

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Fall
Commencement*

DECEMBER 10, 2022
JAMES A. RHODES ARENA



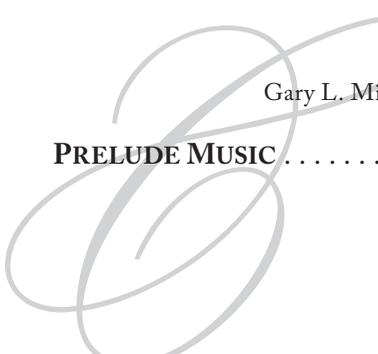
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FALL 2022 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 10 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Gary L. Miller, PH.D., *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

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- PRELUDE MUSIC** *(All preludes begin 30 minutes before the ceremony.)*
Sonata No. 12 Johann Pezel
Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello
Sussex Mummers' 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 Harbinson
The University of Akron Brass Choir
- THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** *(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)*
Led by Sarah Sommers
Student, School of Music
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** . . . Gary L. Miller, PH.D.
President, The University of Akron
- GREETINGS** Member
Board of Trustees
- STUDENT ADDRESS** December 10, Morning
Goldielyn Pagaspas
December 10, Afternoon
Chyann Farlin
- ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES** Gary L. Miller, PH.D.
President, The University of Akron

In the December 10 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 10 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 2022 William Kollman ’08, ’10
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations
Executive Director, The Alumni Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS Gary L. Miller, PH.D.
President, The University of Akron

THE ALMA MATER *(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 30.)*
Led by Sarah Sommers
Student, School of Music
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

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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. 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
Yellow	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).



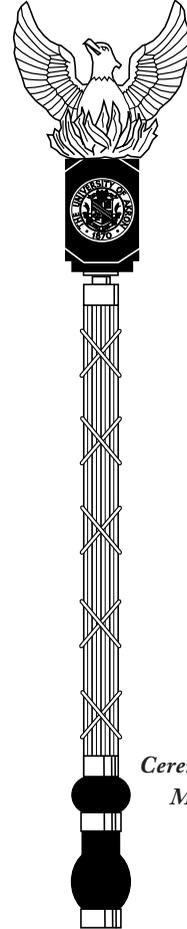
University Seal

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

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UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees

Joseph M. Gingo, J.D. '71
Chair

Lewis W. Adkins, Jr., J.D. '92
Vice Chair

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Christine Amer Mayer, J.D.

Thomas F. Needles

Michael J. Saxon, '83

William A. Scala, '75

Thomas A. Waltermire, '01*

Bryan C. Williams

Student Trustees

Brooke M. Campbell

Luke D. Smith

Advisory Trustees

Anthony J. Alexander, J.D.
'72, '75, '09*

Christine Fowler Mack, '89, '95

**Honorary Degree*

Officers of the Board

M. Celeste Cook, J.D. '84, '87
Secretary of the Board
Vice President and General Counsel

John J. Reilly, J.D.
Assistant Secretary of the Board
Associate Vice President and
Deputy General Counsel

UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

Officers

Gary L. Miller, PH.D.
President

John Wienczek, PH.D.
Executive Vice President
and Provost

Dallas A. Grundy
Senior Vice President and CFO

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Vice President for Research and
Business Engagement and
Dean of the Graduate School

Kimberly M. Cole '93, '95
Vice President Advancement
and Executive Director, The
University of Akron Foundation

M. Celeste Cook, J.D. '84, '87
Vice President and General Counsel

Tammy Ewin
Vice President, Chief Communication
and Marketing Officer

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Vice President, Chief Human
Resource Officer

Paul Levy, PH.D.
Vice President and Chief of Staff

John A. Messina, Ed.D. '11
Vice President for Student Affairs

Sheldon B. Wrice, Ed.D. '95, '13
Vice President for Inclusion and
Equity and Chief Diversity Officer

Deans

Mitchell S. McKinney, PH.D.
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Craig C. Menzemer, PH.D.
College of Engineering
and Polymer Science

Robert J. "R.J." Nemer, J.D. '90, '95
College of Business

Timothy M. McCarragher, PH.D.
College of Health and Human Sciences
(Acting)

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

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UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 10,
Morning

