Spring Commencement

May 9, 10 and 11, 2014
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Spring 2014 Commencement Program

May 9 at 7 p.m.; May 10 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; May 11 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Luis M. Proenza, President of The University of Akron, Presiding

Prelude Music
Rolling Thunder          Henry Filmore
Canzon duodecimi toni        Giovanni Gabrieli
Wachet Auf: Cantata 140      J.S. Bach
Sonata No. 12               Johann Pezel
Shenandoah                  Quinto Maganini
The University of Akron Brass Choir
Andrew Larson, Conductor

Fanfare
Ceremonial Piece            William MacDavis
The University of Akron Brass Choir

Processional
(The audience will remain seated.)
Grand March                  Giacomo Meyerbeer
Pomp and Circumstance        Sir Edward Elgar
Trumpet Voluntary            Jeremiah Clarke
The University of Akron Brass Choir

The National Anthem
(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)
Led by Vandi Enzor Terill
Student, School of Music
The University of Akron Brass Choir

Welcome and Introduction
Luis M. Proenza
President, The University of Akron

Greetings
Member
Board of Trustees

Music
Symphony No. 1 for Brass I: Marcato    Brian Balmages
The University of Akron Brass Choir

Address to the Candidates
Luis M. Proenza
President, The University of Akron

America the Beautiful
(The audience will remain seated.)
Led by Vandi Enzor Terill
Student, School of Music
The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the May 9 evening ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering and College of Business Administration.
In the May 10 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (undergraduate degrees).
In the May 10 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (graduate degrees) and Summit College.
In the May 11 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Education, College of Polymer Sciences and Polymer Engineering, and Wayne College.
In the May 11 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Health Professions.
In the May 18 ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the School of Law.
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

Sonnet  Enrique de Valderrabano
The Round Battle Galliard  John Dowland
Vals Venezolano No. 3  Antonio Lauro
Mazurka-Choro  Heitor Villa-Lobos
Classical Gas  Mason Williams
Op. 35 No. 17  Fernando Sor
Concerto in D  Antonio Vivaldi
   I – Allegro Giusto
   II – Largo
   III – Allegro
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Gran Vals  Francisco Terraga
Parazula  Celso Machado
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER (The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 54.)

Led by Vandi Enzor Terill
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2014

May 9
Paul Douglas (’06)
National Alumni Board of Directors

May 10
Matthew Akers (’00)
Alumni Association

May 11
William Kollman (’08, ’10)
Alumni Association

STUDENT RESPONSE

May 9, Evening
Gabrielle Dimengo
May 10, Morning
Stephen McNulty
May 10, Afternoon
Molly Raspopovich
May 11, Morning
Bryan Gannon
May 11, Afternoon
Veronica Liebchen

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The audience will be seated.

Postlude and Recessional
Suité by Tylman Susato
The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates is 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 medallion 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 townspeople. When the universities first came into being in the 12th 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:

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<td>Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering</td>
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<td>Silver</td>
<td>Summit College and Wayne College Associate’s</td>
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Banners
The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the nine colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name and founding date 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.

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.
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College of Education (Interim)
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College of Engineering
Roberta A. DePompei ('91)
College of Health Professions (Interim)
Stephen Z.D. Cheng
College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
George R. Newkome
Graduate School
Dale H. Mugler
Honors College
Elizabeth A. Reilly ('78)
School of Law (Interim)
Rex D. Ramsier ('87, '89)
Summit College (Interim)
Phyllis G. O'Connor ('76)
University Libraries (Interim)
Daniel C. Deckler ('90, '02)
Wayne College (Interim)
May 9, 2014
Evening
Marshal
William J. Hauser
Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathryn Wieland
Faculty Marshal
Kimberly Beyer
Assistant Marshals
Betty Deeb
Maria Hamdani
Pamela Keltyka
Marcia Main
John Matejkovic
Cherie Sedlock

May 10, 2014
Morning
Marshal
Sheldon B. Wrice
Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Zachary Steiner
Faculty Marshal
Carolyn Behrman
Assistant Marshals
James Albrecht
Alper Buldum
Richard Einsporn
Ghazi Falah
Kevin Kaut
Hung Ngoc Nguyen
Cherie Sedlock
Catherine Stoyneff
Baffour Takyi
Vlada Vukadinovic

