

GARDEN CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Commencement 2020



Thank you for joining us for this historic occasion!

Unlike a normal commencement program, we encourage you to clap, cheer, and celebrate from afar throughout our live video!

Join us on social media in congratulating this year's graduates:
#GCCC100THCLASS

LIVE broadcast of the commencement ceremony is available online at BUSTER TV on www.YouTube.com. The recording will also be available following the livestream.



Garden City Junior College's *First Graduate Mildred Hope*

to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to help with the war efforts, where she also attended a local college to continue her studies.

With transfer credits in hand, Hope returned to GCCC, enrolling Fall 2019 as a second-year student. She took science and language classes and played women's basketball. As the lone graduate of Spring 1920, Hope joined the high school graduation ceremony.

"I guess they didn't think I was worth getting all those people together just for me," she said, according to the GCCC 1980 yearbook.

She then completed her education at Washburn University, earning her degree in French and Spanish and went on to teach these subjects. However, a serious illness put an end to her teaching profession.

Yet, that was not the end of Hope's service-oriented career. What began in the 1930s as a part-time role to help needy families with clothing during the depression era turned into a life-long

career with the American Red Cross. Hope served as executive secretary of the Santa Fe Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 30 years, before retiring July 1, 1971, according to an edition of The Garden City Telegram published June 28 of the same year.

In this role, she spearheaded the organization's area blood program, helped introduce driver training programs in the schools, and assisted with communication efforts between public service members and their families.

"The most rewarding aspect of my job is saving lives," she told The Telegram in 1971.

GCCC's mission today – to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-being of society – is evidenced by the work and dedication of its first alumna. No truer example exists than a woman who spent much of her life serving others and working to improve her community.



Commencement Speaker *Zarina Davletova*

Zarina Davletova is a math and economics major with a 4.0 GPA. She is from Turkmenabat, Lebap, Turkmenistan, and is the daughter of Davletov Ilham and Davletova Venera.

Zarina, a GCCC international student, believes that the two years that she has spent at Garden City Community College, her first time in the United States, have been "life-changing."

"GCCC has helped me to find my true passion and set more goals for my future," she said. "I decided to try out for the commencement speaker as I would like to share my fantastic experience here."

During her time at GCCC, Zarina served as a Residential Life Advisor, a math and economics tutor in the Comprehensive Learning Center (CLC), treasurer for Student Government Association (SGA), a member of the Math and Science Club, and a member of the Quiz Bowl team. She also volunteered with Girl Scouts and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Finney & Kearny Counties, as well.

Thanks to her academic excellence and commitment to community service, Zarina was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Academic Team along with about 50 other top scholars in the state. Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society represented at GCCC by its local chapter, Alpha Xi Upsilon.

In her spare time, Zarina likes reading, cooking, photography, and spending free time with her younger siblings who are back home in Turkmenistan. To stay in touch, she video chats with her family back home as often as she can.

Zarina has not chosen her transfer university for next fall, but she plans to pursue studies beyond a bachelor's degree program in math and economics. She looks back fondly during her time at GCCC as a time of growth, leadership, and friendship.

"Being far from home, GCCC has become like a family to me because of all the wonderful people," she said. "Through leadership conferences, community services, and college projects, I've been able to not only learn but also develop myself as an individual."



Commencement Speaker *Emily Glenn*

Emily Glenn, a graduate of Scott Community High School, is an agriculture education major with a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Roger and Toni Glenn.

Emily, a fourth-generation Garden City Community College student, has been involved in a multitude of activities and community service projects during her time at GCCC.

She said her instructors, coaches, and fellow classmates have made her two years here a "valuable experience."

"I feel honored to speak at the 100th commencement ceremony," Emily said. "By being a very involved student, I feel like I can represent the student body while providing some inspiration to the graduates."

At GCCC, Emily served on the Meats Judging Team, which finished this past academic year as National Reserve Champions. During her time as a "meathead," Emily earned a first-place individual honor at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and American Royal contests. She was also named to the First Team All-American for her individual honors in meats judging.