Marshal

Debmalaya Mukherjee, Ph.D.
*Professor of Management
Department of Management*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

December 10,
Afternoon

Marshal

Melody A. Betts, D.N.P.
*Associate Professor of Instruction;
Associate Director, Nurse Anesthesia
Program*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Gregory Lawson and Bethany Svoboda.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

December 10, Morning

Eric R. Brisker, PH.D.
Joseph Fox, PH.D.
Alexa K. Fox, PH.D.
Nicholas Glenn, PH.D.
Eugenia T. Gorgianni, PH.D.
Lauren M. Houser, MBA
Laurie E. Lashbrook, D.M.A.
Jessica M. Otto, PH.D.
John M. Senko, PH.D.
Michael C. Stuart, MBA
J. Patrick Wilber, PH.D.
Matthew A. Wyszynski, PH.D.

December 10, Afternoon

Mary S. Burton, M.S.N.
Stephanie A. Davis-Dieringer, M.S.
Ali Dhinojawala, PH.D.
Tammie L. Ferguson, M.S.N.
Lu-Kwan Ju, PH.D.
Anil Patnaik, PH.D.
Angela E. Reif, PH.D.
Yilmaz Sozer, PH.D.
Janice E. Steinmetz, M.S.W.
David H. Tefteller, PH.D.
Stacy L. Willett, ED.D.
Ping Yi, PH.D.
Michele I. Zelko, D.N.P.
Jie Zheng, PH.D.

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.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Alfred V. Ciraldo, M.D. will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree

ALFRED V. CIRALDO, M.D.

An alumnus of The University of Akron, Alfred V. Ciraldo earned his undergraduate degree in biology in 1976. He went on to graduate from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1979, complete his internship and residency in general surgery at Akron City Hospital (now Summa Health System), become a board-certified general surgeon in 1984, and establish his long-standing practice, which is based at Summa Health Medical Group Summit Surgical Associates.

In 2013, Ciraldo was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron by Governor John Kasich for a nine-year term that ended July 1, 2022. During his tenure, Ciraldo served the Board and the University well as vice chair of the Board; chair of the Audit & Compliance Committee, the Rules Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Personnel & Compensation Committee. He also served as a member on numerous standing and special committees, including those which selected President Miller and helped to navigate the University through the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout his term, he has applied thoughtful diligence to consideration of matters before the Board, especially with regard to the impact on students and their families.

Ciraldo has committed his time and talent as an esteemed physician to worthy causes dedicated to improving the lives of others, including providing surgical care via annual overseas mission trips, and sponsoring as well as participating in local Susan G. Komen Annual Race for the Cure fund-raising events for breast cancer research.

He resides in Akron and enjoys traveling and visiting his adult children and grandchildren.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 10, 2022
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Angela M. Alicea-Serrano

Integrated Bioscience

M.S., The University of Akron;
B.S., University of Puerto Rico,
Rio Piedras

Dissertation: "Robust Performance
of Spider Viscid Silk during Prey
Capture"

Adviser: Dr. Todd A. Blackledge

Jason A. Bella

Chemistry

M.S., The University of Akron;
B.S., California University of
Pennsylvania

Dissertation: "Synthesis
and Characterization of
Substituted Metallobistridentate
2,6-di(quinoline-8-yl)pyridines"

Adviser: Dr. David Modarelli

Katherine M. Bullock

Sociology

M.S., North Dakota State University;
B.A., Minnesota State University-
Moorhead

Dissertation: "Gaming to
Entertaining: An Exploration of
Gender and Race Inequalities in
Online Video Game Streaming"

Adviser: Dr. Kathryn Feltey

Kathleen J. Clingerman Dann

Secondary Education

M.Ed., Cleveland State University;
B.S., Youngstown State University

Dissertation: "Special Education
Teachers' Experiences with
High Stakes Teacher Evaluation
Systems"

Adviser: Dr. Lisa Lenhart

Rebecca S. Eagle

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Connecting People
with Nature: An Interdisciplinary
Approach in Environmental
Education"

