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Commencement*

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# FALL 2011 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 10 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

<b>PRELUDE MUSIC</b> .....	<i>Suite of Carols</i> by Leroy Anderson The University of Akron Brass Choir Tucker Jolly, <i>Conductor</i>
<b>FANFARE</b> .....	<i>Ceremonial Piece</i> by William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b> .....	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Grand March</i> by Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> by Jeremiah Clarke The University of Akron Brass Choir
<b>THE NATIONAL ANTHEM</b> .....	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)</i> Led by Daniel J. Schneck <i>Student, College of Creative and Professional Arts</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b> .....	Luis M. Proenza <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b> .....	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
<b>MUSIC</b> .....	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> by G.F. Handel The University of Akron Brass Choir
<b>ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES</b> .....	Luis M. Proenza <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
<b>AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL</b> .....	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Daniel J. Schneck The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Nursing, Wayne College, and College of Health Sciences and Human Services.

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

**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  
*The Mysterious Barricades* by Francois Couperin  
*Vals no. 4*  
*Julia Florida* by Agustin Barrios  
*Danza Basilera* by Jorge Morel  
*Grand Overture* by Mauro Giuliani  
*Granada* by Issac Albeniz  
*Nocturno*  
*Torija* by Federico Moreno-Torroba  
*Recuerdos de la Alhambra* by Francisco Tarrega  
 Adam Sarata – Guitar

**THE ALMA MATER.** . . . . . *(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 36.)*  
 Led by Daniel J. Schneck  
 The University of Akron Brass Choir

**WELCOME OF THE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
TO THE CLASS OF 2011** . . . . .

Morning  
 Alise G. Bartley ('05)  
*National Alumni Board*  
 Afternoon  
 Erica L. Jones ('99)  
*National Alumni Board*

**STUDENT RESPONSE** . . . . .

Morning  
 David L. Winter  
 Afternoon  
 Krysta M. Cione

**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

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\*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.

# ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

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

## Processional

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

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

## Academic Attire

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

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

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

## Caps and Tassels

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

## Gowns

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

panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

## Hoods

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

## Colors

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

Black	Summit College, Bachelor's
Dark Brown	Creative and Professional Arts
Drab	Business
Gold	Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Green	Health Sciences and Human Services
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Peach	Nursing
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 twelve 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.



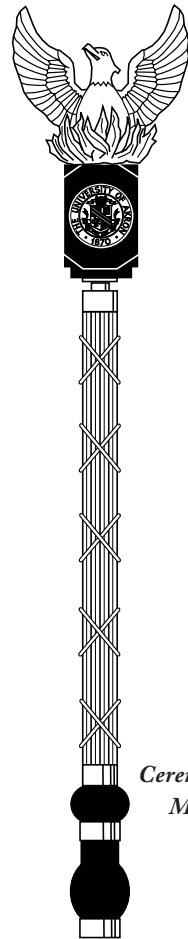
*University Seal*

## The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

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



*Ceremonial Mace*

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*College of Engineering*

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*College of Health Sciences*  
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*Summit College*  
*University College (Acting)*

Cheryl Kern-Simirenko  
*University Libraries*

Paulette M. Popovich  
*Wayne College (Interim)*

## UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

### Morning

#### Marshal

Cynthia F. Capers

#### Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.  
Patricia Eaglewolf  
Cynthia Mako-Robinson

#### Faculty Marshal

Anne Jorgensen

#### Assistant Marshals

Frederik Beuk  
Marie Bright Cobb  
Donald Canary  
Jane Fink  
Ray Gehani  
Nancy Harris  
Rachele Kappler  
Pamela Keltyka  
Margaret Kernan  
William Kraus  
Maryhelen Kreidler  
Ronald McDonald  
Denise Stuart  
Denise Testa  
Michele Thornton

### Afternoon

#### Marshal

Elizabeth Mancke

#### Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.  
Patricia Eaglewolf  
Kathryn Weiland

#### Faculty Marshal

Rose Brougham

#### Assistant Marshals

Philip Allen  
Julia Beckett  
Ang Chen  
Travis Hreno  
Dwayne Jones  
Thomas Lukach  
Neil Sapienza  
John Szabo  
Stacey Willett

## UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

### Morning

Christine R. Curry  
*Director, Development*

Stacey J. Moore  
*Assistant Vice President  
Division of Student Engagement and Success*

### Afternoon

Kathleen Clark  
*Associate Professor, Communication  
College of Creative and Professional Arts*

Heather Walter  
*Associate Professor, Communication  
College of Creative and Professional Arts*



## UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

### Morning

William Baker  
Diana Biordi  
Rachel Boit  
David Cockley  
Sandra Coyner  
Michelle Dumpe  
Robert Figler  
Harold Foster  
Suzanne Gradisher  
Terry Hallett  
Maria Riaz Hamdani  
Lisa Hart  
Lori Huber  
Teena Jennings-Rentenaar  
Karin Jordan  
Douglas Kahl  
Il-woon Kim  
Catherine Knight  
Sharon Kruse  
Lisa Lenhart  
Timothy Lillie  
Liping Liu  
Brad Maguth  
Susan Olson  
Colin Onita  
Ruth Oswald  
Patricia Parr  
Tracy Riley  
James Rogers  
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki  
Linda Shanks  
Alan Snow  
Andrew Thomas  
Becky Thomas  
C. Michele Turner  
Adil Wadia  
Evonnn Welton  
David Witt  
Susan Witt  
Baomei Zhao

### Afternoon

Linda Barrett  
Mary Biddinger  
Stacia Biddle  
Chien-Chung Chan  
Gang Cheng  
Fred Choy  
Daniel Coffey  
Raymond Cox  
Bruce Cushing  
Sujay Datta  
Malik Elbuluk  
Cheryl Elman  
Rebecca Erickson  
Stefan Forcey  
Michael Graham  
David Giffels  
Michael Graham  
William Guegold  
James Holda  
Robert Huff  
Gwendolyn Jones  
Galen Karriker  
Janet Klein  
Laurie Lafferty  
Paul Levy  
Timothy Matney  
Timothy Mehlberg  
Michele Mills  
Hung Nguyen  
Shawn Rohlin  
David Roke  
Robert Schwartz  
Tirumalai Srivatsan  
Hossein Tavana  
Claire Tessier  
Janet Thompson  
Markus Vogl  
Chrys Wesdemiotis  
Shing-Chung Josh Wong  
Wiley Youngs

## UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

John K. Sederwall

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mrs. Margaret F. Donovan will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

**MRS. MARGARET F. DONOVAN**

Mrs. Margaret F. Donovan has held a lifelong belief in the power of education, which has resulted in her historic and farsighted support of The University of Akron. Over the past 15 years, she has given more than \$1.8 million to advance science and engineering and to strengthen the participation of women in those and other vital professions.

In 1996, Mrs. Donovan, along with her children and friends, established The Robert B. Donovan Scholarship Fund, in honor of the memory of her husband, Robert, who was president and CEO of ABB, Incorporated, and who passed away in a plane crash during a humanitarian trip to Croatia. The Robert B. Donovan Scholarship is awarded annually to women pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering, law, or business at The University of Akron.

Mrs. Donovan, true to her vision of expanding opportunity, established the Margaret F. Donovan Chair for Women in Engineering. It's the first chair of its kind in the United States, designed to enhance and promote female leadership in engineering.

Mrs. Donovan also contributed the lead gift to the University's College of Engineering for the Margaret F. Donovan Student Design Center. This facility has helped engineering students continue their successful run in national student design competitions, and is used to recruit high-caliber students to join the College of Engineering.

The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science in New York has recognized Mrs. Donovan for her groundbreaking dedication to advancing women in engineering.

Mrs. Donovan, who is an emeritus member of The University of Akron Foundation Board of Directors, the College of Engineering's Advancement Council and the Women in Engineering Advisory Council, received a Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from the University in 2003. She is also a 2010 recipient of the Elizabeth Davidson Buchtel Award, which recognizes groundbreaking philanthropy by women to the University.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. James D. Oelschlager will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

**MR. JAMES D. OELSCHLAGER**

Mr. James D. Oelschlager is the founder and CEO of the independent equity investment company, Oak Associates, Ltd. He has earned a national reputation for excellence developed through more than 40 years of investment experience.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Oelschlager has supported health care initiatives in the Akron area, including United Way of Summit County; Summa Health System; Akron Children's Hospital; the nonprofit Oak Clinic in Green, which he co-founded to offer services to multiple sclerosis patients; the Oak Adoptive Health Center, which he established to educate families involved in domestic, international and special needs adoptions; and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Mr. Oelschlager has been a valued benefactor of The University of Akron for two decades, donating more than \$16.5 million to fund the Oak Challenge, which provides students with funding to build and invest portfolios; The Oelschlager Leadership Awards, four scholarships that have benefited more than 685 students; and The Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute, a seven-day, on-campus experience for promising rising seniors who often are the first in their families to attend college and benefitting more than 475 students from nearly 100 high schools during the past 10 years.

In 2010, Mr. Oelschlager granted scholarship funds to provide a lifeline to students with immediate needs that might otherwise be forced to withdraw from college due to financial circumstances. This fund offered support to 160 students for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Native American Collection, gifted to the University in 2010, consists of approximately 800 rare Native American-made items, which provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences to students in the University's Mary Schiller Myers School of Art as well as in the Department of Anthropology and Classical Studies in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.

