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Norma J. Addison  
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Matthew Luke Adkins  
Wise, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Accounting

Jonah Lee Adkins  
Galax, VA  
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Pound, VA  
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Whitesburg, KY  
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Roanoke, VA  
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Briana Hope Allen
Jonesville, VA
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Ellett Warren Allen
Abingdon, VA
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Festus Amarteifio
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Keen Mountain, VA  
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Mineral, VA
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Keene, VA
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Coeburn, VA
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Dara Nicole Castle
Castlewood, VA
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Grundy, VA
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Crozier, VA
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Regina Lynn Collins  
Keokee, VA  
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Gate City, VA  
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Pound, VA  
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Colin Ashley Cox  
Bristol, VA  
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Nicolette Coleen Cox  
Wise, VA  
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Kendall Annette Craddock  
Spencer, VA  
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Mary Townes Cross  
Lebanon, VA  
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Tamsyn Miranda Ruth Crosswhite  
Glade Spring, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Steven Craig Davis  
Clintwood, VA  
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Kristy L. Domby  
Lebanon, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Aaron Michael Dorsey  
Leesburg, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

Rachel Elizabeth Dye  
Glade Spring, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Kemper Scott Edwards  
Clintwood, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Sociology

Hannah Brooke Ellis  
Keokee, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Health & Physical Education

William Joel Ernst, IV  
Richmond, VA  
Bachelor of Arts/Science History/Sociology

Eric Jason Estep  
Lebanon, VA  
Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Travis Wesley Fannon  
Wise, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice

Julie Fields  
Castlewood, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry

Shawn Richard Fischer  
Roanoke, VA  
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Jessica Ann Fleming  
McClure, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice
Nancy Aracely Flores  
Arlington, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Foreign Studies  

Reba Pamela Frazier  
Wise, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology  

Kimber Rachel Galbraith  
Blacksburg, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Biology  

Brittany Abriel Gilley  
Big Stone Gap, VA  
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Landan Russell Goforth  
Rose Hill, VA  
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Brianne Montgomery Green  
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Emily Browning Hayton
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Daniel Glynn Helbert
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Steven DeWayne Hensley, Jr.
Coeburn, VA
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Jessica Alhyse Herrington
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Ashley Rene Hill  
Clintwood, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Robin Dean Hood  
Duffield VA  
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Oakton, VA  
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Larry Jacob Horton  
Blackwater, VA  
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Swords Creek, VA  
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Heather Rose Huff  
Dryden, VA  
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Eric Allen Hughes  
Salem, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Ian Matthew Hulsey  
Martinsville, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication

Emery Case Hurst  
Greenwood, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Katherine Marie Hurst  
Leesburg, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication

Kandice Michelle Hutton  
Lebanon, VA  
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Rachel Leah Imburg
Richmond, VA
Bachelor of Arts, History

David Curtis Ison
Wise, VA
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Davenport, VA
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics

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Vinton, VA
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Warrenton, VA
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Heather Marie Jones
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Samuel Matthew Jordan  
St. Paul, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Justin Thomas Jurek  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Andrea Paige Justus  
Hurley, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Biology

Holly Amelia Kennedy  
St. Paul, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

Desirae Nicole Killough  
Bowling Green, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Biology

Jacob Smoker King  
Abingdon, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Management Information Systems

Stacy Nicole Kiser  
Big Stone Gap, VA  
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Elena Klinova  
Rubinsk, Russia  
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Centreville, VA  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ashley Diane Lane  
Nickelsville, VA  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Danny Seth Lane  
Big Stone Gap, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History
Michael Alexander Lang  
Fredericksburg, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Michael David Lanthorn, II  
Wise, VA  
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Tabitha Lee Lantz  
New Market, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Christopher Matthew Large  
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Tara Nicole Large  
Pound, VA  
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Britney Alese Lawson  
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Jessica Amber Lawson  
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Jessica Ann Bullion Lawson  
Wise, VA  
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Joshua Daniel Jordan Lawson  
Coeburn, VA  
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Edward Farthing Leonard  
Stafford, VA  
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Castlewood, VA  
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Wise, VA  
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Sarah Katherine Lowe  
Honaker, VA  
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Clinchco, VA  
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Sutherland, VA  
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Ashburn, VA  
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Amanda Evans McKinney  
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Morgan Aileen McKinnon  
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Scott Ryan McMahon  
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Morgan Elizabeth Pennington Meade  
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Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry  

