The University of Akron

Summer Commencement

August 17, 2013
Edwin J. Thomas
Performing Arts Hall
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In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of 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

Wilson’s Wilde   Anonymous
The Round Battle Galliard John Dowland
The Cobbler   Anonymous
Go From My Window   Anonymous
Guardame Las Vacas   Luis de Narvaez
Lady Hammond’s Alman
My Lady Hunssdon’s Puffe John Dowland
Alman   Robert Johnson
Giga   Santiago de Murcia
Pavana 1 Luis de Milán
Opus 35 No. 8  Fernando Sor
Rosita   Antonio Jimenez Manjon
Capricho Criollo Antonio Jimenez Manjon
Sunburst   Andrew York
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER

(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 33.)

Led by Daniel J. Schneck
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2013

Morning
Courtney Gonser (’99, ’06)
Director Alumni Relations and Student Engagement

Afternoon
Jim Tressel (’77)
Vice President for Strategic Engagement

STUDENT RESPONSE

Morning
Patricia-Annette Elie Abboud

Afternoon
Edward J. Machek, Jr.

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luis M. Proenza

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL

(The audience will be seated.)
Suite 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 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 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:

- Black: Summit College, Bachelor’s
- Drab: Business
- Gold: Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
- Green: Health Professions
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Purple: Law
- Silver: Summit College and Wayne College Associate’s
- White: Arts and Sciences
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.
**University Board of Trustees**

**Trustees**
- Richard W. Pogue, J.D. (*04*)  
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- Nicholas C. York, J.D.  
  Vice Chair
- Roland H. Bauer, J.D. (*09*)
- Jennifer E. Blickle (*73*)
- Olivia P. Demas, J.D. (*91*, *95*)
- Chander Mohan, M.D.
- Ralph J. Palmisano, J.D. (*70*)
- Warren L. Woolford (*74*)
*Honorary Doctorate

**Advisory Trustee**
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  Assistant Secretary of the Board
  Special Assistant to the President

**University Officers & Deans**

**Officers**
- Luis M. Proenza  
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- W. Michael Sherman  
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- Candace Campbell Jackson (*95*)  
  Vice President and Chief of Staff
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  Vice President for Research, and Dean, Graduate School
- James L. Sage (*97*)  
  Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer
- James P. Tressel (*77*)  
  Vice President for Strategic Engagement

**Deans**
- Chand K. Midha  
  Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- Ravi Krovi  
  College of Business Administration
- Susan G. Clark (*05*)  
  College of Education (Interim)
- George K. Haritos  
  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)
- Stanley B. Silverman  
  Summit College
- Phyllis G. O’Connor (*76*)  
  University Libraries (Interim)
- Daniel C. Deckler (*90*, *02*)  
  Wayne College (Interim)
University Marshals

Morning

Marshal
Xin Liang

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathryn Wieland

Faculty Marshal
Marie Bright Cobb

Assistant Marshals
Kelly Chaff
Margaret Kernen
Elizabeth Kerns
James Lawrence
Pei-Yang Liu
John Matejkovic
Hakjoon Song
Mahesh Srinivasan
Denise Testa
Becky Thomas
Kelly Wade

Afternoon

Marshal
Michael Shott

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Mary Myers

Faculty Marshal
Rudy Fenwick

Assistant Marshals
Joseph Ceccio
Enoch Damson
Allison Darcy
Laurie Dunlap
Kimberly Gentile
Robert Huff
Marcia Main
Mary Myers
Michael Nelson
Susan Speers
Philip Thomson

University Orators

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

Stacey J. Moore
Associate Vice President for Student Success

John C. Lanshe
Associate Director
Center for Academic Advising and Student Success

Afternoon

Stacey J. Moore
Associate Vice President for Student Success

Fedearia A. Nicholson
Assistant Vice President for Student Success
University Faculty Representatives

Morning
Steven Ash
Bhanu Balasubramnian
Charles Barton
Eric Brisker
John Cheh
Connie Chronister
Terry Daugherty
Kristina English
Elaine Fisher
Harold Foster
Stephen Hallam
Karin Jordan
Mona Klingler
Sharon Lesner
Suzanne MacDonald
Erin Miller
Jerry Obiekwe
Colin Onita
Deborah Owens
John Queener
Brian Radesic
Cynthia Reynolds
John Roncone
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki
Leann Schaeffer
Robert Schwartz
Alan Snow
James Steiger
Andrew Thomas
Naomi White