# GRADUATION WITH HONORS

## Graduation With Distinction

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

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

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

## Baccalaureate Honors Designation

*Summa Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

*Magna Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

*Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

## Associate Honors Designation

*With Highest Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

*With High Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

*With Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

## Excellence Scholars

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

Krysta M. Cione  
Kamal Dayal  
Caroline N. Drotar  
Divya Gupta  
Jennifer B. Haver  
Christopher L. Mellinger  
Michele A. Phelps  
Samantha R. Purcell  
Mihir M. Shah  
Caitlin E. Spillan

## 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.

Melissa M. Barthel  
Adam R. Beard  
Caroline V. Cox  
Lucas S. Crouch  
Victoria A. Davis  
Andrew J. Dito  
Cory A. Durbin  
Kevin L. Edwards  
Hannah M. Florian  
Molly M. Frase  
Marlena M. Gouin  
William L. Hamilton  
Daniel C. Johnson  
Andrew J. Karas  
John M. Koterba  
Nathan A. Lieb  
Ian M. MacEwen  
Rachel J. Matejin  
Matthew R. McKinney  
Courtney M. Messner  
Emily K. Morgan  
Sarah L. Murphy  
Deanna M. Neff  
Cody James. Nicholson  
Emma L. Paras  
William H. Pletcher  
Katherine M. Rice  
Brent J. Runkle  
Erin E. White-Meece  
Kimberly C. Williams  
Cephorah A. Yanke  
Stephanie L. Zelasko  
Tana M. Zimmer

# GRADUATION WITH HONORS

## University Scholars

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

Caroline V. Cox  
Lucas S. Crouch  
Victoria A. Davis  
Meagan D. Deitering  
Caroline N. Drotar  
Cory A. Durbin  
Hannah M. Florian  
Scott M. Fogle  
Molly M. Frase  
Andrew B. Goldstein  
David J. Gossett  
Marlena M. Gouin  
William L. Hamilton

Jennifer B. Haver  
Andrew J. Karas  
Rachel J. Kennedy  
Akosua A. Kusi-Amankwah  
Nathan A. Lieb  
Ian M. MacEwen  
Jeffrey A. McDonald  
Lucas J. McDonald  
Matthew R. McKinney  
Christopher L. Mellinger  
Courtney M. Messner  
Courtney A. Miller  
Emily K. Morgan  
Jennifer C. Morocco  
Erica L. Mullins  
Daniel P. Nish  
Emma L. Paras  
Michele A. Phelps  
William H. Pletcher  
Katherine M. Rice  
Ahsley Romig  
Matthew V. Savko  
Joshua A. Schaefer  
Vyshnavi Sivakumaran  
Andrew U. Somoskey  
Kristen N. Spall  
Kyra M. Szepietowski  
Emily D. Thompson  
Kimberly C. Williams  
Royce L. Woods  
Lauren M. Young

## 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.

Cory A. Durbin

# CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 10, 2011  
Morning

## College of Education

*Founded 1921*

Dean Mark D. Shermis

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Sarah K. Hamsher**

Elementary Education

BA Ed, Grove City College, PA;  
MA Ed, Malone College

Dissertation: "Reading  
Assessment of Students with  
Specific Learning Disability:  
A Comparison of Traditional and  
Naturally Occurring Texts"

Adviser: Dr. Ruth Oswald

#### **Joanne M. Holbert**

Counselor Education and Supervision –  
Marriage and Family Therapy

BA, Bowling Green State University;  
MA, Connecticut College;  
M Ed, Kent State University

Dissertation: "The Relationship of  
Involvement in a Support Group,  
Communication Patterns, and  
Marital Satisfaction in Couples  
with a Genetic Mutation for  
Breast and Ovarian Cancer  
(BRCA)"

Adviser: Dr. Patricia E. Parr

#### **Nicole J. Hunka**

Counseling Psychology

BS, Slippery Rock University, PA;  
MA, West Virginia University

Dissertation: "Pedometer Use as  
a Motivational Tool for Increased  
Physical Activity in Bariatric  
Surgery Patients"

Adviser: Dr. James R. Rogers

#### **Stephanie R. Santarosa**

Secondary Education

BA, Calvin College, MI;  
MA, MA, Bowling Green State  
University

Dissertation: "Motivation  
and Strategies for Learning  
in Traditional-Aged College  
Students: An Exploratory Study"

Adviser: Dr. Catharine Knight

#### **Devon Elizabeth Whitehead**

Counseling Psychology

BA, Luther College, IA;  
MA, University of Northern Iowa

Dissertation: "Positive and  
Negative Psychological Sequelae  
of Bereavement by Suicide"

Adviser: Dr. James R. Rogers

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### **Sally Lynne Byard**

Educational Leadership

BA, MA Ed, MA Ed, The University  
of Akron

Dissertation: "A Quantitative  
Analysis of the Relationships  
Between Teacher Trust, Self  
Efficacy and School Academic  
Performance"

Adviser: Dr. Sharon Kruse

#### **John Anthony Messina**

Educational Leadership

BSBA, MBA, Rider University, NJ;  
MS, Robert Morris University, PA

Dissertation: "A Statistical  
Analysis of the Impact of  
Participation in Living-Learning  
Communities on Academic  
Performance and Persistence"

Adviser: Dr. Sandra C. Coyner

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## College of Education

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### MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Latifah Saleh M. Al Naim

