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SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

May 10 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; May 11 at 2 p.m.
Luis M. Proenza, President of The University of Akron, Presiding

PRELUDE MUSIC
Psalm XIX by Benedito Marcello
I Love My Love by Gustav Holst
Rag Time Dance by Scott Joplin
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
May 10, Morning
The Rev. Clyde K. Foster
St. Bernard Catholic Church, Akron
May 10, Afternoon
The Rev. Sandra F. Selby
Furnace Street Mission, Akron
May 11, Afternoon
Mr. Paul Pamer
Apostolic Church of Barberton

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)
Led by Amanda 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
Bugler’s Dream by Leo Arnaud
The University of Akron Brass Choir

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES
May 10, Morning
Roy Church
President, Lorain County Community College
May 10, Afternoon
Luis M. Proenza
President, The University of Akron
May 11, Afternoon
Luis M. Proenza
President, The University of Akron

In the May 10 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Fine and Applied Arts, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, and Summit College.
In the May 10 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Education and College of Nursing.
In the May 11 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration and Wayne College.
The University’s Graduate School will participate in the May 10 and May 11 ceremonies.
In the May 18 ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the School of Law.
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ............... (The audience will remain seated.)
Amanda R. Hermann
The University of Akron Brass Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ............... The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees
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The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees
Prelude by J.S. Bach
2 Etudes by Matteo Carcassi
2 Etudes by Heitor Villa Lobos
Prelude by Heitor Villa Lobos
Sonata by S.L. Weiss
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Neo by Roland Dyens (Django Reinhardt)
Adam Sarata – Guitar

THE ALMA MATER ...................... (The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 45.)
Led by Amanda R. Hermann
The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2008 ............... May 10, Morning
Beth Kartarius ('84)
National Alumni Board
May 10, Afternoon
Brian Cherkala ('78)
National Alumni Board
May 11, Afternoon
Michael Batu ('92)
National Alumni Board

STUDENT RESPONSE ................. May 10, Morning
Lucretia Rae Foulk
May 10, Afternoon
Erica Portis
May 11, Afternoon
Kyle Bohland

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD ........... The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS .................... Luis M. Proenza

BENEDICTION ....................... May 10, Morning
The Rev. Clyde K. Foster
May 10, Afternoon
The Rev. Sandra F. Selby
May 11, Afternoon
Mr. Paul Pamer

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

*Presentation of candidates are 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.

**Academic Processional & Ceremonial Customs**

**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.

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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Vice Chair
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Vice Chair
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Edward L. Bittle
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Vice President for Research, and Dean, Graduate School
James L. Sage
Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

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Ronald F. Levant
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
Raj Aggarwal
College of Business Administration
Cynthia F. Capers
College of Education (Interim)
George K. Haritos
College of Engineering
James M. Lynn
College of Fine and Applied Arts (Interim)
George R. Newkome
Graduate School
Dale H. Mugler
Honors College

Martin H. Belsky
School of Law
N. Margaret Wineman
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
May 10, 2008

**UNIVERSITY MARSHALS**

**May 10, 2008 Morning**

**Marshal**
Charles J. Fey

**Associate Marshals**
Donald Appleby Jr.
LaVerne Yousey

**Faculty Marshal**
Neil Sapienza

**Assistant Marshals**
Kevin Concannon
Patricia Eaglewolf
Rebecca Gibson-Lee
Yvonne Gillette
Richard Glotzer
William Kraus
David Licate
Tanya Lundy
Mary Myers
Tammi Sawyer
Priscilla Smith
Sarah Thorley
Deborah Webber

**May 10, 2008 Afternoon**

**Marshal**
James R. Emore

**Associate Marshals**
Donald Appleby Jr.
Cynthia Mako-Robinson

**Faculty Marshal**
Ruth Oswald

**Assistant Marshals**
Donald Canary
Martha Conrad
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathleen Horning
Marlene Huff
Rachele Kappler
Margaret Kernen
Maryhelen Kreidler
Marcia Main
Eileen Pennisi

