Welcome

Presentation of Awards

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards

William M. Wilson

Art C. Dimas
Madeline G. Tolmie
P. Fusion Marshall

Seven Society Awards

Madeline K. Lewis

Louise A. Oneisy Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award
Nicholas F. Nelson

James Earle Sargeant Award
Latino Student Alliance

Class of 2012 Awards

Valerie S. Shuping

Class Award for Community Service
Samantha J. Chao

Class Award for Cultural Fluency
Aashish M. Edakadampil

Class Award for the Unsung Hero
Katherine V. Maroh

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr. Award for Vigilance to the Student Experience
Sean K. Jenkins

Senior Assistant to the President

Presentation of the Class Gift

Dane G. Ferré and Courtenay M. Dobbins

Acceptance of the Class Gift

Teresa A. Sullivan

President, University of Virginia

Presentation of Special Appreciation

Natalia Mercado Violand

Vice President, Class of 2012

2012 Valedictory Address

Introduced by Nitya G. Reddy

Graduation Committee Chair, Class of 2012

Valerie B. Ackerman

Farewell Remarks

Nancy J. Park

President, Class of 2012

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VALEDICTORY EXERCISES

The Lawn
May 19, 2012
Eleven o'clock
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