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PERFORMING ARTS HALL



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FALL 2007 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 15 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

PRELUDE MUSIC	<i>Suite of Carols</i> by Leroy Anderson The University of Akron Brass Choir Tucker Jolly, <i>Conductor</i>
FANFARE	<i>Ceremonial Piece</i> by William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir
PROCESSIONAL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Grand March</i> by Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> by Jeremiah Clarke The University of Akron Brass Choir
INVOCATION	December 15, Morning The Rev. Brian Kunkler <i>The Chapel, Akron</i> December 15, Afternoon The Rev. Melissa Carville-Ziemer <i>Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)</i> Led by Amanda R. Hermann <i>Graduate Student, College of Fine and Applied Arts</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Luis M. Proenza <i>President</i>
GREETINGS	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
MUSIC	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> by G.F. Handel The University of Akron Brass Choir
ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Luis M. Proenza
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Amanda R. Hermann The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the December 15 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Fine and Applied Arts, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, and Wayne College.

In the December 15 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Nursing, 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 <i>Op. 60 No. 16</i> by Matteo Carcassi <i>Op. 60 No. 10</i> <i>Op. 48 No. 23</i> by Mauro Giuliani <i>Etude in B Minor</i> by Fernando Sor <i>Allegro</i> by Domenico Scarlatti <i>Sonata</i> by Silvius Leopold Weiss <i>Prelude</i> <i>Allemande</i> <i>Courante</i> <i>Sarabande</i> <i>Bouree</i> <i>Minuet I, II</i> <i>Gisue</i> <i>Nuages</i> by Roland Dyens <i>Felicidade</i> Adam Sarata – Guitar
THE ALMA MATER	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 32.)</i> Led by Amanda R. Hermann The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2007	December 15, Morning Louwana Oliva ('85) <i>National Alumni Board</i> December 15, Afternoon Sam DeShazior ('93) <i>National Alumni Board</i>
STUDENT RESPONSE	December 15, Morning Jason Kuzman December 15, Afternoon Matthew L. Severs
THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD	The University of Akron Brass Choir
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Luis M. Proenza
BENEDICTION	December 15, Morning The Rev. Brian Kunkler December 15, Afternoon The Rev. Melissa Carville-Ziemer
POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL	<i>(The audience will be seated.)</i> <i>Suite</i> 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 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:

White	Arts and Sciences
Drab	Business
Silver	Summit College, Associate's
Black	Summit College, Bachelor's
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 continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

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

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



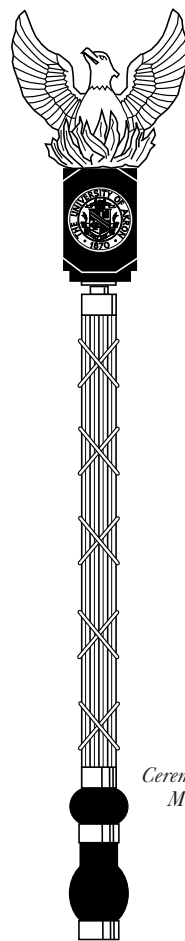
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

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



Ceremonial Mace

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President

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and Dean, Graduate School*

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Deans

Ronald F. Levant
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

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*School of Law
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College of Nursing

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

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 15, 2007
Morning

University Marshal

Alona I. Coleman

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.
Cynthia Mako-Robinson

Faculty Marshal

Neil Sapienza

Assistant Marshals

Carolyn Anderson
Andrea Brewer
Donald Canary
Roberta DePompei
Ali Dhinojwala
Patricia Eaglewolf
Margaret Kernan
William Kraus
Marcia Main
Eileen Pennisi
Tammi Sawyer

December 15, 2007
Afternoon

University Marshal

Donald V. Laconi

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby, Jr.
LaVerne Yousey

Faculty Marshal

John Szabo

Assistant Marshals

Julia Beckett
Cheryl Buchanan
Patricia Eaglewolf
Charlene Kemp-Queener
David Licate
Thomas Lukach
Sergei Lyuksyutov
Linda Marx
Vicki Rostedt
Linda Subich
Kathryn Wieland

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

December 15, Morning

Dudley B. Turner
Assistant Dean (Interim)
College of Fine and Applied Arts

Heather L. Walter
Associate Professor,
Communication
College of Fine and Applied Arts

December 15, Afternoon

Thomas G. Beck
General Manager, WZIP-FM
Adjunct Assistant Professor,
Communication
College of Fine and Applied Arts

Kathleen D. Clark
Associate Professor,
Communication
College of Fine and Applied Arts

