



COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 10 a.m.

PPL Center, Allentown, PA



CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

CEREMONY GUIDELINES

To help make Commencement a memorable and respectful occasion for everyone, we ask all graduates and guests to observe the following guidelines:

- **Everyone deserves their moment!** Please devote your attention to the events on stage and avoid behavior that might distract from the ceremony or take away from a graduate's special recognition.
- **Let's honor all graduates together!** We kindly ask that all participants and guests remain for the entire ceremony so each student is celebrated equally and appropriately.
- **Let the ceremony be heard!** Please silence your phones and electronic devices to preserve the dignity of the event and ensure everyone can hear names and remarks clearly.
- **Capture the moment, respectfully.** Feel free to take photos from your seat, but please do not stand in aisles or approach the stage, so that everyone can enjoy a clear view and remain safe.
- **A warm welcome to families of all ages!** Children are encouraged to attend but must be supervised throughout the ceremony to ensure a positive experience for all guests.

Conferring of Degrees: Please hold your applause

The actual awarding of a degree by Cedar Crest College in all cases is subject to verification by the Registrar. Some of the participants in the ceremony will graduate pending completion of the College's graduation requirements. Time limitations associated with Commencement make all verification before this ceremony impossible. Therefore, these exercises are to be considered ceremonial only.

The official conferral date for all graduates who have satisfied degree completion requirements as of the spring 2026 semester will be May 9, 2026.

COMMENCEMENT 2026

Prelude.....	Instrumental
Academic Processional*	Instrumental
Pledge of Allegiance*	Led by Stage Party
National Anthem*.....	Led by Dr. Robert A. Wilson <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Invocation*	Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett <i>Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey</i>
Welcome and Remarks	Dr. Elizabeth M. Meade <i>President</i>
Greetings from the Board of Trustees.....	Robin Ann Ingram '74 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
Special Greetings	Cedar Crest College Faculty
Presentation of Commencement Prizes.....	Dr. Calley Stevens Taylor <i>Vice President for Student Success & Engagement and Dean of Students</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Dr. Calley Stevens Taylor
Student Address	Sarah Seltzer '26
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Dr. Elizabeth M. Meade
Keynote Address.....	Susan Wild <i>Former U.S. Congresswoman (2018-2025)</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Elizabeth M. Meade Dr. Robert A. Wilson Dr. Calley Stevens Taylor

**All who are able are requested to stand.*

Dr. Joan M. Kern

Associate Provost

Dr. Wendy J. Robb

Dean of the School of Nursing;

Hazel and Walter May Endowed Chair for Excellence in Nursing

Alumnae Association Induction..... **Pamela Saunders '77**
Alumnae Association President, Member of the Board of Trustees

Tassel Toss **Dr. Elizabeth M. Meade**

Alma Mater* **Led by VOICE**

*Far out on Cedar Crest, stately and tall,
Stands our fair College, dearest of all.
She ne'er will fail us, she's stood every test.
She's our Alma Mater, we pledge her our best.
She's our Alma Mater, we pledge her our best.*

