THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Summer Commencement

August 16, 2014
Edwin J. Thomas
Performing Arts Hall
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Summer 2014 Commencement Program

August 16 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Scott L. Scarborough, President of The University of Akron, Presiding

Prelude Music ........................... Canzona septimi toni No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli
Rag-Time Dance ........................ Scott Joplin
March from First Suite in Eb ........ Gustav Holst
The University of Akron Brass Choir
Tucker Jolly, Conductor

Fanfare ..................................... Ceremonial Piece William MacDavis
The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

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

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

Greetings ................................. Member
Board of Trustees

Music .......................... Prelude to “Il Pomo d’oro” P.A. Cesti
The University of Akron Brass Choir

Address to the Candidates .......... Scott L. Scarborough
President, The University of Akron

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

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

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Health Professions, and Wayne College.

Two
THE PRESENTATION OF
DEGREE CANDIDATES

The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Master’s Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees

Sonnet   Enrique de Valderrabano
The Round Battle Galliard  John Dowland
Vals Venezolano No. 3    Antonio Lauro
Mazurka-Choro   Heitor Villa-Lobos
Classical Gas  Mason Williams
Op. 35 No. 17   Fernando Sor
Concerto in D   Antonio Vivaldi
I – Allegro Giusto
II – Largo
III – Allegro
Sonata Op. 5   Ferdinando Carulli
Gran Vals   Francisco Terraga
Parazula   Celso Machado
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER
(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 32.)
Led by Vandi Terrill
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TO THE CLASS OF 2014

Matthew Akers (’00)
Director Alumni Relations and Student Engagement

STUDENT RESPONSE
Morning
Angela M. DeBrocco
Afternoon
Ashley N. Ackelson

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Scott L. Scarborough

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL
(The audience will be seated.)
Suite by Tylman Susato
The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Black: Summit College, Bachelor’s
- Drab: Business
- Gold: Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
- Green: Health Professions
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Purple: Law
- Silver: Summit College and Wayne College Associate’s
- White: Arts and Sciences
Banners
The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the nine colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name and founding date of the college it represents. Banners were first instituted at The University of Akron in the spring of 1995.

The University Seal and the Presidential Medallion
A seal serves to confirm, ratify, or secure an emblem, symbol, or word that is used to certify a signature or authenticate a document. The use of official seals dates back to the Norman Conquest in 1066. During the next century, seals were used throughout England to authenticate documents. Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped and bore heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

The use of seals became part of academic tradition in the medieval university and continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

The coat of arms shown on the University's seal includes an open book and quill, representative of the University's original liberal arts curriculum. A lamp of learning shown against a city skyline depicts the University's metropolitan setting. Three diagonal bars represent the private, municipal, and state stages of the University's history. The phoenix, a mythical bird that is consumed by fire and rises from its ashes to achieve greater glory, is a tribute to the University's rebirth following the devastating fire of 1899. The seal also displays the original Buchtel College motto, Fiat Lux (let there be light).

The University's current Presidential Medallion, as designed in the year 2000 by renowned artist Don Drumm, consists of the University seal, set in a necklace of pewter. Originally, the Presidential Medallion was presented by the Alumni Association in 1970, commemorating the University's centennial. The medallion is a symbol of the authority of the president, as bestowed by the Board of Trustees, that traditionally is worn by the president on important ceremonial occasions.

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

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

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

August 16, 2014
Morning

Marshal
Robert J. Huff

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Tammi Sawyer

Faculty Marshal
Michael Nelson

Assistant Marshals
Maria Adamowicz
Anne Hanson
Walter Hixson
Adel Migid-Hamzza
Patricia Millhoff
Ashley Murphy
Mary Myers
Michael Nelson
John Nicholas
Donald Ott
Nancy Roadruck
Tami Sawyer
Pamela Schulze
Nancy Sinning
Chrys Wesdemiotis
Yingcai Xiao

