THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Fall Commencement

DECEMBER 15, 2018
EDWIN J. THOMAS
PERFORMING ARTS HALL
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 11 colleges and schools on the main campus and through satellite campuses in Lakewood, Medina, Millersburg and Orrville. Today, more than 177,000 of its alumni live and work around the globe.
The University of Akron
College of Business Administration
By authority of the Board of Trustees and on recommendation of the Faculty hereby confers upon
A. Worthy Student
The Degree of
Bachelor of Business Administration
Together with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.
Witness the seal of the University and the signature of its officers
Given at Akron, in the State of Ohio, this fifteenth day of December, 2018.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Secretary of the Board

A present-day diploma awarded at The University of Akron.
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December 15 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
John C. Green, Interim President of The University of Akron, Presiding

PRELUDE MUSIC ................... Sonata No. 12 Johann Pezel
                                   Shepherd’s Hey Percy Grainger
                                   Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello
                                   Sussex Mummer’s Christmas Carol Percy Grainger
                                   Alleluia G.F. Handel
                                   The University of Akron Brass Choir
                                   Christopher Blaha, Conductor

FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL ...... (The audience will remain seated.)
                                   Procession of the Scholars William G. Harbinson
                                   Pomp and Circumstance Sir Edward Elgar
                                   Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke
                                   The University of Akron Brass Choir

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ........... (The audience is invited to stand and sing.)
                                   Led by Moriah Sprit
                                   Student, School of Music
                                   The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION ....... John C. Green
                                   Interim President, The University of Akron

GREETINGS ........................... Member
                                   Board of Trustees

STUDENT ADDRESS .................. Morning
                                   Bayann M. Al-Khalilee
                                   Afternoon
                                   Peyton Zachrich

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES ....... John C. Green
                                   Interim President, The University of Akron

THE ALMA MATER .................... (The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 37.)
                                   Led by Moriah Sprit, Student, School of Music
                                   The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, College of Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College.

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering, LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education, College of Business Administration and College of Health Professions.
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

As Warm as Tears  Phil Keaggy
Vincent  Don McLean
The Wind and the Wheat  Phil Keaggy
Welcome Plane  Akihiro Tanaka
Robin  Tommy Emmanuel
Amy  Tommy Emmanuel
One Day  Akihiro Tanaka
A Backwards Glance  Sonke Meinen
Homeland  Sonke Meinen
Dreamcatcher  Andy McKee
Hope Dies Last  Poitra Restecki
As You Are  Poitra Restecki
Bridger Garman – Guitar, Student, College of Engineering

WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2018 ............. William Kollman (’08,’10)
As assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations
Executive Director, The Alumni Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS ................. John C. Green

RECESSIONAL .................. The Akron Blue and Gold  Fred Waring
The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.
The ceremonial customs of commencement, rooted in centuries-old tradition, are described below.

**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 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 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 town-people. When the universities first arose in the 12th 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, 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: associates 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 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. 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:

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<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Field of Study</th>
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<td>Drab</td>
<td>Business</td>
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<td>Gold</td>
<td>Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering</td>
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<td>Green</td>
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<td>Light Blue</td>
<td>Education</td>
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<td>Orange</td>
<td>Engineering</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purple</td>
<td>Law</td>
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<tr>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College Associate’s</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>Arts and Sciences</td>
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Banners
The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the nine colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name and founding date of the college it represents. Banners were first instituted at The University of Akron in the spring of 1995.

The Presidential Medallion
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 University Seal and the Presidential Medallion
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 Buechtel College motto, Fiat Lux (let there be light).

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

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

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the 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.
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Morning

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Naomi White
The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

Anthony P. Colucci, III
Director of Development,
Donor Relations

Afternoon

Sarah A. Psihountakis
Associate Director, Admissions
Williams Honors College

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Lori Palmer.
University Faculty Representatives

Morning
Janna Andronowski
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Meera Chatterjee
Lia Chervenak Wiley
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Devon Skunta-Helmink
Andrea Snell
Mark Soucek
Bryan Vogt
Shi-Qing Wang
Craig Wise
Ge Zhang

Afternoon
Steven Ash
Frederik Beuk
Wieslaw Binienda
Connie Chronister
Sandy Coyner
Lori Kidd
Il-woon Kim
Nic Leipzig
Xin Liang
Chen Ling
Brad Maguth
John Matejkovic
Peg McCann
Wondimu Ahmed Mohammed
Renee Mudey-Camino
Carolyn Murrock
Lynne M. Pachnowski
Anil Patnaik
Kelly Pond
Brian Radesic
Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich
Linda Shanks
Lynne Smolen
Carolyn Sutter
Hossein Tavana
David Tefeller
Shengyong Wang
Graduation With Distinction
To graduate with distinction, students must have maintained specified levels of academic achievement directly related to quality points earned for all undergraduate courses taken. The maximum quality point ratio possible is 4.00.
To qualify for these honors distinctions, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree, having earned a minimum of 60 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree, having completed a minimum of 30 credits at The University of Akron.
The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