Advisers: Dr. Randall Mitchell
and Dr. Gary Holliday

Thibaut Houette

Integrated Bioscience

M.Arch., B.Arch., ENSA,
Paris, Val-de-Seine

Dissertation: "The Integration
of Biological Growth into
Architecture through
Biotechnology and Biomimicry"

Adviser: Dr. Hunter King

Megan Therese Kimbrell

Counseling Psychology

M.A., John Carroll University;
B.A., Case Western Reserve University

Dissertation: "Parental Burnout
in Mothers: Exploring the Roles
of Social Support, Income, Sense
of Coherence, and Dispositional
Mindfulness"

Adviser: Dr. Ingrid Weigold

Alicja Anna Marlowe

Integrated Bioscience

M.S., University of Life Sciences
in Lublin

Dissertation: "Expression of
Selected Cadherins in Adult
Zebrafish Visual System and
Regenerating Retina, and
Microarray Analysis of Gene
Expression in Protocadherin-17
Morphants"

Adviser: Dr. Qin Liu

Darcy N. McBride

Secondary Education

M.Ed., Ashland University;
B.S.Ed., Ohio University

Dissertation: "Flourishing in
Adolescent/Young Adult English
Language Arts Teachers in Ohio"

Adviser: Dr. Susan Kushner
Benson

Julie Ann Miller

Secondary Education

M.Ed., B.A., The University of Akron

Dissertation: "College Faculty and
the Experience of Job Satisfaction:
A Phenomenological Approach"

Adviser: Dr. Renee Mudrey

Syed Rafiquddin

Chemistry

M.S., The University of Akron;
B.S., University of Dhaka

Dissertation: "Electroanalysis of
As(III) and Hg(II) Ions with Hot
Microelectrodes"

Adviser: Dr. Aliaksei Boika

Sabina Pakdehi Samipour-Biel

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron;
B.S., George Mason University

Dissertation: "A Process Model
of Transactive Memory System
Shared Knowledge Structure
Emergence: A Computational
Model in R"

Adviser: Dr. Joelle Elicker

Leann Schaeffer

Secondary Education

M.A., Kent State University;
B.S., Miami University

Dissertation: "The Skills Essential
for Dietetic Students to Meet
Current Competency 1.12 in
Demonstrating Knowledge of
and Being Able to Manage Food
Preparation Techniques"

Adviser: Dr. Lynne Pachnowski

Gabor D. Smith PhD

Secondary Education

M.A., B.A., The University of Akron

Dissertation: "The Education
of The Lion: A Qualitative
Visual Research Exploration of
Mentorship in Higher Education"

Adviser: Dr. Gary Holliday

Colleen K. Unsworth

Integrated Bioscience

B.A., Grand Valley State University

Dissertation: "Innovating All-
Terrain Mobility Solutions for
Access Equity through Bio-
Inspired Inclusive Design and
Entrepreneurship"

Adviser: Dr. Henry Astley

Xiyang Zhang

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron;
B.S., Beijing Normal University

Dissertation: "How Feedback
Seeking Relates to Proximal
Outcomes: A Closer Look at the
Event Level"

Adviser: Dr. Paul Levy

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CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS

Kayla B. Fisher
Brandon A. Plaza

MASTER OF ARTS

Hakam K. Almhairat
English

Kelly A. Burke
Counseling Psychology

Bethany J. Decker
English

Avi Buddy Desai
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Lauren E. Folk
English

Janessa Garcia
Counseling Psychology

Kaylyn M. Hampshire
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Michael S. Kenney
English

Amber Rení Lewis
Counseling Psychology

Jeremy P. Lewis
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration

Alex J. Lim-Scebba
Communication

Amy M. Mellinger
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration

Daniel J. Messinger
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Christine M. Morris
English

Johnathan Quinones
Strategic Communication Online

Jacob W. Rife
English

Samantha E. Ross
English

Felica Lynn Ross
English

Lauren C. Sprowls
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration

Joren A. Tengesdal
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Gustavo A. Ugueto-Rey
Industrial/Organizational Psychology

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Sumedha Gajbhiye
Curriculum & Instruction

Leonard S. Loftis
*Educational Administration
& Leadership*

Cecily D. Nobles
*Educational Foundations –
Instructional Technology*

Joshua A. Nowak
Curriculum & Instruction

Lesli A. Waller
*Educational Administration
& Leadership*

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Delaney K. Lerch
Security Studies