May 10, 2014
Afternoon
Marshal
Rebecca Gibson-Lee
Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Mary Myers
Faculty Marshal
Enoch Damson
Assistant Marshals
Kelli Chronister
Kevin Feldt
Dwayne Jones
Tanya Lundy
Patricia Millhof
John Nicholas
Zachary Steiner
Kemp Sukanya
Janet Thompson

May 11, 2014
Morning
Marshal
Brad M. Maguth
Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Anne Jorgensen
Faculty Marshal
Denise Stuart
Assistant Marshals
Kelly Chaff
Margaret Kernen
Elizabeth Kerns
Jonathan List
Delila Owens
Steve Sedlock

May 11, 2014
Afternoon
Marshal
Annette R. Mitzel
Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steven Sedlock
Faculty Marshal
Nancy Harris
Assistant Marshals
Don Canary
Charles Carlin
Marlene Huff
Maryhelen Kreidler
Melissa McCollister
Michele Thornton
Naomi White
Rita Young
The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

**May 9, Evening**

Kathleen D. Clark  
*Associate Professor, Communication*  
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences*

Diane R. Raybuck  
*Director, Admissions*

**May 10, Morning**

John D. Lanshe  
*Associate Director, Center for Academic Advising and Student Success*

Stacey J. Moore  
*Associate Vice President for Student Success*

**May 10, Afternoon**

Heather L. Walter  
*Associate Professor, Communication*  
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences*

Sylvia E. White  
*Associate Professor, Communication*  
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences*

**May 11, Morning**

Christine R. Curry  
*Director, Development*

Lauri S. Thorpe  
*Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management*

**May 11, Afternoon**

Fedearia A. Nicholson  
*Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management*  
Lauri S. Thorpe  
*Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management*

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**University Interpreters**

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

**May 9**  
John Sederwall

**May 10**  
Lori Palmer

**May 11**  
John Sederwall
### May 9, 2014
#### Evening
- William Baker
- Eric Brisker
- Thomas Calderon
- Homero Castaneda-Lopez
- Akhilesh Chandra
- Jerry Drummond
- Gary Frank
- Suzanne Gradisher
- Naveen Jain
- William McHenry
- Greg Morscher
- Abbas Omar
- Barbara Osyk
- Christopher Plouffe
- Judit Puskas
- Shiva Sastry
- Robert Veillette
- Mary Verstraete
- Bindiganavale Vijayaraman

### May 10, 2014
#### Morning
- R. Joel Duff
- Zheng Fang
- Dmitry Golovaty
- Dena Hanley
- Laurie Lashbrook
- Nancy Marion
- James McManus
- Donald Ott
- Val Pipps
- Penny Rakoff
- Andrew Rancer
- Jeffrey Riedl
- Ira Sasowsky
- Frederick Smith
- Andrew Sutton
- Frank Ward
- Juan Xi
- Hui-Chu Ying

#### Afternoon
- Richard Bennett
- Stacia Biddle
- Charlotte Burrell
- Amy Dreussi
- Jamal Feeresta
- Kelly Herold
- Elizabeth Kennedy
- Kristine Kraft
- Janet Kropff
- Richelle Laipply
- Thomas Leeper
- Victor Pinheiro
- Robert Schwartz
- Larry Shubat
- Kelly Webb
- Wiley Youngs

### May 11, 2014
#### Morning
- Harold Foster
- Timothy Lillie
- John Messina
- Jacqueline Wilbanks

#### Afternoon
- Michelle Boltz
- Marie Cobb
- Michelle Dumpe
- Kristina English
- Elaine Fisher
- Alexis Holt
- K. Todd Houston
- Sandra Hudak
- Lori Kidd
- Sophia Kraus
- Peter Li
- Linda McArdle
- Timothy McCarragher
- Scott Palasik
- Mardi Parelman
- Marilyn Perkowski
- Pamela Prunty
- Tracy Riley
- Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki
- Jina Sang
- Carrie Scotto
- Linda Shanks
- Carolyn Sutter
- Becky Thomas
- Jennifer Visker
- Carrie Wissmar
- Baomei Zhao
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 freshman 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.

