

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Summer
Commencement*

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PERFORMING ARTS HALL



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SUMMER 2009 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

August 15 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Luis M. Proenza, *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

PRELUDE MUSIC	<i>O Jesu Christ, mein's Lebens Licht</i> by J. S. Bach <i>Negev, A Tone Poem for Brass</i> by John Hartmeyer <i>William Tell Overture</i> by G. Rossini The University of Akron Brass Choir Tucker Jolly, <i>Conductor</i>
FANFARE	<i>Ceremonial Piece</i> by William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir
PROCESSIONAL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Grand March</i> by Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> by Jeremiah Clarke The University of Akron Brass Choir
INVOCATION	Morning The Rev. Carl P. Wallace <i>Trinity United Church of Christ, Akron</i> Afternoon Elder Robert E. DeJournett <i>Akron District Church of God in Christ, Akron</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)</i> Led by Rachel Morrison <i>Undergraduate Student, School of Music</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Luis M. Proenza <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
GREETINGS	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
MUSIC	<i>Prelude to "Il Pomo d'Oro"</i> by P. A. Cesti The University of Akron Brass Choir
ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Luis M. Proenza <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Rachel Morrison The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Fine and Applied Arts, and Wayne College.

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Nursing, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, and Summit College.

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees The presentation of candidates for Master's Degrees The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees <i>Marieta</i> <i>Danza Mora</i> <i>el Columpio</i> by Francisco Tarrega <i>Leyenda</i> by Issac Albéniz <i>Muir Woods</i> by Andrew York <i>Grand Solo</i> by Fernando Sor <i>Rubina's Blue Sky Happiness</i> by Joe Satriani <i>Django</i> by John Lewis <i>Cavatina</i> by Stanley Meyers Adam Sarata – Guitar
THE ALMA MATER	(<i>The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 30.</i>) Led by Rachel Morrison The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2009	Morning Ray Dunkle ('91) <i>National Alumni Board</i> Afternoon Kelly Price ('98) <i>National Alumni Board</i>
STUDENT RESPONSE	Morning Karen Zapata Franca Afternoon Mark Staats
THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD	The University of Akron Brass Choir
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Luis M. Proenza
BENEDICTION	Morning The Rev. Carl P. Wallace Afternoon Elder Robert E. DeJournett
POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL	(<i>The audience will be seated.</i>) <i>Suite</i> by Tylman Susato The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates are in the order of college founding date.

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

The pageantry of commencement is rooted in traditions that are centuries old. The following information is designed to assist you in understanding the significance of these ceremonial rites.

Processional

The academic processional is an official prelude to the commencement ceremony. The University marshal leads the procession, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and of the state. Following the University marshal are the members of the platform party including trustees, recipient(s) of honorary degrees, and the president of the University, who wears a medalion with inscriptions representing the history of the state and the University. Next come the members of the faculty followed by the degree candidates.

The marching order of candidates customarily reflects the historical order in which the various colleges or schools of the University were established. Led by marshals, the candidates for degrees march in with their respective colleges.

Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement is of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townsmen. When the universities first came into being in the 11th century, "learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps, and hoods, thus signifying the distinction between "town" and "gown." As additional universities came into being, their faculties adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today's academic attire. In Europe, a professor generally wears the

type of garment customary in the university where he or she is lecturing. In the United States, however, professors wear the gown and hood of the university where they earned their highest degree. All commencement ceremony participants at The University of Akron are attired in the appropriate academic apparel. University marshals are distinguished by their blue and gold robes and Elizabethan caps.

Caps and Tassels

The cap, also called the mortarboard, may have been derived from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the scholar's time. In the United States, the cap is usually flat and square in shape. In Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel; associate's are often silver in color; bachelor's and master's are black or of a color appropriate to the college from which the candidate is being graduated; and doctor's are usually golden.

Gowns

Originally, the gown may simply have been a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in unheated buildings. The cut or style appears to derive from ecclesiastical attire and most often is black. The associate's and bachelor's gowns generally have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's gown more often has long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist. The doctor's gown is

faced down the front with velvet panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

Hoods

A triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, the hood is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted. Recipients of the doctor of philosophy degree wear royal blue hoods, and their caps feature golden tassels. Those who have earned the doctor of education degree wear light blue hoods and tassels.

