



CAPITOL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 3
10:00 AM

2025



CAPITOL

Technology University

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

By Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see

By the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed

At the twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars

Through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watched

Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare

The bombs bursting in air

Gave proof through the night

That our flag was still there

O say, does that

Star Spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free

And the home of the brave.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Musical Selections

Chesapeake Brass Authority

Processional

Presentation of the Colors

MD-072 Color Guard, Laurel High School Air Force Junior ROTC

National Anthem

Announcement of the Convocation

Joshua Sinai, PhD

Professor of Practice, Intelligence and Global Security Studies

University Marshal/Mace Bearer

Invocation

Pastor Hugh Holmes

Recognitions and Remarks

Bradford L. Sims, PhD

President

Presentation of the Marilyn and Seymour Levenson Memorial Award

Maxwell Rosenthal

Presented by Brittany Sanner, EdD

Director, Advising and Student Success and Adjunct Professor

Presentation of the Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship

Amarachinasom Charissa Eze

Presented by Melinda Bunnell-Rhyne

Vice President, Student Engagement and University Development

Presentation of the Student Service and Leadership Awards

Aruna Bundu and Rebekah Anastasia Ericson

Presented by Kyra Milbourne, EdD

Dean of Students

Presentation of the President's Medal

Edward Sealing, Jr.

Presented by Bradford L. Sims, PhD

Presentation of the Faculty Teaching Award

Tashnim Chowdhury

Presented by Frank Turney

Chair, Aviation

Presentation of the Faculty Service Award

Andrew Mehri, PhD

Presented by Jeffrey Volosin

Chair, Astronautical and Space Engineering

Presentation of the Faculty Research Award

Jason White

Presented by Christopher Linski, DMgt

Dean, The Graduate School

Commencement Address

Joseph Billingsley, PhD

Alumnus, Capitol Technology University

Presentation of the Undergraduate Degrees

Mohammed Shehata, PhD

Dean of Academics and Chair, Engineering

Presentation of the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

Tracy Irish, PhD

Associate Dean, The Graduate School

Conferral of Degrees

Bradford L. Sims, PhD

Convocation

Pastor Hugh Holmes

Recessional

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Joseph Billingsley, PhD

Since 2023, Dr. Billingsley has served at the White House as a Senior Policy Advisor within the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD). He is the Founder of the Military Cyber Professionals Association (MCPA), a national educational nonprofit charity. He is also an Adjunct Professor and Advisor of the Cyber Intelligence Initiative at The Institute of World Politics (IWP), where he established the Cyber Embassy Night series and teaches the Cyber Strategy Development course.

He has been a Director at the National Defense University's College of Information and Cyberspace (NDU CIC), creator and moderator of the National Service Panel at the world's largest hacker conference (DEF CON), Special Advisor of the peer-reviewed journal Military Cyber Affairs, peer reviewer for Joint Force Quarterly, book editor for Integrated Deterrence and Cyberspace, adjunct faculty at The George Washington University, Advisor of the Cyber Security Forum Initiative, reviewer for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, judge at the Atlantic Council's Cyber 9/12 Strategy Competition, and Fellow at the Center for Network Innovation and Experimentation.

He is a former U.S. Army Strategist (Functional Area 59), Cyber Warfare Officer (17A), and Signal Corps Officer (25A), and was also trained as a Military Intelligence and Signals Intelligence Officer. In uniform, he served in various executive and staff positions at each echelon from platoon to general staff. His expeditionary activities include a 15-month surge deployment to Iraq as part of the 1st Armored Division (Multi-National Division–North), engagement activities in the former Warsaw Pact, serving underway on the Mediterranean Sea aboard the USS Mount Whitney during the Arab Spring, and earning the highest level of the Military Proficiency Badge from the Bundeswehr.

Dr. Billingsley is a graduate of programs at the Naval War College, Army War College, Military Intelligence School, and Army School of Information Technology. He holds a B.A. in History from the University of Connecticut, where he founded the History Club. Selected as the inaugural Army Cyber Scholar, he was the first Army student to be awarded a M.S. in Cyber Systems and Operations from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), where he also earned a Graduate Certificate in Cyber Wargaming. He received doctoral training in Information Sciences at NPS and earned his Ph.D. in Cyber Leadership at Capitol Technology University.

