THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Fall Commencement

December 12-13, 2014
Edwin J. Thomas
Performing Arts Hall
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December 12 at 7 p.m., December 13 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Scott L. Scarborough, President of The University of Akron, Presiding

Prelude Music
- Jubilate Deo by Giovanni Gabrieli
- Suite of Carols by Leroy Anderson
- Shepherd’s Hey by Percy Grainger
- Crown Imperial by William Walton
  The University of Akron Brass Choir
  Christopher Blaha, Conductor

Fanfare
- Ceremonial Piece by William MacDavis
  The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

The National Anthem
(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)
- Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel
  The University of Akron Brass Choir

Welcome and Introduction
Scott L. Scarborough
President, The University of Akron

Greetings
Member
Board of Trustees

Music
- America the Beautiful by G. F. Handel
  The University of Akron Brass Choir

Address to the Candidates
December 12, Evening
William Considine
Akron Children’s Hospital

December 13, Morning
Vernon Sykes
Ohio House of Representatives District 34

December 13, Afternoon
Michele Campbell
LRMR Management Company
LeBron James Family Foundation

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

In the December 12 evening ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Business Administration, College of Polymer Science and Engineering and College of Applied Science and Technology.

In the December 13 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and College of Engineering.

In the December 13 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Education, College of Health Professions and Wayne 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

Lagrima       Francisco Tarrega
Adelita       Francisco Tarrega
Auld Lang Sync (Traditional Scottish Melody)  Robert Burns
All I Ask of You  Andrew Lloyd Webber
Gabriel’s Oboe  Ennio Morricone
Here, There and Everywhere  John Lennon and Paul McCartney
Snowflight     Andrew York
A Pale View     David Pritchard
Mysterious Habitats  Dusan Bogdanovic
Don Perez Freire  Agustin Barrios Mangore
Waltz No. 3, Op. 8  Agustin Barrios Mangore
Etude 1         Francis Kleynjans
Reverie         Dimitri Fampas
Sonatina        Federico Moreno Torroba
Andante and Largo from BWV 1005  Johann Sebastian Bach
Philip Logan – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER
(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 37.)
Led by Vandi Terill
Student, School of Music
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2014

December 12, Evening
Benjamin D. Stasik
December 13, Morning
Lindsay M. Trujillo
December 13, Afternoon
Stephanie S. Rymer

STUDENT RESPONSE

December 12, Evening
Matthew Akers ('00)
Director Alumni Relations and Student Engagement
December 13
William Kollman ('08, '10)
Associate Director Alumni and Government Relations

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott L. Scarborough

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL
(The audience will be seated.)
Procession of the Scholars by William Harbinson
The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.
Academic Processional & Ceremonial Customs

The ceremonial customs of commencement, rooted in centuries-old tradition, are described below.

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 are 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 first arose 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, professors adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today’s commencement 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. 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: associates 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.

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

- Black: Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor’s
- Drab: Business
- Gold: Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
- Green: Health Professions
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Purple: Law
- Silver: Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College Associate’s
- White: Arts and Sciences

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 associates 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.

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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 is an emblem, symbol or word that certifies or authenticates 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 with 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 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 aforementioned rising phoenix, an apt symbol for the University, which was rebuilt, through the generous support of alumni and the community, from the ashes of Buchtel College after it burned down in 1899.
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College of Business Administration
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College of Education (Interim)
George K. Haritos
College of Engineering
David Gordon
College of Health Professions
Eric J. Amis
College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Rex D. Ramsier (’87, ’89)
Graduate School (Interim) and College of Applied Science and Technology (Interim)
Dale H. Mugler
Honors College
Matthew J. Wilson
School of Law
Phyllis G. O’Connor (’76)
University Libraries (Interim)
Daniel C. Deckler (’90, ’02)
Wayne College (Interim)
University Marshals

December 12, 2014
Evening

Marshal
Mesfin Tsige

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Zachary Steiner

Faculty Marshal
Douglas Hausknecht

Assistant Marshals
Kimberly Beyer
Christin Cooney
Enoch Damson
Lawrence Gilpatrick
Douglas Hubert
Anthony Jakab
Dwayne Jones
Abraham Joy
Tanya Lundy
John Matejkovic
Mary Myers
Hakjoon Song
Mark Soucek
Mahesh Srinivasan
Denise Testa
Chrys Wesdemiotis

