

### **Elgin Community College**

### Commencement Exercises

December 16, 2023









THIS SEMESTER, MORE THAN
636 STUDENTS REACHED THEIR
EDUCATIONAL GOALS
AT ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
JOINING THOUSANDS OF ALUMNI
ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS.

# WE HONOR THEM— AND THEIR SUPPORTERS— FOR BEING ROLE MODELS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

### **Elgin Community College is Nationally Ranked**

ECC was proud to be named a top 25 community college in the nation in 2023. Currently, the college is one of only 150 institutions vying for top biannual honors to be announced in the spring of 2025.

The Aspen Institute recognized the college for its achievements in 2015, 2019, and 2021 as well. The Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding performance in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.









## The MISSION of Elgin Community College is to improve people's lives through learning.

Through our decisions and actions we empower: STUDENTS to reach their goals in an equitable and welcoming environment; EMPLOYEES to thrive and fully use their collective talents; and our COMMUNITY to transform and enrich the world.

### VISION

To be the first choice for everyone to learn, grow, and dream in a culture that ensures access, advances innovation, and fosters success.

### **SHARED VALUES**

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

These values are shared among employees and reflect what we expect from one another to shape our work experience.

### **EXCELLENCE**

We strive to offer the highest level of excellence in our programs and services to achieve our Vision. We use research-based methods to strengthen curriculum and deliver high-quality learning-centered instruction and services.

### FREEDOM OF INQUIRY

We believe learning is most engaging and viable when a spirit of free inquiry exists, allowing everyone the freedom to explore new and diverse ideas and to express their interests and attitudes. We strive to create environments where innovation and inquiry flourish.

### ETHICAL PRACTICES

We are responsible to carry out our work with honesty and integrity. Our Vision, not personal interests, guides our decisions and actions so that they will be enacted out of service to our students and community members.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

As a public institution, we commit to making the best use of resources. We are transparent in measurement and reporting, seek feedback from others, accept responsibility for our decisions and actions, and continuously improve our practices.

### **COLLABORATION**

We are committed to serving students, employees, and community members. The decisions and actions we undertake in carrying out our Vision derive from working cooperatively with all stakeholders

### HOLISTIC APPROACH

As stewards of people's learning, we understand their perspectives and we use our insight and compassion to support them through challenging times. We believe in educating and supporting the whole person through a comprehensive approach that addresses the emotional, social, ethical, and academic needs of students, employees, and community members.









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Shared Values

**Philosophies** 

### **PHILOSOPHIES**

### HOW WE APPROACH OUR WORK

These philosophies serve as our ethical compass and the lens through which we look when making decisions.

### **LEARNING**

### Learning is a lifelong process that empowers individuals.

Learning is the primary driver behind our Mission and Vision. Learning empowers individuals to improve their own lives as well as the economic, social, and cultural conditions of local and global communities. In partnership with faculty, we envision learning to be a lifelong process of intellectual and personal growth that allows individuals to expand their depth of knowledge, skills, and experiences.

### **EQUITY**

### Equity is ensuring everyone receives what they need to be successful.

At its core, ECC's Mission to improve people's lives through learning is a recognition that, as a community college, we are successful only when we provide access to quality education and appropriate, equitable support in an inclusive environment to all members of our community. We believe in the intentional and meaningful inclusion of diverse experiences, backgrounds, and social identities in all aspects of the college. We further believe this is a moral imperative which deepens and enriches the educational and workplace experience for everyone.

### DIVFRSITY

### Diversity is all expressions of humanity.

ECC recognizes that diversity is an invaluable resource for teaching, learning, and fostering personal growth. The pursuit of excellence requires a diverse and representative community. The college strives to cultivate a safe environment that represents our extensive network and reflects all expressions of humanity. It is imperative that all communities are full participants in the construction of knowledge and diversity of thought.

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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES CAREER AND TECHNICAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES (10 am)

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER	RS Elizabeth Luszczyk and Gianna Santangelo
PRELUDE	The Hanson String Quartet Marilyn Gans, violin Zachary Green, violin Derek Hibben, viola Matthew Brunson, cello
	Antonio Ramirez, PhD hompson Teaching Excellence Award for full-time faculty Associate Professor of History
Themes from "Pomp and Circu	mstance" by Edward Elgar
PATRIOTIC HYMN	Alivia Rivera, ECC student accompanied by Nancy Miner
"America the Beautiful" by Sa	nmuel A. Ward and Katherine Lee Bates
O beautiful for spacious sk For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain maje: Above the fruited plain, America, America, God she And crown thy good with From sea to shining sea.	ed His grace on thee,
WELCOME	David Sam, PhD, JD, LLM President
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD	Donna Redmer, EdD Chair, Community College District 509 Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY	Antonio Ramirez
	Associate Professor of History
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS	Jesse A. Ramirez, Class of 2023
	President David Sam
RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2023 Associate of Applied Science Degree Vocational Specialist Certificate Basic Vocational Specialist Certificate	
	Kristina C. Alcozer Garcia, PhD f Communications & Behavioral Sciences
	John Long, MS Dean of Students
CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES AND CERT Vice President of Teach	IFICATESPeggy Heinrich, EdD ning, Learning, and Student Development President David Sam
RECESSIONAL	Antonio Ramirez