August 16, 2014
Afternoon

Marshal
Debra L. Johanyak

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathryn Wieland

Faculty Marshal
Denise Stuart

Assistant Marshals
Kelly Chaff
Richard Elliott
Marlene Huff
Betsy Kerns
Marcia Main
John Matejkovic
Colin Onita
Denise Stuart
Becky Thomas
Kelly Wade

University Orators

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning
Christine R. Curry
Director, Development
David A. Harris
Academic Encourager, Student Success

Afternoon
Diane R. Raybuck
Director, Admissions
Cassandra J. Verardi
Assistant Director, The Akron Experience
University Faculty Representatives

Morning

James Albrecht
Philip Allen
Linda Barrett
John Beltz
Stacia Biddle
Toni Bisconti
Kathryn Budd
Valerie Callanan
Daniel Coffey
James P. Cossey
Raymond Cox
Julie Drew
R. Joel Duff
Laurie Dunlap
Jamal Feerasta
Antonia Forster
Todd Gaffke
Sabine Gerhardt
John Huss
Dawn Johnson
Kristine Kraft
Laurie Lashbrook
John Morrison II
Mary Myers
Timothy Norfolk
Doug Ruvolo
Michael Shott
Mark Soppeland
James Sperling
Linda Subich
David Tokar
Zachery Williams
Jennie Young
Gerald Young
John Zipp

Afternoon

Wieslaw Binienda
Kevin Bliler
Lori Brinker
Steven Chuang
Theresa Cutright
Terry Daugherty
Federico de Gregorio
Kristina English
John Hawks*
Julia Huyck*
Karin Jordan
Mona Klinger
Nic Leipzig
Lisa Lenhart
Linda McArdle
Myrna McMunn*
Erin Miller
Evangeline Newton
Deborah Owens
Victor Pinheiro
Brian Radesic
David Roke
James Steiger
Andrew Thomas
Donald Visco
Shawn Watters
Ingrid Weigold

*The Northeast Ohio Au.D. Consortium (NOAC) is a joint professional Doctor of Audiology program between The University of Akron, Kent State University and the Cleveland Clinic. This summer 2014 commencement marks the first joint ceremony for NOAC. Kent State University faculty are noted with an asterisk.

University Interpreter

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

Lori Palmer
Nicholas C. York. Esq. will receive the Honorary Doctor of Laws.

Nicholas C. York

Nicholas C. York is being recognized for his valuable service to the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron and its constituents. Governor Ted Strickland appointed him to the Board in March 2010, and his term concluded on July 1, 2014.

Mr. York has been an active member of the Board. The former Vice Chair of the Board participated in the search for the University’s 16th President; chaired the Presidential Transition Committee; and served as chair or co-chair of the Strategic Issues Committee for three years, chair of the Rules Committee and vice-chair of the Finance & Administration Committee.

A graduate of Ohio University and Capital University Law School, Mr. York is a former partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP. He now is CEO of Kaser Enterprises, a business advisory and advocacy firm working to advance innovative ideas, products and services via public-private partnerships, strategic alliances and private equity investment.

Mr. York, one of Crain's Cleveland "40 under 40" in 2004 and a graduate of Leadership Cleveland’s Class of 2009, is a longtime proponent of civic and community involvement. He currently serves on the boards of the Mindful Nation Foundation and the Joaquin Weiss Institute at Hiram College, and formerly was Vice Chair of the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE). He also was an elected official in his hometown of Avon Lake, where he resides with his wife Karolyn and their children, and remains active in school and children's activities as a coach and mentor.
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.