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

December 15, 2007 Morning

Ala Abbas
Celal Batur
Wieslaw Binienda
Joan Carletta
Michael Cheung
Bridgie Ford
Richard Glotzer
William Guegold
Karen Herrington
Karin Jordan
Rachele Kappler
Mona Klingler
Del Ray Lovén
Mary Jo MacCracken
Michele Mills
Barbara O'Connor
Cynthia Reynolds
Robert Schwartz
Mary Shelton
Sherry Simms
Stephen Skiles
Nancy Somerick
Mark Soppeland
Bruce Taylor
Mary Triece
Robert Veillette
Helen Walkerly
Guo-Xiang Wang
Evonn Welton
Sylvia White
Joe Wilson
Doug Woods
Baomei Zhao

December 15, 2007 Afternoon

Sonia Alemagno
Roland Arter
Brian Bagatto
Linda Barrett
Eric Birdsall
Constance Bouchard
Marie Bright Cobb
Akhilesh Chandra
Daniel Coffey
Bruce Cushing
David Devany
Dennis Doverspike
Kenneth Dunning
Cheryl Elman
Michael Ferrara
Suzanne Gradisher
William Hauser
Jon Hawes
Gwendolyn Jones
Sukanya Kemp
Mary Agnes Kendra
Rita Klein
Kathy Liszka
Joseph LiVecchi
Robert Mallik
John Matejkovic
Timothy Mehlberg
Steven Myers
Lisa Park-Boush
David Perry
Robert Pope
Antonio Quesada
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki
Jeffry Schantz
Robert Schwartz
Michael Shott
David Stark
Baffour Takyi
Matthew Wyszynski

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

December 15, Morning
John Sederwall

December 15, Afternoon
John Sederwall

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Howard L. Calhoun will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

HOWARD L. CALHOUN

A highly respected attorney and civic citizen, Howard L. Calhoun has devoted considerable time and energy to a number of professional, private and civic organizations.

Mr. Calhoun earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State Moritz College of Law in 1950. He embarked on a successful law career, acting as a sole practitioner for 54 years. Mr. Calhoun was involved primarily in general litigation with emphasis on personal injury and family law. After a short stint with the law firm of Calhoun, Waddell and Hunt, he joined the firm of Roderick Linton, LLP in 2005. Mr. Calhoun is active in probate court practice, business law and real property law, and is admitted to the practice of law in the various courts of Ohio, as well as in the federal court system. He is a member of the Ohio state and local bar associations.

Ohio Governor Bob Taft appointed Mr. Calhoun to The University of Akron Board of Trustees on July 24, 2006, to complete the term of another trustee. Mr. Calhoun served the Board and the University with distinction as a member of the Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee, the External Affairs Committee, and the Rules Committee. His term ended in July 2007.

In addition to his efforts for The University of Akron, Mr. Calhoun lends his expertise and energy to several organizations and groups throughout the state. He has provided service to the Family Services Society of Summit County, the Ohio Wildlife Council, the Board of Trustees of Cedar Development Inc., and the Akron Bar Association. Mr. Calhoun also is an honorary member of The Ohio State University's School of Natural Resources Alumni.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Graduation With Distinction

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

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

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

Baccalaureate Honors Designation

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.

Craig M. Rohner
Aaron Dale Wise

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% 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.

Jennifer L. Cocklin
Jason L. Kuzman

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.

Clara Marie Allaman
Benjamin S. Bloss
Emily E. Cotton
Stacy L. Conte
Asad A. Dahir
Angela M. Durnan
Mallory Lynn Ebie
Jason S. Falsone
Alexandra D. Golem
Jennifer L. Harris
Adam R. Haynes
Eric D. Heller
Allana M. Mancino
Scott M. McKendrick
Mia A. Messina
Ryan A. Miller
Steve E. Orsako III
Craig M. Rohner
Lydia Rummell
Leah C. Singleton
Emily R. Trettel
Aaron Dale Wise
Brittany N. Wolonsky

Distinguished Students

The Distinguished Student Program recognizes and encourages excellence among academically talented students at Wayne College. Distinguished Students have completed their degree studies and the requirements of the Distinguished Student Program with a cumulative quality point ratio of at least 3.40.

