



# CREATING CVTC TRADITIONS

At Chippewa Valley Technical College, commencement is a symphony of tradition and symbolism where each ritual echoes the legacy of generations past. As mortarboards soar, they carry accomplishment and the spirit of innovation and resilience ingrained in CVTC's timeless traditions.



**Mace:** The tradition of this heavy and elaborately decorated pole dates back to the Middle Ages meant to symbolize the college's rank and authority. For CVTC, it represents collaboration and unity, as the College's students designed and 3D-printed the pole for this commencement and those in the future.



**Regalia:** Scholars wore robes as a symbol of their membership in academia in medieval Europe. Today, the significance of educators donning regalia at commencement symbolizes their dedication to teaching, the pursuit of knowledge and a visual representation of the continuity of education.



**Tassel:** Moving the graduation cap tassel from right to left is a time-honored tradition symbolizing the transition from candidate to graduate. The gesture embodies the journey of learning, growth and achievement celebrating the years of hard work and academic success.

# COMMENCEMENT

## *Chippewa Valley Technical College*

December 12, 2024

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Opening Procession.....Dr. Lynette Livingston  
*Provost & Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, CVTC*

Welcome.....Dr. Jeff Sullivan  
*Executive Dean for Integrated Technologies & Workforce Solutions, CVTC*

Welcome Remarks.....Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia  
*President, CVTC*

Student Address.....Justine Batz Childs  
*Graduate, Associate of Arts- Liberal Arts*

Faculty Address.....Melissa Tok  
*Instructor, Culinary Management*

Commencement Address.....Kelly Bakken  
*2024 CVTC Distinguished Alumni*

Presentation of Candidates.....Dr. Lynette Livingston  
*Provost & Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, CVTC*

Presentation of Awards.....Mike Mills  
*CVTC District Board*  
Kevin Renley  
*CVTC Foundation Board*

Closing Remarks.....Michael Troyer  
*CVTC Alumni Association*

Interpreter for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing.....Dawn Kopplitz

Lead Faculty Reader.....Dr. Ron Keys

Special thank you to Clear Water Brass for providing tonight's music.

As a courtesy to graduates and guests, please remain seated during the ceremony.  
Professional photos will also be taken and offered to each graduate.

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\* Candidates wearing gold cords are graduating with scholastic honors

+ Candidates graduating with double major

= Candidates wearing red, white & blue cords are military service members

Candidates wearing a white stole are members of TRIO

Candidates wearing a blue stole are members of the Kappa Beta Delta Honor Society

Candidates wearing non-black gown are dual enrolled high school students

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## ***Agriculture, Energy, Construction & Transportation***

*Adam Wehling, Dean*

### **Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technician**

Zaydion Abley

### **Truck Driving**

Evan Ryan Aleckson  
Benjamin David Awe  
Jeremiah C. Franz  
Shawn A. Fredrickson  
Wyatt James Howe  
Samuel Thomas Krejci  
Louis A. Lloyd  
David Loomis  
Michael Lee Mccarty  
Omar Sheldon Nembhard  
Echo Anne Neumann

Tyler James Perkovich  
Gunner Andrew Rebak  
Calvin James Rineck  
David Joe Tello  
Wyatt Wayne Thompson  
Laura Vine  
Reid Jacob Wagner  
Evan Carl Wallace  
Laith Michael Westphal  
Xiomara Wong

## ***Business, Arts, Science***

*Stephanie Esser, Executive Dean*

### **Accounting**

\* Robyn Allen  
Allie Lyn Emerson  
\* Mackenzie Marie Hediger

Taylor J. Johnson  
\* Alice Magdalene Nestrud  
\* Jennifer Le Nguyen

### **Accounting Assistant**

\* Floramie Relacion Markgraf  
\* Madhumita Prasad

\* Kirsten Marie Sendelbach  
Courtney Elizabeth Thompson

### **Bookkeeper**

Megan Leigh Johnston  
Libby Rose Kendall  
\* MaryBeth Saltness

Sarah Ione Smith  
Stacey Lynn Zeman

### **Office Assistant**

Robin Canterbury

### **Associate of Arts - Liberal Arts**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| * Maggie Marie Bodish | * Alexander David Fosler |
| * Justine Batz Childs | Raef Johnson Radcliffe   |
| * Timothy A. Daix     | Madison Ann Schultz      |