Sean M. Blasko
Josh A. Bundy
Matthew R. Campanizzi
Haley M. Coleman
Christina M. Collins
Cody T. Deeks
Evan W. Faidley
Maria J. Freeman
Devika Gandhi
Abigail L. Griffiths
Tirzah R. Harper
Charles W. Haverty III
Olivia S. Hershey
Diandra M. Lazor
David G. Lombardo
Jennifer L. Meranda
Kayla M. Mollette
Joseph E. Morales
Bavani W. Rajah
Allison S. Roane
Darian L. Roberts
Dezra Robitson
Katyayini Sharma
Linda F. Siegel
Tyler S. Stackpole
Eric D. Stucki
Evelina P. Sweitzer
Bianca S. Tän
Andrew P. White
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

August 16, 2014
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
Founded 1870
Executive Dean Chand Midha

Doctor of Philosophy

Timothy I. Astrop
Integrated Bioscience
BS, University of Northampton, UK; MS, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, UK
Adviser: Dr. Stephen C. Weeks

Joseph Boating
Urban Studies and Public Affairs
BA, University of Cape Coast, Ghana; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Complementarity in Politics-Administration Relationship: Interpersonal Trust Between Political Appointees and Career Public Managers in State Government"
Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

Mahesh B. Dawadi
Chemistry
BS, MS, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
Dissertation: "Spectroscopy and Dynamics of Small Molecules with Large Amplitude Motion"
Adviser: Dr. David S. Perry

Coda Derrig
Counseling Psychology
BA, MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Model Fit Comparison for Two Competing Models of Body Dissatisfaction"
Adviser: Dr. Dawn Johnson

Chad M. Eliason
Integrated Bioscience
BS, Baldwin Wallace College; MS Ed, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Mechanisms and Evolution of Iridescent Colors in Birds"
Adviser: Dr. Matthew D. Shawkey

Mary Margaret Harris
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
BS, Washington & Lee University, VA; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Unpacking Emotional Dissonance: Examining the Effects of Event-Level Emotional Dissonance on Well-Being Using Polynomial Regression"
Adviser: Dr. James M. Diefendorff

Amber M. Hunt
Urban Studies and Public Affairs
BA, Mount Union College; MBA, Ashland University
Dissertation: "Data Envelopment Analysis: An Alternative Approach to Ohio's State Share of Instruction Allocation"
Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

Stephanie S. Judson
Counseling Psychology
AA, Lakeland Community College; BA, Ohio University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Sexist Discrimination and Gender Microaggressions: An Exploration of Current Conceptualizations of Women's Experiences of Sexism"
Adviser: Dr. Dawn Johnson

Robin Blusiewicz Kirby
Counseling Psychology
BA, Miami University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Young Women's Multiple Role Management Expectations: Influence of Feminism and Role Modeling"
Adviser: Dr. Linda M. Subich

Elizabeth A. Lehman
Counseling Psychology
BS, John Carroll University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Testing an Extension of Objectification Theory as Applied to Sexual Functioning"
Adviser: Dr. David Tokar

Xiumin Liu
Chemistry
BS, Qufu Normal University, China; MS, Xiamen University, China
Dissertation: "Mass Spectrometry and Tandem Mass Spectrometry Analysis of Synthetic Polymers and Polymer-Protein Interactions"
Adviser: Dr. Chrys Wesdemiotis

Rafael Maia Villar De Queiroz
Integrated Bioscience
BS, MS, University of Brasilia, Brazil
Dissertation: "The Development and Evolution of Iridescent Colors in Birds"
Adviser: Dr. Matthew D. Shawkey

Monica M. Merrill
Sociology
BA, Kent State University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Defensive Behaviors on College Campuses: The Role of Fear, Perceived Risk, Perceived Motivation and Past Exposure to Sexual Victimization"
Adviser: Dr. Emily K. Asencio

Joshua W. Pollock
Psychology – Adult Development and Aging
BA, MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Modeling Age Differences in Risky Decision Making"
Adviser: Dr. Philip A. Allen

Sara M. Powers
Psychology – Adult Development and Aging
BS, Holy Family University, PA; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "The Influence of Cultural Values on the Informal Caregiving Experience of Dependent Older Adults"
Adviser: Dr. Toni L. Bisconti

Nikki K. Robishaw
Chemistry
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "Encapsulating N-Heterocyclic Carbene Complexes into Biodegradable Nanoparticles and the Antimicrobial and Antitumor Effects"
Adviser: Dr. Wiley J. Youngs
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees (cont.)