May 11, 2008

**UNIVERSITY MARSHALS**

**May 11, 2008 Afternoon**

**Marshal**
Oletha Thompson

**Associate Marshals**
Donald Appleby Jr.
William Kraus

**Faculty Marshal**
Sucharita Ghosh

**Assistant Marshals**
Thomas Dukes
Patricia Eaglewolf
Daniel Ely
Kathryn Feltey
Jane Fink
Laura K. Gross
Jennifer Hodges
Deborah King
Michael Shott
Dimitre Stefanov
Andrew Thomas
Stephen Washington
Kathryn Wieland

**UNIVERSITY ORATORS**

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

May 10, Morning

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

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

May 10, Afternoon

Christine R. Curry  
*Director, Alumni Association*

Patricia Hill  
*Associate Professor,*  
*Communication*  
*College of Fine and Applied Arts*

May 11, 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*
UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

May 10, 2008
Morning
Carolyn Anderson
Charles Beneke
John Boal
William Brittain
NJ Brown
Eston Brown
Charlotte Burrell
Cinda Chima
Renee Croskey
Gerge DiSabato
Zarreen Farooqi
Jamal Feerasta
Pamela Garn-Nunn
Sabine Gerhardt
William Guegold
Terry Hallett
Kate Harmon
Sandra Hudak
Sadhan Jana
Dwayne Jones
Sukanya Kemp
Thomas Lukach
Timothy Mehilberg
Michele Mills
Randy Pope
Coleen Pugh
Erol Sancaktar
Robert M. Schwartz
Stephen Skiles
Tom Smith
Kelly Weber
Mary Williams
Nikki Wingerson
Sheldon Wrice

May 10, 2008
Afternoon
Ala Abbas
Francis Broadway
Fred Choy
Catherine Cutlip
Alex De Abreu
Marguerite DiMarco
Edward Evans
Harold Foster
James D. Frampton
Irene Glamville
Margaret Halter
Karen Herrington
Karin Jordan
Lu-Kwang Ju
S. Graham Kelly
Rita Klein
Lynn Kline
Jennifer Krutilla
Lisa Lenthart
Mary Jo MacCracken
M. Patrice McCarthy
Susan Olson
Katharine Owens
Maria Pappas-Rogich
Patricia Parr
Jacqueline Peck
James Rogers
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki
Cheryl Sadler
Robert Schwartz
Carrie Scotto
Carolyn Sutter
Mary Verstraete
John Welch
Ping Yi

May 11, 2008
Afternoon
Prithviraj Banerjee
Mary Biddinger
Tony Bisconti
Todd Blackledge
Stephen Brooks
Akilesh Chandra
Andre Christie-Mizell
Raymond Cox
Zhong-Hui Duan
R. Joel Duff
Christopher Eustis
Ray Gehani
Lesley Gordon
Susan Hardin
John Huss
Michael Jaelbert
Eryn Kalbfleisch
Il-Woon Kim
Jutta Luettmer-Strathmann
Patsy Malavite
Robert Mallik
Susanne Meehan
Stacey Noziger
Emeka Ofobike
Lisa Park-Boush
Jayprakash Patankar
Francesco Renna
Martha Santos
Loren Siebert
Prashant Srivastava
Margaret Stephens
Claire A. Tessier
William Thelein
Andrew Thomas
Gerald Young
Susan Young

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

May 10, Morning
Lori Palmer

May 10, Afternoon
Lori Palmer

May 11, Afternoon
John Sederwall
Dr. Roy A. Church will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

ROY A. CHURCH

Building collaborative initiatives with business, organized labor, government and other higher education institutions are among the hallmarks of the career of Dr. Roy A. Church, president of Lorain County Community College (LCCC). In March 2007, Dr. Church and University of Akron President Dr. Luis M. Proenza announced the formation of the Innovation Alliance to enhance the region’s competitiveness and create a center of excellence in innovation. The collaboration aligned the strengths and resources of the two institutions to accelerate educational efficiency, knowledge creation and economic development within an area between the campuses designated as the Innovation Corridor.