Benediction* **Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett**

Academic Recessional* **Instrumental**

Postlude **Instrumental**

****All who are able are requested to stand.***

Members of the audience are asked to remain in their places until the final recessional is complete.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Sodiq Olusegun Anifowoshe Oneonta, NY	Emily Elizabeth Ehret Bethlehem, PA	Madison Jane Lueth Bethlehem, PA	Matthew Paul Snodgrass Ogdensburg, NY
Serge-Alain Benoit Nyack, NY	Gianka Franchesca Figueroa Collingswood, NJ	Ashley Marie Matousek Mount Ephraim, NJ	Victoria Sommers Monroe Township, NJ
Solange Neh Bumah Bath, PA	Gretchen Francisco Yardley, PA	Madeleine Anne Misus Philadelphia, PA	Kelsey Marie Walter Milford, NJ
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Stephanie Derosena North Brunswick, NJ	Chantel Gordon Hatfield, PA	Melissa Rombola Red Hill, PA	John Wildonger Philadelphia, PA
Karli Dominicus Reading, PA	Karen Kim Holveck Allentown, PA	Gabrielle Camilla Senkow Enola, PA	
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CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Ella Diehl Betz Kalamazoo, MI	Amber Cameron Portolesi Palm Desert, CA
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CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Alexandrea Jo-Lynn Bennett Psychology Allentown, PA	Jennifer Dale Emanuello Art Allentown, PA	Fatima Ikram Psychology Long Pond, PA	Kaelyn McKinney Psychology Mannington, NJ
Ruth Damaris Bernabel Social Work Orefield, PA	Ellise Everett Psychology Orlando, FL	Jahniya Aalyiah James Dance, Psychology Allentown, PA	Hannah Louise Medina Psychology, Art Therapy Blandon, PA
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Stella Kurniawan Oen Art Philadelphia, PA	Emma Jillian Rockwell Psychology Ridley Park, PA	Savanah Paige Thomma Psychology Nazareth, PA	Alina Kayla Williams Psychology Brooklyn, NY
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Savannah Grace Aguilera Exercise Science Allentown, PA	Faridah Hussain Asiri Business Administration Jubail, Saudi Arabia	Alana Rose Connor Forensic Science, Chemistry Manassas, VA	Megan Farkas Special Education Walnutport, PA
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Anlly Patricia Rodriguez
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Zohal Ayaz Macungie, PA	Mason Fisher Whitehall, PA	Jassiel Del Milagros Mena Paulino Allentown, PA	Kelly Sy Philadelphia, PA
Kathryn Grace Bach Quakertown, PA	Leslie Gonzalez Reyes Allentown, PA	Brittany Lauren Moore Belvidere, NJ	Jhelitza Tavares Mateo Allentown, PA
Quamira Nicole Baldwin Easton, PA	Delaney Griffin Orefield, PA	Bennett Steven Nakao Emmaus, PA	Neilyce Tejada Coplay, PA
Abbie Banks Schwenksville, PA	Natalie Ann Hasert Vernon, NJ	Abena Marie Nettles Quakertown, PA	Alexis Xenia Tsihlis Bangor, PA
Eric C. Barnello Bethlehem, PA	Sonel Samuel Jimenez Albrightsville, PA	Pooja Manishkumar Patel Allentown, PA	Callista Lucia Tsihlis Bangor, PA
Evelyn Krystal Betances Alburtis, PA	Akashia Johnson Baltimore, MD	Paul Putera Telford, PA	Jessica Lynne Tummarello Bethlehem, PA
Arielle Renee Brown Bossier City, LA	Nikolay Kadatskiy East Stroudsburg, PA	Breanna Rabinovich Warrington, PA	Natasha Vega San Antonio, TX
Christell Anais Castillo Allentown, PA	Mahamane Kamite Northampton, PA	Shahked Saltz Allentown, PA	Jacklin Jahaira Villagran Allentown, PA
Nephtalie Christie Charles Allentown, PA	Karandeep Kaur Carteret, NJ	Viamell Sanchez Reyes Allentown, PA	Chandler Alexis Marian Williams Nazareth, PA
Madeline Sierra Chiorra Bethlehem, PA	Skye Klotz Lehighon, PA	Sejal Elizabeth Sharma Mount Bethel, PA	Paige Zellner Slatington, PA
Avery Lynn Daku Catasauqua, PA	Kayla Nicole Kutt Coopersburg, PA	Ngoc Hanh T. Siegel Nazareth, PA	Nicole Zimmerman Emmaus, PA
Brielle M Davies Catasauqua, PA	Autumn-Rose Kuzio Northampton, PA	Abigail Sipel Easton, PA	