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES UNIVERSITY TRANSFER DEGREES (2 pm)

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERSElizabeth Luszczyk and Gianna Santangelo				
PRELUDEThe Maud Powell String Quartet Vitaly Starkov, violin Ume Hashimoto-Jorgensen, violin Derek Hibben, viola Megan Kamysz, cello PROCESSIONALAntonio Ramirez, PhD				
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARDDonna Redmer, EdD  Chair, Community College District 509 Board of Trustees				

MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY	Antonio Ramirez
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS	Melanie Escobar-Menchaca, Class of 2023 President David Sam
RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 202 Associate in Arts Associate in Fine Arts Associate in Science Associate in Engineering Science Associate in Liberal Studies	
	Kristina C. Alcozer Garcia, PhD Dean of Communications & Behavioral Sciences John Long, MS Dean of Students
	CERTIFICATESPeggy Heinrich, EdD Teaching, Learning, and Student Development President David Sam

RECESSIONAL ...... Antonio Ramirez

### **HONORS DISTINCTIONS**

### **Honors and High Honors**

Graduates who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 for a degree or certificate receive their diplomas with high honors, while those achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 receive their diplomas with honors.

### Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa international honor society recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.

### Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is the national two-year college mathematics honor society dedicated to inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in two-year college students.

### Alpha Beta Gamma

Alpha Beta Gamma is an international business honor society established by business professors in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year business and professional college students.

### **Honors Program Graduate**

Students receive the Honors Program Graduate designation after they have completed at least five honors courses and 24 hours of leadership and service experiences. Additionally, they assembled an Honors Capstone Portfolio and have maintained a minimum 3.25 GPA.

### **Honors Program Achiever**

Students receive the Honors Program Achiever designation after they have completed at least three honors courses and 16 hours of leadership and service experiences. Additionally, they assembled an Honors Capstone Portfolio and have maintained a minimum 3.25 GPA.

### **Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS)**

Students participate in an integrated career and academic cohort. They are able to graduate in two semesters or less with certificates in their career areas.

### Service, Academics, Leadership, Unity, Tribute, and Excellence (SALUTE) Veterans Honor Society

SALUTE is the first national honor society established for student veterans and active duty military in two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. Students inducted into SALUTE have shown courage, strength, leadership, excellence, and perseverance in their military endeavors and now show that same commitment to their academic careers.

### **AUGUST 2023 GRADUATES**

### **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

Jennifer Aguirre + Anabel Aguirre Michel Emily Lin Ahlers ++ Nicholas Albers ++ \* Andrea I. Almagro Kevin M. Anderson ++ \* Rvan C. Anderson ++ \* Malenny Arroyo + Emily Ayllon + Adeena L. Baluyut ++ Shelly E. Banks + Michelle S. Beltrame Jose Antonio Benitez ++ Kayleen H. Birchfield + Anthony J. Brindis Katherine McKenna Burke Kayla Grace Burrell + Nicolette T. Campo ++ \* Victor M. Becerra Cano \* Brandon V. Cascio + Ana K. Castillo + Ashley L. Catlow ++ \* Ross Cayley + Aidina Coralic Tony Cortez Rose Defalco ++ \* Harlan D. Duffy Evan C. Dunham + Mia Antonella Eggers ++ Michael Rodriguez Farias + Danielle C. Fick Madisonne C. Fort + \* Mark W. Ganziano + \* Andrew M. Garcia Angela Garcia ++ Anthony Garcia \* Armando J. Garcia Julian Garcia + Jaquelin Gonzales ++ Dale J. Harden Jarrett Cecil Harman ++

Jake S. Hasselman +

Amber R. Helsley ++ \* Julia K. Henrikson Lilly Mae Hottenstein + \* Ashley R. Jachim Isaac J. Kopalchick + Kayla G. Kramer + \* Jessica Lopez ++ Kimberly N. Lopez + Abigail O. Lossau Shelby G. Mach ++ Luis A. Martinez Kassandra Mata ++ Jacob Miller + \* Parker Mitchell Zoe A. Moldenhauer + Avesha Mozum + Adam M. Nelson Jilliann J. Pagan + \* Yesenia Ramos Meckenna Lynn Recker Terin K. Rose Jennifer M. Ruscetti + \* Donald A. Salerno + Karina E. Santana + Mark A. Schuster + Hafsah Shamshuddin ++ Nicole M. Simpson + Angelica Singh Nathan W. Sommerfeld ++ Jacqueline D. Sosa ++ \* Brian D. Staniszewski ++ \* Ryne W. Strachan Tyler Sundara ++ Andrew Thavone Brian Tovar Liliana Umana Samantha Uribe + Noah D. Vacco Enrique Vargas Jr. Talia Vargas Joey Vendl + Liz N. Viveros