Christopher A. Anders
Denise K. Kisilewicz
Brianna J. Polk

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 15, 2007
Morning

College of Engineering

Founded 1921

Dean George K. Haritos

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Suneel Ranga Sai Battula

Engineering – Biomedical
BE, Vivekanand Education Society's
Institute of Technology, India;
MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Experimental and
Numerical Evaluation of the
Pullout Strength of Self-tapping
Bone Screws in Normal and
Osteoporotic Bone"

Adviser: Dr. Glen O. Nijus

Santanu Chanra

Engineering – Mechanical
B Tech, University of Kalyani, India;
MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Liquid Bridge Based
Microgripping: A Novel
Manipulation Scheme Using
Electrowetting"

Adviser: Dr. Celal Batur

Mohammad Faizan

Engineering – Mechanical
BS, MS, Aligarh Muslim University,
India

Dissertation: "Experimental Study
and Modeling of Metal Dissolution
and Intermetallic Compound
Growth During Soldering"

Adviser: Dr. Guo-Xiang Wang

Juntao Fei

Engineering – Mechanical
BE, Anhui Institute of Technology,
China; ME, University of Science &
Technology of China; MS, The
University of Akron

Dissertation: "Adaptive Sliding
Mode Control with Application to a
MEMS Vibratory Gyroscope"

Adviser: Dr. Celal Batur

Firas H. Hassan

Engineering – Electrical
BE, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

Dissertation: "Real-Time
Embedded Algorithms for Local
Tone Mapping of High Dynamic
Range Images"

Adviser: Dr. Joan Carletta

Samer Rateb Rabab'ah

Engineering – Civil
BS, MS, Jordan University of Science &
Technology

Dissertation: "Integrated
Assessment of Free Draining Base
and Subbase Materials Under
Flexible Pavement"

Adviser: Dr. Robert Liang

Feng Sun

Engineering – Mechanical
BE, ME, University of Science and
Technology, China

Dissertation: "An Integrated
Model of Heat Transfer and Tissue
Freezing in Cutaneous and
Hepatic Cryosurgery"

Adviser: Dr. Guo-Xiang Wang

Moh'd M. Yamin

Engineering – Civil
BE, ME, Jordan University of Science &
Technology

Dissertation: "Landslide
Stabilization Using A Single Row
of Rock-Socketed Drilled Shafts
and Analysis of Laterally Loaded
Drilled Shafts Using Shaft
Deflection Data"

Adviser: Dr. Robert Liang

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

Guihua Zhang

Engineering – Mechanical
BE, Northwestern Polytechnical
University, China; MS, The University
of Akron

Dissertation: "Development of
Numerical Approaches to Ductile
and Cleavage Fracture"

Adviser: Dr. Xiaosheng Gao

Qin Zhang

Engineering – Chemical
BS, MS, Zhejiang University, China

Dissertation: "Collection of
Trichoderma Reesei Cellulase by
Foaming"

Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Daihua Zheng

Engineering – Civil
BE, Harbin University of Civil
Engineering & Architecture, China;
MSE, Northern Jiaotong University,
China

Dissertation: "Low Velocity Impact
Analysis of Composite Laminated
Plates"

Adviser: Dr. Wieslaw K. Binienda

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES (CONT.)

College of Education

Founded 1921

Interim Dean Cynthia Flynn
Capers

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brian A. Chopko

Counselor Education and Supervision
BA, M. Ed, Kent State University
Dissertation: "The Relationship
Between Mindfulness and
Posttraumatic Growth in Law
Enforcement Officers"
Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Schwartz

Molly Havnen Cox

Counselor Education and Supervision
BA, Tulane University, LA; MS, Tarleton
State University, TX
Dissertation: "The Similarity of
Mothers' and Daughters' Coping
Style, and Its Relationship to
Disordered Eating"
Adviser: Dr. Robert Schwartz

Tricia C. Leonard

Counselor Education and Supervision
BA, MA Ed, The University of Akron
Dissertation: "A Psychometric
Investigation of the 'Symptom
Relief Checklist for Dissociative
Disorders': Underlying Factor
Structure, Reliability, & Validity"
Adviser: Dr. Sandra Perosa

Claudia J. Sadler-Gerhardt

Counselor Education and Supervision
BSN, University of Cincinnati;
MA, Ashland Theological Seminary
Dissertation: "'And Then What
Happened?': The Lived
Experiences of Breast Cancer
Survivors and Their Stories of
Change and Meaning"
Adviser: Dr. Cynthia A. Reynolds

College of Fine and Applied Arts

Founded 1988

Interim Dean James M. Lynn

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Andrea Marie Tarter

Audiology
BA, The University of Akron
Adviser: Dr. Sharon Lesner

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Founded 1988

Dean Stephen Z.D. Cheng

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Juan M. Adames

Polymer Engineering
BE, National University of Colombia
Dissertation: "Characterization of
Polymeric Binders for Metal
Injection Molding (MIM) Process"
Adviser: Dr. Arkady I. Leonov