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Faridah Hussain Asiri	Madison Lee Dennington	Crystal Lynch	Jocelyn Paige Miller
Kathryn Grace Bach	Jennifer Dale Emanuello	Jessica Maamari	Grace Erin Patzer
Kiara Lizbeth Vargas Bueno	Laney Ferraro	Leila Maria Mallon	Anlly Patricia Rodriguez
Erin Elizabeth Chatenka	Elizabeth Fihlman	Hannah Louise Medina	Diana Samoylova
Alana Rose Connor	Tamala Lynne Hottinger	Latifah Gioconda Mejia Peña	Sarah Elizabeth Seltzer

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Fahad Aljohani	Adriana Maria Dias	Sara Pio	Halle Zrinski
Danielle Nicole Anderson	Juliette Kolbe	Sonia Lynn Sandhu	
Shelby Ann Buskaritz	Isabella Neto	Kelly Sy	
Nephtalie Christie Charles	Maia Elizabeth Nimeh	Olivia Kai Wanner	

CUM LAUDE

Ibrahim Yahya Alhawaj	Reagan Sierra O'Donnell	Casey O'Hara Mccaffrey	Sendy P. Rodriguez
Lexa Branson	Emma Marie Leap	Brittany Lauren Moore	Shahked Saltz

HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Alana Rose Connor	Juliette Kolbe	Jocelyn Paige Miller
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DELPHI SENIOR MEMBERS

Sami Alghamdi	Alana Rose Connor	Leila Maria Mallon	Latifah Gioconda Mejia Peña
Faridah Hussain Asiri	Madison Lee Dennington	Jessica Maamari	Anlly Patricia Rodriguez
Kathryn Grace Bach	Laney Ferraro	Hannah Louise Medina	Diana Samoylova
Kiara Lizbeth Vargas Bueno	Elizabeth Fihlman	Jocelyn Paige Miller	Sarah Elizabeth Seltzer
Erin Elizabeth Chatenka	Tamala Lynne Hottinger	Maia Elizabeth Nimeh	Shayla Simek
Nephtalie Christie Charles	Crystal Lynch	Grace Erin Patzer	

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COLLEGE PRIZES

Alumnae Prize..... Abena Nettles

Given by the Alumnae Association to the senior who, throughout her college life, has shown outstanding qualities of cooperation and responsibility and has contributed unselfish service to the College.

Frank M. Cressman Prize Hannah Louise Medina

Given by Dr. Frank M. Cressman, Life Trustee, to the senior who, having begun her college work at Cedar Crest College and having done most of it here, has attained the highest average during the four years, including credits and grades earned at other institutions under cooperative programs recognized by the College.

Virginia (Ginny)

P. Mihalik '77 PrizeMackenzie Pickard

Given by the class of 1977 in honor of Virginia (Ginny) Pityo Mihalik, a life member of the Alumnae Association and long-serving member of its Executive Board, including two terms as president, for her genuine interest in and dedication to students, their well-being, and success. This prize is awarded annually to the graduating senior who embodies Ginny's dedication to Cedar Crest College.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

Allen Center for Nutrition AwardJane Deramus

Given to a graduating senior who has achieved academic excellence and is a highly motivated self-starter.

Alpha Psi Omega Prize Ashly Rodriguez

The Alpha Psi Omega Prize is given by Alpha Psi Omega, the national theatre honorary chapter Iota Gamma, the Department of Performing Arts, and the Friends of Cedar Crest Performing Arts to a member of the graduating senior class who has demonstrated excellence in the performing arts.

American Chemical Society Award Alana Connor

Given by the Lehigh Valley section of the American Chemical Society to the senior who has attained the highest grade point average in chemistry.

American Institute of Chemists

Award – Chemistry Grace Patzer

The AIC Student Award Program honors outstanding seniors majoring in chemistry. The award is given in recognition of demonstrated ability, leadership, and professional promise. Candidates are chosen and nominated by their faculty members.

