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Government*

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PROGRAMS

Liberty Multipurpose Center

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*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and
what does the Lord require of you but to do
justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God?”*

MICAH 6:8 (ESV)



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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Congratulations, Helms School of Government graduates! Our faculty and staff and your families could not be more proud of this exceptional accomplishment in your lives. The days were long, the assignments were difficult, and some of you may have even doubted whether you could make it at times. Yet, you persevered and rightfully earned your degrees. You should be proud of achieving this significant milestone.

You now have the values, knowledge, skills, and education to make a positive contribution to our country, our communities, and to your families. Use these God-given talents to impact the world for good and for Christ each day. As you step into this next chapter, know that we are eager to watch your growth, your accomplishments, and the many ways you will serve and lead in the years ahead. Never forget that you will forever be an important part of the Helms School of Government community and Liberty University family!

God Bless and Semper Fi,

Major General Jason Q. Bohm
U.S. Marine Corps, Retired
Dean



LIST *of* AWARDS

Dean's Leadership Award

Harrison Shanton

Outstanding Graduate Award:

Master of Arts in Public Policy

Paul Oduor Aginnah | James Neville

Outstanding Graduate Award:

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Mallorie Young

Graduate Award:

Master of Science Political Science

Noel Farmer

Outstanding Graduate Award:

Master of Public Administration

Sabrina Kemper

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LIST *of* AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Award:
Master of Science in International Relations
Michael Bishop

Outstanding Graduate Award:
Master of Science in National Security
Deborah Bell

Outstanding Doctoral Student:
Public Administration
Van Slusser

Outstanding Doctoral Student:
Criminal Justice
Armando B. Dela Rosa Jr.

Outstanding Doctoral Student:
Public Policy
Bashir Safi



ORDER *of* CEREMONY

Welcome **Dr. Jason Ross**
Associate Dean

Invocation **Dr. Jason Ross**
Associate Dean

National Anthem **Ms. McKinzie Louise Nicolai**
Bachelor of Science
Law and Policy: Pre-Law

Pledge of Allegiance **Cadet Micah Tonsing**
United States Army, Bachelor of Science
Law and Policy: Pre-Law

Special Remarks **Former Secretary of State**
Mike Pompeo
Distinguished Chair

Charge to the Graduates **Major General Jason Bohm**
Dean

Awards Recognition **Major General Jason Bohm**
Dean

Dr. Jason Ross
Associate Dean

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ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Presentation of
Posthumous Degrees Major General Jason Bohm**
Dean

Dr. Jason Ross
Associate Dean

Presentation of Degrees Major General Jason Bohm
Dean

Hooding Ceremony Major General Jason Bohm
Dean

Dr. Jason Ross
Associate Dean

Presentation of the Class of 2026 Dr. Jason Ross
Associate Dean

Benediction Aaron Van Allen
Department Chair for Government

