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Joseph Ryan Necessary  
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Alisha Brooke Parks  
_Cum Laude_

Savanna Lea Parsons  
_Cum Laude_
Luke Christopher Rasnick  
*Cum Laude*

Nathaniel Matthew Robinette  
*Cum Laude* - Chancellor’s Medal for Undergraduate Research

Andrea Renee Rose  
*Cum Laude*

Brittany Lauren Russell  
*Cum Laude*

Preston Matthew Scott Smith  
*Cum Laude*

Tammy M. Smith  
*Cum Laude*

Olivia Shae Stallard  
*Cum Laude*

James William Tiffany  
*Cum Laude*

Caleb Allan Vass  
*Cum Laude*

Tana Lee Vicars  
*Cum Laude*

Allie McKenzie Blevins  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Nayab Azhar Chowhan  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Stephanie Adkins Cooperstein  
*Magna Cum Laude* – Peake Honors

April Michelle Culbertson  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Barklie Braswell Estes
Magna Cum Laude – Peake Honors

Wycliffe Scott Farquharson
Magna Cum Laude

Jamie Allison Fields
Magna Cum Laude

Aaron Lee Fleming
Magna Cum Laude

Rachel Michelle Hensley
Magna Cum Laude

Marvin Scott Hurley
Magna Cum Laude

Tanner Arden Kern
Magna Cum Laude

Anne-Michele Maher
Magna Cum Laude

Alexandra Kate Mullins
Magna Cum Laude

Kristin Marie Mullins
Magna Cum Laude

Lance Randall Mutter
Magna Cum Laude

Justin Dane Palmer
Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer Lee Slone Partin
Magna Cum Laude

Kwynn Anita Rumberger
Magna Cum Laude

Collin Alexander Skeen
Magna Cum Laude
Jesse Duane Smith
Magna Cum Laude

William Ethan Stewart
Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Kain Stidham
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Lloyd Tomlinson
Magna Cum Laude

Tanessa Lynn Trivett
Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Elizabeth Banner
Summa Cum Laude

Dorothy Sarah Emaline Doane
Summa Cum Laude

Kelly Marie Odom
Summa Cum Laude

Abigail Delorse Thomas
Summa Cum Laude
Keynote Speaker

William C. Wampler, Jr.

William Wampler, former Virginia senator and senior lecturer at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, joins the ranks of those who have been invited to speak at Commencement as part of the "Distinguished Virginians Speakers Series."

The Bristol native was named executive director of New College Institute in January 2012. Prior to joining NCI, he served 24 years as a Virginia State Senator. As the senior ranking member of his party and a member of the Budget Conference Committee, he played a key role in crafting the state budget. He was a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Education sub-committee, along with other appointments.

As a member of the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, he headed a special panel that helps attract business and industry to Southwest Virginia and Southside Virginia. More recently, he served on Governor McDonnell's Commission on Higher Education.

He received his BA in political science from the University of Tennessee. He actively served in the military and retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. His last assignment was as Commander of the 2nd Brigade, headquartered in Salem, Virginia.

Wampler and his wife, Mary reside in Martinsville. They have two children, Mary Katherine and Will, both college students.
Honorary Class Speaker

Nayab A. Chowan

Nayab Chowhan, the daughter of first generation immigrants from Pakistan, always wanted to be a writer, but the people around her had other thoughts.

“When I was starting high school, my parents and other people that I knew kept telling me that I would make a good doctor,” she said.

“At the time, I was strongly opposed to the idea.”

When Chowhan took her first biology class at Pound High School, she began to consider that the people around her could be on to something. Science was the correct path, she thought, but Chowhan was not convinced that a medical career was right for her. The thought of doing just one thing as a career for the rest of her life was not appealing to Chowhan. When she arrived at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, she explored a variety of classes, including psychology.

“I was taking an adolescent development class during my first year at UVa-Wise when I had an epiphany,” she said. “I realized then that almost all of my interests involved two recurring themes.”

Chowhan, 20, realized that studying the emotions, behaviors and the well being of people was what drew her towards her interest in religion, writing, reading and theater. She also recognized that she had a drive to challenge and improve herself by acquiring new skills. It became clear to Chowhan that medicine was the intersection where her skills and interests met.
“To me, becoming a physician is a dream job because it is like a collection of careers,” she explained. “For example, a physician’s job may incorporate the role of a scientist, performing new research and making new discoveries. They may also be writers when publishing medical journals. A physician can also be a detective because he or she must run tests and have to interpret the results, along with a patient’s symptoms, to reach a diagnosis.”

Chowhan said a doctor must be a manager of a health care organization and must be a confidential friend to patients, a belief that influenced her decision to pursue osteopathic medicine.

“I want a job that is diverse, challenging, and meaningful, and to me, that is what being a physician is,” she said.

The Norton resident is moving closer to becoming a physician this fall when she begins her studies at the DeBusk School of Osteopathic Medicine at Lincoln Memorial University. Her time at UVa-Wise has prepared her for the rigors of medical school, she said. She plans to return to Southwest Virginia to practice medicine.

“The best thing about UVa-Wise is that you get to interact with all kinds of different people, but you don’t feel as if you are in an impersonal environment,” she said. “There are so many opportunities at a college of this size, and getting to explore all of the opportunities prepared me for what I want to do in the future.”

Chowhan is president of the Darden Society and public relations officer for Sigma Zeta. She has been a tutor, an active member in the Pre-professional Club, and played a leading role in the College’s theater production of Leonid Andreyev’s “He Who Gets Slapped.” In her spare time, Chowhan enjoys cooking, or what she refers to as “the tastiest kind of chemistry.”

Chowhan also enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She acknowledges her parents, Azhar and Mamoona Chowhan, for their constant love and support, and God for the ability to achieve her goals.