*Educational Foundations –  
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Instructional Technology*

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*Secondary Education*

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David W. Bon

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*Secondary Education*

Kathleen A. Byron

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Instructional Technology*

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*Principalship*

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Higher Education Administration*

Hien N. Dang

*Elementary Education*

Benjamin C. Dulin

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Instructional Technology*

Ashley Brooke Fishbaugh

*School Counseling*

Matthew J. Hejl

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Higher Education Administration*

Brianne R. Henderson

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Heidi M. Hershberger

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Stacy L. Hilterbrand

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*Principalship*

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*Special Education*

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*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

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*Special Education*

Jeanette M. Kwiatkowski

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Higher Education Administration*

Ashley N. Lewis

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Christina L. Macso

*Secondary Education*

Alannah S. McCarthy

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Kelly E. Mikula

*Secondary Education*

Antoinette F. Nethery

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Adam D. O'Connell

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Higher Education Administration*

Jamie T. Oriti

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Kevin E. Pullins

*Educational Foundations –  
Social/Philosophical Foundations  
of Education*

Aimee C. Sauls

*Elementary Education*

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*Educational Foundations  
Instructional Technology*

Kaleb L. Singleton

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Kenneth J. Smith

*Special Education*

Catrina A. Steiner

*Elementary Education – Literacy*

Hoa N. Tao-Nguyen

*Elementary Education*

J. Eric Veigel

*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Deelonna E. Watson<sup>(1)</sup>

*Counseling – Marriage and  
Family Therapy*

Craig S. Wilkinson

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

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Higher Education Administration*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Johnathan W. Bacak

*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Jenny L. Baechle

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Ralph A. Belfiglio

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Melissa A. Beverly

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Tony V. Bouie

*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Nicole Bratt

*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Language Arts*

John M. Bryson

*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Language Arts*

Kristin R. Burton

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

John A. Casper

*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Language Arts*

Laura C. Cessna

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Therese Susan Chadbourne

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Brittany Charek

*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Language Arts*

Julie R. Cherkala

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Patricia M. Chrisman

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Carolyne L. Collins

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Gabrielle D. Crenshaw

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Andrea L. Daniels

*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Mary E. Davis

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Amber R. Dickens

*Special Education – Moderate/  
Intensive Intervention Specialist*

Jeremiah G. Dickey

*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Christopher D. Faciana

*Physical Education –  
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*

Charles W. Frame

*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

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Marc J. Gramley  
*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Life (Biology) and Earth Science*

Darrell A. Haven  
*Principalship*

Mary C. Hawthorne  
*Special Education – Moderate/  
Intensive Intervention Specialist*

Andrea L. Heintl  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Mark W. Henry  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Deborah L. Hermann  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Kellee M. Isaly  
*Counseling – Community Counseling*

Joseph W. Kelleher  
*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Social Studies*

Cynthia Jean Kenepp  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Alia M. Lahoud  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Chris London III  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Kathleen A. Marsch  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Virginia L. Martin  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Stephen W. McNees  
*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Nicole E. Nelson  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Lindsay M. Pennington  
*Principalship*

Daniel M. Pernod  
*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Social Studies*

Luke C. Power  
*Adolescent to Young Adult – Physical  
Science (Chemistry and Physics)*

Dominic A. Reali  
*Adolescent to Young Adult – Physics*

Megan G. Reinking  
*Physical Education –  
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*

Kayla A. Repp  
*Physical Education –  
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*

Logan R. Repp  
*Physical Education –  
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*

Abigail R. Riolo  
*Principalship*

Miranda C. Santos  
*Educational Administration –  
Higher Education Administration*

Valerie Schmotzer  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

April S. Scisciani  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Zachary P. Scisciani  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Dustin B. Shaffer  
*Physical Education –  
Sport Science/Coaching*

Scott M. Shank  
*Principalship*

Mary E. Stockdale  
*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Integrated Mathematics*

Sharon M. Stupp  
*Counseling – Marriage and  
Family Therapy*

Sharon Tapolcsanyi  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Dustin C. Thompson  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Amanda R. Truemper  
*School Counseling*

Kathryn L. Watts  
*Special Education – Mild/Moderate  
Intervention Specialist*

Nicole L. Webster  
*Counseling – Community Counseling*

Ashley N. Willis  
*Adolescent to Young Adult –  
Life (Biology) and Earth Science*

Andrea D. Young  
*Multi-Age Foreign Language –  
Spanish*

Stefanie Marie Young  
*Counseling – Community Counseling*

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Marlean A. Ames  
*Postsecondary Technical Education*

Marie B. Baptiste  
*Postsecondary Technical Education*

Abby Elliott  
*Postsecondary Technical Education –  
Teaching*

Kellie M. Geiger  
*Postsecondary Technical Education*

Benjamin G. King  
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Megan L. King  
*Postsecondary Technical Education*

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*Postsecondary Technical Education*



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## College of Business Administration