Colors

The various colleges and academic disciplines of The University of Akron are represented by the following hood and tassel colors:

White	Arts and Sciences
Drab	Business
Silver	Summit College, Associate's
Black	Summit College, Bachelor's
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Dark Brown	Fine and Applied Arts
Purple	Law
Peach	Nursing
Gold	Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Banners

The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the eleven colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name, founding date, and traditional colors of the college it represents. Banners were first instituted at The University of Akron in the spring of 1995.

The University Seal and the Presidential Medallion

A seal serves to confirm, ratify, or secure an emblem, symbol, or word that is used to certify a signature or authenticate a document. The use of official seals dates back to the Norman Conquest in 1066. During the next century, seals were used throughout England to authenticate documents. Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped and bore heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

The use of seals became part of academic tradition in the medieval university and continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

The coat of arms shown on the University's seal includes an open book and quill, representative of the University's original liberal arts curriculum. A lamp of learning shown against a city skyline depicts the University's metropolitan setting. Three diagonal bars represent the private, municipal, and state stages of the University's history. The phoenix, a mythical bird that is consumed by fire and rises from its ashes to achieve greater glory, is a tribute to the University's rebirth following the devastating fire of 1899. The seal also displays the original Buchtel College motto, *Fiat Lux* (let there be light).

The University's current Presidential Medallion, as designed in the year 2000 by renowned artist Don Drumm, consists of the University seal, set in a necklace of pewter. Originally, the Presidential Medallion was presented by the Alumni Association in 1970, commemorating the University's centennial. The medallion is a symbol of the authority of the president, as bestowed by the Board of Trustees, that traditionally is worn by the president on important ceremonial occasions.



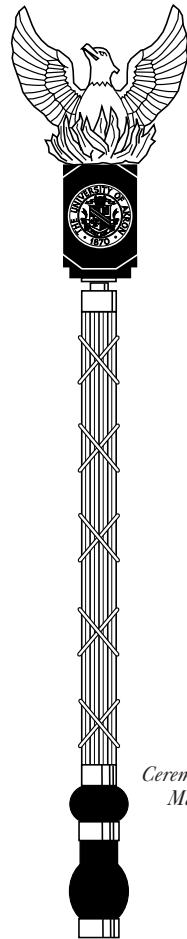
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

The Ceremonial Mace was presented to The University of Akron by the Alumni Association on Founders Day 1970, in recognition of the University's founding 100 years earlier as Buchtel College.

Since ancient times, maces have been symbols of authority for many academic and governmental bodies. The University of Akron's Ceremonial Mace is carried by the University marshal at all formal academic occasions.

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the rising phoenix. A mythical bird that rose anew from its ashes to achieve even greater glory, the phoenix is a fitting symbol for the University whose predecessor, Buchtel College, suffered a disastrous fire in 1899 and was rebuilt through the generous support of alumni and the community.



Ceremonial Mace

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Vice Chair

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*Vice President of Board Operations
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*Senior Vice President, Provost
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Chief of Staff*

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Administration and
Chief Financial Officer*

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and Facilities Management*

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Vice President for Student Affairs

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*Vice President of Public Affairs
and Development*

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Vice President and General Counsel

George R. Newkome
*Vice President for Research,
and Dean, Graduate School*

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*Vice President for Information
Technology and Chief
Information Officer*

Deans

Chand Midha
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
(Interim)*

Ravi Krovi
*College of Business Administration
(Acting)*

Mark D. Shermis
College of Education

Dudley B. Turner
*College of Creative and
Professional Arts (Interim)*

George K. Haritos
College of Engineering

James M. Lynn
*College of Health Sciences
and Human Services (Interim)*

George R. Newkome
Graduate School

Dale H. Mugler
Honors College

Martin H. Belsky
School of Law

N. Margaret Wineman
College of Nursing

Stephen Z.D. Cheng
*College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering*

Stanley B. Silverman
Summit College

Karla T. Mugler
University College

Cheryl Kern-Simirenko
University Libraries

John P. Kristofco
Wayne College

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Morning

Marshal

Virginia Gunn

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.
Cynthia Mako-Robinson

Faculty Marshal

Durand Pope

Assistant Marshals

Carolyn Anderson
Brian Collett
Patricia Eaglewolf
Margaret Kernen
Peggy McCann
Melissa McCollister
Ronald McDonald
Michele Thornton
Naomi White