Amanda Lee Meador  
Roanoke, VA  
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Michael Mebrahtu  
Lorton, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication  

Kona Arlie Mends-Cole  
Stafford, VA  
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Barbara Ann Mihalarakis  
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Wise, VA  
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Vienna, VA  
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Bent Mountain, VA
Bachelor of Arts Communication

William Kenneth Newberry
Vansant, VA
Bachelor of Science, Sociology

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Bent Mountain, VA
Eric Julian Newtson
Waynesboro, VA
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Chatham, VA
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Shirley Ann Olmedo
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Vernon Thomas Padgett
Kingsport, TN
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Natasha Hickman Papuckoski
Norton, VA
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Kristi Renee Parlier
Kingsport, TN
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Casey Laine Pennell
Jenkins, KY
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Zane Patrick Perkins
Wytheville, VA
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Damascus, VA
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Coeburn, VA
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Michael Brandon Potter
Wise, VA
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Weber City, VA
Bachelor of Arts Government/History

Heather Powers-Rasnick
Nora, VA
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Saltville, VA
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Stefan Raguz  
Coeburn, VA  
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Megan Hope Raines  
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Swords Creek, VA  
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North Tazewell, VA  
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Micah Hillman Sheffey  
Max Meadows, VA  
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Midlothian, VA
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McLean, VA
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Anna Marie Stacy
Dryden, VA
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

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Sharon Elizabeth Stamper
Chilhowie, VA
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Laura Anne Stidham
Bristol, VA
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Kristina Sue Stiltner
Rowe, VA
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Oakwood, VA
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Victoria Leigh Stinson
Wise, VA
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Blountville, TN
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Sheena Leigh Strouth
Pound, VA
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Tosha Noel Sturgill
Wise, VA
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Matthew William Sullivan
Lawrenceville, GA
Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice

Melanie Jane Sutherland
Birchleaf, VA
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Eric Daniel Swords
Williamsburg, KY
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Lucinda Ann Thomas
Bristol, VA
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Tywon Omega Thompson
Martinsville, VA
Bachelor of Science, Economics

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Richmond, VA
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Brandi Nichole Trail  
Marion, VA  
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Brittany Nicole Tunnell  
Wise, VA  
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Joshua Alexander Tyhurst  
Bristol, VA  
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Jonesville, VA  
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Valerie Ashtin Walls  
Bristol, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  

Rebecca Renee Ward  
Abingdon, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  

Giorgio Dominique Watford  
Cofield, NC  
Bachelor of Arts, Government
Ashley Nicole Watkins  
Troutville, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Katharine Elizabeth Weedon  
King George, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Holly Eilene Weisiger  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Bachelor of Arts/Science, Government/Administration of Justice

Kelly Amanda White  
Honaker, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Crystal Lyn Widener  
Atkins, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

McKenzie Beth Williams  
Mayking, KY  
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Gate City, VA  
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Emily Barrett Witucki  
Alexandria, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences
Edward Clay Woods, III  
Sugar Grove, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, History

Courtney Lyrae Wright  
Bristol, VA  
Bachelor of Arts, Biology

Grant William Wright  
Meadowview, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Virgil Lee Younce II  
Norton, VA  
Bachelor of Arts Spanish

Casey Lynn Zaczek  
Clintwood, VA  
Bachelor of Science, Sociology

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College Honors

**Summa Cum Laude**
Beverly Lee Ann Caruso
Andrew Jacob Maggard
Leslie Brooke McNew
Holly Elizabeth Mullins
Jessica Marie Newman
Margit Scarberry
Ginny Alice Shortt
Tosha Noel Sturgill

