Summer Commencement

August 25, 2007
Edwin J. Thomas
Performing Arts Hall
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SUMMER 2007 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

August 25 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Luis M. Proenza, President of The University of Akron, Presiding

PRELUDE MUSIC

Ballad for Brass by Richard Maltby
Prelude and Chorale by Paul Holmes
Dance by Paul Holmes

The University of Akron Brass Choir
Tucker Jolly, Conductor

FANFARE

Ceremonial Piece by William MacDavis
The University of Akron Brass Choir

PROCESSIONAL

(The audience will remain seated.)

Grand March by Giacomo Meyerbeer
Pomp and Circumstance by Sir Edward Elgar
Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke

The University of Akron Brass Choir

INVOCATION

August 25, Morning
The Rev. Gail Lindsey
First Christian Church of Cuyahoga Falls

August 25, Afternoon
The Rev. Dr. Diana Swoope
Arlington Church of God, Akron

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)

Led by Amanda R. Hermann
Graduate Student, College of Fine and Applied Arts
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Luis M. Proenza
President

GREETINGS

Member
Board of Trustees

MUSIC

Concertino for Brass Instruments by Michael Stewart (’88)
The University of Akron Brass Choir

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES

Luis M. Proenza

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

(The audience will remain seated.)

Amanda R. Hermann
The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the August 25 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Fine and Applied Arts, and Wayne College.

In the August 25 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Nursing, 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

Minuet in G
Sarabande by Anonymous
Vivo by Adam Falckenhagen
Fantasia by Alonso de Madarra
Prelude
Allemande
Courante
Sarabande
Bourrée
Minuet I
Minuet II
Gigue by Sylvius Leopold Weiss
Allegro by Domenico Scarlatti
Nuages by Roland Dyens
What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER

(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 30.)

Led by Amanda R. Hermann
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2007

August 25, Morning
Steven Marks (‘81)
National Alumni Board

August 25, Afternoon
Beth A. Kartarius (‘84)
National Alumni Board

STUDENT RESPONSE

August 25, Morning
Gulnar Feerasta

August 25, Afternoon
Derek R. Feuerstein

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luis M. Proenza

BENEDICTION

August 25, Morning
The Rev. Gail Lindsey

August 25, Afternoon
The Rev. Dr. Diana Swoope

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL

(The audience will be seated.)

Suite by Tylman Susato
The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates are 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 townsmen. When the universities first came into being in the 11th century, “learned clerks” robed themselves in gowns, caps, and hoods, thus signifying the distinction between “town” and “gown.” As additional universities came into being, their faculties adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelors, masters, and doctors.

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 Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel; associates are often silver in color; bachelors and masters are black or of a color appropriate to the college from which the candidate is being graduated; and doctors 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:

- White Arts and Sciences
- Drab Business
- Silver Summit College, Associate
- Black Summit College, Bachelor
- Light Blue Education
- Orange Engineering
- Dark Brown Fine and Applied Arts
- Purple Law
- Peach Nursing
- Gold Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Banners

The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the eleven colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name, founding date, and traditional colors 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 continued 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.
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Technology and Chief
Information Officer

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Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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College of Business Administration

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College of Education
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College of Engineering

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College of Fine and Applied Arts
(Interim)

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Graduate School

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Honors College

Martin H. Beleky
School of Law
(Dean-elect)

N. Margaret Wineman
College of Nursing
(Interim)

Stephen Z.D. Cheng
College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering

Stanley B. Silverman
Summit College

Karla T. Mugler
University College

Cheryl Kern-Simirenko
University Libraries

John P. Kristofco
Wayne College
August 25, 2007
Morning

Marshal
Denise M. Rocco

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby Jr.
Anne Jorgensen

Faculty Marshal
David Ritchey

Assistant Marshals
Richmond Davis
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kristina English
Jennifer Hodges
Margaret Kernen
Marcia Main
Peggy McCann
David Ritchey
James Steiger
Adil Wadia