Dae U. Ahn

Polymer Engineering
BE, Inha University, Korea;
MSE, Seoul National University, Korea
Dissertation: "Well-Aligned
3-Dimensional Self-Assembly in
Block Copolymers and Their
Nanotechnological Applications"
Adviser: Dr. Erol Sancaktar

Burak Begen

Polymer Science
BS, Bogazici University, Turkey
Dissertation: "Influence of
Pressure on Fast Dynamics in
Polymers"
Adviser: Dr. Alexi P. Sokolov

Antonio Carrillo

Polymer Engineering
BS, MS, Universidad Autonoma de
Chihuahua, Mexico
Dissertation: "Residual Stresses
and Birefringence in Gas-Assisted
Injection Molding of Amorphous
Polymers: Simulation and
Experiment"
Adviser: Dr. Avraam I. Isayev

Xiaoli Chai

Polymer Science
BE, Beijing University of Chemical
Technology, China

Dissertation: “Reinforcement and
Cut Growth in Swollen and
Unswollen Filled Rubber
Compounds”

Adviser: Dr. Gary R. Hamed

Ibrahim Eryazici

Polymer Science
BS, Bogazici University, Turkey

Dissertation: “Supramolecular
Chemistry of Functionalized
Terpyridines”

Adviser: Dr. George R. Newkome

Atanas V. Gagov

Polymer Engineering
BE, Technical University – Sofia,
Bulgaria

Dissertation: “Instabilities in
Elongation Flows of Polymers at
High Deborah Numbers”

Adviser: Dr. Arkady I. Leonov

Tao Han

Polymer Science
BE, Beijing University of Chemical
Technology, China; ME, Tsinghua
University, China

Dissertation: “Electrospinning and
Nanofibers”

Adviser: Dr. Darrell H. Reneker

Ryan Douglas Hartschuh

Polymer Science
BA, College of Wooster

Dissertation: “Optical Spectroscopy
of Nanostructured Materials”

Adviser: Dr. Alexi P. Sokolov

Sinan Li

Polymer Engineering
BE, ME, Nanjing University of Science
& Technology, China

Dissertation: “Design and
Construction of Nanoarchitectural
Metal Derivatives-Carbon
Nanotube Hybrids”

Adviser: Dr. George R. Newkome

Rushikesh A. Matkar

Polymer Engineering
BE, University of Mumbai, India

Dissertation: “Phase Diagrams and
Kinetics of Solid-Liquid Phase
Transitions in Crystalline Polymer
Blends”

Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

Kumar Nanjundiah

Polymer Science
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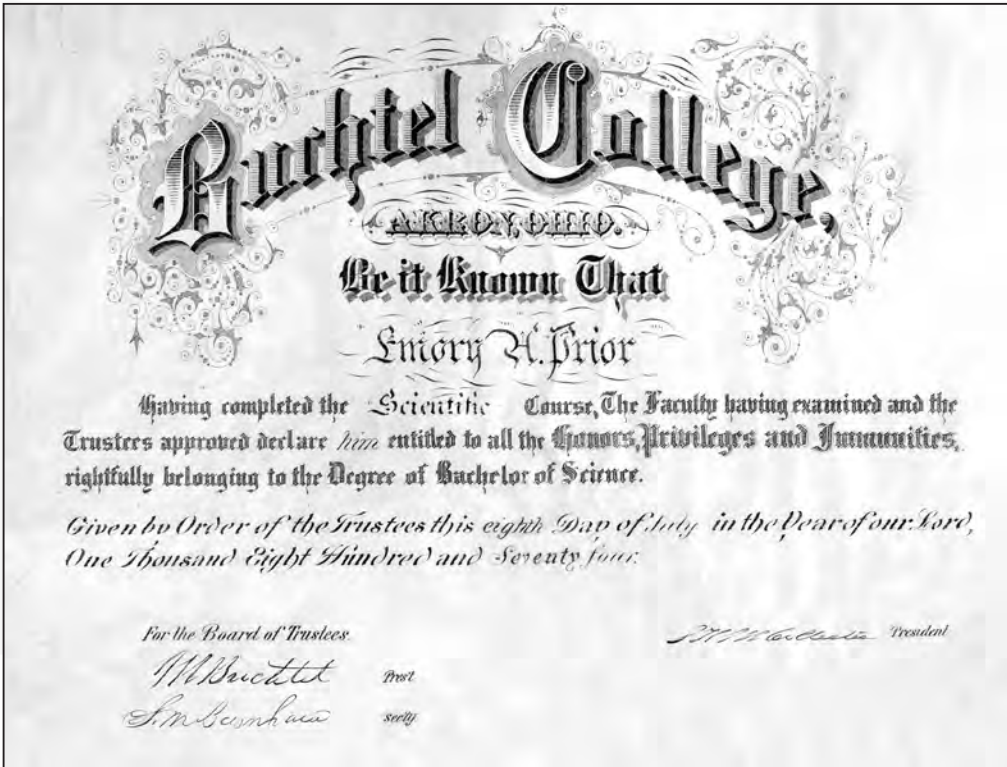
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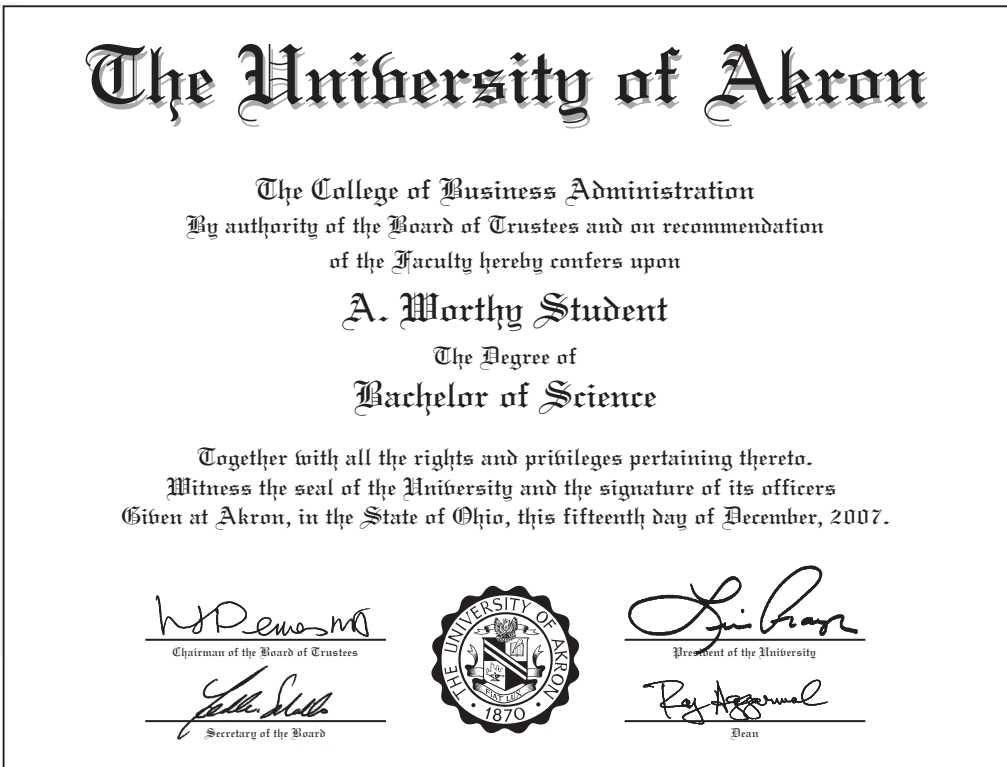
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UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS



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



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

STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHTEL



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

THE ALMA MATER

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

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

Chorus

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

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

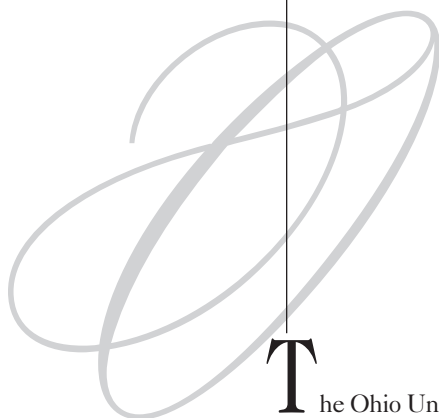
The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901-1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as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

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

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

The University of Akron's fight song, "The Akron Blue and Gold," was written in 1939 by Fred Waring, nationally known composer and leader of the wildly-popular band, "Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians." In response to a request from the University's student newspaper, Waring wrote "a distinctive song" for The University of Akron. "The Akron Blue and Gold" premiered over his NBC hookup on November 17, 1939, and has been used as the University's fight song ever since.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



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 fund-raising 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 launched, have proven him right. With an enrollment of 24,700 students from throughout Ohio, the United States, and 79 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 17 doctoral degree programs and four law degrees. Since 1914, the University has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and it is currently classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution. Today, more than 138,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

This program is not an official graduation list.

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.

