonhomme*^o: *“Growth Through Gaming: Using Game Mechanics to Aid Learning Outcomes”*

Calla Lunney: *“Diatoms of Putney”*

Fiona Mann*^o€: *“Ferment and Flourish”*

Molly Perlmutter*^o: *“Making Landmark College Bird Friendly”*

Ben Upchurch: *“Creating an Artificial Stream to Observe Macroinvertebrates in the Lab”*

Computer Science

Owain Lucas*^o€: *“AURA File Converter”*

David Schmidt: *“Engagement and Productivity for ADHD Students in Computer Science”*

Sam Spinney: *“Eclipse Map 2025”*

Zac Van Gelder: *“A Smart Assistant for Managing Schedules and Free Time”*

Post-Baccalaureate

Certificate in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity: Specialization in Executive Function

Tracey Belsky

Amy Camp

Joshua Chapa

Oindrila Das

Kelly English

Reem Hamodi

Joanna Hokama

Meg Hopkins

Gabriela Lara Estrada

Allegra Leavenworth

Katherine Leone

Carolina Lofgren

Jessica Ludders

Tracey Marshall

Kristopher Nolte

Kristy Plander

Andrea Prado

Dana Provus

Heidi Qandah

Teresa Reichey

Katherine Reid

Carmen Risken

Merrill Roberts

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About the Awards

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given to the student or students who have unselfishly given of themselves 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 successes 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 student 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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Kris Archuleta

Congratulations, Kris! I'm glad to have had the opportunity to know you over the past couple of years, first as your professor and later as your advisor. I have always been impressed by your ability to take on so much work and to get it all done. Most of us aren't good at that. Even those of us who are good at things when we get around to doing them can find it hard to do very much, or even to get started. But you have always been eager to take an extra large course load and then to start your homework assignments in advance. Your appetite and stamina for intellectual work is truly a superpower. This, combined with your friendly and outgoing nature, will open a world of possibilities. I am excited for you and what you will do next! Go forth!

Matthew Hoffman

India Austin

"The dog lives for the day, the hour, even the moment" - Robert Falcon Scott

India, you have done it! When you started at Landmark, you were unsure if graduating was even a goal. By staying present in the moment and taking it one day at a time, you are now crossing that graduation stage. You have grown not only as a student, but also as a person. You have taken advantage of all that Landmark has to offer, including social risks and exploring New England on weekend trips. Your quiet energy is a reprieve in a loud, busy world, and your connection with animals is so evident. Congratulations on completing this milestone!

Heather Stinson

Harry Blankenship

Yes, we have frustrated each other. Yes, we have learned from each other. Yes, we have made each other better. And yes, I will miss you, sincerely and truly. Your growth on campus has been noteworthy. From your first day, your curiosity, wit, enthusiasm, and drive stood out. You were shy at first, and speaking up was not easy. But you showed real courage, pushing yourself forward each day, sometimes in small ways, sometimes in big ones. Now, when you need something or do not understand, you speak up. That is a remarkable strength. Hold onto it, and continue to show your best self, especially when things are hard. It has been a privilege to watch you grow into the young man you have become. I know you love a good movie quote, so this one is for you, from *Dead Poets Society*: "Carpe diem. Seize the day. Make your life extraordinary."

Josh Moyse

Aesop Block

Oscar Wilde's practical advice, "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken," fits you well. You embrace your individuality. You don't imitate others. In classes you have been consistently creative, kind, and witty. Your unique insights and your courage to speak your mind are a model for us to embrace our own strengths and ideas. When you came to Landmark in your first semester, you were a bit shy, but with time you have taken off your mask, and you engage in your full power with the world. We will miss your humor and your laughter, and we know that you will persevere and that you will never stop moving forward, just like all sharks. Congratulations!

Lee Crocker

Coleman Bongardt

Perhaps it is appropriate that in this Semiquincentennial year I have the pleasure of singing the praises of a student who is from a town in Pennsylvania with the stirring name of New Freedom. Coleman is an intelligent, impeccably polite and very musically talented young man. I am sure he has many gifts, but the ones I witnessed were those of a violinist, musician, and scholar. In a turbulent musical world, he was a calming influence, and he was well liked and respected by his peers. Especially gratifying to witness was his musical connection with his violin soul sister, Professor Pi. In Music Appreciation, as a scholar, he was conscientious and diligent, and he shared many insightful remarks regarding the music. I predict a very bright future for Coleman.

Stephen Glover

Anastasio Bonhomme

Stazi, brace yourself for well-deserved praise. With quiet competence you are a steady force in all the spaces you inhabit and your intelligence and kindness shine through. I've heard some refer to it as "the Stazi Way." You do not seek leadership, but you step in when it is needed, leading through action and character. In classes, it shows up when you reliably contribute and support your peers. During travel you keep the team headed in the right direction, finding a meal or suggesting a side quest to a giant sculpture. Some may be startled by your healthy wit. Quick utterances can spark a chuckle from those within earshot. And fortunate are those who win a genuine Stazi smile. Anastasio, you have made the most of your opportunities here and you graduate today as an award winner, a national presenter, and a published author. You should be immensely proud. It has been an honor to work with you, and we expect you to stay in touch.

Rebecca W. Matte

Catherine Brogan

Cat, when you first visited my classroom, I thought, “Who is this force of contagious energy and spirit? And why can’t I have her in my class?” Since then, you’ve brought so much exuberance to every class we’ve shared, along with a deep interest in psychology and an eagerness to help in any way you could. You’ve been a hardworking, diligent student who never backed down from a challenge and, like a true shark, was always moving forward. I’ve watched you navigate both calm seas and rough waters with resilience and strength. I’ve seen you wrestle with new ideas, worry over feedback, then dig in and push yourself further—never giving up until you reached excellence. I’ll always remember our laughter as we raced down the stairs and back again to gather notes before class. I’m so proud of you, Cat, and can’t wait to see what you do next.

Pamela Pi

Jonathan Brukhartz

Jonathan, being your advisor has been a true pleasure. You are one of the few students I know who can move from soccer to philosophy to religion to a hilarious Home Depot story and make it all feel like one perfectly natural conversation. Your professors have described you as thoughtful, reflective, creative, and engaged, and I could not agree more. I will also remember your steady calm, your quick smile, and the way you seem almost impossible to rattle. You have a quiet, grounded presence that puts others at ease. You have led with kindness, humility, and patience toward your professors and classmates. You do not pretend to have everything figured out, and that honesty is one of your strengths. You have always been willing to keep growing, and I am deeply proud of the person you have become.

