The University of Akron

Fall Commencement

December 13-14, 2013
Edwin J. Thomas
Performing Arts Hall
December 13 at 7 p.m., December 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

**Prelude Music** .......................  
Mini Variations on Amazing Grace  Anthony Plog  
Earle of Oxford’s March  William Byrd  
Suite of Carols  Leroy Anderson  
   The University of Akron Brass Choir  
Andrew Larson, Conductor

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

**Processional** ........................  
(The audience will remain seated.)  
Grand March  Giacomino 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.)  
December 13, Evening  
Led by Vandi Enzor Terill  
   Student, School of Music  
December 14, Morning  
Led by Daniel J. Schneck  
   Student, School of Music  
December 14, Afternoon  
Led by Vandi Enzor Terill  
The University of Akron Brass Choir

**Welcome and Introduction** ......  
Luis M. Proenza  
   President, The University of Akron

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

**Music** .................................  
Hallelujah Chorus  G.F. Handel  
The University of Akron Brass Choir

**Address to the Candidates** ......  
Luis M. Proenza  
   President, The University of Akron

**America the Beautiful** ..........  
(The audience will remain seated.)  
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In the December 13 evening ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Education, and College of Health Professions.

In the December 14 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, and Wayne College.

In the December 14 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Business Administration, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, and Summit College.
THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Sonnet  Enrique de Valderrabano
The Round Battle Galliard  John Dowland
The Cobbler  Anonymous
Go From My Window  Anonymous
Guardame Las Vacas  Luis de Narvaez
Lady Hammond’s Alman  John Dowland
My Lady Hunsdon’s Puffe
Gran Vals   Francisco Tarrega
Prelude   Francois Campion
Sarabande
Gavotte
Menuet
Gigue
Mazurka-Choro  Heitor Villa-Lobos
Op. 35 No. 17  Fernando Sor
Sonata  Ferdinando Carulli
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER

(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 36.)
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The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2013

December 13, Evening
Jim Tressel (’77)
Vice President for Student Success
December 14, Morning
Charles Obendorf (’80)
Alumni Relations
December 14, Afternoon
Courtney Gonser (’99, ’06)
Director of Alumni Relations and Student Engagement

STUDENT RESPONSE

December 13, Evening
Shelby L. Torre
December 14, Morning
Victoria E. Barrientos
December 14, Afternoon
Jordan T. Pana

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luis M. Proenza

POSTLUDE AND RECESIONAL

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

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

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

** Trustees 
Richard W. Pogue, j.d. (’04)  
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*Honorary Doctorate

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Garrett E. Dowd  
Ryan J. Thompson

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Secretary of the Board  
Vice President and General Counsel

Paul A. Herold (’78, ’99)  
Assistant Secretary of the Board  
Special Assistant to the President

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**University Officers & Deans**

** Officers 
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Candace Campbell Jackson (’95)  
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James L. Sage (’97)  
Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer  
James P. Tressel (’77)  
Vice President for Student Success

** Deans 
Chand K. Midha  
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (Executive)  
Ravi Krovi  
College of Business Administration  
Susan G. Clark (’05)  
College of Education (Interim)  
George K. Haritos  
College of Engineering  
Roberta A. DePompeo (’91)  
College of Health Professions (Interim)  
Stephen Z.D. Cheng  
College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering  
George R. Newkome  
Graduate School  
Dale H. Mugler  
Honors College  
Elizabeth A. Reilly (’78)  
School of Law (Interim)  
Stanley B. Silverman  
Summit College  
Phyllis G. O’Connor (’76)  
University Libraries (Interim)  
Daniel C. Decker (’90, ’02)  
Wayne College (Interim)
University Marshals

Evening
Marshall
Deanna R. Dunn

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Zachary D. Steiner

Faculty Marshal
Kimberly A. Beyer

Assistant Marshals
Donald Canary
Kelly Chaff
Jessica DeFago
Margaret Kernen
Elizabeth Kerns
Marcia Main
Denise Testa
Michele Thornton
Mary Verstraete
Naomi White

Morning
Marshall
Michelle Ellis

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steven G. Sedlock

Faculty Marshal
Timothy Matney

Assistant Marshals
Sara Carlson
En Cheng
Shanon Donnelly
Dena Hanley
Janet Klein
Thomas Leeper
Joseph LiVecchi
Thomas Neal
Melissa Triplette
Julie Whitmore

Afternoon
Marshall
O. Dee Dee Pitts

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Cynthia Mako-Robinson

Faculty Marshal
Pamela Keltyka

Assistant Marshals
Jamal Feerasta
Kevin Feldt
Ray Gehani
Dwayne Jones
Vicki Rostedt
Abbey Shiban
Amy Shriver-Dreussi
Kathryn Wieland
Stacy Willett

University Orators

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

December 13, Evening
Christine R. Curry
Director, Development
Lauri S. Thorpe
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

December 14, Morning
Kathleen D. Clark
Associate Professor, Communication
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
John D. Lanshe
Associate Director
Academic Achievement Center

December 14, Afternoon
Stacey J. Moore
Associate Vice President for Student Success
Heather L. Walter
Associate Professor, Communication
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
University Faculty Representatives

Evening
Katie Boarman
Andrea Brewer
George Chase
Marie Cobb
Jill Dickie
Gary Doll
Yalin Dong
Elaine Fisher
Terry Hallett
Lisa Hart
Sandy Hudak
Karim Jordan
Robert Liang
Evangelina Newton
John Queener
Cynthia Reynolds
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki
Kathy Schupp
Yilmaz Sozer
Carrie Spangler
Suzette Speight
Denise Stuart
Robert Veillette
Guo-Xiang Wang
Jennifer Warren
Chang Ye
Bing Yu

Morning
Alan Ambrisco
Todd Blackledge
Phillatha Bolton
David Cohen
Raymond Cox
Elizabeth Erickson
Stefan Forcey
Adrianne Frech
David Giffels
Peter Gordon
Elizabeth Graham
Robert Huff
Zhenyu Jia
Kristina Jones
Unsu Kang
Laurie Lafferty
Laurie Lashbrook
Peter Lavrentyev
Paul Levy
Sergei Lyuksyutov
Gina Martino-Trutor
James McManus
Stacey Noziger
Linda Saliga
Susan Speers
Suzette Speight
David Szalay
Tang Tang
Colleen Teague
David Tokar
Carol Michele Turner
Timothy Vierheller
Heather Walter
Frank Ward
Donna Webb
Chrys Wesdemiotis
Ethel Wheland

Afternoon
Frederik Beuk
Charlotte Burrell
Thomas Calderon
Jeong Hoon Choi
James Divoky
Zarreen Farooqi
Robert Figler
Jason Gabisch
Sabine Gerhardt
Suzanne Gradisher
Douglas Hausknecht
Douglas Kahl
Daniel Kandray
Kristine Kraft
Janet Kropff
Liping Liu
Mary Myers
John Nicholas
Colin Onita
Linda Orr
Deborah Owens
Scott Randby
Robert M. Schwartz
Larry Shubat
Alexis Shuler
Hakjoon Song

University Interpreter

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

John Sederwall
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

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.

