The Forty-Eighth
Commencement Exercises

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INVOCATION

Terence McCorry
Director of Spiritual and Religious Life

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates, music composed by Samuel A. Ward
Led by Brian Ricci

WELCOME

Kevin M. Ross
President

STUDENT ADDRESS

Christian Holterhaus
Master of Business Administration '13

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Kevin M. Ross
President
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Sam Vaghar
Executive Director and Co-founder of The Millennium Campus Network

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS
The College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award
The Professional and Continuing Education Award
The Master’s Degree Award

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Presented by Gregg C. Cox
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ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL
Candidates for the Degrees

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Hagai Gringarten
*Price and Store Image as Mitigating Factors in the Perception and Evaluation of Retailers' Customer-Based Brand Equity*
Dissertation Chair: Eldon Bernstein

Fadila Maraouch
*Managerial Competencies and Exemplary Leadership in the Lodging Industry: An Empirical Study*
Dissertation Chair: Farideh Farazmand

James A. McKenzie
*Motivation and Leadership of Financial Advisor Associates in the Financial Services Industry*
Dissertation Chair: Eldon Bernstein

Trisha Lorriane Williams
*Health Beliefs, Lifestyle Behaviors, and Body Mass Index in College Students*
Dissertation Chair: Farideh Farazmand

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Denise S. Beattie
*The Impact of a Mentor-Based Induction Program on Teacher Retention*
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Priscilla Boerger

Nikkia Deluz
*A Study of the Leadership Styles of Campus Based Women's Centers in Higher Education in the Southeast United States*
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Craig Mertler

Jodi Alexandra Hift
*iGeneration: A Case Study in Challenge Based Learning*
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: William Leary

Arthur Lee Jamison
*Assessing High School Biology Academic Achievement by Comparing Traditional versus Virtual Dissection of Rat Specimens*
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Craig Mertler

Christina N. Phillips
*The Impact of Movement Through the Use of the X-box Kinect on Reading Achievement*
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Kelly Burlison
Kristen L. Rojas  
*Digital Divide: The Roles of Student Access and Self-Efficacy Influencing College Readiness*  
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Mayra Camacho

Vannapond Suttichujit  
*The Internationalization of Higher Education in Southeast Asia: Three Case Studies from Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam*  
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Cassandra Keller

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

**Master of Business Administration**

Kala M. Abdell  
Nawwaf Abdulaziz Albaiz  
Faris Almuhathil  
Najla Alotaibi  
Devin Anuzis  
Fred Kofi Apaloo  
Miguel Aristizabal  
Evelyn O. Asumaning  
Hernan Barnett  
Karolina Rochelle Bazua  
Taylor Christine Bearden  
Angela Dorothee Beuscher  
Claudina Bogaert  
Merlys Marina Bolduc  
Natali Branwell  
Mandi Lee Brown  
Zewen Cai  
Claudia Capparelli  
Alicia E. Capriles Rivero  
William Spencer Carey  
Melinda Corathers  
Stefano Dal Maso  
Kimmerlyn Daley  
Marguency David  
Anissa Marie Dean  
Ryan Decker  
Justin N. Deering  
Carlos A. De La Riva  
John Gerard DeLeonibus  
Jacqueline Anne DeMarco  
Dieunet Demosthene  
Anthony Robert Desperito  
Diana Katalin Duha  
Tibor Duha  
Heiko Eberhardt  
Melissa Marie Elliott  
Jessica Ellis

Sports and Athletics Administration  
Financial Valuation and Investment Management  
Hospitality Management  
Hospitality Management  
Mass Communication and Media Management  
Marketing  
International Business  
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Marketing  
Hospitality Management
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Ann Marie Moosai
Katie Morell
George Mulligan
Geilan Mustafa Artadi
Charles A. Navas
Juan A. Nelson
Timothy O'Neil
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Peter John O'Neill
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Ao Shen
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Gregory-Nile Shipmon
Sam Robert Shorrocks
Halina Shulchina
Micha Siegel
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Mary E. Stine
Victor Teboul
Pia V. Terol Soames
Nicole T. Thaw
Marketing
Hospitality Management
International Business
Marketing
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Marketing
International Business
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Mass Communication and Media Management
International Business
Hospitality Management & Marketing
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
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Financial Valuation and Investment Management
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Hospitality Management
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
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Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Hospitality Management
Marketing
Hospitality Management
Business Administration
Mass Communication and Media Management
Marketing
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Mass Communication and Media Management
Business Administration
Marketing
Sports and Athletics Administration
Marketing
Hospitality Management
Marketing
Sports and Athletics Administration
Marketing
Kathryn Thomas
Doruk Salih Tozan
Gino Valconi
Saul Vargas
Marc Vila Castro
Gregory Vilmont
Benjamin Louis Vine
Lorena Ashley Williams
Willi Wolfer
Michael Gary Woo
Russell William Yost
YanBin Zhu