Scott Schaedler

Nick Ciccone

“Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!” - Dr. Seuss
“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”
- Albert Einstein

What a pleasure it is to have Nick Ciccone join us here in Vermont on this day of celebration. Nick has been studying with LC Online since 2024, consistently taking advantage of every opportunity to grow. Nick’s professors often comment that he is known for asking thoughtful questions, being curious, polite, and engaged. These are words of high praise indeed! Having worked with Nick over time, I am perhaps most impressed by his ability to persevere, regardless of the challenges that appear or the obstacles in his way. Nick never complains, even in jest. Rather, he simply asks for clarification and support when needed and gets on with the business of accomplishing his goals. Nick, we here at Landmark College wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Eve Leons

Stefano Cipriani

Stefano, it has been a pleasure having you on the WLMC leadership team this year. Your work in social media has helped transform the station's outward-facing presence and contributed to its growth this semester. Through your weekly involvement in DJ sessions, you stepped into a leadership role and became a dependable presence at the station. I've encouraged you to take initiative, work with fellow leaders, and define your role within the team, and you've shown a willingness to lean into that challenge. Your curiosity and openness to growth made you enjoyable to work with. Congratulations on your graduation and your contributions to WLMC Radio The Finn.

Eric Matte

Oliver Clark

We obviously need to start with a big congratulations. You earned it. The journey to any degree is difficult and taking that journey online while balancing the world around you is no easy task. You got here because of your unwavering commitment to bringing your best to not only your coursework, but to your classmates and instructors as well. Professors always learn something new from their students, and that is absolutely true about my interactions with you. I have little doubt that the world will benefit from whatever you choose to do next. Regardless of what you choose to do next, don't forget that you always have a place here at Landmark and we're cheering you on.

Tyler Baker

Addison Copeland

Addison, 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, speak up for those who might be unsure or afraid to raise their voices, and your empathy inspires everyone around you. Your journey in self-advocacy especially stands out as you've grown confident in seeking support when you need it and have taken it even further by becoming a leader and a source of support for other students on campus. As you pursue a bachelor's degree, continue to follow your passions, whether in animal science, psychology, or something entirely different, and carry with you the strength and generosity you've shown here. The Landmark Community will miss you very much, but we'll be cheering you on every step of the way!

Jenna Fernandez

JJ Davis

You are one of the most intellectually restless students I've ever had, but in, like, the best way. You've got this rare mix of curiosity and intelligence that pushes those around you to think deeper about the world in which they live and the systems upholding norms that just don't seem right. What stands out most is that you deeply care—you want things to be better, clearer, more honest. That's not always easy to carry, but it's powerful stuff. As you leave Landmark, don't lose your desire to question and imagine alternatives. The world needs people who think like you and then do something with it. Keep asking, keep writing, and do not shy away from demanding change or keeping in touch with us here, especially when you go off and do something world changing. It's been a privilege, JJ. Well done.

Tyler Baker

Alexandra Deutsch

Alexandra, it has been such a pleasure to see your growth throughout your time at Landmark. It is inspiring to see you embrace confidence, take risks, and create and work towards goals that allow you to use your strengths and passions. As a student, a staff worker, and a person, you have demonstrated amazing skills for being professional while compassionate, an advocate and a listener, a friend and a support. The gifts that you give to others through your willingness to be your genuine, sincere, kind, and authentic self are a perfect example of who you are and who you continue to become. Congratulations and well done!

Jeff Hawkinson

Saleh D'Kaidek

Congratulations, Sal, on your graduation! Your hard work and dedication to improving, both on and off the court, have truly shone through. It has been an honor to coach you, and I couldn't be prouder of your achievements. You've gone from being a sixth man to a starter, proving that anything is possible. Continue to be yourself and reach for the stars. Keep making your family proud, and most importantly, continue to make yourself proud.

Marc Thurman

Colin Ebding

Colin, you have always stood out to me for the way you approach learning. You care more about understanding than about simply getting a grade, and that is something I deeply respect. You listen carefully, identify connections across different topics, and ask questions that show you want to understand how things work in the world. Your notes are detailed, thoughtful, and enhanced by your artistic ability, drawing course concepts in ways that deepen understanding and raise new questions. You share personal experiences in ways that help bring ideas to life. As you leave Landmark to pursue a career in physical therapy, I am confident that your curiosity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to learning will serve you well. And as a PT, I feel very optimistic for the future of our profession.

Todd Miller

Foster Eddy

Foster, walking the Costa Rican jungle trails at night in La Selva rainforest research preserve, our headlamps and flashlights catching the eye reflections of roosting birds, sloths, giant frogs, centipedes, snakes, spiders, and insects, your rapt fascination as a naturalist and a scientist was as infectious as the cordyceps was to the ants. You have graced Landmark with your brilliant intellect, consistently hard work, kind demeanor, strong leadership, and joyful curiosity about the natural world. You brought learning and positive energy to every setting, from the classroom to your internships, your work as a campus ambassador, your mentorship of other students, and your many other leadership roles. As you now head to UVM to continue your science education, you are a confident student primed for great success as a scientist and as a leader. Congratulations!

Eric Rhomberg

Joshua Feldman

Congratulations Joshua, on earning your degree! You've overcome many obstacles and now you're poised for your reward. Every good thing that is coming your way this spring is well deserved. While I didn't get to know you through academics and classes, if you brought the same effort there as you do to baseball, it's no wonder you've reached this milestone. The baseball team could not have accomplished all it did without your help. Your main job was to take care of the little things, but you never stopped thinking about the big things as well. Your dedication set a great example for all the other baseball players over the years. I didn't tell you this often enough, but I'm very proud of you, and honored to call you a friend. If I taught you half as much as I learned from you, then our time together will have been worthwhile.