Valerie E. Schutte
History
BA, California University of PA; MA, Duquesne University, PA
Dissertation: “To the Mooste Excellent and Vertuous Queene Marye’: Book Dedications as Negotiations with Mary I”
Adviser: Dr. Michael Graham

Alyssa Y. Stark
Integrated Bioscience
BS, University of California, Davis
Dissertation: “The Effect of Water on the Gecko Adhesive System”
Advisers: Dr. Peter H. Niewiarowski and Dr. Ali Dhinojwala

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

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Alejandra Alvarez Albarran
Polymer Science
BE, National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico
Dissertation: “Modular Surface Functionalization of Polyisobutylene-Based Biomaterials”
Adviser: Dr. Judit E. Puskas

Teng Chang
Polymer Engineering
BSE, National Taiwan University
Dissertation: “Studies of Genistein Modified Poly(Ether Sulfone)/Poly(Vinyl Pyrrolidone) and Poly(Vinyl Chloride)/Epoxydized Soybean Oil Blends with Enhanced Bio-Compatibility for Biomedical Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

Ling Chen
Polymer Science
BS, Tongji University, China; MS, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; MS, University of California, Irvine
Adviser: Dr. William J. Landis

Tongzhai Gao
Polymer Engineering
BE, Beijing Institute of Technology, China; ME, Sun Moon University, Korea
Dissertation: “Investigation of Polyurethane/Polyisiloxane Hybrid Coatings for Anticorrosion Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Mark D. Soucek

Attila L. Gergely
Polymer Science
BE, ME, Transylvania University of Brasov, Romania
Adviser: Dr. Judit E. Puskas

Chih-Hao Hsu
Polymer Science
BS, National Taiwan University; MS, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan
Dissertation: “Hierarchical Supramolecular Structures Based on Molecular Nanoparticles from Bulk to Thin Film State”
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z.D. Cheng

Todd M. Lewis
Polymer Engineering
BS, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Avraam I. Isayev

Yanrui Ma
Polymer Science
BS, University of Science & Technology of China
Dissertation: “Facile Fabrication of One- and Two-Dimensional Orthogonal Peptide Concentration Gradient Surfaces for Directed Stem Cell Differentiation”
Adviser: Dr. Matthew L. Becker

Isik Nugay
Polymer Engineering
BS, Koc University, Turkey
Dissertation: “Polyurethanes in Rigid and Flexible Electronics Novel Hybrid Processing Techniques and Real-Time Monitoring of Material Properties”
Adviser: Dr. Mukerrem Cakmak

Wen Tang
Polymer Science
BS, Peking University, China
Dissertation: “Bioactive Dendrons with Strong Binding Affinity to Targeting Surfaces: Synthesis, Binding Affinity and Application”
Adviser: Dr. Matthew Becker

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

Marcia E. Weidknecht
Polymer Science
BS, University of New Hampshire
Dissertation: “Mechanical Properties of Very High Molecular Weight Polyisobutylene”
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z.D. Cheng

Longhe Zhang
Polymer Engineering
BE, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
Dissertation: “Supramolecular Block Copolymers Via Ionic Interactions”
Advisers: Dr. Robert A. Weiss and Dr. Kevin A. Cavicchi
## Candidates for Master’s Degrees

**Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences**  
*Founded 1870*

**Executive Dean Chand Midha**

### Master of Applied Politics
- Rachel L. Jackson
- Sarah M. Kufa
- Lee R. Potts
- Anthony Ramos Jr.
- Lauren D. Simmons