Leah A. Abay
Nathan K. Abrams
Ian J. Alexander
Jeremiah M. Alman
Kilani M. Amabile
Yajie An
Gabrielle M. Anderson
Heidi J. Auck
Sara R. Auclair
Marissa N. Baranauskas
Rana Barghouty
Brandon D. Beall
Jared D. Beans
Elizabeth J. Bedell
Michael J. Benroth
Andrew G. Besch
Alyssa R. Blair
William J. Boling
Emily S. Bonner
Anne E. Bonnette
Lauren M. Bosner
Andrew D. Bower
Alexandra M. Bowers
Gregory J. Buchan
Melinda K. Bucher
Katelynn Buchwalter
John J. Budzyn
Bianca M. Burwell
Brian J. Butler
Carleton S. Caldwell
Matthew R. Campanizzi
Clay T. Chabola
Benjamin R. Chaffee
Devon L. Chappell
Timothy K. Corlett
Katherine S. Cottrill
Keanu T. Cover
Elizabeth M. Crookston
Bethany J. Cumbee
Mackenzie A. Cunningham
Derek J. Daily

Christopher B. Davis
Michael A. Davis
Michael A. DeLucia III
Gabrielle E. Dimengo
Joshua J. Droua
Alyssa A. Dresner
Margaret Michelle Duff
Cody Ryan Durbin
Katherine E. Dzurisin
Keith P. Edmonds
Eric R. Elmond
Elizabeth A. Emerson
Mandana Esmaili
Devon J. Evancho
Shannon J. Evans
Arielle Farina
Hannah L. Farmer
Dylan J. Fashbaugh
Sarah M. Ferko
Daniel D. Fetherston
Andrew D. Fisher
Lauren E. Fissel
Megan B. Flinta
Brandon E. Fosythe
Tyler J. Fortner
Anthony J. Fosselman
Matthew A. Foster
William R. Fullington
Burke J. Gabriel
Bryan P. Gannon Jr
Donald S. Gasper
Michael R. Gasper
Elizabeth A. Gates
Abbey E. Gauger
Adam S. Gerdes
Jaclyn E. Gleske
Crystal Lynn Goodman
Cassandra A. Gouge
Joshua C. Graber
Adam L. Graf
Whitney A. Graff
Matthew G. Granger
Abigail L. Griffths
Megan J. Hapanowicz
Michael D. Hapanowicz
Heath J. Harris
Sarah E. Hartong
Timothy P. Hartzell
Ashley A. Hauser
Dustin A. Hayes
Melissa J. Headland
Michelle M. Heishman-Beaton
Chelsea M. Hendrus
Britton J. Herbert
Kaedra L. Herink
Kara C. Herman
Anna E. Herr
Olivia S. Hershey
Michael R. Hickox
Sarah K. Hill
Brittany M. Hirth
Joanna C. Hoffman
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.

Hannah E. Adams
Jordan M. Antonino
Joshua D. Baker
Rachel L. Del Guidice
Jacqueline A. Hamilton
Maggie E. McCreary
Andrew C. Ravelo
Erik D. Rueschman
Ashley N. Weimer

The Northeast Ohio Medical University (a consortium of The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University) will graduate its thirty-third class on May 17, 2014. Twenty-five of the students who will receive M.D. degrees conferred by NEOMED completed their B.S. degrees on the Akron campus.

Mona Adeli
Talal Akhter
Jeanine Awad
Laura Bertani
Lindsay Cefalu
Steven Chung
Katherine Davis
David Hall
Mary Hull
Cyrus Kellermier
Andrew Koogler
Andra Krebs
Kelly Laipply
Selena Magalotti
Ryan McGuire
Erin Newton
Amanda Pannu
Navraj Pannu
Manoj Parimi
Sajed Sarwar
Renuka Shenoy
Nicholas Sousaris
Neelay Thakkar
Kellen Welch
Mrs. Kathleen A. Coleman will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

MRS. KATHLEEN A. COLEMAN

Kathleen A. Coleman, whose inspiring philanthropic efforts have profoundly benefited the community of Northeast Ohio, will receive The University of Akron’s Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

A graduate of both Hiram College and Dartmouth College, Mrs. Coleman has been a tireless advocate on behalf of higher education and public service, establishing the Lester E. and Kathleen A. Coleman Foundation in 1995.

Kathy Coleman has long been an exemplary member of The University of Akron community, serving as a member of The University of Akron Foundation Board of Directors, and as a member of the executive committee and chair of the Stewardship Committee. She has also served on the College of Arts and Sciences’ Dean’s Council and been the recipient of the 2009 Elizabeth Davidson Buchtel Award.

Mrs. Coleman’s philanthropic contributions have transformed the physical landscape of the UA campus, providing funding for The Les and Kathy Coleman Common, an open lawn amphitheater featuring terraces, a labyrinth and splendid green spaces that create a bucolic environment considered a jewel on the UA campus.