Rob Lutz

William Felsman

Will steadfastly worked to reach this day with his own brand of quiet accomplishment. Each semester, he achieved success in his course work with subtle aplomb. Professors note his written work was thoughtful, interesting, and a pleasure to read and he was praised for his contributions to class discussions, especially in the sciences. In his final semester, Will calmly maintained a highly demanding academic schedule while still earning stellar grades and enjoying his time with friends. Will leaves Landmark with a plan to work in business. *Will, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I hope you will continue to speak about those things that matter to you. Inquire and converse bravely, so others may recognize your fine qualities and become collaborators in your success. I wish you the best of luck in all endeavors.*

Nevada Bromley

Ari Ferber

Ari—Congratulations on earning your associate degree! It has been a pleasure getting to know you and learning alongside you. You are conscientious and deeply committed to your education. In class, you thoughtfully ask clarifying questions that support not only your own learning, but also that of your peers. You have excelled academically while navigating challenges and self-doubt with quiet, steady courage that often goes unnoticed. Beyond your academic strengths, you are among the kindest and most thoughtful people I know. Your unconditional acceptance of others and your invitation for people to show up as their authentic selves is truly profound. You are attuned to both your own emotions and the emotions of those around you, and you intentionally create spaces of inclusion and belonging wherever you go. I am genuinely grateful to know you, as your presence in the classroom has made me a better and more mindful teacher.

Katie Roquemore

Gryffon Foldeak

I'm constantly impressed by your ability to connect concepts from different courses, disciplines, and your own personal interests. You've always stood out to me as a someone who asks the question, "How can I use this for what I love?" You search for those "Eureka" moments and mix them together to paint a picture for yourself. Personally, I'm inspired by your inquisitive nature and your unique way to take ownership of your learning. Congratulations, Gryffon! You have more than earned it.

Evelyn Nitch-Griffin

Eliza Gilpin

Exceptionally intelligent—piercingly discerning—justice oriented. Eliza is a tremendous student. She is authentically kind. She is unwaveringly motivated. She is a gifted writer. And she always *surprised* me with the unique perspective she brought to her work. Yet, I saw Eliza engage just as critically and carefully and with patience with her colleagues in classes, and other students seemed to gravitate toward her in recognition of her kindness. Eliza has the unique ability to transform communities, and in her time here she has made an imprint on our campus through *action*, through caring, through being a wonderful, self-assured, whole person—ready to keep changing the places she inhabits in emergent ways. Eliza’s character cannot be represented suitably in text, and those who know her know how lucky they are for it. Congratulations, Eliza—I can’t wait to follow all the extraordinary things you do in your iridescent future!

Ryan Ware

Charlotte Graham

It has been such a tremendous honor to observe your growth and progress at Landmark over the past two years. I was impressed by your willingness to stretch yourself as a learner and thinker when you first arrived on campus. Here’s just a few of your many accomplishments since then: You volunteered at the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion, secured relevant internship opportunities, explored a wide range of interests through your course work and extracurricular activities, advanced your math skills, and developed confidence in your ability to advocate for yourself when necessary. Perhaps most importantly, you also found your voice! Best of luck for the future! I can’t wait to see where the next chapter takes you.

Lucy Stamp

Erica Guidobono

Erica is an academic powerhouse, and I knew that Landmark had gained a unique asset when I first met her. Through her impeccable writing, Erica presented chasmic intelligence, a sharp wit, a deep focus on and attention to detail, and a unique perspective that made her writing truly stand out. Erica also brought an exceptionally complex, understated sense of humor to bear on her work that was distinctly refreshing, and that sense also enlivened the discussions we had in class. Over time, Erica shared with me many of her interests, and it was energizing to talk about music with a person who possesses such an impeccable taste! I also write for Sméagol here, who notes that Erica is one of his absolutely favorite people to visit with. Erica, I send you deep congratulations—Sméagol and I are *honored* to have been a part of her journey at Landmark!

Ryan Ware

Chris Gurr

Chris Gurr is, in the best possible way, a singular presence. Equal parts filmmaker, electronic musician, fossil hunter, and *Alien* scholar, Chris brings a rare kind of curiosity into every space he enters. Our conversations—often oscillating between Ridley Scott’s *Alien* and the possibility of chameleon-like camouflage in the fossil record—are ones I will genuinely miss. Chris is deeply intelligent and driven, especially when something sparks his interest. That spark has led him on unforgettable adventures, including taking the shuttle to the Holyoke Mall, then an Uber to a patch of forest behind a truck stop—all in pursuit of fossils. He regularly corresponds with professional paleontologists about his finds, approaching the world with both rigor and wonder. He once gave me an *Alien* poster—thoughtful, unexpected, and perfectly on-brand. I hope he has learned as much from me as I have from him.

Eric Stewart

Thomas Hall

Thomas, as you recall, we first met during an online synchronous session. Although our class met virtually online, your strong presence helped make us feel like we were all in the same room. You left an indelible mark on our cohort with the valuable feedback, words of encouragement, and honest opinions you offered. Not before long, you appeared in Putney for my summer class, where your presence was truly felt. You are an intriguing person with lots of qualities to share, among them your kindness, knowledge of Canadian sports trivia, dedication to the arts, and passion for rock-climbing. You are highly engaged, put others at ease, and are deft at making connections wherever you go. I am fortunate to have met and befriended you. Thomas, you are truly a person of many talents. Congratulations on your graduation; I wish you all the best in your next chapter and beyond.

Benjamin Ferguson

Naomi Hill

Naomi, you’ve achieved academic excellence with remarkable consistency; your top marks have earned you academic honors and membership to Phi Theta Kappa. Yet what truly sets you apart is your heart. You notice when others need support and offer kindness without hesitation, making people feel seen and valued. You carry a rare balance: an analytical mind that excels in Computer Science and an artistic bent that produces exceptional and beautiful creative work. Your love for dogs says just as much about you. Always ready with a treat and a smile, you bring simple, genuine joy to every pup you encounter. It’s a small act that reflects a deeply caring nature. As you graduate, remember this: your accomplishments are impressive, but your compassion is what people will remember most. The world needs more people who think deeply, create beautifully, and care so generously. We are incredibly proud of you. Congratulations.

Denise Mary Higgins

Parker Hirsch

Parker, still waters run deep with you. One might not expect that a man of few words in the classroom would also be such an enthusiastic writer—self-publishing a full-length novel before graduation. You aren't afraid to speak your mind, and I can always count on your wry sense of humor to lighten the mood or deliver a perfectly timed last word. You are hardworking, conscientious, and respectful (minus your occasionally unpredictable auto email responses—senders beware!). Though you may sit in the back, your presence is always felt, and your contributions never go unnoticed. Like the thoughtful reflections in *All Quiet on the Western Front*, there is a depth to your perspective that reveals itself over time. I'm excited to see where your voice—both written and spoken—takes you next.

