

The poster features a dark blue background with four graduates in caps and gowns. A woman in the top left holds a white diploma that says 'HIGHLINE COLLEGE'. A man in the top right wears glasses. A man in the bottom left is smiling. A woman in the bottom right is also smiling. Swirling rainbow ribbons are scattered throughout. The year '2024' is written in large white numbers, with a green diagonal line between the '0' and '2'. The Highline College seal, featuring a mountain and the text 'AD 1961', is faintly visible in the background.

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2024 Highline College Commencement Program



Language Welcome

Japanese - Saki Saito
Zomi - Nang Tuang
Lingala - Gaetan Mbuyi
Igbo - Victory Afulukwe
Arabic - Nuha Adam
German - Chika Izuegbunam
Korean - Hannah Lee
Burmese - Mai Hung
Burmese Chin Dialect - Mai Hung
Yoruba - Beatrice Folayemi Adekola
Twi - Beatrice Folayemi Adekola

Somali - Abdirizak Abdi
Sinhalese - Gnei Shihara Fernando
Spanish - Daisy Rodriguez
Vietnamese - Nguyen Vo
Urdu - Misbah Ashraf
Khmer - Rady Bun
Gujarati - Krutarth Panchai
Amharic - Barok Yohannes Hailegiorgis
Pashto - Tamkeen Hayati
Russian - Yulduz Usmanova

Welcome

DeVoni Young, ASHC President

Student Speaker

Mai Hung

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee

Rahma Rashid

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

DeVoni Young, ASHC President

Commencement Remarks

Dr. Jamilyn Penn, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Emily Lardner, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Processional

Please stand for the presentation of diplomas

Presentation of Diplomas

Highline College Board of Trustees

Chair Travis Exstrom
Sharmila Swenson

Jesse Johnson
Joseph Bowman

2023-2024



Outstanding Student Awards

Highest Scholastic Achievement

Jessie Leone
Mohammad Waheb
Rahimullah Noori
Estifanos Hadgembes
Gabiella Coronado
Cristian Aristizabal
Thi Anh Vu

Ashley Nguyen
Zoe Weinbeck
Thi Xuan Anh Nguyen
Courtney Mangotich
Shelly Marie Kingery
Karen Hundertmark

Shirley B. Gordon Award for Academic Excellence

Stella Nyambura

The Shirley B. Gordon Award for Academic Excellence is awarded annually by the Highline College Foundation. The award is based largely on academic achievement, but also considers the student's community service activities and community college experience. Dr. Shirley B. Gordon was Highline's president from 1976 to 1990.

Honors Program Graduates

Beatrice Folayemi Adekola

Legacy Awards



Legacy Scholar Awards

Aleniad Vazquez.....	Entry Advising
Alycia Williams	Communication Studies
Angeline Feliciano	ACHIEVE
Carley Randall	Writing Center
Dania Yosef	Academic Success Centers
Daniel Trofimchik	Physics Department
Derick Mo.....	ACHIEVE
Elizabeth Ma	Mathematics
Gabriella Vanderzanden.....	Nursing
Jasleen Kaur Bal	Respiratory Care
Maria Hatch	English

Samantha Wilson English
 Sergio Acuna Promise Scholars
 Tera McWilliams Business Technology
 Thomas Huynh Mathematics
 Tia Simmons Business Technology
 Yuna Takele TRIO Student Support Services Tutoring

Legacy Leader Awards

Annika Harris Fantasy Fiction Writing Club
 Brinston Fader Math Resource Center
 Cam Lyons Thunderword
 Carolleetha Smith Umoja Scholars Club
 Chansophalysa Than Center for Cultural & Inclusive Excellence
 Chase Zahnow Chemistry
 Dakne Blanco-Ramirez Outreach Department
 Dania Yosef Campus View
 DeVoni Lent HOST
 Diya Faraj Respiratory Care
 Eaint Chit Po Po Fireside Bistro
 Eldana Mulugeta Public Speaking Center
 Evans Omoke ACHIEVE Peer Navigator
 G.C. ACHIEVE
 Hannah Lee Physics Highline Association of Thinkers and Tinkerers
 Hussein Al-Badri Center for Leadership & Service
 Jack Sundnes Cru
 Jennifer Meadus Cybersecurity & Women in Cybersecurity Club
 John Benrick Diaz Writing Center
 John Kim Physics Highline Association of Thinkers and Tinkerers
 Jordyn Ceplina Computer Information Systems
 Kelsey Ahlf Fantasy Fiction Writing Club
 Macey Fvette
 Mahad Dahir ACHIEVE Peer Navigator
 Martin Caoagdan Table Tennis Club
 Marvin Caoagdan Table Tennis Club
 Merwa Kedir Arabic Club
 Nissa Liesik Geology
 Rebekah Maloney Entry Advising
 Samuel McCune Arts & Design Club
 Sergio Acuna Entry Advising & Workforce Education Services
 Thao Chu HOST
 Wahu Waweru HOST
 Yuka Takeuchi Badminton Club
 Yuliana Clarita Goyop Academic Success Centers
 Zahra Ahmadi Outreach Department

ASHC President

DeVoni Young

DeVoni Lent (aka DeVo!) is from the South Sound region and grew up in the Burien/Des Moines area. DeVo is graduating from Highline College with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management Program. Recipient of the Highline College Legacy Award for outstanding academic achievement and leadership, and member of the Phi Theta Kappa society, DeVo has been accepted to Grand Canyon University where she will be working towards her Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management at the Colangelo College of Business.

