

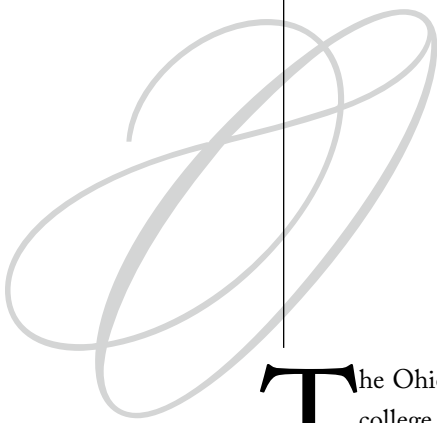
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring
Commencement*

DECEMBER 16-17, 2016
EDWIN J. THOMAS
PERFORMING ARTS HALL

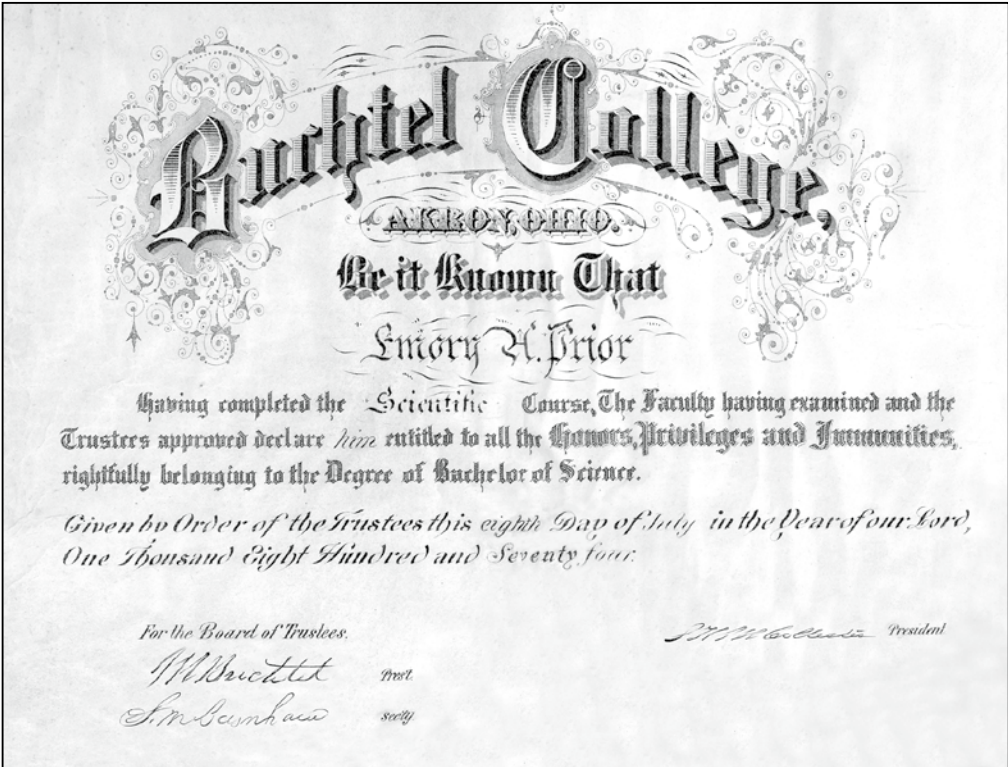


THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION

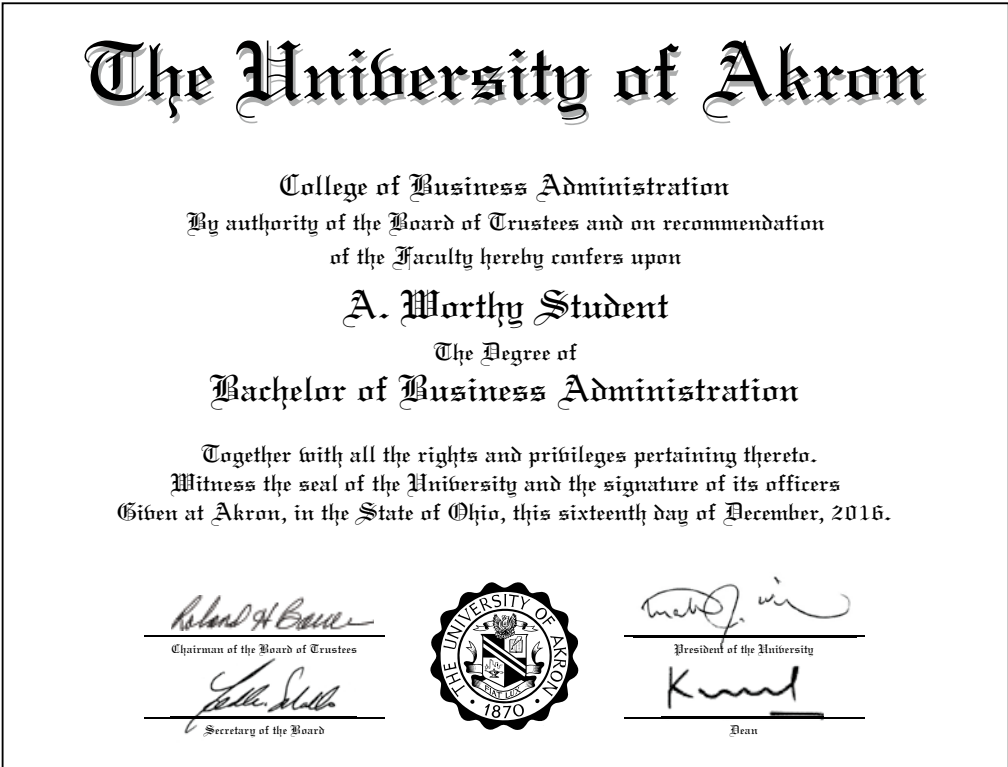


The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small, liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it for one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, 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 helped to launch, have proven him right. Today, The University of Akron is the region's most influential public research university. With more than 23,000 students and 300-plus associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs and options, as well as 20 doctoral degree programs and four law degrees, UA offers career-focused, real-world learning opportunities. From polymers and psychology, to engineering and communications, to business and education, UA brings together diverse backgrounds in ways that provide students with the skills that employers value. 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 175,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS



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



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

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FALL 2016 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 16 at 7 p.m., December 17 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Matthew J. Wilson, *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

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| PRELUDE MUSIC | <i>Fanfare and Chorus</i> Dietrich Buxtehude <i>Suite of Carols</i> Leroy Anderson <i>Greensleeves</i> arr. Elgar Howarth <i>Fantasia in C major</i> J.S. Bach The University of Akron Brass Choir Christopher Blaha, <i>Conductor</i> |
| FANFARE | <i>Ceremonial Piece</i> William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir |
| PROCESSIONAL | <i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Ceremonial Piece</i> William MacDavis <i>Grand March</i> Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Sir Edward Elgar <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> Jeremiah Clarke The University of Akron Brass Choir |
| THE NATIONAL ANTHEM | <i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)</i> Led by Katherine Miller <i>Student, School of Music</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir |
| WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION | Matthew J. Wilson <i>President, The University of Akron</i> |
| GREETINGS | Member <i>Board of Trustees</i> |
| MUSIC | <i>Coro Spezzato</i> Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina The University of Akron Brass Choir |
| ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES | Matthew J. Wilson <i>President, The University of Akron</i> |
| AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL | <i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Led by Katherine Miller <i>Student, School of Music</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir |

In the December 16 evening ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education, College of Business Administration, and College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering.

In the December 17 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.

In the December 17 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Engineering, College of Health Professions, College of Applied Science and Technology, and Wayne College.