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Academic Honors

- + graduate honors (4.00)
- *** *summa cum laude* (3.90 to 4.00)
- ** *magna cum laude* (3.75 to 3.89)
- * *cum laude* (3.50 to 3.749)

Honor Societies

- AX Alpha Chi
- ΣΒΔ Sigma Beta Delta
- ΣΓΤ Sigma Gamma Tau
- ΥΠΕ Upsilon Pi Epsilon



The flags along the promenade are representative of the home states, countries, and military branches of the Class of 2025.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship

The Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship is endowed by Homer and Martha Gudelsky in memory of their son, Avrum. This scholarship recognizes and encourages academic excellence among outstanding seniors who are pursuing a bachelor of science degree. It is the highest academic honor the college confers.

The Marilyn and Seymour Levenson Memorial Award

Marilyn Levenson endowed this award in memory of her husband, Professor Seymour Levenson, who taught humanities and social studies at Capitol Technology University for many years. This award was established to recognize excellence in the humanities and social sciences and to continue to provide the encouragement to management and liberal studies students that Professor Levenson provided during his lifetime. Each year Capitol selects a graduating senior for this award to honor Professor Levenson's legacy.

The Student Leadership Award

The Student Leadership Award is bestowed upon a graduating senior who understands the importance of professional and personal growth and demonstrates intellectual curiosity. Furthermore, the recipient of this award embodies integrity, appreciation for and willingness to work as a member of a team, and flexibility in the competing needs of work, school, and life.

The Student Service Award

The Student Service Award is granted to a graduating senior for outstanding service to the campus community by way of volunteering, mentorship, and being an active member of University organizations.

The President's Medal

The President's Medal recognizes an individual for their substantial support of the University through philanthropy and/or service.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia originated from the attire of 12th- and 13th-century clerics who founded the medieval universities. Their long robes and hoods provided warmth in unheated stone buildings and evolved into today's graduation garments.

Associate's Degrees

The associate gown reflects 19th-century common Oxford robes—short, black, and unadorned. Its hood, based on a monk's cloak, does not show field-of-study colors. Instead, it features the school's colors—red and black—for Capitol Technology University.

Bachelor's Degrees

Modeled after the Oxford gentleman's attire, this gown is longer than the associate's. The three-foot hood has a colored neckpiece for the field of study, and the rear panel shows the university's colors.

Master's Degrees

The master's gown traditionally has an open front and hanging sleeves, practical for professors working with chalk. Though this "working gown" was once common, many now opt for the more formal baccalaureate style.

Doctoral Degrees

The doctoral gown, traditionally black with velvet facings, is often decorated with school colors today. The hood, based on the medieval cowl, features a black shell, a colored neckpiece (gold for DSc, blue for PhD), and the university's red and black on the rear panel. The liripipe, a black tail at the bottom, was used to help pull the hood on and off.

Caps, Mortarboards, and Tassels

The academic cap, derived from clerical wear, includes the traditional mortarboard with a tassel—black for most, gold for doctorates, or colored by field. While there's no historic basis, the tassel is traditionally moved from one side to the other during commencement. Increasingly, doctoral caps are departing from the traditional mortarboard. The Capitol Technology University doctoral cap is a six-sided tam-o'-shanter.

Colors

In the late 19th century, a well-defined code of academic regalia was developed by the Intercollegiate Registry of Academic Costume. This field of study code has been adopted by the majority of schools in America and is still in use today. Part of this code is shown below.

Field of Study	Hood Neckband Color
Arts and Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Law	Purple
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Philosophy	Deep Blue
Theology	Scarlet

Cords and Medallions

The following accessories are worn to indicate academic honors, membership in elite honor societies, or denote military service.