Student Speaker

Mai Hung

I am from Myanmar, where I was raised in a bustling household as one of the eight siblings. Growing up amidst the vibrant energy of my bustling household with an older brother, two younger sisters, and four younger brothers, family has always been at the heart of my journey.

Back in 2019, I started at Highline College as a running start student. Little did I know then that this journey would lead me to where I am today. In 2021, I proudly graduated with an Associate of Arts Academic Transfer AA DTA degree, despite the uncertainty in my future career path. It wasn't until I delved into the world of computers that I found my passion. Through this discovery, I found my calling in computer science, particularly in the realm of computer crime. This led me to pursue my Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Global Cybersecurity Investigation, bringing me to where I am today!

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee

Rahma Rashid (Highline College Class of 2018)

Rahma stands as a symbol of resilience, representing a community long overlooked and underserved. Her journey began amidst the turmoil of Somalia's civil war in the late 1990s, where she experienced firsthand the struggles of displacement, immigrating to America with her family of 9. As a hijab-wearing young woman in a new land, Rahma encountered numerous barriers, yet remained steadfast in her resolve.

Her personal tribulations ignited a fervent dedication to empowering historically marginalized East African American refugee and immigrant women in Washington state. Rahma, a survivor herself and a mother of 7, recognized the dire need for culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate support for those facing domestic violence and sexual abuse. In response, she founded the Muslimahs Against Abuse Center (MAAC), a nonprofit organization committed to rescuing, resettling, and facilitating healing for East African Muslim American DV survivors.

Through MAAC, Rahma not only provides vital assistance to survivors but also challenges the pervasive social stigma surrounding domestic violence. Her tireless advocacy and community education efforts strive to destigmatize DV, fostering awareness and prevention within her community.

With a Master's in Higher Education and a minor in nonprofit leadership under her belt, Rahma is poised to further her impact by pursuing a PhD in the near future. Her journey exemplifies the power of resilience and the unwavering commitment to uplifting others, transcending boundaries to create a brighter, more inclusive future for all.



Some students may be wearing different stoles and cords. Here is what they mean:

Legal Studies	Cord	Black and gold
Veterans	Cord	Red, white and blue
WiCyS	Cord	Light green and lavender
Accessibility Resources	Cord	Rainbow
3.5+ GPA	Cord	Double gold
Phi Theta Kappa	Cord	Yellow with PTK logo
TRiO	Stole	Red with black and white stripes
MESA	Stole	White with rainbow on each end
Undocumented Task Force	Stole	Black with yellow and green stripes and yellow cords

2024 Highline College

Graduates



Abdirizak Abdi	Asha Ali
Hamdi Abdi Abdi	Samsam Ali
Zakiya Abdirahim	Rukiya Ali
Hani Abdirisaq	Asha Ali
Elham Abdo	Shhrzad Alkhedir
Hamda Abokar	Erika Allen
Abdullahi Abshir	Latisha Allen
Kamlah Abu Al Rub	Abdullah Almaroof
Muna Abubakar	Ninfa Alvarez Pozos
Ilhaan Abukar	Sophia Anderson
Aliyah Acosta	Noemi Aparicio
Nuha Adam	Karishma Aqeeq
Abigail Adams	Nestor Arguelles
Luley Adan	Sofia Arkhipchuk
Beatrice Folayemi Adekola	Eric Arreola
Aesha Aden	Misbah Ashraf
Hanaan Aden	Estuardo Avila
Christine Joy Afaga	Julia Babin
Victory Afulukwe	Brianna Baeyen
James Agbezounhlon	Fatoumata Bah
Sandra Aguayo Trejo	Kendy Baires
Allyson Aguilar	Wessam Barbour
Nancy Licely Aguilar Ramirez	Cinthia Barboza da Silva
Kelsey Ahlf	Azzah Baseem
Zeineb Ahmed	Paridhi Bassi
Amran Ahmed	Aldrai Batsuren
Sara Ahmed	Analyn Bayan
Nuria Ahmed	Hawi BELEKU
Oluwanifemi Akinwande	Samuel Bell
Sawsan Al Obaidi	Emince Bembok
Inas Al Sammarraee	Reyen Bencherfi
Luma Al-Talankee	AuLani Benitez
Semay Michael Alazar	Kari Berge

