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# Stark State College

## A History of Educational Excellence

Stark State College was founded in 1960 to meet the need for technical education. As computerization and new technologies became the norm, Stark State provided the community well-educated, highly trained technicians with two-year college degrees.

Today the largest among the five colleges and universities in Stark County, Stark State is a fully-accredited state college that provides affordable, accessible, quality education, offering more than 200 associate degrees, one-year certificates and career enhancement certificates in business and entrepreneurial studies, education, liberal arts, mathematics, engineering technologies, information technology, health and public services and sciences.

Degrees awarded in associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of applied business and associate of technical studies prepare our graduates for career success as they move directly into the workforce or choose to continue their education in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. A wide range of short-term career enhancement certificates help employees improve skills and gain a competitive edge in a society with rapidly changing technology. Career enhancement certificates lead to associate degrees and one-year certificates in various fields of study.

Well-respected in the community, Stark State College plays a vital role in the economic growth and development of the region. Community and business partnerships are vital to the College, which has developed an outstanding reputation among business and industry for its willingness to aggressively enhance workforce development activities in support of emerging needs.

The Stark State College Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization existing solely to benefit the students and programs of Stark State College and to assist the College in reaching a higher level of excellence in serving the educational needs of our community.

Because a well-educated, well-trained workforce is the best resource any community can have, throughout its history Stark State College has played a vital role in changing lives and building futures in our community. More than 17,000 Stark State College graduates live and work in our community, contributing to the vitality of our region and serving as a true testament to the College's commitment to excellence in education.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2023

## The Academic Processional

The academic processional precedes the graduation ceremonies and reflects the early origins of education. To recognize the achievements of their students, higher education institutions in America hold an official commencement, during which time students are awarded appropriate degrees at the completion of their studies.

Academic costume has a history of nearly eight centuries. As students in medieval Europe organized into guilds, they developed distinctive costumes for various degrees. Differences among this garb appeared mainly in the hood, which is derived from the cloak. Hoods are now ornamental and are draped over the shoulders and down the back. The hood is faced with colors, which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining are those of the college or university by which the degree was granted.

In Europe, a professor generally wears the type of garment customary in the university where he or she is lecturing. In the U.S., professors continue to wear the gown and hood of the university where they received the highest degree.

The cap, or mortarboard, is thought to have been created in the 15th century. In the U.S., caps are generally flat and square-shaped. A tassel is attached to a button on top of the mortarboard. Tassels for associate and bachelor's degrees are black while those for master's degrees are black or a color appropriate to the major field of study. For doctoral degrees, tassels are black or gold. The tassel is moved from the right side of the cap to the left side after receiving a degree and worn on the left side by those who have received a degree.

The various colors of the hoods signify the field of study in which the degree is earned. For example: white – arts/letters and humanities, olive – business and commerce, light blue – education, orange – engineering, purple – law, golden yellow – science, apricot – nursing, lemon – library science, pink – music, and green – medicine

## Distinction and High Distinction

Graduates who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their technologies will be announced as graduating either with distinction or high distinction.

Graduates who have a grade point average of 3.4 or above will graduate with distinction.

Graduates who have a grade point average of 3.8 or above will graduate with high distinction.

The level of distinction is based on the grade point average at the end of the semester preceding graduation. If the level of distinction changes after final grades are posted for the graduating semester, the student's academic record will be updated.

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## History and Tradition of the Mace

The ceremonial mace that is used in college and university commencement exercises was originally a weapon designed to protect kings that dates back to 12,000 B.C. Throughout history, the mace also has been a symbol of royalty and justice. Though maces traditionally were used as weapons, Scottish maces are musical instruments and have been and continue to be used as instruments of wartime music and military bands. The mace also is a symbol of academic authority. In commencement ceremonies, the mace is carried before the president and dignitaries who are seated at the platform where the graduates receive their diplomas.

## The Construction and Symbolism of the Stark State College Mace

Stark State College's commencement mace is handcrafted from cherry wood, salvaged from a fallen tree on Stark State College's campus. The mace is 50 inches long and weighs 16 pounds. It was turned in March of 2006 by local craftsman Merle Weber. The Massillon Plaque Company fabricated the metal castings on the mace to the College's specifications.