### **Associate of Science - Liberal Arts**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cailey Aline Chambers        | * Tyler James Hansen      |
| * Analise Dryden             | Adam Robert LeCleur       |
| * Matthew Leegaleebund Glaus | Gwynnevere Hailey Sabatke |
| Alexander Robert Hamlin      | Justanna Joy Wiesner      |

### **Business Management**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Brayden Barnes             | * Brianna Lima                |
| Ronald Devan Barribeau     | * Carissa Ann Lisowski        |
| Bailey Jean Bradford       | Jack Ryan Metza               |
| * Cheyenne Regina Calderon | * Olivia Ann Mincoff          |
| * Mitchell James Clarke    | John Newman                   |
| * Lauryn Jade Deetz        | * Jordanne Regene Nygaard     |
| Cortney Clifford Dunnett   | * Pritev R Patel              |
| * Anastasia Rebecca Duss   | AnnaGrace Caroline Poirier    |
| * Lucas Shawn Fagan        | Destiny Dawn Preston          |
| * Andra Michelle Gentry    | * Mikayla Alicia Riel         |
| Evan Robert Hahn           | * Rylee Madison Salrin        |
| Hannah Melissa Hamann      | * Mallory Jean Schwartzel     |
| * Jack Bradford Hartzheim  | Raquel Hope Sosalla           |
| * Sydney Elizabeth Herr    | * Elijah Jeremy Swenson       |
| * Brody James Jepson       | Sierra Lynn Thompson          |
| * Robert James Kelly       | *=JoAnn Marie Wampole-Swanson |
| * Hannah Mae LaGessee      |                               |

### **Cosmetology**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jaden Kathleen Barth    | * Keelyn Roan Marlaire   |
| * Gracie Flynn Bergman  | * Anna Marie Jimena Pake |
| * Desiree Brown         | Ashley Dawn Rohde        |
| * Amanda Deweerd        | McKenna Kelly Schindler  |
| * Kayla Nicole Gerczak  | Briana Patricia Squires  |
| Taylor Haines           | Sierra Ann Strassburger  |
| * Isabella Ann Hoff     | Hennasey Alexis Swiggum  |
| * Abigail Joelle LaFave | * Judy Yang              |

### **Culinary Management**

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Lucas J. Johnson | * Dena Marie Newville |
| * William Lyons  |                       |

### **Hospitality Foundations**

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| * Rozi Zling Balts      | Lindsay Tracy Rice          |
| Kaelynn Lee Brandenburg | Noah Schlough               |
| * Cameron Jordan Esser  | Trista Jean Stabenow        |
| * Christopher Aden Leos | Hope Wallace                |
| Angelina Lor            | Garrett Geffey Wolterstorff |
| * Megan Kristen Munson  | * Peter Eduardo Jose Wyka   |

### **Early Childhood Education**

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| * Breanna M. Borlick | * Molly Ann Wohlk |
| Laura Joan Rogan     |                   |

### **Foundations of Teacher Education**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| * Carmella Elaine Fredrick | * Penny Jo Schmidt |
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### **Digital Marketing**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| +* Sarah Ann Hughes | Taylor Dineen Saunders |
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### **Marketing**

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| +* Sarah Ann Hughes | Sidney Annmarie Rice |
| Tyler David Kent    |                      |

### **Human Resources**

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Alexis G Beck         | * Rebecca Lynn Nelson     |
| * Renee Lynn Flatland | Kyra Courtney Pickett     |
| * Brandon David Lloyd | * Abby Danielle Schneider |
| * Melanie Lane Martin | Melissa Ann Stuart        |
| Kay La S Mills        | * Jer Vang                |

### **Legal Studies/Paralegal**

- Segdrick Farley

## ***Allied Health and Emergency Services/Nursing***

*Myra Reuter, Executive Dean*

*Gina Petrie, Dean of Nursing*

### **FireMedic**

= Brandon Paul Bailey  
\* Rachel Baltuff  
\* Erica Becker  
\* Samuel Edward Crowley  
Elijah Donald Hable  
Avery Anthony Kaanta