Afternoon
Roland Arter
Emily Asencio
Brian Ballou
Mary Biddinger
Stephen Brooks
Sandra Buckland
Charlotte Burrell
George Chase
Steven Chuang
Raymond Cox III
Dennis Doverspike
Shirong Du
Matthew Espe
Lawrence Gilpatrick
Lesley Gordon
Elizabeth Graham
Stephen Harp
Christopher Hoot
Travis Hreno
Kristine Kraft
Laurie Lafferty
Paul Levy
Yang Lin
Jutta Luettmer-Strathmann
Amy Milsted
Francisco Moore
John Nicholas
Andrew Rancer
Jeanne-Helene Roy
Andrea Snell
Kathleen Stansberry
Claire Tessier
Ann Usher
Joseph Wilder
Yingcai Xiao
Gerald Young

University Interpreter

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

Lori Palmer
Dr. Chander Mohan, throughout his decades as a practitioner and as a teacher, has made many contributions to his chosen field of psychiatry. An ardent supporter of education, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron by Ohio Governor Bob Taft in June 2004. His nine-year term ended on July 1, 2013.

Dr. Mohan served the Board and the University well as a member of numerous committees, including as chair of the Strategic Issues, Governance and Compliance Committee for three years and co-chair for another year; chair of the External Affairs Committee for two years; and chair of the Nominating Committee and the Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee for one year each. His service extends to membership on the boards of the Northeast Ohio Medical University and the University of Akron Research Foundation.

Dr. Mohan holds an M.D. degree from the MGM Medical College in India. He is an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Northeast Ohio Medical University; serves as a staff psychiatrist at Akron General Medical Center and Summa Barberton Hospital; and is associate medical director of geriatric psychiatry for Affinity Medical Center in Massillon. Previously, he was a clinical teaching assistant in the Department of Psychiatry at The Mount Sinai Medical Center and at the New York University School of Medicine in New York City.

Through his private practice as president of the Clinic for Behavioral Health Services as well as his collaborative efforts, Dr. Mohan has earned numerous professional distinctions. Those honors include being twice selected as one of America’s Top Psychiatrists by the Consumers’ Research Council. Dr. Mohan also serves the community as a member of the Summit County Republican Party and co-chairman of the Physicians’ Advisory Board for the National Republican Congressional Committee.
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.
Tyler L. Coolbaugh
Elizabeth M. Franks
Kyle B. Gee
Heather M. Michaud
William E. Rninger
Melanie R. Smith

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 percent 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.
Matthew C. Addis
Caitlin L. Ambrose
Rachael Irene Black
Alexandra E. Didato
Cody A. Fedler
Courtney L. Forsythe
Joseph M. Gaone II
Gregory D. Johnson
Jessica M. Johnson
Samuel A. Johnson
Erik L. Kasminsky
Corey J. Maddox
Nikole McKibben
Natalie J. Micale
Jared R. Miller
Rachel M. Roberts
Brianne D. Soles
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Rachel M. Roberts
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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.

Pascalle Abel
Judicael Briand Djoko Takougue
Joseph M. Gaone II
Gregory D. Johnson
Andrew B. Kapish
Yahui Li
Edward J. Machek Jr.
Ryan M. Maffit
Heather M. Michaud
William E. Rininger
Melanie R. Smith
Brianne D. Soles
Radhika Takiar
Sriramya Vajapeyajula
Matthew D. Whitmire
Melissa L. Wise

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.

Michael J. Caffrey
August 17, 2013  
Morning  

College of Education  
Founded 1921  
Interim Dean Susan G. Clark  

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  

Tracy D. Hall  
Counselor Education and Supervision – Marriage and Family Therapy  
BA, MS, Harding University, AK  
Dissertation: “Internet-Based Family Therapy from the Perspective of the Therapist: A Qualitative Inquiry”  
Adviser: Dr. John E. Queener  

Maryann O. Meniru  
Counselor Education and Supervision  
B Ed, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria; MS, Middlesex University, England; MA, Malone College  
Dissertation: “The Influence of Degree of Afroncentric Spirituality on Psychological Help Seeding Attitudes, Intentions and Stigma among Nigerian Americans”  
Adviser: Dr. Robert Schwartz  