Afternoon

Marshal

Charles J. Fey

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.
Kathryn Weiland

Faculty Marshal

Michael Levin

Assistant Marshals

Mukerrem Cakmak
Abhilash Chandy
Patricia Eaglewolf
Zarreen Farooqi
Dena Hanley
Anne Hanson
Travis Hreno
David Modarelli
Timothy O'Neil
Vicki Rostedt
Cheryl Sadler

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

Thomas G. Beck
*General Manager, WZIP-FM
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Communication
College of Creative & Professional Arts*

Ryan A. Miller
*Graduate Student
College of Education*

Afternoon

Thomas G. Beck
*General Manager, WZIP-FM
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Communication
College of Creative & Professional Arts*

Sylvia E. White
*Associate Professor, Communication
College of Creative & Professional Arts*

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Morning

Steven Ash
Robert Brownlow
Federico de Gregorio
Kris English
William Guegold
Stephen Hallam
Douglas Hausknecht
Debra Johanyak
Karin Jordan
Mona Klingler
Sharon Lesner
Deborah Marino
William McHenry
Erin Miller
Michele Mills
Janet Mosebach
Emeka Ofobike
Susan Olson
Haridut Ramcharran
Andrew Rancer
Rose Resler
Cynthia Reynolds
Anthony Samangy
Pamela Schulze
Susan Speers
James Steiger
Colleen Teague
Vlada Vukadinovic
Cheryl Ward
Stephen Washington
Donna Webb
Evonn Welton
David Witt
Susan Witt
Denise Wray
Hui-Chu Ying

Afternoon

Roland Arter
Charles Barton
Wieslaw Binienda
Charlotte Burrell
Michelle Byrne
George Chase
Andre Christie-Mizell
Steven Chuang
Raymond Cox
Parizad Dejbord-Sawan
James Egan
Antonia Forster
Sabine Gerhardt
Rosalie Hall
Dena Hanley
Tom Hartley
Walter Hower
Kevin Kern
Justin Kimmel
Robert Lord
Robert Mallik
Chris Miller
Randall Mitchell
Charles Monroe
Francisco Moore
Michael Nelson
Linda Marie Saliga
Jeffry Schantz
Linda Shanks
Dan Sheffer
Michael Shott
John Szabo
Igor Tsukerman
Chrys Wesdemiotis
Joseph Wilder
Juan Xi

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETERS

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

Lori Palmer

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Graduation With Distinction

To graduate with distinction, students must have maintained specified levels of academic achievement directly related to quality points earned for all undergraduate courses taken. The maximum quality point ratio possible is 4.00.

To qualify for these honors distinctions, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree, having earned a minimum of 64 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree, having completed a minimum of 32 credits at The-University of Akron.

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

Baccalaureate Honors Designation

Summa Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

Magna Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Associate Honors Designation

With Highest Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

With High Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

With Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Excellence Scholars

Excellence Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.50. Representing the highest scoring applicants when they entered the University as freshmen, Excellence Scholars have maintained at least that quality point ratio throughout their undergraduate careers.

Emily M. Bennett
Jason A. Boyd
Jessica C. Custer
Heather G. Haverkamp
Stephen R. Lowe
Caren M. Roushkolb
Sajed A. Sarwar
Rishi Sharma
Katherine M. Tadolini

Presidential Scholars

Presidential Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.25. Representing the top 10% of their high school classes when they entered the University as freshmen, Presidential Scholars have maintained at least that quality point ratio throughout their undergraduate careers.

Emily M. Bennett
Chiamaka T. Ilonzo
Mark N. Mekhail
Steven A. Reutter
Prashanth D. Thakker
Clayton M. Watson
Kellen C. Welch

University Scholars

University Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors and of the Honors College with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.40. The Honors College encourages and assists exceptionally talented students to achieve high distinction in academic work from freshmen through senior levels and fosters respect and appreciation for superior intellectual achievement. University Scholars have completed honors courses, an honors colloquium sequence, and individually designed senior honors projects.