Along with her late husband, Dr. Lester E. Coleman, who in 1952 graduated from UA’s Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in chemistry, Coleman has set a high standard for other philanthropists in the pursuit of academic excellence, with the establishment of the Lester and Kathleen Coleman Graduate Fellowship in Chemistry, The John Franklin Coleman Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry, and the Lester and Kathleen Coleman Chair in Chemistry.

Mrs. Coleman has always held the belief that society functions best as a caring community, and has involved herself in numerous Northeast Ohio organizations, including Hiram College, University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, the Cleveland Music School Settlement, Cleveland Restoration Society, the American Red Cross, Musical Theater Project, and the Cleveland Orchestra’s Women’s Committee.
Dr. Luis M. Proenza will be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws.

Luis M. Proenza

Dr. Luis M. Proenza, president and chief executive officer of The University of Akron, has led UA’s transformation into a powerful engine for regional economic development, a catalyst for collaborative initiatives, and the preeminent public university in Northeast Ohio.

Under his leadership, the University has invested $627 million in capital construction to completely transform its campus, adding 22 new facilities, 18 major renovations and additions and 34 acres of new green space, thereby becoming one of the most attractive metropolitan campuses in the nation. Dr. Proenza also led community efforts to create several key initiatives, including the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron to establish Akron as a leading center for biomaterials and biomedicine, and the University Park Alliance, a multi-partner collaboration to revitalize a 50-block area surrounding its campus. These and other initiatives have distinguished the University nationally and internationally and have made UA a recognized national model for technology commercialization, economic development and corporate and community partnerships.

Since 2000, The University of Akron’s research portfolio has more than doubled and private donations increased to all-time records. In 2007, Dr. Proenza initiated a $500-million comprehensive campaign that garnered more than $620 million in gifts and pledges by the end of 2009.

Dr. Proenza has been involved in national science and technology policy matters since the 1970s when he was study director of the National Research Council–National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on Vision. He also served as the University of Georgia's Liaison for Science and Technology Policy, a member of the National Biotechnology Policy Board, and Advisor for Science and Technology Policy to the Governor of Alaska. In 1992, U.S. President George H. W. Bush appointed Dr. Proenza to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission.

In 2001, President George W. Bush named Dr. Proenza to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), the nation’s highest-level policy-advisory group for science and technology. Dr. Proenza co-chaired PCAST’s committee on Public-Private Partnerships and worked on panels on U.S. Research and Development Investments, Technology Transfer, Alternative Energy, Energy Efficiency and Advanced Manufacturing, Personalized Medicine, Information Technology, and Nanotechnology. In 2004, the Secretary of Energy appointed him chairman of the Science and Mathematics Education Task Force and, later, to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

In September 2013, Dr. Proenza was named to the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Steering Committee (AMP 2.0) of President Barack Obama’s President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. This newly created working group seeks to encourage approaches that sustain and grow U.S. leadership in advanced manufacturing, and to foster broad, long-term collaboration among industry, academia, and government partners to drive advances in U.S. innovation and workforce capabilities.

Dr. Proenza also serves on the executive committee for the Council on Competitiveness and its Manufacturing Competitiveness Steering Committee, and its Regional Leadership Institute Steering Committee, which he chairs. Recently, Dr. Proenza was appointed to the Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy (STEP) at the National Academies, as well as its Council of the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR). He also serves on the Council on Foreign Relations, the board of the State Science and Technology Institute, and the Nomination Evaluation Committee for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation.
Dr. Proenza is a member of many other professional, scholarly and honorary organizations; is the recipient of several awards and honors; has written numerous publications in nationally and internationally recognized journals; and edited and co-edited two books. He frequently is invited to speak worldwide, with presentations appearing in *Vital Speeches of the Day* and *The Executive Speaker*. He often is quoted on issues in education, research, economic development, and science and technology policy.

Recognized as one of the most influential leaders in the region, Dr. Proenza's acknowledgements include: the 2014 H. Peter Burg Economic Development Leadership Award from the Greater Akron Chamber; selection to the *Inside Business* Power 100, first appearing on its list in 2004 and rising to number 18 in 2011, the 2008 Visionary Award, the 2006 Northeast Ohio Regional Vision Award, the 2005 CASE V Chief Executive Leadership Award and the 2001 Executive of the Year Award from the Society of Marketing Executives.