Miranda M. Burbidge
Manraj S. Grewal
Ian T. Gulick
Jordan T. Pana
Andrew R. Pavlenda
Tyler A. Peterson
Charles J. Ray
William E. Rining
Rebecca K. Smith
Melissa S. Sugalski
Traceylee D. Talley
Samuel M. Trela
Jane K. Walter
Kristin L. Wright

Presidental Scholars

Presidental 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.

Kathleen M. Angel
Andrew C. Ash
Scott B. Bailey
Emily K. Barry
Greg N. Beck
Michelle A. Bodnar
Ryan N. Cash
Bradley R. Domanovics
Robert W. Drsek
Steven C. Dunker
Joseph Gimmarco Jr.
Emily L. Harig
Rachel M. Hunsinger
Samuel A. Johnson
Andrew B. Kapish
Erik L. Kasminsly
Alisha L. Knight
Stephanie L. Kriska
Jesse C. Lazar
Ethan M. Love
Goran Martić
Marissa D. Meadows
Ashlee May Metko
Jared R. Miller
Cody Montgomery
Bridee N. Morris
Tyler M. Pacifico
April L. Pauken
Jason R. Peace
Brittani M. Pekar
Alexandra Rahr
Scott M. Ramer
Nicholas M. Razzante
Jared W. Ropp
Emily R. Roth
Thomas M. Russell
Deanna V. Schaeffer
Kaley R. Schnittke
Nicole E. Schultz
Benjamin M. Seidner
Tonja L. Skufca
Richard J. Smetana Jr.
Haden Solmen
Brady M. Stewart
Shelby L. Torre
Katelyn E. Warren
Todd D. Weinberg
Alicia M. White
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.

Nicholas A. Adair
Scott B. Bailey
Samuel R. Basch
Hannah E. Blossom
Alan M. Bowdler
Miranda M. Burbridge
Kelsey J. Corle
Michelle F. DiGeroloma
Tyler J. Harding
Emily L. Harig
Ian M. Johnston
Kevin P. Kane
Andrew B. Kapish
Cody Montgomery
Tyler M. Pacifico
Jordan T. Pana
April L. Pauken
Alexander J. Pero
William E. Riner
Emily R. Roth
Thomas M. Russell
Michelle M. Sergi
Daniel Tanudjaja
Shelby L. Torre
Jane K. Walter
Katelyn E. Warren
Liz R. Weber
Todd D. Weinberg
Brandon M. Winter
Bethany F. Woznicki
December 13, 2013
Evening
College of Engineering
Founded 1914
Dean George K. Haritos
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sudeep Adhikari
Engineering – Civil
BE, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Mechanical and Structural Performance of Mini-Bar Reinforced Concrete Beams”
Adviser: Dr. Anil Patnaik

Haijian Fan
Engineering – Civil
BS, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
Adviser: Dr. Robert Liang

Majid Hosseini
Engineering – Chemical
BS, Sharif University of Technology, Iran; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Improved Sustainable Pretreatment/Upgrading of High Free Fatty Acid Feedstocks for Biodiesel Production”
Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Mathew T. Isenberg
Engineering – Chemical
BS, MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “CO2 Capture by Immobilized Amine Sorbents: Infrared Spectroscopic Studies to Scale-Up of Adsorbers”
Adviser: Dr. Steven S.C. Chuang

Xin Jiang
Engineering – Electrical
BSCE, Tsinghua University, China; MS EE, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Joan E. Carletta

Zhongye Lin
Engineering – Chemical
BE, Zhejiang University, China; ME, Xiamen University, China
Dissertation: “Growth and Lipid Production of Ochromonas Danica from Organic Waste”
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Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Ali Y. Elrayyah
Engineering – Electrical
BS, University of Khartoum, Sudan; MS, King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, Saudi Arabia
Dissertation: “Modeling and Control of Microgrid-Connected Photo-Voltaic (MCPV)”
Adviser: Dr. Yilmaz Sozer

Anandi Mahadevan
Engineering – Biomedical
BE, Cummins College of Engineering for Women, India; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Ischemic Feature Identification and Its Relation to Sleep Disordered Breathing in Sleep Heart Health Study Subjects”
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Hopeful Candidates

Mustafa Umut Culcuoglu
Engineering – Mechanical
BSME, University of Gaziantep, Turkey; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Reengineering Community Based Chronic Care Delivery Systems: Theory and Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Shengyong Wang

Binod Dhakal
Engineering – Civil
BS, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; ME, Lamar University, TX
Adviser: Dr. Atef F. Saleeb

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Candidates for Doctoral Degrees (cont.)

Hua Wang
Engineering – Chemical
BE, MFS, Beijing Technology and Business University, China
Dissertation: “Effects of Microbial Attachment and Biofilm Formation on Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion”
Adviser: Dr. Bi-min Zhang

Chao Zhang
Engineering – Civil
BE, ME, Wuhan University of Technology, China
Dissertation: “Multi-Scale Characterization and Failure Modeling of Carbon/Epoxy Triaxially Braided Composite”
Adviser: Dr. Wieslaw K. Binienda

Jun Zhao
Engineering – Chemical
BE, MS, Dalton University of Technology, China
Dissertation: “Multi-Scale Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Membrane-Associated Peptides”
Adviser: Dr. Jie Zheng

Jun Zhou
Engineering – Mechanical
BE, ME, Northwestern Polytechnical University, China
Dissertation: “Numerical Modeling of Ductile Fracture”
Adviser: Dr. Xiaosheng Gao

College of Education
Founded 1921
Interim Dean Susan G. Clark

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Kathleen M. Benson
Counseling Psychology
BS, MA, John Carroll University
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Shelby L. Torre
Magna Cum Laude
Alani J. Watkins
Precious C. Williams
Gregory N. Wittler
Natalie Ziegman

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees (cont.)
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nadrah Alawani
Chemistry
BS, College of Science for Girls, Saudi Arabia; MS, Western Illinois University
Dissertation: “Structural Characterization of Synthetic Polymers and Copolymers Using Multidimensional Mass Spectrometry Interfaced with Thermal Degradation, Liquid Chromatography and/or Ion Mobility Separation”
Adviser: Dr. Chris Wesdemiotis

Sarah L. Binkley
Chemistry
BS, Walsh University
Dissertation: “Re(1) Tri-Carbonyl Based Radiopharmaceuticals; Synthesis, in Vitro Studies, and Protein Complexation”
Adviser: Dr. Christopher J. Ziegler

Yusheng Chen
Chemistry
BS, Tianjin University, China
Dissertation: “Separation of Single Walled Carbon Nanotube with Different Methods”
Adviser: Dr. Yi Pang

Theresa M. Davis
History
BA, Mount Union College; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “We Will All Come Together: Women in the Nineteenth Century Stark County Court in Ohio”
Adviser: Dr. T. J. Boisseau

David Wayne Ferguson
Urban Studies and Public Affairs
AAS, Central Virginia Community College; BSBA, Longwood College, VA; MA, MPA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Grade-Level Readability of Municipal Websites: Are They Creating Digital Inequities of Opportunities that Perpetuate the Digital Divide?”
Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