December 13, 2014
Morning

Marshal
Brian Davis

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steven Sedlock

Faculty Marshal
David Tokar

Assistant Marshals
Raymond Cox
Sasa Dordevic
Caleb Holyoke
Robert Huff
Laurie Lafferty
Annalisa Piccorelli
Cherie Sedlock
Eric Sotnak
James Sperling

December 13, 2014
Evening

Marshal
Delila Owens

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Anne Jorgensen

Assistant Marshals
Katie Boarman
Donald Canary
Kelly Chaff
Angela Hartsock
Marlene Huff
Karin Jordan
Betsy Kerns
Kristine Kraft
Michele Thornton

University Orators

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

December 12, Evening

David A. Harris
Academic Encourager,
Student Success

Fedearia A. Nicholson
Assistant Vice President,
Student Success

December 13, Morning

Christine R. Curry
Director, Development

John D. Lanshe
Associate Director,
Academic Advisement Center

December 13, Afternoon

Stacey J. Moore
Associate Vice President,
Student Success

Cassandra J. Verardi
Assistant Director,
The Akron Experience
University Faculty Representatives

December 12, 2014 Evening
Steven Ash
Kenneth Aupperle
William Baker
Andrew Bernat
Eric Brisker
Charlotte Burrell
Thomas Calderon
Akilesh Chandra
James Divoky
Vanja Djuric
Shirong Du
John Goodell
Daniel Kandray
Elizabeth Kennedy
Debmalya Mukherjee
John Nicholas
Harridutt Ramcharran
Jeffry Schantz
Robert M. Schwartz
Amy Shriver Dreussi
Larry Shubat
James Thomson
Stacy Willett

December 13, 2014 Evening
Maria Adamowicz-Hariasz
Hamid Bahrami
Janet Bean
Constance Bouchard
Valerie Callanan
Chien-Chung Chan
Joelle Elicker
Malena Espanol
J. Clayton Fant
Kathryn Feltey
Stefan Forcey
Sucharita Ghosh
Laurie Lashbrook
Richard Londraville
Frank Loth
Therese Lueck
Jutta Luettmer-Strathmann
Zhe Jerry Luo
Arjuna Madanayake
Craig Menzemer
Jon Miller
Rosa Muthoni Githoria
Jordan Renna
David Ritchey
David Roke
Martha Santos
Cydney Spohn
Tirumalai Srivatsan
Vlada Vukadinovic
Shannon Zentall
Christopher Ziegler

December 13, 2014 Afternoon
Michelle Boltz
Andrea Brewer
Kelli Chronister
Marie Cobb
Amber Ferris
Dimitria Gatzia
Richard Glotzer
Marc Haas
Huey-Li Li
Pei-Yang Liu
Mary Jo MacCracken
Brad Maguth
Nidaa Makki
Phil Martucci
Ronald Otterstetter
Lynne Pachnowski
Scott Palasik
Victor Pinheiro
Rose Resler
Cynthia Reynolds
Jina Sang
Kathy Schupp
Carrie Scotto
Linda Shanks
Lynn Smolen
Jennifer Warren

University Interpreter

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

December 12
Jon Sederwall

December 13
Lori Palmer
William H. Considine will address the candidates for the December 12th ceremony.

William H. Considine

William H. Considine, president of Akron Children’s Hospital for 35 years, is one of the longest-tenured hospital chief executives in the country. He is an internationally known advocate for issues affecting children and is involved in numerous healthcare, educational and cultural organizations at local, state and national levels.

Under his leadership, the hospital has grown into one of the nation’s premier integrated pediatric healthcare delivery systems. Akron Children’s today is a $1 billion dollar enterprise with 5,000 employees. Its clinical staff provides care at nearly 800,000 patient visits annually through programs at its two hospital campuses and large network of primary and specialty care locations. The system also comprises a pediatric home care company, captive insurance entity, school health business and charitable foundation.

