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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

Jesse Helms Award

Hanna Bechtel

**John Quincy Adams International Relations
Award**

Alexander Kinkade Garland

Ronald S. Godwin Award

Madison Kelly

G. Howard Gregory Award

Lauren Killiany

Nathan Hale Award

Tanner Davis and Anna Karen Cummings

The Patrick Henry Awards

Leadership: Rachel Auld

Competition: Katie Cassady

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LIST *of* AWARDS

Dean's Council Award

*Rachel Auld, Matthew Bittner, Sarah Carrion,
Katie Cassady, Emma Chupp, Michael Haak,
Matthew McGuire, Grace Pattara, and
Isaiah Varella*

Dean's Leadership Award

*Garrett Argentieri, Allison Engle, and
Sydney Gilbert*



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

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

Awards Recognition **Major General Jason Bohm**
Dean

Dr. Kahlib Fischer
Department Chair for
Graduate Programs

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

Presentation of the Class of 2026 **Dr. Amanda Trent**
Associate Dean

Benediction **Aaron Van Allen**
Department Chair for Government