The foundation for the head of the mace is constructed of Ohio flint, a crypto-crystalline quartz and the state's official gemstone. The mace is crowned on both the obverse and reverse sides, with the official logo of the College.

Four brass bands on the staff are engraved with the four names of the College and the dates associated with those names, capturing the College's history and development since its founding in 1960. Three cast-brass plates affixed to the large barrel section near the top of the mace symbolize the College's national and state affiliations. The first cast brass plate depicts the United States flag. Symbolizing our state college status, the next casting displays the state motto and the final casting displays the Great Seal of the State of Ohio.

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Dear Friends:


Congratulations to the 2023 graduates of Stark State College.

This day marks the culmination of years of hard work. In his memoir, Nelson Mandela wrote that, "It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." You come from many different backgrounds, and some of you were not given very much in life. It's a testament to your perseverance, your skills, and your character that you will walk across the stage today, as Stark State College graduates.

The education that you've received is more than just a piece of paper. It means that you've been given an opportunity to succeed. The journey that lies ahead may seem daunting at times, and when it does, reflect on this moment, and all your efforts that led to it. And, when the opportunity presents itself, be sure to lend support to others, just as your professors and mentors and families have to you.

I look forward to seeing what you all do next, and whatever path you choose, know that we are all so proud. Enjoy this special day, and I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

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Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from Stark State College. This is a significant milestone that marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.


As you celebrate this momentous occasion with your family and friends, I encourage you to reflect on your experiences at Stark State College and the knowledge you have gained during your time here.

The world needs your unique perspectives and innovative ideas now more than ever before. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I encourage you to use your education to make a positive impact on the world. Whether you choose to pursue a career in your field of study or continue your education, you will go on to do great things.

Never stop learning and always strive for excellence. Your hard work and determination have brought you this far, and I have no doubt that you will continue to succeed in all your future endeavors.

Congratulations once again, Class of 2023. You should be incredibly proud of your achievements, and whatever comes next, know that I am rooting for you.

Sincerely,



JD Vance

Senator



## *Special Congressional Recognition*



IN HONOR OF THE

## CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES OF STARK STATE COLLEGE

On behalf of the Thirteenth Congressional District, congratulations on your graduation!

Your graduation is the culmination of years of focus, diligence, and dedication, and you are to be commended for your efforts. This achievement is one which your family, friends, teachers, and community can be rightly proud. You have demonstrated a sincere determination to prepare yourself for a meaningful and rewarding role in our ever-changing and challenging society. I hope you will continue on this path by committing yourself to continual improvement and personal growth.

This time in your life is one filled with great possibility. I urge you to take stock of this moment—reflect on what you have achieved as you look to the future pursue your life's passion, whatever that may be. This accomplishment will be of value not only to yourself, but to your community, who will benefit from your success.

Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for a bright and successful future. Go Spartans!

May 21, 2023

DATE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emilia Strong Sykes".

EMILIA STRONG SYKES  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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Commencement  
speaker

**Michael L. Forbes, MD**

**Dr. Michael L. Forbes** is the chief academic officer and the William H. and Rebecca D. Considine Endowed Chair of Pediatric Research at Akron Children's Hospital. He also serves as professor of pediatrics in the department of pediatrics at the Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Medicine in Rootstown.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, in a family of eight brothers and two sisters, Dr. Forbes was raised by his mother in Brooklyn, New York, where early childhood experiences inoculated him with substantial resilience.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his medical doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. His pediatric residency and intensive care fellowships were both completed at the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital of the UPMC. He completed an additional National Institutes of Health fellowship in biomedical informatics and a master's of public health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Forbes was ordained for Christian ministry in 1986 and has been married to Dr. Yolanda Moore-Forbes for more than 35 years. They have two adult children.