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE continued

Jada T. Vongkhamchanh ++ Natalie Wegrzyn ++ Kyle M. Wilmot + Kaitlin Zak

### **ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE**

Alejandro Baeza +
Alex Blint
Jaydon L. Crenshaw
Jessica Sue Dionicio +
Jessica Lynn Fuja +
Diana Karen Gomez Garcia ++ \*
Christine Tracy Herrmann
Madelyn M. Hickey \*
Terin A. King

Phoebe Hana Lee-Kidd ++ \*
Kaylee Elizabeth Lutsch + \*
Brenda Y. Mejia Mendoza
Alexis J. Merrinette
Humberto Aguilar Patino + \*
Soleil Sprague +
Aidan A. Sullivan + \*
Arianna M. Tellez
Zelly Claire Wood ++

### ASSOCIATE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCE DEGREE

Ahtziri L. Flores + Celina R. Sarangaya ++ \*

Vytas J. Spokas Fernando Caudillo Tafoya ++ \*

### ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Tracy C. Altheide John Z. Fullem William Carl Wywialowski +

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

### Accounting

Rachel M. Gutierrez + \* \*\*

### **Business**

Katherine Najera Maria J. Ramirez

#### Criminal Justice

Brissa M. Arredondo + Vincent A. Tringali ++

### **Culinary Arts**

Luke J. Fugiel +
Nia S. Grissette ++
Alyssa M. Leynes ++

### Education-Early Childhood

Marina L. Ruiz + Ashley M. Schmitz +

#### Fire Science and Safety

Shawn K. Dobberfuhl + \*
Kohlman G. Steuber ++

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### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE continued

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration

Frank Cassara ++

Hospitality Management

Leslie M. Balder

Maria M. Ponce-Marquez +

IST/Maintenance Technology

Kevin R. Pomeroy + \*

Management

Ricardo S. Munoz +

Welding Fabrication Technology

Zachary M. Kuhlman +

### **VOCATIONAL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE**

### Bookkeeping

Amairani Alvarado + Yevheniia Hlukharova ++ Claudia Orea Garcia +

### Education-Early Childhood

Savannah H. Lile Marina L. Ruiz + Ashley M. Schmitz + Rosa E. Wild ++

### Histotechnology

Bridget Evanson ++ Steven M. London Michelle M. Robert + \*

### Human Services-Substance Abuse Counselina

Melissa Jean Fickling ++ Kira L. Spears ++

### Medical Assisting Marissa A. Covello ++

Ma Lourdes Tengco Darvin ++
Yaretzy D. De Anda ++
Jacqueline A. Espinoza +
Taylor Grant ++
Kelly Love ++
Hanna N. Merritt ++
Jazmin Morales ++
Sloane Passmore +
Adriana Picazo +
Samantha Quintero ++
Joseline Sanchez ++
Gisselle Vargas ++
Nina K. Wadz ++

#### Weldina

Cai Dieckman
Elija Miskic ++
Evan P. Schmidt ++
Matt Tobin ++

### **BASIC VOCATIONAL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE**

### Auto Heating and Air Conditioning

Dawid Zajkowski

### Automotive Electrical Specialist

Tyler J. Kaczmarek ++

### Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program

Michelle Abundes +
Julissa Astudillo ++
Kate E. Ayala ++
Amy D. Bedolla +
Grace M. Brigante +
Karlean D. Caceres +

Presley T. Carroll ++ Abigail Casas ++ Radhika N. Chaudhari + Kallie M. Christopherson ++ Kathleen M. Contreras + Magdalena Covarrubias-Ramirez ++ Gemma Marcelo Dela Rosa ++ Emmanuel J. Delgado + Colby A. Doom + \* Britney G. Flores + Mikayla A. Gabriel + Jennifer A. Gaona Julissa Gonzalez + Abdiel Guillen-Martinez + Johnnay D. Hall ++ Marybeth T. Hauschild + Mariacni Martinez Hernandez + Makena K. Hoberg ++ Riya Kadapla ++ Lupita Lara ++ Ariana Ledesma + Jessica R. Lopez ++ \* Jillian M. Maborang ++ Connie A. Marin Esther Nasaka ++ Giulianna G. Nitti ++ Veronica A. Ortiz + Martha L. Ottesen ++ Ashley Pineda ++ Victoria Puchalska ++ Emily A. Rafferty + Jocelyn Montes Ramos ++ Khushi P. Raval ++ Adair D Rivera + Emily S. Robelo + Sara R. Rygula ++ Roselyn E. Sanchez ++ \* Lainie Scoles ++ Alexis M. Shannon ++

Jenny Silva +

Vicki E. Smith +
Cleonie E. Soriano +
Diya Thakkar ++
Lesly A. Ulloa +
Emily Vazquez ++
Emily Villicana +
Kyra T. Wilder +
Jasmine Angela C. Yabes +
Yifen Zhao +