Heath W. Garris
Integrated BioScience
BS, Furman University, SC; MS, The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dissertation: “Restructuring of Wetland Communities in Response to a Changing Climate at Multiple Spatial and Taxonomic Scales”
Adviser: Dr. Randall J. Mitchell

Charlesa Anne Hann
Urban Studies and Public Affairs
BA, The University of Akron; MSSA, Case Western Reserve University
Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

James Michael Holland
Urban Studies and Public Affairs
BA, Cleveland State University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Competing in a Confined Arena”
Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

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

Natalie C. Romano
Chemistry
BS, The Pennsylvania State University
Dissertation: “Photophysical Properties of Non-Porphyrinate Molecules”
Adviser: Dr. David A. Modarelli

Christina M. Rummell
Counseling Psychology
BA, MA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. David M. Tokar

Darlene J. Thompson
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
BA, Emory University, GA; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Understanding the Contextual, Cultural, and Individual Antecedents of Self-Directed Development”
Adviser: Dr. Paul E. Levy

Laura D. Turner-Essel
Counseling Psychology
BA, Bowling Green State University; MA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Suzette L. Speight
Candidates for Master’s Degrees

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**Master of Arts**
Rokaih R. Almuallim  
Communication
Keith Aukeman  
Communication
Robert K. Baape  
Economics
Jose M. Cajigas  
Geography
Jarrett James Chorba  
Psychology – Industrial / Organizational
Laura K. Clift  
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Brandy M. Friedt Kiousis  
English
Amrissa M. Hopkins  
English
Joanna M. Hunkins  
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Jeremy A. Hunter  
Economics
Brian Hutchison  
Communication
Erin Kahoa  
Theatre Arts
Alec M. Kammer  
Communication
Benjamin M. Leo  
Economics
Hye Ree Lim  
Economics
Ashely Lizewski  
History
David S. Maple  
Economics
Tracee A. McClain  
Urban Studies
Jordan M. Mihalik  
History
Joshua L. Morgan  
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Courtney Ryan Mortland Baker  
History
Kelsey Lynn Risman  
Sociology
Esther E. Sackey  
Communication
Raymond W. Sarvis  
English
Seth D. Snow  
English
Brandon T. Sweitzer  
Communication
Rebecca Ruth Wehr  
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Mary B. Williams  
Urban Studies
Amy L. Wingerter  
Communication
Daniel B. Witmer  
Economics
Royce L. Woods  
Economics

**Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences**
Shajuana M. Boyer  
Child and Family Development
Alicia N. Fabrizi  
Child and Family Development
Kristin M. Sarver  
Child and Family Development
Willa Ann Smith  
Child and Family Development
Carly R. Wamboldt  
Clothing, Textiles and Interiors

**Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing**
David E. Materna

**Master of Music**
Alexander J. Aeschliman  
Music – Voice Performance
Alisha N. Atkins  
Music – Voice Performance
Shawn P. Brandt  
Music – Composition
Merissa A. Coleman  
Music – Choral Conducting
Alexandros D. Fragiskatos  
Music – Theory
Alanna C. Furst  
Music – History and Literature
Yao Lu  
Music – Accompanying
Samuel S. McKenzie  
Music Performance – Orchestral Conducting
Catherine M. Neff  
Music – Voice Performance
Scott A. Sell  
Music Education – Instrumental
Eryn E. Stark  
Music – Theory
MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Albert A. Bragg Jr.
Carol A. Giulitto
Malcolmnette B. Green
Dong Liang
David M. Roberts
Kyle Rossi
Ryan A. Slate
Mi-Lin L. Tate
Shakita T. Van Liew
Elizabeth W. Wainaina
Kognia M. Woodall

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Curtis J. Anderson
Computer Science
Krushikanth R. Apala
Computer Science
Ryan C. Ault
Physics
Elizabeth A. Bair
Biology
Kendra F. Barnes
Biology
Elsworth C. Beach
Biology
Tara B. Buk
Biology
Bo Cai
Computer Science
Brian Chiang
Physics
Enoch E. Damson
Geography/Geographic Information Sciences
Troy S. Dunn
Biology
Yebranath Eruvaram
Computer Science
Samuel C. Evans
Biology
Sarah A. Fraker
Statistics
Gregory A. Franckowiak
Biology
Chrystal E. Fretz
Geology
Naveen Kumar Gadamsetty
Computer Science
Rebecca A. Gerevics
Biology
John J. Graham
Physics
Moshaddek Hasan
Computer Science
Badr Ibrahim A. Iskandar
Geology – Geophysics
Michael D. Johnston
Biology
Mahider Mosissa Kitil
Statistics
Peter J. Knall
Computer Science
Ashley S. Koenig
Biology
Ramya Kondeti
Computer Science
Alyssa M. Krumpak
Statistics
Nicholas S. Larson
Statistics
Kyounga Lim
Physics
Jiayi Lu
Statistics
Ping Lu
Statistics
Robert B. Miller II
Biology
Gihan U. Panapitiya
Physics
Patrick J. Showers
Mathematics
Hillary E. Stewart
Statistics
Olubukola O. Tejumola
Geography/Geographic Information Sciences
Scott A. Thomas
Biology
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Physics
Kesava Satya Kashyap Uppuluri
Computer Science
Lu Wang
Computer Science
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Biology
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