The two institutions share other collaborations as well. The University and LCCC have multiple agreements concerning credit transfers, particularly in the areas of nursing, business, technical education and general education courses.

Another focus of Dr. Church’s career is the improvement of program articulation and credit transfers from community colleges to universities that grant baccalaureate and graduate degrees. He has worked for the creation of comprehensive community higher education centers for local communities to access education from K-12 level through graduate studies. Dr. Church majored in health and physical education at State University of New York, Cortland, N.Y. Upon graduation in 1968, he taught at a junior high school in Rome, N.Y. He moved to Florida, and from 1969 – 1973, earned a master of education degree and a doctor of education degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. While pursuing those graduate degrees, Dr. Church served as an assistant professor in health sciences, and later as dean of students at St. Joseph College in Jensen Beach, Fla.

In 1973 he joined the administration of Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., as assistant to the president, and advanced to the positions of dean of academic affairs for the north campus, and provost of the south campus. Dr. Church was appointed vice president of academic affairs and student services at St. Petersburg Junior College in 1981, and held that position until he was named president of LCCC in 1987.

Dr. Church is very active in his community and profession. He is co-chair of the Ohio Board of Regents’ Articulation and Transfer Council, and serves as a member of the Regent’s Advisory Committees on Workforce Development and Technology Infrastructure and the Governor’s Workforce Policy Board. Dr. Church also is vice chair of the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education; serves as a member on the Fund for Our Economic Future Funders’ Steering Committee; co-chairs the Innovation Alliance; serves on the Notch Board and chairs the Talent Sub-Committee of its Information Technology Initiative. Other service includes the boards of Business Volunteers Unlimited, JumpStart, WVIZ/PBS and 90.3 WCPN Ideastream Board, and the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET).

Dr. Church chaired the United Way Campaign and served as board president of the United Way of Greater Lorain County. He was board chairman of Lorain County 2020, a county visioning organization, and currently serves as secretary-treasurer of the Great Lakes Organized Labor/Management Council.

Dr. Church is a board member of The Great Lakes Innovation and Development Enterprise, The Center for Leadership in Education, the Lorain County Workforce Institute, Team Lorain County, South Shore Community Development Corporation, Lorain County Port Authority, El Centro de Servicios Sociales, the Lorain County Urban League and the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce.
Richard L. Hansford will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

RICHARD L. HANSFORD

Richard L. Hansford, dean emeritus of student services, was the chief administrator of student affairs at The University of Akron for 28 years. During that time the institution’s enrollment grew from less than 5,000 students to more than 26,000. Dean Hansford established UA’s offices of student financial aid and employment; academic counseling and advising; career planning and placement; counseling and testing; residence life and housing; and student health services. He originated the concepts and wrote the proposals for the University Honors Program and the Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities, and is even credited as the person who suggested that the University select a kangaroo as school mascot.

Born in Elkins, W.Va., Dean Hansford was four years old when his father died and the family moved to Akron. During his high school years, his family lived in a house on the site of what is now Bierce Library.

He enrolled at the University in 1941, but six months later volunteered for pilot training in the Army Air Corps. He could not become a pilot because of colorblindness, so Dean Hansford enlisted in the infantry shortly before Pearl Harbor. As a 1st sergeant with the 123rd Infantry, Dean Hansford saw combat in the Pacific and earned, among other awards, a bronze star with two oak leaf clusters.

After the war, he re-enrolled at the University, where he was elected Student Council and Student Body president. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education “with distinction” in 1949, and earned a master’s in education in 1958. Two months before graduation in 1949, he accepted a one-year internship as assistant adviser of men. Dean Hansford was promoted to adviser of men in 1950, assistant director of student personnel in 1955, director of student personnel in 1957, dean of student services in 1961. He was named vice president and dean of student services in 1969, and held that post until his retirement in 1985.