Benson C. Okpara  
Counselor Education and Supervision – Marriage and Family Therapy  
BT, Bigard Memorial Seminary, Nigeria; M Ed, John Carroll University  
Dissertation: “A Qualitative Study of Nigerian Couples in the United States: Examining Emotional Reactivity and the Concept of Differentiation of Self”  
Adviser: Dr. Patricia Parr  

Sara N. Sayre  
Counseling Psychology  
BA, Kent State University; MA, John Carroll University  
Dissertation: “Racism and Trust in Health Care”  
Adviser: Dr. Suzette L. Speight and Dr. John E. Queener  

Morgan C. Van Epp  
Counseling Psychology  
BA, Miami University; MS, The Ohio State University  
Dissertation: “A Qualitative Examination of the Relationship Attachment Model (RAM) with Married Individuals”  
Adviser: Dr. John E. Queener  

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering  
Founded 1988  
Dean Stephen Z. D. Cheng  

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  

Cheng Ching Kurt Chiang  
Polymer Science BS, The Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: “Natural Rubber Biosynthesis: Perspectives from Polymer Chemistry”  
Adviser: Dr. Judit E. Puskas  

Hany Elbatal  
Polymer Science  
BS, MS, Cairo University, Egypt  
Dissertation: “Terpyridine Based Metallo-Supramolecular Architectures from Structure to Function”  
Adviser: Dr. George R. Newkome  

Pengzhan Fei  
Polymer Engineering  
BE, ME, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China  
Dissertation: “Physically Crosslinked Shape Memory Polymer and Maximum Bubble Pressure Rheology in Measurement of Gels”  
Adviser: Dr. Kevin A. Cavicchi  

Lei Feng  
Polymer Engineering  
BE, Hebei University of Technology, China; ME, Zhejiang University, China  
Dissertation: “Hydrolysis and Condensation of Alkoxysilyl End-Functionalized Polymer”  
Adviser: Dr. Kevin A. Cavicchi  

Guillermina C. Garcia  
Polymer Science  
BS, Veracruzana University, Mexico; MS, University of Detroit Mercy, MI; MS, National University of Mexico  
Dissertation: “Synthesis of Biodegradable Hyperbranched Polyacrylate by Activator Generator Electron Transfer (AGET) by ATRP in Emulsion/Miniemulsion Conditions”  
Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh  

Yiwen Li  
Polymer Science  
BS, University of Science and Technology of China  
Dissertation: “Giant Molecular Shape Amphiphiles Based-on Polyhedral Oligomeric Silesquioxanes: Molecular Design, ‘Click’ Synthesis and Self Assembly”  
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z. D. Cheng  

Xiaocun Lu  
Polymer Science  
BS, Peking University, China  
Dissertation: “Design and Construction of Metallo-Supramolecular 2D and 3D Architectures”  
Adviser: Dr. George R. Newkome  

Ying Shi  
Polymer Engineering  
BS, MS, East China Normal University  
Dissertation: “High Temperature Shape Memory Polymer & Ionomer Modified Asphalt”  
Adviser: Dr. Robert A. Weiss  

Gurpreet O. Singh  
Polymer Engineering  
B Tech, University of Mumbai, India  
Dissertation: “Dynamic Thermal Field-Induced Directed Self-Assembly of Block Copolymer Thin Films”  
Adviser: Dr. Alamgir Karim
Yu-Tsan Tseng
Polymer Science
BS, MS, National Tsing Hua University, China
Dissertation: “Effective Dispersion of MWCNT in Polymer Composite Based on the Principle of Solvent-Free Process and No Chemical Modification”
Adviser: Dr. Ali Dhinojwala

Emre Unsal
Polymer Engineering
BS, Koc University, Istanbul
Dissertation: “Integrated Real Time Studies to Track all Physical and Chemical Changes in Polymide Film Processing from Casting to Imidization”
Adviser: Dr. Mukerrem Cakmak

Xiao Wang
Polymer Engineering
BE, ME, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
Dissertation: “Tailoring of Pore Structures and Surface Properties of Syndiotactic Polystyrene Aerogels”
Adviser: Dr. Sadhan C. Jana

Jinping Wu
Polymer Engineering
BE, ME, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
Dissertation: “Investigation of Radiation Crosslinking Styrenic Block Copolymers and Imide Oligomers”
Adviser: Dr. Mark D. Soucek