Baccalaureate Honors Designation
Summa Cum Laude—quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00
Magna Cum Laude—quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79
Cum Laude—quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Associate Honors Designation
With Highest Distinction—quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00
With High Distinction—quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79
With Distinction—quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

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 though 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.
Emily A. Arison
Nathan R. Ariza
Patricia N. Arnett
Cassidy R. Barnes
Benjamin W. Behringer*
Casey M. Braccia
Lacey M. Burkholder
Duncan A. Campbell
Mahaylie S. Cline
Dustin L. Covert
Ciara L. Davis
William F. Drayer*
Christian J. Durbin
Amelia E. Dyck
Oliver G. Evans
Lindsay J. Gal
Ashley R. Gonzalez
Samuel D. Goodrick
Allison V. Guenther*
Julia E. Hatch
Luke C. Hokcomb
Lily A. Hunger
Jacob E. Jones
Robyn M. King
Isaac P. Lampner*
David J. Leach
Jacob P. Liddy
Rebecca G. Lozier
Lydia J. Mainzer
Emma G. McHale*
Layne E. McKinley
Jaclyn M. Miller
Bailey B. Monegan
Linda Muakkassa
Jennifer L. Naegeli*
Zachary M. Novak
Faryl E. O’Neil*
Natalie R. Orr
Anthony D. Pankuch
Alexa M. Paolucci
Brian J. Patton
Alyssa M. Powers
Miranda R. Radesic
Kyle J. Reese
Austin J. Reich
David T. Robinson
Hannah M. Rutkowski
Haley M. Schaffter
Erica L. Schrader
Cole A. Schraitel
Hannah E. Stephen
Sara E. Stiles
Katherine I. Tasseff
Sara M. Tilisky
Marissa P. Williams*
Ryan J. Williams*
Nicholas M. Wurst
Peyton A. Zachrich

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.
Elise M. Weiland

*Summer 2018 Graduate
Mr. Warren L. Woolford will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

**Warren L. Woolford**

Having earned a bachelor's degree in social science and secondary education from Coppin State University in Baltimore, Md., in 1972, Warren L. Woolford began a long and distinguished record of public service to the citizens of Akron with his appointment that same year as a student planning intern in the City of Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development. He earned a master's degree in geography from The University of Akron in 1974 and continued working for the city in a number of planning positions for the next 20 years. In June 1993, he was appointed to the Mayor's Cabinet, where he directed a number of programs focused on capital improvement, planning, land use, zoning, transportation, housing and community development, and property and land development. He retired in 2008 after 36 years of service to the Akron community.

Mr. Woolford has been a member of the 1995 Leadership Akron Class, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Mount Cavalry Lodge No. 76, the United Negro College Fund Night Committee, the Akron Development Corporation and Tax Incentive Review Council, and the United Baptist Church and Helping Hand Social Club. He was also named an Outstanding Alumnus of The University of Akron (1994). In 2015-2016, Mr. Woolford served on the mayor of Akron's Blue Ribbon Task Force, which fulfilled its commission to issue a comprehensive report on opportunities for improved efficiency of the city's government operations.

Mr. Woolford was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron by Governor Ted Strickland in 2009. He served the Board and the University well, chairing the Presidential Assessment Advisory Committee in 2017 and serving on the Presidential Transition Committee in 2014; chairing the Academic Issues & Student Success Committee (2012-2018) and serving as its vice chair (2011-2012); chairing the Collective Bargaining Committee and the Trusteeship Committee (2010-2011); and serving as a member of the Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee (2009-2010); the External Affairs Committee (2009-2011); the Facilities Committee (2009-2011); the Nominating Committee (2010-2018); the Finance & Administration Committee (2011-2013); the Strategic Issues Committee (2011-2018); the Audit & Compliance Committee (2013-2015 and 2016-2017); and the Rules Committee (2015-2018). His term as a member of the Board of Trustees expired on July 1, 2018.

