

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*End Fall
Commencement*

DECEMBER 13, 2025

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FALL 2025

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 13 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D., '90, '95, *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

PRELUDE MUSIC	(All preludes begin 30 minutes before the ceremony.) Sonata No. 12 Johann Pezel Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello Sussex Mummers' Carol Percy Grainger Alleluia G.F. Handel The University of Akron Brass Choir Jim Johnson, <i>Conductor</i>
FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL	(The audience will remain seated.) Procession of the Scholars William Harbinson The University of Akron Brass Choir
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	(The audience is invited to stand and sing.) Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key Led by Jacob Zingery Student, School of Music performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION . . .	Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95 <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
GREETINGS	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	December 13, Morning Kaitlin Wile December 13, Afternoon Aidan Winkhart
ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95 <i>President, The University of Akron</i>

In the December 13 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business.

In the December 13 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science and the College of Health and Human Sciences.

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**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

**WELCOME OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TO THE CLASS OF 2025** William Kollman 'o8, '1o
Vice President, University Engagement
Executive Director, The Alumni Association

THE ALMA MATER. *(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 30.)*
The University of Akron Alma Mater Augustus Church
Led by Jacob Zingery
Student, School of Music
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '9o, '95
President, The University of Akron

RECESSIONAL. *The Akron Blue and Gold* Fred Waring
Pomp & Circumstance March No. 1 Edward Elgar
Pomp & Circumstance March No. 4 Edward Elgar
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

The ceremonial customs of commencement, rooted in centuries-old tradition, are described below.

ProceSSIONal

The academic procession is an official prelude to the commencement ceremony. University marshals lead the procession, followed by the assembled degree candidates, marching in order of degree earned. Following the candidates are the members of each represented college's faculty. Next come the platform party, including Trustees, administrative officers, and recipient(s) of honorary degrees. Finally, the University Marshal, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and the state, is immediately followed by the president of the University.

Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement are 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 arose 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, professors adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today's commencement 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, 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.

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 associates 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.

Colors

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

Apricot	Nursing
Drab	Business
Gold	Doctoral
Light Blue	Education and Counseling
Orange	Engineering and Polymer Science
Peacock	Disaster Science and Emergency Services
Pink	Music
Purple	Law
Silver	Arts and Sciences Associate's
Teal	Health and Human Sciences
White	Arts and Sciences Bachelor's
Citron	Social Work and Child and Family Development

The University Seal

A seal is an emblem, symbol or word that certifies or authenticates 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 with 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).



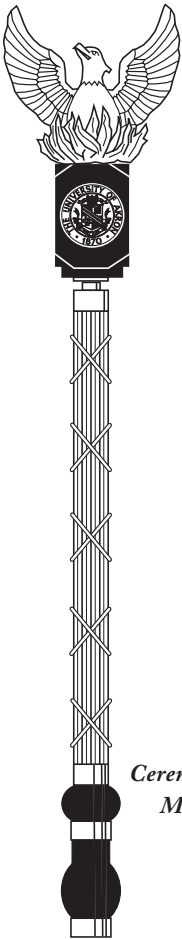
University Seal

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 aforementioned rising phoenix, an apt symbol for the University, which was rebuilt, through the generous support of alumni and the community, from the ashes of Buchtel College after it burned down in 1899.



Ceremonial Mace

UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Honorary Degree*

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UNIVERSITY

OFFICERS & DEANS

Officers

Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95
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and Provost and Interim Dean
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Ann Usher, PH.D.
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
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Craig C. Menzemer, PH.D.
*College of Engineering
and Polymer Science*

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College of Business (Interim)

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College of Health and Human Sciences

Emily Janoski-Haehlen, J.D.
School of Law

Aimée L. deChambeau, PH.D.
University Libraries

Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, PH.D.
'95, '97, '18
*The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College*

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 13,
Morning

Marshal

John Goodell, PH.D.
Professor
Department of Finance

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

December 13,
Afternoon

Marshal

Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, PH.D.
Interim Director
School of Exercise & Nutrition

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Julia Coulman and Bethany Svoboda.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

December 13, Morning

Steve Ash, PH.D.
Kate Budd, MFA
Mary Biddinger, PH.D.
Vanja Djuric, DBA '06, '13
William Donovan, PH.D.
Nicholas Glenn, PH.D.
Latoria Hamilton
Nadeesha Jayaweera, PH.D.
Ashley Wain, PH.D. '11, '12, '15
Mark Welfley