Kan Yue
Polymer Science
BS, Peking University, China
Dissertation: “Design, Synthesis and Self-Assembly of Shape Amphiphiles Based on Polyhedral Oligomeric Silsesquioxane-Polymer Conjugates”
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z. D. Cheng

College of Health Professions
Founded 2012
Interim Dean
Roberta A. DePompei

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY
Allison J. Arnold
BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. James Steiger

Haley M. Butler
BA, Ohio University
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Jessica S. Freesen
BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Kristine M. English

Suzannah C. Hagan
BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Jennifer A. Klimeczak
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Kristine M. English

Katie J. Krieger
BS Ed, Youngstown State University
Adviser: Dr. Mona Klingler

Courtney C. Luffler
BA, Louisiana State University and A & M College
Adviser: Dr. Erin Miller

Allison T. Moneypenny
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. James Steiger

Jerrica L. Rieger
BA, University of North Dakota
Adviser: Dr. Mona Klingler

William J. Riggs
BSBM, Wright State University
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Kyle H. Shepard
BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Erin Miller

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Patricia Jean Bishop
Nursing
BSN, MSN, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “The Use of Preprogram and Within Program Cognitive Attributes to Predict Midprogram Outcomes in Baccalaureate Nursing Education”
Adviser: Dr. Elaine Fisher
Candidates for Master’s Degrees

College of Education
Founded 1921
Interim Dean Susan G. Clark

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
Nawal I. Alhawsawi
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Huiyuan A. Alhuiyuan
Educational Foundations – Social/Philosophical Foundations of Education
Lakesha R. Allen
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Amy R. Bacon
Elementary Education – Literacy
Kimberly A. Blouir
Elementary Education – Literacy
Aqila Marie Brown
Educational Foundations – Social/Philosophical Foundations of Education
Nicholas S. Burt
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Audra Lynn Cavanaugh
School Counseling
Anna K. Clark
Principalship
Emily L. Cooper
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Maria D. Daull
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Chloe Therese Dean
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Serife F. Doslovich
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Xuejing X. Duan
Educational Foundations – Assessment and Evaluation
Duane A. Dungee
Secondary Education
Danny J. Ferguson
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Linda M. Freund
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lynn Gagnon
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Michelle N. Gary
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Marlene Renee Glennon
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Susan M. Gotwals
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Adriana L. Greenlief
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Laura Lynn Haas
Secondary Education
Tom J. Hammond
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Derrick L. Hochstetler
Principalship
Lori M. Hurt
Special Education
Rachael A. Jatich
Elementary Education
Justin E. Kinder
Elementary Education – Literacy
Tracey L. Lambdin
Principalship
Sha Li
Educational Foundations – Social/Philosophical Foundations of Education
Samantha J. Luyster
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Malahat Malahfji
Secondary Education
Rebecca J. Matson
Elementary Education – Literacy
Lindsay A. McCorcle
Secondary Education
Lauren M. Missik
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Justin S. Muir
Principalship
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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 28,000 students from throughout Ohio, the United States, and 74 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-degreegranting institution. Today, more than 157,000 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 University Park Alliance, 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 a 93 percent increase in student enrollment in the last eight years. Furthermore, it’s estimated that more than 92 percent of engineering graduates from UA land jobs in their fields immediately upon 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 since then has:

- entered into five joint ventures with major corporations
- assisted in the launch of 50 start-up companies
- established a 550-member angel investor network that channeled more than $75 million to 30 companies
- grown its assets from $5 million to $16 million
- performed contracted research services that exceed $20 million
- managed 286 U.S. patents and 430 patents worldwide
- engaged in 115 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.

Phillip Steele credits The University of Akron’s engineering co-op program, one of the first established in the United States, with giving him a competitive edge in the job market.

And now, with a newly earned B.S. in Electrical Engineering, this member of the Spring Class of 2013 has begun his professional career with General Motors Corporation. Steele is working as an engine calibration specialist in powertrain engineering with the vehicle manufacturer in Milford, Mich.

“The University of Akron is absolutely integral to my securing the position I have with GM,” notes Steele. “Co-op is huge. It gives you experience and opportunities. Arguably, if it was not for me being at Akron, I can’t say I would have the same opportunity.”

Research shows that 90 percent of UA engineering students are placed into co-ops. And nearly 50 percent of those placed into co-ops are hired by that company at graduation.

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