**THE PRESENTATION OF
DEGREE CANDIDATES**

The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Master's Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees

Sleepers, Wake! J.S. Bach
Calleno Costure Me Anonymous
Cancion del Limpiabotas Cees Hartog
Lesson 66 & 64 Julio Sagreras
Etudes Simples Nos. 1, 2, 5 Leo Brouwer
Travellin' Michael Coghlan
Walz Ferdinando Carulli
Soubenir d'automne Simone Iannarelli
Lullaby Isaias Savio
Evocacion Jose Luis Merlin
Tyler Spuzzillo – Guitar
Student, School of Music

THE ALMA MATER

(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 37.)
Led by Katherine Miller
The University of Akron Brass Choir

**WELCOME OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TO THE CLASS OF 2016**

William Kollman ('08, '10)
Director, Alumni Relations

STUDENT RESPONSE

December 16, Evening
Richard D. Angeletti
December 17, Morning
Christopher L. Ross
December 17, Afternoon
Bradley J. Ruhaak

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The University of Akron Brass Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew J. Wilson

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL

(The audience will be seated.)
Procession of the Scholars by William Harbinson
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 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 medalion 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 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, 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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| Black | Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor's |
| Drab | Business |
| Gold | Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering |
| Green | Health Professions Bachelor's |
| Light Blue | Education |
| Orange | Engineering |
| Purple | Law |
| Silver | Health Professions, Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College Associate's |
| White | Arts and Sciences |

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 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 Buchtel College motto, *Fiat Lux* (let there be light).

The Presidential Medallion was presented by the Alumni Association in 1970, commemorating the University's centennial. The medallion is a symbol of the authority of the president, as bestowed by the Board of Trustees, that traditionally is worn by the president on important ceremonial occasions.



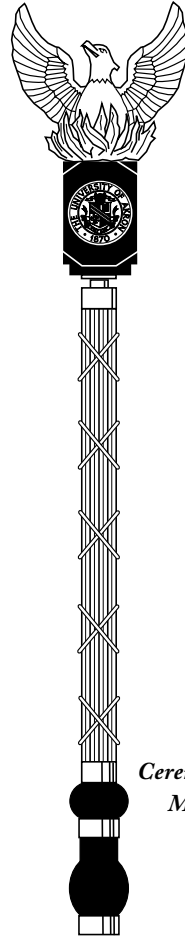
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the 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

Trustees

Roland H. Bauer, J.D. ('09*)
Chair

Ralph J. Palmisano, J.D. ('70)
Vice Chair

Olivia P. Demas, J.D. ('91, '95)
Vice Chair

Jennifer E. Blickle ('73)

Alfred V. Ciraldo, M.D. ('76)

Joseph M. Gingo, J.D. ('71)

William A. Scala ('75)

Warren L. Woolford ('74)

**Honorary Doctorate*

Student Trustees

Darnell D. Davis, Jr. ('16)

Zachary D. Michel

Advisory Trustees

Anthony J. Alexander
('72, '75, '09*)

Sandra Pianalto ('76, '98*)

Officers of the Board

Ted A. Mallo, J.D. ('67, '68, '72)
Secretary of the Board
Vice President and General Counsel

M. Celeste Cook ('84, '87)
Assistant Secretary of the Board
Associate Vice President and
Deputy General Counsel

UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

Officers

Matthew J. Wilson
President

Rex D. Ramsier ('87, '89)
Senior Vice President and Provost

Kimberly M. Cole ('93, '95)
Vice President of Development

Ted A. Mallo ('67, '68, '72)
Vice President and General Counsel

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Vice President for Student Affairs

Nathan J. Mortimer
Vice President of Finance and
Administration and
Chief Financial Officer

W. Michael Sherman
Vice President of Innovation and
Economic Development

Deans

John C. Green
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
(Interim)

Ravi Krovi
College of Business Administration

Susan G. Clark ('05)
The LeBron James
Family Foundation
College of Education (Interim)