### Master of Arts
- Thuyayya Helena Aliyu
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- UnBayemake
- Kelley Arredondo
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Keith Aukeman
  - Communication
- Firas N. Awadallah
  - Urban Studies
- Verona E. Blonde
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Lauren A. Borden
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Kimberly A. Brundage
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Laura L. Burns
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Jose M. Cajigas
  - Geography
- Justin L. Campbell
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Sara Marie Carnicom
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Scott O. Chappuis
  - Communication
- Jami D. Cutlip
  - English
- Alexis M. Dafonseca
  - Counseling Psychology
- Ashlee W. Davis
  - Counseling Psychology
- Peter V. Dinh
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Alexander Thomas D’Rain
  - Urban Studies
- Amy Dravecky
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Cassondra A. Eller
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Kellie S. Evans
  - Communication
- Katherine M. Fedele
  - Counseling Psychology
- Cassie N. Floan
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Huirui Gao
  - Communication
- Amber R. Genet
  - Communication
- Gabriel B. Gott
  - English
- Samantha C. Holmes
  - Counseling Psychology
- James R. Houston
  - Psychology – Adult Development and Aging
- Joanna M. Hunkins
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Cassandra K. Isenberg
  - English
- Kaylee K. Janes
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Erin Kahoa
  - Theatre Arts
- Alex M. Kammer
  - Communication
- Christopher C. Kepler
  - Communication
- Margarita Lider
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Ashely Lizewski
  - History
- Joseph E. Lybarger
  - Communication
- Eric R. McCurdy
  - Counseling Psychology
- Nathan S. Mellor
  - Communication
- Jordan M. Mihalik
  - History
- Dragana Mijatovic
  - Economics
- Arthur L. Morath III
  - History
- Joshua L. Morgan
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Christina M. Moldan
  - English
- Tina M. Murray
  - Communication
- Laura M. Niehaus
  - Sociology
- John K. Noga
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Andrew S. Preston
  - History
- Esther E. Sackey
  - Communication
- Devon E. Skunta-Helmink
  - Communication
- Matthew D. Sloan
  - Psychology – Industrial/Organizational
- Laura K. Strader
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Brian N. Straka
  - Sociology
- Patrick T. Troester
  - History
- Aaron D. VanHorn
  - History
- Scott A. Wachtel
  - Communication
- Ruth V. Walker
  - Psychology – Adult Development and Aging
- Rebecca Ruth Wehr
  - Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
- Qian Zhang
  - Communication

### Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences
- Kathleen M. Boyle
  - Clothing, Textiles and Interiors
- Justin L. Campbell
  - Clothing, Textiles and Interiors
- Alicia N. Fabrizi
  - Child and Family Development
- Kristin M. Sarves
  - Child and Family Development
- Carly R. Wamboldt
  - Clothing, Textiles and Interiors

### Master of Arts in Political Science
- Melanie V. Chudik

### Master of Music
- Rebecca M. Barko
  - Music Education – Instrumental
- Merissa A. Coleman
  - Choral Conducting Performance
- Colin M. Dees
  - Percussion Performance
- Willow F. DiGiacomo
  - Music Performance: Wind Conducting
- Alanna C. Furst
  - Music History and Literature
- Thomas P. Guarino
  - Composition
- Hannah L. Kreutzfeldt
  - Music History and Literature and Strings Performance
- Catherine M. Neff
  - Voice Performance
- Marc I. Poritsky
  - Music History and Literature
- Zachary A. Richards
  - Choral Conducting Performance and Composition
- Sasha M. Rosier
  - Woodwind Performance
- Josephine Polim Suwanpoh
  - Voice Performance
- Sijia Wang
  - Piano Performance and Music Education
- Ian T. Wenz
  - Woodwind Performance
- Isaac D. Winland
  - Music Technology

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*(1) Separate Master Degrees in Two Disciplines*
### Candidates for Master’s Degrees (cont.)