Pamela Pi

Calvin Jordan

Calvin sees the world in shades of probability. When I first met him, this became apparent quickly; he was a savant with numbers, calculating financial risk factors with the same ease he did sports odds. That mode of thinking requires not only an analytical mind, but also a great deal of foresight, something that has served him well as he moved through college with a clear goal for his future. Calvin has also kept a firm grasp on his moral compass, never afraid to use his instinctive grasp of numbers to point out injustices hidden in the minutiae of our modern lives. His Capstone project, tackling the murky world of prediction markets and insider trading, is emblematic of this drive. Calvin, I may not be the best at betting, but I bet the odds are good that whatever you put your mind to after graduation will be a success.

Daniel Cabaniss

Charles Karwowski

Charles, congratulations on reaching today's significant milestone! Two years ago, we celebrated with you as you completed your associate degree. Today, we celebrate with you as you receive your bachelor's degree. Getting to this point wasn't easy; it took persistence, courage, and hard work. Each day required effort, and *you showed up*. You've developed into leadership roles on campus, welcoming new students as an orientation leader and undertaking myriad projects with WLMC. Quietly brilliant, you bring incisive analysis and valuable perspective to your academic pursuits. Your passion for learning about neurodiversity is powerful. Your Capstone project on the defunding of public radio is poignant and timely. You are using your voice to make a difference, and the ripple effect may be bigger than you can imagine. It's people like you who bring about real change in the world. Stay true to yourself, Charles. I can't wait to see what you do next!

Lennox Scott

Forrest Kasschau

Forrest, you are a scientist's scientist. The breadth of your knowledge across scientific disciplines is impressive—in the myriad conversations I have had with you, I always learn something new. You are such an enthusiastic and curious student and analytical problem-solver. From the jungles of Costa Rica to the laboratories of Landmark, you have been modeling and promoting sophisticated scientific thinking and joyful learning. And in the process, you are showing so much growth as a teammate and leader. Thank you for always bringing your active mind, your outgoing energy, and your commitment to service to our community. Congratulations on all your achievements! It is such a highlight working with you!

Eric Rhomberg

Robin Kulp

Robin, congratulations! It has been a true pleasure to get to know you over the past 2 years. You are a dedicated, curious and creative student. I so appreciate the joy and respect you bring to your connections with others and with your community. I have noticed the way you strive for precision when sharing your perspective. When I ask you about how you are you share honestly, giving deep thought to what is real for you in that moment. I think there is a lot of power in your natural ability to reflect and share; it gives others the chance to learn from and with you, and to build connections together. Additionally, you are persistent and committed to your goals, which you've exemplified in your academic achievements. I am so excited about what is next for you! Cheering you on!

Brittany Dunn

Henry Kvetan

Henry, congratulations on all the hard work that has led to you earning your associate degree! You returned to college as an older student and consistently demonstrated dedication and persistence in the face of any challenges that arose. I've been impressed by your thoughtfulness and enthusiastic participation in the classroom, in addition to your diligence and how driven you are. You are always willing to ask questions and deepen your learning, which are admirable traits. It's been an honor to support you during your time at Landmark. Celebrate this important achievement!

Stefanie Argus

Ava Lapsley

Hats off to you, Ava, as you receive your B.A. in Psychology from Landmark College today. You are a thoughtfully engaged and determined young woman who cares deeply about human development, motivation, and universal access to education. Over the years we have known each other, you have worked steadily, determinedly, and successfully to pursue your academic goals. Congratulations and best wishes as you begin your next adventure.

Linda Kerr

Nathan Lauter

Nat, it's been a pleasure having you as a student and advisee. Always professional, prepared, and punctual (with Dunkin' cup in hand), you hold yourself to a high standard and serve as an excellent role model for any student or young professional. Your dedication to improving educational environments for neurodivergent students is commendable, and you show great promise for graduate study. Beyond your academic strengths, your presence has made a real difference. Though often quiet in class, our out-of-class discussions proved invaluable during a particularly challenging semester, and I learned so much from your experiences working with neurodivergent youth. I've truly valued your insights as my research assistant and continue to be impressed by how you balance work, fatherhood, and full-time study. I hope you find time to celebrate this huge win with your family—and some well-deserved motorcycle racing!

Pamela Pi

Quentin LeHouillier

I am honored that you asked me to write this tribute for you as you graduate with your associate degree. Congratulations! We got to know each other well in two semesters of first-year writing (WRT1011 and WRT1012). You demonstrated growth as an academic writer and learned to accept constructive feedback on your work. You are naturally curious about the world, and you practiced and strengthened your abilities in critical comprehension and analysis. I hope you will continue to be open to new learning opportunities. I wish you all the best for the future.

Sara Glennon

Chris Levesque

“Oh my god, you guys, it’s Chris graduating,” is what I would say to the class right about now. Even if it was an 8:30 a.m. course, when somebody walked in the door, you met them with the same enthusiasm. That enthusiasm, your contagious kindness and joy for life, it is your superpower, bar none. You’ve such a sense for justice and historical wrongs yet treat all those around you with unquestioned kindness. At risk of sounding like I did in every yearbook I ever signed, my hope is that you do not change—except I, like, really mean it. The world needs you exactly as you are. If my teaching career was made better because of who you are, I can only imagine what the rest of the world has in store for them.

Tyler Baker

Emily Lighthall

There are a lot of incredible things I can say about you as a student and an artist, Emily: your dedication runs deep, you notice things that others miss, your attention to the details of your work is unparalleled, you create things that meld a variety of worlds both real and imagined, your artwork combines a careful eye with a sharp mind. The list goes on! But your positivity and “can-do” spirit—along with your sense of humor—are the things that have made the strongest impression on me. You see the joy in creative challenges: despite the hard work of it all, lectures, critiques, and projects always seemed to bring you a smile. Add to all that your adventurous and very good taste in music, and—well—I think you’re going to soar. Congratulations, Emily. Go! Fly!