Donald P. Visco, Jr.
College of Engineering (Interim)

Rex D. Ramsier ('87, '89)
College of Health Professions
(Senior Vice President and Provost)

Eric J. Amis
College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering

Chand K. Midha
Graduate School (Executive)

Lakeesha K. Ransom
The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College

Sarah M.R. Cravens and
Ryan G. Vacca
School of Law (Interim Co-Deans)

Elizabeth A. Kennedy ('90, '93, '00)
College of Applied Science
and Technology (Interim)

Aimee L. DeChambeau
University Libraries (Interim)

Jarrold Tudor
Wayne College

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 16, 2016
Evening

Marshal

Jacqueline Clark

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steve Sedlock

Faculty Marshal

Douglas Hausknecht

Assistant Marshals

Scott Bible
Melissa Bowman
Eric Brisker
Kevin Cavicchi
Kelly Chaff
Ray Gehani
Colin Onita
Karen Plaster
Francesco Renna
Cherie Sedlock
Denise Stuart

December 17, 2016
Morning

Marshal

Priscilla Sakezles

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Mary Myers

Faculty Marshal

Maria Adamowicz

Assistant Marshals

Meagan Ankney
Robert Brownlow
Ang Chen
Zhong-Hui Duan
Stefan Forcey
Jennifer Hebert
Dwayne Keith Jones
Robert Kelemen
Christopher Keppler
Michael Spayd
James Sperling
Zachery Williams

December 17, 2016
Afternoon

Marshal

Colleen Teague

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathryn Vasko

Faculty Marshal

John Nicholas

Assistant Marshals

Donald Canary
Enoch Damson
Shirong Du
Amber Ferris
Lawrence Gilpatric
Lisa Hart
Judit Puskas
Amy Shriver Dreussi
Michele Thornton
Naomi White

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

December 16, Evening

David A. Harris
Member, National Alumni Board

Denise L. Testa
*Director, Medina County
University Center*

December 17, Morning

John C. Lanshe
*Associate Director, Center for
Academic Advising
and Student Success*

Heather Walter
*Associate Professor,
Communications*

December 17, Afternoon

Heidi E. Cressman
*Director, Women in
Engineering Programs,
College of Engineering*

Cassandra J. Verardi
*Director, Student Success Services
and ZIP Assist*

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

December 16, 2016 Evening

William Baker
Matthew Becker
Jeremy Brueck
Julianne Buynak
Miko Cakmak
Sandra Coyner
Asoke Dey
Zarreen Farooqi
Gary Holliday
Susan Kushner Benson
Thein Kyu
William Landis
Lisa Lenhart
Liping Liu
Brad Maguth
Christopher Mahar
John Matejkovic
Peg L. McCann
Melanie McCoskey
Renee Mudrey-Camino
Michael Nelson
Lynne Pachnowski
Coleen Pugh
Haridut Ramcharran
Mark Soucek
Bryan Vogt

December 17, 2016 Morning

Matthew Becker
Lauren Conway
Raymond Cox
Adrienne Frech
Lauren Garcia-DuPlain
John Huss
Tenna Jennings-Rentenaar
Kevin Kaut
Laurie Lashbrook
Richard Londraville
John Morrison II
Oghenetoja Okoh
Donald Ott
Elizabeth Rhoades
Linda Subich
Patricia Vinyard
Charles Waehler
Heather Walter
Ethel Wheland
Christopher Ziegler

December 17, 2016 Afternoon

Roland Arter
Wieslaw Binienda
(Jack) Minel Braun
Andrea Brewer
George Chase
Gary Doll
Malik Elbuluk
Jamal Feerasta
Richard Glotzer
Christine Heifner Graor
Doug Hubert
Marlene Huff
Michael Johanyak
Scott Lillard
Christopher Miller
Zhenmeng Peng
Victor Pinheiro
Rose Resler
Laura Richardson
Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich
Shivakumar Sastry
Robert C. Schwartz
Robert M. Schwartz
Doug Woods
Michele Zelko
Jiahua (Jack) Zhu

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

John Sederwall

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, 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 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.