#### Master of Public Administration
- Valerie A. Balthis
- Margret Joanna Hightower
- Jamie Rayshawn Johnson
- Terrence S. Moore
- Diamon M. Perry
- Mary B. Williams
- Sheldon B. Wrice

#### Master of Science
- **Maral Adeli Koudehi**
  - Physics
- **Anusha Akkineni**
  - Computer Science
- **Nada S. Alzahrani**
  - Chemistry
- **Michael D. Anderson**
  - Geology – Geophysics
- **Pyie-Phyo Aung**
  - Physics
- **Elizabeth A. Bair**
  - Biology
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BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. John Hawks

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BS, Kent State University
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BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Mona Klingler

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MA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Elaine Fisher

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ann-Marie Brown
Nursing
BSN, The University of Akron;
MSN, Kent State University
Dissertation: “A Comparison of Two Gastric Feeding Approaches in Mechanically Ventilated Pediatric Patients”
Adviser: Dr. Elaine Fisher

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BA, The University of Toledo
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BS, University of Cincinnati
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Adviser: Dr. Kristine M. English

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BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. James Steiger

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Jacob Kohl
Ximing Li
Oluymisi Sodunke

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Sunday O. Akinbowale
Richard O. Ampomah
Ines Busuladzic
Elizabeth A. Crafton
Kevin M. Freese
Mohamed I. Habouh
Hosanna J. Le
Robert K. McCann
Sandeepr M. Paparaju
Wenjing Shen
Shaghayegh Sorouri
Sarah E. Sullivan
Mufuta J. Tshimanga
Heather L. Ullinger

MASTER OF SCIENCE in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Dharma Teja Akkineni
Hari Prasad Ambaripeta
Saeed Anwar
Nassif Berrabah
Sneha Bhattacharyya
Emmanuel N. Djabeng
Bo Liu
Stephen J. McCarthy
Rakesh Mitra
Ernest Ofori
Arindam Sengupta
Thomas V. Vo
Hung V. Vu
Hao Wang
Sewwandi Wijayaratna
Weesinghe Weerasinha
Randeel W. Wimalagunaratne
Guanglei Zhang

MASTER OF SCIENCE in ENGINEERING
Natalie Fountas-Davis
Biomedical Engineering
Ryan W. Koglin
Biomedical Engineering
Gayle S. Lewin
Engineering Management
Walid P. Qaqish Jr.
Biomedical Engineering
Karan S. Shah
Biomedical Engineering
Christina M. Webber
Biomedical Engineering
Spencer L. York
Biomedical Engineering

MASTER OF SCIENCE in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Alaa A. Alghwiri
Leisa M. Clark
Earl J. Clausson
Michael R. Crawford
Varun Anthony Davies
Jian Hao
Muhammad Noman Hasan
Wenzhi Li
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Master of Arts in Education

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Educational Foundations – Social/Philosophical Foundations of Education
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Meghan N. Barnes
Elementary Education – Literacy
Kimberly S. Bartoe
Elementary Education – Literacy
Blake E. Belusczak
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Laura A. Bezbachiskey
Elementary Education – Literacy
Alyssa B. Bridenthal
Principalship
Aquila Marie Brown
Educational Foundations – Social/Philosophical Foundations of Education
Christina D. Callahan
Elementary Education – Literacy
Amanda L. Cardinal
Educational Foundations – Assessment and Evaluation
Marisa L. Cargill
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Janeth Carrillo Rivera
Secondary Education
Nichole E. Chrisman
Elementary Education
Natalie J. Coakley
Principalship
Danny M. Compton
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kara E. Dominak
Elementary Education – Literacy
Bernadine K. Edgerly
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Sharee N. Edwards
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Lynn Gagnon
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Kelly Ann Goodpasture
Elementary Education – Literacy
Nicole M. Hamilton
Counseling – Classroom Guidance for Teachers
Heather E. Hamstra
Elementary Education – Literacy
Shaywanna L. Harris
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Angela S. Hawes
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Elizabeth S. Helmuth
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Megan C. Henthorn
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Georgia A. Jaeb
Elementary Education – Literacy
Bennie Jones
Secondary Education
Christopher B. Kalina
Educational Foundations – Assessment and Evaluation
Rebekah J. Kearns
Elementary Education – Literacy
Katie L. Kerns
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Abby N. Kester
Elementary Education – Literacy
Kathy S. Langer
Elementary Education – Literacy
Beverly R. Major
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Nicholas D. Martin
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Adam D. O’Connell
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Jennifer N. Oseredzuk
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Denice L. Pantuso
Elementary Education – Literacy
Kristina L. Propisnaya
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Michelle L. Richardson
Elementary Education
Celia M. Roth
Principalship
Andrea D. Sanchez
Elementary Education
Beau Schluep
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Amanda M. Smith
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Leah Stillwell
Elementary Education – Literacy
Brian P. Sugerman
Principalship
Malia D. Tschantz
Elementary Education
Jing Ya Turner
Elementary Education
Minerva F. Venturina
Elementary Education
Megan E. Vitek
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Tami A. Warner
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Jennifer L. Washko
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology

Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction

Joan Lynn Mack
Special Education – Moderate/Intensive Intervention Specialist
Kevin A. Sisak
Special Education – Mild/Moderate Intervention Specialist
Sandra R. Tapolsanyi
Adolescent to Young Adult – Life Science (Biology) and Chemistry
Leah M. Vaughn
Special Education – Mild/Moderate Intervention Specialist

Master of Science in Education

Ivy J. Alexander
Physical Education – Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness
Ahbab Samir Badr
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Ibrahim A. Bakri
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
Daryl J. Baptiste
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
Micklos Blake
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
Daniel C. Crish
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
Delawrence L. Evans
Physical Education – Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness
Troy A. Gilmer
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
Jared A. Hall
Physical Education – Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness
Jamal C. Hamm
Counseling – Marriage and Family Therapy
Kyle D. Joseph
Physical Education – Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness
Gregory J. Jurica
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Nate J. Kaufman
Physical Education – Sport Science/Coaching
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Justin W. Butterfield
Business Interdisciplinary
Anika Choudhury
Strategic Marketing
David C. Conley
Management
Donald R. Dentler
Management
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Business Interdisciplinary
Candice M. Ford
Finance
Christian C. Halloran
Business Interdisciplinary
Shengteng Hu
Business Interdisciplinary
Michael R. Lacey
Global Sales Management
Christopher M. Liebold
Business Interdisciplinary
Michael J. Lowe
Business Interdisciplinary
William A. Mc Evoy
Business Interdisciplinary
Seyed Morteza Miran
Management
Tori M. Muehlfield
Business Interdisciplinary
Karl T. Schmidt
Business Interdisciplinary
Gregory J. Strickler
Business Interdisciplinary
Maighdlin A. Sullivan
Business Interdisciplinary
Thitikorn Suwannapasri
Finance
Cosmin Tataru
Business Interdisciplinary
Geneva Yvonne Taylor
Leadership and Organizational Change
Jude A. Thomas
Business Interdisciplinary
Willette Sarah Mae Wilkins
Management
Christine F. Yee
Business Interdisciplinary

MASTER OF SCIENCE in ACCOUNTANCY
Christian D. Fagbedzi
Nazanin Hamidi

MASTER OF SCIENCE in MANAGEMENT
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Bhavanishanker Information Systems Management
Xiaolin X. Zhou
Information Systems Management

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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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Marquisha D. Davis
Saryna A. Dent
Gina Dotterer
Michael R. Dotterer
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Lisa M. Levine
Kelli J. Linn
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Brittany M. Plouffe
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Casey C. Klinginsmith
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Kayla R. Richardson
Justin J. Sainato
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Kelly A. Beilstein  
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Matthew S. Gaborcik  
Tirzah R. Harper  
Summa Cum Laude
Theresa A. Hileman  
Cum Laude
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James J. Laplant Jr.  
Theodore S. Maleski Jr.  
Cum Laude
Logan C. McCarty  
Rachael A. Monroe  
Luke M. Pasicznyk  
Daniel D. Pleasant  
Jordan Poludniak  
Cum Laude
James K. Predmore  
Magna Cum Laude
Andrew P. Richards  
John E. Southam  
Summa Cum Laude
Benjamin P. Stimens  
Cum Laude
Xiji Wang  
Gregory T. Warnick  
Magnas Cum Laude
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Bradley J. Weirick  
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Zichuan Yuan