Mr. Woolford and his wife, Betty, reside in Akron.
December 15, 2018
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Chathura S. Abeywickrama
Chemistry
MS, The University of Akron; BS, University of Colombo
Adviser: Dr. Pang Yi

Kelley Arredondo
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
MA, The University of Akron; BS, Florida State University
Adviser: Dr. Andrea Snell

Courtney R. Blue
Sociology
MA, BA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Vaccination Coverage and Socioeconomic Status: A Test of Fundamental Cause Theory”
Adviser: Dr. Adrianne Frech

Beth A. Campbell*
Sociology
LL.M., Case Western Reserve University; J.D., BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Using Protective Orders to Combat Intimate Partner Violence: Are They Effective and Does Race Matter?”
Adviser: Dr. Stacey Nofziger

Abbie N. Caudill
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
MA, The University of Akron; BA, Washington and Lee University
Dissertation: “Academic Gender Diversity Climates: A Multi-Method Study Of The Role Of Diversity Climate In Academic Workplace Outcomes”
Adviser: Dr. Andrea Snell

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MA, The University of Akron; MS, Old Dominion University; BS, University of Pittsburgh
Dissertation: “Future-Care Planning and Communication in Midlife”
Adviser: Dr. Harvey L. Sterns

Jillian V. Kodger
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BA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Investigation of Mitochondrial Metabolism During Cuprizone-induced Demyelination and Remyelination Model”
Adviser: Dr. Leah Shriver

Katherine L. Newton*
Sociology
MA, Cleveland State University; BA, Ohio Dominican University
Adviser: Dr. Stacey Nofziger

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Urban Studies and Public Affairs
MPA, BA, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “From Performance To Completion: The Role of State Governing Systems in Higher Education”
Adviser: Dr. Raymond Cox, III

Ceth W. Parker
Integrated Bioscience
BS, Juniata College
Dissertation: “Microbial Iron Reduction in the Development of Iron Formation Caves”
Adviser: Dr. Hazel Barton

Mickey T. Shah
Integrated Bioscience
M.Tech, D.Y. Patil University
Dissertation: “Cardiac Repair Using a Decellularized Xenogenic Extracellular Matrix”
Adviser: Dr. Ge Zhang

Corey E. Stevens
Sociology
MA, Ohio University; BA, Bowling Green State University
Dissertation: “Bariatric Bodies Project”
Adviser: Dr. Clare Stacey

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Urban Studies and Public Affairs
MEd, Geneva College; BA, Westminster College
Dissertation: “The Perception of Cultural Competency in the Context of Cross-Cultural Mentoring Relationships: Mentoring as a Conduit to Teach Cultural Competency Attributes”
Adviser: Dr. Raymond Cox, III

Kyle T. Whiddon
Chemistry
MA, The University of Akron; BS, BA, Walsh University
Dissertation: “Fluorescence Imaging and Molecular Dynamics Simulation of the Intracytoplasmic Membranes of Methanotrophic Bacteria”
Adviser: Dr. Michael Konopka

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College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jinwei Cao
Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron; BS, East China University of Science and Technology
Dissertation: “Bioelectricity Inspired Polymer Electrolyte Membranes for Sensing and Energy Harvesting Applications” Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

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Dissertation: “Synthesis and Characterization of Ionically Cross-Linked Networks Through the Use of Ion-Pair Comonomers” Adviser: Dr. Kevin Cavicchi

Daniel M. Diaz Vela
Polymer Engineering
M.Sc., University of Andes; BS, National University of Colombia
Dissertation: “Origins and Implications of Translational/Reorientational Decoupling in Bulk and Nanoconfined Glass-Forming Liquids” Adviser: Dr. David S. Simmons

Jianning Liu
Polymer Science
MS, The University of Akron; BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Understand the Mechanical Behaviors of Polymer Glasses Under Uniaxial Extension and Compression” Adviser: Dr. Shi-Qing Wang

Keweı Liu
Polymer Science
MS, The University of Akron; BS, Sichuan University
Dissertation: “Fabrication of Structured Polymer and Nanomaterials for Energy Storage and Conversion” Adviser: Dr. Yu Zhu

Alex Nyarko*
Polymer Science
MS, University Manchester; BS Kwame Nkrumah University of Science
Dissertation: “Scaling Down for a Broader Understanding of Underwater Adhesion” Adviser: Dr. Ali Dhinojwala

Chao Peng
Polymer Science
MS, The University of Akron; BE, Beijing University of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Cationic Polyurethanes for Anti-microbial Applications” Adviser: Dr. Joy Abraham

Fang Peng
Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron; BS, Sichuan University
Dissertation: “Core-Shell Structured Filaments for Fused Filament Fabrication Three-Dimensional Printing and Roll-to-Roll Manufacturing of Elastomeric Films with Tunable Piezoresistivity” Advisers: Dr. Mukerren Cakmak and Dr. Bryan Vogt

Camilo Rendon Piedrahita
Polymer Engineering
BS, Universidad de Antioquia
Dissertation: “Study of Highly Conductive, Flexible Polymer Electrolyte Membranes and Their Novel Flexoelectric Effect” Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