Anne O. Winkler Award

for Excellence in Nursing Jhelitza Taveres Mateo

Given by colleagues and friends in honor of Dr. Anne O. Winkler, professor of nursing and first chair of the Department of Nursing (1974-1986), to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in nursing theory and practice and has displayed leadership potential while in the nursing program.

The Antoinette Balliet Haines AwardKadee Schrader

This award supports single mothers or fathers who are enrolled at Cedar Crest College as adult learners and are pursuing a degree in accounting or business.

Association of Certified Fraud

Examiners Award Madison Zorman

Given by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners to the senior who has shown outstanding achievement in accounting and auditing with a focus on forensic accounting and fraud examination.

Barbara V. Gilkerson PrizeKendall Heiney

This prize, established by Barbara Vanderherchen Gilkerson '57, a secondary mathematics teacher, is awarded to a junior or senior who has achieved distinction in mathematics and best exemplifies Barbara's school spirit, commitment to lifelong learning, and community engagement.

Beta Beta Beta Award Jocelyn Miller

Given by the Theta Psi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta to the senior concentrating in biology, who has achieved academic excellence and has made substantial contributions to Tri Beta and the Department of Biological Sciences.

Brian Misanko Prize for

Excellence in Biology Madelyn Updegrove

This prize was established by Dr. Misanko, Professor Emeritus, whose long-standing dedication to the College included service as Chair of the Department of Biological Science, expansion of the Nuclear Medicine Program, and mentoring students as Director of the Honors Program. This is given to a student who emulates Dr. Misanko's dedication to the Biological Sciences and enthusiasm for connecting others to the Department through strong performance in classes, engagement in research, and/or service contributions.

Buskin Award.....Stella Oen

The Buskin Award is given by The Buskin Society, the Performing Arts Department, and the Friends of Cedar Crest Performing Arts to the graduating member of the senior class who has done the most outstanding work in technical theatre or stage managing.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZES AND AWARDS *continued*

Carol Welton Kelly Dance Award

for Movement Studies **Jahniya James**

Given in memory of Carol Welton Kelly, the first director of the dance program at Cedar Crest College, to an outstanding senior dance student who, during her first three years, exhibited promise in human movement exploration, from mastering the physical technique to scholarly research in dance, and is committed to human movement possibilities through theory and practice.

Cecilia C. Ryan Memorial Award **Jessica Tummarello**

Given by family, colleagues, and friends in memory of Cecelia C. Ryan '26, a member of the Cedar Crest faculty for 45 years, to the senior R.N. student in the nursing program with the highest cumulative average.

The Chelsea Mahoney '13 Award **Allison Alamorian**

Given by Shelli Miller '13 in memory of her friend and classmate, Chelsea Mahoney, to a junior, sophomore, or first-year traditional student studying neuroscience with an interest in research.

Christina M. Snopak Prize **Hailee Troxell
Kaitlyn Stock**

Given in memory of Christina M. Snopak, Class of 1995, by family and friends, to the senior member of the continuing education program who has done most of her work at Cedar Crest College and is a business administration major with an interest in banking or finance, or is interested in pursuing a master's degree in business.

Cynthia Fischer Wahl Award **Jocelyn Miller
Alana Connor**

Given by family, friends, and classmates in memory of Cynthia Fischer Wahl '57 to a senior who is an honors student and has shown leadership in school and student activities.

Diane Moyer Academic

Excellence Award **Hannah Medina
Kiara Vargas**

This award is given to the graduating psychology student who has completed at least 60 academic credits at Cedar Crest College, has an outstanding cumulative grade point average, and has an impressive academic record. Selection for this award is made by the Department of Psychology on the basis of GPA and academic-related achievements, such as internships, research projects, or other outstanding professional contributions.

Edward B. Deery Award **Danielle Anderson**

Given by colleagues and friends in memory of Dr. Edward B. Deery, professor of education and chairman of the Department of Education (1958-1970), to the senior in elementary education who has indicated the greatest promise of success as an elementary school teacher.