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Bachelor of Arts

Sondos A. Abed
Summa Cum Laude
Nicholas A. Adair
Summa Cum Laude
Saleh Alawami
Cum Laude
Juliana R. Amir
Magna Cum Laude
Cory R. Ando
Cum Laude
Leigh Ann W. Andreani
Magna Cum Laude
Chantal Alexis J. Arrighi
Vanessa L. Askew
Sendek Assefa
Victoria E. Barrientos
Tracie R. Baxter-Wintrow
Nancy E. Bean
Nicholas H. Beck
Magna Cum Laude
Matthew G. Benko
Alissa P. Birkhimer
Hannah E. Blossom
Summa Cum Laude
Nicol E. Bowen
Cum Laude
Meghen R. Bromann
Ryan J. Brosnan
Lindi N. Brown
Katherine M. Bubna
Whitney L. Burden
Marlon H. Burton
Aaron B. Campbell
John D. Carman
Kyra G. Casalinova
Ryan N. Cash
Brandi L. Clay
Summa Cum Laude
Dajah C. Crawford
Michael H. Crossland
Cum Laude
Michael J. Cunniff
Nicholas P. Dalessandro
Alyssa D. Damron
Rachel L. Dennis
Magna Cum Laude
Nicole L. Dietrich
Joseph Z. D'Ulisse
Cecil Dutch III
Kelsey T. Dyke
Joseph M. Felician
Luray S. Ferguson III
Melissa R. Fetzer
Rhea D. Floyd
Cum Laude
Jason J. Frederick
Elizabeth M. Gage
Angela N. Genet
Anna N. Glotzer
Sean M. Gorrell
Joseph M. Goubeaux
Kathleen R. Graca
Summa Cum Laude
Meredith R. Grum
Sheryl Grubb
Summa Cum Laude
Daniel J. Hall
Tyler J. Harding
Summa Cum Laude
Emily L. Harig
Summa Cum Laude
Jillian L. Hartline
Matthew T. Hazlett
Diego S. Hernandez
Magna Cum Laude
Briana R. Hinkle
Alexander W. Hosner
Leigha D. Howard
Brittney A. Humes
Benjamin J. Iselin
Cum Laude
Candice Jack
Antonia D. Jackson
Nicholas J. Jackson
Tyler W. Jeske
Diamonique C. Johnson
Ian M. Johnston
Summa Cum Laude
Abigail R. Jones
Summa Cum Laude
Kevin P. Kane
Abraham K. Keeton
Amanda M. Kelly
Justin R. Kornhaus
Megan L. Lachowski
Cum Laude
Amanda Layman
Jennifer R. Lehaney
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer J. Lones
Summa Cum Laude
Erhan M. Love
Pamela M. Luich
Kyle D. Maksuta
Magna Cum Laude
Tiffany L. Malicki
Cum Laude
Andrew F. Matchett
Cum Laude
Rhachelle P. McCraw
Maggie M. McElvenny
Cum Laude
Lance R. Melvin
Rebecca A. Metzger
Nicole D. Meyo
Jeffrey Miles
Deanna J. Miller
Anthony M. Montagno
Veronica L. Morales
Alyssa L. Morter
Symphanie S. Moss
Megan M. Mosti
Ryan J. Ogorek
Keisha N. Otoo
Rebecca A. Paasch
William C. Palmer
Dominic M. Parish
Brittani E. Parker
Francine N. Pavlik
Adam J. Payne
Tyler A. Peterson
Christopher D. Petsko
Summa Cum Laude
Christopher M. Phillips
Cum Laude
Samantha K. Plascak
James M. Popela III
Hannah M. Pyett
Ethan E. Radatz
Cum Laude
Kara A. Raresheid
William E. Rensation
Summa Cum Laude
Jordan M. Robinson
Rebecca N. Robson
John J. Roth
Magna Cum Laude
Brian E. Said
Shannon L. Sales
Megan E. Saro
David C. Schaub
Cum Laude
Nicole E. Schultz
Magna Cum Laude
Lauren M. Scudder
Magna Cum Laude
Keyra M. Sheares
Shannon M. Simons
Rachael M. Skrbin
Magna Cum Laude
Carla M. Smith
LaTia S. Snyder
Laurie A. Spink
Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan Spikermann
Anthony D. Stratis
Emily E. Suci
Cum Laude
Bianca H. Taylor
Alyssa S. Thomas
Maxwell J. Timmins
Ewyn Tsang
Jennifer R. Turner
Cum Laude
James M. Turner
Amanda R. Underwood
Paul J. Valatka
Magna Cum Laude
Ashley R. Vogelpohl
Cum Laude
Dineca R. Walker
Elizabeth G. Walker
Jane K. Walter
Magna Cum Laude

(3) Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines
Jill Ward  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Katelyn E. Warren  
*Cum Laude*

Kristen J. Weibel

Chauncey K. Widder

Hillary E. Williams

Karima Bibi Williamson

Crystal Elesia Wilson

Brandon M. Winter  
*Cum Laude*

Chris Wirkus  
*Cum Laude*

Michael P. Wohlwend  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dominique Rose Lynn Woods

Bethany F. Woznicki  
*Cum Laude*

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Business and Organizational Communication**

Ryan C. Adams  
*Cum Laude*

Marissa L. Barrett  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Megan C. Beaty  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Heather R. Bliss

Abigail L. Boyer

Suzanne M. Capron

Rhianna A. Carvino  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Maria L. Cousins

Marisha A. Daniels

Mitchell L. Dorfman

Alaina K. Fausett

Kaylor Leigh D. Forgacs

Gillian I. Gross  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Tori E. Hackney

Jasmine M. Jones

Sharon R. Jones

Megan E. Knight

Lauren A. Kukta

Carly A. McNutt

Marissa D. Meadows  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Alexis M. Metzler

Madison A. Morell

Elizabeth K. Murphy

Cecily D. Nobles

Cali L. Pitman  
*Cum Laude*

Kevin M. Pitts  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Thomas R. Rager

Elaina M. Rhea  
*Cum Laude*

Melissa A. Richmond

Bailey A. Roth

Nicholas G. Simcox

John E. Stitt

Frank E. Wingrove III

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Family and Child Development**

Brooke C. Battle

Briana L. Brinker  
*Cum Laude*

Sarah F. Davis

Amanda B. DiBacco

Alexis G. Field

Mary E. Frederick

Kristi A. Gellner

Ashley N. Glover

Courtney L. Hardy

Megan-Elizabeth M. Heavrin

Brittany M. Jarvis

Mallory D. Kavan

Jamie P. Kirsch

Susanna C. Molnar

Lindsay D. Niehenke

Hannah L. Palmer

Marianne E. Pickett

Allyson Barbara Porter  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Leslie M. Santos  
*Cum Laude*

Deanna M. Shriver

Alexis E. Sich

Courtney M. Vujas

Vickie P. Whatley

Kali M. Whitlock

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Fashion Merchandising**

Mary K. Kekic

Jennifer L. Konopka

Rachel L. Oliver  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Emma L. Schilling

Erin E. Simmers

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Interdisciplinary Anthropology**

Tracie R. Baxter-Wintrow

Elizabeth C. Dachtyl

Andrew R. Pavlenda

Jared W. Ropp

Leslie R. Tetrick  
*Magna Cum Laude*

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Christine M. Cox  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Andre Manuel De Castro Ferreira

Chante N. Robinson

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Interior Design**

Sara M. McGuire  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kara L. Treen

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Interpersonal and Public Communication**

Jessica A. Brumfield  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Rock L. Gable

Andria Kaplan

Angelo E. Salvatore

Andrew P. White  
*Magna Cum Laude*

**Bachelor of Arts in Mass Media – Communication**

Jessica M. Baer

Aaron J. Bilow

Kurtis J. Boykin

Robert J. Braidich

Troy B. Calapa

Casey D. Church

KaLonna J. Davis

Samuel E. Flinn

Willie J. Hooper III

Cheyenne A. Huber

Eric R. Hudson

Michael B. Jeffers

Samuel A. Johnson

Julie M. Kline

Michael J. Michalec

Jeffrey S. Pitt

Kasondra L. Scott

Richard J. Smetana Jr.  
*Cum Laude*

Troy A. Taylor

Marcus H. Ullom

Sasha R. Wollenburg

William L. Young Jr.

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**in Theatre Arts**

Ivoree S. Farrier

Alex C. Funk  
*Cum Laude*

Rosilyn K. Jentner  
*Cum Laude*

Samantha E. Ost

Nicole M. Romo
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees (cont.)