Hospitality Management
Marketing
International Business
International Business
Marketing
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
International Business
Sports and Athletics Administration & Marketing
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Sports and Athletics Administration
International Business
Financial Valuation and Investment Management

Bachelor of Professional Studies - Bachelor of Science

Dawn Michelle Alvarez
Vladlena Bondarenko
Alla L. Botvina
Lauren Marie Czencz
Elizabeth Anne Dunn
George Fabre
Robert J. Felton
Elise Gravelley
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Karen N. Hobbs
James Frederick Hunter
Terrasha Rachels-Jackson
Yeajin Kim
Svetlana Kosmach
Igor Lazutkin
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Yaroasava Olegovna Mirchuk
Prisca Nadine Noisin
Vania D. Octave
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Business Administration
Hospitality Management
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General Management
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Business Administration
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DONALD E. AND HELEN L. ROSS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education

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Exceptional Student Education
Educational Leadership
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Bachelor of Science

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Educational Studies
Educational Studies

EUGENE M. AND CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Master of Science

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Communication and Media
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Communication and Media
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL EDUCATION

Master of Science

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Applied Psychology
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Emergency Planning and Administration
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Criminal Justice Administration
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Emergency Planning and Administration
Applied Psychology

Bachelor of Science

Carlos A. Abad
Michael Lee Apter

Psychology
Psychology
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Master of Music

Kelley Marie Barnett Performance, Flute
Jared N. Cooper Performance, Cello
Victoria Hauk Performance, Flute
Michael Kaiser Performance, Clarinet
Marina Lenau Performance, Violin
Daniel Leon Performance, French Horn
Jenna McCreery Performance, Cello
Justin Myers Performance, Tuba
Nelson Navarrete Composition
Dotan Nitzberg Performance, Piano
Noemi Rivera Performance, Bassoon
Jordan Robison Performance, Trombone
Delcho Tenev Performance, Violin
Jesse Yukimura Performance, Viola
SPECIAL AWARDS

The College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award is given to the person who displays outstanding potential for scholarship and leadership in the field of education.

The Professional and Continuing Education Award is presented to the candidate who has maintained the highest grade point average in the evening undergraduate program and has demonstrated community service and dedication to lifelong learning.

The Master's Degree Award is presented to the student who has attained the highest cumulative grade point average for his or her entire degree course work. Students are also evaluated on other factors that may include involvement within Lynn University and local communities.

2013 CLASS GIFT

As a legacy to their alma mater, members of the Class of 2013 have provided for an historical plaque to be located at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. The plaque commemorates the final presidential debate, held on Oct. 22, 2012, and the 50th anniversary of Lynn University. The university is grateful to the graduating students of the Class of 2013 for their contributions.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: Sam Vaghar

Sam Vaghar is the executive director and co-founder of The Millennium Campus Network (MCN), a Boston-based, national nonprofit that is dedicated to empowering university student organizations across the United States to be effective partners for global development.

Vaghar, 26, is the youngest commencement speaker in Lynn’s 50-year history and one of the youngest in the nation. As a member of Generation Y, Vaghar is a millennial—like many of the graduates he is addressing today.

"Society often tells us that our president, our government or Fortune 500 CEOs are the leaders solely responsible for changing the world," says Vaghar. "I am here to share with my peers that creating change is something each of us has a role in sparking and sustaining. We need to own our role as change agents and take responsibility for our actions—and for our generation's potential."

Under Vaghar's leadership, MCN has thrived and now educates more than 1,000 campus leaders through annual conferences, trains emerging leaders through a fellowship program and allocates Student Action Grants to support activism on campuses and overseas.

In 2011, the State Department invited Vaghar to be the featured speaker on a tour across Bosnia and Herzegovina. That summer, he met with President Barack Obama to share the perspectives of youth leaders in the United States. In 2012, Vaghar was selected as one of the "Top 99 most influential foreign policy leaders under the age of 33" by The Diplomatic Courier and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy.

Vaghar, a 2008 graduate of Brandeis University, has addressed audiences at over two-dozen institutions, including Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the United Nations, among others.
Christian Holterhaus is receiving a Master of Business Administration degree with a specialization in Financial Valuation and Investment Management.

A native of Muenster, Germany, Christian developed an early interest in business, particularly finance, as well as information technology. After graduating from an advanced-level business-oriented secondary school in Muenster, he completed a two-and-a-half-year apprenticeship to become a qualified bank clerk, developing expertise in customer service, financial investments, and the credit and real estate businesses. He then attended the University of Applied Sciences, also in Muenster, earning a Bachelor of Arts in business administration degree with a major in finance and a 3.95 grade point average.