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*Healthcare Management*

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*Management*

Brian T. Anderson  
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*Strategic Marketing*

Brent M. Boring  
*Management*

Matthew J. Brenn  
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*Management*

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*Strategic Marketing*

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Stephanie K. Dougherty  
*Management*

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*Finance*

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*Finance*

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Lauren S. Luzar  
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*Finance*

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*Finance*

Oksana V. Moissis  
*Finance*

Jason S. Prodonovich  
*Management*

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*Strategic Marketing*

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*International Finance*

Colin J. Skopinski  
*Finance*

Jared R. Smith  
*Supply Chain Management*

William A. Vasiliou II  
*Management*

Jessica M. Warstler  
*Management*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Erin E. Elosh  
*Human Resources Management*

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*Information Systems Management*

Georgelle C. Heintel  
*Human Resources Management*

Ryan A. Knotts  
*Information Systems Management*

Andrew T. Lizak  
*Information Systems Management*

Arpitha Timmaraju  
*Information Systems Management*

### MASTER OF TAXATION

Justin A. Beaty

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Sunny A. Carlisle  
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Cassie Clark  
*Child and Family Development*

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*Child and Family Development*

Elizabeth Odell  
*Clothing, Textiles and Interiors*

Abbey M. Rowe  
*Clothing, Textiles and Interiors*

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### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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Katelin D. Dillon

Ashley N. Elias

*Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley A. Gallagher

*Cum Laude*

Andrew B. Goldstein

*Summa Cum Laude*

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Matthew R. McKinney

*Magna Cum Laude*

Anthony J. Messina

Brett D. Montgomery

Matthew S. Myers

Megan J. Naim

*Summa Cum Laude*

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Tammi J. Rice

Joshua A. Schaefer

*Magna Cum Laude*

Shaina A. Schwartz

Bradley W. Scott

Tyler M. Sweet

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Stephanie M. Adams

Ivory J. Alexander

Katherine Amstutz

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*Summa Cum Laude*

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Lindsey A. Barta

Heather D. Bauer

*Cum Laude*

Dustin B. Bell

Elizabeth M. Bell

*Cum Laude*

Alexandra M. Benkalowycz

*Cum Laude*

Alicia R. Blatt

*Cum Laude*

Erin T. Bloodworth

*Magna Cum Laude*

Latricia J. Boesel

*Magna Cum Laude*

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*Summa Cum Laude*

David M. Bonezzi II

*Magna Cum Laude*

Charles C. Bovard

*Magna Cum Laude*

Chelsea F. Bowen

Jessie A. Bradway<sup>(2)</sup>

Samantha Bunch

Rachel M. Burris<sup>(2)</sup>

*Summa Cum Laude*

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*Summa Cum Laude*

Elizabeth A. Calvo

*Summa Cum Laude*

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James B. Ciccolini

*Cum Laude*

Alissa Lee Cole

Robin J. Cole

Tammie R. Conner

Jessica L. Conrad

*Cum Laude*

Paul G. Cooper

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*Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley L. Day

*Summa Cum Laude*

Stephanie Dempsey

*Summa Cum Laude*

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Nicole M. Dorinski

*Cum Laude*

Christopher J. Dougherty

Justin T. Doyle

Natasha L. Dummermuth

Jason E. Elrod

Patricia A. Fenn

*Cum Laude*

Jordan M. Ferrell

*Magna Cum Laude*

Jessica K. Ford

*Cum Laude*

Amanda D. Fox

*Summa Cum Laude*

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*Magna Cum Laude*

Morgan L. Garner

Shelley M. Glubke

Brittany A. Grabill

*Summa Cum Laude*

Julia M. Gregos

Kacy E. Grogg

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Jessica K. Gubanez

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Jessica A. Guthridge

*Magna Cum Laude*

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Alana R. Hardman

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*Magna Cum Laude*

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*Summa Cum Laude*

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*Cum Laude*

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*Summa Cum Laude*

Megan M. Knight

Jacqueline M. Krist

Timothy A. LaBar

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Brianna L. Lane

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*Cum Laude*

Laura E. Lee<sup>(2)</sup>

*Summa Cum Laude*

Lydia G. Lee

Elizabeth A. London

James C. Lupica

Shannon M. MacGeorge

Jayne E. Malloy

*Magna Cum Laude*

Daniel A. Marcoux

Justin H. Marquardt

Courtney J. Maxim

Jamie L. Mazzola

*Summa Cum Laude*

Mark A. McCants

Natalie M. McGhee

John S. McIntosh

Nina M. McMillan<sup>(2)</sup>

*Magna Cum Laude*

Courtney M. Messner

*Summa Cum Laude*

Alexandra R. Mitchell

Jennifer J. Monroe

*Magna Cum Laude*

Erica L. Mullins

*Summa Cum Laude*

Chad M. Oaks

*Cum Laude*

David J. Oravec Jr.