December 13, Afternoon

Stephanie Davis-Dieringer, '01, '02
Zarreen Farooqi, PH.D. '15
K. Todd Houston, PH.D., CCC-SLP, LSLs CERT., AVT
Timothy McCarragher, PH.D., LISW-S
Timothy Meyers, PH.D.
Anil Patnaik, PH.D.
Dave Roke, PH.D.
Linda Saliga, PH.D.
Hossein Tavana, PH.D.
Stacy Willett, Ed.D. '00, '01, '10

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 60 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree or baccalaureate 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 60 or more credits earned

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 or Baccalaureate Honors Designation

30 or more credits earned

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

Williams Honors Scholars

Williams Honors Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors and of the Williams Honors College with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.40. The Williams 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. Williams Honors Scholars have completed honors courses, an honors colloquium sequence and individually designed senior honors projects.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 13, 2025
Morning

Buchtel College
of Arts and Sciences

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

E. Ashley Bair

Integrated Bioscience

M.S., The University of Akron;
B.S., Case Western Reserve University

Dissertation: “Experimental
Analysis and Predictive Modeling
of Copper Algacide-Induced
Microcystin Release Dynamics”

Advisers: Dr. Francisco “Paco”
Moore, Dr. Christopher Miller,
and Dr. John Senko

Wei-Yuan Chen

Chemistry

M.S., University of Akron;
B.S., Chang Gung University

Dissertation: “From Knoevenagel
Condensation to Ring Expansion:
Ferrocene–Alkene Conjugates and
Benzazole Ligands”

Adviser: Dr. Christopher J. Ziegler

Brian Corbin

Chemistry

M.S., The University of Akron;
B.A., Hiram College

Dissertation: “Design of Naturally
Derived Far-Red To Near Infrared
(NIR) Fluorophores for Biological
Imaging Applications”

Adviser: Dr. Yi Pang

Hannah Durr

Integrated Bioscience

B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University

Dissertation: “Development of
Antibacterial Hydrogels with
Regenerative Benefits for Wound
Healing”

Adviser: Dr. Nic Leipzig

Steven Holthouser

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron;
B.S., Washington & Lee University

Dissertation: “From Components
to Connections: Organizational
Commitment in the Causal
Attitude Network (CAN) Model”

Adviser: Dr. Andrea Snell

Bernd Steklis

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., University of Arizona

Dissertation: “Unraveling the Wet
Vs Dry Adhesive Performance of
Spider Attachment Discs”

Adviser: Dr. Todd Blackledge

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS

Grace Edwards

Krista Nisly

Arriana Noble

Summa Cum Laude

Daisha Okolo

Gabriella Thompson

Katari Young

MASTER OF ARTS

Estee Austin

Strategic Communication

Nicole Baker

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Yazmen Brandon

Strategic Communication

Zoe Brown

*Applied History and
Public Humanities*

Diamond Brown

Counseling Psychology

Benjamin Cowan

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Megan Crow Brauer

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Shonna Faust

Strategic Communication

Alexa Gomez

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Joshua Grove

Strategic Communication

Joana Kudadjie

English

Benjamin Michael

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Rachel Mirsen

Counseling Psychology

Natalie Mowad

Strategic Communication

Olivia Owens

*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*

Tyler Peveich

*Applied History and
Public Humanities*

Jason Rodkey

*Applied History and
Public Humanities*

McKay Ross

Counseling Psychology

Brianna Sondag

English

Kimberly Mae Wesley

Counseling Psychology

Josephine Wright

*Applied History and
Public Humanities*

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Anthony Elkins

*Educational Administration
and Leadership*

Jennifer Laeng

*Educational Administration
and Leadership*

Alexa Passafiume

Curriculum and Instruction

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Xavier Dirker

Olivia Poduska

Jamal Abdul Naser Sayed

Nour Shakaki

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Katherine Christie

Creative Writing

Grace Maier

Creative Writing

MASTER OF MUSIC

Joseph Moxon

Music Education – Instrumental

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brian Corbin

Chemistry

Morgan Hughes

Biology

Jarod Korn

Statistics

Ethan Rang

Geology

Michael Rebar

Geology

Derek Walro

Biology

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Faith Bragg

Multi-Age Visual Arts Licensure

Emily Grether

AYA – Integrated Language Arts

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES (CONT.)