Nichole R. Barnes
Colleen M. Bowen
Emily A. Bulkowski
Denisse L. Cobos
Jessica C. Custer
Michael B. Ealy
Alanna M. Eibel
Ashley S. Hartman
Kelley L. Holland
Kyle W. Johnston
Chelsea K. Largent
Amanda L. Metzger
Sara K. Rollo
Caren M. Roushkolb
Sara E. Shumaker
Eric M. Sluss
Stephanie B. Sparks
Cassandra Jo Verardi
Karen Evelyn Zapata Franca

Distinguished Students

The Distinguished Student Program recognizes and encourages excellence among academically talented students at Wayne-College. Distinguished Students have completed their degree studies and the requirements of the Distinguished Student Program with a cumulative quality point ratio of at least 3.40.

Gregory J. Landis

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

August 15
Morning

The College of Education

Founded 1921

Dean Mark D. Shermis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Cheryl Lynn Goliath

Secondary Education

BA, MA Ed, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Diffusion of an E-Portfolio to Assist in the Self-Directed Learning of Physicians: An Exploratory Study"

Adviser: Dr. Susan J. Olson

Kyle R. Gray

Secondary Education

BS, University of Puget Sound, WA;
M Teach, Whitworth College, WA

Dissertation: "A Study of Student Responses to Text-Only and Illustrated Conceptest Questions Related to Plate Tectonics: Differences by Gender and Prior Achievement"

Adviser: Dr. Katharine D. Owens

Timothy E. Rogers

Counseling Psychology

BA, Franciscan University of Steubenville; MA, Cleveland State University

Dissertation: "Using the Theory of Reasoned Action to Predict College Men's Intentions to Seek Psychological Help"

Adviser: Dr. David M. Tokar

Jessica Ann Russo

Counselor Education and Supervision – Marriage & Family Therapy

BA, Cleveland State University;
MA, MA Ed, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "An Exploratory Study of Within Group Differences of Substance Abusing Mothers Using Bowen Family Systems Concepts Based on the Personal Authority in Family Systems Questionnaire"

Adviser: Dr. Patricia E. Parr & Dr. Isadore Newman

Tiffany A. Stewart

Counselor Education & Supervision

BA, Southern University at New Orleans, LA; MS, Minnesota State University

Dissertation: "Racial Climate, Black Racial Identity, and Acculturative Stress among African Americans in CACREP-Accredited Counselor Education Programs"

Adviser: Dr. Cynthia A. Reynolds

The College of Fine and Applied Arts

Founded 1967

Dean James M. Lynn (Interim)

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Jessica N. Bernath

Audiology

BA, University of Toldeo

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Dana L. Claxton

Audiology

BA, The University of Akron

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Justin J. Gherian

Audiology

BA, University of Toldeo

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Michelle S. Hu

Audiology

BA, Case Western Reserve University

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Carrie M. Kishmarton

Audiology

BBA, Ohio University

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Jill R. Kramer

Audiology

BA, University of Toldeo

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Kelly R. Overcashier

Audiology

BA, The University of Akron

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Brittney J. Sprouse

Audiology

BA, Berea College, KY

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Tiffany D. Vasiloff

Audiology

BA, The University of Akron

Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

The College of Education

Founded 1921

Dean Mark D. Shermis

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Katherine L. Allen
Elementary Education – Literacy

Nurah Nasser AlSaikhan
*Educational Administration –
Higher Education Administration*

Jolene M. Aron
Elementary Education – Literacy

Rana M. Badawi
Elementary Education

Erin M. Baker
Special Education

Kathryn L. Bales
Secondary Education

Julie Lynn Bengough
Principalship

Rita A. Bevington
Principalship

Michelle R. Bilderback
Elementary Education – Literacy

Aaron C. Brubaker
Principalship

Stacy A. Bubba
Elementary Education – Literacy

Douglas B. Burwell
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Melissa D. Burwell
Principalship

Wendy L. Calhoun
Elementary Education – Literacy

Joan A. Carmel
Elementary Education – Literacy

Tracey L. Cason
Principalship

Kristina Marie Cassidy
Principalship

Adam Mark Cestaro
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Katherine Rennie Chance
Elementary Education – Literacy

Kelly L. Collett
Elementary Education – Literacy

Larissa N. Conway
*Secondary Education –
Literacy Option*

Kevin F. Cook
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Theresa L. Coriell
Counseling – Marriage & Family