Jill M. Parr

Jacquelyn N. Paumier

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Janelle M. Peppard

*Cum Laude*

Jason A. Peters

(2) Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines

(3) Paul E. Martin Scholar

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Michele A. Phelps  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Sonya Prohaska  
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Nicole A. Ray  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Adam C. Reeder

Erin A. Robinson  
Justin T. Romantic

Ashley Romig<sup>(4)</sup>  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Thomas Kevin Santa  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Sarah J. Scully  
*Cum Laude*

Monica L. Shorter  
*Cum Laude*

Monica B. Sigler  
Ashley J. Simmonds

Janis L. Skoropys  
Frederick D. Smith

Kristen N. Spall  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Stephanie L. Spencer

Breanna N. Spoonemore<sup>(4)</sup>  
Charles J. Spreng

*Summa Cum Laude*

Leah Stillwell

Michelle R. Stockdale

Alicia D. Strickler

Carrie R. Sullivan

Corey M. Sweat  
Kristi Marie Sykora

Danielle M. Terlonge  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Tara A. Thomas  
Caitlin A. Todd

Julie E. Tornichio  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Brigham M. Van Etten  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Rebecca Varga  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Vanessa R. Vargo

Chad M. Vaught

Deanna L. Vince

William M. Voelkerding

Meghan D. Warnes

Aarius W. Waters

Dustin L. Watkins

Andrew S. Weaver

Jamie L. Wiggins

Brigid M. Wolf

*Magna Cum Laude*

Erica L. Wood

*Cum Laude*

Zachary E. Yike

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Nicole C. Contes  
Jo D. Loutzenhiser  
Nicole M. Neila  
Rebecca L. Woloschyn  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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Michael V. Allman  
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Brett A. Bland

Curtis Boykins III

Ami E. Brown

Evlllogji Budo

Megan M. Buzek

Mallory A. Carpenter

Amanda C. Chanson

John C. Collver

Rebecca L. Covert

Lucas S. Crouch  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph F. Donka

Michael A. Douitt  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Thomas R. Dressler

Scott S. Dunn

*Cum Laude*

Ryan D. Evans

John D. Falatok

Sergio J. Falzone

Sanna Feinstein

Hannah M. Florian

*Summa Cum Laude*

Andrew M. Ford

Danielle P. Fox

Robyn J. Fraley

Michelle L. Frye

Diandra A. Garcia  
*Cum Laude*

Charles D. George

Alex M. Gibson

Bradley R. Gladys

Miranda N. Glancy  
*Cum Laude*

David J. Gossett III  
*Cum Laude*

Joshua S. Gray

Samantha G. Guzik

Craig J. Hartman

*Magna Cum Laude*

Steven J. Hawes

Shannon M. Heisel

Thomas J. Hollin

Dorian S. Holmes

Amy N. Howman

Eric T. Hubbard

Rebekah R. Hunter

Donald F. Jones

Donald R. Kasner

Emily Keen

Sean H. Kelley

Rachel L. Kerek

Ryan A. King

Daniel Kline

Jacob Klingshirm

John M. Koterba

Eric M. Krizay

Gregory M. Langos

Jay Michael Latchic

Thomas V. Le

Daniel Leising II

Heather J. Lemley

David J. Lewton

Hannah L. Lines

*Magna Cum Laude*

Jill L. Litchfield

Zachary A. Lohr

Sachin Ashok Makati

Brent A. Marakas

Katie J. McKelley

Kevin L. McVey

Mackenzie L. Merz<sup>(4)</sup>

Kevin M. Messick  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Joshua M. Migden

Amy A. Mihelich

Emily K. Morgan  
*Cum Laude*

Jennifer C. Morocco  
*Cum Laude*

Jennifer N. Munoz

Elisha Patricia Murray

(4) Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines

Thomas A. Musser  
 Deanna M. Neff  
 Anthony J. Oberhauser  
 Patrick K. O'Neill  
 Vaibhav N. Parkhe  
 Jeremy C. Petros  
 Rachel M. Peysha  
 Garth O. Plyler  
 Anthony M. Pollice  
 Lawrence C. Prather  
 Nicholas R. Pustay  
 Corey W. Questel  
 Alex D. Reed  
 Keith D. Richards  
 Douglas E. Richardson  
 Paul D. Ridley  
 Joseph A. Righetti  
 Garrett P. Robertson  
 Brent J. Runkle  
 Conor M. Ryan  
 Sarah M. Seay  
 Dale A. Settle Jr.<sup>(5)</sup>  
 Timothy J. Shark  
 Gary L. Shatzer  
 Jason M. Shoffstall  
 Vyshnavi Sivakumaran  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 George C. Stobbs III  
 Paul N. Stumpo  
 Michael R. Sypherd  
*Cum Laude*  
 Ashley A. Thielman  
 Curtis R. Thompson  
 Shanae' B. Timko  
 Justin A. Tizzano  
 Zachary K. Toole  
 Kevin N. Torres  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Andrew M. Turocy  
 Michael J. Valle  
 Jillian K. VanZummeren<sup>(6)</sup>  
 Kevin C. Vastartis  
 Michael D. Weston  
 Jamila B. Wilson  
 Daniel E. Wintrow  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Michael R. York  
 Elliott J. Young  
 Stephanie L. Zelasko  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 John P. Zeleznock