Considine is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a past chairman of the National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions and served as a member of its Council on Child Advocacy. He served as chairman of the Child Health Corporation of America and was a member of the American Hospital Association’s Maternal Child Health Governing Council. He is a member of the Children’s Hospital Association, and he currently serves the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association as secretary/treasurer, having previously served as chairman. He is a past chairman of the Children’s Miracle Network Board and serves on the Governor’s Advisory Council on Health Care Payment Innovation, as well as the Ohio Hospital Association’s Task Force on Healthcare Transformation.

In 2009, Considine was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Ohio Business Roundtable, chairman of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron and was recently appointed to the Board of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Considine continues to serve on the boards of numerous Akron-area community organizations and has been honored by many of these, including the American Lung Association, March of Dimes, Mental Health Association of Summit County, Akron Public Schools and many others. In 2011, the Akron Community Foundation presented him with the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award in recognition of his many years of community service and in 2014, the United Way honored him with its Distinguished Service Award.

Considine has been honored by his high school alma mater, Archbishop Hoban High School, as well as by The University of Akron, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1969. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Public Health Service and holds a master’s degree in health science administration from The Ohio State University. He was also awarded two honorary degrees: a doctorate in humane letters from The University of Akron and a doctor of science (honoris causa) from Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Throughout his entire 45-year career in healthcare, he has embraced the philosophy of servant leadership. He is a proactive voice for children, a mentor, role model and storyteller. Akron Children’s Hospital has a proud 125-year history of caring for children, and the hospital’s mission of service has grown ten-fold during his tenure.

Considine lives in Akron with Rebecca, his wife of 42 years. They have three grown children.
Vernon Sykes will address the candidates for the December 13 morning ceremony.

**Vernon Sykes**

State Representative Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) brings decades of public service experience to his role at the Ohio House, having served parts of the city of Akron for 24 years.

Sykes believes a quality education results in future success, and he speaks on that subject with an expert voice and an impressive background. He holds a bachelor’s degree in organizational behavior from Ohio University, a master’s degree in social and applied economics from Wright State University, a master’s of public administration from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a Ph.D. in public administration and urban studies from The University of Akron.

Sykes started his public service career as a senior management specialist for the Economic Development Program and Research & Evaluation Planner for the Summit County Criminal Justice Commission. He enjoys teaching in the classroom, preparing young minds for the challenges of tomorrow. He taught American Urban Society and Economics courses as an assistant professor at The University of Akron.

Sykes also pursued his passion for politics. He served two terms on Akron City Council before his appointment to the House of Representatives in 1983. As a state legislator, Sykes sponsored legislation to toughen child abuse laws, to compensate wrongly imprisoned individuals and to prevent railroad crossing fatalities. He also championed the strongest fair housing law in the nation during his service. During his tenure, Sykes served as president of what is now the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus as well as assistant majority floor leader.

Term limits forced Sykes out of the Ohio House in 2000. He returned to the classroom, joining the faculty at Kent State University as an assistant professor of political science. Currently, he leads Kent State’s Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues, a program that offers a select group of college students the opportunity to live, work and study public policy in Ohio’s capital city. In 2007, he was awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award at Kent State University.

Sykes returned to the Statehouse in 2007, taking over for his wife Barbara, who represented the 44th District from 2001 to 2006. Sykes, since his return, has received numerous honors and awards. He has been named the Home Care & Hospice Hero for two consecutive years — 2010 and 2011. He was most recently honored by the National Association of Social Workers as Public Elected Official of the Year.

Sykes is the ranking member of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee and co-chairman of the Constitutional Modernization Commission. He also serves on the State Government and Elections Committee, the Local Government Committee, and the State Government and Elections Subcommittee on Redistricting.

Sykes resides in Akron with his wife Barbara. They have two daughters, a grandson and a granddaughter.
Michele Campbell will address the candidates for the December 13 afternoon ceremony.

Michele Campbell has spent many years pursuing her passion in the education sector. The Akron native earned a B.S.B.A. in business management at Ashland University, a master’s degree in higher education administration at Kent State University, and a doctor of education at The University of Akron. Following her own educational achievements, Campbell joined The University of Akron to help others pursue theirs. Beginning in 1993, Campbell served in several posts — including coordinator of Greek Affairs, associate director of the Student Union and interim director of the Student Union. She finished her service as the assistant dean for student life.