College of Business

Founded 1953

Interim Dean James B. Thomson

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brianna Agomessou
Allison Ashcraft
Mandip Bassi
Andrew Beck
Justin Bernstein
Carl Billingsley
Saankya Chagarlamudi
Jonathan Clemente
Emina Connell
Hailey Copeland
Jade Dedrick
Stefan Dobrijevic
Theresa Effa-Boateng
Lisa Fiedler
Anthony Fosselman
Elizabeth Graf
Anne Hanson Hilaire
Quinlyn Harwig
Delaney Hendershot
Bryce Holt
Charles Howe
Kelly Hull
Geneva Igwama
Malaak Jawhari
Miriam Klueber
Sean Lacey
Paije Lewis
Vasilios Likos

Justin Madej
Ziona Marizette
Samantha Maxwell
Pleshae McPhee
Regina Merle
Emily Mick
Jason Myers
Nichole Neal
Dev Patel
Richard Pickett
Jack Poist
Patricia Roach
Ameer Salem
Drake Smalley
Daniel Smith
Dakota Snyder
Colton Stevens
Madelyn Stewart
Abdelmagid Taha
Travis Terrell
Rahul Tiwari
Sarah Tornichio
William Uhl
Michael Ulanski
Kelly Wagner
Mark Wilson
Matthew Young

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Sidik Abubakar
Durga Merugu

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Hannah Balawender
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Ekrem Bilen
Business Analytics – Supply Chain
Meg Dhimal
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Alexandra George
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Amirhossein Jabbari
Business Analytics – Supply Chain
Kavitha Nimmala
Business Analytics – Supply Chain
Aiswarya Ratheesh Pai
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Salman Shawkat Shawon
Business Analytics – Supply Chain
John Tagoe
Business Analytics – Supply Chain
Tausif Utchhash
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Pradap Radje Venkattaraman
Radje
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*
Vaishnavi Yatam
Business Analytics – Supply Chain

