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## Meet Just a Few Class of 2022 High-Achievers

*Queens University commencement returns to campus for the first time in three years*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (May 3, 2022) – This Saturday, May 7, Queens University of Charlotte will hold its first on-campus [commencement ceremony](#) since 2019. Having completed their degree requirements, the Class of 2022 will earn the official title of Queens University alumni. Learn more about a few impressive graduates who are ready to lead, serve and prosper!



**Best friends and first-generation college students fulfill their medical school dreams.** Since their first day as Queens freshmen, Kaylee Broome '22 and Amaya Farr '22 have bonded over their shared passions and similar personas. Now, in a bittersweet separation, the two first-generation students are headed to two different medical schools to break barriers for Black women in medicine. [Learn more about Kaylee and Amaya.](#)



**Social Influencer Balances Academics and Entrepreneurship.** Sport management major Chris Shepherd '22 has always dabbled in entrepreneurship. The student athlete successfully navigated college while building a social media following during the pandemic. Now, with an audience of nearly 100K on TikTok, the fitness influencer is making sponsorship deals with athletic brands and earning a comfortable income. From Queens, he looks forward to continuing his business while leveraging his knowledge to serve as a content creator for an organization. [Learn more about Chris.](#)



**Six Job Interviews. Six Job Offers.** Lauren Crabtree '22 began college with an undecided major. It wasn't until her sophomore year that she knew she wanted to teach. The Birmingham, Ala. native quickly found a home in the Cato School of Education at Queens. When she recently traveled to Florida to interview at six schools, she returned with six job offers, including the full-time second-grade teaching role she accepted at her top choice school, Sweetwater Elementary in Port Orange. [Learn more about Lauren.](#)



**First-Generation Leader.** Ronal Daniel Garcia Lopez '22 aspires to serve his community through his passion for health education. The first-generation college student and first-generation American is passionate about leading change in his community and serving the people around him. The Health Education and Promotion major serves as senior class president and will represent the Queens Class of 2022 through a formal address at commencement on May 7. [Learn more about Ronal.](#)

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### **About Queens**

Queens University is a private, coeducational university located in Charlotte, N.C. The university serves nearly 2,500 students with 43 major and 63 minor undergraduate degree options and 12 graduate degrees. Students represent 44 states and 70 foreign countries. As part of the university's vision to promote educational experiences that nurture intellectual curiosity and promote global understanding, nearly two-thirds of traditional undergraduates participate in study abroad experiences and 100 percent take part in internships. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Queens 15th among regional universities in the south in its 2022 edition of Best Colleges.