\* Broderick John Krome  
+\* Jocelyn Loesel Perry  
\* Matthew Jon Schoenfuss  
\* Kaileigh Kristine Tice  
=\* Dexter Zebro

### **Paramedic Technician**

+ Cael W. Dreger

Kathryn Riberich

### **Paramedic**

Shania Krystal Myren

### **Emergency Medical Technician**

\* Elizabeth Sophia Anderson  
Eva Kathleen Massey

\* Hope Elizabeth Oglesby  
Macy Marie Sylla

### **Dental Assistant**

\* Jorja Lillian Ajer  
\* Vanessa Ann Anderson  
\* Olivia May Byrne  
\* Gracie Priscilla Casper  
Madison Gwen Donica  
Rachel Jaye Fransway  
\* Sophia Grace Goyette  
\* Madelyn Kay Hebert  
\* Allyson F. Lamb

\* Emma Lickel  
\* Annamaria Jean Muller  
\* Santana Marie Nelson  
\* Angela Joann Nilssen  
\* Serena Lynn Peterson  
\* Elizabeth Mina Robinson  
\* Lucy Isabelle Ruhland  
\* Sophia Elizabeth Skoyen  
\* Addressa May Stoeberl

### **Health Navigator**

Samantha Janin Lotts

### **Medical Assistant**

\* Kelsey Hanson  
Berlyn E. Mastin

\* Shonna A. Pruitt

### **Medical Laboratory Technician**

\* Kalle Kristiana Johnson

Sheryl M. Scott

### **Lab Assistant**

Rebecca Ann Arneson  
Erica Liliana Brost  
Aiden Wayne Fischer

Victoria Marie Juedes  
Madalyn Laurel Olsen  
Gwendolyn Victoria Svedarsky

### **Substance Abuse Disorder Counseling**

\* Trent Robert Doyle  
John Michael Elbert  
\* Cora Lynn Milas

\* Nicole Marie Smith  
\* Tate Mitchell Woolsey

### **Surgical Technology**

\* Deanna Hayden

\* Nicole Linberg

### **Surgical Technology Advanced Placement**

Samantha Geisking



## Nursing - Associate Degree

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Trisha Ann Abley</li> <li>Ashley Ann Barrientos</li> <li>Juliann Mary Jane Bartholomew</li> <li>Anthony D. Bell</li> <li>Trista Kay Bolz</li> <li>Abigal Ray Boutin</li> <li>Jurnee Grace Brandt</li> <li>Angelica Graciela Brinker</li> <li>Garret E Broome</li> <li>* DeAnna Rose Burton</li> <li>Courtney Lorraine Chapek</li> <li>Rebecca Jill Christeson</li> <li>Megan R Cowley</li> <li>* Sandra Serena Crusher</li> <li>Joni Elaine Dockery</li> <li>* Elaina Frances Dommeyer</li> <li>* Mikayla Jean DuBois</li> <li>Isabel Kay Eckert</li> <li>* Alessa R Eilts</li> <li>Nathaniel Fiege</li> <li>* Sydney Frigo</li> <li>Erica Grace Fryman</li> <li>Arianna Gardow</li> <li>Gunnar John Grams</li> <li>* Alexa Laura Hanson</li> <li>* Halie Michelle Harder</li> <li>Chanel Hudenko</li> <li>Jackson Reuel Imboden</li> <li>Emily Isaacson</li> <li>Anthony Scott Jones</li> <li>Kara Ann Jorgensen</li> <li>Aaron Joshua Kamara</li> <li>= Paige Kasper</li> <li>Karly Ann Kibbel</li> <li>* Mackensy Amber Kolpien</li> <li>* Emily Grace Komay</li> <li>Maryfrances LaBarre</li> <li>* Sarah Ann Larsen</li> <li>* Aubrey Rae Leech</li> <li>Danielle Baylee Lewallen</li> <li>Althea Kaley Lien</li> <li>Bailey May Lindow</li> <li>Heather Lyn Marsolek</li> <li>* Sophie Rose Martineau</li> <li>Bree Lyn Matteson</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Liza LoRaye Mayenschein-Bourget</li> <li>* Trinity Genevieve Merritt</li> <li>* Jordyn Lea Miles</li> <li>MaKenna Lynn Miller</li> <li>* Carmen Quezon Minkel</li> <li>Cathy Moua</li> <li>Agustina Naranjo</li> <li>Jenna Lynn Oberg</li> <li>Rachel Olson-Boos</li> <li>Rylee Nicole