Elizabeth Clewell Epp Prize **Celia Fisher
Isabelle Neto**

Given by Ronald Epp in memory of Elizabeth Hausman Clewell Epp '64, an accomplished clinical microbiologist, scientific researcher, and university health sciences educator. This prize supports an off-campus junior or senior who best exemplifies Elizabeth's spirit of scientific inquisitiveness, leadership, and wide-ranging competencies in the biological sciences and their respective histories.

Ellis Honig Memorial Award **Hannah Medina**

Established in honor of the late Dr. Ellis Honig, who taught in Cedar Crest College's Department of Psychology for nearly 30 years, this award is given to a graduating senior in recognition of outstanding service contributions to the department and community, such as organizing Psychology Club activities, participating in interdisciplinary campus events or programs, serving in a leadership capacity in on- or off-campus practicum experiences, providing service to a community organization, mentoring others, and/or actively serving as a role model for positive social change.

Empowered Women's Leadership

Master's Award **Fatimah Al-Zaidi**

This award is given to a graduating master's degree candidate who exemplifies women's leadership, either through professional achievement or leadership within coursework. It is open to female candidates receiving a master's degree managed through the Business department, which includes recipients of the Master of Business Administration degree (MBA) as well as the Master of Professional Studies (MPS), even if the student has taken coursework outside of the Business department toward that degree. The successful Empowered Women's Leadership Master's Award candidate demonstrates direction, self-mastery, and the ability to develop teams to lead others to successful outcomes.

Exercise Science Senior Award **Savannah Aguilera**

This award is presented to the senior in the Exercise Science program who has achieved academic excellence and has actively led in community service through the Exercise Science Club or other community outreach initiatives.

Forensic Science Graduate

Student Award **Alyssa Ricca**

Awarded to the second year student in the Master of Science in Forensic Science program who has the highest grade point average, completed all coursework, and successfully defended their master's thesis.

Hausman Family Stewardship Prize **Serenity Fenton**

Given by Ronald Epp in memory of the Cedar Crest College alumnae who originally resided in the residence now occupied by the College's president: Mary Frances Hausman Berkemeyer '30, Dorothy Hausman Clewell '33, Elizabeth Hausman Watson '38, and Elizabeth Hausman Epp '64, this award is given to the senior whose academic achievement, community engagement, and conservation advocacy focused student

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attention on goals historically envisioned by President William F. Curtis and (according to Educating the Next Generation of Leaders) is no less relevant today. That is, “to sustain the natural beauty of the campus and make modest improvements that will enhance physical space for the campus community.”

Helen S. Weinberger Prize..... **Sophia Shuhay**
Given in memory of Helen S. Weinberger, Class of 1924, to the senior history major who has received the highest academic average in the junior and senior years.

Hollman Award..... **Kyleigh Vicoso**
Given in memory of Wilbur Hollman, Professor of Music (1943-1983), to the senior Cedar Crest applied music student in piano or voice who has demonstrated outstanding performing abilities.

Holmstrom History Merit Prize..... **Casey McCaffrey**
Awarded by the Humanities Department to the senior who has shown outstanding ability, interest, and enthusiasm in the study of history.

Howard Agar Memorial Prize..... **Leanna Pittman**
Given to a senior in any discipline who has demonstrated significant ability in the studio arts.

Humanities Prize **Aleah Kita**
Given by the Department of Humanities to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding and imaginative performance in the humanities.

Inclusion and Gender Advocacy

Graduate Award **Deline Ekuri**
This award is given to a student completing any graduate program within the Business department, including individual graduate certificates offered by the department, such as the Diversity and Women’s Leadership certificate. It is open to candidates of any gender who have demonstrated work toward diversity, equity, and inclusion goals in local business, academics, and community, particularly work that seeks to enhance opportunities for women and/or those who express GSD (Gender and Sexual Diversity). The successful Inclusive Gender Advocacy Graduate Award candidate demonstrates care, inclusion, and advocacy for the workplace and community voices of these populations.

