The Forty-Ninth
Commencement Exercises

Friday, May 16, 2014
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ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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The Gonfalons
The Faculty Marshals
The Candidates for Degrees
The University Faculty
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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 Neil Nelson

WELCOME

Kevin M. Ross
President

STUDENT ADDRESS

Timea Varga
Master of Business Administration '13

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Kevin M. Ross
President
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

David Flink
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Eye to Eye

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The Evening Undergraduate Division Award

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Presented by Gregg C. Cox
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferred by Kevin M. Ross
President

BENEDICTION

Terence McCorry
Director of Spiritual and Religious Life

ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL
Candidates for the Degrees

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Ihab Nasser
The Effects of the Economy, Business Law, External Anchors, and Transparency on Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Countries
Dissertation Chair: Farideh Farazmand

Christopher Allen Noe
Corporate Social Responsibility and Value Creation within Small and Medium Size Enterprises
Dissertation Chair: Allison Rampersad

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Peter B. Licata
21st Century Workforce Readiness Skills: How are Students Being Prepared?
Dissertation Chair: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Joshua James Chave
A Case Study of Gender Neutral Policies in University Housing
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Kelly Burlison

Cherea L. Clark
An Exploratory Study of Persistence Factors of Students with Learning Differences and Their Use of Support Services at Lynn University
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

John T. Ehrlein
When Caregiving Youth are Parentified
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Lydie Fils-Aime
Promoting Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination Among Students with Learning Disabilities
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Albert Charles Gleek
Understanding Student Engagement During Simulations
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop
Rose Alison Hall  
*Challenges on the Road to School Success for Low Socioeconomic and Minority Students*  
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Timothy Hall  
*Simulations in Inquiry-based Learning*  
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Nancy Kline  
*The Nature and Degree of the Relationship between Chronic Absenteeism and Student Achievement in a Large Metropolitan School District in Florida*  
Chair, Dissertation in Practice: Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Ilia Yvette Matos  
*The Impact of the National EMS Curriculum in Florida's EMT-B Educational Programs*  
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**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Master of Science**

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Ashna Kyla Wallace
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Bachelor of Science

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William Batson
Johann Beukes
Lilli Borger
Richard Cleveland Bowers III
Heather A. Brown
Yanick Colastin-Delva
Kristen Czencz
Ermite Delhomme
Adriana M. Egocheaga
Sean C. Flynn
Melissa Mercedes Haber
Frank Milo
Jason Joseph Oliveras
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Richard L. Reuter
Rita-Maria Rodriguez
Keandra Takia Simmons
Stephanie Stevens
Yamilka Urquiza Mendoza
Martha Vigil
Randal Scott Whitney
Lawrence Andrew Wood

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Master of Business Administration

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Walid Abo Shanab
Mariana Acevedo
Sean H. Alarcon
Sami Albazz
Mack Alexis
Tafoul Alfarihi

Marketing
Mass Communication and Media Management
International Business
Marketing
International Business
Financial Valuation and Investment Management
Hospitality Management
Bachelor of Science

Gabrielle Shayn Abramson
Roberto Andre Aletto Rodriguez
Talal A. Alsaud
Devansh Bhargava
Edmondo Catalano
Loren Cohen
Rocco Anthony DeFilippis
Valerie Glee Frank
Thomas E. Gibson
Christine Marie Glaser-Buscarino
Bernhard Hollnbuchner
Nicolas Itkin
Latoya S. Jourdan
Claudia Lambertini
Rodolfo Andres Lopez
Joy A'Lantré Mathis
Wendy Melissa Rincon
Ethan Thomas Trainor
Arturo Vigil
Stanton Ankeles Wilchins

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DONALD E. AND HELEN L. ROSS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education

Latifah Ahmed Almulhim
Elizabeth A. Bozhilov
Allison Rae Bradley
Natalie Marie Caprio
Hope Cohen
Jeanette Monique Coyle
Stephanie Emile
Morgan Jennifer Feilen
Wilnic Gideon
Dianne Jones
Marcus Keck
Jessica Lash
Christine Fiore Michaud
Alyssa Channing Milano Butterfield
Ashley Ryan Miskiewicz
Hallie E. Muchnick
Eileen Nieves
Gricel Pezzotti
Alexis Joy Pomerantz
Carmen Ronnie
Liliana Rosales

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Chelsea Shaff           Exceptional Student Education
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Samuel Weitzner         Exceptional Student Education
Katherine Elizabeth Welch
Thomas A. Welter         Educational Leadership
Rebecca Suzanne Zucker   Exceptional Student Education

Bachelor of Science

Reinette Raymond         Educational Studies
Cheryl Lynn Howell      Educational Studies

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

Master of Science

Andrew Nicholas Aaron        Communication and Media
Brice Edward Balkin         Communication and Media
Tikia Latrice Brown        Communication and Media
Eric Nolan Caplan           Communication and Media
Heather Beth Glass         Communication and Media
Mariah F. Kulkin           Communication and Media
Ker' Shyra Myrick          Communication and Media
Maura H. O'Brien            Communication and Media
Abigail Nicole Schorr Perry
Gabriela Maria Regalado    Communication and Media
Tugce Tasci-Kayar          Communication and Media

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Master of Music

Asako Furuoya               Performance, Oboe
Carina Mayumi Inoue         Instrumental Collaborative Piano
Svetlana Kosakovskaya      Performance, Violin
Timothy Nemzin            Performance, Trumpet
Sarasa Otake               Performance, Viola
Vijeta Grace Sathyaraj     Performance, Violin
Peter James Smith          Performance, Trumpet
Winnie Santia Soekojo      Performance, Piano
Gregory Stead              Performance, Oboe
Meghan P. Yost             Performance, Viola
SPECIAL AWARDS

The Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Education is given by each college and the Conservatory of Music to the graduate who displays outstanding potential for scholarship and leadership in his or her respective field.

