

# Congratulations

**Class of 2025**

GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE





## President's Message

To the Class of 2025: Congratulations and welcome to the Alumni family of GBC! You have been very important to us as a student, and you will continue to be important to us as you begin your life post-college. Alumni play important roles in the life of a College: they represent the College in their careers and they demonstrate the value of a GBC education with every career success they earn. Alumni represent the College with every story they tell to prospective students of the future, whether it be family members, neighbors, or students they meet when they volunteer to represent the College at recruiting events in their hometown. Alumni represent the College when they carry the “culture of giving” they learned here into their lives away from College, volunteering their time and knowledge for worthy causes. And alumni represent the College when they give back through donations to the College’s Annual Fund, building scholarships for students who will know the same struggles they experienced as they try to lift themselves up through education in pursuit of a better life. We wish you well in all you do going forward, and we hope you keep us in your thoughts as you go out to start your life post-GBC. Keep in touch. Let us know about your life changes and achievements—promotions, career changes, awards and other recognitions—as well as address and email updates, ideas for making the College a better place, and even general shout-outs when you are thinking of us. Follow us on social media, like and share freely, and keep the College name in circulation. GO LIGHTNING!

**-Colleen Perry Keith, President**



# Registrar

First, congratulations! Whether you are reading this as an official alumni or a current student who is about to graduate, there is some housekeeping information that the Registrar’s Office would like to provide you as you transition into part of the GBC Alumni Family.

- Diploma – Initially, after your degree is conferred, you will be issued two different diplomas:
- Traditional Paper Diploma – this will be mailed to your current address within 4 weeks of your degree being conferred.
  - Certified Electronic Diploma – this is a digital and verifiable copy of your diploma. Instructions on how to access and/or verify your digital credential are emailed to your Campus email address within 4 weeks of your degree being conferred.
  - Diploma Re-Order Process – Sometimes alumni lose their original diploma and need to request a replacement. Instructions on this process can be found on the Registrar’s Office page on the gbc.edu website.

- Transcripts – At some point, you will definitely need a transcript – there are two kinds at your disposal.
- An official transcript is what you would need if you are applying for a job or seeking admission to another institution. That can be requested by visiting the Alumni & Friends page on the gbc.edu website.
  - An unofficial transcript is something you may want for your own records in case you want to recall what classes you took, brag to your friends about your GPA, or to quickly remember what semesters you enrolled at the College. You can always obtain a copy on Campus Web under the Records & Registrar section.

Verification of Enrollment – In some cases, alumni request a verification of enrollment. This is considered not as official as a diploma or transcript, and only contains the dates you enrolled and the degree you earned in the form of a letter. This is something you can request by visiting the Registrar’s Office page on the gbc.edu website.

We wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next in life, and know that we are always here to provide any assistance you may need!



# Academic Affairs

Over the past several years of your enrollment in courses at GBC, you have experienced first-hand our talented faculty and staff and their incredible ability to flex from in-person to online and back again. These same faculty and staff who have poured into you their knowledge and experience stand willing to help you as you journey out to launch your careers.

The goal of a GBC education is to enable you to live a fulfilling life after college. So, whether you need a recommendation for a job, coaching for interviewing, or advice on pursuing a promotion, GBC faculty and staff will still be here for you, even after you leave our hallways.



# Student Affairs

The Goldey-Beacom College Student Affairs Team extends a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the College's Class of 2025!

As you embark upon your prospective careers, we urge you to continue to serve your community and be a beacon of hope for someone else as they follow in your footsteps! As an ambassador for the College, share your story so others can have the same opportunity to succeed as you have at GBC.

We would also like to give special thanks to your families, spouses, children, and friends for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support during these challenging, but rewarding, years at Goldey-Beacom College. In the coming years, we ask that you not forget about your college experience, former professors, staff, and other students that have impacted your life while at GBC. Then, once the nostalgia hits, COME BACK to GBC! Show up in ways that support College-wide traditions such as Homecoming and Hoop It Up, supporting the annual scholarship fund or just stop by to say hello. We love to be updated on your many achievements throughout your careers and personal lives.

Congratulations again to the courageous Class of 2025! Go forth and change the world-You will forever be part of the GBC Family. GO BOLTS!





# Athletics

All your games have been won or lost, but all the fond memories remain. Once you are a member of a Lightning team, you are always a member. As you step forward into your career beyond college, we hope you will keep that friendship alive with your teammates, your coaches, and your fellow students at Goldey-Beacom College. Student athletes often make the most active and loyal alumni, so consider giving back by participating in alumni events, volunteering to represent the College in Admissions work, or volunteering as a mentor through Career Services. Speak with your coach about possibly volunteering to coach, or simply come back for a visit and introduce yourself to the newest members of the team.

Go be a success, and as always, GO LIGHTNING!