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Patrick N. Abrams  
 William C. Allison  
 Rebecca L. Ball  
 Aaron D. Barbera  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Melissa M. Barthel  
 Antone J. Berki  
 Julia M. Britanova  
 Paula A. Brown  
 Tessa M. Brown  
 Zachary J. Campbell  
 Luke J. Douglas  
 Cory A. Durbin  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Tanya M. Ebosh  
 Samantha L. Fouser  
 Samantha G. Guzik  
 Hilary G. Hamilton  
 Bradley A. Henderson  
 Sandra A. Johnson  
 Cecil T. Judy  
 Tharanga M. Kandamarachchi  
 Andrew R. Kuehm  
 Nathan A. Lieb  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Ian M. MacEwen  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Brent A. Marakas  
 Katherine M. Mayes  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Jeremy D. Metz  
 Eric D. Nichols  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Cody James Nicholson  
*Cum Laude*  
 Joseph E. Nist  
 Mellissa A. Pfeiffer  
 William H. Pletcher  
*Cum Laude*  
 Nicola Jayne Prince  
 Branka Prtenjak  
 Ranka Prtenjak  
 Tushar R. Rajguru  
 Arlene K. Randolph  
 Kraig A. Reber  
 Marcello A. Romeo  
 Tanja Ruzicic  
 Matthew V. Savko  
*Cum Laude*  
 Tiffany J. Sherrard  
 Kyle Blake Shofner  
 Mary Anne Sprague  
*Cum Laude*  
 Phillip J. Stout  
 Carolyn A. Swinehart  
 David E. VanHoose  
 Jason L. Varrecchia  
 Sandra L. White  
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 David L. Winter

## College of Nursing

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Andrea M. Becker  
 John L. Boros  
 Sadine D. Campbell  
 Andrea R. Chaumont  
 David N. Davis  
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 Amanda C. Ewing  
 Karen L. Frosti  
 Sheri E. Gregg  
 Anthony J. Harper  
 Lori A. Ison  
 Brittany A. Jones  
 Akosua A. Kusi-Amankwah  
*Cum Laude*  
 Christie Ann Lang  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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 Claire M. Mann  
 Amanda R. Myers  
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 Julia E. Peterson  
 Susanne M. Pettry  
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Megan L. Mercer  
*Cum Laude*

Toshua L. Tripi  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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Lauren A. Gougler

Hannah R. Griffin

Tiffany D. Haddon

Brittany M. Harding

ShaRhonda Johnson

Kelly E. Kennard

Chareasa L. Pitts

Lisa K. Ross  
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Camille L. Thomas

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Amanda A. Montgomery

Kelsey M. Tucker

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Dissertation: "Poly(Organophosphazenes) With Azolyphenoxy and Pyridinoxy Side Groups to be used as Proton Exchange Membranes in Fuel Cells"

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Dissertation: “Vibration-Based  
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Dissertation: “Coupled Electrical  
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Polymer Science  
BS, University of Wisconsin-  
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Dissertation: "Synthesis of  
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the Preparation of Amphiphilic  
Nanoparticles"

Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

#### Yuanmei Cao

Polymer Engineering  
BS, Central China Normal University;  
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Dissertation: "Polyimide Based  
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#### Cheng Ching Kurt Chiang

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Dissertation: "Natural Rubber  
Biosynthesis: Perspectives from  
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Polymer Engineering  
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Dissertation: "Hydrolysis and  
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Dissertation: "Polarization and  
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Interfaces: Models and Molecular-  
Level Processes"