Basic Spanish for Medical Personnel
Melannie Scarlette Vargas +

Brake and Suspension Specialist
Jeovanny Martinez
Logan A. Nelson +

Sinuhe Rojas

Computer User Support Specialist

Edgar Alonzo ++
Ana L. Fernandez ++
Violeta V. Frausto ++
Ethan W. Isola ++
Saul Lopez +
Nicholas S. Ortiz ++
Clayton T. Roy ++\*

Decorative Pastry
Abigail R. Henricksen ++

Education-Early Childhood

Alissa U. Ahlemeyer \*
Brittney C. Cabrera ++
Leslie Hernandez ++
Marina Ruiz ++
Sandra Vences ++
Angella M. Woodworth ++

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### Emergency Medical Technician-Basic

Gabriel R. Barrera ++

Eli Cardenas ++

Stephen M. Deike +

Derek J. Drake

Emily Paige Fairgrieve ++

Miranda R. Fortunato ++

Daniel Fuentes +

Jeffrey S. Garvin +

Mercedes Gasca +

Daniel P. Goetsch ++

Ivan I. Gomez ++

Sean Gurion +

Leslie Danielle Hernandez +

Kevin C. Kaschke ++

Tyler C. Kelly ++

Jacob G. Kyprianidis +

Noah Lloyd +

Leticia D. Luna +

Ariel Martinez ++

Orlando Martinez ++

Ethan T. Ortlund +

Esha S. Patel ++

Ivanshi D. Patel ++

Kaitlyn N. Reagle +

Kvle J. Roudebush +

Devanshi C. Shukla ++

John Steidle ++

Shakthivarrun Suresh ++

Andrew Thavone +

Fredy Valladares +

Manuel Vazquez +

Pedro A. Visbal ++

Kylie C. Walker ++

### Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic

Kevin D. Bagrowski ++

Andrew J. Beverly + \*

Angela M. Bishop ++

Christopher J. Blonskij +

Rosemary E. Bolding +

Kaylee R. Boston ++

Adrian Delgado +

Genevieve E. Dierking +

Ryan P. Differding +

Daniel M. Dugo +

Samantha Estrada +

Jonathan M. Franklin +

Steven P. Geotsalitis ++

Sean Hlavin +

Austin J. Hoover

Stephen C. Johnson +

Adam K. Johnston +

Andrew W. Kania ++ \*

Ryan W. Latvaitis ++

Jordan S. Lenox +

James R. Mitchell

Christian J. Nolan ++

Justin M. Peters ++

Dylan Peterson +

Shealynn Robinson ++

Ryan R. Rompel +

Reese F. Samin

Mark Schultz ++

Joshua J. Swanson

Max L. Thalhammer

Rhyanne H. Hernandez Warner +

Ryan J. Weston +

Richard G. Zugay ++

### Gas Metal Arc Welding

Jose L. Nava Jr. ++

### Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Samantha L. Crane ++

### Marketing

Lori Daddono ++

#### Music Production

Antonio Bruno ++

### Paralegal

Enrique Vargas Jr.

### Phlebotomy

Josie Vaughn DeCicco ++ Genesis N. Fuentes Kimberly Garcia + Ximena Garcia ++ Maricela Lopez ++

### **Public Safety Communications**

Aurea A. Aurioles ++

### Recovery Support Specialist

Victoria C. Bounds ++ \*
Warren J. Boykin ++
Alejandra M. Castillo ++ \*
Edie R. Freimark ++
Laura A. Hinkle ++
Alexandra A. Jerzyk ++
Jeanette M. Towns ++

### Residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems

Hever S. Diaz ++ Logan V. Murray ++

### Truck Driving

Nicholas W. Aiello ++
Ramon Cabrera ++
James M. Garner +
Joshua Perez Golembiewski ++
Erik J. Mendoza +
Duane F. Perkins ++
Alexander A. Quezada ++

### **DECEMBER 2023 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION**

### **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

Emily G. Acevedo Izaac Acevedo

Jackson A. Adams +

Ederlyn May S. Adora

Kaitlyn Rae Aehlert

America M. Aguilar +

Nicole M. Alcantar +

Daisy G. Alcaraz

Anya Tripoli Alfante +

Andrea Heily Pizano Alvarado

Jazmin Panfilo Araujo

Lesli Arroyo

Emily R. Awalt

Fatima Ayub + Gloria M. Baez-Cruz

Dayana Isabella Bagdo Lugo

Rodney J. Barber +

Yaritza E. Barrera

Angelo Gabriel Santos Bassig

Liliana Olvera Bedolla

Jessi I. Blakley

Zoe J. Blazier ++

Jordan E. Blomstrand ++

Brett R. Bloomberg

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Meghan M. Brophy ++ \*

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Aolany Campuzano +

Gwyneth Joy P. Canlas \*

Taina M. Caraballo \*

Lizet Castillo +

Vanessa Castro Kirk R. Chandetka

Michayla E. Chandler +

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Antonio G. Cipolla + Nicole B. Clements

Quinn A. Coleman ++ \*

Juana Elizabeth Contreras

Jasmine N. Cook ++ \*

Jasmine G. Corona

Maggie K. Cramer

Trevor C. Crisci ++

Maria C. Robles Cruz + \*

Ma Lourdes Darvin +

Jaquelynn R. DeLavergne

Samantha Delgado

Mia Delordo

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Rebecca Clegg Dunski

Galilea Duran

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Ginalucia Faso

Casey L. Flatland ++

Daniel James Fleming +

Jacob M. Gantz ++

Angela Garcia ++

Jose Luis Garcia Jr.