Richard D. Angeletti
Adam R. Bernhard
Elizabeth L. Church
William P. Daugherty
Amanda M. Diaz
Benjamin E. Green
Jacqueline A. Hamilton
Shelby T. Hoffman
Tyler E. Humphrey
Tyler J. Hushour
Kierstin M. Jenkins
Madison R. Kaser
Summer L. Lamp
Gabrielle N. Lewis
Natalie R. Mallinak
Kristine M. Mitchell
Nicholas A. Moyer
Matthew J. Pastoria
Pellegrino Piermarini
Richard T. Rader
David J. Royak
Emily M. Rozmajzl
Bradley J. Ruhaak
Bailey M. Sandin
Ryan A. Saylor
Aaron M. Shaum
Hayley J. Shearer
Alana A. Snyder
Robert B. Sobnosky Jr.
Michael P. Vigorito
John J. Weigand
Ashley N. Weimer
Kaylene A. Widdoes
Ann William
Paul J. Wischt Jr.
Andrew M. Wuellner
Carolyn M. Zaitzew

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.

Jacqueline A. Hamilton
Ashley N. Weimer

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 16, 2016
Evening

The LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education

Year Founded 1921

Interim Dean Susan G. Clark

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Diane K. Brown

Secondary Education

MSN, Gannon University;
BSN, The Ohio State University;
ADN, Youngstown State University

Dissertation: "Interprofessional
Team Training Using Simulation:
A Comparison of Two Different
Time Deliveries"

Adviser: Susan Kushner Benson

Vladislava L. Sidorova

Secondary Education

MS, MA, BA, Youngstown State
University

Dissertation: "Corrective Feedback
in English Language Learners'
Writing"

Adviser: Shernavaz Vakil

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Year Founded 1988

Dean Eric J. Amis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Maher M. Alrashed

Polymer Engineering

MS, The University of Akron; BS,
King Saud University, Saudi Arabia

Dissertation: "Organic/Inorganic
Hybrid Coating for Anticorrosion
Applications"

Adviser: Sadhan C. Jana

Ajay R. Amrutkar

Polymer Science

BTech, Institute of Chemical
Technology, India

Dissertation: "Synthesis of
Polymer Nanoparticles using
Intramolecular Chain Collapse
and Benzocyclobutene Chemistry"

Adviser: Coleen Pugh

Erin P. Childers

Polymer Science

BA, BA, Ursuline College

Dissertation: "Tunable Poly(ester
urea)s for Tissue Engineering
Applications"

Adviser: Matthew L. Becker

Monoj Ghosh

Polymer Engineering

MS, Indian Institute of Technology,
India; BS, BS, University of Calcutta,
India

Dissertation: "Fabrication of
Inorganic Oxide Nanofibers
Using Gas Jet Fiber Spinning
Process and their Applications in
Photocatalytic Oxidation"

Adviser: Sadhan C. Jana

Yuanhao Guo

Polymer Engineering

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Beijing University

Dissertation: "Functional Polymer
Film Roll-to-Roll Manufacturing
by Field Assisted Alignment
of Nanoparticles/Phases in
Thickness "Z" Direction"

Adviser: Mark D. Soucek

Gustavo Andres Guzman Cardozo

Polymer Engineering

BS, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Dissertation: "Bimodal
Amphiphilic Polymer
Conetworks: Structure-Property
Characterization, Processing and
Applications"

Adviser: Mukerrem Cakmak

Ruixuan He

Polymer Engineering

BS, Fudan University, China

Dissertation: "Studies on Ionic
Conductivity and Electrochemical
Stability of Plasticized
Photopolymerized Polymer
Electrolyte Membranes for Solid
State Lithium Ion Batteries"