Karey A. Criswell
Elementary Education – Literacy

Jessica L. DeFago
*Educational Administration –
Higher Education Administration*

Julie M. Demassimo
Special Education

Erika Eckert
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Shawna Kathleen Flaherty
Elementary Education

Elizabeth A. Gallion
Special Education

Jennifer J. Green
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Hannah E. Heimberger
Elementary Education – Literacy

Christina T. Hoehn
*Counseling – Marriage &
Family Therapy*

Jennifer L. Hoffman
*Counseling – Marriage &
Family Therapy*

Joan E. Houghton
Elementary Education – Literacy

Gia M. Hudak
Secondary Education

Andrew Ilkiw
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Whitney N. Imhoff
Elementary Education – Literacy

Jozsef Zoltan Jakab
Special Education

Sandra K. Jenkins
Elementary Education – Literacy

Denise V. Jones
Elementary Education – Literacy

Jessica A. Kellner
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Ryan M. Kumpf
Principalship

Cassandra D. Kutz
Elementary Education – Literacy

Melissa A. Leslie
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Jill R. Loera
Elementary Education – Literacy

Emily C. Loudon
*Educational Administration –
Higher Education Administration*

Trisha R. Lukens
Elementary Education – Literacy

Robert E. Manchester
Principalship

Sharon K. Martin
Elementary Education – Literacy

Beth A. McAlvey
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Tiffany Nicole McGrady
Elementary Education

Autumn Joy Moore
Counseling – Community Counseling

Brent W. Nichol
Principalship

Julie L. Parker
Elementary Education – Literacy

Melissa K. Pontius
*Secondary Education –
Literacy Option*

Carla C. Pringle
Special Education

Heather R. Prospero
*Counseling – Marriage &
Family Therapy*

Jodi C. Rain
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Erin C. Rammel
Special Education

David Thomas Rubens
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Kimberly A. Sain
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

John P. Schaefer
*Educational Administration |
Higher Education*

Sherrine M. Selzer
Secondary Education

Katelyn M. Shai
Counseling – Community Counseling

Aaron J. Singleton
School Counseling

Sherri Anne Skaggs-Morgan
Special Education

Michelle Marie Snyder
Counseling – Community Counseling

Barbara A. Staggs
Special Education

Samantha S. Stalker
Elementary Education – Literacy

Jennifer A. Stedman
Secondary Education

Tai M. Stephens
*Educational Administration –
Higher Education Administration*

Jason T. Sturm
Principalship

Jessica R. Sutherland
Principalship

Daniel D. Thompson
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology | Adult Fitness*

Denise M. Viola
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Julia M. Wade
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Tracy E. Walker
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Sara M. Weaver
Elementary Education – Literacy

Laura M. Wheeler
*Counseling – Marriage &
Family Therapy*

Megan M. Wilbur
Elementary Education – Literacy

Jason R. Wilson
Principalship

Jessica R. Wood
Counseling – Community Counseling

John Todd Yaggi
Principalship

Sarah N. Zelovic
Elementary Education – Literacy

Tianhong Zhang
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES (CONT.)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Mandi Asbury
Secondary Education

Robert Battisnon
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Elizabeth Rose Beverlin
Multi-Age Visual Arts Licensure

Veronica Sue Bilas
Special Education

Michael D. Bonomo
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology | Adult Fitness*

Ian C. Clerihew
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Peter J. Culver
Principalship

Chanel R. Garth
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology | Adult Fitness*

Brittany R. Grimshaw
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate
Intervention Specialist Licensure*

Amanda Rae Grosse
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate
Intervention Specialist Licensure*

Gloria J. Harms
Principalship

Sarita G. Hollowell
*Counseling – Marriage &
Family Therapy*

Kerry Ann Hutchinson
Special Education

Kristopher E. Kasperek
*Physical Education –
Sport Science | Coaching*

Jill L. Kresowaty
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate
Intervention Specialist Licensure*

Sandra Krone
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology | Adult Fitness*

Emma Kulbis
Counseling – Community Counseling

Amy L. Lavalley
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology | Adult Fitness*

Lindsay N. May
Principalship

Teagan M. McArthur
*Physical Education –
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Specialist Licensure*

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Special Education

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Sociology

BS MT, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; MA, Fayetteville State University, NC