MASTER OF TAXATION

Disha Jain
Nicholas McFadden
Xuechen Wang

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alexandar Apisa*

Media Studies

Magna Cum Laude

Cole Armstrong

History

With High Distinction

Madison Armstrong

Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

Nadia Alexandria Sophia Ataman

Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Megan Bekeleski

Psychology

Odeliz Beltran

Media Studies

Sierra Berry

Anthropology

Alyssa Bissell

Political Science

Kathryn Bohannon

Geology – Environmental Science

Greer Brightbill

Communication Studies

Summa Cum Laude

Mckenzi Brinkerhoff

Psychology

Cum Laude

Grace Brothers

Psychology

Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler

Communication Studies

Alexander Busch

Media Studies

Summa Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Ali Carpenter

Political Science

Magna Cum Laude

Cassia Chivers

Public Relations

Erin Clay

Psychology

Alexis Clingan

Media Studies

With High Distinction

Braden Cook

Geology – Environmental Science

Melody Downey

Political Science

Rylin Dukes

Media Studies

John Ellington

Geology – Environmental Science

Peter Evans

Political Science

Cum Laude

Katrina Faverty

Political Science

Cum Laude

Audrey Fleck

Media Studies

Jada Foxx

Art Education

Magna Cum Laude

Mick Frasier

Geology – Environmental Science

Viktoriia Frolova

Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Emma Garee

Public Relations

Andriana Goddard

Psychology

Harrison Graham

History

Kaira Granger

Psychology

Ethan Griffith

Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Madison Gunsett

Anthropology

Logan Harris

Geology – Environmental Science

Camari Harris

Media Studies

Magna Cum Laude

Jylian Haynes

Dance with Business Cognate

Summa Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Megan Hochstetler

Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

Zoe Huxtable

Psychology

Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Rachel Ickes

English

Jon Jackson

Media Studies

Walid Jaffal

Public Relations

Breann Kalich

Psychology

Kayla Kelty

Geology – Environmental Science

Ilona Kitchen

Media Studies

Magna Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Isabella Lawton

Psychology

Hailey Lewis

Dance with Business Cognate

Jonathan Lewis

Media Studies

Diamonique Lindsay

Media Studies

Magna Cum Laude

Skylar Looper

Geology – Environmental Science

Magna Cum Laude

Devyn Lucas

Media Studies

Margaret Mahaney

Geology – Environmental Science

Summa Cum Laude

Piper Mallchok

Communication Studies

Summa Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Mikayla Matheney

Psychology

Cum Laude

Jasmyn McClain

Philosophy

Chloe McHale

Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

McKayla McKenzie

Psychology

Alexis Melendez

Political Science

Cum Laude

Jamil Mills

Media Studies

Nicoletta Monteleone

Public Relations

Magna Cum Laude

Avery Morr

Psychology

Cum Laude

Kade Morris

Psychology

Kennedy Murdock

Psychology

William Newenhisen

English

Cum Laude

Jacob Nielsen

History

Madison Nolan

Public Relations

Magna Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Maya Oduyoye

Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

Mark Owen

Psychology

Allison Pennington

Psychology

Valerie Petrovich

Communication Studies

Hannah Phillips

Psychology

Jordan Pinzon

Political Science

Colin Planovsky

Communication Studies

Macon Plecha

Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Williams Honor Scholar

Nicholas Raymond

Political Science – Intelligence and

National Security Studies

Olivia Ream

Public Relations

Michael Reese

History

Valiayah Robinson

Psychology

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees
in Two Disciplines

Elizabeth Ryan

*Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Sydney Shane

Communication Studies

Alexander Silva

*Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
Williams Honor Scholar*

Parker Simms

*Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Jacob Simon

Media Studies

Abigail Singer

Psychology

Isabella Smith

*Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Kelly Snyder*

Spanish

Cadence Soucek

Political Science

Tiffanie Staskey

Political Science

Mercedes Stemple

Psychology

Leana Stillings

Sociology

Ty Stolarski

Public Relations

Jackson Summers

*Psychology
Cum Laude*

MacKenzie Swan

Spanish

Madeline Thomas

*Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Baylee Vought

*Media Studies
Summa Cum Laude*

Nautica Whooper

*Social Sciences – Philosophy, Sociology
and Psychology*

Cheyenne Williams

*Social Sciences – Philosophy, Sociology
and Psychology
With Highest Distinction*

Karima Williamson

Psychology

Halle Wright

*History
Cum Laude
Williams Honor Scholar*

Faith Zeitler

*Psychology
Cum Laude*

Anabel Zuniga

*Psychology
With High Distinction*

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Cade Brodie

AYA – Integrated Social Studies

Colin Lyons

AYA – Integrated Social Studies

Skylar Shifferly

AYA – Integrated Social Studies

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Madeline Cordray

Dance

Layla Davis-Branner

Art – Sculpture

Makayla Gurnik

*Art – Painting and Drawing
Magna Cum Laude*

Maura Ingraham

*Art – Painting and Drawing
Magna Cum Laude*

Jyra Petite

Art – Painting and Drawing

Charles Reed

*Art – Painting and Drawing
Magna Cum Laude*

Bree Shearer

*Dance
Magna Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

David Baney

Annette Culp

Mason Jenkins

Isom Julian

Jaqualine Kinser

Dimitri Madden

Robert Mahaffey

Michelle Feierabend-Hasman

Lisa Owens

Ty Pangborn

Israel Polk

Angela Roman

Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Smith

Gage Summers

Ryan Weldon

Sarah Winstead

Cum Laude

Jonathan Wong

Kaia Woods

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Faith Collins

*Music – Piano Performance
Magna Cum Laude*

Alexandra Horwitz

Music – Voice Performance

Harley Nunez*

*Music – Percussion Performance
Cum Laude*

Harley Nunez*

*Music Education – Instrumental Band
Cum Laude*

Trent Schlabach

*Music Education – Vocal
and Keyboard
Cum Laude*

Nathan Stanley

*Music Education – Instrumental Band
Magna Cum Laude*

Sabrina Wolf

*Music Education – Vocal
and Keyboard
Summa Cum Laude
Williams Honor Scholar*

Jacob Zingery

*Music – Voice Performance
Summa Cum Laude
Williams Honor Scholar*

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees
in Two Disciplines

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Dlal Abdelqader
Biology

Jillian Addams
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Justin Antalek
Geology

Krista Barley
Criminology and Criminal Justice
With Highest Distinction

Alyssa Bright
Biomedical Science

Gabrielle Brissett
Biology
With High Distinction

Julia Bunday
Criminology and Criminal Justice
With Distinction

Stella Burick
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Kristin Buzzard McGonigal
Criminology and Criminal Justice

