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*Spring  
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**EDWIN J. THOMAS**  
**PERFORMING ARTS HALL**



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# FALL 2014 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*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*

<b>PRELUDE MUSIC</b> .....	<i>Jubilate Deo</i> Giovanni Gabrieli <i>Suite of Carols</i> Leroy Anderson <i>Shepherd's Hey</i> Percy Grainger <i>Crown Imperial</i> William Walton The University of Akron Brass Choir Christopher Blaha, <i>Conductor</i>
<b>FANFARE</b> .....	<i>Ceremonial Piece</i> William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b> .....	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Grand March</i> Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Sir Edward Elgar The University of Akron Brass Choir
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<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b> .....	Scott L. Scarborough <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
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<b>ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES</b> .....	December 12, Evening William Considine <i>Akron Children's Hospital</i> December 13, Morning Vernon Sykes <i>The Ohio House of Representatives District 34</i> December 13, Afternoon Michele Campbell <i>LRMR Management Company</i> <i>LeBron James Family Foundation</i>
<b>AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL</b> .....	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Led by Vandi Terill <i>Student, School of Music</i> 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 Syne (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  
Matthew Akers ('00)  
*Director Alumni Relations and Student Engagement*  
December 13  
William Kollman ('08, '10)  
*Associate Director Alumni and Government Relations*

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

**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

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\*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 medalion with inscriptions representing the history of the state and the University. Next come the members of the faculty followed by the degree candidates.

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

## Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement 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 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. 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.

## 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.

## Colors

The various colleges and academic disciplines of 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

## 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.



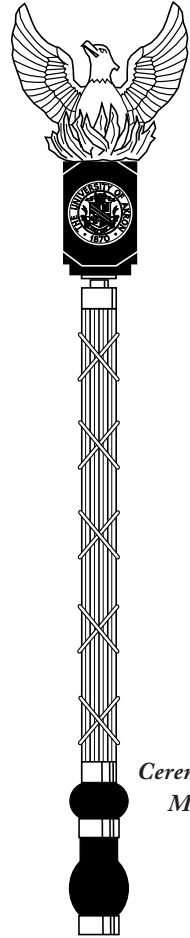
*University Seal*

## The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the 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.



*Ceremonial Mace*

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*College of Engineering*

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*College of Health Professions*

Eric J. Amis  
*College of Polymer Science and  
Polymer Engineering*

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*Graduate School (Interim)  
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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 Gilpatric  
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

### **Faculty Marshal**

Martha Conrad

### **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  
Akhilesh Chandra  
James Divoky  
Vanja Djuric  
Shirong Du  
John Goodell  
Daniel Kandray  
Elizabeth Kennedy  
Debmalya Mukherjee  
John Nicholas  
Haridutt 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  
Cydne 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

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Michele Campbell will address the candidates for the December 13 afternoon ceremony.

### MICHELE CAMPBELL

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 HONORS

## Graduation With Distinction

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

To qualify for these honors distinctions, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree, having earned a minimum of 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. Higginbottom  
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. Mazzaferri  
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

# CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 12, 2014  
Evening

## College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

*Founded 1988*

Dean Eric J. Amis

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Dissertation: "A Critical Exploration of Science Doctoral Programs: Counterstories from Underrepresented Women of Color"

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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"

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Dissertation: "Behind the Screens: A Case Study Exploring the Integration of Digital Readers into a 12th Grade English Classroom"

