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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

4:00 PM

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

WASHINGTON COLLEGE CONVOCATION

PROCESSIONAL.....	Richard C. De Prospo, Ph.D. <i>Marshal, Professor of English and American Studies</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Fronheiser '28
INVOCATION	Rev. Caitlan Gartland <i>Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Chestertown</i>
WELCOME	Richard T. Wheeler '86 <i>Chair of the Board of Visitors and Governors</i> Bryan L. Matthews, Ed.D. '75 M'86 P'12 <i>President of the College</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2030	Johnnie Johnson <i>Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
GREETINGS.....	Zachary Tipton '27 <i>President of the Student Government Association</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE	Kathryn Lowry '05 <i>Chair of the Washington College Alumni Board</i>
Alumni Horizon Ribbon Award	
Dr. Billie (Ricketts) Brice '13	
Phaedra Michelle Scott '14	
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Kiho Kim, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Dean of the College</i>
Alumni Medal	
Visitors and Governors Medal	
Interfraternity - Panhellenic Council Awards	
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Rachel Durso, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor of Sociology Recipient of the 2026 Alumni Association's Award for Distinguished Teaching</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	
ALMA MATER	Stevie Lyles '26 (recorded)
BENEDICTION	Rev. Gartland
RECESSIONAL.....	Marshal De Prospo

Reception to follow in Casey Academic Center

OLD WASHINGTON

Charles L. Atwater, 1926

Arr. Garry E. Clarke H'88, 1995

By the gleaming blue Chester River
On the Maryland Eastern Shore,
Stands a glorious Alma Mater
Whose name we will ever adore.
'Tis a name that shone high in glory
When our country her freedom won.
And our College alone
Was the first one to own
To the fair name of Washington.

(Chorus)

So Washington, old Washington,
Our Washington we do adore.
We will fight for her honor,
As her sons and daughters have before.
So Washington, old Washington,
Our Washington forevermore,
She's our dear Alma Mater
On the old Eastern Shore.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rachel Durso, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Sociology



The 2026 winner of the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, **Rachel Durso** is the chair of the Department of Sociology and oversees the pre-law program and the Justice, Law, and Society minor at Washington College. She earned her B.A. in History from the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University in 2007, and both her M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 2009 and 2014. Durso came to Washington College in 2014 and teaches courses ranging from Introduction to Sociology to various aspects of criminology including courses on Variant Behavior, Punishment, Juvenile Delinquency and Victimology.

Earlier this year, Durso published *Mass Incarceration in America*, which explores the history of punishment

and incarceration in America and the consequences of carceral control on our politics, society, and population. She is currently working on a second book that examines prison privatization.

Durso also works on a multi-year grant project funded by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration in conjunction with the Washington College Geospatial Innovation Program and the Maryland Highway Safety Office. This project investigates how law enforcement officers use their discretion when conducting traffic enforcement and the general public's experience with and knowledge of traffic enforcement in Maryland.

Durso has published articles in *Social Science Research*; *Studies in Law, Politics and Society*; and *Social Problems* and has contributed chapters to multiple books. She also served as a grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation and co-organized conferences related to Digital Sociology at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In addition to her work at Washington College, Durso serves as the President of the Board of Trustees for the Kent County Public Library and fosters dogs for the Mid-Atlantic Border Collie Rescue. She lives in Chestertown with her husband, daughter, and menagerie of animals.

ALUMNI HORIZON RIBBON AWARD

Dr. Billie (Ricketts) Brice '13

Principal, Sudlersville Middle School



Born and raised on Maryland's Eastern Shore, **Dr. Billie (Ricketts) Brice** has dedicated her career to education, leadership, and serving the communities that helped shape her.

A first-generation college student, Billie attended Washington College, where she majored in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Her time at Washington College extended well beyond the classroom. She worked in the Vivarium, was a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha, and served for several years as President of Habitat for Humanity, helping grow the organization into a strong campus outlet for service and volunteerism. She was also the Vice President of the Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society and a member of the Best Buddies club. Her leadership and

commitment to the College community were recognized with both a Student Employee Award and a Student Leadership Award.

After graduating in 2013, Billie began her career as a middle school science teacher through Teach For America. She went on to spend several years teaching science and robotics, experiences that built the foundation for her passion for instructional leadership and creating opportunities for students to succeed.

Billie earned her Master of Science in Education in Secondary Education, along with her school administration certification, from Johns Hopkins University. In May 2023, she earned her Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Liberty University.

Her career eventually brought her from the classroom into school leadership. Before the age of 30, Billie became an Assistant Principal at Kent Island High School. She later served as Academic Dean at Queen Anne's County High School, where she supported students and teachers while helping develop the next generation of educators. Today, she serves as Principal of Sudlersville Middle School and is beginning her second year leading the school. For Billie, the role is especially meaningful because of her deep roots on Maryland's Eastern Shore and her commitment to giving back to the community she calls home.

Billie is married to her high school sweetheart, Tyler Brice '13, a fellow Washington College alumnus. Together, they have two children, Piper and Wyatt. The Washington College connection also runs in the family: Billie's sister, Betsy Ricketts '14, is also a proud alumna.

ALUMNI HORIZON RIBBON AWARD

Phaedra Scott '14



Phaedra Michelle Scott is a writer and dramaturg based in New York City. Her playwriting credits include *Good Hair* (Commissioned by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant & Ensemble Studio Theater, developed with Pipeline Playlab); *Diaspora!* (which received the 2024 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding New Play and was developed at the Great Plains Theater Conference); and *Plantation Black* (developed at SPACE on Ryder Farm, Playwrights Horizons, Seven Devils Playwrights Conference, and LobstahLab, the new play development retreat of Philadelphia's InterAct Theatre Company, where *Plantation Black* had its world premiere in February).

Other plays include *The Puritans* (commissioned by Sparkhaven Theater Company), *Unity* (commissioned by University of Massachusetts, Amherst), and *Stompin' At the Savoy* (commissioned by Documentary Arts, and premiered at Delaware Theater Company in 2025). She is an alum of Playwrights Horizon's New Works Lab, SPACE on Ryder Farm, and Pipeline PlayLab, and Youngblood with Ensemble Studio Theater.

As a dramaturg, she has worked in new play development institutions around the country where she supports living writers. She is the Resident Dramaturg of New Harmony Project. Other credits include her work as a freelance producer with Audible Theater in the Emerging Playwrights Fund; select credits include dramaturgy with: MCC Theater (NYC), American Ballet Theater (NYC) New Victory Theater (NYC), New Dramatists (NYC), MTC Theater (NYC). The Playwrights Realm (NYC); Regional credits include: Geffen Playhouse (Los Angeles), Huntington Theater Company (Boston), Cleveland Play House, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Salt Lake Acting Company. Other credits include the Playwrights Center, Great Plains Theater Conference.

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