In 2006, Campbell set her educational sights on a new vision as the CEO of LRMR Management Company and the executive director of the LeBron James Family Foundation. The foundation’s goal is to positively affect the lives of children and young adults through education and co-curricular educational initiatives. Campbell works to bring LeBron’s vision to create positive and lasting change in his hometown of Akron to life through real, executable initiatives. Under Campbell’s direction, in 2011 the LeBron James Family Foundation began working on the high school dropout crisis facing the Akron community and launched its “Wheels for Education” program in partnership with the Akron Public Schools. This groundbreaking initiative targets third graders and provides them with the programs, support and mentors they need for success in school, following them all the way through graduation. Now in year three of the program, Campbell’s guidance has helped grow this thoughtful, research-based and powerful program to more than 800 students. It will continue to expand as it takes on a new class of third graders each year. Capitalizing on the positive influence of LeBron and executing with the help of Akron community and educational leaders, the foundation has successfully engaged and encouraged students to create positive change in their lives. With Campbell at the helm, the foundation has taken this initiative nationwide to reach others passionate about personal and social responsibility through the I PROMISE network.

Campbell’s work with the LeBron James Family Foundation has allowed her to take her passion for education and extend it to children and families who need it most. Under LeBron’s direction, Campbell has successfully transformed the foundation from a charity to a lifelong commitment with an impact that will be felt for generations to come.
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 60 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree, having completed a minimum of 30 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

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.

Jacob T. Altman
Aviance Bain
Adam J. Beckler
Alexandria A. Burch
Ruth G. Chapman
Rebecca A. Ciocca
Joseph M. Fortunato
Virginia T. Gegick
Rhiannon A. Gibbs
Rupinder S. Gill
Nathan J. Grob
Latoya S. Higinbottom
Stasia M. Hoffman
Heidi L. Honeck

Jason R. Horn
Elizabeth A. Josifov
Megan R. Kane
Jasmine R. Kennett
Breanna M. Koch
Emily M. Kozy
Savanna R. Letcher
Marcus A. Mazzaferrri
Molly E. McCreary
Christopher C. Meyers
Thomas M. Minnick
Alissa R. Nivens
Courtney M. Ou
Mark E. Pirogowicz
Alexandra M. Richards
Lindsay L. Rine
Maria E. Roth
Stephanie S. Rymer
Robert E. Schilling III
Samantha J. Semilia
Rachel E. Smith
Edward D. Stevens
Anna M. Tultz
Mitchell W. Upp
Daniel J. Weingart
Gail L. White
Sarah C. Wright
Qiuhe Zhao

Qiuhe Zhao
December 12, 2014
Evening

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Founded 1988
Dean Eric J. Amis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nicole R. Brostowitz
Polymer Engineering
BS, University of Wisconsin
Dissertation: “Shape Memory Rubber Bands & Supramolecular Ionic Copolymers”
Advisers: Dr. Kevin Cavicchi and Dr. Robert A. Weiss

Azadeh Rismanchian
Polymer Science
BS, University of Tehran, Iran; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Electrochemical and Photocatalytic Oxidation of Hydrocarbons”
Adviser: Dr. Steven S.C. Chuang

Joseph J. Scavuzzo
Polymer Science
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Elastomers Physically Cross-Linked by Oligo(B-Alanine)”
Adviser: Dr. Li Jia

Andrew P. Shinko
Polymer Engineering
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Structure-Property Relationships of Multifunctional Block Copolymer Aerogels”
Adviser: Dr. Sadham C. Jana

Jing Wang
Polymer Science
BS, Peking University, China
Dissertation: “Crystal Structure Analysis of a Series of Semiconducting Small Molecules Based on Sulfur-Hetero Benzo [k] Fluoranthene”
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z.D. Cheng

Xiang Yan
Polymer Science
BS, Zhengzhou University, China
Dissertation: “Synthesis of Biodegradable Silicon-Functionalized Polyester Scaffolds for Bone Tissue Engineering”
Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

Yeneneh Yalew Yimer
Polymer Science
BEd, Debub University, Ethiopia; MS, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Dissertation: “Molecular Ordering, Structure and Dynamics of Conjugated Polymers at Interfaces: Multiscale Molecular Dynamics Simulations”
Adviser: Dr. Mesfin Tsige