Margaret Garcia \*

Brian Garduno

Amber M. Gebhardt

Grace Makenzie Genke ++ \*

Sophia Georgitsis

Jaylin L. Gomez +

Ashley Gonzalez ++ \*

Veronica Gonzalez

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE continued

Stacey Gonzalez-Gloria

Makayla L. Gotter ++

Madison A. Gow

Brianna Katece Gray Grace B. Greenwell

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Alyssa Nicole Harvey Farah H. Hassan

Clayton William Elliott Hazelgrove IV \*

Taylor Nicole Heard

Jasmin C. Hernandez + \*

Jorge Arturo Carreon Hernandez ++ \*

Keiry X. Argueta Hernandez

Tyler Hopkins

Aliza B. Ideran + \* Sophia Jacobs

Brandon Jarnutowski Maureen C. Jimenez

Chance J. Kesler

Mariya Khan + Kailee A. Klempner +

Gina Marie LaGrippe + Kassandra Landeros

Gabriela Lara

Duke A. Larkin Cena Leach +

Kaitlyn E. Leithem

Angela F. Lelli ++

Natalie S. Leon + \*

Marisa Letizia ++ \* Laura Linares

Alejandro Lopez ++

Blanca A. Lopez ++ Ciara N. Lopez

Daniela Lopez ++ \*

Karla I. Lopez

Giuseppe F. Lorusso \* Jake Ryan Lynam +

Isabella I. Maes

Melanie Maldonado

Isabella Nicole Martinez +

Maximus J. Medigovich +

Destiny R. Meza

Erin R. Milczarski + Alexander J. Miller

Gavan J. Mitchell ++

Kyle A. Mohr ++ Sophia V. Moncini +

David Javier Moreno de la Santa

Christian I. Muñoz +

Stephanie Murillo

Patrica K. Musanje Caitlin Myrda ++ \*

Alexis S. Nally

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Cvra A. Oh +

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Asia Payton

Sydney C. Peterson

Hannah J. Pieler-Salinas +

Joshua J. Pieper

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Alexis Ramirez \*

Fitz Gerard Reves Ramirez Jr.

Veronica Ramirez ++

Tristan D. Ribbens ++

Anna Rivera

Ariel G. Rivera + \*

Victoria A. Robledo

Angelli E. Robles +

Jorge Rodriguez

Lesly Rodriguez \*

Tracy Rodriguez +

Erin G. Rollins

Rena J. Rosenquist

Cole D. Runkel

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### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE continued

Victoria I. Rutkowski + Janette V. Saltigerald-Garcia

Francis I. Santiago Cynthia Saucedo Julia E. Schmidt + Tyler J. Schutt

Raghdah F. Shaibi + \*

Omar Sifuentes +

Michael E. Small +

Danielle T. Smith

Davey Sphabmixay

Abigail Stout

Julia V. Swanson ++ Jenalyn C. Ticzon

Jacob V. Toniolo ++

Jonathan Ivan Torres

Victoria Rose Tulley \*

Jarred A. Tupas Sherlyn E. Umana

Miranda R. Urdaneta ++

Marisa Nicole Vara +

**Emilio Vargas** 

Leonardo R. Velazquez ++

Anthony John M. Villa +

Edgar Villa Jr. ++

Luis M. Villalba Jr.

Adriana J. Wandell ++

Cole E. Weiler \*

Jennifer Darling Wells

Graham B. Werkmeister +

Nikala R. Wiedenbeck

Madelyn P. Witecha \*

Jennifer Anne Zitella ++ \*

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Mohammed Aman Ahmed ++ \*

Faiz Ansari +

Juan Manuel Antunez + \*

Rodrigo Arroyo + \*

Liliana Bañuelos ++ ^^^

Sebastian Baran

Yuliana Belloso \*
Anthony L. Clark + \*

Nicholas A. Coates ++

Jasmine N. Cook ++ \*

Natividad De La O Villanueva

Cuauhtemoc Fabian Jr.

