



2026

---

UNIVERSITY  
OF NEW ENGLAND

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
GRADUATION CEREMONY



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
CLASS OF 2026  
GRADUATION CEREMONY

Friday, May 15, 2026  
1 p.m.

Girard Innovation Hall | Portland, Maine

---

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine's largest independent university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized programs in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit [www.une.edu](http://www.une.edu).

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

The UNE College of Business offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs grounded in experiential learning, ethical leadership, and entrepreneurial thinking. From Business Administration and Accounting to Marine Entrepreneurship and Outdoor Business and Innovation, our programs prepare students for leadership roles across private industry, nonprofit organizations, and public-sector careers. The college's longstanding majors hold accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), reflecting its commitment to academic rigor and professional relevance.

Our location on the Maine coast shapes a learning environment unlike that of any other business school in the region. Students benefit from close ties to Maine's business community through internships, mentorships, and applied projects offered through the Center for Sales Excellence, the Center for Supply Chain Management, and the Center for Sport and Business Innovation. The college also provides access to interdisciplinary resources, including the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the P.D. Merrill Makerspace and Sustainable Innovation Center, where students engage in real-world problem-solving alongside faculty who bring industry experience into the classroom.

UNE College of Business graduates enter the workforce as nimble, ethically grounded professionals equipped to drive innovation and contribute to economic development in Maine and beyond. Whether pursuing careers with major corporations, launching independent ventures, or advancing their credentials through UNE's fully online Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, graduates leave UNE prepared to lead with purpose in an evolving global marketplace.

---

## THE POMP BEHIND THE CIRCUMSTANCE

### *Academic Regalia*

#### THE GOWN

The history of the academic gown goes back to the 12th century. During this period, everyone — both men and women, royalty, lay folk, clerics, tradesmen, students — wore long flowing robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner, from simple rough worsteds to rich gold brocades wrought with tassels and trimmed with colorful velvet and rich furs. It was in this period that the first organized bodies of learning were formed. From the gowns worn in the “universities” of the period have evolved the academic costumes of today.

The bachelor’s gown is a simple design falling straight from a rather elaborate yoke with long pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer’s knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The doctoral gown is cut much fuller and has large bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns are usually, but not always, black, and those of bachelors and masters are generally devoid of ornamentation. The doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front as well as by three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve.

The color of the velvet trim may be black or may indicate the nature of the degree. For example, the color designating a Doctor of Philosophy is dark blue; a Doctor of Medicine, green; a Doctor of Education, light blue; a Doctor of Science, golden yellow; a Doctor of Humanities, white; a Doctor of Law, purple.

#### THE HOOD

The hood seems to have had a somewhat practical origin. Medieval monks used their hoods for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms.

Today, the hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia by which the observer can ascertain the wearer’s level and kind of degree. At three feet long, the bachelor’s hood is the smallest. The velvet trim along the edges, indicating the nature of the degree, is two inches wide. The master’s hood is six inches longer and bears a three-inch velvet trim.

The doctoral hood is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch velvet trim, indicating the nature of the degree.

The colorful interior of the hood, visible from behind, indicates by hue the degree-granting institution. The University of New England’s colors are blue and gray.

---

#### THE CORDS AND STOLES

The cord in graduation ceremonies is used to signify a special designation or membership in an honor society. The origin of the cord is from the Catholic and Anglican churches, where cords were used to distinguish between the varying levels of clergy members.

#### Academic Honors

Undergraduate students graduating with academic honors will be recognized for their academic excellence by cords of different colors draped around their necks: summa cum laude (gold), magna cum laude (blue), cum laude (silver).

#### Military Service Honors

The University is proud to recognize students serving or who have served in the various military branches of the United States of America. Graduating students currently serving in the U.S. military and veterans will be recognized by a red, white, and blue cord.

#### Global Education

The Office of Global Education recognizes students who have studied abroad as part of a UNE program for one semester or more with a stole that is reflective of the flag of the country in which the student studied.

#### ISE Student Leaders

The Office of Intercultural Student Engagement honors student leaders who have worked to advance knowledge of cultural diversity and social justice. These students have served as officers of an organization in the Cultural Council or a University committee and will be recognized by a distinctive kente stole.

#### ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

*Alpha Chi* (National Honor Society) White stole with blue and green Greek letters

*Chi Alpha Sigma* (National College Athlete Honor Society) Black/gold cord with tassels

*Phi Alpha Theta* (History) Red/blue cord with mixed tassels

*Psi Chi* (Psychology) Insignia pin, platinum/dark blue cord with mixed tassels

---

## STRIVES AWARD

### FOR EXEMPLARY VALUES OF STEWARDSHIP

Inspired by the College of Business' STRIVES framework (Student-Centered, Technology-Driven, Respectful, Innovative, Versatile, Empathetic, and Sustainable), the STRIVES Award is the College's highest student honor. It recognizes a graduating student who embodies these values as a steward of the College's mission: leading with integrity, supporting others, innovating thoughtfully, and acting as a responsible citizen of both the campus and broader community. The recipient stands as a role model whose actions uplift peers, advance learning, and contribute meaningfully to a more inclusive, forward-thinking, and environmentally conscious world.

AWARD RECIPIENT: **Tyler Richards** (*Business Administration, '26*)

---

## ORDER OF CEREMONIES

### PROCESSIONAL

Graduate Class of 2026, Faculty, Platform Party

### OPENING REMARKS

Norm O'Reilly, MBA, Ph.D., CPA, *Dean*

### WELCOME

James Herbert, Ph.D., *President*

### FACULTY SPEAKER – LAST LECTURE

Kiernan Gordon, M.S., Ph.D., *Director of the Sport Leadership and Management Program and Associate Professor*

### STRIVES AWARD PRESENTATION

Presented by: Norm O'Reilly, MBA, Ph.D., CPA, *Dean*

Tyler Richards (Business Administration, '26)

### CLASS OF 2026 ADDRESS

David Wilcox (Business Administration, '26)

Angelina Jacobelis (Business Administration, '26)

### PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Reader: Norm O'Reilly, MBA, Ph.D., CPA, *Dean*

### CLOSING REMARKS

Greggory Paulhus, B.S. '79, M.S., *College of Business Executive Advisory Board Member*

Karin Gregory, M.P.H., J.D., *College of Business Executive Advisory Board Member*

### RECESSIONAL

---

## FACULTY AND STAFF

**Norm O'Reilly**, MBA, Ph.D., CPA  
Dean

**Amir Mousavian**, MBA, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean and Professor

**Lisa Herschbach**, M.A., M.S., Ph.D.  
Assistant Dean, Director of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Associate Professor

**Tara J. Konya**, Ph.D.  
Director of the Master of Business Administration and Graduate Business Programs and Associate Teaching Professor

### FACULTY

**Moustafa Abu El Fadl**, Ph.D., CFA  
Director of the Finance Program and Associate Professor

**John Austin**, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Honors College and Associate Professor

**Eric Andrews**, MBA, CFP  
Assistant Teaching Professor

**Edward Basile**, MBA, D.B.A.  
Assistant Teaching Professor

**Christopher Boucher**, MBA  
Director of the Marketing Program and Associate Teaching Professor

**Michael Daley**, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor

**Kiernan Gordon**, M.S., Ph.D.  
Director of the Sport Leadership and Management Program and Associate Professor

**Tami Gower**, CPA, CGMA, MBA, M.Ed.  
Director of the Accounting Program and Clinical Professor

**Penny Guyton**, MBA  
Assistant Teaching Professor

**Golshan Madraki**, Ph.D.  
Director of the Center for Supply Chain Management and Associate Professor

---

**B. Oak McCoy**, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor

**Jeremy Pare**, LPD, M.S.  
Director of the Marine Entrepreneurship and Sustainability in Business Programs and Assistant Teaching Professor

**Tim Potsaid**, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor

**Glenn Powell**, MBA, J.D.  
Assistant Teaching Professor

**Adina Robinson**, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor

**Aimee Vlachos**, M.S., Ed.D.  
Director of Outdoor Business and Innovation, Business Administration, and Economics Programs and Associate Teaching Professor

### PROFESSIONAL STAFF

**Ava Emery**, MBA  
Senior Assistant to the Dean

**Micaiah Wert**  
Dean's Office Coordinator

**Dylan Thomas**  
Content and Growth Specialist

**Connor Blake**, MBA  
Director of the Center for Sport and Business Innovation

**Tom Morgan**  
Director of the Center for Sales Excellence

**Kevin Sanborn**  
Entrepreneur in Residence



FACULTY SPEAKER

KIERNAN GORDON, PH.D.

*Director and Associate Professor*

Kiernan Gordon, Ph.D., is a director and associate professor of the Sport Leadership and Management program in the College of Business. His teaching and research focus on the role of emotion, environment, and human interaction within sport settings, with particular emphasis on sport venues, fan behavior, and the broader sport consumer experience. His work contributes to areas including sport tourism, facility design and management, and the impact of security and technology on spectators.