After earning a B.A. from Emory University (1965), M.A. from The Ohio State University (1966) and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota (1971), Dr. Proenza joined the faculty of the University of Georgia in 1971. There, his research in retinal neurophysiology was supported continuously by grants from the National Eye Institute, including a Research Career Development Award.

Prior to his appointment at Akron, Dr. Proenza was Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at Purdue University. He also served the University of Alaska first as Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, then as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research.

On June 30, 2014, Proenza will become President Emeritus and, in addition to his current tenured professorship in biology, will be named University Professor in the Office of Academic Affairs. To further recognize Proenza’s ongoing commitment to higher education and the economy, the Board of Trustees has commenced to raise $1 million in private donations to endow a new Trustee’s Chair in Higher Education and the Economy. Proenza will be the inaugural chair holder on July 1, 2016.

Dr. Proenza and his wife, Theresa Butler Proenza, enjoy their careers, friends and numerous community activities. Together, they built the 44-foot sailing vessel, Apogee, which they sail on Lake Erie.

*The Honorary Doctor of Laws will be presented to Dr. Proenza at the School of Law’s commencement ceremony on May 18, 2014.*
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Md. N. Arafat
Engineering – Electrical
BSEE, MSEE, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
Dissertation: “Control of Distributed Energy Sources During Transition Operation Between Grid Connected and Standalone Modes”
Adviser: Dr. Yilmaz Sozer

Christopher R. Baker
Engineering – Mechanical
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Assessing Damage in Composite Materials”
Adviser: Dr. Gregory Morscher

Mustafa Umut Culcuoglu
Engineering – Mechanical
BSME, University of Gaziantep, Turkey; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Reengineering Community Based Chronic Care Delivery Systems: Theory and Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Shengyong Wang

Ahmadreza Ghabadi Fomeshi
Engineering – Chemical
BS, University of Mazandaran, Iran; MS, Sharif University of Technology, Iran
Dissertation: “Toward an Equation of State for Biosurfactants”
Adviser: Dr. J. Richard Elliott Jr.

Lin Guo
Engineering – Civil
BS, MS, Nanchang University, China
Dissertation: “Bioremediation of Acid Mine Drainage Contaminated Soil by Phragmites australis and Rhizosphere Bacteria”
Adviser: Dr. Teresa J. Cutright

Mathew T. Isenberg
Engineering – Chemical
BS, MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “CO2 Capture by Immobilized Amine Sorbents: Infrared Spectroscopic Studies to Scale-Up of Adsorbers”
Adviser: Dr. Steven S.C. Chuang

Nikul G. Patel
Engineering – Biomedical
BS, University of California, San Diego
Dissertation: “A Spin-Coated Thermoresponsive Substrate for Rapid Cell Sheet Detachment and its Applications in Cardiac Tissue Engineering”
Adviser: Dr. Ge Zhang

Seyed Ali Tabatabaei
Engineering – Civil
BS, Sharif University of Technology, Iran; MS, University of Tehran, Iran
Dissertation: “Design and Analysis of ‘High Vacuum Densification Method’ for Saturated and Partially Saturated Soft Soil Improvement”
Adviser: Dr. Robert Y. Liang

Hua Wang
Engineering – Chemical
BE, MFS, Beijing Technology and Business University, China
Dissertation: “Effects of Microbial Attachment and Biofilm Formation on Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion”
Adviser: Dr. Bi-min Zhang

Walter C. Wilfong
Engineering – Chemical
BE, Youngstown State University; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “In Situ DRIFTS and Tubular Studies of Mass Transfer Issues Related to CO2 Adsorption on Immobilised Amine Sorbents and Liquid Amine Films”
Adviser: Dr. Steven S.C. Chuang
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Suma Magadi
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Hari Prasad Ambaripeta
Sneha Bhattaram
Emmanuel N. Djabeng
Tannaz Farrahi
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Finance
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Yuanchong Chen
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Finance
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Management
Paul C. Kiser
Management
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Finance
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Summa Cum Laude
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Amber L. Kern
Cum Laude
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Kenna N. Lorenzen
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Vincent L. Hokavar
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Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Taylor M. Bardun
Magna Cum Laude
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A present-day diploma awarded at The University of Akron.
This statue of John R. Buchtel stands in the middle of the campus he helped found in 1870.
The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901–1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as president and as a trustee of the institution — as well as pastor of the First Universalist Church of Akron. Dr. Church understood the importance of higher education as a means to improve society, and he worked diligently on projects to successfully link the educational efforts of Buchtel College with the needs of a growing city. During his presidency, Buchtel College offered the world's first courses in rubber chemistry (1909).
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 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 fundraising 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 helped to launch, have proven him right. With an enrollment of approximately 27,000 students from throughout Ohio, the United States, and 78 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 19 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, nearly 163,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

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Through our vibrant campus, global and regional partnerships, and vision of inclusive excellence, our mission is to use our connections to change lives and put each University of Akron student on a pathway to success.