Shayani Franco ++

Clinton W. Goff +

Naidelyn E. Gonzalez

Morgan J. Hahn ++ \*
Vanesa Herrera ++

Vanesa Herrera + Dhruvi N. Jani

Kehkashan Khan ++ \*

Victoria J. Kolodziej ++

Patrick J. Kostrzewa ++ Zuzanna A. Lapa \* Ciara N. Lopez

Kristopher Bryon McCoy

Jennifer R. McDonnell

Pearlie Mcnair

Daphne Mendoza Hanna N. Merritt +

Nadeera Y. Mohiuddin

Joel C. Morrison \*

Kirsten H. Munar +

Natalie Ocampo + \*
James Park

Javier Mendoza Ramirez + \*

Chase S. Richards ++

Trent M Riess +

Yasmin Rodriguez ++

Rachel Rose Rogawski

Christopher J. Rojo +

Carlos Segura +

Giovonnie D. Simmons

Mallory M. Sloma

Cameron W. Smith + \*\*

Hugo Sztuk Vel Sztukowski +

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE continued

Jovanni Vega Trenton J. Willard Rem Rose Tabieros Villanueva ++ \* Stephen J. Zelske

### ASSOCIATE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCE DEGREE

Allen Noel Recio Boongaling + Ricky Real +
Angel Lopez + Fernando Saucedo
Eduardo Jose Perez Ignacio Young

### ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Dulce M. Fox Brenda J. Law +
Bryan C. Herbig

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

### Accounting

Diana Gabriela Gomez Oviedo + Bhaumik D. Patel

### Automotive Service Technology

Yahir Castillo Meralia Gomez + Tyler J. Kaczmarek Huzefa Kamran

Nathaniel M. Penchar + Esmeralda Rodriguez Angel Vazquez

#### **Business**

Molly M. Gruber +
Katherine Najera
Maria E. Perez ++ \*
Andrea M. Schwindt ++

### Communication Design-Videography and Motion Graphics

Owen A. Stout

### Computer Aided Design

Alyssa L. Bading ++\*
Ryan J. Wallace ++

### Computer Information Systems

Kledis Kumbulla Eric Martinez Zeel K. Soni +

### Criminal Justice

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Karina Ponce-Marquez ++

Edith Rodriguez Angelo Spano Juan A. Valadez +

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### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE continued

### **Culinary Arts**

Christopher J. Canaday + Bryan Guido-Jaimes +

### Education-Early Childhood

Brittney C. Cabrera +
Yessica Corona +
Kimberly A. Garcia ++
Karina Ochoa ++
Jacqueline Pena ++
Lindsay P. Wolf ++

### Fire Science and Safety

Mariam Laila Ali ++ Emmanuel Martinez Jr. + Jonathan Mutchler ++ Marissa R. Roman +

### Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration

Fernando Jaimes ++ Giovanny Jaimes ++ Sebastian A. Luberda

#### Human Services Generalist

Maryam Ebadi Onyeka G. Eledan Crystal Espinoza ++ \* Clarissa Murphy ++ Claudia Ramirez ++

### Human Services-Substance Abuse Counseling Option

Jesse A. Ramirez ++ Erica Ann Thomas ++

### IST/Maintenance Technology

Emmanuel Fuentes ++ Eric L. Hanson ++ Daniel A. Siegal +

### Industrial Manufacturing Technology

Andrew J. Helsper

### Management

Chuthathip Wetzel ++

### **Nursing**

Karli Anne Bateman Katherine Bolonkowska Dotianna L. Burrage Gwyneth Joy P. Canlas + \* Josefina Carlos Gabrielle Denise Connell + Jill M. Connolly + Kimberly Czerniak Fric K. Foster Elizabeth L. Frey \* Ámbar Gonzalez Victoria J. Rios Gonzalez + \* Alexis K. Graiber ++\* Dena M. Hogland + Ana V. Ibanez Tessa H. Johnson Arianna Rae Kelly Gina Marie LaGrippe + Luke Lauder + Ciara N. Lopez Lucia Paulina Carpio Lopez Christina J. Loredo Grace Victoria Lossau ++ \* Esperanza Najera + Caroline Edna Nansamba Madison D. Newman \* Jessica Ollerer Yader D. Quinones + Annie Rajamysay Juan Ramirez + \* Katherine Rusnarczyk Genie Santella +

Francis I. Santiago

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Taylor Marie Shockey Jennifer Silva \*

Shaifali Singh

Jennifer L. Snively

Tetiana Tunik-Chorna \*

Maribel A. Turcan + \*

Angelina Valenzuela +

Joshua Kyle Villacastin ++

Jennifer Darling Wells + Mario Zavala \*

Pastry Arts

Maria Del Cielo Zarate

Radiography

Hailey Shown +

Surgical Technology

Jonathan A. Olson +

Diana A. Ruiz Lopez +

Jessenia Salazar

Welding Fabrication Technology

Light Commercial Heating, Ventilation,

and Air Conditioning Service Tech

Matt Tobin

### **VOCATIONAL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE**

### Clinical Dental Assisting

Areliz Barrientos

Emily Diana Cruz ++

**Dustin Egbert** 

Nicole A. Fox ++

Britnev Garcia ++

America Ollua ++

### Massage Therapy

Kevin J. Olivo ++

Giselle Flores

Pilar Hernandez ++

Rafael Manjarrez ++

James Park ++

Emily E. Saelens ++

Maritza Sanchez

Therese M. Wilson ++ \*

Abbie Wiseman ++

### Education-Early Childhood

Criminal Justice Law Enforcement

Yessica Corona

Nikki L. Forrest

Kimberly A. Garcia ++

Giovonnie D. Simmons

Edwina L. Watkins \*

Lindsay P. Wolf ++

### **Public Safety Communications**

Shakira Hernandez

### Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Facilities Maintenance Technician