Dissertation: "Negative Spillover and Mental Health: An Exploration of the Moderating Effects of Sociodemographic Factors, Family Characteristics, Socioeconomic Resources, and Work Characteristics"

Adviser: Dr. C. Andre Christie-Mizell

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Chemistry

BS, Canisius College, NY

Dissertation: "Novel Nitric Oxide Donors for Use in Medicinal Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Daniel Smith

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Chemistry

BS, Chungnam National University, Korea

Dissertation: "Charge Transfer Phenomena of Dimethylaminobenzonitrile and Related Aromatic Nitriles"

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Chemistry

BA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Characterization and Fragmentation of Polyphosphazenes and Polysiloxanes Studied by Mass Spectrometry"

Adviser: Dr. Chrys Wesdemiotis

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Psychology – Industrial / Organizational Psychology

BBA, Iowa State University; MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "The Effects of Norm-Violations on Courteous Drivers: No More Mr. Nice Guy"

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Psychology – Industrial / Organizational Psychology

BA, BS, Florida State University; MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "The Impact of Leader-Follower Regulatory Focus Congruence on Regulatory Fit and Relationship Quality"

Adviser: Dr. Aaron M. Schmidt

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Chemistry

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Dissertation: "Synthesis and Photophysical Characterization of Covalent and Self-Assembled Oligo (Phenylenevinylene)s and Related Multichromophore-Containing Assemblies"

Adviser: Dr. David A. Modarelli

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BS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Permeation Sampling of Phthalate Esters"

Adviser: Dr. James K. Hardy

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Chemistry

BSCE, University of Cincinnati

Dissertation: "Applications of Mass Spectrometry to Materials and Kinetics"

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Psychology – Industrial / Organizational Psychology

BA, MSS, National University of Singapore

Dissertation: "A Cognitive Perspective of Self-Other Agreement: A Look at Outcomes and Predictors of Shared Implicit Performance Theories"

Adviser: Dr. Rosalie J. Hall

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Chemistry

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Engineering – Electrical

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Dissertation: “Hankel Operators for Fractional-Order Systems”

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MS, DS, University of Comenius in Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Dissertation: “Nano-Focusing of Light: Electromagnetic Analysis and Simulation”

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Engineering – Chemical

BS, MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: “The Reduction of CO₂ Emissions Via CO₂ Capture and Solid Oxide Fuel Cells”

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BE, Universidad Nacional de Colombia;
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Dissertation: “Electrochemical and Photocatalytic Oxidation of Carbon and Hydrocarbons”

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Dissertation: “Drinking Water Disinfection Byproduct Formation Assessment Using Natural Organic Matter Fractionation and Excitation-Emission Matrices”

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BS, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, India; MSE, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dissertation: “Synthesis of Semiconducting Ceramic Nanofibers, Development of P-N Junctions, and Bandgap Engineering by Electrospinning”

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Engineering – Civil

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Dissertation: “Non-Linear Vibration Control of Long, Flexible Structures Employing Inter-Modal Energy Transfer [Modal Damping]”

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Dissertation: “In Situ Infrared Study of G-S/L-S Adsorption and Photocatalytic Processes”

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Dissertation: “Determination of Seasonal Adjustment Factors and Assignment of Short-Term Counts to Factor Groupings”

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Dissertation: “Analysis of the Characteristics of a Squeeze Film Damper by Three-Dimensional Navier-Stokes Equations: A Numerical Approach and Experimental Validation”

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Dissertation: “Development of Boundary Singularity Method for Partial-Slip and Transition Molecular-Continuum Flow Regimes with Application to Filtration”

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Polymer Engineering
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Dissertation: "Self-Stratifying Coatings"

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Dissertation: "Modified Scanning Probes for the Analysis of Polymer Surfaces"

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Polymer Engineering
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Dissertation: "Synthesis of Hybrid Latexes and Polymerization Kinetics of Functional Latexes"

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BE, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; ME, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dissertation: "The Role of Nanoclay on the Deformation Behavior of Polypropylene/Maleic Anhydride Modified Polypropylene Films and Fibers in Full and Partially Molten State Processing"

Adviser: Dr. Mukerrem Cakmak

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Dissertation: "Structure and Dynamics of Proteins in Bio-Protective Solvents"