**Magna Cum Laude**
Jonah Lee Adkins
Briana Hope Allen
Stephen Zachary Antonucci
April Gabrielle Ashby
Sara Ann Bailey
Margaret Smith Bamman
Tamsyn Miranda Ruth Crosswhite
Brittany Rae Hartgrove
Wesley Asberry Hearp
Andrea Paige Justus
Christopher Matthew Large
Tara Nicole Large
Jessica Amber Lawson
Morgan Elizabeth Pennington Meade
Ashley Brooke Mullins
Veronica Fawn Rasnick
Stephanie Ann Ring
Matthew Ryan Sanders
Danielle Collin Smith
Melanie Leigh Wade
Valerie Ashtin Walls
Emily Barrett Witucki

**Cum Laude**
Brianne Montgomery Green
Eleanor Winter Harmon
Brittany Michelle Harris
Jenna Rae Haynes
Steven DeWayne Hensley, Jr.
Heather Rose Huff
Elena Klinova
Britney Alese Lawson
Randall Chadwick Longworth
Dustin Lee Osborne
Jared Anson Owens
Amy Brooke Phillips
Megan Rochelle Sanders
Julie Kaye Shortt
Selinda Andrea Stanley
Austin Blake Taylor
Brandi Nichole Trail
Keynote Speaker

Virginia Senator John H. Chichester will deliver the keynote address during the 39th Commencement at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise on Saturday, May 17, 2009.

The Class of 2009 currently includes 321 students, making this the largest graduating class in the College’s history. The public is invited to attend the Commencement ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m. at Carl Smith Stadium. The outdoor ceremony will proceed rain or shine.

“Senator John Chichester is a champion for education in the Commonwealth and the nation, and we are honored that he will be our featured speaker for this year’s Commencement Exercises,” said UVa-Wise Chancellor David J. Prior.

After taking office in December 1978 (having won a special election), Sen. Chichester served in the Virginia Senate for 29 years. He went on to be elected to seven consecutive terms in the Senate. At the time of his retirement in January 2008, Sen. Chichester was the longest-serving Republican in the Virginia Senate and the senior member of his party. He also served as the Senate’s President pro tempore, a position he held from 2000 to 2008.

While serving in the Senate, Sen. Chichester focused much of his attention on public education and higher education. As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee’s Subcommittee on Education, he worked to develop policies and secure funding for the advancement and development of Virginia public schools, colleges and universities.
In the 1990s, Sen. Chichester served as chairman of the Commission for the Future of Higher Education in Virginia. More recently, he served as co-chairman of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Public Funding of Higher Education in Virginia and Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee on Administrative and Financial Relationships in Higher Education.

From 2000 to 2008, Sen. Chichester served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as co-chair of the committee for the four years preceding that time. He worked closely with the Governor and budget leaders in the House of Delegates to develop the Commonwealth’s biennial budget.

Sen. Chichester has received widespread recognition for his distinguished service to the Commonwealth and has been honored by organizations in Virginia and throughout the nation. Most notably, he was selected as one of Governing Magazine’s Public Officials of the Year in 2004. In 2005, he received the prestigious Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation.

Sen. Chichester participated in regional and national organizations with his colleagues throughout the nation. He is past chairman of both the Southern Legislative Conference and the Council of State Governments, and he served on the Board of Directors of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the Senate Presidents’ Forum. Sen. Chichester was also a gubernatorial appointee to the Southern Regional Education Board and a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures’ Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education.

Outside of the Senate, Sen. Chichester has been active in business and his local community. He served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Neck Insurance Company, and he is a member and past president of the Fredericksburg Rotary Club. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Fredericksburg from 1984 to 2007, serving as the Board’s chairman from 2003 to 2007. Sen. Chichester is currently Chairman of the Board of Virginia Partners Bank, a community bank that is being organized to serve the Fredericksburg area.

A native of Stafford County, Sen. Chichester is married to Karen Williams Chichester and has one daughter, Holly Chichester. The Senator and his wife reside in Reedville but continue to spend much of their time in the Fredericksburg area.
Two members of the Class of 2008 also will address their fellow graduates during the ceremony. Donovan L. Mabe of Appalachia will deliver the “Moment of Reflection,” and Sarah N. Hamilton of St. Paul will deliver the “Challenge to the Graduates.”