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Sofia M. Bastulli  
Cassie L. Cruz  
Cum Laude
Eli C. Donahue  
Summa Cum Laude
Rachel M. Dudzenski  
Steven J. Hudson  
Andrew B. Kapish  
Cum Laude
Meghan M. Locher  
Susan Lopez  
Nathan D. Mayfield  
Rachael A. Reinhardt  
Samantha L. Solan  
Summa Cum Laude
Devon T. Spierling-Linton  
Jamie L. Suvak  
Stephanie A. Tremble  
Nathan J. VanTwisk  
Ingrid Westberg  
Magna Cum Laude
Mary K. White

Bachelor of Music
Miranda M. Burbridge  
Cum Laude
Kaitlin G. Johnson  
Alisha L. Knight  
Cum Laude
Jaimie Lynn McRae  
Cum Laude
Jared R. Miller  
Laura C. Runion  
Summa Cum Laude
Thomas M. Russell  
Summa Cum Laude
Daniel J. Schneck  
Summa Cum Laude
Aundrea B. Souza  
Magna Cum Laude
Melissa S. Sugalski  
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science
Sarah C. Barrow  
Cum Laude
Caitlyn R. Baumert  
Derek T. Burkholder  
Kelsey J. Corle  
Summa Cum Laude
Victoria M. Demeter  
Bradley R. Domanovics  
Sean P. Doyle  
Cum Laude
Steven C. Dunker  
Rebecca S. Eagle  
Manraj S. Grewal  
Magna Cum Laude
Ian T. Gulick  
Cum Laude
Raynard Hammond  
Brittany N. Hardy  
Daniel A. Hunsicker  
Brian J. Huntsman  
Kenneth C. Jambor  
Cum Laude
Gonto Johns III  
Sarah J. Kay  
Summa Cum Laude
Nicolette S. Khan  
Brian E. Kurr  
Veronica R. Linger  
Craig J. Marshall  
Goran Martic’  
Cum Laude
Dominic J. Mayle  
Sara R. McCaulley  
Patrick J. Moore  
Cum Laude
Bridie N. Morris  
Alexander J. Pero  
Summa Cum Laude
Krista M. Rakich  
Jennifer L. Reznik  
Magna Cum Laude
Mandeep S. Sabota  
Cameron A. Schmidt  
Cum Laude
Kristina M. Schutte  
Michelle M. Sergi  
Magna Cum Laude
Brian J. Shaum  
Patrick J. Showers  
Robert W. Smith  
Joseph L. Snell  
Robert Socha  
Summa Cum Laude
Haden Solmen  
Dejana Soprenic  
David R. Stanek  
Daniel Tanudjaja  
Cum Laude
Matthew J. Taylor  
Andrew J. Toth  
Cum Laude
Bradley A. Ullman  
Magna Cum Laude
Bo Yang

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Ryan J. Brosnahan  
Andrew A. Edwards  
Bryan P. Herman  
Nicholas S. Miesmer  
Evan M. Purkhiser  
Cum Laude
Scott M. Ramer  
Summa Cum Laude
Samuel M. Trela

Bachelor of Science in Geography – Geographic Information Sciences
Joseph P. Benes  
Jason S. Kulik  
Ian J. Ondrus

Bachelor of Science in Labor Economics
Jenna R. Watkins

Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice
Brent E. Barbe  
Anastasia M. Billow  
Chris L. Brinkley  
Kevin C. Dixon  
Kali A. Dudek  
Charles G. Dutro  
Jared D. Hnath  
Tiffany A. Hunka  
Summa Cum Laude
Adam M. Jasonowski  
Kevin W. Kazcmarski  
Rahmon D. Key  
Julie A. Kuhn  
Cum Laude
Joseph V. Letta  
Magna Cum Laude
Ashlei R. McCutcheon

(4) Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines
Candidates for Associate Degrees

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY
Lori A. Battilochi  
With High Distinction
Erin E. Mohney  
With Distinction

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN COMPUTER AND BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
Joshua S. Corpman

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN HEALTH CARE OFFICE MANAGEMENT
Angela D. Henthorn
Christian J. Iams
Stephanie L. Krska  
With Highest Distinction
Jessie L. Leatherman
Jesseca A. Mast
Stephanie L. Murzin
Rachel L. Smith
Samantha M. Thompson
Christy N. Zurcher

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
Allie M. Lance

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
Kimberly A. Johnson  
With Distinction

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN SOCIAL SERVICES TECHNOLOGY
Sarah E. Hinkel
Katherine A. Paluscsak
Melanie D. Wolf

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Lori A. Caricofe
Travis J. Enos
Terrance W. Rabbitts  
With Distinction
Sian Russell
Stephanie M. Schultz
Michael E. Shivak
Jessica R. Stoler
Christine L. Varnes  
With Distinction
Alisha K. Wiles

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Richard S. Bales
Taylor L. Goodrich
Daniel M. Katanic
Kayla M. Lemon  
With Distinction
James B. Petty
Cipriana Sutter
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

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College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Founded 1988
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Shiwang Cheng
Polymer Science
BS, University of Science and Technology of China
Dissertation: “Tensile Deformation of Polymer Glasses: Crazing, the Brittle-Ductile Transition and Elastic Yielding”
Adviser: Dr. Shi-Qing Wang

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

Rostyslav Dolog
Polymer Engineering
BS, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Ukraine
Dissertation: “Shape-Memory Behavior of Ionomers and Their Compounds”
Adviser: Dr. Robert Weiss

Xuehui Dong
Polymer Science
BS, University of Science and Technology of China
Dissertation: “Giant Molecular Shape Amphiphiles: Click Synthesis, Supramolecular Assembly, and Beyond”
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z. D. Cheng

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

Pengzhan Fei
Polymer Engineering
BE, ME, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
Dissertation: “Investigation of a Side-Chain Crystalline Shape Memory Block Copolymer and Maximum Bubble Pressure Rheology of Organogels”
Adviser: Dr. Kevin A. Cavicchi

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

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

Guillermina C. Garcia
Polymer Science
BS, Veracruzana University, Mexico; MS, University of Detroit Mercy, MI; MS, National University of Mexico
Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

Xilan Liu
Polymer Engineering
BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
Dissertation: “Polymer Photodetectors: Device Structure, Interlayer and Physics”
Adviser: Dr. Xiong Gong
Gladys Rocio Montenegro Galindo
Polymer Science
BS, National University of Colombia
Dissertation: “Synthesis and Protein Adsorption Studies of Pegylated-Polyester Nanoparticles with Different Peg Architectures”
Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

Cheng Qu
Polymer Engineering
BS, MS, Sichuan University, China
Dissertation: “Novel Polymer Electrolyte Membranes for Nickel-Zinc Battery”
Adviser: Dr. Mukerrem Cakmak

Emily Q. Rosenthal-Kim
Polymer Science
AAS, Ferris State University, MI; BS, California Polytechnic State
Dissertation: “Green Polymer Chemistry: Synthesis and Characterization of Poly(disulfide) Polymers and Networks”
Adviser: Dr. Judit Puskas

Yu Sun
Polymer Science
BE, Zhejiang University, China; MS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Dissertation: “Tearing of Carbon Black-filled and Gum Natural Rubber Vulcanizates Cured with Dicumyl Peroxide (DCP)”
Adviser: Dr. Gary R. Hamed

Vershima I. Tachia
Polymer Science
BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Adviser: Dr. Stephen Z. D. Cheng

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

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

Orcun Yucel
Polymer Engineering
BS, Bogazici University, China
Dissertation: “Birefringence Gradient Development During Drying of Solution Cast Functional Films and Their Mechanical, Optical and Gas Barrier Properties”
Adviser: Dr. Mukerrem Cakmak

