

# MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FIFTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF MAY

===== 2022 =====



## **"America the Beautiful"**

Katharine Lee Bates, Samuel A. Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown they good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

## **Order of Procession**

Student Senate .....	Ruben Barato, Ph.D. Vice Provost of Student Affairs <i>Grand Marshal</i>
Graduates .....	Rita Jones-Hyde, Ph.D. Lisa Coole <i>Marshals</i>
College Faculty and Staff .....	Sawsan Zahara, Ed.D. <i>Grand Marshal</i>
Platform Party .....	Deanna Yameen, Ph.D. Provost and Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs

*Massasoit's Commencement Ceremony will be photographed and video recorded.  
Images captured during the event may be used for College marketing and promotional purposes.*

# Order of Exercises

* Processional .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Edward Elgar
Presiding .....	Deanna Yameen, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President of Academic &amp; Student Affairs</i>
Presentation and Posting of Colors .....	US Marine Corp (Taunton)
* <i>America the Beautiful</i> .....	Recording
Welcome .....	Ray DiPasquale <i>President of the College</i>
Greetings from the Board of Higher Education .....	Clantha McCurdy, Ph.D. <i>Senior Deputy Commissioner, Access &amp; Student Financial Assistance</i>
Greetings from the Board of Trustees .....	Ann Sullivan <i>Chair of the Board</i>
Commencement Address .....	Blake Bolden
Faculty Address .....	Thomas Frizzell <i>Professor, Business &amp; Technology</i>
Awarding of Honorary Degree .....	Ray DiPasquale <b>Marvelous Marvin Hagler</b> Accepted by Mae Lang, mother
Presidential Scholar Award .....	Ray DiPasquale
Representing the Class of 2022 .....	Carlos Roberto Dias Neto
Charge to the College .....	Ann Sullivan
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates .....	Ray DiPasquale
Reading of the Graduates .....	Pamela Witcher, Ph.D. <i>Vice Provost for Academic Affairs</i> Sonia Schonning <i>Professor, Early Childhood Education</i>
Closing .....	Ray DiPasquale
* Recessional .....	<i>Aida-Grand March</i> Giuseppe Verdiale

*Guests are requested to remain at their seats during the recessional of the platform party, faculty, staff, and graduates.*

*\* The audience is requested to stand.*

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## **Honorary Degree**

Marvelous Marvin Hagler, original name Marvin Nathaniel Hagler, (born May 23, 1954, Newark, New Jersey, — died March 13, 2021, Bartlett, New Hampshire), American boxer, a durable middleweight champion, was one of the greatest fighters of the 1970s and 80s.

Hagler began his boxing career in Brockton, Massachusetts, winning 57 amateur fights and the 1973 Amateur Athletic Union middleweight title before turning professional. He won his first 26 professional bouts, which included 19 knockouts, but his streak was broken in late 1974 when he fought Sugar Ray Seales to a draw. After losing two matches in 1976 to middleweights Bobby Watts and Willie Monroe, Hagler remained unbeaten for another decade.

A powerful left-hander, Hagler stood 5 feet 9 inches (1.75 metres) tall and weighed 160 pounds (72.6 kg). In his first title fight, in 1979, he boxed world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo to a 15-round draw.

52 of Hagler's 62 career wins were by knockout; he had three losses and two draws. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1993.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler served on the Massasoit Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1991 and was an avid supporter of Massasoit students through his scholarship fund, which was established in 1996.

In 2016, during a small ceremony where Hagler personally awarded the scholarship to two Massasoit students, he remarked, "All I can do is give you a helping hand, then it's up to you to make this happen. Education opens doors and opportunity is waiting for you. Dreams will come true if you believe in yourself. Never give up!"

In 2022, the inaugural Massasoit Community College Education Champion Award was bestowed posthumously to Mr. Hagler in recognition of his commitment to education and philanthropic support of Massasoit students. Mae Lang, mother of the late Marvelous Marvin Hagler, will accept the honorary degree in recognition of Mr. Hagler.

# Commencement Speakers

## **Blake Bolden**

### *Keynote Speaker*

Blake Bolden has been breaking barriers throughout her career on and off the ice. Bolden made history as she became the first ever African-American player taken in the first round of the Canadian Women's Hockey League draft in 2013 and two years later became a CWHL Champion as she hoisted the Clarkson Cup. When the National Women's Hockey League was established in 2015, Bolden signed with the Boston Pride and became the first African-American player to compete in the league. She helped the team win the inaugural Isobel Cup and was also selected as an NWHL All-Star. In February 2020, the Los Angeles Kings hired her as a pro scout, which made Bolden the first black female scout in NHL history. Blake's role with the Kings expanded when she was later named the team's growth and inclusion specialist. Blake became a part of ESPN's NHL coverage team as a reporter in 2021.

