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Helms School of Government

LIBERTY ARENA

GRADUATE & DOCTORAL PROGRAMS
May 5, 2022 | 2 p.m.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
May 7, 2022 | 10 a.m.

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MESSAGE *from* THE DEANS



Robert Hurt
Residential Dean



Ron Miller
Online Dean

Congratulations on successfully finishing the race! It has been our privilege to serve you as the deans for the Helms School of Government. We are excited for you and hopeful for our country's future because we have seen your character and know that we are sending you out into a world that desperately needs you.

Our mission here at Liberty and at the Helms School of Government is to equip you to be Christ-centered leaders in the public arena. With the training you have received here, you will leave not only with knowledge in your various disciplines but also with the wisdom that comes from a right relationship with the Great Lawgiver Himself.

This is a great milestone in your lives, and we hope that you will take the time to celebrate it with family, friends, and others who have cheered for you, encouraged you, and always prayed for you. You have earned the right to be proud of what you have done here at Liberty University. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Helms School of Government, we thank you for allowing us to pour into your lives so that you may be a powerful influence in the lives of others. We bestow upon you the mantle of statesmanship, confident in the knowledge that you will wear it well.

In Christ,

Robert Hurt & Ron Miller
Deans

ORDER *of* CEREMONY

Processional

Invocation **Dr. Joel Cox**

Pledge of Allegiance **Lance Corporal Jessica Buenrostro**
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Welcome and Charge to Graduates **Deans Robert Hurt and Ron Miller**

Awards Recognition **Dr. Joel Cox**

Special Recognition **Dean Robert Hurt**
Assistant Professor Robert Cooper

Presentation of Posthumous Degree **Dean Ron Miller**

Recognition of Doctoral Degrees **Dean Ron Miller**

Presentation of Degrees

Residential **Dean Robert Hurt**

Online **Dean Ron Miller**

Presentation of the Class of 2022 **Dr. Joel Cox**

Benediction **Dr. Jason Ross**

LIST of AWARDS

JESSE HELMS AWARD

Ashley Allen

The Senator Jesse Helms Award recognizes students who, by their commitment to Christian principles, conservative ideals, a strong work ethic, and statesmanship, honor the legacy of Senator Jesse Helms.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AWARD

Lia Cueto Jerez

The John Quincy Adams Award recognizes the International Politics & Policy students who, by their commitment to international awareness, academic excellence, and virtuous statesmanship, reflect the example of John Quincy Adams, whose service as a U.S. senator from Massachusetts and one of America's foremost diplomats and influential secretaries of state, led to his election as the sixth president of the United States and a notable post-presidency as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

RONALD S. GODWIN AWARD

Jonathan Riddick

Named after the founding dean of the Helms School of Government, this award recognizes students for their accomplishments and distinguished activities outside the classroom, as well as their involvement in important political affairs.

G. HOWARD GREGORY AWARD

Jessica Buenrostro

The G. Howard Gregory Award recognizes students who exemplify a commitment to duty, honor, and morality and who demonstrate professionalism and an assiduous approach to the study of criminal justice.

NATHAN HALE AWARD

Ashlyn Cowell and Paul Prentice

The Nathan Hale Award is presented to two students who best exemplify the courageous spirit, character, and dedication of our nation's first spy. At only 21 years old and facing execution by the British, Nathan Hale boldly declared, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

THE PATRICK HENRY AWARDS

Leadership — Joshua Payne

Competition — Faith Chudkowski

The Patrick Henry Leadership and Competition awards are given to select seniors who have received acceptance to ABA-accredited law schools. The award recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership within the legal studies arena, and dedication to the principles of life, liberty, duty, and honor, all while exhibiting the fruit of love for Christ.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Erin Cooper

This award recognizes the student who has demonstrated the utmost dedication to promoting and enhancing research and scholarship within the Helms School of Government.

MOST WELL-ROUNDED ADVOCATE

Lauren Saeger

This award recognizes the student who, through hard work and commitment to the Moot Court & Mock Trial programs, has competed and won awards for both teams.

LIST *of* AWARDS

DEAN'S COUNCIL

Satya Ath, Derartu Berrios, Jessica Buenrostro, Lia Cueto Jerez, Lauren Hosier, Danbi Jung, Meredith Minto, Paul Prentice, John Sharp, Hannah Todd, Mackenzie Vandixhorn, Ayanna Warden, Jessica West

The Dean's Council Graduates are recognized for their leadership, statesmanship, and service to the Helms School of Government.

DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sierra Abner, Joshua Beahm

Recipients of this award are recognized for their significant contributions to the Helms School of Government and student body through their principled leadership.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Master of Arts in Public Policy — Zane Richer and Morgan Schlesselman

Master of Science in Criminal Justice — Emily Brubaker

Master of Science in Political Science — Jason Kimmel

Master of Public Administration — Kristy Sasser

Master of Science in International Relations — Ismael Tounkara

Master of Science in National Security — Jenna Wright

Ph.D. in Public Administration — Erica Rumball-Petre

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice — Stephen W. Bell

Recipients of this award are recognized for their academic excellence, exemplary leadership, and Christian character.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Undergraduate Students:

Justin Allen, Sebastian Almonte-Orosco, Patrick Anderson, Melinda Baird, Roberto Barreto, Carissa Boll, Griffin Bonds, Allison Brady, Brandesha Brown, Hannah Cardenas, Robert Corson, Jack Costner, Ashlyn Cowell, Joseph Daubenspeck, Robert Dyer, Ericka Gilson, Joseph Gorky, Brookes Goshorn, Abigail Gozzard, Holly Grim, Ashly Hancock, Mark Heiny, Howard Hicks, Martin Hopman, Joshua Jachlewski, James Kirk, Julianna Lee, Joshua Lloyd, Victoria Matlock, Kelly McGee, Laura McIlvain, Joshua McManus, Micayla Metzinger, Rachel Mims, Tristan Miguez, Emily Murray, Claire Nelson, Tristan Patterson, Florencia Antolina Arce Pereira, Andrew Perryman, Robert Porti, Paul Prentice, Jon Rhinehardt, Michael Runyon, Kaleigh Sheridan, Rachel Solsman, Keegan Stan, Danielle Stout, Annemarie Townsend, Christian Trejo, Justin Van Dunk, Nathan Waite, Madelyn Walker, Rachael Watkins, Ellie Webber, Shea Whitehurst, Sydney Williams

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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

Congratulations,
GRADUATES!