Matthew S. Frendreiss ++

Ryan J. Sukta ++

### Truck Driving Owner/Operator

Robert J. Cook ++

### Welding

Meralia Gomez ++

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### **BASIC VOCATIONAL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE**

Adobe Creative Suite®

Kailee A. Klempner ++

Auto Heating and Air Conditioning

Benjamin West Hoskins

**Automated Electronic Systems** 

Emmanuel Fuentes ++

Joana K. Garcia

Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program

Karina Adame

Sara Isabel Benish

Michael K. Gillett

Crystal Godinez \*

Amarie S. Gray

Jessica Arlene Haugen

Reyna Jaimes

Estefania Gonzalez Martinez

Lynnette Morales

Atilio E. Moran

Evelyn Crystal Perez

Jocelyn Saavedra

Arianna Julia Zimny

**Basic Operations Firefighter** 

Jacob G. Kyprianidis +

Eduardo Erasmo Salgado

Brake and Suspension Specialist

Jose L. Rosiles

Computer Network Specialist

Zeel K. Soni ++

**Diaital Forensics** 

Kathryn Woehrle ++

**Education-Early Childhood** 

Kimberly A. Garcia ++

Marivel Flores Lopez ++

Giovonnie D. Simmons

Erica Smith ++

Edwina L. Watkins \*

Lindsay P. Wolf ++

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic

Daniel Alba

Connor M. Edgerton

Pedro A. Garcia

Benjamin Jablonski

Kyle A. Klatka

Duke A. Larkin

Caden J. Litzau

Ramsell A. Lopez

Dominik Makarewicz

Hannah J. Pieler-Salinas

Roberto Prado

Diego A. Sanchez

Kayla Scham

Melanie G. Williams

Airyana J. Williams-Cole

Emergency Medical Technology-

Paramedic

Huyen M. Nguyen

Engine Mechanical Repair Specialist

Benjamin West Hoskins

Marcus L. Walker-Sundara

**Engine Performance Specialist** 

Alexis R. Sanchez

Fire Science

Shawn M. Adkerson ++

Industrial Maintenance

**Emmanuel Fuentes** 

Joana K. Garcia

Eric L. Hanson +

Introductory Entrepreneurship

Meg N. Markovich ++

### Marketing

Molly M. Gruber +

### Paralegal

Brianna Gray +

Jasmin C. Hernandez ++ \*

Jennifer Teran ++

### **Personal Training**

Brianna Ramos

Anthony Alejandro Rios

Samuel I. Sancho

### Phlebotomy

Sophie E. Blackmore ++

Maribel Bosque +

Melissa Z. Cardenas

Alexandra Costante

Lizeth Guzman

Monika Olpinski

Melina Beltran Rodriguez

Maria R. Vega +

Mayra Guadalupe Velazquez +

### Preclinical Dental Assisting

Areliz Barrientos

**Emily Diana Cruz** 

Madison F. Lara +

### Recovery Support Specialist

Samantha M. Collins ++

Jennifer J. Guadarrama ++

Julie B. Hansen ++

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Taylor M. Patz ++

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Kelly Darcy Tracey

### Residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air

Conditioning Service Technician

Cameron D. Herak +

Josue R. Lopez ++

### Residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air

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Jesus Acuna ++

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### **ACADEMIC MACE**

An academic mace is traditionally carried in procession and mounted on stage whenever degrees are granted or when the faculty is assembled in formal academic dress. Elgin Community College's mace is made of locally grown black walnut, copper, and glass and incorporates ECC's logo and shared values. The mace was designed and crafted by Joel Peck, professor of art history; David Reich, professor of welding; and Howard Russo, professor emeritus of visual arts. It was funded by the Elgin Community College Faculty Association as a gift to ECC President David Sam in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the college in May 2010.

### LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE

The "lamp of knowledge" featured on the college's official seal and shown on stage during commencement symbolizes the illumination of the mind through scholarly pursuits. The lamp, as an indicator of intellectual and spiritual insight, has ancient origins reflected in numerous cultures and religions throughout the world. As a symbol for higher education, the lamp is connected to Greek philosopher Diogenes (circa 404-323 B.C.), who is reputed to have carried a lantern at noon in search of an "honest man," in which the man may have represented truth and knowledge.

The lamp featured on the ECC stage today was made by Howard Russo, professor emeritus of visual arts. Former Dean David Broad and Professor Emeritus E. Max von Isser were instrumental in establishing the lamp of knowledge in the college's seal and heraldry.