Adviser: Dr. Gustavo Adolfo Carri

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Polymer Engineering
BS, Bogazici University, Turkey

Dissertation: "Analysis of Shape Memory Properties of Polyurethane Nanocomposites"

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Polymer Science
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Dissertation: "Influence of Chemical Structure and Molecular Weight on Fragility in Polymers"

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Polymer Engineering
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Dissertation: "Nucleating Agent-Assisted Preparation of Polypropylene (PP)/Polyhedral Oligomeric Silesquioxane (POSS) Nanocomposites and Their Characterization"

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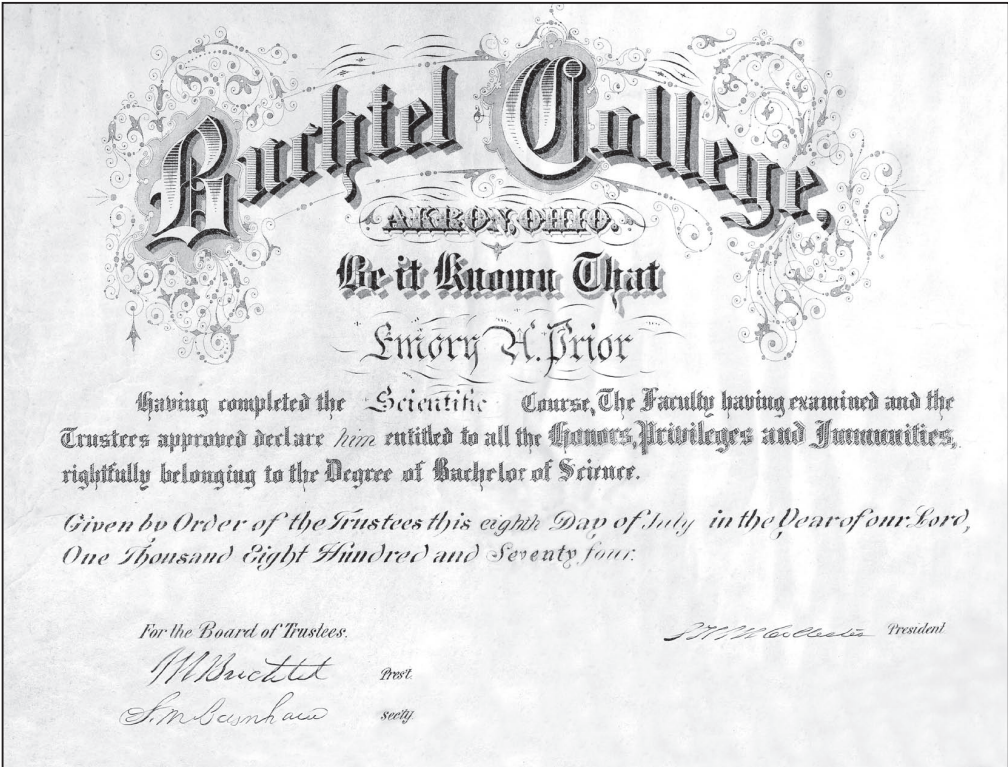
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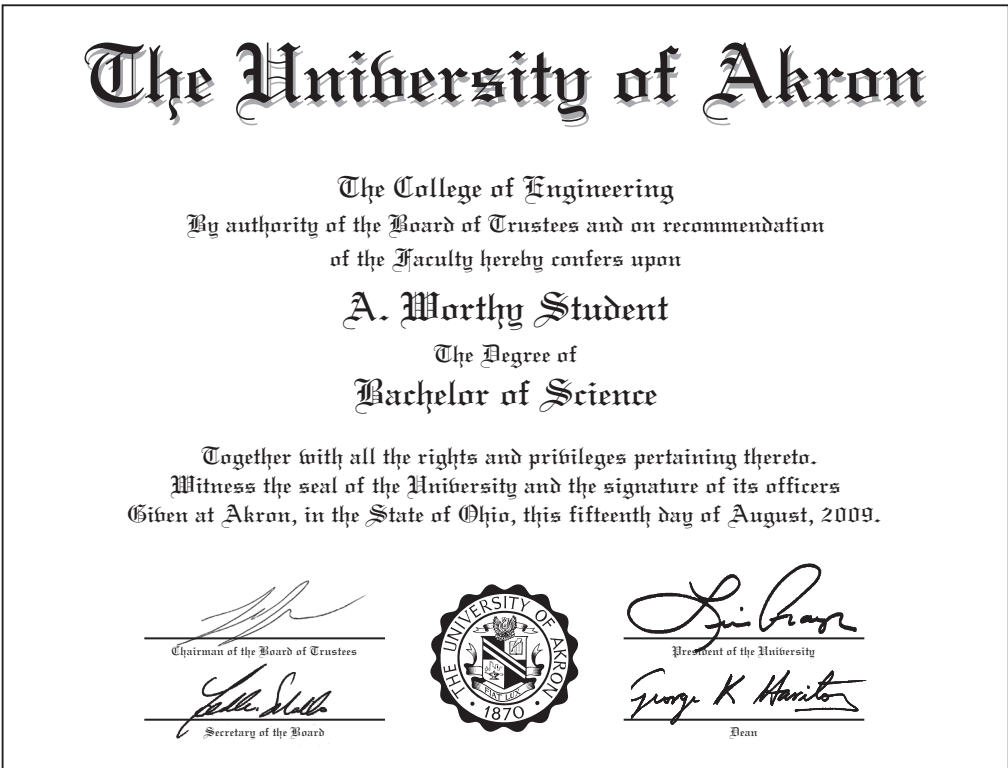
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This statue of John R. Buchtel stands in the middle of the campus he helped found in 1870.