Kai Guo
Polymer Science
BE, University of Science & Technology of China
Adviser: Dr. Chrys Wesdemiotis

Tongzhai Gao
Polymer Engineering
BE, Beijing Institute of Technology, China; ME, Sun Moon University, Korea
Dissertation: “Anticorrosive Organic/Inorganic Hybrid Coatings”
Adviser: Dr. Mark D. Soucek

Joseph J. Scavuzzo
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Dissertation: “Application of Rhamnolipid as an Environmentally Friendly Biopesticide”  
Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Hokyung Song  
Engineering – Chemical  
BS, MS, Sogang University, South Korea  
Dissertation: “Fabrication of High Aspect Ratio of Injectable Cell Carriers Via Thin Polymer Dewetting”  
Adviser: Dr. Bi-min Zhang

Qiong Tang  
Engineering – Chemical  
BE, ME, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China  
Dissertation: “Multifunctional Natural Material-Based Delivery Systems for Gene Therapy”  
Adviser: Dr. Gang Cheng
# Candidates for Master’s Degrees

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**MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS**

Kelsie N. L. Carson
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**MASTER OF ARTS**

- **Erin Kahoa**
  Theatre Arts
- **Alec M. Kammer**
  Communication
- **Teodóra Láng**
  Economics
- **Xuan Li**
  Psychology – Adult Development and Aging
- **Jinan Liu**
  Economics
- **Ashley Lizewski**
  History
- **Joseph E. Lybarger**
  Communication
- **Colin F. Marshall**
  History
- **Edwin D. Monaghan Jr.**
  Economics
- **Arthur L. Morath III**
  History
- **Joshua L. Morgan**
  Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- **Tina M. Murray**
  Communication
- **Morgan M. Neiss**
  Economics
- **Laura M. Niehaus**
  Sociology
- **Esther E. Sackey**
  Communication
- **Raymond W. Sarvis**
  English
- **Christina Marie Esterly Schwarten**
  Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- **Soquaya V. Seawood**
  Urban Studies
- **Melanie J. Slabaugh**
  Theatre Arts
- **Laura K. Strader**
  Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- **Nima Vafai**
  Economics
- **Aaron D. VanHorn**
  History
- **Scott A. Wachtel**
  Communication
- **Rebecca Ruth Wehr**
  Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- **Mengling Yi**
  Economics

**MASTER OF ARTS IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

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  Child and Family Development
Justin L. Campbell
  Clothing, Textiles and Interiors
Alicia N. Fabrizi
  Child and Family Development
Kathryn E. Simmons
  Clothing, Textiles and Interiors
Carly R. Wamboldt
  Clothing, Textiles and Interiors

**MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Melanie V. Chudik

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING**

Damien M. Thomas

**MASTER OF MUSIC**

Merissa A. Coleman
  Choral Conducting Performance
Alanna C. Furst
  Music History and Literature
Alisha Nichole Gee
  Voice Performance
Thomas P. Guarino
  Music Composition
Zachary A. Richards
  Choral Conducting Performance and Music Composition
Eryn E. Stark
  Music Theory
Isaac D. Winland
  Music Technology

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Sulaiman Saud M. Alsadoun
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Qian Chen
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Christopher L. Henderson
Lawrence J. Kouri
Rebecca L. Lane
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Quinton D. Wall

