



DOCTORAL HOODING AND HONORARY DEGREE CEREMONY

Academic Procession

Welcome

Tracy Baynard, *Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education*

Remarks

Joseph B. Berger, *Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, *Chancellor*

Honorary Degree Conferral

Charles John Hoff

Regina (Gina) McCarthy '76

Martha Minow

Hooding Ceremony

Academic Recession

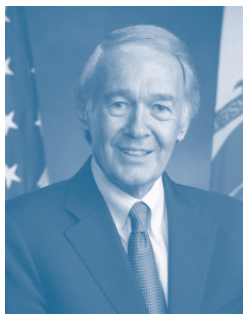
**Reception with light refreshments to follow in the
First Floor Atrium of the Integrated Sciences Complex.**

*Graduates planning to participate in the commencement celebration
on the lawn should report to the Clark Athletic Center Rink by 1 p.m.
for robing and lineup.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
CLARK ATHLETIC CENTER GYMNASIUM
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

Chancellor's Medal

Senator Edward J. Markey
*Chancellor's Medal for
Exemplary Leadership*



Senator Edward J. Markey has a prolific legislative record on major issues across the policy spectrum. He is a national leader on energy, environmental protection, and telecommunications policy, as well as nuclear nonproliferation. After 37 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, Markey was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2013.

He holds a BA from Boston College and a JD from Boston College Law School. In honor of his decades of work to achieve consumer and environmental protections, energy affordability, and global security, the University of Massachusetts Boston is pleased to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Senator Edward J. Markey. He will receive the Chancellor's Medal at the undergraduate ceremony on May 28.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Ana Maria Hidalgo
*Doctor of
Humane Letters*



The Honorable Ana Maria Hidalgo is the first woman ever elected mayor of Paris. Serving from 2014 until March 2026, she pursued an agenda focused on family housing, inclusive public services, and environmental action. She currently serves as global ambassador of the Global Covenant of Mayors, working on climate leadership with mayors around the world.

She holds a master's degree from Jean Moulin University Lyon 3 and a master of advanced studies from Paris West University Nanterre La Défense. We are proud to recognize Ana Maria Hidalgo for her tireless efforts to improve urban living. She will receive her honorary degree at the graduate ceremony later today.

Charles John Hoff
*Doctor of
Humane Letters*



Charles John Hoff is a successful entrepreneur and visionary philanthropist whose scholarships have changed lives. Over the years, he has transformed several businesses on the verge of ruin into successful enterprises. He credits his UMass education (UMass Lowell, class of 1966) with helping him succeed.

During the past 35 years, Hoff and his family have awarded over 3,000 scholarships across the UMass system, including more than 500 scholarships to UMass Boston students. In recognition of his longstanding commitment to the University of Massachusetts, we are proud to honor Charles John Hoff.

Regina (Gina) McCarthy '76
*Doctor of
Humane Letters*



The first White House national climate advisor and former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator, Regina (Gina) McCarthy is one of the nation's most respected voices on climate change and public health. She played a key role in restoring U.S. climate leadership on the global stage.

She earned a BA in social anthropology from UMass Boston and a joint MS in environmental health engineering, planning and policy from Tufts University. The University of Massachusetts Boston is pleased to recognize Regina (Gina) McCarthy for her ongoing commitment to the environment and public health.

Martha Minow
Doctor of Laws



Martha Minow is a renowned constitutional law expert who has focused on issues confronting marginalized groups and legal responses to conflict. She currently holds the 300th Anniversary University Professorship at Harvard University.

Previously, President Obama named her to the board of the Legal Services Corporation, and internationally, she helped launch the Imagine Co-existence program to foster peace in post-conflict societies.

Minow is a graduate of the University of Michigan, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Yale Law School. For her ongoing work to create a more just world, the University of Massachusetts Boston is pleased to honor Martha Minow.

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jennifer Maureen Butler-Rickard
Nursing Practice