Carolyn Scherger†
Polymer Science
BS, John Carroll University
Dissertation: “Synthesis and Functionalization of Polymers and Polye(ster carbonate)s Based on 3-Hydroxypropionic Acids” Adviser: Dr. Colleen Pugh

Saranshu Singla
Polymer Science
Bachelors in Textile Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (India)
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Dissertation: “Motivation, Persistence, And Cross-Cultural Awareness: A Study of College Students Learning Foreign Languages”  
Adviser: Dr. Shernavaz Vakil

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION  

Kristen Lauren Karasek  
Educational Leadership  
MBA, MA, The University of Akron; BSBA, Geneva College  
Dissertation: “Exploring the Impact of Bridge Program Participation on Students’ Sense of Belonging”  
Adviser: Dr. Sandra Coyner

Andrew E. Milks  
Educational Leadership  
MSCSE, West Virginia University Institute of Technology; BSEE, Ohio Northern University  
Dissertation: “Social Support Factors Affecting Engineering Technology Student Intent to Persist”  
Adviser: Dr. Wondimu Ahmed

Barbara E. Milliken*  
Educational Leadership  
MSHS, Cleveland State University, BS, The Ohio State University  
Dissertation: “Determining Critical Content for Online Faculty Professional Development Focused on Serving Veterans in the Classroom Environment”  
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MSEd, BMus, The Ohio State University  
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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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Dissertation: “The Effect of an Educational Program on Thromboelastography (TEG) on Competency Scores in Advanced Practice Registered Nurses”
Adviser: Dr. Carolyn Murrock

John E. Davis
MSN, University of Cincinnati; BSN, Kent State University
Dissertation: “Association Between Entry Level Nursing Degree and One Year Retention for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses in Cardiac Step-down Units”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

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MSN/CRNA, Case Western Reserve University; BNS, Cleveland State University
Dissertation: “Moderate Sedation for Surveillance Bronchoscopy after Lung Transplant”
Adviser: Dr. Kelly Pond

Judith M. Gron*
MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, Ursuline College
Dissertation: “Blood Transfusion Strategies in Multilevel Spinal Fusion Surgery”
Adviser: Dr. Connie Chronister

Andrea M. Hoverstock
MSN, University of Kentucky; BSN, Biola University
Dissertation: “The Effect of a Web-Based Neurological Assessment Education Intervention on Self-Efficacy in Nurses”
Adviser: Dr. Sheau-Huey Chiu

Fiona B. Ju*
Dissertation: “Awareness, Compliance and Barriers of the One Time Hepatitis C Screening in the Hospital-Based Physicians, Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistants”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Carrie A. Litten*
MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, Capital University
Dissertation: “Effect of Standard Work Instructions for Incoming Calls on Provider Interruptions in a Pediatric Emergency Department”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Jenny L. Michel*
MSN, The University of Akron; BSN, Kent State University
Dissertation: “The Effect of an Emergency Severity Index Educational Module on Triage Assessment Accuracy”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Leah M. Rawdon
MSN, BSN, Kent State University
Dissertation: “Comparison of ICU and Non-ICU Settings on Outcomes in Adolescents Post-Idiopathic Spinal Fusion Surgery: A Retrospective Study”
Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Laura A. Seif*
MSN, Anesthesia Practice, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Dissertation: “Improving Anesthetic Efficiency in an Esophagogastroduodenoscopy”
Adviser: Dr. Carolyn Sutter

Patrick S. Vaccaro
MSN, The University of Akron; BSN, Kent State University
Dissertation: “Operating Room Traffic: A Quality Improvement Project to Enhance Patient Safety”
Advisers: Dr. Kelly Pond and Dr. Michele Zelko

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Terra L. Howell-Muth
Counselor Education and Supervision
M.Ed, MA, BA, Kent State University
Dissertation: “Factors That Predict Dissertation Completion In Counselor Education And Supervision Doctoral Programs”
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Magna Cum Laude  
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Recognition of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

Established in 1918

The following cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants on December 15, 2018:

United States Army

Christian A. Burke
Peter J. Gallo

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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

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

Akron Blue and Gold

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

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

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

Zzzzip! Zip go the Zippers

Zzzzip! Zip go the Zippers Akron U,

Gold and Blue All for you and the Zippers 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 NBC hookup on November 17, 1939, and has been used as the University’s fight song ever since.
The following locations are for popular graduation photos. Snapchat Geofilters are available for all except the clock towers.

1. EJ Thomas Hall fountain
2. Chihuly Sculpture
3. UA “coin” and gardens
4. John R. Buchtel statue
5. Buchtel Hall steps
6. Coleman Commons
7. Recreation and Wellness Center arches
8. One of the clock towers