Institute of Internal

Auditors Award **Halle Zrinski**
Given by The Institute of Internal Auditors to the senior who has shown outstanding achievement in accounting and auditing.

J. Robert Halma Prize..... **Elyah Toney**
Given in memory of J. Robert “Bob” Halma, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences for 37 years, Professor Halma was a noted and respected expert on the natural history and geology of the Lehigh Valley and the Pocono Mountains,

as well as an accomplished artist and illustrator. This award is given to the senior whose academic work and community engagement best reflect Professor Halma’s ideals of scientific scholarship and stewardship of the environment.

Jane Tyler Ward

Psychology Research Award **Hannah Medina**
Madison Dennington
Stacy Bordes

Given to a junior or senior student with a major in psychology or a related field. The student must have successfully completed a two-semester research project with a presentation at the LVAIC Conference or other conference deemed appropriate by faculty of psychology. The student must also have indications of growth and development as a researcher and the promise of future contribution to research in the discipline of psychology.

Jessica L. Andruchek ’07

Memorial Award **Stella Oen**
Given in memory of Jessica L. Andruchek ’07 by her family, this award is given to support a student who has worked extensively in the performing arts regardless of their academic major. The student must be invested in the department, show commitment to the success of performances, and be a leader to her peers. The recipient is selected by the Chair of the Performing Arts Department.

Kent Fitzgerald Prize

in Neuroscience..... **Jocelyn Miller**
Given in honor of Kent Fitzgerald, the second director of Cedar Crest College’s neuroscience program in the Department of Biological Sciences, this award is given to the senior majoring in neuroscience whose academic excellence and commitment to campus life, including community service, best reflect Dr. Fitzgerald’s ideals.

Lillian S. Brunner Graduate Award..... **Gail Rolls**

Presented to the graduating student in a graduate nursing program who has exemplified the highest standards of graduate - level scholarship through exceptional writing, scholarly discourse, and the translation of current best evidence into nursing practice.

Lillian S. Brunner Undergraduate Award **Sonel Jimenez**

Given by the School of Nursing, through the Lillian S. Brunner Endowment Fund, to the senior nursing major who has demonstrated general excellence in nursing.

Linda Fechnay Baas Award..... **Stella Oen**

The Linda Fechnay Baas Award is given in memory of Linda Fechnay Baas, founding director of the Forensic Speech Team. The award is given to a senior participating in the performing arts who best exemplifies Linda’s spirit of good will, optimism, and unconditional support for others.

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Nellie Manges Scholar Athlete Award **Laney Ferraro**

This award, named for Dean of Students Emerita Nellie M. Manges, is presented to the student athlete who graduates with the highest grade point average and has competed in at least three seasons of competition with one year being her senior year.

Noble Baird Scientific Award **Ashlee Kitzhoffer** **Emily Riano**

Given to the senior who demonstrates outstanding accomplishment and shows promise for a career in medicine.

Olga Ripic Award.....**Jassiel Mena Paulino**

Given in memory of Olga Ripic (a graduate of Allentown School of Nursing) by her husband, to the graduating senior nursing student who has demonstrated both scholarship and leadership over the two years of nursing education at Cedar Crest College.

Paul V. Kunkel Award..... **Giovanna Sodano**

Given in memory of Paul V. Kunkel, member and chairman of the Mathematics Department (1935-1967), to an outstanding senior mathematician.

Outstanding Forensic Science

Senior Award..... **Alana Connor**

This award is presented to the outstanding senior in the Forensic Science Program. The award is based on excellence in academics, active participation in the Forensic Science Student Organization, and professional involvement.

Ralph R. Johnson, Jr.