# Alumni & Giving



**YOUR gifts make a difference**

Get involved, stay connected, and support Goldey-Beacom College. Congratulations Class of 2025! We welcome you to a network of 15,000+ alumni from all over the world! Graduation is a special time- take a second to soak it all in. Feel the joy of accomplishing something amazing! Your GBC journey continues after graduation when you automatically become a member of the GBC Alumni Association. While your school years may end, there are always opportunities to “come home” and support Goldey-Beacom: Homecoming Weekend, Hoop It Up, Golf Drives for Education, the Fall Craft Fair and many other alumni events. Be sure to join the GBC Alumni Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gbcalum> to keep up on happenings at the school. We also love to hear from you with any personal data changes such as address, email, job acceptances or any other accolades at [alumni@gbc.edu](mailto:alumni@gbc.edu) or at [go.gbc.edu/alumni-info](https://go.gbc.edu/alumni-info). The GBC Alumni Association Board of Directors partners with the Institutional Advancement office to fulfill its vision and mission, and to execute its strategies, programs and outreach. Both groups have the same end goal—to ensure that all current and future alumni have a fulfilling, lifelong relationship with our great College. The Board of Directors is led by a band of volunteers who are proud to engage our entire alumni community through programming and events, awards, and more. Each member utilizes their time, talent or treasure to give back to GBC. Did you know, the Annual Scholarship Fund provides \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year to students just like you were? One way you can continue to support GBC is by making your pledge to the Annual Scholarship Fund at [go.gbc.edu/annualfund](https://go.gbc.edu/annualfund). Giving back is a meaningful way for GBC graduates to pay it forward and show appreciation for their GBC experience. We also welcome your time and talent as part of the Board of Directors, event committees and fundraising! Please contact Amy Diamond '06,'10 at [diamona@gbc.edu](mailto:diamona@gbc.edu) to help! Embrace any and all emotions that may come your way, and above all be proud of yourself because you will never relive a moment like this.



## Financial Aid

First and foremost, congratulations on your graduation! If you received a federal student loan at Goldey-Beacom College, you must complete Exit Counseling at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Exit counseling is a federal requirement for all federal student loan borrowers. Exit counseling ensures you understand your student loan obligations and are ready for repayment. You'll learn about what your federal student loan payments will look like after school. Further, the exit counseling session will recommend a repayment strategy that best suits your future and goals. You can conveniently complete the exit counseling requirement on [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

You can learn more about your federal student loan servicer on [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) or by contacting the Financial Aid Office. If you were a recipient of a private loan, please contact your private loan servicer to learn more about repayment options. Always stay alert for student loan consolidation or debt relief scams. If you are ever unsure about consolidation or a relief program, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible for clarification.

Have questions or concerns? Do not hesitate to reach out to the Financial Aid Office for clarification! We are available to answer any of your questions or concerns. Fair winds and following seas in the post-college journey!



## Information Technology

Congratulations on this significant milestone in your educational journey! After graduating from GBC, there are some important things you'll need to know about the GBC technology resources you've had access to as a student.

- Your existing access to GBC technology services will remain the same for one semester following your last scheduled class. This gives you time to collect any documents or projects you'd like to save.
- You should plan to download or migrate any content from your GBC OneDrive or Teams you wish to keep. In addition, any Office apps you activated with your GBC account on your personal devices will switch to a reduced functionality mode. This means you will lose some application features and retain only limited access.
- GBC email access will stick work in Outlook (mobile or desktop, however desktop, a license for Office 365 will be required)

Once again, congratulations from the Office of Information Technology! You have worked hard to earn your degree, and we wish you the very best in your future career!

## Business Office

As an alumnus, your access to student finances remains intact. Account history, in the form of account statements, tax documents, and payment history, remains available on Campus Web or by request. Please remember that you may need those critical documents for up to seven years for tax purposes. The Business Office is always here to help! Contact our main phone line at 302-225-6268 with any questions or concerns.

# Career Services

Congratulations on your Academic Success! As you start your next chapter, we want you to know the Career Services Office is a free lifetime resource for you throughout your career journey. All of our events and services remain available to you:

- Career fairs
- Networking events
- Handshake
- Big Interview
- Focus 2
- Mock interviews
- Resume reviews
- Meetings with our staff

We encourage you to share your success stories and come back to campus and participate in career related events on behalf of your employer. Interested in acting as a mentor for students exploring careers? Email [careers@gbc.edu](mailto:careers@gbc.edu) and we will match you with a current student.

Your career development extends beyond your time here at GBC, we are here for you!



## Admissions

We were the first to welcome you to Goldey-Beacom College, and we hope to welcome you back again and again. If you are completing your undergraduate degree, we implore you to consider enrolling in one of our many graduate degree options. You may have already taken one or two graduate classes as part of your undergraduate degree. Those classes count once again toward your graduate degree when you re-enroll. If you are graduating with a master’s degree, please know that the College is actively developing a set of graduate certificates in areas of greatest need to employers. Education lasts a lifetime, and if you’re not learning, you’re not living!

Your years at Goldey-Beacom make you a subject-matter expert, and we invite you to share your knowledge with others while it is fresh in your memory. Share your experience with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Pass on your experiences to the next generation of college-bound students and help your Alma Mater (that’s Goldey-Beacom now!) Lead these prospective students to a success as great as yours. Consider extending the culture of giving we hope you acquired here by volunteering to assist the Admissions Office in its annual recruitment efforts. Serve as an Alumni Representative at college fairs in your hometown. Seek opportunities to speak at your own high school about the experience you had here. Accompany a relative or friend to a campus visit and lead the tour yourself. There are so many ways you can serve as an ambassador for the College and help shape the classes of future years.

If you wish to explore the opportunities for extending your education, or you wish to volunteer as an Alumni Representative, contact the Admissions Office at 302-225-6248 or email [admissions@gbc.edu](mailto:admissions@gbc.edu).



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