Luke Strosnider

Chloe Lindsay

When Chloe arrived at Landmark, it was evident right way she would approach her education with dedication and passion. She set goals for herself in Advising each week and met them by using campus resources, building upon her skills, and setting high standards for her work. She met academic and personal challenges with remarkable thoughtfulness and determination. Chloe majored in Integrated Arts and is passionate about graphic art and fashion design. These have been central to her Capstone project and in recent weeks it has been a pleasure to see her drawing and forming collages for her final work. *Chloe, you did it! I hope you will take time to look at all you achieved and give yourself credit for your creative work. I know I will always remember you and I look forward to hearing about your future experiences. Best of luck!*

Nevada Bromley

Ethan Lofgren

Ethan, I had the great fortune of not only having you in numerous biology and chemistry classes, but also traveling with you from the crocodile riverboats of Costa Rica to sailing the open seas of St. Croix in a tall ship. You are a courageous, thoughtful, enthusiastic, well-prepared adventurer, not only in these exotic settings but also and always in your daily life journey. You consistently brought joy, curiosity, insight, and lots of hard work to every class. Your concern for the ecological well-being of the planet makes you just the type of young leader our world needs. And your cheerful, generous high-fives in the hallways exemplify the loving spirit you spread to everyone. Congratulations on an outstanding Landmark career!

Eric Rhomberg

Owain Lucas

Owain, you have been a driving force behind the successes of WLMC Radio, serving as Station Manager for the past two years. You've led the day-to-day operations of the station while launching major initiatives such as Vinylthon and World College Radio Day. You consistently supported fellow DJs, strengthened station systems, and represented both WLMC Radio and our college community with professionalism and purpose. Most important to me, I have appreciated our collaboration and you have been a pleasure to work with on all the various initiatives we've tackled. Last small detail, your technical expertise, vision and leadership earned you national recognition as the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's Student Station Manager of the Year in 2025-2026. Be proud of your many accomplishments during your time at Landmark College, and congratulations on earning your degree.

Eric Matte

Calla Lunney

Calla, today we celebrate your dedication, unwavering resilience, and the tremendous growth you've made in your strengths and skills. Earning your B.S. in Biology is an incredible accomplishment, made even more meaningful by the persistence you showed in taking extra summer and J-Term courses to reach this goal. Your love of animals and passion for science are matched by your creativity—you are a talented writer and artist with a wonderful sense of humor and a deeply caring nature. Your growth in self-advocacy and willingness to ask for help has been powerful to witness. As you take your next steps, trust in your voice and your abilities, as you've built a foundation that will carry you far. Wherever your path leads, you will make a meaningful impact. Congratulations on this major accomplishment, Calla!

Jenna Fernandez

Soph Lyczak

Soph, you are so singularly “you” in the best of ways. Your vibrant humor is a beacon of light. When you share colorful stories or delight in a new interest, it reminds others that they can be their full, unabashed selves, too. One of your many striking qualities is the kind, thoughtful, and passionate way you show up for others. Your commitment to your values and your community shines brightly. Equally striking is your dedication to academics. You devote *countless* hours to homework—carefully pouring through readings, grappling with complex concepts, and working your way through the writing process. You don’t hesitate to use learning resources because you’re wise enough to know when to ask for support. You’ve grown tremendously over the last three years. Most importantly, Soph, you’ve learned how to show up for *yourself*. That’s what it’s all about. As you walk across the stage today, feel proud; your effort has paid off. Congratulations!

Lennox Scott

Ethan Lyles

It is clear that you are the type of person who pours your whole heart into everything you do, which is exactly what one looks for in a leader. You are motivated, outgoing, thoughtful, and unafraid to put yourself out there. Beyond that, you are truly engaging—someone who commands attention and keeps an audience interested. Getting to know you over these past few years has left such a great impact on me and our campus, and I hope this campus has had an equally significant impact on you. Your energy as an emcee revitalized the atmosphere of our home basketball games. While your efforts helping coach the men’s basketball team left an even greater impact on student players themselves. Then your thoughtful questions and perspective changed how I approached sports games and the department in real time, adding even greater value to our programs. Ethan, I have no doubt that you will find an organization that will benefit from your passion and leadership talents. I sincerely hope that organization is ours.

Josh Ascani

Felix Mann

Felix, you have been a consistent and reliable presence at WLMC Radio The Finn since Spring 2023, always bringing energy and positivity through your weekly show, Felix Meets Music. You have developed strong on-air skills, crafting smooth segues and writing engaging scripts that elevate your broadcasts. As a member of the WLMC leadership team as Music Director, you have contributed meaningfully to the station while also completing five radio courses to refine your broadcasting craft. Your willingness to take feedback and turn it into growth, along with your uplifting presence, has made a lasting impact on those around you. Personally speaking, you have made me a better person for knowing and teaching you. Your talent on the air will be missed, and you will be missed by this community, congratulations on your graduation.

Eric Matte

Fiona Mann

"Find something you're passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it." - Julia Child

Fiona, you have so many talents and skills and you have found ways to share them with the Landmark community through your role as an RA and just by being yourself. Your dry sense of humor and honesty are refreshing, and I always appreciate your perspective. You have worked so hard to get to this graduation stage and I can't wait to see what you do next. Stay curious and keep pursuing all of your passions: cooking, science, and whatever new sparks come your way!

Heather Stinson

Bryan Martin

Bryan, congratulations on earning your Associate of Science in Computer Science. It's been especially impressive to see you take on four computer science courses in a single semester and stay on top of all the work. That level of commitment speaks volumes about your dedication and persistence. You've demonstrated a strong work ethic and the ability to manage a demanding course load effectively. These qualities will serve you well as you continue your studies and take on new challenges. You've built a solid foundation through hard work and determination—best wishes as you continue your journey in computer science.

P. Kevin Keith

Sofia Masciale-Walmer

"Petit à petit, l'oiseau fait son nid." (little by little, the bird makes its nest). Sofia, congratulations on reaching this milestone. You have been plugging along just like the little bird, slowly adding to your, "nest" of knowledge. You have such varied interests in foreign languages, radio, communications, literature and writing—a true liberal studies student and the variety of courses you have taken reflect that. You are ready to fly and find your next adventure. I know wherever you end up, you will find joy as long as you continue to be unapologetically YOU!