Leadership Prize **Leila Mallon**

Given by his daughter, Judith Johnson Ferrara '75, to the graduating senior who has actively participated in leadership activities on and/or off campus, executed her duties as an active participant in a club or organization and in community service with excellence, and has been dedicated to improving the skills of herself and the membership through attendance at leadership and/or professional workshops.

Ruth Rebecca Ayers Junior Award..... **Clara Obernesser**

Given in memory of Ruth Rebecca Ayers '39 to the rising senior who, in her three years at Cedar Crest College, has made the most significant contributions to the arts.

SAGE Endowed Prize

for Academic Excellence **Chantal Snyder**

This award is given to the woman who as an undergraduate of the School of Adult and Graduate Education and holds the highest GPA over the most local Cedar Crest College credits earned.

Sally Turner Weigel Award.....**Catherine Legutko**

Given by her family in memory of Sally Turner Weigel '54 to the senior business administration major who has the highest grade point average and who has done most of her work at Cedar Crest College.

Senior Essay Prize in English **Sarah Westphal**

Given by the English program to the senior English major who submits the best essay written for a class in the major.

Social Work Alumnae

Graduate Prize **Iris Lawrence**

Given to the senior social work major who has demonstrated outstanding achievement both in the classroom and in field work experience.

Social Work Alumnae

Undergraduate Prize..... **Sarah McCauley**

Given to the senior social work major who has demonstrated outstanding achievement both in the classroom and in field work experience.

Susan Spear Hook '68 Memorial

Annual Prize **Lauren Davis**

Given by Carolyn Lewis and her classmates from the Class of 1968 in memory of Susan Spear Hook to support a traditional undergraduate student majoring in Education with the intention of becoming a teacher or majoring in Health Sciences with the intention of becoming either a physical therapist or occupational therapist.

Theta Rho Award **Taylor Faw**

Given by the Theta Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing to the graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional abilities in the areas of nursing scholarship, leadership, and research.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia is traditional clothing worn specifically in academic settings. Traditional academic dress is derived from academic and clerical dress common throughout the medieval universities of Europe and also was worn by members of certain learned societies and institutions as official dress. In the United States, academic dress is rarely worn outside commencement ceremonies or other academic rituals.

Academic dress today generally consists of a gown (also known as a robe) with a (usually separate, unattached) hood and sometimes a cap (either a mortarboard or a bonnet). The gowns most commonly worn are traditionally made of black cloth (although occasionally the gown is dyed in one of the college's colors) and have the material at the back of the gown gathered into a yoke. The bachelor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, while the master's gown has long sleeves closed at the end, with the arm passing through a slit above the elbow. The hood was originally a functional garment, worn to shield the head from the elements. In the English tradition, it has developed into an often bright and decorative garment worn only on special occasions. The color of the lining of hoods in academic dress represents the institution from which the professor earned his or her highest degree.

In most American schools, the color of the velvet outside of the hood is distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree earned pertains. Some of the colors and degrees you may see at today's ceremony include:

Degree	Color	Degree	Color
Accounting, Business	Drab	Medicine	Kelly green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Economics	Copper	Nursing	Apricot
Education	Light blue	Oratory, Speech	Silver
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown	Philosophy	Dark blue
Foreign Affairs	Aquamarine	Science	Golden yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology, Divinity	Scarlet

The width of the velvet and length of the hood increases with the level of academic achievement (from bachelor's, master's, to doctorate degrees). The satin field and chevron show the colors of the school from which the wearer is a graduate. The academic cap or square, commonly known as the "mortarboard," has come to be symbolic of academia. In some universities it can be worn by graduates and undergraduates alike. It is a flat square hat with a tassel suspended from a button in the top center of the board. Properly worn, the cap is parallel to the ground, though some people, especially women, wear it angled back. In many universities, holders of doctorates wear a soft, rounded headpiece known as a Tudor bonnet or tam. Those who have served on the faculty at Cedar Crest College for 25 years wear a gold velvet tam.