Gordon has held faculty appointments at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and the University of New Hampshire. His research has been published in leading journals such as *Sport Management Review*, *Journal of Sport Management*, and *Journal of Sport & Tourism*, as well as in outlets such as *The Hill*. He has been invited to speak at institutions including Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and is a research affiliate with the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4).

In addition to his academic work, Gordon brings extensive experience as a collegiate men's basketball coach and administrator across NCAA and NAIA levels. He currently serves as chair of the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Research Committee and is actively involved in several professional organizations.

Gordon holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, an M.S. from High Point University, and a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz.



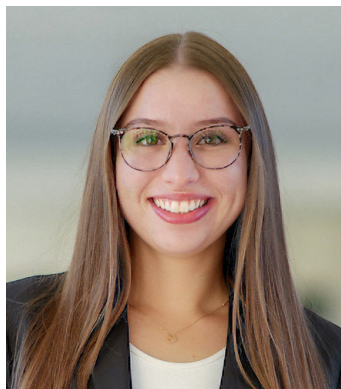
CLASS OF 2026 ADDRESS

DAVID WILCOX

*Business Administration, '26*

David Wilcox is graduating with a degree in Business Administration. During his time at UNE, he has been actively involved across campus, serving as the SAAC representative and as a member of the Undergraduate Student Government Financial Committee. He also holds leadership roles as chief operating officer of the Professional Sales Group and co-vice president of Presidential Ambassadors.

In addition to his academic and leadership involvement, Wilcox is a member of the varsity men's lacrosse team and serves as captain of the varsity men's ice hockey team.



CLASS OF 2026 ADDRESS  
**ANGELINA JACOBELLIS**  
*Business Administration, '26*

Angelina Jacobellis is a Business Administration major with minors in Applied Mathematics and Nutrition. She currently serves as president of the Women in Business Club, having previously held the role of treasurer on the organization's inaugural board from Spring 2024–25.

Jacobellis is also a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, which recognizes the top 10% of students in each chapter nationwide. Beyond her academic achievements, she has been actively involved in club field hockey throughout all four years, serving as treasurer for two years and as the Club Sports Council representative in 2023–2024.

She is a member of the newly founded College Advocates for Food Allergy Education Club, where she promotes safe and healthy choices for students with food allergies. Since 2024, Jacobellis has also served as a Community Assistant in the Housing Office, supporting residential life and student engagement.

In addition, she is committed to community service and volunteers with the Saco Food Pantry, along with participating in other initiatives within her community.

## CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Business Administration*

Tighe Robert Archambault

Jeremy Edward Barton

Matthew Thomas Calver

Jack Curry

Samuel John Dunham

Juraj Eliaš

Eben Alexis Fagonde

Zachary Ryan Federico

Brenden Patrick Flanagan

Joao Victor Germano

Kayden Laviera Gog

Brandt Goodfriend

Christopher Gottlieb

Joe Frank Hamlett

Amy Sears Hatfield

Hayden Michael Henriksen

James William Hullah

Daniel Pavlovich Ivanik

Angelina Marie Jacobellis

Sophia Elizabeth Lanza

Adam Michael Lux

Colby MacDormand

Finn Gabriel McCoy

Riley T. McQuilkin

Isaiah Mojica

Sean Anthony Moore

Joseph Shawn O'Keefe

Kevin O'Keefe

Jayden Jesse Price

Jason Daniel Quinn

Peter Anthony Raucci

Tyler Devin Richards

Melvin E. Rodriguez

Keigan John Quinnam Shea

William Brad Spitzer

Patrick Reid Stevens

Noah Paul Szretter

Jonathan Edward Terry

Alexander Joseph Thibeault

Jayden L. Thornton

Adrian Antonio Torres

Olivia Rose Vendittelli

Jordan White

David Wilcox

Dylan Robert Wodarski

---

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Marine Entrepreneurship*

Jacob Denis Power

Kurt Robaczewski

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Outdoor Business and Innovation*

Zackary William Benisek

Fritz Van Winkle

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Sport Leadership and Management*

Sydney Jade Bishop

Aidan B. Buggee

Oscar Daniel Clark

Sean Conroy

Connor Robert Curcio

Teighan A. Jeremy

Jacob Connor Pellerin

Kimman Power

Ryan Schino

Michael Thomas Tersoni

Christopher Evan Winslow

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Sport and Recreation Management*

