

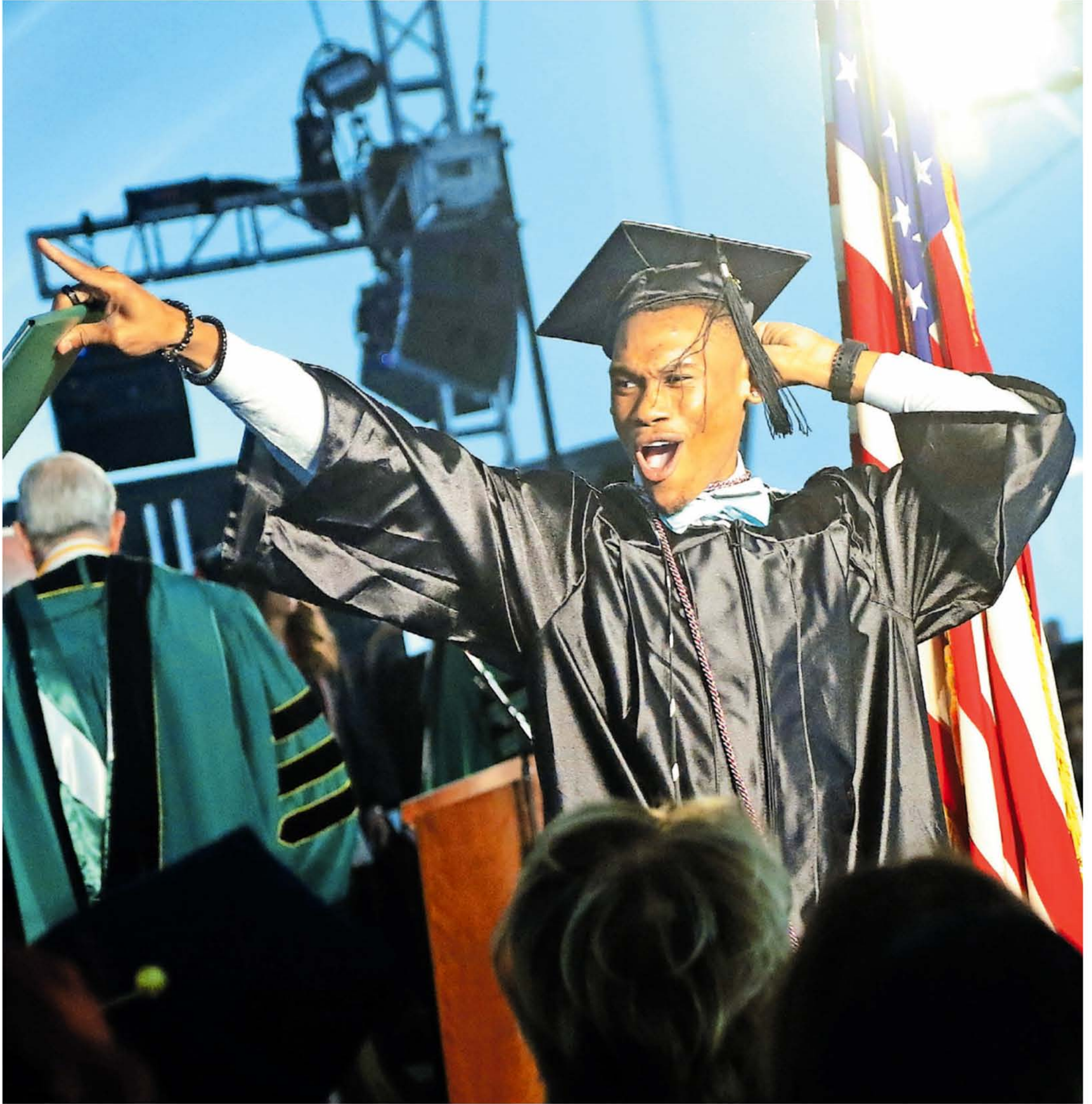
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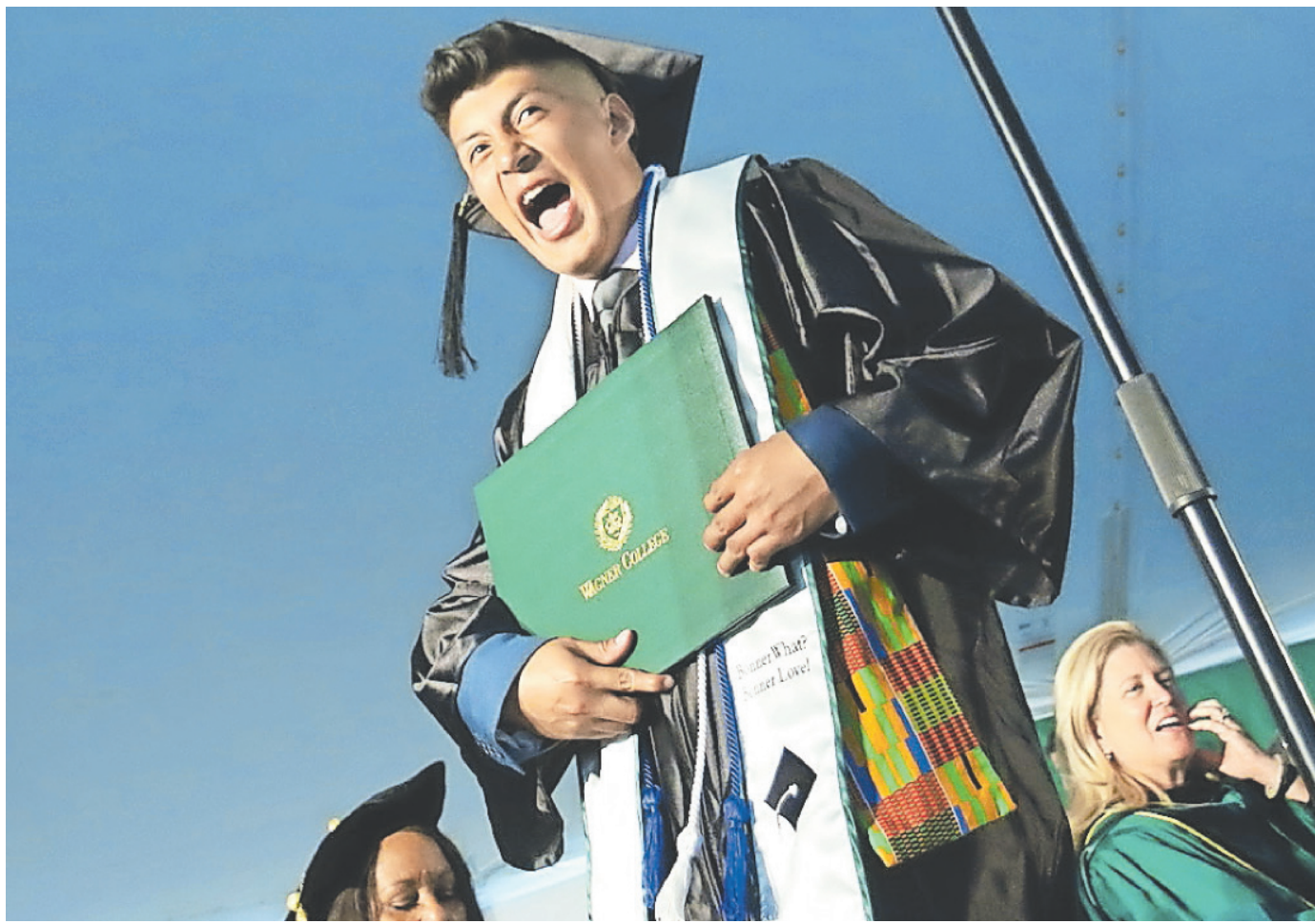
WAGNER COLLEGE