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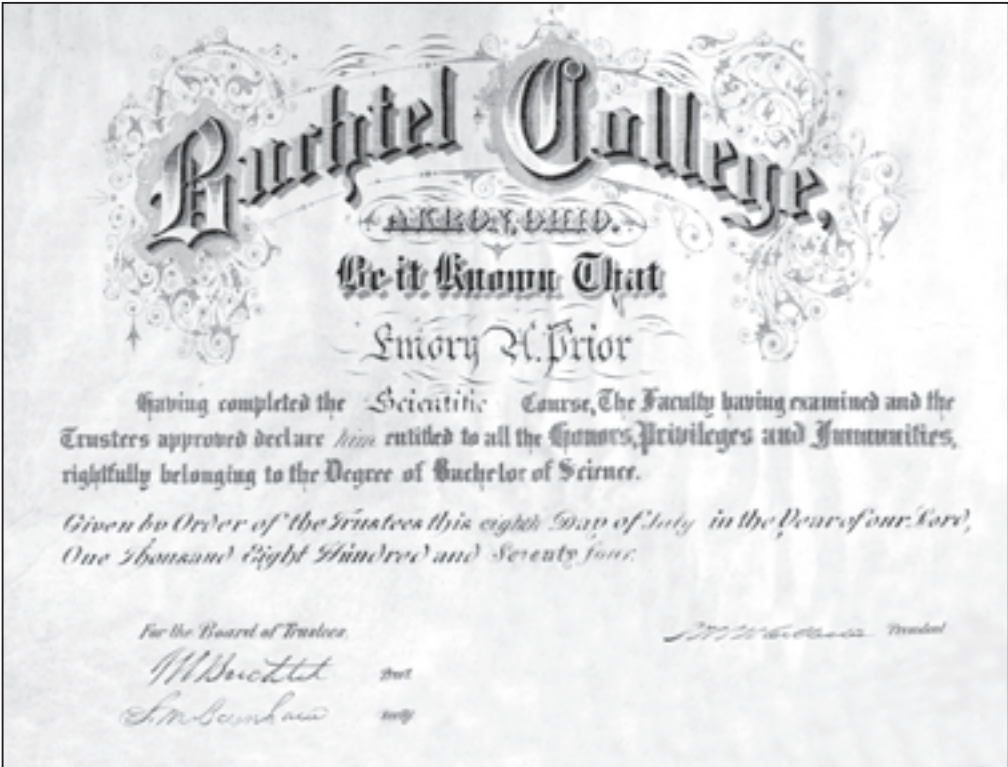
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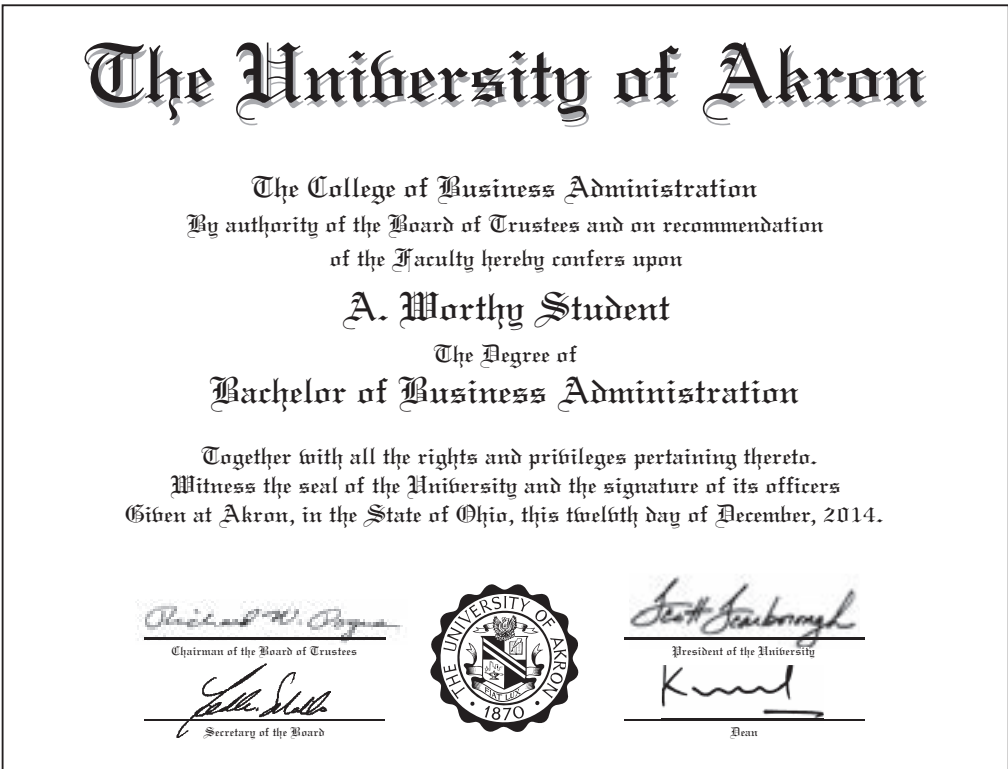
The following cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants on December 13, 2014:

## **UNITED STATES ARMY**

David W. Grimes  
Dakota D. Lewis  
Jordan L. Price  
Mark W. Osterhag



One of the oldest known diplomas awarded at The University of Akron.



A present-day diploma awarded at The University of Akron.

STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHEL



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

# THE ALMA MATER

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

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

## Chorus

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

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

*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 AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We  
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,  
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing  
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,  
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand  
 up, and cheer and shout for the Ak - ron Blue and Gold. *fine*  
 Zzip! \_\_\_\_\_ Zip go the Zip - pers  
 Zzzip! \_\_\_\_\_ Zip go the Zip - pers Ak - ron U,  
 Gold and Blue All for you and the Zip - pers too! *D.C. al fine*

*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



**T**he 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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