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Dissertation: "The Characteri-  
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Dissertation: "Synthesis and  
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Dissertation: "Poss-Sorbitol  
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Dissertation: "Synthesis and  
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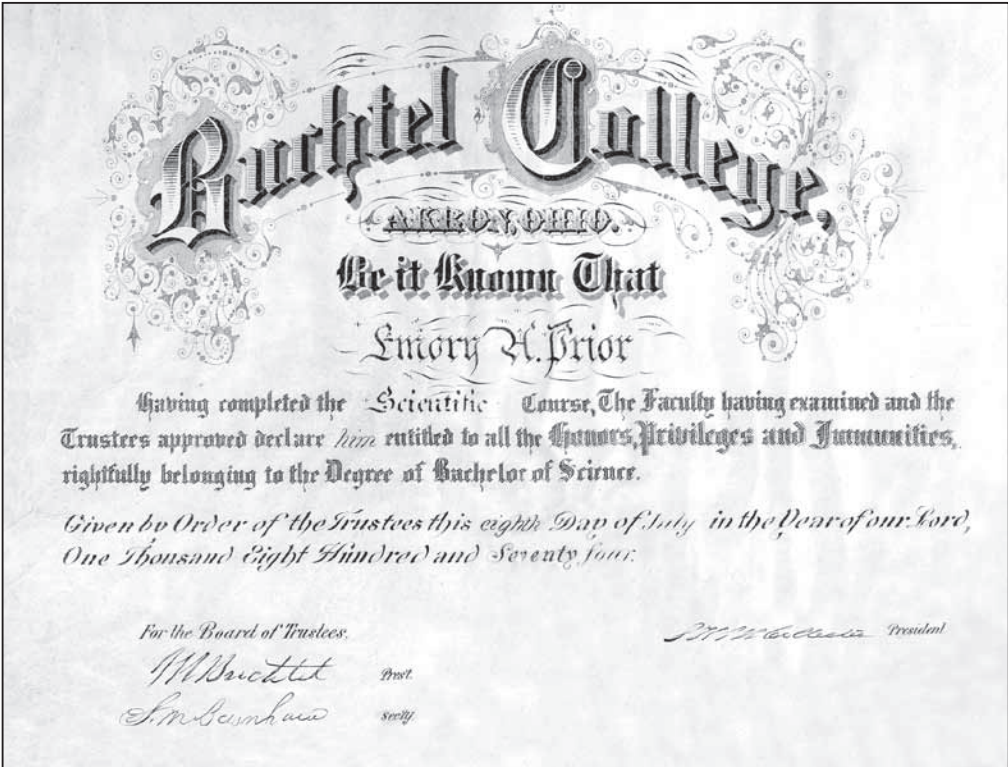
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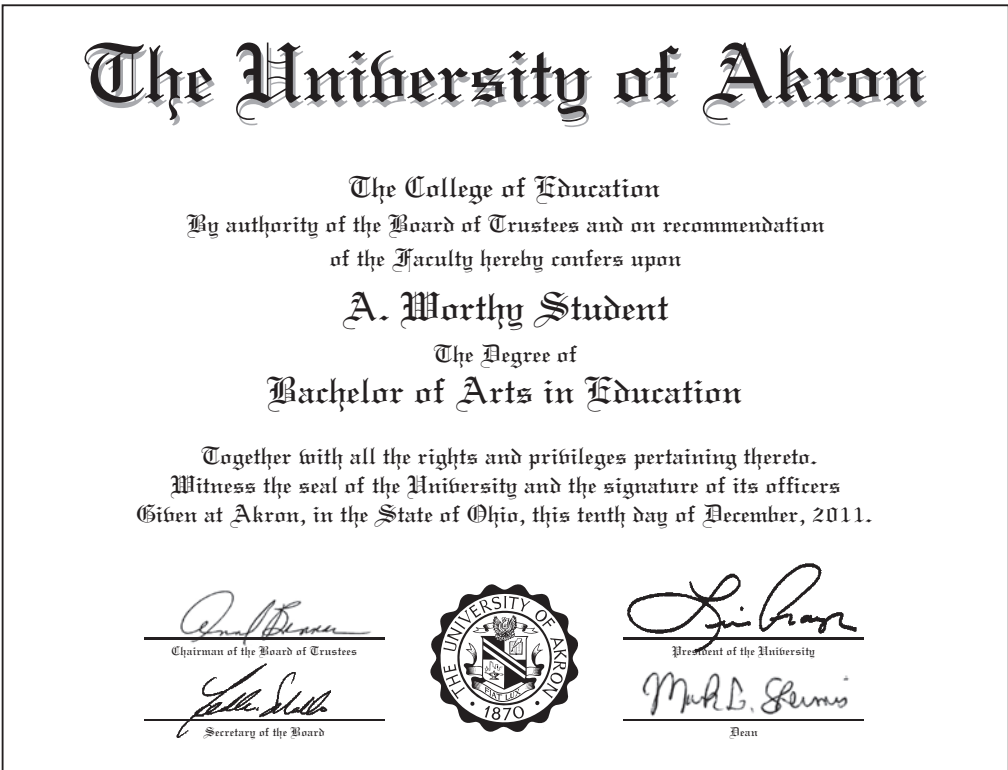
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# THE ALMA MATER

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).*

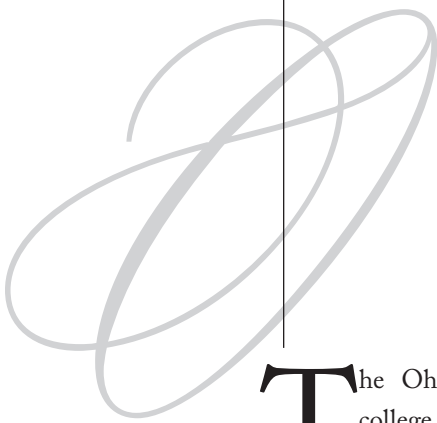
# THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

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*  
 Zzzip! \_\_\_\_\_ Zip go the Zip - pers  
 Zzzzip! \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*



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