## **Clantha McCurdy, Ph.D.**

### **Senior Deputy Commissioner, Access & Student Financial Assistance**

#### *Representative of the Board of Higher Education*

Dr. McCurdy oversees the Commonwealth's Office of Student Financial Assistance. She is responsible for managing the state's annual budget for scholarships, grants, loans, and tuition waivers and advises the Board of Higher Education on statewide financial aid policy and related student services initiatives. She also has chief responsibility for other statewide initiatives, including GEAR UP, the public higher education Student Advisory Council, and the Police Career Incentive Pay Program.

## **Thomas Frizzell**

### **Professor, Business & Technology**

#### *Faculty Speaker*

Professor Tom Frizzell has been teaching for 50 years, and it is obvious that he still loves it. He taught in Brockton Public Schools for seven years, and we are incredibly fortunate that he is still teaching here at Massasoit after 43 years. A member of the Business Department, Tom teaches marketing, advertising, retailing and sales. Many people on campus know him as Coach Frizzell, as he coached the baseball team at Massasoit for 28 years. During that time, Massasoit won a National Championship in 1993, and Coach Frizzell was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2011. His spouse, Christina, taught at Massasoit for more than 25 years. They have three children, Jennifer, Deborah, and Thomas, Jr., and seven grandchildren.

## **Carlos Roberto Dias Neto**

### *Student Speaker*

Carlos participated in several extra-curricular activities at Massasoit. He played on the Varsity Soccer Team as the starting goalkeeper. He served as a Peer Leader at the Unity Center, a Peer Tutor at the ARC (Writing Center), Presidential Student Ambassador, and Campus Tour Guide. He was also a member of the International Touch Club. As a Peer Leader, Carlos has been able to participate in multiple events that happened on campus in the past semesters. He was responsible for organizing and doing research for many of those events that the center organized. He was a speaker at the Black History and Women's History Month events. Carlos has exemplified student leadership in the classroom and on the soccer field.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## Presidential Scholar Award

Wes Walsh

\*\*\* *Biology Transfer*

Wes Walsh grew up in Stoughton, MA. As a child he loved art, reading, and animals of all kinds. His experience as a competitive swimmer throughout school taught him the power of hard work. He has always valued individuality and a good sense of humor, and he credits his wonderful friends for encouraging him to embrace these qualities in himself. Wes has struggled with mental illness much of his life.

In the fall of 2020, after a two-year psychiatric hospitalization, Wes enrolled full-time at Massasoit as a biology major, hoping to start anew. As a member of the STEM research internship, Wes enjoyed studying insect pollinators and presented his work at several conferences. He will complete his bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and ultimately plans to earn a PhD in wildlife ecology. He hopes his future work will inform conservation efforts and impact public policy.

## Student Senate

Amara Bangura ◊  
*Media Arts*

\*\*\* Matthew A. Bennett  
*Business Administration*  
Donovan Boyd  
*Liberal Arts Studies*

\*\*\* Ruben Monteiro do Rosario ◊  
*Business Administration*

\*\* Stephanie Saint-Pierre  
*Social Science Transfer*  
Brandon John Spitz ~  
*Mathematics Transfer*

## Associate in Arts

### Elementary Education

\* Esmeralda Andrade ◊  
\*\*\* Nicole M. Banados-Burton ◊  
Diana Devine  
Maisa Cristina Dos Reis De Andrade

\* Alexis Mary Farmer  
\* Victoria M. Hannon  
Amanda A. Oconnell

### Liberal Arts Transfer

Michael Domingos Abreu ◊  
\* Faith Adedoyin Adelabu †  
Grace Agbai ~ ^  
Anchell Chery Aguy †  
\* Temiloluwa Akere ~ ^  
\* Samarah Alteon †  
Joy Ifeyinwa Amadi  
Esther Akeh Anagho ~  
\* Anson Anto Anbazzhagan †  
Jason Asir Anbazzhagan †

Rishon Anbazzhagan †  
\* Melanie Lopes Andrade †  
\* Daniella Tasha Antoine ~ ^  
\* Reyane Precious Antoine ~ ^  
D'Vyne Antunes ~ ^  
\* Onyinyechukwuka Esther Ashiedu ~ ^  
\* Maia Uchenna Blessing Asiwe †  
Kaliyah Adlin Auguste ~ ^  
Ronaldo Auguste †  
\* Marie Lise Augustin †