Paine</li> <li>Jacob Micheal Palkowski</li> <li>Celia Anna Perez</li> <li>* Kamrin Elise Peterson</li> <li>Michael LeRoy Philipps</li> <li>Amy Lynn Pratt</li> <li>Amanda S Preston</li> <li>* Regan J Prissel</li> <li>Gabrielle Hailey Reardon</li> <li>Kelli Marie Roachell</li> <li>Danielle Rosendahl</li> <li>Crystal Alanna Roth</li> <li>Amber Rae Rykal</li> <li>* Jennifer Ann Scheller</li> <li>= Courtney Ellis Schultz</li> <li>Rachel Marie Sell</li> <li>Catherine Elizabeth Shaffer</li> <li>* Tricia Lyn Shramek</li> <li>* Jacob Benjamin Siegel</li> <li>* Leah Christine Sisko</li> <li>Courtney Lynn Smith</li> <li>* Nicole M. Snyder</li> <li>Brooke Kay Spaulding</li> <li>* Aivary Hope Stein</li> <li>Isabella Rose Steinke</li> <li>Hanna Catherine Strehlo</li> <li>* Isabelle Olivia Thompson</li> <li>* Shelby Danielle Thornton</li> <li>Jenna Lynn Tracy</li> <li>Allyson AnnMarie Vobornik</li> <li>Klarissa C Waldhauser</li> <li>Moriya China Wetsman</li> <li>Gabriel Paul Williams</li> <li>* Shannell Lee Winkelman</li> <li>*= Kaitlyn Jean Wright</li> </ul> |
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***Integrated Technologies***  
*Dr. Jeff Sullivan, Executive Dean*

**Automation Engineering Technology**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Forrest James Blodgett     | Yaroslav Shelest          |
| * Kayla Buenaventura Lone  | * Philip Augustine Steger |
| * Alan K. Newbury          | * Kayla Wilbur            |
| Ricardo J. Rodriguez Colon |                           |

**ElectroMechanical Maintenance Technician**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| * Nolan Hunter Rietkerk | * Julius Joe Rudack |
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**Individualized Technology Studies**

- \* Terrance C. Harris

**Information Technology - Cybersecurity Analyst**

- +\* Kelly Leigh Severson

**Information Technology - Data Analyst**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| = Tyler Michael Black    | * Jonah Robert Edward Lucas |
| * Jacob Michael Caldwell | * Mary Louise Nelson        |
| * Kevin Charles Deiss    | Aidan Robert Olson          |
| * Asher Z. Goss          | +* Nouplai Xiong            |
| * Vanessa La Lor         | * Jacob Thomas Zarins       |

**Information Technology - Network Specialist**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| * Cody Tanner Anderson      | Jonathan Larson Spires |
| * Benjamin Michael Brenizer | * Jacob Steven Stodola |
| Zaaj Adam Khang             | Kalpana Venkatapuram   |
| Francis Mark Seidl          |                        |

### **Information Technology - Software Developer**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * Julian Christopher Acker    | * Ian Littlefield         |
| * Nicholas Gene Cline         | * Garrett William Sarauer |
| * Jayden Daevon Joseph Gasper | Elizabeth Schmalz         |
| * Tyler A. Gast               | Ethan Severin             |
| * Skyler Gray Godfrey         | +* Kelly Leigh Severson   |
| * David Duane Granger         | Tristen Spaeth            |
| * Richard A. Hindal           | * Nathan James Stoll      |
| * Enoch Elijah Johnson        | * Sawyer Louis Wendt      |
| * Margot Kraucyk              |                           |