In addition, Emily served as president of GCCC's Collegiate Farm Bureau, as secretary of Student Government Association (SGA), as an executive officer of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), and as a member of Block and Bridle and GC3 Media.

A farm and ranch girl at heart with plans to teach in her future, Emily said her most outstanding accomplishment was being elected as the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council President.

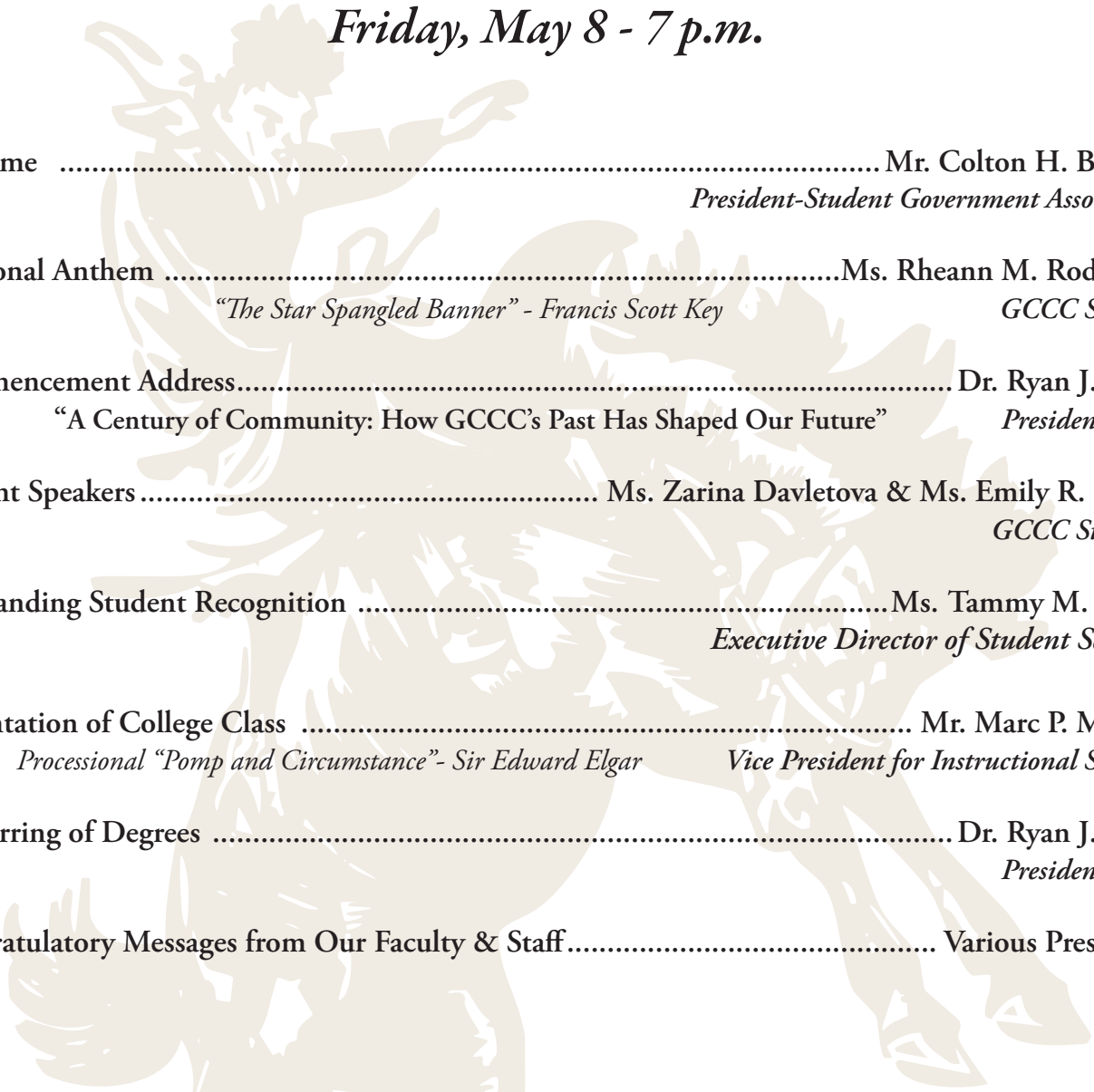
"With this honor, I led and motivated the state 4-H council of 25 youth members from across the state in hosting state-wide leadership events," she said. "I am incredibly thankful for this experience as I was able to strengthen my leadership skills, make connections across the entire nation, and represent an organization that is synonymous with my personal growth."

