



**51<sup>ST</sup> | LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**  
COMMENCEMENT

*Helms School of Government*

UNDERGRADUATE  
PROGRAMS

**Liberty Arena**

**May 9, 2024 | 6 p.m.**

*“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;  
and what doth the Lord require of thee, but  
to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk  
humbly with thy God?”*

MICAH 6:8 (KJV)



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# MESSAGE *from* THE DEAN

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Helms School of Government, congratulations on successfully reaching this milestone in your life! As you've courageously faced the challenges of earning your degree, we have prayed for you, counseled you, and supported you. Now we are excited and hopeful for your future. With the training you have received, you are equipped with the knowledge of your discipline, but more importantly, you have wisdom that comes only from the Great Lawgiver Himself. The world desperately needs you, and we look forward to the great things you will do!

Today marks a momentous achievement, and we hope that you will take the time to celebrate with the wonderful friends and family who have encouraged you along the way. You have earned the right to be proud of what you have accomplished here at Liberty University!

In Christ,

**Dr. Joel Cox**  
*Interim Dean*



# LIST *of* AWARDS\*

## Jesse Helms Award

*Madelyn Heaston | Katherine Musgrove*

## John Quincy Adams International Relations Award

*Ruben Frivold*

## Ronald S. Godwin Award

*Daniel Hostetter*

## G. Howard Gregory Award

*Aleksandra Drozd | Griffin Kuhn*

## Nathan Hale Award

*Julianna Vogl | Caitlyn Wetzel*

## The Patrick Henry Award for Leadership

*Colton Hughes*

## The Patrick Henry Award for Competition

*Sophie Ekstrom*



# LIST *of* AWARDS\*

## Dean's Council Award

*Cecilia Crossett | Colton Hughes | Jesse Hughes*

*Jordan Janson | Greyson Manor | Ryan Mapes*

*Britton Miller | Ashlyn Newcomer*

*Ava Standish | Dorien Porter | Julianna Vogl*

*Matthew Walker | Caleb Webb | Caitlyn Wetzel*

## Dean's Leadership Award

*Jackson Clark | Emma Scharstein*

*\*For a full description of each of these awards,  
please visit [our website](#).*



# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Welcome . . . . . Dr. Jason Ross**  
*Associate Dean*

**Invocation . . . . . Dr. Jason Ross**  
*Associate Dean*

**National Anthem . . . . . Gracelyn Hedrick**  
*Faculty Support Coordinator*

**Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Spc. Kevin Patrick Dillon**  
*Virginia National Guard*

**Welcome and  
Charge to the Graduates . . . . . Secretary Mike Pompeo**  
*Former Secretary of State*

**Awards Recognition . . . . . Dr. Kahlib Fischer**  
*Department Chair, Government*

**Dr. Jason Ross**  
*Associate Dean*

**Presentation of Degrees . . . . . Dr. Joel Cox**  
*Interim Dean*

**Benediction . . . . . Mr. Aaron Van Allen**  
*Associate Professor, Government*