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

College of Business Administration
Founded 1953
Dean Ravi Krovi

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
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Abdulrahman S. Alsaahlawi International Business
David A. Armstrong Business Interdisciplinary
Desiree N. Baird Management
Raymond J. Browning Management
Dean G. Coutris Finance
Jennifer A. Cundiff Business Interdisciplinary
Joseph F. Dolder Business Interdisciplinary
Amr M. Ebied Healthcare Management
Mohamed M. El Teriaky Management
Michael V. Esposito International Business
Mahmoud Farrag Abdullah Farrag Healthcare Management
Osama A. Francis Healthcare Management
Martin W. Fritz Supply Chain Management
Saikrishna Ganapuram Business Interdisciplinary
William R. Gibson Global Technological Innovation
William R. Hardy Business Interdisciplinary
Tiffany L. Hoover Business Interdisciplinary
Nathan K. Hurd Global Technological Innovation
Alfonso E. Jimenez Supply Chain Management
Erik S. Keister Business Interdisciplinary
Aaron G. Kroll Finance
Eva Lum Supply Chain Management
Mitchell J. Metzger Finance
Peter W. Nischt Business Interdisciplinary
Vimalkumar T. Patel Healthcare Management
Christina M. Perna Management
Ashley M. Privett Business Interdisciplinary
Kimberly A. Quinn Management
Ty J. Rogers Global Technological Innovation
Matthew T. Ryan Supply Chain Management
Amar P. Shah Business Interdisciplinary
Michael P. Shimp Finance
Julianne Simcox Strategic Marketing
Moriah L. Stutler Business Interdisciplinary
Nathan S. Summers Finance
Tessa R. Tegel Management
Benjamin S. Trent Supply Chain Management
Matthew K. Wade Management
Ahmed F. Yassin Management
Stephen M. Zelasko Management of Technology & Innovation

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY
Nathaniel A. Ash
Steven M. Bacher
Kristen M. Pero

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Michael L. Buckwell Information Systems Management
Lu Chu Information Systems Management
Ayodele A. Odekunle Information Systems Management
Srisoumya Pusapati Information Systems Management
Arvind Subramanian Information Systems Management

MASTER OF TAXATION
Ashley M. Bunch
Keith A. Corbin II
Bao Vue

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Elisabeth A. Collette Polymer Science
Nickolas Robert Kaiser Polymer Science
Manshi Li Polymer Science

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POLYMER ENGINEERING
Maher M. Alrashed
Rommy Garcia Buduen
Ruofan Liu
Xing Lu
James Shin
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business Administration

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Bachelor of Business Administration

Anna L. Allen
Jacob A. Anders
Adam R. Arman
Ryan J. Arman
Andrew C. Ash
Magna Cum Laude
Holly G. Ashby
Chelsea M. Baglia
Samantha R. Barkley
Christopher R. Barr
James D. Barton
Summa Cum Laude
Greg N. Beck
Karly M. Becker
Mason T. Berle
James E. Bischoff
Kimberley N. Bizzell
Curry A. Bloom
Jordan A. Bock-Nelson
Monica J. Bodiford
Magna Cum Laude
Michelle A. Bodnar
Matthew J. Bogdan
Amanda L. Bokar
Ashley M. Bolina
Lori Beth Borden
Alan M. Bowdler
Magna Cum Laude
Tori A. Butler
Joseph A. Cochran
Thomas A. Corbo
James A. Cramer
Christopher C. Crosby
Kyle P. Crowe
Eric T. Crump
Michelle F. DiGeronoma
Magna Cum Laude
Casey C. Hochstetler
Drew A. Hochstetler
Mark A. Jaspersen Jr.
Toriene M. Johnson
Kiley J. Jones
Emily A. Joyce
Tyler C. Just
Magna Cum Laude
Anthony G. Karam Jr.
Magna Cum Laude
Christopher J. Karpie
Jeremy M. Kasburg
Thomas M. Kefalos
Ryan C. Kette
Tooba Khan
Geoff Latona
Cum Laude
Rocco A. Laurie
Jesse C. Lazar
Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin P. Levy
Robert S. Lewis
Cum Laude
Ross J. Locigno
Jamie E. Mapus
Holly M. Marciniowski
Cody L. Martter
Mark R. McCarron
Samuel J. McClure
Magna Cum Laude
Christopher P. McPherson
Kelsey R. Meyer
Cum Laude
Joshua R. Miletti
Kayla E. Miracle
Ryan J. Molinelli
Cody Montgomery
Magna Cum Laude
Kristen M. Mosier
Joshua D. Mullet
McKenna M. Musci
Marie J. Music
Summa Cum Laude
Michael P. Nalepka
Cum Laude
Andrew F. Nation
Clay Nussbaum
Daniel J. Okesson
Andrea E. O’Neal
Brandi Lyn Owen
Jordan T. Pana
Summa Cum Laude
Nidhi K. Patel
Virah P. Patel
April L. Pauken
Cum Laude
Stephanie L. Payne
Jason R. Peace
Magna Cum Laude
Brittani M. Pekar
Cum Laude
Christian A. Perez
Kimberly L. Petroff
Christopher J. Purdy
Alexandra Rahe
Robert L. Rando
Nicholas M. Razzante
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica N. Reiter
Ryan T. Rimmele
Danny J. Rizk
Joseph J. Rudnicki Jr.
Magna Cum Laude
Troy S. Rufener
Brian S. Rumsey Jr.
Anthony M. Salupo
Cum Laude
Zachary T. Savage
Leandra F. Schindler
Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin M. Seidner
Insha Shah
Kelli J. Shultz
Thomas E. Simon
Tanjit Singh
Elii B. Skeans
Dale G. Smith
Rebecca K. Smith
Daniel M. Stallard
Eric M. Stevenson
Meredith K. Stewart
Brian A. Stillman
Abigail M. Stibrjak
Heidi S. Sweeney
Jessica N. Syler
Collin A. Syphard
Margaret L. Thomas
Brian J. Turner
Cum Laude
Courtney C. Turner
Isaiah T. Tyler
Ryan J. Vignone
Brandon K. Warner
Jesse J. Warren
Tamika M. Warren
Liz R. Weber
Summa Cum Laude
Anthony R. Widder
Aaron N. Wildenhaus
Lori A. Wypasek
Jaimie K. Yu
Magna Cum Laude

(5) Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees (cont.)