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"You are a new generation capable of healing our social divides, building a fair and just social order and it's imperative that you rise to this historical moment," he said to graduates and their families.

He mentioned his 4-month-old granddaughter, Zoey, who is multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and he said he often thinks about how she will experience the world.

"What gives me hope that her life will be one marked by meaning and honor is what I've learned here at Wagner — that your generation is a generation of transformational leadership to honor the pledge in creating a world of liberty and justice for all," Guarasci said.

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Graduates and their families sat outdoors for the ceremony, under a tent on Sutter Oval and were lucky with the beautiful, sunny weather.

Honorary degree recipients and keynote speakers were L. Lee Knefelkamp, professor emerita of psychology and education at Teacher College of Columbia University; and Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Knefelkamp, whose grandson will enroll as a first-year theater student at Wagner, praised the school's reputation for a strong practical liberal arts education.

She urged graduates to create a life of responsibility, wonder and radical amazement — and a life that is both useful and rewarding.

Knefelkamp quoted Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Our goal should be to live a life of radical amazement... Take nothing for granted. Never treat life casually."

In his speech, Hrabowski said he talked to graduating students before the ceremony to get a sense of what Wagner College means to them. He called them by name to stand, and asked the audience to applaud. The students credited dedicated faculty and staff, he said.

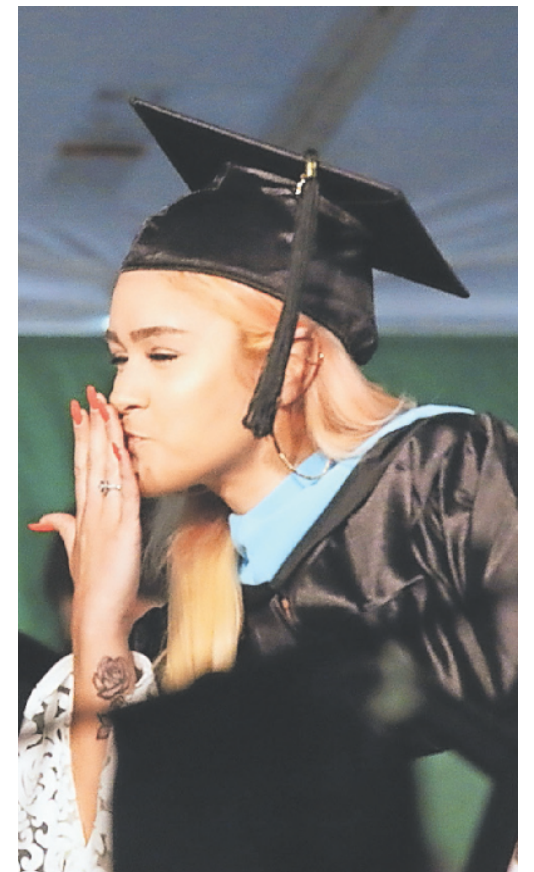
Hrabowski, who has worked to advance education for minorities throughout his career, cited the musical "Hamilton" and spoke of how his mother's love of reading began while she was working for a wealthy white woman in Alabama.

His mother became a teacher, and she told him, "Teachers touch eternity through their students," he recalled.

He encouraged students to never stop learning, and "to know your story and never let anyone define who you are."

Hrabowski concluded with this advice for graduates: "Watch your thoughts, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny."

Student speaker Eman Metwally, a dual childhood education and English major whose parents are Egyptian immigrants, credited Wagner for getting her out of her comfort zone to try new things, and to not be afraid of making mistakes. Through her four years, she learned that "experience is indis-



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pensible to learning." "Dream. Believe. Dare. And Do," she said in both Arabic and English.

The second student speaker, Glen MacDonald was a tour guide for incoming students.

"Wagner has become to me a profound experience, a second family and a personal Mecca," he said.

WAGNER COLLEGE 2018 GRADUATES:

BACHELOR OF ARTS:
Michael K. Aaman, Erika Aanonson, Miranda Abbott, Alfred V. Acquaviva, Julia Adams, Taylor Ahern, Danielle Allen, Emily Altebrando, Stefanie Aplin, Kishon T. Banks, Gina Barbara, Cecilia Barreda, Riley Bartolomeo, Margot P. Bergeron, Nicholas James Bolster, Bridgett Bonar, Charlton Boyd, Kaitlyn Bradway, Kendle Bramble, Brianna Brice, Christopher Buss, Anabel Caba, Nicole Calvagna, Jacqueline Caruso, Joanna Catalano, Gianna Chianchiano, Gabrielle Chiusano, Joseph Cowdrey, Danielle Croft, Brenda Cumpa, Joseph Dalton, Elijah Davis, Erica DeFrancisci, Alyssa Nicole D'Elia, Aaron Denesevich, Maurice Diawara, David Dines, Liana Doherty, Jonathan Dontchev, Elizabeth Anne Doyle, Toby Dubin, Eric Elson, Jesse Flaherty, Monica Fondacaro, Danielle Fox, Dana Gambardella, Austin Genannt, Kelly Christine Glenn, Anthony Godino, Jordan Elizabeth Gonzales, Aisling Green, Kathryn Grieci, Nina Gabriela Gross, Scott Hamovitz, Matthew Healey, Kirsty Hensing, Carson Hicks, Acrika High, Isabella Hinojal, Santa Claire Hirsch, Delaney Hoveenaar, Brianna Whitney Hoffman, Scott Hoke, Nija R. Howard, Kemani D. Howard,

David Hwang, Sabrina Kalman, Stephen Kingston, Wendy Kraemer, Armend Lajka, Mary Leahy, April Lillard, Tyler Loftus, Michael Luszczyk, Glen MacDonald, Skyler Malchiodi, Nicholas Manna, William Martin, Devonte McCray, Kaitlyn McKnight, Maria Meskhi, Joseph Messner, Eman Metwally, Cassidy Miller, Jazmine Minner, Hadeel Fathi Mishaal, Haleigh Moeller, Ryan Evan Moroney, Antuane Mosley, Nicole Mulé, Elizabeth Christine Murphy, Katelyn Norman, Angeline Nortz, Elizabeth Anne Oliver, Cynedra Olaitan Olufunmilola Osinaike, Kristine Palla, Kathleen Marie Palladino, Michael John Pardo, Hadly Alexandra Patterson, Emma Pittman, Elizabeth Polizzotti, Charles Anthony Poveromo, Hannah Preble, Natalia Radzik, Adrian Rene Ramos, Quincy Rasin, Maithe Patricia Reece, Leticia Marlen Romero, Troy Rood, Tyler Ross, Victoria Ross, Erica Rush, Andrew Russo, Marquis Antonio Salmon, Jaclyn Sceusa, Lydia Scheuermann, Jack Ellis Schnorbus, Gregory Jules Senat, Christine Marie Shouldis, Olivia Silvestri, April Simmons, Emma Sinnott, Ariana Sottile, Zhane Stones, Samantha Sullivan, Jessica Lynn Terrizzi, Garrett Toole, Sophia Tzougros, Joseph Uccio, Remington Vashisht, Taryn Ciera Volpe, Darius Walker, Anna Ward, Malik Warner, Kristen Whitaker, Ciaran Wolohan, Victoria Yard, Joselito Cabotajé Ybañez Jr., Lok Ling Yong.

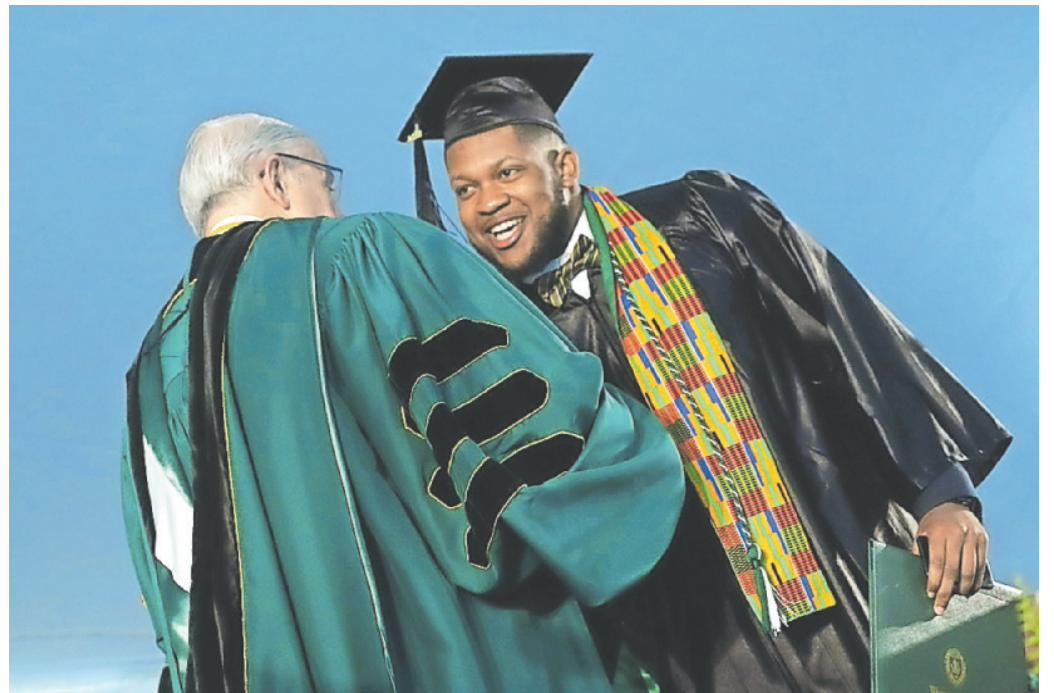
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Borrell-Vargas, Sabrina Boutros, Kaitlin Britton, Morgan Davis Brown, Chloe Brumfield, Willie Bu, Nicole Bulone, Alyssa Buscarnera, Alexandria Calascibetta, Kyle Calascibetta, Frank V. Calcutta, Leahy Kelly Camacho, Michael Cancellieri Jr., Cathryn Cantyne, Christina Capano, Brian Carpenter, Janine N. Catalano, Michael Catalano, Bianca Catello, Courtney Lynn Cavallo, Diane C. Ceballos, Marie-Katia Celestin, Raphael Chihambakwe, Paige N. Chladek, Erin Christiano, Aleksandr Chuyeshkov, Anna Cios, Jason Clas, Heidi Colford, John Collini, James Robert Collins, Anthony Compitello, Michael Connolly, Joseph D. Cooper, Madison Cooper, Ryan Cottone, Amanda Creutz, Krystal M. Cromeyer, Joseph Crowley, Erica D'Amato, Trevor Daniels, Lucille Darlington, Joshua Darwish, Sarah Davis, Melissa Deangelo Distefano, Hwa Jung Delgado, Cassandra Deocera, Lucas John DePofi, Adam Derer, Dayna DeSando, Jeannie Detore, Evaristo J. Diaz, Melissa Rose DiGiovanna, Katie Dion, Brian DiVuolo, Tanner Dixon, Myriam Djellali, Sarah Donahue, Jessica Donnelly, Nicholas V. Doscher III, Jaime Rose Doty, Drew Duffy, Dean Duggan, Christopher Durazzo, Gabriella Marisa Dutsar, Breanna Kathleen Earley, Lauren Leigh Ednie, Aneesa Ennab, Crystal Farinha, Nicole M. Farkouh, Emily Farrell, Amira Fazal, Marie Feaser, Jessica Anne Fink, Erin E. Finn, Gianna Lacey Fiumefreddo, Kaitlin Flaherty, Ann M. Fox, Francesca Frasca, Danielle Fuller, Andrew Galante, Frank Galante, Lisa Galasso, Kayla Garcia, Michael Gerbino, Carolyn Teresa Gibson, Gianna Giordano, Lucia Giordano, Ireyel Gittens, Irving Glinik, Ian Godin, Kathryn Gollinge, Christopher Gomez, Crystal M. Gonzalez, Samantha Goon, Denisha Green, Lauren Grieco, Pamela Grillo, Christina Gringut, Mary Helen Gustafson, Quyyiyah S. Gustus, Jennifer Guterma, Michael Gutsaev, Tarona Hafezzada, Cameron Hafner, Leah Katherine Hainline, Juliann Hammerton, Kirolos Hanna, Rosalind Heeger, Robert W. Heffron III, Danielle

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Kelly Walsh of Prince's Bay gives the thumbs up ahead of the ceremony.
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It was all smiles Friday during Wagner College's commencement ceremony.

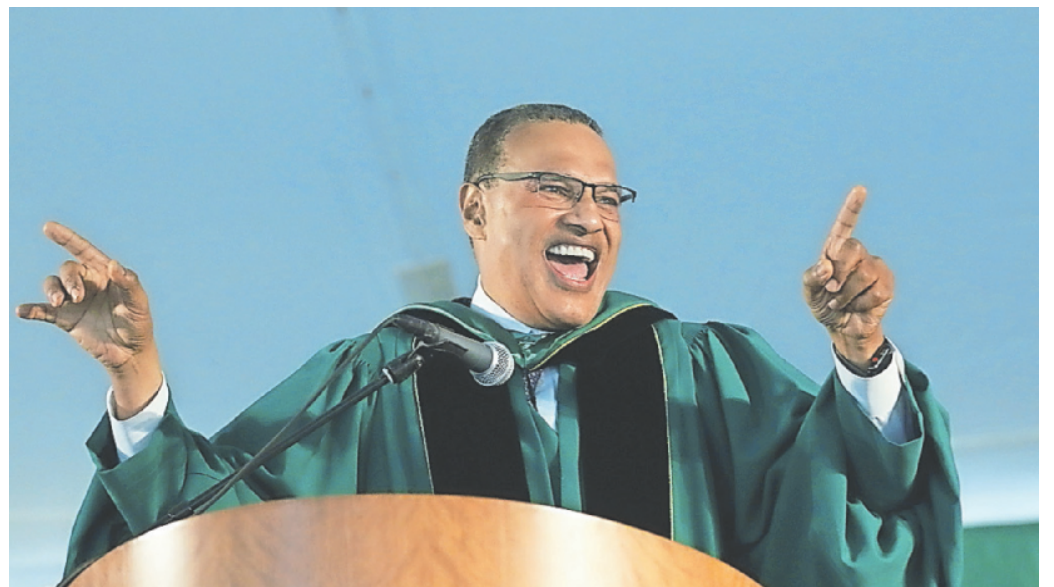
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LEFT: Honorary degree recipient and keynote speaker Dr. Lee Knepfelkamp, professor emerita of psychology and education at Teacher College of Columbia University, right, with Wagner College President Dr. Richard Guarasci. RIGHT: Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, addresses the audience.



Excited graduates cross the stage to receive their degrees.

John W. Kneessy, Krystal-Ann Ladao, Fatima Largaespada, Marko Madaras, Alyssa Manfredini, Kyle McGough, Sally Meli, Michael Mentor, Patrick McEnroe Minson, Logan Moody, Milot Muca, Ibrahim Abdulrahman Ibrahim Mugren, Brenna Murphy, Charles Neri, Shannon O'Connor, Andres Palacio, Blerim Poces-ta, Megan Marie Pulley, Douglas Rigg, Louis Rispoli, John Rodriguez, Maximilian Rottenecker, Mitch Rupp, Samantha L. Russo, Ariel A. Salisburg, Michael Schaeffer, Erika Seagren, Colin Thomas Shannahan, Eljona Shkreli, Alexis C. Smith, Steven Solli, Katherine Sweeney, Kiser Terry, Anthony Uccio, Taryn Nicole Vivalo, Ryan Gregory Wytanis.

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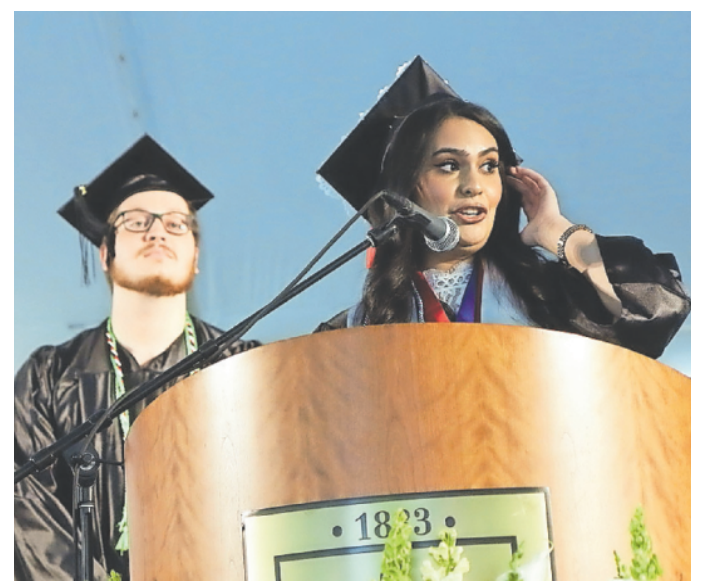
Julia Abusov, Leonora Akikovski, Alexi Alikakos, Kyle Allen, Marbe Hazel Alon, Medina Ardolic, Needa Bahkali, Forrest M. Bailey, Jennifer Baranello, Ashley Marie Benvenuto, Janice Lynn-Ann Bossert-McSwiggan, Rita S. Brusco, Amanda Buck, Jessica Lynn Bulone, Jennelly Burgos, Olivia Jun Cai, Maria Calabrese, Philip Carnavas, James Catalano, Shannon Cedeno, Margarita Chang, Peter Ciarravino, Monica F. Cipriani, Amber Coca, Brittany Connolly, Brianna Maureen Damora, Adrienne Datta, Gabrielle Davis, Orsolina de Michiel, Thomas Delahanty, Sydney Denault, Michelle Detka, Elissa J. Dikun, Misael Dimatulac, Anjali Divakaran, Barbara Duckworth, Zachary I. Edelman, Lauren Elizabeth Eisenbeis, Emily A. Farrell, Karen Erica Findley, Ruthzie Frazil, Tyler Fung, Zarina Gambino, Caroline Gelling, Elizabeta Gevargiz, John Giangreco, Alessia Giarracca,



One graduation cap advises "Have courage and be kind."

Lauren Goldstein-Narvaez, Brittney Grant, Madison Greif, Thomas Grimaldi, Elizabeth B. Harrington, Vanessa Lee Hernandez, Stephanie Rose Hopkins, Michele Ikone, Starr Jackson, Rugiaatu Jalloh-Camara, Adare MaryKathleen Jordan, Mirena Khaimova, Brandon Joseph Kocurek, Siara Kolpon, Halimat-tu Mariam Koroma, Veronica Kram, Deanna Lambiasi, Lisette Lorenzi, Diana O. Macaulay, Alexa Danielle Maestrone, Stephanie Susan Mallia, Jyothi Mammen, Alicia A. Marcellin, Aimee Marin, Matthew Mason, Roshan Mathew, Eric Michael McGough, Evan James Mellio, Melissa Mendez, Thamar Merisier, Rosa Christine Michos, Patrick Stephen

Minogue, Christina Monte, Jessica Mouradian, Patrick Murphy, Cristina Nardulli, Amanda Li Nelson, Naile Nokovic, Adrienne Camille Nistico, Cora-Ann O'Regan, Daisylyn Gonzales Pascua, Jessica Rae Pavolko, Nicole Peduto, Jacqueline Perez, Paulina Plaskon, Zana Rashed, Karilyn Ratcliffe, Amanda Rey, Emily Ann Riddle, Charles F. Robinson IV, Victoria Roda, Victoria Rose Rodriguez, Kim Rodriguez-Loggins, Elizabeth Roop, Paul Scrocco, Alla Seldina, Lloyd Smith Jr., Anthony Spano, Corinne Stackpole, Olivia R. Strelein, Benjamin G. Thomas, Wilson Thomas, Jeremy Manuel Torres, Nidia Valle, Adena Vata, Joseph Verga, Katrina Vitale, Vincent Vitulli, Elena Vur-



Student speakers Eman Metwally, right, and Glen MacDonalld address the crowd.



The Wagner College commencement ensemble sings "America the Beautiful."

mo, Andrew T. Weisenburger, Desiree West, Regina Askia Williams, Cynthia Rose Woolley, Jeannette Yim, Aleksey Yudanov, Joseph Zurica.
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
Ashley N. Alioto, Lukshmi Asirwatham, Corinne Birchard, Sarah Braun, Danielle Cantirino, Sarah Elizabeth Cappiello, Ashley Castanio, Samantha Cimillo, Richard Colletta, Kayla Dickey, Randy Donohue, Stefanie Frasca, Patrick W. Gibbons, John M. Gorga, Anthony Joseph Hurtado, Zamel Johnson, Victoria Manzo, Marissa Marks, Stephanie V. Misch, Alyssa Molino, Katrina Mooers, Megan

E. Moore, Alyssa Morganti, Katelyn Marie Murphy, Danielle Sara Nickolausk, Nicole Niemiec, Steven Panyu, Madison Ruff, Taylor Rose Sackaris, Samantha Siderowitz, Adrienne Stazzone, Taylor Varvara, Jennifer Weile, Ryan Joseph Zurawki.
POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE
KerryAnne Stroud.
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
Regina Borovik, Azza Ezzat, Deborah A. Gianfortune, Doris Ann Korona, Meghan Rebecca McShea, Margaret Mary Donovan Terjesen, Jebin Mary Varghese, Shoshana Weiner.