Benjamin Rhodes Milbury

Jared Marcus Trainor

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### *Sustainability and Business*

Aaron Michael Hayes

Claire Elizabeth Kelley

Zoe Wilder Lambke

Mina Anne Regnery

---

# CANDIDATES FOR ACADEMIC MINORS

## ART THERAPY

Sophia Elizabeth Lanza

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sydney Jade Bishop

Aidan B. Buggee

Oscar Daniel Clark

Sean Conroy

Connor Robert Curcio

Teighan A. Jeremy

Claire Elizabeth Kelley

Benjamin Rhodes Milbury

Jacob Connor Pellerin

Ryan Schino

Michael Thomas Tersoni

Christopher Evan Winslow

## COACHING

Aidan B. Buggee

Connor Robert Curcio

Colby MacDormand

Benjamin Rhodes Milbury

Jacob Connor Pellerin

Melvin E. Rodriguez

Ryan Schino

Jonathan Edward Terry

## COMMUNICATIONS

Tyler Devin Richards

## EDUCATION

Patrick Reid Stevens

## FINANCE

Riley T. McQuilkin

## MARKETING

Zachary Ryan Federico

Christopher Gottlieb

Angelina Marie Jacobellis

Isaiah Mojica

Noah Paul Szretter

Adrian Antonio Torres

## NUTRITION

Angelina Marie Jacobellis

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Zoe Wilder Lambke

## PSYCHOLOGY

Kimman Power

## SPORT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Keigan John Quinnam Shea

Alexander Joseph Thibeault

---

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

Regen Gallagher '95, MBA, D.O. '99, *Chair*  
James D. Herbert, Ph.D., *President (ex-officio)*  
Cheri Walker, CPA, *Vice Chair*  
Mason "Skip" Irving, III, MBA, *Secretary*  
Larry Wold, *Treasurer*

### MEMBERS

Jim Brady  
Abigail Carroll, M.I.A.  
Todd Cesca '96, M.P.A., CRPC  
Calen B. Colby, PE  
David Engle, M.S.  
Brian Gagnon, MBA  
Fran Girard  
Suzanne Iovanna '86  
Robert T. Leonard, D.O. '86  
Mark Malone, CCIM  
Dan McCormack, MBA  
Dimitri Michaud, MBA  
Julie Mostov, Ph.D.  
Ford S. Reiche, J.D.  
Richard Roderick, M.S., MBA  
Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.  
Justin H. Schair, MBA  
Stephen C. Shannon, D.O. '86, M.P.H.  
Kate Snyder, M.P.P.M.  
Cathy Trower, Ph.D.

### TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Vincent E. Furey, Jr.

---

## SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

James D. Herbert, Ph.D.  
*President*

Gwendolyn Mahon, M.Sc., Ph.D.  
*Provost and Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*

Jim Irwin, M.S., CPA  
*Senior Vice President of Finance  
and Administration*

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Jennifer I. DeBurro, Ed.D.  
*Dean of Students and Vice President of  
Student Affairs*

Sarah Delage, B.S.  
*Associate Vice President of Communications*

Alicia Fereday, MBA  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

Meghan Haley, B.S.  
*Vice President of Admissions and Marketing*

Bobbie Kallner, B.S.  
*Chief Human Resources Officer and  
Vice President of Human Resources*

Ron Schneider, J.D.  
*General Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs*

Dawn G. Stoyanoff, Ph.D.  
*Vice President of Information Technology  
and Chief Information Officer*

Alan Thibeault, B.S.  
*Vice President for University Operations*

John Tumiel, M.A., OTR/L  
*Vice President for Board Relations, Senior Advisor  
to the President, and Chief Compliance Officer*

### COLLEGE DEANS

John Austin, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Honors College*

Jane E. Carreiro, D.O. '88  
*Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine  
and Vice President for Health Affairs*

Nicole S. Kimmes, D.D.S.  
*Dean of the College of Dental Medicine*

Norm O'Reilly, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the College of Business*

Wesley Renfro, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

Beth Taylor-Nolan, Ed.D.  
*Dean of the College of Professional Studies*

John E. Vitale, M.H.S., Ph.D., PA(ASCP)  
*Dean of the Westbrook College of Health Professions,  
Dean of the School of Pharmacy, and Associate  
Provost for Interprofessional Education*

UNE

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
GRADUATION CEREMONY



UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW ENGLAND

INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET