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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MAY 18, 2024 | 9:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Thaddeus Stevens
College of Technology

DEAR STUDENTS & FAMILIES,

Today is a consequential day. After so many years of dedication, overcoming challenges, and showcasing the grit Thaddeus Stevens College students are known for, today these students step into their future.

Even before our students set foot on campus, we come alongside them focused on their empowerment and success. We commit every resource at our disposal to equip them with the confidence to forge their own path, preparing them with skills to build opportunities for themselves. They are ready to launch into careers that make our communities stronger.

We are thrilled to be a part of their journey. We invite you all to stay connected with Thaddeus Stevens College in the future, whether through attending events, following activities on social media, or connecting with us directly as a community member or business. You will always be welcome here.

Pedro A. Rivera II, *President*

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MIGUEL CARDONA, Ed.D.
U.S. Secretary of Education
Honorary Doctorate Degree Recipient

Dr. Miguel A. Cardona became the 12th U.S. Secretary of Education after a distinguished career as an elementary school teacher, principal, district administrator, and Connecticut education commissioner. He is a firm believer that being an educator isn't only a job – it's an extension of your life's purpose.

Secretary Cardona's focus throughout his career on raising the bar for equity and excellence for all learners guides his leadership of the agency in service of the nation's 65 million students and their families. Secretary Cardona oversaw efforts to safely reopen schools for in-person learning, going from only 46% of school buildings open when President Biden took office to nearly 100% open just nine months later, while distributing over $130 billion in federal education funding for P-12 schools and $40 billion for colleges; working to increase higher education access, affordability, and student success; and leading unprecedented federal efforts to transform the country's student loan system. To date, nearly $137 billion in debt relief has been approved under Secretary Cardona's leadership. Across all of these priorities, Secretary Cardona has highlighted the urgency of seizing the moment through intentional collaboration – and the opportunity we have not only to recover from the pandemic, but to reimagine a more equitable education system that works better for all.

ALEX MUNRO

Former Executive Director of the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation

Distinguished Service Award Recipient (Posthumous Award)

Alex graduated from the Masonry program in 1960 and went on to spend 30 years in the masonry construction field. He worked as a bricklayer and was a supervisor in Eastern Pennsylvania. Alex's tradesmanship work included helping to build Park City Mall in Lancaster, Pa.

He returned to Thaddeus Stevens College to teach first-year masonry students and then was brought on staff as the Executive Director of the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation, also leading alumni engagement. He served the College for more than 30 years in that role, championing the advancement of the College's programs and facilities expansions. He felt that the College was his home and worked endlessly to make it a place where students felt safe, supported, and successful. Alex was dedicated to campaigning for the pivotal experience an education can be, and that the skilled trades can be a way to economic empowerment.

He left his mark throughout the College's campus, including on the Memorial Gardens that he helped to build by hand along with other College leadership and staff. Alex's family continued in his footsteps, with four of his grandchildren attending and graduating from Thaddeus Stevens College.

His legacy can be felt and seen by generations of graduates at Thaddeus Stevens College.

CLASS OF 2024

Abarca, Anthony ‡...*Plumbing Technology*

Acord, Grace +‡ ....*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Acosta, Victor ‡...*Automotive Technology*

Acosta, Joel ~‡ ....*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Albert, Julian +‡..*Engineering CAD Technology*

Almony, Phillip +‡..*Welding Technology*

Anderson, James ‡.......................................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Anding-Jones, Ian ‡...*Masonry Construction Technology*

Andrade, Dariel ‡.. *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Angelilli, Cameron *‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Angstadt, Cole ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Archer, Nicholas *‡ ....*Collision Repair Technology*

Armstrong, John ‡...*Welding Technology*

Bach, Josef +‡...*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Badgley, Adam **‡..*Engineering CAD Technology*

Baker, Brady *‡.. *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Balbuena, Aided ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Baldwin, Vincent ‡... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Barainyak, Joshua ~†..*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Baum, Turk ~‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Beauregard, Hunter ¶*‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Beebe, Rylan ‡...*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Beekley, Brett ‡... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Bell, David **‡..*Diesel Technology*

Bender, Kylie ‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Benning, Marcus †...*Masonry Construction Technology*

Bernard, Alexander ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Betson, Christopher ~‡...*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Betts, Zachary ‡...*Business Administration*

Bitler, Joel **‡..*Architectural Technology*

Bittorie, Colby ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Bitts, Cameron *‡...*Plumbing Technology*

** Summa Cum Laude 3.95 - 4.00	§ Military Service
* Magna Cum Laude 3.65 - 3.94	† Certificate
+ Cum Laude 3.35 - 3.64	‡ Associate in Applied Sciences
~ Honors 3.25 - 3.34	¶ Phi Theta Kappa (gold stole)
(GPA does not include the spring 2024 semester)	Honor students with gold braid

Bixler, Sarah **‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Blauch, Isabella ‡ ....*Diesel Technology*

Bobo, Devin ‡ ....*Business Administration*

Borg, Erik *‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Bowen, Marlowe +‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Boyer, Jordan ~‡ ....*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Bradley, Adam +‡ ....*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Breneman, Joshua **‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Brill, Tyler ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Brown, Tremayne ~‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Brown, Chloe *‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Brown, Jack +‡ ....*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Bruno, Matthew † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Buohl, Alexander ‡ ....*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Butler, Logan *‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Campbell, Edward ‡ ....*Business Administration*

Campbell, Jacob ‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Carrigan, John *‡ ....*Diesel Technology*

Carroll, Ryan +‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Carter, Brayden ‡ ....*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Certo, David † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Chamblee, Nahif ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Chapman, Darrell ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Childs, Benjamin ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Christian, Ace +‡ ....*Diesel Technology*

Christman, Donovan *‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Christopher, Emmett ¶*‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Ciano, Ryan **‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Ciaverelli, Roman ‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Cicerini, Jacob ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Cinelli, Teressa *‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Cipriano, Nathan *‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Clagg, Ryland +‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Cleveland, Jayden ‡... *Electrical Technology*

Cline, Scott §† ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Clouse, Reuben *‡...*Welding Technology*

Cobb, Anthony *‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Coleman, Dylan +‡...*Automotive Technology*

Colonna, Christian *‡...................................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Colton, Jonathan **‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Concepcion, Amaury ‡ ....*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Contreras, Albin *‡...*Business Administration*

Cooper, Byron-Wayne ‡..*Architectural Technology*

Corea, Albert ‡...*Automotive Technology*

Cotten, Joseph Ammon ‡ ....*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Creek, Ethan +‡..*Architectural Technology*

Crognale, Riley **‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Cruz, Jose † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Cruz Flores, Juan ~‡...*Automotive Technology*

Cutler, Grant ‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Dao, Luong §*‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Darlington, Serena ‡..*Welding Technology*

Davenport, Michael ‡ ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Davies, Maison +† ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Davis, Blake *‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Dawkins, Dennis ‡..*Plumbing Technology*

De la Cruz, Mariannie *‡...*Business Administration*

Dejewski, Matthew +‡..*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Delgado, Oscar ‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Delp, Benjamin +‡..*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Delphais, Nicholas ~‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Desir, Marc ‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Develin, Ian *‡..*Diesel Technology*

Deverter, Nolan +‡.. *Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Divalerio, Dominic ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Divenyi, Nikolas ‡...*Plumbing Technology*

Dixon, Charles ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Doll, Logan *‡...*Automotive Technology*

Dorsey, Lucas ‡ ....*Engineering CAD Technology*

Douglas, Reggan +‡...*Business Administration*

Douglas, James ¶*‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Doyle, Jacob ‡... *Electrical Technology*

Drake, Nathaniel ‡..*Computer Integrated Machining*

Drummond, David ‡..*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Duffault, Kevens ‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Eckert, Lucas ‡..*Automotive Technology*

Ehman, Joseph ‡..*Engineering CAD Technology*

Eichelberger, Jacob ‡...*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Eller, Ryan ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Emrey, Kyle ‡..*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Engler, Matthew † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Erb, Jared ~‡..*Water & Environmental Technology*

Ericson, William *‡...*Architectural Technology*

Estrada, Ruben ¶+‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Fahnestock, Tyler ‡... *Automotive Technology*

Farley, Gerald +‡.. *Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Farnan, Kristofer † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Feliciano, Fernando ¶+‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Fetzer, Liam † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Fick, Brett +‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Finkin, Brendan ‡.. *Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Flores, Xavier ‡.. *Carpentry Technology*

Flores Ortiz, Jose *‡.. *Architectural Technology*

Folkenroth, Kylie *‡ .... *Architectural Technology*

Foreman, Brian §+‡... *Electrical Technology*

Fox, Zacharias ‡.. *Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Francer, Kolton † ....*Plumbing Technology*

Frankford, Kylynn † .... *Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Frazier, Ny'aud † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Frederick, Jonathan ‡ ....*Water & Environmental Technology*

Frederick, Timothy ‡ ....*Water & Environmental Technology*

Freeman Jr, Sean ‡.. *Masonry Construction Technology*

Freligh, Alex *‡..*Business Administration*

Friedman, Miles ~‡ ....*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Frymyer, Jordan ‡..*Diesel Technology*

Fulk, Bryere +‡.. *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Fulp, Kyaire ‡..*Plumbing Technology*

Gaillard Ramos, Tyana ~‡.. *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Garces, Danny ‡..*Collision Repair Technology*

Garcia, Amaury ‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Garcia, Andy † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Gardner, Carter ‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Garvey, Emily ‡...*Water & Environmental Technology*

Gates, John ‡..*Masonry Construction Technology*

Gates, Jayden ‡..*Plumbing Technology*

Gbotoe, Hilarie -‡..*Water & Environmental Technology*

Gegg, Jeremy ~‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

George, Kody ‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Georgescu, Ryan †...*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Gery, Madison ‡... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Geyer, Xander ‡... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Giblin, Finn ‡.. *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Gilbert, Donald +‡..*Engineering CAD Technology*

Gilmore, Hunter +‡ .... *Architectural Technology*

Glatfelter, Cameron ‡ .... *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Gonzalez, Nyla ‡ ....*Business Administration*

Gonzalez, Kevin ‡..*Masonry Construction Technology*

Gonzalez, Nathan *‡...*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Good, Brian ‡..*Plumbing Technology*

Goodman, Jeremy ¶*‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Gordon, Jonathan +‡ ....*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Gramling, Marcus §*‡.. *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Grata, Benjamin +‡..*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Green, Tyler ‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Greenwalt, Joseph ‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Gresh, Michael +‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Grove, Hannah *‡..*Water & Environmental Technology*

Grzywinski Jr, Jude +‡.................................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Guerrero Medina, Franklin *‡.....................................*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Guers, David ¶*‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Guttman, Jacob ‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Hadjolian, Leo ‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Haldeman, Evan ~‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Haldeman, Anna *‡..*Business Administration*

Haldeman, Toby *‡.. *Electrical Technology*

Hall, Samuel ‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Hall, Logan ‡...*Masonry Construction Technology*

Halpin, Mason ‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Hamill, Peter ‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Hamill, Morgan **‡..*Architectural Technology*

Hamilton, Connor *‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Hanlon, Aidan ~‡...*Welding Technology*

Hanright, Richard *†..*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Hanson, Rodney ‡... *Electrical Technology*

Hargrove, Terrell ‡...*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Harner, Matthew +‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Harper, Evan ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Hart, Thomas ‡..*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Hart, Gary *‡...*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Hassler, Timothy §s¶‡...*Architectural Technology*

Hatton, John ‡...*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Hawley, Finnian *‡...*Welding Technology*

Heckert, Benjamin *‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Hellams, Keenan ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Hepler, Tyler +‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Herdter, Gabriel ‡.. *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Hernandez, Bryan ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Hernandez, Dominick † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Herr, Gavin ‡ ....*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Hershey, Thomas ‡ ....*Water & Environmental Technology*

Hershey, Ryan *‡ ....*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Hess, Kadin ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Hickey, Alexandra *‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Hillman, William ‡ ....*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Hirs, Zachary ~‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Hoben, Riley † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Hodge, Ethan ‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Hoke, Jaydon +‡ ....*Plumbing Technology*

Holzerman, Jacob *‡ ....*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Holzman, Conner ‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Honert, Cooper *‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Hoover, Ashley ¶*‡ ....*Architectural Technology*

Hoover, Joseph **‡ ....*Engineering CAD Technology*

Hornig, Hunter *‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Huang, Bryan ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Hughes, Hunter +‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Hunter, Fred ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Husted, Ryan ~‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Infanti, Marcus *‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Inners, Elijah † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Jackson, Tarius ‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Jackson, Mitchell *‡ ....*Architectural Technology*

Jacobs, Justice ‡ ....*Diesel Technology*

Jafari, Mohammad † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Jennings, Branae ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Jimenez, Samuel ‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Johnson, Nicholas † ....*Welding Technology*

Johnson, Jaylin ~‡ ....*Business Administration*

Johnston, Jaylon ‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Jones, Kyle ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Jones, Nathan ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Jones, Cameron +‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Karnofsky, Ronin ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Kazar, Tyler ‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Keane, Ryan **‡ ....*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Kearney, Finnegan *‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Keckler, Noah ‡ ....*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Keene, Michael **‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Keener, Joel **‡ ....*Cabinetmaking and Wood Technology*

Kehoe, Brent ‡ ....*Collision Repair Technology*

Keith, Kevin ‡ ....*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Keller, Christopher ‡ ....*Electrical Technology*

Kelly, Skylr ‡ ....*Electrical Technology*

Kelly, Wyatt +‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Kennedy, Riley ‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Kensinger, Russell ‡ ....*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Kimble, Trevor *‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

King, Cole *‡ ....*Architectural Technology*

King, Kaden *‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Kinsey, Nathan ‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Klepping, Nathan +‡ ....*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Kline, Collin +‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Klinger, Austin ‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Knapp, Alexis +‡ ....*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Knight, Elijah ‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Koch, Justin **‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Koennecker, Andrew +‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Korick, Ezra +‡ ....*Engineering CAD Technology*

Korosec, Jack +‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Koser, Nicholas ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Kozan, Aidan ‡ ....*Electrical Technology*

Kromer, Anthony +‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Kubatov, Parker ¶+‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Kuznicki, Matthew *‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Labus, Michael ~† ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Lagana, Nicholas ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Lake, Zachary ‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Landis, Gavin *‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Landis, Josiah **‡ ....*Architectural Technology*

Lara, Ryan ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Lashley, Nathan ‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Lawson, Ryan ~‡ ....*Electrical Technology*

Leach, David *‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Leeland, Malachi † ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Leheron, Aidan+ ¶ §† ....*Welding Technology*

Leibold, Lonnie ¶~‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Lewis, Collin ‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Lewis, Jacen *‡..*Automotive Technology*

Lilley, Daniel +‡ ....*Automotive Technology*

Lisinski, Adam **‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Little, Abrya ‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Logan, Nickolas **‡..*Carpentry Technology*

Lopez, Mephki ‡..*Carpentry Technology*

Lopez, Yanoel ‡...*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Lopez, Cristian ‡...*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Lua Lepiz, Alexis ‡...*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Lyons-Mcguire, Evelyn *‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

MacHemer, Novalee ‡..*Carpentry Technology*

Macon, Jerrod *‡..*Welding Technology*

Malmendier, Eleanor ¶*‡ ....*Architectural Technology*

Malone, Nicholas ‡...*Carpentry Technology*

Mansfield, Jackson ~‡..*Welding Technology*

Maris, Matthew ‡..*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Maritato, Tara ‡..*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Martin, Zachary *‡ ....*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Martinez, Justin ‡..*Residential Remodeling Technology*

Martinez Borrel, Samira ¶~‡..*Electrical Technology*

Matos, Gabriel +‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Maus, Trenton ‡...*Residential Remodeling Technology*

Maximo Rodriguez, Jorge ‡.................................*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

May, Carter ‡...*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

May, Derick +‡...*Architectural Technology*

Mayhew, Kinser *‡...*Engineering CAD Technology*

Mazzerle, Mason †...*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

McCane, Adam +‡..*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

McCarthy, Anthony ‡..*Automotive Technology*

McCleary, Matthew ‡....................................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

McCrosson, Evan ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

McElheny, Braylon ~‡...*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

McElroy, Benjamin +‡..*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

McEvoy, Mason ‡... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

McGeary, Dawson ‡..*Welding Technology*

McGee, Braxton ¶+‡.....................................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

McIntire, Ryan †...*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

McKelvey, Emma +‡..*Carpentry Technology*

McKenna, Gavin ~‡...*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

McMahon, Anderson ~‡.. *Electrical Technology*

McNamer, Timothy ‡ ....*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

McPherson, Elijah ‡..*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Mejia, Landen ‡ ....*Engineering CAD Technology*

Mellen, Bryce ‡ ....*Collision Repair Technology*

Mellen, Chandler ‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Mellinger, Tristan ~‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Memmo, Dominic ‡...*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Mendieta, Erik †...*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Miles-Eubanks, Rhyel ‡ ....*Masonry Construction Technology*

Miller, Jared ‡...*Computer Integrated Machining*

Miller, Michael +‡..*Residential Remodeling Technology*

Miller, Caleb *‡..*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Miller, Jack *‡...*Masonry Construction Technology*

Miller, Nathaniel ¶*‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Misenko, Lukas ‡ ....*Welding Technology*

Misero, Nicholas §*† ....*Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Mitchell, Sofia ~‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Mize, Evan +‡...*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Moffett, Brian ‡ ....*Carpentry Technology*

Mollenhauer, Joseph +‡...............................*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Montalvo, Shaliam ~‡...*Business Administration*

Moore, Dylan ‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Moore, Nathan ‡..*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Moore, Caden ‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Morton, Laquetta ‡...*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Moser, Hudson ‡...*Electronic Engineering Technology*

Mott, Stephen +‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Moyer, Joshua ‡...*Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Mufumbe, Bienvenu ‡..*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Munoz-Colon, Luke ‡..*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Munz Jr, David ‡...*Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Myers, Evan ‡.. *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Myers, Cole ¶*‡..*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Nance, Kenneth *‡..*Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

Nation, Alianna ‡...*Computer & Network Systems Administration*

Naum, Isaac ~‡..*Electro-Mechanical Technology*

Nelson Jr, Eric ‡ ....*Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Nguyen, Thai ‡ ....*Computer Integrated Machining*

Nguyen, Anne *‡..*Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Ober, Joel ‡ .... *Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning-Refrigeration*

O'Neill, Jason ‡ .... *Water & Environmental Technology*

Oppido, Antonio**‡ .... *Collision Repair Technology*

Ortiz, Jovany ‡ .... *Collision Repair Technology*

Ortiz, Miguel † .... *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

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Ovadek, Steven ¶*‡ .... *Plumbing Technology*

Pace, Malcolm ‡ .... *Civil Engineering Construction Technology*

Paff, Nathan +‡ .... *Architectural Technology*

Parker, Zamir † .... *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Parks, Kenneth † .... *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Parmley, Kashad † .... *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Paterson, William ‡ .... *Welding Technology*

Payne, Larrian † .... *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*

Pearl, Zach ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Peiffer, Noah ‡ .... *Electronic Engineering Technology*

Peiffer, Zachary | In Loving Memory .... *Diesel Technology*

Pena, Edward ‡ .... *Electrical Technology*

Pencak, Austin ‡ .... *Automotive Technology*

Perdigon, Jacob ‡ .... *Metals Fabrication & Welding Technology*

Perkins, Zachary +‡ .... *Carpentry Technology*

Pobursky, Tanner *‡ .... *Computer Software Engineering Technology*

Poe, Cyler +‡ .... *Architectural Technology*

Popejoy, Gavin *‡ .... *Architectural Technology*

Powell, Brandon ‡ .... *Residential Remodeling Technology*

Prestidge, Esther ‡ .... *Graphic Communications & Printing Technology*

Pritchard, Adam §+‡ .... *Computer & Network Systems Administration*

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THADDEUS STEVENS LEGACY

Thaddeus Stevens was born in Danville, Vermont, on April 4, 1792. He was the second of four boys whose parents were Sarah and Joshua Stevens. Thaddeus was born with a clubfoot, which made it difficult for him to walk. Thaddeus's older brother, Joshua, was born with two clubfeet. In the late 1700s, any physical deformity was seen as a sign from God that the family had committed some serious secret sin, and as a consequence, the family was ridiculed and shunned.

Joshua Stevens, Sr. was an alcoholic and abusive man who had spent his life as a poor man. The family lived in abject poverty on a small farm. By the time Thaddeus was 12, his father had abandoned the family. Sarah Stevens was a kind woman with great energy, a strong will, and a deep religious faith. Sarah realized the only hope for her eldest two sons was gaining an education. She scraped enough money together to enroll them in the nearby one-room Peacham School. Thaddeus was frail, poor, and not particularly attractive. Consequently, he was teased and taunted mercilessly by other children throughout his childhood. He became very shy and was extremely sensitive. Thaddeus excelled in school, however. It became obvious that he had great intelligence and a special aptitude for debating. Upon completion of his education at Peacham, Thaddeus was accepted at Dartmouth College. He was the poorest student at the College. As a result, he was an outcast—just as he had been throughout his childhood. Even

though he was more qualified than most of his peers, he was not nominated for Phi Beta Kappa, an honors fraternity.

Thaddeus Stevens graduated from Dartmouth and accepted a teaching position in York, Pennsylvania. He studied law in the evenings and passed the bar exam in a year. He set up practice in Gettysburg and later moved to Lancaster. In his first year, he successfully argued nine out of ten cases before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, an unprecedented feat. Word of his ability and success spread throughout the region, and he was inundated with clients. After five years, he owned a house and lot, along with several other properties, and he was able to purchase his mother a 250-acre farm with 14 cows. He said that buying her the farm was the "greatest satisfaction of his life."

In 1833, Thaddeus Stevens was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as an anti-Mason. Anti-Masons opposed Freemasonry because of its secrecy, oaths, and religious pageantry. Stevens objected to it because of his personal disdain of exclusionary clubs and societies. During his time in the General Assembly, the accomplishment Thaddeus Stevens was most proud of was his effort to institute free public education. In 1830's America, there were practically no free public schools. In a few places, poor children could attend school if their parents would publicly admit poverty; however, this was very rare. When the Free School Bill was introduced in the Pennsylvania House
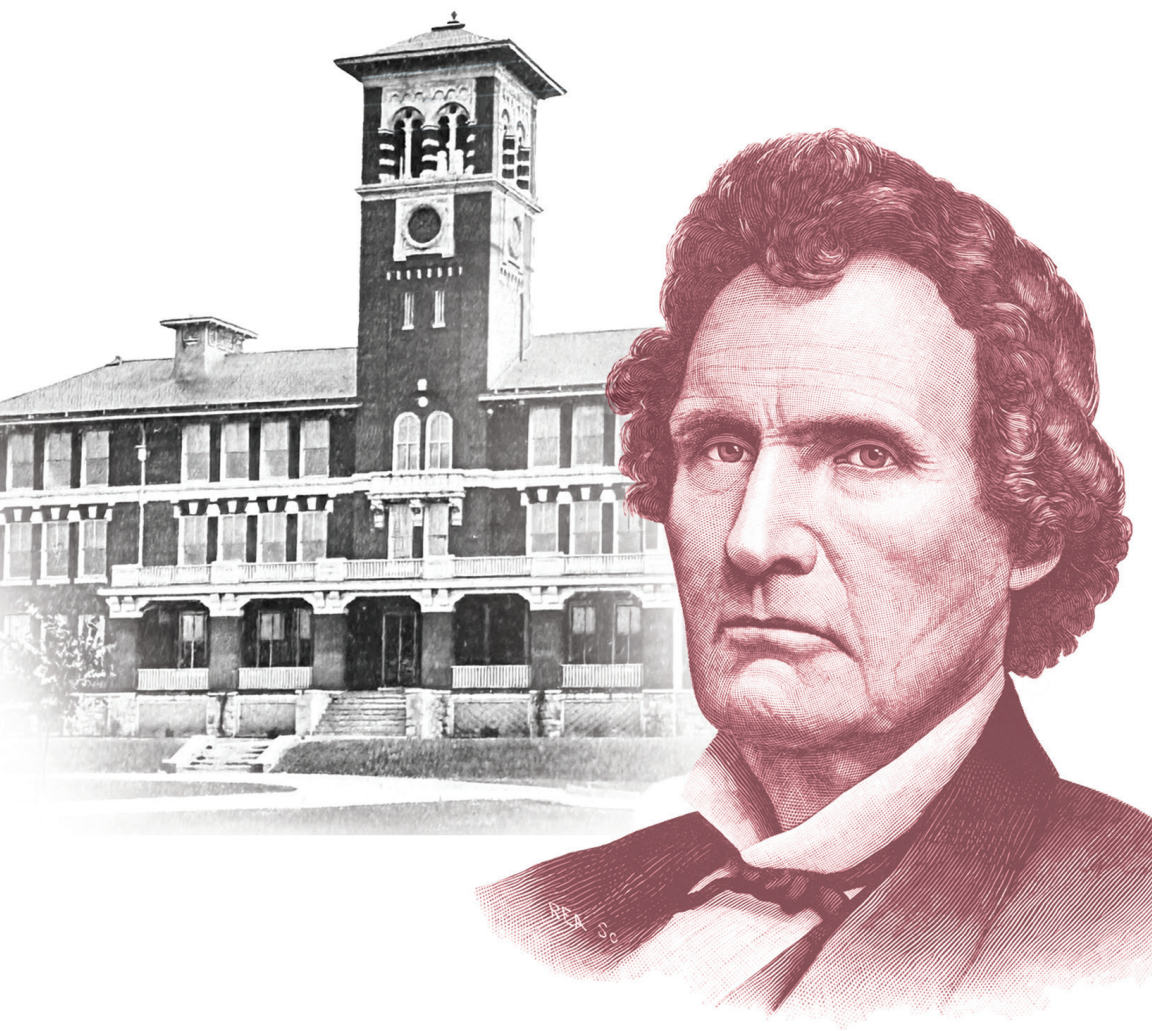
Stevens dreamed of a socially just world, where unearned privilege did not exist. He knew that differences among people should not be feared but celebrated.

of Representatives, Stevens became an ardent supporter. He collaborated with Governor Wolfe to get the bill passed. Unfortunately, when legislators returned to their districts, there was an uproar. People believed free education was too expensive, and some opposed the bill because they had their own religious schools. Over 32,000 individuals signed a petition to repeal the new legislation. The Senate quickly passed a repeal bill which then went to the House. Stevens took the floor to defend the original bill. There was standing room only as most of the Senate filled the gallery. Stevens began his speech by using statistics to show how a state system of free schools was more efficient and ultimately less costly than the existing system. He said the repeal act should be called, "An act for branding and marking the poor, so that they may be known from the rich and the proud." After he finished, he limped back to his seat to the cheers of the entire assembly. The House suspended the rules and amended the Repeal Bill into an act that actually strengthened the original Free School Act and passed it. The Senate immediately followed suit. The result was to give Pennsylvania a statewide free public school system an entire generation before New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the entire South. This is why Stevens is referred to as the savior of free public education in Pennsylvania.

This is an example of Stevens drawing from his own background and experience to attack privilege based on anything other than merit. This instance also reflects his fundamental belief that education is the great equalizer.

An important part of Thaddeus Stevens' legacy is his philanthropy. Throughout his life, he could never recall the poverty
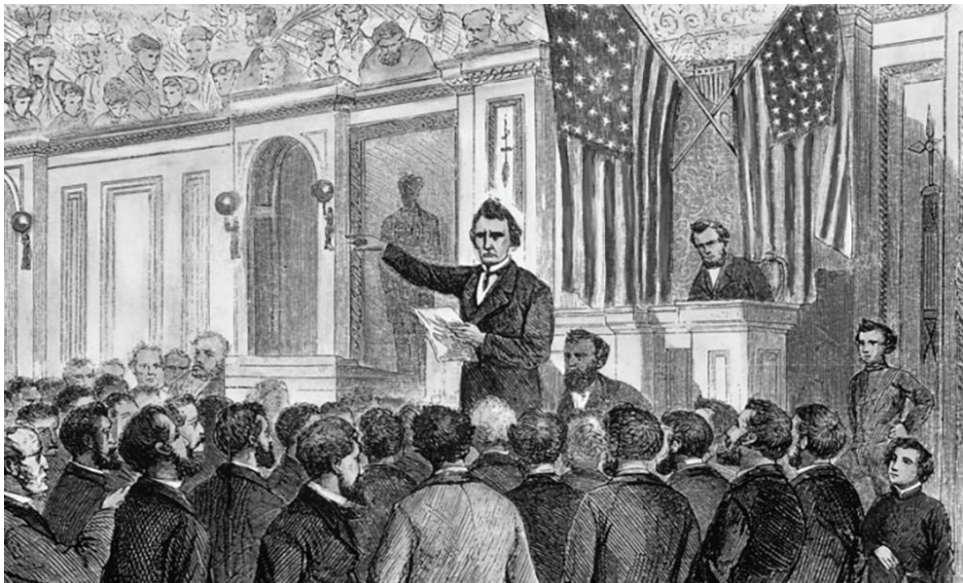
and discrimination of his childhood without great pain, which sensitized him to the oppression and human suffering in the world. He simply could not bear to hear or see suffering if his money or legal aid could relieve it. He gave of them both almost without limit. He did this irrespective of race, religion, national origin, or political affiliation. Even his harshest critics said he was charitable, kind, and lavish with his money in the relief of poverty. One indicator of his generosity was that at the time of his death, he had over $100,000 in notes from individuals to whom he had loaned money and from whom he had never been repaid. In his will, he left $50,000 to establish a school for the relief and refuge of homeless, indigent orphans.

This original bequest has evolved into Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. His will stated the following: "They shall be educated in various branches of English education and industrial trades and pursuits. No preference shall be shown on account of race or color in their admission or treatment. Neither poor Germans, Irish or Mahometan, nor any others on account their race or religion of their parents, shall be excluded. They shall be fed at the same table."

He defended and supported many persecuted groups. However, the defense of runaway or fugitive slaves gradually began to consume the greatest amount of his time, until the abolition of slavery became his primary political and personal focus. He was actively involved in the Underground Railroad, assisting runaway slaves to get to Canada, sometimes as many as 16 a week.

Thaddeus Stevens was elected to the United States House of Representatives from 1849–1853 and from 1859 until his death in 1868. This was the period leading up to and including the Civil War and the beginning of Reconstruction. During this time, Stevens became the most powerful congressman in Washington. He was responsible for funding the war effort and later Reconstruction. His goals during this period were the following: (1) to abolish slavery; (2) to accord individuals full legal rights irrespective of race; (3) to accord individuals voting rights irrespective of race; (4) to empower African Americans in the South by redistributing power and wealth as a result of the Reconstruction.

Stevens' legislative legacy at the Federal level are the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, which serve as the basis for all civil rights legislation. Stevens drafted his own version of the 13th Amendment, but when it failed to gain support, he shepherded a more popular version through Congress. It ended slavery in all states, whereas the Emancipation Proclamation only abolished slavery in the Confederacy. Stevens guided the 14th Amendment through Congress. This amendment established a national citizenry with all citizens given equality before the law, which no state could alter. He was disappointed because the amendment still made references to males only, allowed

states to restrict voting rights based on race, and allowed confederates to vote.

Stevens' was outraged over the failure of Reconstruction at the end of the Civil War. He wanted the wealthy white political power structure of the South to be dismantled and redistributed and proposed that every black free man should receive 40 acres and a mule. Unfortunately, any chance of Stevens' vision becoming a reality was lost when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and Andrew Johnson, the Vice President, became President.
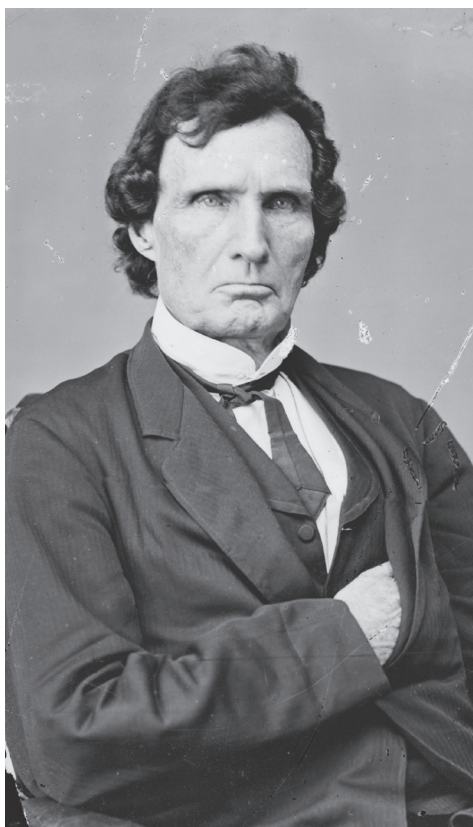
Stevens despised Johnson and worked to impeach him. The final vote fell one vote short, but Johnson was permanently weakened and reduced to a figurehead for the rest of his term, being replaced by Ulysses Grant in 1868.

Thaddeus Stevens died at midnight on August 11th, 1868. The public expression of grief in Washington was second only to Lincoln's. His coffin lay in State at the Capitol Rotunda, flanked by a Black Union Honor Guard of Massachusetts. 20,000 people, half of whom were black free men, attended his funeral in Lancaster. He chose to be buried in the Schreiner-Concord Cemetery because it was the only cemetery that would accept all races. He wrote the inscription on his head stone that reads: "I repose in this quiet and secluded spot, not from any natural preference for solitude, but finding other cemeteries limited as to race, by charter rules, I have chosen this that I might illustrate in my death the principles which I advocated through a long life, equality of man before his Creator."

Stevens dreamed of a socially just world, where unearned privilege did not exist. He understood from his own experience that being different or having a different perspective can enrich society. He knew that differences among people should not be feared but celebrated. Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a living monument to our founder's legacy. As such, the College continually strives to provide under-privileged individuals with opportunities and to create an environment in which individual differences are valued and nurtured.

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THE REGALIA COSTUME & CEREMONY

The origins of academic regalia can be traced back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when university classes were taught by clerics that wore robes for warmth. The original college classrooms in those days did not have central heating! So, the teaching clerics wore robes with hoods. The hoods had a scarf tail that they wrapped around their necks to keep in the warmth. Hoods today represent a conferred doctoral or masters degree. The university colors and the color of the discipline are lined in the hood. Today the scarf tail has been removed but the significance of the hood remains intact since the 12th century. Modern day academic regalia, consisting of robes, mortarboard or caps, hoods, and tassels are the direct academic descendants of the cleric robes. Academic regalia is part of the rich tradition of college life spanning over 900 years!

The mortarboard, or cap, is from the hood of the clerics. The cap has a tassel on it. At the beginning of the commencement the tassel hangs on the right side before the commencement and is moved to the left side after the commencement. The moving of the tassel symbolizes the exact moment the degree is granted. This is a very powerful part of the ceremony.

The tassel represents the academic mace, which is the symbol of authority for the degree granting institution of higher education. It represented the university's power to grant degrees. Therefore, your academic tassel on your mortarboard or cap is directly connected to the academic mace. When the commencement ceremony begins, your tassel is on the right side of the mortarboard. When a degree has been officially conferred during the ceremony, the tassel is moved to the left side of the mortarboard. The movement of the tassel represents the symbolic power of the academic mace. The academic mace, originally a weapon of war, can be traced back to ancient Greece government, and is used to symbolize the power the university has to confer degrees. The academic mace has now become the symbol of the power of universities to confer degrees to candidates who have earned the privilege of the degree.

The entering procession is usually led by the senior faculty member carrying the mace, the college trustees, administrators, speakers, faculty, and then the candidates for degrees.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning as represented by the division banners include: orange representing disciplines in the engineering technologies, blue in pedagogy with yellow and crimson borders representing the sciences and humanities, and drab representing commerce with borders in green representing health sciences and orange representing technologies.
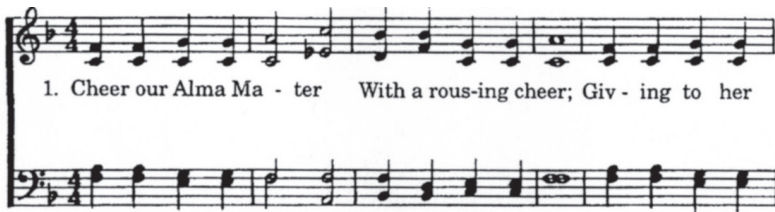
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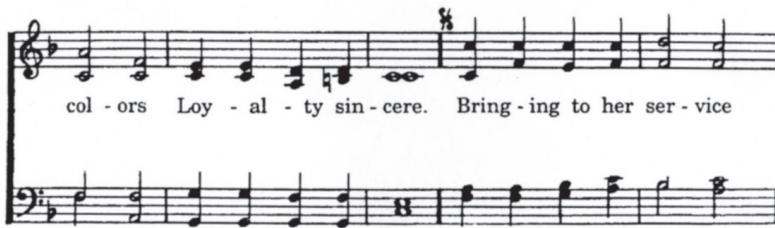
NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

ALMA MATER

Tune by James Mountain
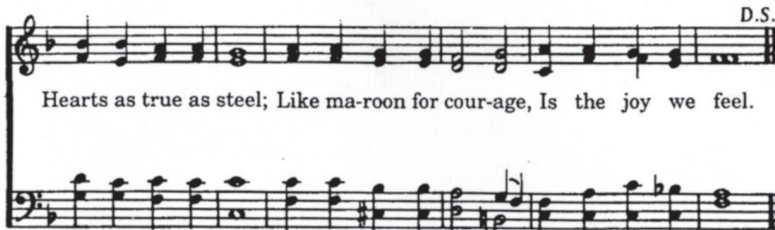
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REFRAIN: Cheer our Al- ma Ma - ter,

Hearts as true as steel; Like ma-roon for cour-age, Is the joy we feel.

Cheer our no-ble school: Al-to-geth-er, com-rades; Thad-deus Ste-vens School.

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