



# DEGREE CELEBRATION

Donald G. Costello College of Business



Friday, May 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m. | EagleBank Arena, Fairfax Campus



## A Message from the Dean

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

You have just completed an important personal and professional milestone. Your Costello degree is from one of the most innovative business colleges in the commonwealth, in the region, and in the country—and we are proud of your achievement! You are now poised to serve as members of the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs, and we look forward to all you will accomplish. As you start your professional journey past your graduation, the Costello faculty, staff, and alumni community will be cheering you on!

Celebrate this moment with your families, friends, supporters, and well-wishers. I wish you every success and, remember: Costello means business!

Cheryl Druehl  
Interim Dean



## Order of Ceremony

### **PROCESSION**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

#### **GREETINGS**

Cheryl Druehl  
Interim Dean

#### **DEGREE CELEBRATION ADDRESS**

Bruce Caswell  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Maximus

#### **GRADUATING STUDENT ADDRESS**

Vidhi Pathak  
Bachelor of Science in Business  
Concentrations in Management Information  
Systems and Finance

### **RECOGNITION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS**

#### **ALUMNI ADDRESS**

Kevin Connor, MBA '22  
President, Costello College of Business Alumni Chapter

#### **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING STUDENTS**

Master of Science in Real Estate Development  
Master of Science in Management  
Master of Science in Finance  
Master of Science in Business Analytics  
Master of Science in Accounting  
Master of Business Administration

#### **Bachelor of Science in Business**

Finance  
Financial Planning and Wealth Management  
Marketing  
Management  
Accounting  
Operations and Supply Chain Management  
Business Analytics  
Management Information Systems

#### **CLOSING AND RECEPTIONAL**

Graduates remain in place until faculty have recessed.

# Student Award Recipients

## GRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

These awards are presented to the graduates who in the judgment of the faculty have demonstrated overall excellence in academic performance.

### Outstanding Students in Master of Business Administration

In-Person: Will Sogegian  
Online: James Jung

### Outstanding Student in Master of Science, Accounting

Madeline Ryan

### Citizenship Award, Master of Science, Accounting

Eric Gershon

### Outstanding Student in Master of Science, Business Analytics

Siwanat Temudom

### Citizenship Award, Master of Science, Business Analytics

Luul Shire

### Outstanding Student in Master of Science, Finance

Greg Awad

### Citizenship Award, Master of Science, Finance

Dahlia Trippel

### Outstanding Student in Master of Science, Management

Fatimah Sultan

### Outstanding Student in Master of Science, Real Estate Development

David Huaman

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

These awards are presented to graduating seniors nominated by the faculty and selected for outstanding scholastic achievement, maturity, and excellence in pursuit of their academic and professional career.

### Outstanding Student in Accounting

Caroline Elizabeth Castagna

### Outstanding Student in Business Analytics

Nina Tiffany Stacy

### Outstanding Student in Finance

Abigia Yohannes Abebe

### Outstanding Student in Financial Planning and Wealth Management

Marissa Stone

### Outstanding Student in Management

Elizabeth Parolek

### Outstanding Student in Management Information Systems

Huzaifah Shafique

### Outstanding Student in Marketing

Jiselle Daniela Floyd

### Outstanding Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management

Dayton J. Crowley

## EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

This category recognizes those undergraduate students with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of their class.

### Accounting

Gisela Fernanda Arnez†  
Kijun Baek  
Natan Z. Bogale  
Sebastian Campos  
Caroline Elizabeth Castagna\*  
Haeun Choi  
Marmawite T. Debas†  
Eric Gershon  
Alison Elise Hays  
Jessica Esmeralda Holland  
Moon Jung Jun  
Mujghan Kalaly  
Lenna Arax Kevorkian  
Chaeyun Kim  
Gilon Kim  
Sojeong Lee  
Emmett Hurricane Long  
Raya Maraqa  
Bich Ngoc Nguyen  
Kevin Perez  
Andreas Siokouros  
Nikolay Smirnov  
Sultan I. Sultan  
Brianna T. Wallman  
Jaehee Weon