Adviser: Thein Kyu

Chongwen Huang

Polymer Engineering

MS, BS, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Dissertation: "Rheology of
Oligomeric Sulfonated Polystyrene
Ionomers"

Adviser: Robert A. Weiss

Minjung Joo

Polymer Engineering

MS, Michigan State University;
BS, Yonsei University, Korea

Dissertation: "Silane Terminated
Macromonomers with
Nanoparticles and Surface
Segregation of Fluorinated
Moieties"

Adviser: Mark D. Soucek

Eric R. McClanahan

Polymer Engineering
BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Enhancement of Epoxide Coatings via Polysulfides, Functional Sol-Gels, and Anti-Corrosion Additives”
Adviser: Mark D. Soucek

Arvind Modi

Polymer Engineering
MTech, BTech, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Dissertation: “Direct Immersion Annealing of Block Copolymer Thin Films”
Adviser: Alamgir Karim

Ido Offenbach

Polymer Engineering
BS, Shenkar College of Engineering and Design, Israel
Dissertation: “Mechano Optical Behavior of Novel Polymers for Capacitor Application During Their Processing Cycles”
Adviser: Mukerrem Cakmak and Robert A. Weiss

Zhe Qiang

Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Donghua University, China
Dissertation: “A Generalizable for Alignment of Block Copolymer Films and Large-Scale Fabrication of Templated Mesoporous Materials”
Adviser: Kevin A. Cavicchi and Bryan D. Vogt

Yan Sun

Polymer Engineering
BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Controlled Morphology in Bulk Heterojunction Polymer and Perovskite Solar Cells”
Adviser: Alamgir Karim

Nicole L. Swanson

Polymer Science
BS, St. Norbert College
Dissertation: “Polybutadiene Graft Copolymers as Coupling Agents in Rubber Compounding”
Adviser: Coleen Pugh

Qianhe Wang

Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Donghua University, China
Dissertation: “Acrylated Alkyds”
Adviser: Mark Soucek

Changhuai Ye

Polymer Engineering
MS, BS, Zhejiang University, China
Dissertation: “Microstructure Alignment and Mechanical Properties of Block Copolymer and Crystalline Polymer Thin Films”
Adviser: Bryan Vogt

Chao Yi

Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, East China University of Science and Technology
Dissertation: “Solution-Processed Polymeric Thermoelectrics and Photovoltaics”
Adviser: Xiong Gong

Qing Yu

Polymer Science
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, East China University of Science and Technology
Dissertation: “Applications of Human Bone and Synthesized Biomaterials in Bone-Related Tissue Engineering”
Adviser: William J Landis

Long Zhang

Polymer Science
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, East China University of Science and Technology
Dissertation: “In-situ Infrared Studies of Adsorbed Species in CO₂ Capture and Green Chemical Processes”
Adviser: Stephen Z.D. Cheng

Ren Zhang

Polymer Engineering
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Directed Self-Organization of Polymer-Grafted Nanoparticles in Polymer Thin Films”
Adviser: Alamgir Karim

Wei Zhang

Polymer Science
BS, Peking University, China
Dissertation: “Design, Synthesis and Self-Assembly of Giant Molecules with Precisely Controlled Heterogeneities, including Composition, Functionality, Topology and Sequence, Based on Nano-Building Blocks”
Adviser: Stephen Z.D. Cheng

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

The LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education

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Interim Dean Susan G. Clark

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Azadipyromethenes, and
Ferrocene-modified Compounds"

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Feedback Environment on
Clinician Processing of Feedback
from Client Outcome Measures"

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Dissertation: "The Role of
Supports, Barriers and Coping
Efficacy in First-Generation
College Students' Career Decision
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Social Behavior"

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Dissertation: "Changes in
Attitude and Self-Reported
Smoking Behavior of Youth with
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Pre-and-Post Implementation of
Who Tobacco Control Policies in
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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

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

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

Chorus

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

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

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

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

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

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