### **ACADEMIC DRESS**

Academic costumes derive from a type of robe and a head covering worn in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Diversity in color and style developed until an intercollegiate code was adopted in the United States to encourage standard designs and usage.

An academic costume consists of three items: the gown, the hood, and the Oxford cap or mortarboard. Gowns are easily distinguished by their sleeves. Basic gowns have full sleeves. Bachelor's gowns have long pointed sleeves. The sleeves of a master's gown are oblong panels reaching nearly to the hem of the gown. Each sleeve has a small arc cut out near the bottom and a slit at the elbow through which the wearer extends his arm. A doctor's gown has full and bell-shaped sleeves which carry three horizontal bars; it also has a velvet panel extending around the neck and down the front of the hem. The velvet trim is usually black, but may be of the color associated with the degree.

An associate's hood has a colored lining but no trim. A bachelor's hood is the same length but is trimmed with a narrow velvet band. A master's hood is longer and trimmed. A doctor's hood is four feet long, has a broad, rounded base, and is trimmed with a five-inch velvet border. The color of the trim of a hood identifies the wearer's degree; that of the lining, the institution which conferred the degree.

The Oxford cap, usually referred to as a mortarboard, is black and has a long tassel which is fastened by a button on the top. Doctors wear a gold tassel. The tassel is usually worn dangling over the left front of the cap. During conferring of degrees, the graduates turn their tassels from right to left symbolizing the completion of their degrees or certificates.

Colors that appear on the trim of the hoods and indicating the field of study include:

Arts	White	Fine Arts	Brown
Business	Drab	High Honors	Gold
Education		Music	Pink
Engineering	Orange	Science	.Golden Yellow

### **HONOR CORDS AND STOLES**

### **HIGH HONORS**

Students who are graduating with high honors are wearing gold cords.

### **HONORS**

Students who are graduating with honors are wearing bronze cords.

### **BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVERS**

Members of this student organization are wearing stoles made of Kente cloth, which is produced in Ghana. The cloth's design is known as "key to success" and was chosen by students to acknowledge the vital role that formal education plays in their lives.

### **ICAPS SCHOLARS**

Students who are graduating as ICAPS Scholars are wearing silver stoles.

### RHO KAPPA CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA

Members of this community college honor society are wearing gold stoles and tassels.

### SALUTE VETERANS HONOR SOCIETY

Members of this veterans honor society are wearing white stoles.

### **VETERANS**

Active-duty military and veterans are wearing red, white, and blue Americana cords to honor their service to our country.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Students who earned ECC Foundation and Board of Trustee scholarships are wearing silver cords.

### STUDENT LEADER RECOGNITION

Students who served as executive board members of ECC student clubs or organizations for two semesters and have exhibited exemplary leadership and service to the college are recognized with blue and silver cords.

### STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SILENT (SWANS)

Members of this LGBTQIA+ advocacy group are wearing lavender cords.

### TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT

Students participating in the U.S. Department of Education student support services program are wearing red stoles.

### **APPRENTICE**

Students who participated in a U.S. Department of Labor certified apprenticeship during their studies are wearing green stoles.

### ASSOCIATED NURSING STUDENTS

Members of this club exhibit nursing excellence in an altruistic and culturally sensitive manner within our community and are wearing apricot cords.

### ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS

Students of Hispanic descent are wearing serape stoles.



## Elgin Community College to celebrate 75 years of excellence!

From our ambitious start in 1949 to today, ECC has committed to helping people improve their lives through learning.

To celebrate the many achievements of our students, staff, faculty members, board of trustees, and communities, ECC invites you to join us for events in 2024 to honor our past and look to our future.



Please scan this QR code for a full list of events to celebrate our anniversary in 2024. We hope you'll join us.



Alumni Relations

### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

### You did it!

You invested hard work and honored a commitment to yourself knowing that education improves lives. Today, we celebrate your achievements and welcome you to a community of over 50,000 alumni. ECC alumni all have one thing in common—a determination to transform their dreams into a better reality. We are proud of you and we hope you will always be proud to be ECC!

### Leverage your alumni network

Networking is a lifetime benefit of your education, so keep moving with fellow alumni on LinkedIn com

- Create a free LinkedIn® profile and include ECC in your education section.
- Forge relationships and nurture connections through what you have in common with others, like ECC, as you build a professional network.
- Follow ECC on LinkedIn and watch posts for alumni and community opportunities.

### Move ahead by coming back

Expand your leadership skills when you volunteer on an ECC advisory committee, as a guest speaker, or as an expert panelist. Opportunities to multiply your career contacts nationally and throughout communities served by ECC might lead you

to an intern or apprentice, a new hire, or even your own next job.

Alumni successes reinforce the strong reputation of an ECC education and amplify a legacy of excellence. You strengthen our community and inspire students by sharing your story.

Today isn't the end of your relationship with ECC, it's a new beginning.
To learn more, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@elgin.edu or 847-214-7820.



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\*Only portions of these communities are in ECC's district.



## Thank you to all who contributed to today's commencement celebration.

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