### Business Analytics

Jonathan Araya-vargas  
Brooke J. Chavez  
Olivia Coulson  
Aleena K. Ghorit  
Samuel Hopkins†  
Nour Celine Kassem  
Huong Giang Nguyent  
Huu Thanh Quach  
Gyu Bin Son  
Nina Tiffany Stacy\*  
Samantha Ann Whetzler†  
Amena Zaini

### Finance

Abigia Yohannes Abebe\*  
Juliet E. Agbale  
Juan Sebastian Chan Rosas  
Shannon Elizabeth Dow  
Donovan Etienne  
Leo Bennett Giacinto  
Seongjun Lee  
Natnael Tamru Mulatu  
Lillian M. Newgen  
Huong Giang Nguyent  
Hortencia A. Ortiz  
Dianjiang Pan  
Tysin Rayelle Parker  
Lucas Landers Rush  
Huzaifah Shafique†  
Megan N. Tran  
Jovanny Vargas Navarrete  
Samantha Ann Whetzler†

### Financial Planning and Wealth Management

Angel Damian Garcia  
Marissa Stone\*

### Management

Rakibul Alam Anik  
Alanoud Faisal Alsafi  
Dur-E-Sameen Baber  
Sueda Erdogan  
Mckeila-Eliz T. Espedido  
Brandon S. Gee  
Isabella Rose Gorospe  
Samantha Hoepfner  
Tooba Khan  
Chaeun Lee  
Alexandra A. Lodiato  
Matthew Marceda  
Elijah John Merrick  
Shannon Renee Moriarty  
Hallie Motley  
Natali Ochoa  
Sayran M. Omar  
Elizabeth Parolek\* †  
Vanessa J. Rollamas  
Laiba Saleem  
Jwan Bayar Shamdin  
Jazmine E. Vasquez  
Rosa Iris Vasquez-Cruz  
Rachael Waters  
Megan Webb  
Jose Maria Zavala

### Management Information Systems

Arshia Abideen  
Iqra Ali  
Erik Alexis Almendarez-  
Campos  
Monica Amaya  
Hajra Amin  
Gisela Fernanda Arnez†  
Sri Avula  
Zainab Bilal  
Vibha Tulasi Dasari  
Marmawite T. Debas†  
Jenna Kelly Duong  
Adam Soufiane Haddou  
Paul Michael Julich  
Zoya Naveed Khan  
Shreya Murti Khatri  
Doeun Lee  
Siho Lee  
Soukaina Malouki  
Brenda Nguyen  
Tiffany Nhi Nguyen  
Ellaha Olomi  
Alam Mohammad Sahran  
Tala Iyad Saidi  
Maryam Saber Sedky Samuel  
Esha Sarwar  
Se Min Seo  
Huzaifah Shafique\* †  
Arooj Shahbaz  
Falaq Shahbaz  
Nawfal Shahid  
Lauren Jimin Yi  
Rand Anas Zainulabdeen

### Marketing

Sloan Vivian Anderson  
Mahmoud Mohammed  
Awadallah  
Tracey T. Dang  
Mikaela Isabel De Los Reyes  
Paige Grace Deloretta  
Jiselle Daniela Floyd\*  
Aleena K. Ghorit  
Samuel Hopkins†  
Samuel Joseph  
Aysia M. Massie  
Elisa Marie Minock  
Francis Kha Nguyen  
Yedalm Park  
Elizabeth Parolek†  
Katherine Rebecca Parrino  
Kenia Reyes  
Emilie Elizabeth Seay  
Angelina Tardencilla  
Olyvia M. Wilson

### Operations and Supply Chain Management

Elizabeth Leigh Alesantrino  
Dayton J. Crowley\*  
Gabriel Isaac Fulton  
Suleyman Karimov

*\*Denotes students honored as  
Outstanding Student in area*

*†Denotes students honored for  
Excellence in Business in two areas*

## Stay Engaged!

*Once a Patriot, Always a Patriot*

Seven Simple Ways to Stay Connected or Contribute to George Mason

- Update Your Contact Information
- Share Your Expertise
- Participate in the Costello College of Business Alumni Chapter
- Refer Exceptional Students to George Mason
- Invest in the Costello College of Business
- Hire George Mason Graduates
- Celebrate our legacy by joining the Spirit of '77

## Stay Connected!

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*Congratulations, Class of 2026!*

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#Mason2026

#MasonGrad

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