The Evening Undergraduate Division Award is presented to the degree candidate who has maintained the highest grade point average. Students having transfer hours from other institutions are eligible for the award as long as they have obtained at least 90 credits from Lynn University.

2014 CLASS GIFT

As a legacy to their alma mater, members of the Class of 2014 have provided three flagpoles for Lynn's new Bobby Campbell Stadium. Each home game for men's lacrosse and men's and women's soccer will begin with the national anthem as fans, student-athletes, coaches and referees face the American flag, Florida state flag and Lynn University flag. For the first time in Lynn University history, members of the Class of 2014 were able to see their gift in place and dedicated before they graduated. The university is grateful to the graduating students of the Class of 2014 for their contributions.

Lynn extends special thanks to our challenge donors, Frank '99 and Kathy '86 D'Amelio, for matching the class's donation up to $2,500.
David Flink, the co-founder and chief executive officer of Eye to Eye, is a social movement leader on the front lines of the new learning rights movement. He imagines a world where one day all learners will be recognized and all children will be free to succeed.

Diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD at a young age, Flink struggled through much of his pre-college education, feeling hopeless and left out of education as a whole. Although his parents and teachers frequently told him he would be able to go to college, he would have found that message more believable if it had come from a person with a learning difference (LD) who had finished college.

With that in mind, Flink co-founded Eye to Eye in 1998 while a student at Brown University. Eye to Eye is the only national mentoring movement that is empowering young people with LD by giving them a mentor who shares that experience.

Flink has spoken at colleges and universities across the country and internationally, and provided keynote addresses at conferences including the International Dyslexia Association and the Education Revolution Conference held in San Francisco’s AT&T Park. Flink spoke at Lynn University last January at Transitions 2014, a conference about higher education options for students with learning differences.

In 2010, he was awarded a Prime Movers Fellowship sponsored by the Hunt Alternatives Fund, which supports emerging and established social movement leaders who are developing innovative and inclusive approaches to social change at the local, national and global levels. In 2011, Flink was named one of the New Leaders Council’s “40 Under 40.”

Flink holds a master’s degree in disability studies in education from Columbia University and bachelor’s degrees with honors in education and psychology from Brown University.

His first book, *Thinking Differently: An Inspiring Guide for Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities*, is an owner’s manual for and by successful learners with LD/ADHD. It will be released by HarperCollins in August 2014. In it, he sets out to enlarge our understanding of learning and offer new, powerful strategies for teaching, parenting and supporting the 20 percent of students with learning disabilities.
Timea Varga currently serves as academic web coordinator and adjunct professor of communication at Lynn University. Hailing from Szombathely, Hungary, Timea was raised by a military officer father and a professional athlete mother who, in many ways, have inspired her to work hard, to follow her dreams and to respect herself and others.

Growing up in the heart of Central-Eastern Europe, Timea quickly developed a unique appreciation for her country and, over time, challenged herself to explore its culture in relation to life in the rest of the world. At the age of 15, she moved with her family to Varese, Italy, where, while attending the European School of Varese, her interest in cultural identity formation drove Timea to become fluent in six languages, motivating her to pursue a career in international communication.

In 2006, Timea was awarded the prestigious Dean's, Honors and Excalibur Society Scholarships at Lynn University and four years later, graduated summa cum laude with honors, earning a B.A. in Communication, Media and Politics, and receiving the Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education from Lynn's Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn's College of International Communication. A year later, she qualified for a graduate assistantship in her program, received her M.S. in Media Studies and Practice and was soon offered a position to serve the university full-time.

In 2013, Timea completed her MBA in International Business with the goal to enhance her understanding of the impact of global economics on socio-political and cultural development and thus, her potential contribution to the evolving discipline of international communication and relations.

Timea also worked with the Hungarian Ministry of Defence and the NATO, and has held multiple leadership roles locally and regionally. Among her many professional activities, she is executive board member and newsletter editor of the Florida Communication Association and routinely presents at scholarly conferences across the nation.

Besides her academic achievements, Timea is a four-time Hungarian national champion, European Championship silver medalist and World Championship finalist in Latin Ballroom Formation Dancing.
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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.
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**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
Red and white honor cord: Lambda Pi Eta national communication honor society
Blue and gold honor cord: Alpha Phi Sigma national criminal justice honor society
Violet and jade green honor cord: Kappa Delta Pi international education honor society
Gold honor cord: Eta Sigma Delta international hospitality honor society
Red, white and black honor cord: Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society
Blue and white honor cord: Psi Chi international psychology 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 chief marshal carries the mace.

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 2013-14, as of April 1, 2014, 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