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**Master of Science**

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  *Physics*
- Ahlam A. Alalwiat  
  *Chemistry*
- Michael D. Anderson  
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- Chinta M. Aryal  
  *Physics*
- Pyie-Phyo Aung  
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- Elizabeth A. Bair  
  *Biology*
- Kendra F. Barnes  
  *Biology*
- Hari Krishna Bodicharla  
  *Computer Science*
- Bo Cai  
  *Computer Science*
- Joel A. Caporoso  
  *Chemistry*
- Kullapa Chanawanno  
  *Chemistry*
- Brian Chiang  
  *Physics*
- Albert Coleman  
  *Geography/Geographic Information Sciences*
- Meher Chaitanya Dhanekula  
  *Computer Science*
- Ernest Duah  
  *Chemistry*
- Troy S. Dunn  
  *Biology*
- Obada Y. Farhan  
  *Statistics*
- Matthew A. Farkas  
  *Computer Science*
- Gina L. Filiano  
  *Geology*
- Rebecca A. Gerevics  
  *Biology*
- Moshaddek Hasan  
  *Computer Science*
- Sayyed Abed Hasheminasab  
  *Chemistry*
- Feixiang Huang  
  *Computer Science*
- Andrew T. Jones  
  *Biology*
- Ram B. Khattri  
  *Chemistry*
- Ye Kyung Kim  
  *Computer Science*
- Louisa J. Kreider  
  *Geography/Geographic Information Sciences*
- Michelle F. Kushnir  
  *Chemistry*
- Tian Lan  
  *Statistics*
- Andrew M. Leitholf  
  *Geology*
- Yaqian Lin  
  *Statistics*
- Peng Liu  
  *Statistics*
- Xiaofan Ma  
  *Geography/Geographic Information Sciences*
- Andrew R. Marmaduke  
  *Applied Mathematics*
- Samantha A. Martin  
  *Statistics*
- Michael McGrievy  
  *Statistics*
- Steven C. Metzger  
  *Statistics*
- Nabina Paudyal  
  *Physics*
- Lakshmi Madhuri Peddireddy  
  *Computer Science*
- Yue Qu  
  *Computer Science*
- Daniel J. Rhoads  
  *Applied Mathematics*
- Nikki K. Robishaw  
  *Chemistry*
- Pallavi Saxena  
  *Computer Science*
- Shagun Saxena  
  *Biology*
- Kerri L. Shelton  
  *Chemistry*
- Joseph R. Stanek  
  *Statistics*
- Jason A. Stiel  
  *Chemistry*
- Jeffrey P. Tenney  
  *Chemistry*
- Benjamin S. Thome  
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  *Applied Mathematics*
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Sigma Cum Laude
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Theresa J. Bellefant
Sigma Cum Laude
Matthew S. Bentley
Cam Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Melanie A. Gilliland
Magna Cum Laude
Amy Goffinet
Magna Cum Laude
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Cam Laude
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Eric T. Haines
Cassandra R. Haramis
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Sophie E. Hicks
Latoya S. Higginbottom
Summa Cum Laude
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Stasia M. Hoffman
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Zachary K. Kennedy
Grace Kesis
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Hayley M. Rodriguez
Cam Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Miranda Y. Santos
Tiffany R. Schaad
Cam Laude
Tyler B. Schlimme
Lindsey R. Scott
Rachael E. Scott
Cam Laude
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Tyler S. Sims
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Rachel E. Smith
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Meagan Sonner

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Bachelor of Arts in Mass Media – Communication
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Katelyn N. Freil

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts
Jovana Bukvic
Amanda J. Wood

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Justin D. Bader
Cade J. Buckus
Sarah C. Ellis

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Cody Dice
Nicole M. Romo

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Media – Communication
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Chris J. Boardman
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Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts
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Amanda J. Wood

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Cameron J. Armstrong(3)  
Meagan N. Brill  
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Victoria H. Brown  
Alexandra K. Burt  
Blake E. Carroll  
Sarah E. Catania  
Sean W. Connelly  
Amy K. Dorow  
Chaz S. Foster-Drudge  
Virginia T. Giegick  
Magna Cum Laude  
Max D. Gilliland  
Cum Laude  
Zachary J. Haake  
Elizabeth A. Josifov  
Magna Cum Laude  
Nicholas M. Justyn  
Jeremy J. Kasmer  
Lindsey A. Koplow  
Paul M. Krauss  
Robert F. LaBounty  
Ellen D. Lintner  
Cum Laude  
Brianna L. Mangano  
Andrew R. Marmaduke  
Cum Laude  
Danielle L. Muhlbcn  
Kathleen J. Nevitt  
Anthony S. Posavec  
Cum Laude  
Kenny W. Pung  
Heidi P. Rassavong  
Cum Laude  
Matthew L. Reed  
Alexandra M. Richards  
Jordan T. Robideau  
Karim N. Sidaway  
Magna Cum Laude  
Joseph L. Snell  
Ethan C. Thompson  
Katherine A. Tompkins  
Lindsay Trujillo  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jesse Valles  
Adrienne M. Watts  
Stephen M. Williams  
Bo Yang  
Ethan C. York  
Summa Cum Laude  
Qiuhe Zhao  
Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**
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Summa Cum Laude  
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Jordan M. Meinke  
Matthew S. Ryba  
Cum Laude  
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Andrew R. Tilisky