THE ALMA MATER

Close be-side Cuya - ho-ga's wa-ters, Stream of am-ber hue,

O'er old Buch-tel Sum-mit's glo-ry Waves the gold and blue.

Chorus

Hail we Ak-ron! Sound her prais-es, Speed them on the gale,

Ev - er stand our Al - ma Ma - ter, Ak - ron hail, all hail!

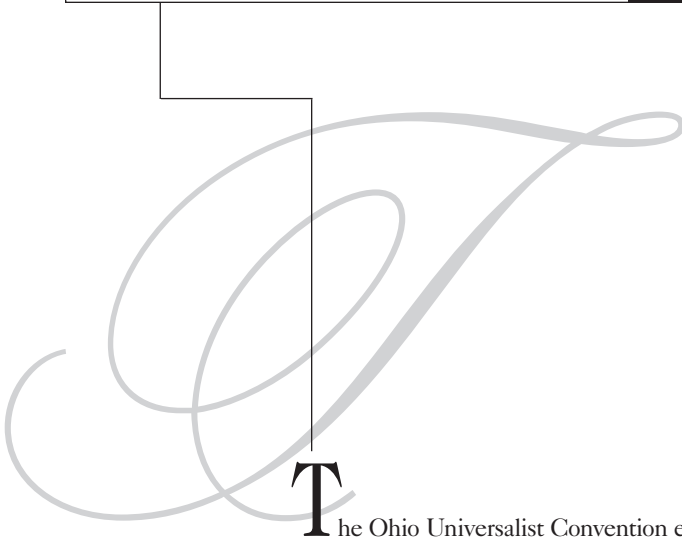
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THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand
 up, and cheer and shout for the Ak - ron Blue and Gold. *fine*
 Zzzip! _____ Zip go the Zip - pers
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The University of Akron's fight song, "The Akron Blue and Gold," was written in 1939 by Fred Waring, nationally known composer and leader of the wildly-popular band, "Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians." In response to a request from the University's student newspaper, Waring wrote "a distinctive song" for The University of Akron. "The Akron Blue and Gold" premiered over his NBC hookup on November 17, 1939, and has been used as the University's fight song ever since.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small, liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it for one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fund-raising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of area citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College. Both a visionary and a pragmatist, Buchtel believed that the vigor of any city is closely tied to the proximity of a high quality institution of higher education. Decades of progress, both for the city and for the college he launched, have proven him right. With an enrollment of 26,000 students from throughout Ohio, the United States, and 89 foreign countries, the successor of Buchtel College is one of the largest principal campuses in Ohio. Long committed to an academic tradition which stresses excellence, The University of Akron offers more than 300 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs and options, as well as 18 doctoral degree programs and four law degrees. Since 1914, the University has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and it is currently classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution. Today, more than 145,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

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