Heather Stinson

Cavainna McBurnett

If somebody told me that I would have a student every semester for three years, I would have found that Mr. Feeny-like scenario highly improbable, exasperation and all. Well, I've had you in class every semester since I got to Landmark, which means I got a front-row seat to witness you grow from someone still finding their footing into the graduate sitting on stage today. You should be proud of what you did here. The path was not easy. But you did not give up. You earned a degree and nobody can take that away from you. Equally important, you learned from those around you and allowed yourself to grow. My hope is that you continue to care for those around you while being authentic to who you are. With that recipe, you can't fail. And luckily, unlike *Boy Meets World*, the people and the place are real, so don't forget you always have a home here at Landmark.

Tyler Baker

Glen McCormick

Glen, in the spirit of Ignatius J. Reilly, I commend you on this most exalted day for your achievements. You entered the academic arena with an intellectual vigor so formidable that it regularly disrupted the otherwise orderly flow of classroom discourse (Oh, my God! I feel my valve closing at the very thought!). Your incisive questions and uncanny ability to produce precisely relevant research articles suggest a mind unwilling to be confined by the modest expectations of any syllabus. Yours is a keen insight paired with a rare and admirable passion for psychology—one that elevates discussion beyond the mundane. In an age often marked by intellectual complacency, you have distinguished yourself through curiosity and thoughtful engagement. I wish you the best in your future endeavors; may Fortuna continue to smile upon you, and may your formidable intellect persist wherever your path may lead.

Pamela Pi

Ian McCrory

I gotta start by saying how proud I am to see you walk across the stage today. You did it. You are officially a graduate. What you do next is entirely your choice, but I do hope that you bring the same care for others and curiosity into all your future roles that you brought to our campus. Somebody with your intelligence and capability to recall information is in a prime position to do some real good in our world. It's hard to say goodbye to any student, especially one of my first advisees, but I have a feeling I'll be hearing good things about you, one way or another, in no time at all.

Tyler Baker

Anthony McKinney

Anthony, your path to earning your BA-COMEL is a testament to your perseverance, growth, and quiet determination. Your journey was not a straight line, but it was a meaningful one, shaped by challenges that ultimately strengthened your resolve and deepened your commitment to your personal goals. Along the way, you developed into an independent, confident learner, steadily building the skills necessary to succeed both academically and beyond. What stands out most is your remarkable progress: from navigating uncertainty to developing a strong voice, critical thinking abilities, and a clear sense of purpose. You embraced the demands of your studies and grew into a communicator capable of insight, creativity, and impact. This degree represents far more than academic achievement; it reflects resilience, maturity, and tremendous potential. As you move forward, Anthony, you carry with you not only knowledge, but the confidence and independence to shape a promising future. Congratulations!

Brian Cohen

Apollo Miller

Well, that was hard, wasn't it? While you were struggling to figure out how to live in this world, I was struggling to figure out how to help. We don't like challenges when we don't feel we have the tools to deal with them. But learning the tools and meeting the challenges leads to the most meaningful growth. And we both have grown so much. I never would have become the person I am today if not for my experiences as a parent and working at Landmark, both of which are deeply connected to you. Remember the day you asked me, "Am I your favorite student?" and I answered, "You're my favorite student in this car.?" You are not only my favorite student; you're also one of my best teachers. I love you so much, kiddo!

Todd Miller

Kodiak Ormiston

Kodiak, congratulations on reaching today's milestone! Your sharp wit and unique humor buoy those around you. I appreciate that you're always ready to joyfully share a recent discovery or laugh about a story from your week. Among your many notable qualities are your effervescent energy and your ability to bring people together. Your leadership on campus has been impactful. Instrumental in starting and strengthening several clubs, you have helped fellow students create new connections and discover new interests. Over the course of the last year, you've taken *tremendous* initiative as you envisioned big picture goals for yourself and embarked on the transfer application process. All the while, you juggled challenging courses and multiple extracurriculars. Your effort has paid off, Kodiak. Congratulations on your acceptance to Pace University! You'll be missed here at Landmark, but I can't wait to see what you accomplish during your next chapter. Keep being yourself, and I am confident you will go far.

Lennox Scott

Alexander Pacheco

Xander, Congratulations on earning your A.S. in Computer Science. It has been a privilege to watch you grow. You are kind, empathetic, and one of the hardest workers I know. Your perfectionism is both a strength and a challenge, but it is also what drives you to do exceptional work. You have a real talent for spotting technical glitches and finding smart solutions when others are stuck, and many of us on campus have benefited from this gift. Wherever the future takes you, I will miss your moustache, your carabiners, and your flip out glasses. They are as cool as you are. You are one of a kind, Xander Pacheco, pronounced PA CHEEK O.

Eve Khan

Molly Perlmutter

Molly, two years ago I watched you walk across the stage to receive your associate degree, and I looked forward to watching you earn your bachelor's of science. That day is now here, and I find myself trying—and failing—to picture our department without you. Molly, you will always be an important member of our community; please keep us up to date on your adventures! Professor Eric Rhomberg noted, “Not only does Molly have an encyclopedic knowledge of birds, she has developed a sophisticated understanding of the complexity of their ecology and life histories.” He additionally describes her spiritual passion as an ornithologist who has significantly enhanced his own scientific knowledge. Molly, when things are difficult, just remember that you are incredibly brave and resilient, and that you are more than capable of taking on future challenges.

Kimberly Coleman

Jack Phillips

Congratulations! From our two years of working together, I've watched you grow into a dedicated and goal-oriented student. When challenges arise, even when they feel insurmountable, you have developed the ability to overcome them by seeking support and identifying the steps you need to take to make change. From trying new things (like traveling to Ireland this summer) to scheduling time for things you love (like visiting the dogs on campus) you show your eagerness and commitment to learning. I really appreciate that you have a clear sense of and commitment to justice—I hope you continue to hold your moral compass close and stay true to what you believe in as you nurture your interests and work toward your goals. I'm wishing you all the best as you begin your work toward your Bachelor's of Liberal Studies. It's a true pleasure to work with you, Jack!

Brittany Dunn

Nailah Quail-Parker

Nailah, you fought to be here, and you deserve to celebrate your achievements! As you graduate, you boldly step into the world, affirming your place and paving the way for others. Congratulations on being a Landmark leader and visionary ready to change the world. You're already making an impact right where you are. A wise leader once said to reach for the stars, so when you fall, you land on the moon. That wise leader is you! Continue to believe in yourself. Congratulations, Nailah!