Recognition	Accessory
Alpha Chi Honor Society	Blue and green with gold medallion
Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society	Hunter green and gold cord
Sigma Gamma Tau Honor Society	White stole with insignia
Tau Alpha Pi Honor Society	Kelly green and gold cord
Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society	White and burgundy cord
Academic Honors	Gold cord
Military Member or Veteran	Red, white, and blue cord

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Associate's Degrees

Computer & Cyber Operations Engineering

Engineering Fundamentals

Professional Trades Administration

Bachelor's Degrees

Artificial Intelligence

Aeronautical & Space Engineering

Aviation Professional Pilot

Computer Engineering

Computer Engineering Technology

Computer Science

Construction Information Technology & Cybersecurity

Construction Management

Cyber Analytics

Cybersecurity

Data Science

Electrical Engineering

Electronics Engineering Technology

Engineering Technology

Esports Management

Facilities Management

Information Technology

Intelligence & Global Security

Mechatronics Engineering

Mechatronics & Robotics Engineering Technology

Military Technical Management

Occupational Safety and Health

Professional Trades Administration

Software Engineering

Technology & Business Management

Master's Degrees

Aeronautical Accident Investigation (MPhil)

Artificial Intelligence (MPhil & MRes)

Aeronautical Engineering (MRes)

Aviation (MS)

Aviation Cybersecurity (MS)

Aviation Maintenance (MRes)

Business Administration (MBA)

Business Analytics & Data Science (TMBA)

Computer Science (MS)

Construction Cybersecurity (MS)

Construction Science & Management (MRes)

Counterterrorism (MS)

Critical Infrastructure (MPhil)

Critical Infrastructure & Cyber Protection (MS)

Cyber Analytics (MS)

Cyber Engineering (MPhil)

Cyber Intelligence & Security (MS)

Cyber Product Development (MS)

Cyber Science (MEd)

Cyberpsychology (MRes)

Cybersecurity (MS & TMBA)

Engineering Technology (MS)
Forensic Cyberpsychology (MRes)
Human Factors (MRes)
Intelligence & Global Security (MS)
Occupational Safety & Health (MS)
Product Management (MS)
Project Management (MRes)
Quantum Computing (MRes)
Sustainability (MRes)
Systems Engineering (MRes)
Uncrewed & Autonomous Systems (MS)

Doctoral Degrees

Aeronautical Science (PhD)
Artificial Intelligence (PhD)
Astronautical Engineering (PhD)
Business Analytics & Data Science (PhD)
Computer Science (PhD)
Construction Science (PhD)
Counterterrorism (PhD)
Critical Infrastructure (PhD)
Cyber Leadership (PhD)
Cyber Science (EdD)
Cyberpsychology (PhD)
Cybersecurity (DSc)
Educational Data Analytics (EdD)
Emergency & Protective Services (PhD)
Engineering Management (PhD)
Facilities Management (PhD)

Financial Cybersecurity (PhD)
Forensic Cyberpsychology (PhD)
Forensic Linguistic Engineering (PhD)
Forensic Linguistic Technology (PhD)
Healthcare Cybersecurity (PhD)
Healthcare Technology (PhD)
Human Factors (PhD)
Industrial Hygiene (PhD)
Intelligence & Global Security (PhD)
Machine Learning (PhD)
Manufacturing (PhD)
Military Leadership (PhD)
Occupational Health & Safety (PhD)
Occupational Risk Management (PhD)
Offensive Cyber Engineering (PhD)
Product Management (PhD)
Project Management (PhD)
Quantum Computing (PhD)
Real Estate Management (PhD)
Space Cybersecurity (PhD)
Space Operations (PhD)
Supply Chain Management (DBA)
Sustainability (PhD)
Systems Engineering (PhD)
Technology Combination Program (MS/PhD)
Technology (PhD)
Uncrewed Systems Applications (PhD)

Please join us in using our official graduation hashtags:

#CapTechUGrad #ChargeOn2025 #CapTechU2025

Stream today's ceremony live or view later at

capl.ink/youtube



Celebrate Your Success with Us!

Keep the celebration going with us on **May 13** for **#CelebrationDay** when we will feature your exciting graduation moments!

Submit your **#graduation** photos by **May 9** for a chance to be featured in our social media tribute!

Submit photos to

capl.ink/celebrationday25