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## Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



**Kalee Boyd**

associate in human  
and social services, '09

**Kalee Boyd** is a seasoned account executive at Spectrum Reach, where she has spent the last 18 years. Her most recent role is helping businesses grow through effective marketing strategies. Kalee's passion for helping others began while she was pursuing her degree in human and social services at Stark State College, where she graduated in 2009. She quickly realized she could make a positive impact within her own company, and decided to pursue further education in the area of management. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in organizational management and a master's degree in business administration from Malone University.

Kalee's commitment to her community is evident in her involvement with a number of organizations. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Stark State College Foundation, where she works to secure resources for students in need and build community partners. Additionally, Kalee is the vice chair of Women's Impact, an organization that empowers women to achieve their full potential, and she mentors young girls through the Be a Better Me Foundation, helping them to develop into confident and productive young women.

With a wealth of experience and a heart for service, Kalee Boyd is a true asset to her community and the business world.



**Leah Carreon**

associate of science  
registered nurse, '14

**Leah Carreon** graduated with an associate degree in nursing from Stark State College in 2014, beginning her registered nursing career in a coronary care unit, then transitioning to correctional nursing where she was quickly promoted to director of nursing.

Promoted to health services administrator at the Stark County Jail, she collaborated with the Stark County sheriff, prominent judges of the Court of Common Pleas and local committees focused on reducing recidivism of individuals with serious mental illness and substance abuse. She also introduced a medication-assisted treatment program for opiate use disorder; oversaw implementation of VitalCore Health Strategies into daily operations; updated systems, including electronic health records; and launched the only 30-day substance use program in an Ohio correctional facility – the Stark Adult Recovery Program.

Leah's passion for providing quality health care to a marginalized population was recognized by the Canton Repository in 2021 when they lauded her efforts to obtain COVID-19 vaccines for incarcerated individuals.

Leah is currently the director of operations for the Ohio region at VitalCore Health Strategies where she oversees health services for multiple jails. In her new role she was a lead presenter for a case study at the American Correctional Association and is seeking national accreditation for the correctional facilities she oversees.

Program

Processional .....	Pomp and Circumstance - Elgar-arr. Jack Gale Falls River Brass Quintet <i>(Audience will please remain seated during processional)</i>
Welcome and Introduction .....	Lada Gibson-Shreve, PhD Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Stark State College
Reflection .....	Ryan Johanning Director, Interfaith Campus Ministries
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Harun Rashid First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Stark State College
<i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> .....	Stark State College Chorale
Introduction of Board of Trustees.....	Lada Gibson-Shreve, PhD
Service Members and Veterans Recognition.....	Lada Gibson-Shreve, PhD
Alumni Association, Alumni Hall of Fame Award, and Introduction of Commencement Speaker .....	Para M. Jones, PhD President, Stark State College
Graduation Address .....	Michael L. Forbes, MD
Recommendation of the Class of 2023 .....	Andrew Stephan, PhD, Dean, Arts and Sciences Donald M. Ball, EdD, Dean, Business, Engineering and Information Technologies Kelly Reinsel, Dean, Health and Public Services
Presentation of the Class of 2023 .....	Para M. Jones, PhD
Conferring of Degrees .....	Karen C. Lefton, Esq. Chair, Board of Trustees, Stark State College

Nomenclators

Verlinda Bennett  
Juanita Robinson

Reflection .....	Ryan Johanning
Recessional .....	The Triumphal March – Verdi Falls River Brass Quintet <i>(Audience will please remain seated until the platform party and all graduates have left the auditorium)</i>

**Out of respect for our graduates, please turn off ALL electronic devices during the ceremony.**

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of graduates' names, or may result in listing of names of persons not completing graduation requirements. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's permanent academic record kept by the Office of Academic Records/Registrar's Office.

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Graduates wearing gold tassels and stoles are members of the Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honorary society for two-year colleges, based on academic achievement in degree-related courses. Members must have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher in at least 12 semester hours of degree-related courses and maintain a cumulative 3.2 GPA.

Phi Theta Kappa has more than 1.2 million alumni worldwide and offers its members opportunities in scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. Stark State's chapter began in 1996.

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Stark State's chapter was organized in 2014.

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TriBeta is an honor society dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Upon completion of the requirements and induction, the member will receive a membership card, honor cords, and will be recognized as a Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society member.

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