Marc Thurman

Zachary Ramsay

"Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority is the price that each and every one of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile." - Vince Lombardi

Zach, you have set goals and worked hard to achieve them during your time here. It has been great to watch you push yourself not only out of your comfort zone but also pushing through when things felt tough. Whatever is next for you, you have the skills and knowledge you need to succeed. Thanks for always talking about football with me, adding fun to my office and teaching me more about the true artistry of Mac Miller. Good luck as you embark on the next chapter.

Suzanne Clark

Leif Roalsvig

Leif, your journey has not been a straight line, and that is exactly what makes it worth celebrating. When you first arrived, you were not quite ready for the full college experience, and you definitely kept me on my toes. You had a way of making every meeting memorable, often in ways I did not see coming. Then January came, along with a more focused, responsible, and determined version of you. That shift has been remarkable. You now ask for support, connect with your instructors, and take ownership of your work. That kind of growth takes real effort, and it shows. Through it all, your quick wit and humor have remained one of your greatest strengths. As you head to Norway and possibly into the gaming world, I have no doubt that whatever path you choose will lead to great things. Gratulerer og lykke til!

Eve Khan

Matty Robson

Matty, you are currently the longest-serving student DJ on the WLMC Radio staff, joining the station in Spring 2022 and building a lasting presence on the airwaves. Your Friday night show, Variety with Matty, has become a staple from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and in your role as WLMC Radio News Director, you have produced weekly community and local news with consistency and care. Over time, you have completed five radio courses, developing your skills and growing into a confident and capable broadcaster. It has been a pleasure to work with you through the ups and downs and to witness your steady growth as both a student and a person, and we've had a lot of fun doing the work. From first meeting you in that fateful summer before you arrived to now celebrating your graduation, your transformation has been remarkable, congratulations on earning your bachelor's degree.

Eric Matte

Lizzie Rosato

The world remains sealed tight in a glass jar,
and spring may be here, but the warmth is far
from warming the day or it is fleeting
with no end of challenges that need meeting.
How but with knowledge could (should) one combat
the obscuring of truth? Rejection of fact.
Of times, places, and mostly of people
who'd avoid the hill as soon as stumble.
The ones who rise need not be flawless
and guiltless as others act so lawless.
They are the ones who face dark and light.
They'll show up in the day. Work into night
This is no directive for unending toil.
Do not become trapped in the pot as it boils.

Joshua Chapa

Charli Rosenthal

Congratulations, Charli, Today is all about you, embrace it, wear it proudly, and enjoy the moments with family and friends. Continue to hold space for yourself and reach for the stars, because stars rise and that you did today. Congratulations on your graduation! You've shown everyone that anything is possible when you believe in yourself.

Marc Thurman

Joey Ripp

Joey, it has truly been a privilege to watch you grow through your Capstone project this semester and to see the care you bring to both your ideas and execution. You approach your work with patience and intention, and your attention to detail consistently elevates what you create. Getting to know you in Japan deepened that appreciation. You embraced the experience with genuine excitement, especially when it came to trying new foods, and that enthusiasm made the trip even more memorable. I still think about the day you carried that large sword around and somehow managed to get it home, a reflection of your determination. I'll always remember seeing you making bread during our online J-term class while still fully engaged in the lecture. Moments like that speak to your thoughtfulness and individuality. It has been a joy to know you. Congratulations, and I wish you all the best ahead.

Cindy Ludlam

Laura Sacktor

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodall

Laura, as you earn your associate degree, let this be a reminder of how you can conquer anything that you put your mind to. You know who you are and you are unapologetically you! It has been an honor to be your advisor. I will miss the crocheting and losing track of time during our meetings. Luckily, you will still be on campus. I am looking forward to seeing your continued growth and success as you earn your bachelor's degree. Don't forget that I am right here in your corner cheering you on!

Suzanne Clark

Macy Scheldberg

Oh, my goodness, so many emotions. Obviously, congratulations, you graduate you. You're walking out of here with a degree, but do not forget that it represents three important things. First, it's a reminder of the love, compassion, care, selflessness, kindness, and joy you spread across our campus during your time here. It's a token of good, good work. Your degree also represents a commitment to never stop applying what you've learned here; that you are capable of doing what you set your mind out to accomplish. Finally, your degree is a reminder that Landmark is your place. You belong here and are part of our story. So go forth, keep doing good things, and be sure to celebrate your successes, starting with this one.

Tyler Baker

David Schmidt

I first met David fairly early in his career at Landmark. I was impressed by the amount of knowledge that he had in computer science because of many years of industry experience. I had the privilege of being David's instructor in many courses, concluding in his Capstone project this past fall. David's hard work has paid off as he is ready to launch a new stage of his career in information technology. I am confident that he will be successful and make excellent contributions wherever he works. Good luck, David, in your future endeavors!

John Russo

Sam Spinney

It has truly been a pleasure to work with Sam and to watch his growth; not only as a student, but as a person. He is a dedicated learner who consistently completes his work on time and approaches each assignment with a genuine openness to learning and improving. What I will remember most about Sam is his enthusiasm and warmth. He often came to office hours not just with questions, but simply to check in and connect, which I always appreciated. In class, he is attentive, respectful, and brings a steady, positive presence that makes the learning environment better for everyone. One of Sam's most memorable accomplishments was his visualization project exploring the locations of eclipses over time. Because it connected to his own interests, he invested deeply in the work and created a truly captivating visualization. He continued to build on this project in his Capstone course, refining and expanding his ideas and ultimately presenting his work at the Landmark College poster fair. Watching that project grow over time was a wonderful reflection of Sam's persistence, curiosity, and pride in his work. Sam is a kind, thoughtful, and hardworking individual, and it has truly been a joy to get to know him and to have him in class. Congratulations, Sam, we are so proud of you!

Karina Assiter

Noah Stanger

On this, your graduation day, I would like to quote your own words, Noah, from a Public Speaking assignment you once did: *"I'll break away from it for this brief period to remind both myself and all of you that each one of these has infinite potential, at least in my mind."* I don't know if you remember saying this, but I hope you will continue your life with this courage and optimistic determination to keep growing and discovering your potential. Wishing you the best in all your endeavors.

