



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, Elim Bible Institute and College; and Elyon College
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at Dowling College; Elim Bible Institute and College; and Elyon College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2018 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances.

Dowling College

Dowling College, which was located at 150 Idle Hour Boulevard in Oakdale, New York, was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on September 27, 1968. On August 31, 2016, Dowling College closed. In order to hold students harmless, the Department recommends that the Board of Regents award degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their Dowling degree programs. Former Dowling

College students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in Dowling College at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Dowling program; are able to complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the closure of Dowling College (i.e., by August 31, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019.

Elim Bible Institute and College

Elim Bible Institute, Inc., located in Lima, NY, was established in 1924. During the first 88 years of its existence, Elim Bible Institute, Inc. was a non-degree institution, offering a three-year, non-credit diploma in Biblical Studies and a variety of one-year, non-credit certificates. The institution submitted a petition for a provisional charter in 2010, seeking authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. Following the customary review process, including an on-site peer review visit, the Regents granted a provisional charter to the institution, under the name Elim Bible Institute and College, in September 2012. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

Elyon College

Elyon College, located at 1400 West Sixth Street in Brooklyn, New York, was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 2011. Elyon College offers an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and a Certificate in Accounting and Business Technology, and an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and a Certificate in Judaic Studies. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Board of Regents award degrees on its behalf.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

- For active institutions, the institution sends the Department a list of candidates, official transcripts, and its official catalog. If the institution is closed, candidates apply directly to the Department.
- Transcripts are compared to the requirements of the registered program to ensure that candidates have met all requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the award. When this step is completed, a petition is prepared for Regents action.
- At the same time the petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff notify the institution which candidates have met the requirements for the degree.
- After the Regents have acted on the petition, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the awards are conferred, active institutions prepare diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of USNY

(Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.

- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Chancellor and the President of USNY and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.
- For conferral of awards for closed institutions, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and award, and it mails the signed diplomas to the students.

Related Regents Items

[Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and The New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting Sculpture July 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/318brca1.pdf)

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[Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Elim Bible Institute and College November 2017](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1217brca3revised.pdf)

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[Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and Globe Institute of Technology August 2017](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917brca1.pdf)

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[Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; Elim Bible Institute and College; Elyon College; and New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis June 2017](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/617brca3.pdf)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/617brca3.pdf>)

[Conferral of Degrees: New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture; Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; Taylor Business Institute March 2017](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/317brca3.pdf)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/317brca3.pdf>)

[Conferral of Degrees: New York Studio School of Drawing Painting and Sculpture Dowling College Globe Institute of Technology Taylor Business Institute February 2017](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/217brca4revised.pdf)

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/217brca4revised.pdf>

[Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and The New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture July 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/718brca14.pdf)

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Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for registered degree programs at Dowling College, Elim Bible Institute and College, and Elyon College for the respective degree as listed below:

Dowling College

The following students have completed the requirements for their respective awards as indicated:

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Kerimian, Debby Lynne

Master of Science (M.S.)

Lee, David Matthew

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Swan, Lance Robert

Advanced Certificate

Kerimian, Debby Lynne

Elim Bible Institute and College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) award:

Brito Velazquez, Sorangely Linci

Dowers, Katelyn Marie

Eggleston, Christopher S.

Forte, Benjamin Clayton

Hahn, Emily O.

Leyland, Frederick

Lynch, Joshua J.

McDonald, Isaiah Caleb

Medeiros, Patrick C.

Moss, Russell W.

Ronnenberg, Michael John

Rybka, William Christopher

Sandoval, Salvador

Shoemaker, Andrew

Sierson, Jacob Mitchell

Smith, Miriam

Stern, Anna Ruth

van Bruggen, Michiel Adiël

VanLoon, Benjamin T.

Waters, Conor James

Winheld, Jessica Ruth

Yrjölä, Hannah Maijoy

Elyon College

The following student has completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) award:

Mashinsky, Rivka

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.) award:

Breuer, Miriam
Fasten, Batsheva
Friedman, Gendy
Gluck, Chaya
Gottelher, Malky
Graber, Devorah
Grossman, Devora
Isaacs, Rachel
Jakabovics, Yehudis
Klitnick, Tzipora
Kugelman, Blima Gittel
Landau, Chaia G.
Levine, Esther
Parnes, Julia
Paskus, Devorah
Pinter, Bracha (Bruchie)
Reiss, Miriam
Schwartz, Rachel
Schwartz, Shprintzy
Streicher, Baila
Tauber, Tziporah
Wachs, Pessie

The following student has completed the requirements for the Certificate (CERT) award:

Schischa, Esther