**Bachelor of Science in Labor Economics**
Jeremy K. Rice  
Mitchell W. Upp  
Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice**
Elin H. Adderley  
Summa Cum Laude  
Meredith M. Bernardo  
Charles E. Beverly II  
Andrew J. Bilinovich  
Lazar Bogicevic  
Cum Laude  
Justin E. Bradford  
Summa Cum Laude  
DeShayla N. Bush  
Terrence J. Culver  
Deleone V. Edwards IV  
Nicholas S. Ely  
Magna Cum Laude  
Tara R. Fought  
Cum Laude  
Autumn M. Greenwood  
Evan M. Hill  
Magna Cum Laude  
Douglas J. Laib  
Dean R. Light  
Ashley F. McCartney  
Alexa L. Montesano  
Eric J. Morales  
Lyndsi D. Moravcik  
Paris M. Smith  
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**Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Systems Engineering**
Bianca N. Acciardo  
Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering**
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William E. Hall Jr.  
Brock M. Rutan  
Vanessa Ivette Trevizo Nava  
David A. Waters Jr.

**Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**
Eric P. Gelsomino  
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John A. Guy  
Brandon L. Karl  
Dylan G. Peoples  
Cum Laude  
Ashley E. Reed  
Cum Laude  
Peter J. Trowbridge  
Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**
Basem Mohammad Alsahabi

**Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**
Matthew D. Bertram  
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Marcus A. Mazzaferrri  
Cum Laude  
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Amanda C. Ostberg  
Jordan T. Parker  
Jordan L. Price  
Michael J. Prokop  
Robert E. Schilling III  
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Justin A. Smith  
Christopher R. Wagner

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Senetta F. Bancroft
Secondary Education
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "A Critical Exploration of Science Doctoral Programs: Counterstories from Underrepresented Women of Color"
Adviser: Dr. Nidaa Makki

Jamal Feerasta
Secondary Education
BS, MS, Florida International University
Dissertation: "Critical Personal Attributes for Successful Employment Outcome of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Working in the Restaurant Business: A Qualitative Case Study"
Adviser: Dr. Shernavaz Vakil

Elizabeth A. Testa
Secondary Education
BA, Kent State University;
MSE, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Behind the Screens: A Case Study Exploring the Integration of Digital Readers into a 12th Grade English Classroom"
Advisers: Dr. Evangeline Newton and Dr. Susan Kushner Benson

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
Linda H. Kakish
Educational Leadership
BS, The Ohio State University;
MSE, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Teaching to Lead or Leading to Teach: A Phenomenological Study of Teacher Leadership"
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Kathleen Ann Hebebrand
Nursing Practice
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Liesl L. Glover
Counseling Psychology
BA, Miami University;
MS, University of South Carolina
Dissertation: “Clinician Trainees Physiological Reactivity, Perceived Stress, and Self-Efficacy in Response to Client Suicidality”
Adviser: Dr. Dawn Johnson

James R. Pontau
Counseling Psychology
BA, Bowling Green State University;
MA, Cleveland State University
Dissertation: “The Association of Type-D Personality on Reports of MTBI Complaints and Pharmacotherapy Treatments”
Adviser: Dr. John Queener

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Counselor Education and Supervision
BA, Kent State University;
MA, Malone University
Adviser: Dr. Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich
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Pamela Bush
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Brock M. Cline
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Patricia Dudley
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
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Sport Science/Coaching
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Michael C. McCall
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Patrick J. Smith
Sport Science/Coaching
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Steven J. Strumila
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Rebecca A. Lada
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Brian M. Mallon
Vincent R. Manuella
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Given at Akron, in the State of Ohio, this twelfth day of December, 2014.

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

Close beside Cuyahoga’s waters, Stream of amber hue,

O’er old Buchtel, Summit’s glory, Waves the gold and blue.

Chorus

Hail we Akron! Sound her praises, Speed them on the gale,

Ever stand our Alma Mater, Akron hail, all hail!

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 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 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 25,000 students from throughout Ohio, the United States and more than 70 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 20 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 167,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

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