### **Information Technology - Software Development Specialist**

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|---------------|---------------------|
| * Jacob Douty | Logan Xavier Morris |
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### **Machine Tooling Technics**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| * Andrew Robert Kittel  | Kelsey Robert Wedeman |
| * Austin William Sykora |                       |

### **Manufacturing Engineering Technologist**

- \* Michael Aaron Gamerson

### **Mechanical Design Technology**

Tyler James Wozney

### **Design & Drafting Technology**

- \* Joshua Michael Butler

### **Mechatronics Specialist**

- \* Ethan John Weiss

### **Mechatronics Technician**

- \* Preston D. Swim

### **Mechanical Maintenance**

\* Nathaniel Lee Coleman

Reuben Laird John Nelson

### **Electrical Maintenance**

\* Layne Alan Peterson  
Elijah Joseph Tafel

Evan John Morgan Zimmerman

### **Supply Chain Management**

Sawyer Allen Durst

\* Roland Robert Goeldner

### **Technical Studies-Journeyworker**

\* Aaron Allen Langer

### **Welding**

Christopher Scott Culver  
Teresa Michelle Dorsano  
Michael Francis Gray  
Preston R Gray

\* Derek Charles Johnson

Kyle less Loucks  
Kehan John O'Neil  
Luke Peter Orinstien  
Spencer Scott Pilgrim  
\* Dalton Garrett Rogers

## ***Academic Development and Services***

*Holly Hassemer, Dean*

### **High School Equivalency Diploma**

Daniela Balow  
Ernesto Batista Garcia  
Sabrina Ebidon  
Chandler Gordon  
James Hamlin  
Jody Henhawk  
Rebecca Hoade  
Svannah Kruchten  
Anya Lain  
Amanda Lischka

Marissa Lyons  
Damian Maday  
Erika Ortiz  
Garrett Pressley  
Sophia Reuter  
Chloe Shewell  
Karli Wilson  
Shari Wojciuch  
Makaila Wolf  
Janelle Yoder

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The list of graduate candidates may be incomplete due to printing deadlines.

This program is not an official college document and  
does not certify actual grade point average or that the candidate has  
successfully completed degree requirements.

# GRADUATES,

**You dared to dream! And today is the day those dreams  
become your reality.**

We watched you walk through the doors; perhaps you were unsure if this was the right place for you. We cheered you on for having the courage to reach for your dream. We made sure you knew that we stood by your side as you chose your perfect program. We welcomed you on your first day of school – you with your earbuds in, backpack on. From then on, your instructors stood with you, sharing their knowledge and working with you to secure your future.

Your dreams are our mission, and today that mission is realized. You will graduate from Chippewa Valley Technical College. That achievement is yours. No one else can claim it. This is the culmination of your hard work. But the work doesn't end there.

We know you will commit to your profession with new skills and a lot of determination. And, just like home, you can come back to CVTC anytime for a chat, continuing education, or to explore a new path. We're here for you. We're proud of you!

It's our primary goal always to help you succeed. And we can't wait to see all you accomplish.

Yours in Service,  
Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, CVTC President,  
and the entire CVTC team.



We are proud to embrace the new CVTC River Otters mascot — a combination of CVTC's hands-on, collaborative, charismatic and playful spirit.

But our history of mascots does not begin with Ollie, the CVTC River Otter.

The 1970s and 80s saw robust on-campus student activity at CVTC. Sports included basketball, golf, volleyball, hockey, and bowling. The Tech Tiger was the College's mascot.

In a timeline that is unclear, the Tech Tiger slipped away, and the College went for several decades without a mascot.

Under the leadership and passion of CVTC President Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, CVTC began exploring a mascot that would envelope the College's unique

traits and the natural beauty of west-central Wisconsin.

Why develop another mascot? That answer is simple. It's for the students. And their families. And the colleagues. And the alumni. And donors. And partners. It's for the College community, within our walls and outside.

CVTC is committed to fostering a full-college experience for students. A mascot is a symbol that brings people together to make a positive impact.

River otters utilize the natural beauty of Wisconsin's waterways and their importance to the region is vast.

Like students and staff at CVTC, river otters rely on teamwork and collaboration to thrive. Ollie the River Otter is a representation of us all.