August 25, 2007
Afternoon

Marshal
William Kraus

Associate Marshals
Donald Appleby Jr.
LaVerne Yousey

Faculty Marshal
Walter L. Hixson

Assistant Marshals
Cheryl Buchanan
Patricia Eaglewolf
Walter Hixson
Richelle Laipply
David Licate
Thomas Lukach
Nancy Marion
Nena Roy
Yingcai Xiao
Weiping Zheng

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

August 25, Morning
Christine R. Curry
Director, Alumni Association
Patricia S. Hill
Associate Professor,
Communication
College of Fine and Applied Arts

August 25, Afternoon
Thomas Beck
General Manager, WZIP-FM
Adjunct Assistant Professor,
Communication
College of Fine and Applied Arts
Dudley Turner
Assistant Dean (Interim)
College of Fine and Applied Arts
August 25, 2007  
**Morning**

Celal Batur  
Kevin Brennan  
Joan Carletta  
George Chase  
John Chen  
Michael d’Amico  
Harold Foster  
William Guegold  
Karen Herrington  
Louis Janelle  
Qetler Jensrud  
Mona Klinger  
Kevin Kreider  
Sharon Lesner  
Young Lin  
Liping Liu  
Stephanie Lopina  
Patsy Malavite  
Richard Maringer  
Michele Mills  
Barbara Osyk  
Deborah Owens  
Linda Perosa  
Victor Pinheiro  
Alex Povitsky  
Harridutt Ramcharran  
Andrew Raneer  
Cynthia Reynolds  
James Rogers, Jr.  
William Schneider IV  
Daniel Sheffer  
Sandra Spickard Prettyman  
Bradley Stevenson  
Evonn Welton  
Nikki Wingerson  

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August 25, 2007  
**Afternoon**

Charles Barton  
William Brittain  
James Buchanan  
Charlotte Burrell  
Valerie Callanan  
Kim Calvo  
Raymond Cox III  
Xuan-Hien Thi Dang  
Dennis Doverspike  
Sabine Ferran Gerhardt  
Sherry Gamble  
Ronald Gelleny  
Dmitry Golovaty  
Sadhian Jana  
Robert Kent  
Rita Klein  
Lala Krishna  
Paul Levy  
Gaurab Mahapatra  
Robert Malik  
Patricia Millhoff  
Mary Myers  
Michael Nelson  
Ramona Ortega-Liston  
Arthur Palacas  
Kelly Pond  
Brian Radesic  
Rolando Ramirez  
Susan Ramlo  
Morgan Robison  
Kathleen Ross-Alalololiki  
Lisa Shauver  
Michael Shott  
Amy Shriver Dreussi  
Sheryl Stevenson  
Linda Subich  
John Szabo  
David Toker  
A. Martin Wainwright  
John Zipp

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**UNIVERSITY INTERPRETERS**

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

August 25, Morning  
John Sederwall  

August 25, Afternoon  
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 64 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree, having completed a minimum of 32 credits at The University of Akron.

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

**Baccalaureate Honors Designation**

- **Cum Laude**— quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59
- **Magna Cum Laude**— quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79
- **Summa Cum Laude**— quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

**Associate Honors Designation**

- **With Distinction**— quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59
- **With High Distinction**— quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79
- **With Highest Distinction**— quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

**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.

Terry L. Bader
Stacy A. Collier
Alexandria Danielle Howard
Adam C. Hyser
Sachin Aahok Makati
Sana Rehman
Lisa M. Riedinger
Timothy I. Sommerfelt

**Presidential Scholars**

Presidential Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.25. Representing the top 10 percent of their high school classes when they entered the University as freshmen, Presidential Scholars have maintained at least that quality point ratio throughout their undergraduate careers.

Grace M. Farmer
Christopher L. Feyerchak
Jennifer A. Kannan
Elissa M. Ras
Dominique L. Richardson

**University Scholars**

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

University Scholars have completed honors courses, an honors colloquium sequence, and individually designed senior honors projects.