Daisy Milman

Jacob Stefanik

"I am the captain of my soul." - William Ernest Henley

Jacob, you bring so much laughter and sarcasm to advising. You are also thoughtful, caring, and kind. I enjoy frequent stops at my office. Whether it is a quick chat or a thoughtful conversation, they always have a purpose. You have used your time here to learn self-confidence and truly take the time to see who you truly are. You set goals and you achieve them. You take pride in who you are as an individual. I am so excited to see what is next for you on this journey. All I ask is that it is still full of your random drop ins and jokes. Congratulations, Jacob!

Suzanne Clark

Patrick Towle

One asks, "Is living for life or for sport?
Who decided all youth must be so short?
That we are drawn to physicality
at risk of ignoring reality?"
The truth is we are all a part of a team
whose nature and purpose may to some seem
irrelevant or even ill-contrived
to those from sleep only barely revive.
Many may seem in conflict with others
the way children often fight with brothers.
In such battles death may come from above.
It can be hard to tell torment from love.
What is the purpose behind toil and churn
if not: those helped must, when able, help in turn?

Joshua Chapa

Ben Tozier

Ben, congratulations on reaching the milestone of your associate degree! We are all so excited to continue working with you as you continue on toward your B.S. in Biology. You are such a solid, mature, and thoughtful student who always graces the classroom with practical focus, strategic engagement, and clear metacognition. You were such a strong leader on our trip to study the biodiversity of Costa Rica, modeling good preparation, situational awareness, and courageous engagement with new, exotic settings. We could always count on you for your clear-headed mentorship. I see you focusing that strategic clarity on your own academic work, meticulously working the steps that you need to be academically successful. It's exciting to look forward to your upcoming scientific work, which no doubt will continue to expand and deepen. Your leadership potential is massive. Well done!

Eric Rhomberg

Ben Upchurch

Congratulations, Ben! You've done a great job completing your degree. In addition to being a quick learner in your classes, you also have done really well with taking on an independent project. Your capstone work of developing a tank that mimics a streambed was especially exciting. I'm really looking forward to implementing the protocol that you developed in future ecology classes! This project was particularly fun to help mentor because you really took the initiative on bringing it from a broad suggestion through the planning stages and into reality. You've also done really well at communicating what you know to others in formal presentations, and your slide shows in other classes have also been a highlight. Your interests, combined with your ability to quickly learn and to generate compelling presentations, will support you well in your future endeavors. I wish you all the best!

Denise Burchsted

Zac Van Gelder

Zac, four years have flown by and now you're graduating. You've frequently attended our events and friends like Ryan have appreciated your company. Now comes the outside world and with it, new social experiences. As you head out into the world, I want you to think about impact you will make with the rest of the world. I want you to remember, to relax and be yourself. As tempting as it is to be the entertainer and tell jokes, what your friends really appreciated was your company and when you thought about how to contribute to conversations. Lastly, think about the road your social life takes. There will be excellent moments and times when we make mistakes, but at the end of the day, explanations are fine, but we must remember to learn from our experiences and see how we can use that in the future. Good luck, you got this.

Thomas Kuzma

Claudia VanGessel

Claudia, as I think about your journey and you as a member of the class of 2026, my mind immediately goes to the trail, the climbing wall, and the meaningful conversations we've had. To know Claudia is to know someone who brings the same tenacity, curiosity, and warmth to the community that they do on the trail. I've had the joyful opportunity to watch you grow as a curious recreator and a kind friend, offering a genuine smile to those around you. Whether it was overcoming a challenge on the climbing wall, or supporting a fellow student, your presence has been a gift to our community. I remember the Family Weekend hike with you and your dad. It was a beautiful snapshot of who you are—dedicated, grounded, and connected to the people who love you. Enjoy this moment and the moments ahead as you step away from campus. Don't forget to take in the view! As you graduate today, I know you will take the same spirit of adventure into your next chapter. Congratulations, Claudia—you should be so proud of your accomplishments!

Molly Lawson

Ari Weinschenker

Ari, the distance you have traveled over the last couple of years at Landmark in terms of courageously finding your confidence and well-being is profound, and it has been so wonderful to witness. You are now such a strong, positive leader in the classrooms and labs of the STEM building, and I'm sure throughout campus. In fact, your peers have started lovingly calling you "Professor Ari" because you are such a good teacher, generously helping them to understand complex chemistry. As you pass this milestone with your associate degree and head into your higher-level bachelor's work in biology, you are gaining wonderful momentum in your academic and professional growth. I have no doubt that your successes will continue to multiply, and we are all so excited by the opportunity to continue working with you and learning from you. Congratulations!

Eric Rhomberg

Spencer Welsch

"Like a hidden chest, sometimes you have to dig deep to find the treasures within yourself." - Minecraft

Spence, this is a challenging tribute to write. Not because I don't know what to say, but because I don't know where to start. When you started your path here at Landmark, you were unsure, prepared not to do well and not so sure about trying new things. In the blink of an eye, your mindset shifted. You saw how capable you really are, and that the world is full of endless opportunities for you. I am going to miss all the laughter and Minecraft that you brought to my office. Know that you are capable of anything that you set your mind to! I am so excited to see what is next for you. I hope that you will never forget how truly wonderful you are.

Suzanne Clark

Julia Yaeger

Julia, what a gift you have been as an advisee and student. Your generosity of spirit and grounding presence bring joy to everyone you meet. Even through challenging times, you consistently pause to think of others—your family, friends, and the Landmark community—with care and compassion. You have worked incredibly hard for this moment, producing excellent, thoughtful academic work while navigating a demanding course load with perseverance and grace. Your capstone project—reimagining speech therapy for neurodivergent students beyond the traditional medical model—reflects both your intellectual depth and your commitment to more inclusive, affirming practices. I am so proud of you and will miss your smiling face, your necklace of mini plushy companions, and your impossibly high, undeniably New York standards of pizza. I wish you the best as you begin your next chapter in speech pathology—you are going to make a difference in so many lives.

Pamela Pi

Kaveh Zamiri

Kaveh, congratulations on earning your Associate of Science in Computer Science. You've done a great job navigating the challenges of the program and have grown into a more confident and independent thinker along the way. Your ability to engage with complex ideas and persist through difficult problems has been clear throughout your time here. As you move forward toward your bachelor's degree, you are well-prepared to take on new challenges and continue developing your skills. Your progress shows a strong foundation for future success in computer science and beyond.

P. Kevin Keith

LANDMARK COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM: 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.

Landmark College Alma Mater

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!