With this mission in mind, the Akron Model is our legacy of effective collaboration with local governments, community partners and industry, which poises us for international leadership among institutions of higher learning. Our resources must be aligned with for-profit, not-for-profit and public partners to further advance economic and human welfare.

The Akron Model is about making everything we do relevant and connected to the economic health of our community. The University of Akron is a vital partner in bold initiatives like the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron, the Timken Engineered Surfaces Laboratories (TESL), the Innovation Alliance and The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF).

All of these entities are forged through partnerships between researchers and visionaries, designers and creators, and producers and funders, bringing individual and organizational resources together in a shared mission. The Akron Model is “the whole” that is exponentially greater than “the sum of its parts.”

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Connected knowledge is shared with business and industry to help find new ways to solve difficult challenges. The Timken Engineered Surfaces Laboratories (TESL) is a place designed to speed the path between discovery and commercialization with students, faculty and industry partnered in the process.

According to UA President Luis M. Proenza, TESL epitomizes the Akron Model for economic development: “Universities must be engaged with the larger community and its regional economies to build a highly synergistic and reciprocal relationship with each other — universities feeding the economy and the economy feeding the university back.”

TESL is one of five specialized laboratories strategically housed within the UA Engineering Research Center to provide engineering solutions to meet regional, national and global needs. The other initiatives include:

- National Center for Education and Research in Corrosion and Materials Performance
- Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research
- Center for Advanced Vehicles and Energy Systems
- The National Science Foundation Center for Tire Research

The ultimate outcome of open innovation: creation of new jobs. The University is well positioned to provide qualified engineers, with 98 percent of eligible students participating in the co-op program. Furthermore, nearly 70 percent of students who co-op receive offers for full-time positions with their co-op employers after graduation.

In all, more than 92 percent of engineering graduates from UA land jobs in their fields within six months of graduation.
Connected knowledge is gained through collaborative research to advance our understanding and develop new technologies. As the public research university for Northeast Ohio, The University of Akron seeks to increase relevant knowledge for its stakeholders, including students, industries, governments and educational institutions.

The core element in UA’s economic development strategy is The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF). This boundary-spanning organization links industry and the University by supporting entrepreneurial activities, expanding existing industries and stimulating new economic growth through technology commercialization of University-generated and industrially generated technologies.

UARF was founded in 2001 and has:

• entered into five joint ventures with major corporations
• assisted in the launch of 54 spin-off companies
• established a 650-member angel investor network that raised $485 million
• grown its assets to $15 million
• performed contracted research services that exceed $20 million
• manages a portfolio of more than 350+ U.S. patents and pending applications
• engaged in about 100 currently active industry-sponsored research agreements
• delivered $33 million worth of custom industry development training.

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Connected knowledge paves the way for The Akron Experience, which creates a personalized path for each student that includes internships and cooperative education (co-op), academic research (both undergraduate and graduate), study abroad, on-campus student employment and service projects — all of which prepare the student for a lifetime of achievement.

Spring 2014 graduate, Renee Calderon, grew up wanting to be a medical doctor, and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. Through an opportunity to work in Dr. Yang Yun’s research lab here at UA, she has discovered how to best achieve both goals in the field of medicine.

Yun, an associate professor of biomedical engineering, works with undergraduate and graduate students on his varied research projects, including the study of cancer treatment with targeted drug delivery systems. It is a subject of keen interest to Calderon, a Goldwater Scholar and a double major in biomedical engineering and chemistry.

Calderon, who recently gave a presentation to members of UA’s Board of Trustees on her Akron Experience, told them that the opportunity to do undergraduate research for the past two years has been the highlight of her college career.

“I’ve found my passion,” notes Calderon. “Research is exciting and it suits me well. I’ll be working less directly with patients, but I will be able to help them and make contributions to medicine.”

This fall, Calderon will head to Rice University in Houston to begin work on a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, with a focus on tissue engineering and biomaterials.