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Cum Laude
Stephanie M. Massie  
Susan L. Rospotynski  
Morgan A. Wood  
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Child Life Specialist
Lena M. Wilson  
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts/Social Work
Lillian K. Brown  
Tanya M. Clark  
Summa Cum Laude
Stephanie N. Collins  
Summa Cum Laude
Courtney D. Crew  
Danielle N. DeFrange  
Amanda C. Engel  
Cum Laude
Lorraine G. Findling  
Stephanie R. Gresch  
Desiree P. Harris  
Magna Cum Laude
Jasmine N. Harris  
Andrew J. Kleinhenz  
Paul D. Malone  
Magna Cum Laude
Kayla M. Mollette  
Summa Cum Laude
Cola A. Nation  
Michael L. Pope  
Laura J. Ramsey  
Linda F. Siegel  
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
David C. Barnhart

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Ashley M. Amstutz  
Olutola S. Banjoko  
Isaac O. Bofah Jr.

Lee C. Brucato  
Magna Cum Laude
Keith A. Bryant Jr.  
Magna Cum Laude
Kerra B. Conley  
Cum Laude
Stephanie K. Cook  
Kwadwo Darko-Yeboah
Ashley E. Deliberato  
Maria M. Dina  
Cum Laude
Jasmine L. Evans  
Jarrod N. Flinn  
Bella N. Fontem  
Gordon V. Giffin  
Magna Cum Laude
Raina M. Gonzalez-Homs  
Cara B. Gozzard  
Magna Cum Laude
Alexander S. Hamad  
Cum Laude
Marisa E. Hansel  
Magna Cum Laude
Kathleen M. Hengesbach  
Pamela Jean Herkey  
Magna Cum Laude
Amber K. Hollingsworth  
Candice E. Jones  
Joshua S. Jones  
Jeremiah L. Lawson  
Erin B. Linden  
Alexandra Lowry  
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica Luciano  
Magna Cum Laude
Heather J. Mahmood  
Getachew H. Mekonnen  
Roxanne N. Melchiorre  
Magna Cum Laude
Rhonda L. Mickna  
Micah G. Miller  
Melissa J. Moss  
Cum Laude
Dominic T. Nchangukong  
Sheryl L. Parker  
Magna Cum Laude
Heather N. Perkins  
Cum Laude
Josephine Petroovich  
Courtney L. Ray  
Denise M. Riley  
Cum Laude
Allison S. Roane  
Cum Laude
Felicia M. Rollison  
Jordan J. Ross  
Cum Laude
Noubissie Magdalene Siewe  
Andrew C. Stiltner  
Melanie M. Stopar  
Matthew R. Thomas  
Cum Laude
Tara M. Wynne  
Jarrett S. Yu  
Cum Laude
Karen J. Zickefoose  
Summa Cum Laude
CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Wayne College

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY
Douglas C. Bailey
Taylor M. Eliot
With High Distinction
Morgan P. Lewis

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN COMPUTER AND BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
Katherine V. Smith

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN HEALTH CARE OFFICE MANAGEMENT
Donna D. Boggs
Elizabeth A. Estep
With High Distinction
Chona Winstead

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
James K. Mathatas
With Highest Distinction
Nicole E. Norris

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Matthew T. Austin
Melissa S. Ricci
Mary L. Stuhldreher
With Distinction
One of the oldest known diplomas awarded at The University of Akron.

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**

![Musical notation]

*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 Ohio Universalist Convention established a small, liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it for one of the city’s prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of area citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College. Both a visionary and a pragmatist, Buchtel believed that the vigor of any city is closely tied to the proximity of a high quality institution of higher education. Decades of progress, both for the city and for the college he helped to launch, have proven him right. With an enrollment of approximately 27,000 students from throughout Ohio, the United States, and 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 19 doctoral degree programs and four law degrees. Since 1914, the University has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and it is currently classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution. Today, more than 166,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

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