While an undergraduate, he displayed a talent for innovation and entrepreneurship. He was awarded first-place honors in a 2010 Business Idea Idol competition and founded a successful company the following year, myfairhome UG, which supports customers in finding favorable, tailor-made real estate financing.

In November 2011 he achieved another honor—a scholarship from the German-American Fulbright Commission to study in the United States. As part of the Fulbright program, he completed Leadership Training in the summer of 2012 at St. John’s University in New York, focusing on personal development, decision-making strategies and civic responsibility. After considering numerous universities for his M.B.A. studies, he ultimately chose Lynn University for its exceptional diversity.

At Lynn, Christian has excelled, maintaining a cumulative 4.0 grade point average. In the classroom and beyond, he has demonstrated that he is an outstanding embodiment of the Fulbright vision of promoting understanding among different cultures.
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Lending color to the pageantry of commencement are the academic robes and hoods worn by the faculty and students. This regalia reaches back into the medieval ages, when it served a functional as well as an ornamental role, separating the learned men from other groups and offering warmth and protection.

In America in the late 19th century, a conference was held by representatives of colleges and universities to bring some order and system to the custom of academic dress. Since then, there have been periodic conferences to revise or reconfirm existing practices.

Essentially, undergraduates wear the black robes with the white collars. Holders of the master's degree wear hoods which are lined with the colors of the college conferring the degree and trimmed with the color representing the subject in which the degree was earned. The doctoral robe is adorned with velvet and is also worn with the hood suitably ornamented.

Holders of degrees from foreign universities or religious orders wear the entire academic costume as decreed by the conferring institution.

The following list reflects the colors which will be found on the hoods worn in the academic procession and the subject each represents.
Arts, Letters, Humanities  White  
Commerce, Business  Drab  
Communication  Crimson  
Economics  Copper  
Education  Light blue  
Engineering  Orange  
Fine Arts  Brown  
Foreign Affairs  Aquamarine  
Journalism  Crimson  
Law  Purple  
Library Science  Lemon  
Music  Pink  
Nursing  Apricot  
Philosophy  Dark blue  
Physical Education  Sage green  
Public Health  Salmon  
Science  Golden yellow  
Social Sciences  Citron  
Speech  Silver gray  
Theology  Scarlet  

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR MEDAL RIBBONS

White - Cum Laude  3.50 to 3.64 grade point average  
Blue - Magna Cum Laude  3.65 to 3.79 grade point average  
Gold - Summa Cum Laude  3.80 to 4.00 grade point average  

Gold and green honor cord: Sigma Beta Delta business honor society  
Violet/jade green honor cord: Kappa Delta Pi education international honor society  
Red, white and blue cord: U.S. military veterans
THE GONFALONS

The gonfalons, a tradition that has origins in the civic rituals of 12th century Italy, are a part of Lynn University's academic ceremonial protocol.

Lynn University's gonfalons were designed in accordance with standards established for all colleges and universities and bear each college's unique symbolic colors. The common bonds that unite faculty and students as members of one academic community are embodied in the display of the university's seal on each individual gonfalon. The vice president for academic affairs, in consultation with the academic deans, selects the faculty members honored to serve as gonfalon bearers.

THE CEREMONIAL ACADEMIC MACE

The academic mace traces its origins to the 14th century, when the royal scepter historically carried by rulers and the battle mace were combined to produce the ceremonial academic mace. It was carried in processions of royalty, magistrates, and church or university officials.

During the commencement ceremony, the mace indicates the authority of the university president to award degrees. The mace is carried by the chief marshal.

The Lynn University mace consists of a three-foot-tall wood scepter with a bronze cast of the Lynn University seal on the top. It was designed in 2002 by Graphic Design Professor Emeritus Ernest Ranspach, who presented it to Lynn University President Emeritus Donald E. Ross in honor of 30 years of leadership and service.

This program is not an official graduation list. This printed program lists students who were eligible to graduate for academic year 2012-13, as of April 1, 2013, pending the outcome of final examinations and final grades. Therefore, it should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The university's official registry for the conferral of degrees is the student's permanent academic record, kept by the Office of the Registrar, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
LYNN UNIVERSITY
ALMA MATER

Under skies of blue
We've made friends so true
From every corner of the world
Celebrating different cultures
Made us see our world anew.

From this caring place
We will squarely face
The challenge of our destiny
Like our Fighting Knights
We'll lift hearts and sights
And we'll go forth in victory

And if our blue skies should turn to grey days
Or we misplace a dream or two
We'll remember Alma Mater
And then Her spirit will see us through.

So let's raise our voice
In a proud refrain
Remembering good times we all knew
Hail all hail our Alma Mater
Lynn University...Here's to you!

Music and lyrics by Joe Carey
Choral arrangement by Rick Krive