Cedar Crest College students graduating with academic honors wear colored cords around the neck and hanging loosely down the front. Students graduating with college honors, graduates of the Cedar Crest College Honors program and members of academic honor societies wear honor cords, signifying their scholarship and membership. **Students graduating Summa Cum Laude wear gold cords, Magna Cum Laude wear silver cords, and Cum Laude wear bronze cords.** Academic honor societies at Cedar Crest are also represented with colored cords.

Discipline	Colors	Honor Society
Academic	Yellow and white	Delphi
Athletics	Black and gold	Chi Alpha Sigma
Biology	Navy and gold	Beta Beta Beta
Business	Hunter green and gold	Delta Mu Delta
Chemistry	Blue and white	Gamma Sigma Epsilon
Communication	Red, white, and gold	Lambda Pi Eta
Community Service	Blue and gold	Alpha Phi Omega
Dance	Maroon and gold	Nu Delta Alpha
Drama	Blue and yellow	Alpha Psi Omega
Education	Jade green and purple	Kappa Delta Pi
English	Red and black	Sigma Tau Delta
First Generation	Blue and grey	Alpha Alpha Alpha
Foreign Language	Gold and white	Alpha Mu Gamma
Forensic Science	Blue and gold	Delta Delta Epsilon
History	Madonna red and light blue	Phi Alpha Theta
Honors Program	Gold	
Lifelong Learning	Burgundy and gold	Alpha Sigma Lambda
Mathematics	Rose and silver	Kappa Mu Epsilon
Nursing	Orchid and white	Sigma Theta Tau
Forensic Speech	Delta red and silver	Pi Kappa
Psychology	Royal blue and gold	Psi Chi
Religious Studies	Scarlet red	Theta Alpha Kappa
Social Work	Blue and yellow	Phi Alpha

2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SUSAN WILD

Susan Wild is a former U.S. Congresswoman (2018-2025) known for her sharp strategic thinking, deep commitment to people, and unparalleled ability to connect individuals, ideas, and opportunities. Representing Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, Susan built a reputation as a pragmatic and results-driven leader, navigating complex policy landscapes while always keeping her constituents at the heart of her decision-making.

During her entire tenure in Congress, Susan was a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, where she successfully passed bipartisan legislation aimed at improving access to health care, including mental health care, as well as educational opportunities. She led legislation to make student loan applications more transparent, and to allow such loans to be renegotiated at lower interest rates. She is well-known for her work to improve the availability of mental health care services on college campuses. Susan has always been committed to solving the hunger crisis at all levels of schooling, from kindergarten through college years.

Before her time in Congress, Susan had a long and distinguished legal career where she honed her skills in negotiation, problem-solving, and advocacy—skills that later became essential in her political leadership. Her ability to see the bigger picture while managing the details of governance made her an effective legislator and a trusted advisor to colleagues and community leaders alike.

Above all, Susan remains driven by her passion to support our younger generations. Whether mentoring emerging leaders or fostering connections that lead to success, she continues to be a force for positive change—dedicated to empowering others and making an impact that lasts.

2026 STUDENT SPEAKERS



SARAH ELIZABETH SELTZER '26

Sarah Seltzer is a determined Criminal Justice major with a minor in Psychology and certificates in Child Welfare and Crime and Community Mapping. She has a drive to assist vulnerable populations through effective crime prevention strategies, and she is currently enrolled as a master's student in the Crime Science program.

Outside the classroom, Sarah is a student athlete on the wrestling team, having placed 6th at the 2026 NCAA Women's Wrestling Super Region II Championship. She also invests in campus life as the Vice President of Active Minds, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Student Activities Board, and member of the Student Mission Advisory Council. Academically, Sarah was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma and Delphi honor societies, and she works as a research assistant to Dr. Hoke.

Sarah is honored to represent her graduating class and wishes everyone a prosperous future.

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