Angela M. Adkins
Clara Marie Allaman
Stacey R. Best
Christopher L. Feyerchak
Brandon M. Hall
Marc W. Jackson
Rachel A. Kraus
Michelle J. Melzer
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CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

August 25, 2007
Morning

College of Engineering

Founded 1914
Dean George K. Haritos

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ali A. Al-Quraishi
Engineering – Mechanical
BS, MS, Gannon University, PA
Dissertation: “The Deformation and Fracture Energy of Natural Rubber Under High Strain Rates”
Adviser: Dr. Michelle S. Hoo Fatt

Santu Chandra
Engineering – Mechanical
BTech, University of Kalyani, India; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Liquid Bridge Based Microgripping: A Novel Manipulation Scheme Using Electrowetting”
Adviser: Dr. Celal Batur

Carey F. Childers
Engineering – Applied Mathematics
BS, The Ohio State University; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Effective Properties of a Fiber Reinforced Composite with a Functionally Graded Transition”
Adviser: Dr. Kevin Kreider

Saru Dawar
Engineering – Chemical
BE, Panjab University, India
Dissertation: “Microscale Study of Drop Migration on Fibers in Coalescing Filters”
Adviser: Dr. George G. Chase

Dingfeng Deng
Engineering – Mechanical
BE, Wuhan University of Hydraulic & Electric Engineering, China
Dissertation: “A Numerical and Experimental Investigation of Taylor Flow Instabilities in Narrow Gaps and Their Relationship to Turbulent Flow in Bearings”
Adviser: Dr. Minel J. Braun

Cole S. Hamey
Engineering – Civil
BS, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Wieslaw Binienda

Yunguang Ji
Engineering – Mechanical
BE, Hebei University of Technology, China; MS, Beijing Institute of Technology, China
Dissertation: “Multiscale Investigations on Structural Properties and Mechanical Applications of Carbon Nanotube Sheets”
Adviser: Dr. Yueh-Jaw Lin

Sami Khorbotly
Engineering – Electrical
BE, Beirut Arab University; MS, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Joan Carletta

Debanjan Sarkar
Engineering – Chemical
BS, B.Tech, University of Calcutta, India; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Development and Characterization of L-Tyrosine Based Polyurethanes for Tissue Engineering Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Stephanie T. Lopina

Jong Boom Suh
Engineering – Mechanical
BS, MS, Hanyang University, Korea
Dissertation: “Stress Analysis of Rubber Blocks Under Vertical Loading and Shear Loading”
Adviser: Dr. Graham Kelly

Yiou Wang
Engineering – Mechanical
BE, Zhejiang University, China; MS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Numerical Study of Rapid Micromixers for Lab-on-a-Chip Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Jiang John Zhe

Zhiqiang Yu
Engineering – Chemical
BE, MS, Zhejiang University, China
Dissertation: “Transient Studies of Ni-Cu-Based Electrocatalysts in CH4 Solid Oxide Fuel Cell”
Adviser: Dr. Steven S. Chuang
College of Education

Founded 1921
Interim Dean Cynthia Flynn Capers

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jayoung L. Choi
Counseling Psychology
BA, Yonsei University, Korea;
MS, Case Western Reserve University
Dissertation: “Exploring the Cultural Validity of the College Student Reasons for Living Inventory with Asian American College Students”
Adviser: Dr. James Rogers

Jane M. Fink
Counselor Education and Supervision
BA, College of Wooster; MSSA, Case Western Reserve University
Dissertation: “The Role of the Social Cognitive Variables of Self-Efficacy, Locus of Control, Weight Loss, and Quality of Life in Post-Bariatric Surgery Patients”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Perosa

Rachel L. Huhra
Counseling Psychology
BA, Baldwin Wallace College; MA, University of Dayton
Dissertation: “Religious Coping as a Moderator of the Five Factor Model of Personality Traits and Alcohol Abuse Severity at Six-Month Follow-up in a Twelve Step Treatment Sample”
Adviser: Dr. Loreto R. Preito

Mary C. Nuosce
Counselor Education and Supervision
BS, University of Dayton; MA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Cynthia A. Reynolds

College of Fine and Applied Arts

Founded 1967
Interim Dean James M. Lynn

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Tiffany Allyson Baltes
Audiology
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Lauren L. Bolek
Audiology
BA, The Ohio State University
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Emily L. Drew
Audiology
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Heather Hall
Audiology
BS, West Liberty State College, WV
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Aaron Jay Messner
Audiology
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Nicoie T. Solar
Audiology
BA, College of Wooster
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Alecia Ann Sugar
Audiology
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Sharon A. Lesner

Shelley L. Waltonen-Moore
Secondary Education
BA, Walsh University; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “A Grounded Theory of Online Group Development as Seen in Asynchronous Threaded Discussion Boards”
Adviser: Dr. Qetler Jensrud

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Deborah A. Houchins
Educational Administration
BS Ed, Miami University; M. Ed, John Carroll University
Dissertation: “A Descriptive Study of Black Parent Expectations for Black Superintendents”
Adviser: Dr. Sandra Spickard Prettyman
CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES

College of Engineering
Founded 1914
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Sailaja Dharmanolla
James G. Hancock
Ramazan Komurcu
Kavitha Moorothy

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
Jigar Kiritbhai Deliwala
Girish Karumuri

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Vamsi Krishna Annavajjula
Casey J. Bakula
Minlan Duan
Saju Abraham Kuruvilla
Ding Ning
Nathan M. Picot
Christophe Xavier Salgues
Normajeann Selby
Douglas Scott Waggoner

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING
Venkateshwar Reddy Addula
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Vandana Adya
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Kamalakar Ambadipudi
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Soniya N. Bhopwani
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Snehal Khemchand Chokhandre
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Saket S. Kharsikar
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Aadhithya Krishnan
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Sriram Atreya Paturi
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Vidya Raja
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Rupesh P. Sawant
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Keerthi Srivastav Valluru
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Anusha Vishwanathan
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering
Tasha R. Williams
Engineering: Biomedical Engineering

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Donald R. Dentler
Ashish V. Jagtiani
Steven W. Kegg
Min Liu
Bharat Nagireddy
Robert N. Paciotti
Maitreyee Annuta Sarangi
Ruiwei Wu

College of Education
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MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
Abdel Nasser A. H. Abdel Razek
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Amanda L. Accavallo
Elementary Education – Literacy
Jon S. Antalvari, Jr.
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Janet L. Anthony
Elementary Education – Literacy
Erin E. Barr
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Timothy C. Baugess
Secondary Education
Robert B. Bell
Special Education
Bradley W. Beun
Principalship
Chiquita S. Bills
School Counseling
Michelle J. Bowes
Counseling – Marriage & Family Therapy
Claire Louise Brown
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Jeremy Scott Brueck
Principalship
Katherine M. Bush
Educational Administration – Higher Education Administration
Lynn M. Campbell
Elementary Education – Literacy
Julie Anne Carlson
Secondary Education
Richard R. Casenhiser
Principalship
Sandra L. Cline
Elementary Education – Literacy
Leslie J. Coffey
Elementary Education – Literacy
Chandra J. Collins
Elementary Education – Literacy
Betty M. Condren
Elementary Education – Literacy
Jodi Leigh Controw
Elementary Education – Literacy
Heather Marie Cox
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
Krystal D. Craddock
Educational Foundations – Instructional Technology
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Emily E. Smith
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Dissertation: “An Examination of the Applicability of Social Cognitive Career Theory for African American College Students”
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Urban Studies & Public Affairs
BA, MPA, University of the Virgin Islands
Dissertation: “Understanding Deviant Discretion: The Negative Effect of Emotional Dissonance on Correctional Officer’s Discretionary Decision-Making”
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BA, University of California; MA, The University of Akron
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Chemistry
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Dissertation: “Novel Synthesis of Derivatives of 1,2-Diimidazolyl-Benzene and Their Silver Carbene Complexes”
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BA, Baker University, KS; MA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Coming-Out Growth: Conceptualizing and Measuring Stress-Related Growth Associated with Coming out to Others as Gay or Lesbian”
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Chemistry
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