David Carter
Biomedical Science
Magna Cum Laude

Ravyn Carter
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Charles Courtemanche
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Makenna Dalton
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Ryan Daw
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Amyah Dixon
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Jovana Djuric
Biomedical Science
Summa Cum Laude

Brian Duman
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Catlain Freeman
Criminology and Criminal Justice
With Distinction

Tessa Gardella
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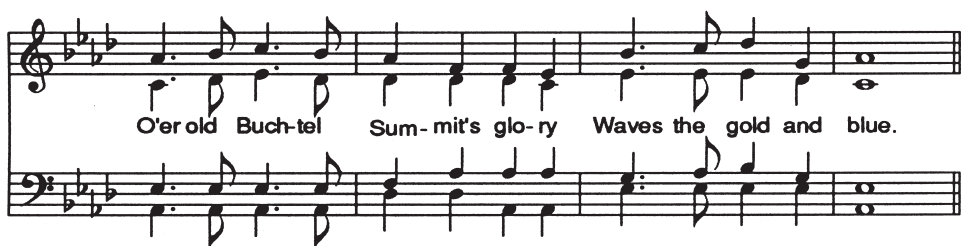
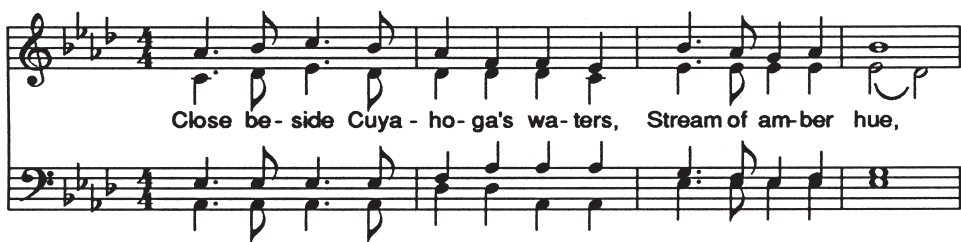
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STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHTEL



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

THE ALMA MATER



Chorus



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. Adviser: 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*

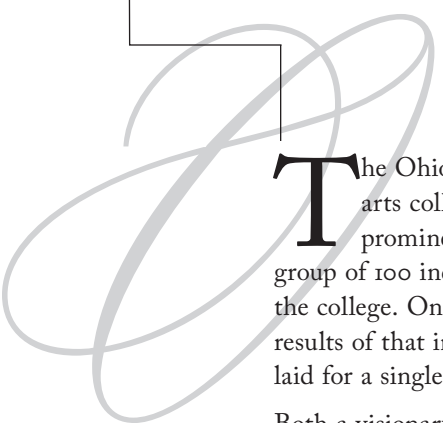
Zzzzip! Zip go the Zip - pers

Zzzzip! 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 after 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 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 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.

Today, The University of Akron continues to invigorate the region, providing top-ranked and in-demand degree programs ranging from associate through doctoral degrees in the liberal arts, sciences, health care, engineering, business, law, education and more. Students gain real-world experience through internships, co-ops, study abroad and other career-focused learning opportunities.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution, the University serves students from all over the country and world through five degree-granting colleges and a School of Law on the main campus and through Wayne College in Orrville. Today, more than 180,000 of its alumni live and work around the globe.

The University of Akron Celebrates 150 Years

When John R. Buchtel saw the cornerstone laid for Buchtel College, he pledged that the new school, built on a hilltop overlooking Akron, would bring honor and pride to the city and state. Over the next 150 years, The University of Akron kept and exceeded the promise of its founder, rising to become one of Ohio's most influential public urban research universities.

Among its many achievements, the University was the first in the world to offer courses in rubber chemistry. It pioneered one of the country's first engineering co-op programs, which remains a national model. In World War II, the U.S. government called upon the University to help develop synthetic rubber for the Allied forces. When the rubber industry declined, the University rose to new heights of innovation, leading the world in polymer science and polymer engineering.

Today, the University continues to rise, advancing research and knowledge in engineering, business, health care, the arts and sciences, education and law. It continues to uplift the region through hundreds of partnerships with business, industry, academia and government. It continues to produce leaders who are making a difference throughout the world.

It continues to keep its founder's promise.