Doctor of Philosophy

Tsotso Tawiah Ablorh *Clinical Psychology*
Jacob Adamczyk *Applied Physics*
Andrew G. Alberth *Gerontology*
Bonnie Albright *Gerontology*
Muhammad Ali *Global Governance and Human Security*
Selen Amado Sokullu *Clinical Psychology*
Eric Walter Anketell *Nursing*
Melinda D. Asiamah *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Vajra Sabhapathy Badha *Integrative Biosciences*
João Luís Baleia Marôco *Exercise and Health Sciences*
Adrita Barooah *Gerontology*
Christopher Schneider Benoit *Nursing*
Christina Bohr *Early Childhood Education and Care/Urban, Multilingual and Global Contexts for ECEC*
Josselyn Lorena Mata Calidonio *Integrative Biosciences*
Shibo Cao *Developmental and Brain Sciences*
Carminia Lissette Castillo *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Eunhu Chang *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*
Gregory Earl Chick *Higher Education*
Karla Melissa Corres Luna *Business Administration/Organizations and Social Change*
David Andrew Daggett *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*
Gianna Nicole D'Ambrozio *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*
Deborah Omowunmi Chat Dauda *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Jessica De Jesus Acevedo *Early Childhood Education and Care/Leadership, Policy and Finance in ECEC*
Eliza Goodhart Denoeux *Nursing*
Thomas F. Dimino *Biology/Environmental Biology*
Jamie Lee Donenfeld *Developmental and Brain Sciences*
Sokha Eng *Public Policy*
Iuliia Renisovna Fakhrutdinova *Applied Linguistics*
Candace Michelle Famiglietti *Global Governance and Human Security*
Aisha Farra *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*
Sarah Beth Fascitelli *Global Governance and Human Security*
Stephanie Margaret Fernandez *Higher Education*
Natasha Ann Fortes *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Changshuo Fu *Applied Physics*
Latesha Silver Fussell *Higher Education*
Nishi Gautam *Business Administration/Organizations and Social Change*

Katherine Magni *Nursing Practice*

William M. Gazlay *Chemistry/Biological Chemistry*
Yiyang Guan *Early Childhood Education and Care/Urban, Multilingual and Global Contexts for ECEC*
Sachin Gupta *Applied Physics*
Alec M. Hall *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*
Valeria Hernandez Talavera *Environmental Sciences*
Roger Huynh *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*
Mubarak Iddrisu *Business Administration/Management Information Systems*
Michael Allyn Jacob *Applied Linguistics*
Audrey B. Jasey *Nursing*
Haven Michelle Jones *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Sima Khani *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*
JieHyun Kim *Computer Science*
Cooper Moses Kimball-Rhines *Biology/Environmental Biology*
James Kintu *Global Governance and Human Security*
Erin Amaral Klee *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*
Rachel Karen La Russo *Applied Linguistics*
Lydia Greene Landim *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Jeein Law *Gerontology*
Ashley E. Lazarre *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Zhen Rong Liew *Computer Science*
David Andres Llamas *Applied Physics*
Andrew Joshua Marx *Higher Education*
Maxim Mastuyugin *Chemistry/Biological Chemistry*
Jayata Shailesh Mawani *Integrative Biosciences*
Breck Alyssa McCollum *Biology/Environmental Biology*
Kashmeel D. McKoena *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Dennis Miezah *Nursing*
Andrea Valentina Molina Palacios *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*
Anastasia Valeryevna Mozharova *Biology/Environmental Biology*
Courtney Elizabeth Mulligan *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Rachel Elizabeth Muriph *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*
Shauna Marie Murray *Global Inclusion and Social Development/PMT*
Ashutosh Nath *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*
Patricia Tiimah Naya *Business Administration/Organizations and Social Change*
Cindie Akiko Michelle Neilson *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Nghia Minh Nguyen *Applied Linguistics*
Fridah Dermillah Obare *Global Governance and Human Security*

Uzezi Elizabeth Okinedo *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*
Uchenna Charles Onuoha *Business Administration Finance*
Alice Palmer *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*
Leila Elisabeth Parks *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Poojan Nileshkumar Patel *Business Administration/Finance*
Pryanka Priscila Peñafiel Cevallos *Global Governance and Human Security*
Changmin Peng *Gerontology*
Carlos Andres Perez Espitia *Global Governance and Human Security*
Natalie Nile Luxor Pitheckoff *Gerontology*
Irina Alexandra Polunina-Proulx *Marine Science and Technology*
Sriramya Potluri *Clinical Psychology*
Surbhi Puri *Early Childhood Education and Care/Urban, Multilingual and Global Contexts for ECEC*
Yanan Kristin Qi *Computational Sciences/Data Analytics*
Tammy Reisman *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Hom Nath Rijal *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*
Lisa Ann Roe *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Kristina Maria Ruggeri *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*
Saied Saadat *Computer Science*
Shahrazad Sajadi *Global Inclusion and Social Development*
Daniel William Santos *Public Policy*
Stephen Paul Shaw-Lyon *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Yiming Shen *Computational Sciences*
Kaitlyn E. Siner-Cappas *Higher Education*
Chaowalit Srisoem *Nursing*
James D. Stark *Biology/Environmental Biology*
David Sulewski *Global Governance and Human Security*
Sarah Elizabeth Swanson *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*
Ilyitch Nahiel Tábora *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*
Emma Kristine Tynan *Public Policy*
Rita Bernadett Vloesko *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*
Jonathan Paul Webb *Chemistry/Biological Chemistry*
Matthew B. Weiss *Computational Sciences*
Nkasiobu Fred Wodu *Global Governance and Human Security*
Jenny Liang Wu *Clinical Psychology*
Molly Jeanne Wylie *Gerontology*
Kaela Aiyana Yamini *Clinical Psychology*
Youxiang Zhu *Computer Science*