Yonathan Berhan
Robert Berry
Corine Best
Imer Betancourt
Ash Bliss
Elliot Bond
Helayna Bonilla
Phoebe Bowers
Josie Bowlouden
Michelle Braz
Makenna Busenius
Amari Bush
Justice Bynum
Maria Martha Caballero Lemus
Sharesse Cabanos
Heather Cade
Andrea Cantinca Gonzalez
Monica Cardenas
Juan Nicolas Cardenas Quimbayo
Pippi Carzel
Paola Castañeda
Imelda Castellano
Jimena Cazarin
Jordyn Ceplina
Sabrina Champion
Rishik Chand
Antonio Chaufty
Sydney Chavez
Ryan Chinn
Kady Cisse
Joanna Cole
Paris Coleman
Tracie Collis
Gabriella Conanan
Ethan Cooke
Drake Cope
Alberica Cruz Aparicio

Ilze Cruz-Beltran
Andrea Curvey Cuenco
Jennifer Cuevas-Flores
Mahad Dahir
Tenagne Daniel
Abhinav Darbha
Sarmila Darjee
Yahya Daud
Yusuf Daud
Poppy Demotekay
Srey Nith Deth
Ashley Diaz
John Benrick Diaz
Henry Diep
Salma Dildar
Erlin Dimara
Nigisti Dirar
Diajanique Dukes
Tien-Ryan Duong
Regina Duop
Indiana Easter
Abigail Easterling
Meagan Elliott
Ashley England
Soraya Erickson
Fernando Esquivel Gonzalez
Christina Estrada
Brinston Fader
FaihOriji FaithOrji
Ilhan Farah
FARIS FARIS
Gnei Shihara Fernando
Veronique Fick
Felipe Flores-Barbieri
Heather Fogerty
Dyvhethe Fonoti
Kelli Foster

Ella Frans
Luciano Frigo
Macey Fvette
Jazlyn Furuya
Samantha Gallardo
Evelin Alejandra Gamboa Anguiano
Omar Garcia Ruiz
Nyanyiek Gatluak
Lukas Gaudreau
Paras Gautam
Mihretu Gebre
Rahel Gebrehiwot
Mohammad Ghairat
Karizma Gilbert
Agostina Ginocchio-Cooley
Jaden Glatt
Elince Gombo
Samantha Gomez
Mona Gomez Cabrera
Jaylee Gonzales
Kamille Gonzales
Cristy Gonzalez
Katherine González
Yuliana Clarita Goyop
Jaylen Green
KKoby Griffin
Mozhgan Gulshan
Aliya Guracha
Tamding Gurung
Mitsy Guzman Araiza
Barok Yohnnes Hailegiorgis
Katherine Halfpenny
Bethany Hamilton
Emily Hamilton
Jun Han
Daniela Hansen
Dehystinee Hargrave

Alexis Harper
Annika Harris
Mumina Hassan
Sadek Hassan
Maria Hatch
Nathan Hattori
John Haviland
Tamana Hayati
Tamkeen Hayati
Walwala Hayaty
Nai'Laya Henderson
Mengly Heng
Christopher Hernandez
Imelda Hernandez-Ruiz
Shuaib Hersi
Brandon Heu
Minh Ho
Jason Ho
Trang Ho
Regina Holmes-Hinyard
Paolo Honrade
Kristina Hoppler
Ashmanjot Hundal
Mai Hung
Sebrina Husen
Abdimalik Ibrahim
Hashmatullah Ibrahimi
Sourou Marius Idohou
Joshua Infanta
Colton Ingram
Mina Inthapandith
Elaina Isabell
Nima Ismail
Mudan Ismail
Milana Izetova
Run Jama
Lana Louise Jangada

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Laminda Johnstone
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Samantha Kahn
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Adonai Kebede
Merwa Kedir
Vegas Kelso-Znak
Haneen Khanfas
Narmin Khanfas
Saghi Faith Khbeis
Mary Kimani
Zachary Kinsman
Margaret Kinyanjui
Socheata Korn
Ravinder Lally
Hien Lam
Aliyah Laurea
Thien Le
Nhi Le
Khoa Le
Hannah Lee
Jenghoa Lee
DeVoni Lent
Ezra Elaiza Lim
Taokorn Lim
Eileene Lim
Olga Linares
Noah Lindborg
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Gabriella Lopez Williams
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Amaal Mohamed
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Nahili Mohammade
Fuad Mohammed
Sundus Mohamud
Fathi Mohamud
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Zion Morden
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Lydia Ngugi
Isaya Nguma
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Quang Nguyen
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Peter Nguyen
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Thi Xuan Anh Nguyen
Van Nguyen
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Morgan Nguyen
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Bibi Noori
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Randi Ortega
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Kimberly Wangari
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