Emily will be transferring to Kansas State University in the fall. Her goal is to get a degree in agricultural education with a minor in ag business. She hopes to one day return to southwest Kansas to become a 4-H extension agent or agricultural teacher.

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100th College Class

Friday, May 8 - 7 p.m.



Welcome	Mr. Colton H. Bartlett <i>President-Student Government Association</i>
*National Anthem	Ms. Rheann M. Rodenbur <i>GCCC Student</i> <i>"The Star Spangled Banner" - Francis Scott Key</i>
Commencement Address.....	Dr. Ryan J. Ruda <i>President/CEO</i> <i>"A Century of Community: How GCCC's Past Has Shaped Our Future"</i>
Student Speakers	Ms. Zarina Davletova & Ms. Emily R. Glenn <i>GCCC Students</i>
Outstanding Student Recognition	Ms. Tammy M. Tabor <i>Executive Director of Student Services</i>
Presentation of College Class	Mr. Marc P. Malone <i>Vice President for Instructional Services</i> <i>Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" - Sir Edward Elgar</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Ryan J. Ruda <i>President/CEO</i>
Congratulatory Messages from Our Faculty & Staff.....	Various Presenters

Since **GCCC** graduated its first and
only transfer student in **1920**,
a total of **17,246** students have participated
in our graduation programs.

This year's **508** candidates for degrees and certificates is our
LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN
ALL OF GCCC HISTORY!

Academic Regalia

Since the regalia used in colleges and universities for academic occasions may not always be understood by visitors to a campus, the following information will explain the items of apparel. Administration, faculty, and professional support staff wear a black robe on appropriate occasions. Anyone possessing a college degree is also entitled to wear a hood. Hoods are generally black, trimmed in velvet in the color of the subject field, and lined with the colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The correct colors to denote various branches of learning have been established by the Intercollegiate Code:

Accounting- Drab;
Agriculture- Maize;
Arts, Letters and Humanities- White;
Business- Drab;
Counseling/Guidance- Light Blue;
Dentistry- Lilac;
Economics- Copper;
Education- Light Blue;
Engineering- Orange;
Fine Arts- Brown;
Forestry- Russet;
Home Economics- Maroon;
Journalism/Communications- Crimson;
Law- Purple;
Library Science- Lemon;
Mathematics- Golden Yellow;

Medicine- Kelly Green;
Music- Pink;
Nursing- Apricot;
Oratory/Speech- Silver Gray;
Pharmacy- Olive Green;
Philosophy- Dark Blue;
Physical Education- Sage Green;
Police Science/Criminology- Golden Yellow;
Psychology- Gold;
Public Administration- Peacock Blue;
Public Health- Salmon Pink;
Science- Golden Yellow;
Social Science- Citron;
Theology or Divinity- Scarlet Red;
Veterinary Science- Gray.

Ceremonial Mace



The **ceremonial mace** is a highly ornamented staff of metal or wood, carried before a sovereign or other high official in civic ceremonies by a mace-bearer, intended to represent the official's authority. The mace derives from the original mace used as a weapon. Processions often feature maces, as on parliamentary or formal academic occasions.

GCCC *Alma Mater* (by H.S. Thompson)

*On the plains of Western Kansas
Glorious to view,
Stands our College Alma Mater
Hail, Oh, Hail, to you!*

*Glorious, Victorious
Famous Brown and Gold
Hail, Oh Hail, you Broncbusters
Hail, Oh Hail, to you.*

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