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## Celebrating the Class of 2023 School of Education graduates

The School of Education celebrated its 2023 graduates during Commencement weekend May 19-20. Twenty-seven doctoral students were celebrated in a Doctoral Cording Ceremony on Friday. In all, 253 students graduated from undergraduate and graduate programs in education. [More.](#)



### Photo Galleries

View a collection of photos of the School of Education Commencement 2023.

[Doctoral Cording Ceremony](#)

[Commencement Ceremony](#)

### Commencement Livestream

Watch a recording of the livestream of the School of Education Commencement.

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## Philippa Chin Receives Margaret, the Lady Thatcher, Award

Philippa Chin M.Ed. '19, Ph.D. '23, recipient of this year's Margaret, The Lady Thatcher, Award for Scholarship, Character and Service, does not see obstacles. She sees opportunities. After moving to the United States from Jamaica and exploring different choices, her path to a career in counseling was full of challenges and rewards. [More.](#)

## FROM THE DEAN



May is a time of great joy and celebration in the School of Education. At Commencement, we awarded over 250 degrees to the next generation of educators who leave William & Mary prepared to serve children, families and schools in Virginia and beyond. I warmly congratulate our graduates and offer sincere thanks to our faculty for all that they do to inspire our students.

As we welcome our graduates as professional educators and leaders, I look to the future as they boldly take on the challenge of transforming students, schools and communities.

— Dean Rob Knoeppel

## NEWS & NOTES



### Elizabeth Burgin wins awards for outstanding work in play therapy and with military and veterans populations

Elizabeth Burgin was awarded the Association for Play Therapy Research Award, the Military and Government Counseling Association Outstanding Advocacy Award, and the Carl D. Perkins Government Relations Award. [More.](#)



### Personal growth and peacemaking through study abroad experience

W&M faculty and students were once again able to travel to Rwanda this past January for the study abroad experience of a lifetime. The main goal of this learning opportunity was to understand peace, reconciliation and forgiveness in Rwanda through the knowledge of pathways to violence and benevolence. [More.](#)



### 2023 Plumeri Award recipients honored for excellence

Heartley Huber, associate professor of special education, and School of Education alumna Dawn Edmiston, clinical professor of marketing, are among the 10 William & Mary faculty and athletics leaders recognized. [More.](#)



### **W&M Holmes Scholars attend annual American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Conference**

In February, William & Mary Holmes Scholars: Philippa Chin, Darla Edwards, Tai Exumé, Lavare Henry (Henry), Tamika Jackson, Jingjing Liu, Paola Mendizabal, Aishwarya Nambiar, and Sentra Snowden-Gregg traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the annual American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Conference.

[More.](#)



### **Team earns second NSF Grant to promote computational thinking in the classroom**

Gladys Krause, William & Mary assistant professor of bilingual and mathematics education, has continued an innovative and successful collaboration with colleagues Maggie Vanderberg, Eva Skuratowicz, and Eping Hung from Southern Oregon University, and with Jill Hubbard from Oregon State University-Cascades. Their consecutive National Science Foundation (NSF) grants, part of the “Computer Science for All” program, promote computational thinking (CT) in the classroom. [More.](#)

### **Carlane Pittman-Hampton Ph.D. '03 named W&M chief of staff**

Carlane Pittman-Hampton Ph.D. '03, a School of Education alumna and higher education leader with more than two decades of experience advancing a variety of initiatives at William & Mary, has been selected as President Katherine A. Rowe's chief of staff. [More.](#)



## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**



### **Ivana Marshall M.Ed. '23**

#### **Awarded best master's proposal at the James Madison University School of Strategic Leadership Studies Leading Change conference**

The master's thesis recognized by Ivana Marshall M.Ed. '23 is called "Do boards govern women of color away from college and university presidencies?" Marshall researched paths to the presidency, stereotypes towards women of color, mentorship, crises, politics, wage gaps, and more. Marshall presented her findings that there is a connection between the governing board and their leadership choices, which is keeping women of color from the presidency at colleges and universities.

Marshall shares, "Winning this award is an affirmation that I am on the right track, both academically and professionally. Thanks to my phenomenal advisor, Dr. Pam Eddy, I spent well-used time researching the works of those leading the conversation on women of color college presidents and their relationships to governing boards – Dr. Demetri Morgan, Dr. Raquel Rall and Dr. Felecia Commodore. Winning the award gave me hope that my name will be on the same citations as theirs one day soon!"

In addition to recently graduating from the Higher Education Administration program, Marshall is also the Associate Director of Alumni Engagement & Inclusion Initiatives at William & Mary.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### 'Teaching is building relationships': educator Alynn Parham emphasizes rewards of teaching, importance of education union

As a fifth-generation educator, Alynn Parham M.A.Ed. '18 understands the importance of educational advocacy. The Jamestown High School history teacher is currently the president of the Williamsburg/James City County Education Association. Through this role, she is rallying for increasing teachers salaries, school safety and addressing the anxiety of standardized testing for K-12 students. [More.](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Juneteenth at William & Mary

Join William & Mary as we celebrate Juneteenth at the site of Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved. The event will include performers, vendors, and more.

[More Information](#)



### Summer Institute

A professional development opportunity to train teachers on the sustained efforts to improve writing and learning for all learners. Teachers will learn how to teach writing in their classrooms, in every K-12 subject area. [More.](#)

### Youth Writing Camp

A week-long, in-person camp for students to learn how to become authors and artists, writing in various genres and exploring their creativity. [More.](#)

June 13-15: [I'm Determined Youth Summit](#)

June 16: [Juneteenth at William & Mary](#)

July 1-Aug. 10: [Eastern Virginia Writing Project \(EVWP\) Summer Institute](#)

July 10-13: [2023 Youth Leadership Academy](#)

July 10-Aug. 31: [The Strategic Instruction Model \(SIM\) Asynchronous Courses](#)

July 11-13: [Strategic Instruction Model \(SIM\) Learning Strategy Training](#)

July 11-13: [SIM Content Enhancement Routine Training](#)

July 16-18: [I'm Determined MOVE 2023](#)

July 17-21: [Eastern Virginia Writing Project \(EVWP\) Youth Writing Camp](#)

July 25: [Teach Happier This School Year](#)

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