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Scott B. Bailey  Cum Laude
Christopher R. Barr
Nicholas R. Booth
Andrew P. Boronka
Megan N. Clutter
Stephanie A. Craig
Ross D. Davis
Teresa A. Denning
Kevin R. Eberle
Kellie K. Foster  Magna Cum Laude
Alexis A. Grzybowski
Tinatin N. Gviniashvili
Timothy P. Hagenbaugh  Magna Cum Laude
Marcus M. Hardy
Joshua P. Jonaitis  Cum Laude
Erik L. Kasminsky  Magna Cum Laude
Stacie M. Kelley
Joel V. Kirkawy  Summa Cum Laude
Joel Kirkwood
Thaddeus A. Lair
Melissa M. Lawver
Christian A. Logsdon
Luke M. Lucas
Bryant A. Marnin
Han Nguyen  Cum Laude
April L. Pauken  Cum Laude
Darren M. Pejnovic
Andrew D. Perkins  Cum Laude
Jennifer L. Phillips  Cum Laude
Connie L. Rankin  Magna Cum Laude
Jacob A. Saks
Deanna V. Schaeffer
Tyler J. Sebastian
Jacob D. Sheffer
Deandre E. Stith
Matthew Tabin
Duncan C. Tanner  Cum Laude
Julie A. Whitehouse
Reese M. Wymer
Amelia R. Ylisari  Cum Laude

Summit College
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Dean Stanley B. Silverman
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Tracy Z. Greenberg  Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Automated Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Richard W. Ballas
Sam F. Coleman
Kenneth S. Dillinger
Jeannie M. Hill
Sasa Jovanovic  Magna Cum Laude
Thomas E. Williams Jr.
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Joshua A. Andrea
Christopher M. Bittner
Marc C. Compher
Nicholas A. Gaba  Cum Laude
Mark A. Graham
Udell Holmes II
Joshua R. Poindexter
Dane O. Schroyer
Matthew J. Smithkey
Michael J. Super
Michael A. Tabor
Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering Technology
Dustin A. Albright
Neil D. Chikik
Robert J. Hays
David W. Howd Jr.
Matthew R. Prusky  Magna Cum Laude
Chelsea K. Schumacher
Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology
Turki Saleh A. Alhenaki
Christopher A. Ball
David A. Barton
Alexander T. Gorgievski
Stephen D. Hill
Kevin P. Kostko
Scott L. Miller
Timothy M. Nichols
Cody A. Shields
Casey A. Sutton  Cum Laude
Terry J. Withers
Tyler C. Young
Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Abdalla Hamad Khalifa Salim Alkaabi  Cum Laude
James M. Barbur  Summa Cum Laude
Heather R. Campbell  Cum Laude
Christopher K. Daho
James W. Donaldson  Magna Cum Laude
Bryan M. Garey  Magna Cum Laude
Gregory T. Kennedy
Thomas C. Koehler
Ben K. Pantzer
Colin P. Stinson
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology
Jacob M. Adams  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Brandon D. Cole
Samuel K. Geer  
*Cum Laude*
Mohammad Mottair
Connor W. Rowley
Derek P. Troyer

Bachelor of Science in Organizational Supervision
Amy M. Anderson
Christina A. Augustine
Christopher A. Batten  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Laurie A. Beal  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Mathew S. Berghone
Aaron M. Brown
Cheryl A. Carroll  
*Cum Laude*
Danyele L. Chetwynd
Elizabeth A. Daugherty  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Inita Davis
Jacob M. Dugan  
*Cum Laude*
Donald W. Hollamon
Megan F. Hughes  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Brooke E. Jarvis
Chan’lle A. Johnson
Deborah J. Jones  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Timothy J. Lessak II
Arthur R. Lloyd
Elizabeth A. Lucey
Crystal M. McCullick
G. Felicia Miller
Michael S. Misura IV
Jonathan R. Nelson
Jacob D. Ocheltree
Megan E. Pitman
Thomas A. Ralston
Tyler R. Schneider
Nonya R. Stalnaker  
*Cum Laude*
Megan S. Swaggard
Danielle R. Sworak
Curtis Walton
Kimberly A. Wheeler
Mitchell R. Wiebe
Brian Williams II
Kenna W. Wilson  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy Technology
Carrie B. Gilbride

Bachelor of Science in Surveying and Mapping
Joshua G. Carpenter  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Derek E. Everett  
*Cum Laude*

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Candidates for Associate Degrees

Summit College
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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY
Mohammed Hamad M. Almazrou
With Distinction
Kevin M. Bailosky
Donald C. Edmunds
With Distinction
Rebecca E. Geer
With High Distinction
Talmange L. Grace
Antoinette Id-Deen
With Distinction
Justin A. Krickovich
Robert D. Logsdon
Ryan P. Miller
Jessica L. Mullins
Susan Nicholas
With Distinction

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Hiromichi Asamura
Samuel R. Basch
Nicholas B. Bordo
With High Distinction
David L. Byrd
Robert J. Ellis
Thomas A. Forbes
Jesse N. Garlock
With High Distinction
Adrienne M. Holyfield
Brandon L. King
With Distinction
Joshua D. Little
Matthew M. Matheny
With Highest Distinction
Kevin K. Matney
Brian J. Megenhardt
Kevin T. Pitz
Nathan S. Roberts
With Highest Distinction
Nei-Hsiung Rodriguez
Scott Thomas Sarah
Tyler R. Schrook
Matthew K. Smith
Alec J. Thompson
With Distinction

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
Carl J. Corall
Jocelyn P. Crisp
Jennifer M. Gentile
Grant S. Hamilton
Justin R. Hoffmaster
Adam P. O’Karma
Jenna L. Robinson
With Distinction
Mark D. Wagner
Sydney M. Weeks

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS IN MARKETING AND SALES TECHNOLOGY
Salama M. Alkhaliile
Michele G. Giudici

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY
Nelda A. Anderson
Jasmine D. Bogan
Darnell Julius Howard Sr.
Roberta L. Hubler
Megan M. Husk
Stuart C. McClendon
Andrew J. Redmond
Angelica M. Smith
Danielle L. Sutton
Katlynn A. Williams

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Craig A. Bunner
Neil D. Chikik
Derek E. Everett
With Distinction
David W. Howd Jr.
Brian M. Kalbaugh
With Highest Distinction
Miles A. McClure
With High Distinction
Joseph E. Parker
With Highest Distinction
Colton C. Rock
With High Distinction

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY
Jordan K. Alfman
Valerie L. Boone
Shane V. Creekmore
Nicholas M. Deuri
Madeline S. Englehart
With High Distinction
Brittany N. French
With Highest Distinction
Mitchell E. Hawkins
Larry T. Johnson II
Alyssa N. Kline
Vincent J. LaVallee III
Ashley S. Morgan
David L. Nuske
Christina Y. Porter
Franklin D. Puz
With Distinction
Thomas E. Snedeker II
Angelique S. Spraggs
Matthew F. Trunko
Samantha G. Whitmire

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Pamela S. Garland
With Highest Distinction
Kayla M. Miller
Shannon M. Rausch
Lisa R. Williams

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Turki Saleh A. Alhenaki
David A. Barton
Andrew D. Cannon
With Distinction
Paul Emerson
With Highest Distinction
Ethan B. Fleming
Matthew D. Gates
Jamey A. Hamilton
Stephen D. Hill
Timothy M. Nichols
Jesse Valles

(6) Separate Associate Degrees in Two Disciplines
Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services Technology
Andrew D. Baxter

Associate of Applied Science in Fire Protection Technology
Hamad Saleem Hamad Salem Al Jadeedi
Brandon A. Holbrook
Katlyn M. Porter
With High Distinction
James T. Rogers
Brian J. Welcome

Associate of Applied Science in Land Surveying
Derek E. Everett
With Distinction
Jake A. Korngable
With Distinction
Joseph M. Pirri
With Highest Distinction
Brian Siebenthal
With Highest Distinction

Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology
David Faris
With Highest Distinction

Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology
Matthew R. Downing
Steven P. Goshia
Bryan D. Johnson
Peter H. Naujoks
Drew A. Nekola
With High Distinction
William A. Reiser
Michael R. Serena
Wesley G. Sigler
With Highest Distinction
Christopher E. Strong Jr.

Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies
Alexis S. Belcher
With High Distinction
Tara R. Fought
With Distinction
Tracie K. Laning
Jessica L. Randau
With Distinction

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology
Helen M. Feudo
With Distinction

Associate of Arts
Amy E. Adams
Amy M. Anderson
George E. Beard Jr.
Matthew G. Benko
Stacy D. Carson
Crystle Paynther Collins
Julie L. Corl
Michael S. Debalski
Nicole M. Distefano
With Distinction
Melvin L. Driscoll Jr.
Michael A. Flanders
Julie L. Gradwohl
Katya J. Grinter
Alfonso Holmes
Farrah D. Howard
Megan F. Hughes
With High Distinction
Lewis R. Kreider
Elizabeth A. Little
Angela L. Moses
With Distinction
Jonathan R. Nelson
Megan E. Pitman
Heather L. Purvis
Michael E. Robinson
Kara Schlegel
With High Distinction
Keyantamora L. Shanklin
Cole V. Shawhan
Michael J. Thewes Jr.
With Distinction
Curtis Walton
Brian Williams II

Associate of Science
Matthew T. Austin
Inita Davis
Mariah C. Domers
With Distinction
Angela C. Eaton
With High Distinction
Jamie A. Germuska
Ashlee M. Glass
Desheia M. Herring
Alexandria M. Karmie
With Distinction
Loc D. Le
Breton L. Lutz
Daniel A. Patchin II
Desiree J. Philmore
Megan E. Pitman
Edward V. Stokes
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The University of Akron

The College of Business Administration

By authority of the Board of Trustees and on recommendation of the Faculty hereby confers upon

A. Worthy Student

The Degree of

Bachelor of Business Administration

Together with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Witness the seal of the University and the signature of its officers

Given at Akron, in the State of Ohio, this fourteenth day of December, 2013.

A present-day diploma awarded at The University of Akron.
This statue of John R. Buchtel stands in the middle of the campus he helped found in 1870.
The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901–1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as president and as a trustee of the institution — as well as pastor of the First Universalist Church of Akron. Dr. Church understood the importance of higher education as a means to improve society, and he worked diligently on projects to successfully link the educational efforts of Buchtel College with the needs of a growing city. During his presidency, Buchtel College offered the world’s first courses in rubber chemistry (1909).
The Akron Blue and Gold

We cheer the Akron Blue and Gold, We cheer as the colors unfold We pledge anew,

we're all for you, as the team goes crashing through fight! fight! We cheer the Akron warriors bold,

For a fight that's a sight to behold So we stand up, and cheer and shout for the Akron Blue and Gold.

Zzzip! All for you and the Zip pers too! D.C. al fine

Zip go the Zip pers Akron U,

Zip go the Zip pers gold and blue

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 71 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, nearly 163,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

Commencement Video Recording
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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of candidates’ names, or may result in the use of names of persons not completing graduation requirements. All honors indicated in this program are tentative. Official degree honors for diplomas and transcripts will be determined after final grades are reported. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student’s academic or degree status. The University’s official registry for conferral of degrees is the student’s permanent academic record, kept by the Office of the University Registrar, Simmons Hall, Akron, OH 44325-6208.
Through our vibrant campus, global and regional partnerships, and vision of inclusive excellence, our mission is to use our connections to change lives and put each University of Akron student on a pathway to success.

With this mission in mind, the Akron Model is our legacy of effective collaboration with local governments, community partners and industry, which poises us for international leadership among institutions of higher learning. Our resources must be aligned with for-profit, not-for-profit and public partners to further advance economic and human welfare.

The Akron Model is about making everything we do relevant and connected to the economic health of our community. The University of Akron is a vital partner in bold initiatives like the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron, the Timken Engineered Surfaces Laboratories (TESL), the Innovation Alliance and The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF).

All of these entities are forged through partnerships between researchers and visionaries, designers and creators, and producers and funders, bringing individual and organizational resources together in a shared mission. The Akron Model is “the whole” that is exponentially greater than “the sum of its parts.”

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Connected Knowledge: Business and Industry

Connected knowledge is shared with business and industry to help find new ways to solve difficult challenges. The Timken Engineered Surfaces Laboratories (TESL) is a place designed to speed the path between discovery and commercialization with students, faculty and industry partnered in the process.

According to UA President Luis M. Proenza, TESL epitomizes the Akron Model for economic development: “Universities must be engaged with the larger community and its regional economies to build a highly synergistic and reciprocal relationship with each other — universities feeding the economy and the economy feeding the university back.”

TESL is one of five specialized laboratories strategically housed within the UA Engineering Research Center to provide engineering solutions to meet regional, national and global needs. The other initiatives include:

- National Center for Education and Research in Corrosion and Materials Performance
- Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research
- Center for Advanced Vehicles and Energy Systems
- The National Science Foundation Center for Tire Research

The ultimate outcome of open innovation: creation of new jobs. The University is well positioned to provide qualified engineers, with a 93 percent increase in student enrollment in the last eight years. Furthermore, it is estimated that more than 92 percent of engineering graduates from UA land jobs in their fields immediately upon graduation.
Connected knowledge is gained through collaborative research to advance our understanding and develop new technologies. As the public research university for Northeast Ohio, The University of Akron seeks to increase relevant knowledge for its stakeholders, including students, industries, governments and educational institutions.

The core element in UA’s economic development strategy is The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF). This boundary-spanning organization links industry and the University by supporting entrepreneurial activities, expanding existing industries and stimulating new economic growth through technology commercialization of University-generated and industrially generated technologies.

UARF was founded in 2001 and has:

- entered into five joint ventures with major corporations
- assisted in the launch of 54 spin-off companies
- established a 550-member angel investor network that raised $455 million
- grown its assets to $16 million
- performed contracted research services that exceed $20 million
- managed more than 500 U.S. patents and pending applications, and more than 700 patents worldwide
- engaged in 115 industry-sponsored research agreements
- delivered $33 million worth of custom industry development training.

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Connected Knowledge: Internships and Co-ops

Connected knowledge paves the way for The Akron Experience, which creates a personalized path for each student that includes internships and cooperative education (co-op), academic research (both undergraduate and graduate), study abroad, on-campus student employment and service projects — all of which prepare the student for a lifetime of achievement.

Winter Class of 2013 graduate Jordan Pana believes his internship with the Cleveland Indians was a crucial first step toward career opportunities that he’s currently pursuing with several international organizations. “My internship with the Cleveland Indians gave me experience that prepared me for my future career more than I ever expected,” Jordan says. “My time there was an invaluable extension of what I have learned in my course studies at UA.”

Jordan applied for his internship through a University of Akron Career Fair. He credits the valuable face-to-face interaction with recruiters so they could see, first hand, that he was a strong candidate. “The Career Center has the necessary resources that have helped me stand out in a very competitive job market,” he adds.

The Career Center has helped nearly 700 UA alumni with their job search and placement needs. Call or stop in today!

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