As head of student services, Dean Hansford worked to build a relationship of openness and respect with the student body. “When the students know the facts of a situation,” he told an interviewer in the wake of the Kent State shootings in 1970, “most respond in a responsible manner.” Never was the wisdom of this philosophy made clearer than the day of the Kent shootings. When a group of about 1,500 students, outsiders and police converged at the corner of Brown and Buchtel, Dean Hansford moved into the crowd and talked with people from all sides. Reason and peace prevailed that day and for many that followed. During the years of student unrest on U.S. college campuses, most state universities in Ohio closed for weeks. Akron closed for only two days.

Students have established four awards in Dean Hansford’s name – the Dean’s Cup, recognizing the outstanding fraternity on campus; the Desiderata Award for outstanding sorority chapter; the Richard L. Hansford Residence Hall Honorary, which has won the Outstanding National Chapter of the Year award five time since 1990 and most recently in 2007; and the Hansford Student Emergency Loan Program.

Dean Hansford received The University of Akron Alumni Honor Award for Excellence in University Service in 1994, and the Varsity “A” Award in 2002.

Dean Hansford and his wife, Barbara, reside in Akron.
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.

Sarah M. Antonucci
Michael A. Avon
John M. Bishel
Jenell D. Brownlee
Steven J. Burkhart
Sadie R. Connelly
Lindsey R. Damron
Nicholas A. Davis
Jason D. Frampton
Matthew P. Hirschfelt
Karen L. Hodermarsky
Michael S. Hoffman
Jessie C. Houck
Julie M. Hritz
Joshua A. Huff
Todd D. Jackson
Jessica L. Kent
Stephen D. Lamb
Candice J. Maurer
Acacia L. McCallum
Erin E. McCullough
Kevin M. McPherson
Kelly A. Meyer
Lindsay K. Miller
Joseph J. Mobley
Michelle L. Mudry
Jared J. Oldaker
Lauren Marie Oldfield
Michael J. Oliver, Jr.
Danelle M Pope
Susanna O. Ratsavong
Scott A. Sheaffer
Jaclyn E. Shuman
Bryan S. Simmons
Nathan W. Stump
Andrew J. Troussant
Luke T. Trowbridge
Daniel P. VanBoxel
Patrick Thomas Vielhaber
Jessica M. Warntz
Brittany Widner
Laura B. Young

**Presidental 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.

Rachel E. Amick
Gregory D. Blough
Katie A. Chizmadia
Sarah D. Crouse
April L. Engle
Benjamin E. Franjesveic
Karl W. Geyer
Kristen K. Gillen
Aaron J. Haynes
Jonathan D. Hendrix
Krista M. Holderman
Sonja K. Holmgren
Erika K. Hnt
Micah J. Loundermillk
Kristen A. Mangillliss
Audra E. McCoury
Emily E. McDonough
Brandon L. Miller
Thomas Andrew Mokesli
Matthew E. Philips
Coda C. Pritchard
Tyler E. Schnug
Jennifer E. Seymour
Valerie G. Shiderly
Andrew D. Stankovich
Andrew D. Stevens
Ashlee R. Zimmerman

**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 K. Almasy
Rachel E. Amick
Sarah M. Antonucci
Branden M. Archer
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.

The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (a consortium of The University of Akron, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University) will graduate its twenty-seventh class on May 17, 2008. Nineteen of the students who will receive M.D. degrees conferred by NEOUCOM completed their B.S. degrees on the Akron campus.
Degree Candidates
May 10, 2008
Morning

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

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Feina Cao
Polymer Engineering
BS, Zhejiang University, China
Dissertation: “Shape Memory Polyurethane Nanocomposites”
Adviser: Dr. Jana C. Sadhan

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

Ruby Chakraborty
Polymer Engineering
BS, MS, Indian Institute of Technology, India
Dissertation: “Development of Novel Cycloaliphatic Siloxanes for Thermal and UV-Curable Applications”
Adviser: Dr. Mark D. Soucek

Ling Du
Polymer Engineering
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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 eleventh day of May, 2008.

[Signatures]

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 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.
This program is not an official graduation list.

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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 seven 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 140,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.