Martina Pagani
Security Studies

Liberty A. York
Security Studies

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Margaret Ellen Perduyn

MASTER OF MUSIC

Evan M. Campus
Music Education – Instrumental

Sarah E. Miracle
Music – Woodwinds Performance

Caleb C. Sparks
Music Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Trevor R. Dwyer
Geology

Jessica E. Hill
Biology

Vandana L. Keniya
Chemistry

Peter K. Kosgei
Chemistry

Vincent J. Labosky
Applied Mathematics

Yonghao Li
Chemistry

Kiersten L. McMahon
Biology

Jo Ozaki
Statistics

Jacob M. Tallon
Geology

Grace Vilem
Biology

College of Business

Founded 1953

Dean Robert J. Nemer

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michelle D. Bisson

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Stacy E. Boyd

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Robert G. Bryan

Business Interdisciplinary

Aliyah T. Bullock

Business Interdisciplinary Online

Kailey Corrick

Business Interdisciplinary

Catherine Cunningham

Business Interdisciplinary Online

Tarak P. Desai

Business Interdisciplinary

Kevin J. Dever

Business Interdisciplinary

Tracy C. Devlin

Business Interdisciplinary

Desiree N. Easterwood

Business Interdisciplinary

Jhena Lynn Fajt

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Elizabeth Anne Fladung

Business Interdisciplinary

Grayson T. Garver Geller

Management

Samuel UE George

Business Interdisciplinary

Jonah C. Green

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Ya Hanshaw

Business Interdisciplinary

Holly Ann Hogston

Business Interdisciplinary

Michelle E. Jenson

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Andrew J. Jones

Business Interdisciplinary

Claudia Kaeberlein

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Shannon E. McKnight

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Katelyn Miller

Business Interdisciplinary

Tiffany Moffat

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Patrick J. Nie

Business Interdisciplinary

Luke M. Operhall

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Nikolay Otroda

Business Interdisciplinary

Alexandria M. Petrof

Business Interdisciplinary Online

Trayjen J. Rarden

Business Interdisciplinary

Joseph D. Ritz

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Terrie L. Sampson

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Fernando A. Segovia

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Kairav T. Shah

Business Interdisciplinary Online

Erik F. Simone

Business Interdisciplinary

Cory Smigel

Business Interdisciplinary

Kyle A. Sobecki

Business Interdisciplinary

Ursula Melinda Stacks

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Ali M. Stem

Business Interdisciplinary – Weekend

Jeffrey P. Storz

Business Interdisciplinary

Daniel B. Strachan

Business Interdisciplinary

Thu Huong Tran

Business Interdisciplinary

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Vivian G. Campbell

Alan D. Kung

Matthew J. Lower

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Michael F. Dirne

*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*

Gayathri Dondeti

*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*

Esther F. Kilaja

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Waseem Mohammed

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Sai Pratyusha Pagadala

*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*

Venkata Rama Sai Nithin

Penjerla
*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*

Karunyya Sai Venigalla

*Business Analytics –
Information Systems*

MASTER OF TAXATION

Laura L. Franco

Andrew Klapac

Foram Modi

Robert J. O'Neil

Adam M. Perebzk

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Femi S. Ademuyiwa
Hanna Adom
Logan M. Anderson
Marcus S. Anderson
Aaron C. Archer
Nimra Asif
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Ian J. Badger
Magna Cum Laude
Kalia G. Benner
Cum Laude
Mccallister G. Beranek
Cum Laude
Justin Boca
Dominic E. Boland
Samantha H. Bovee
Yazmen K. Brandon*
Chynna Brown
Erin E. Brown
Darius D. Burley
Laura L. Caldwell
Cum Laude
Madelyn Carver
Christian R. Cline
Geordyn L. Conne
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Patrick T. Cook
Ekaterina R. Costa
Collin Croasmun
Summa Cum Laude
Elizabeth C. Davis
Ryan L. Everett
Hannah R. Fada
Dane A. Fellenstein
Julianne T. First
Summa Cum Laude
Sophia B. Fisher
Summa Cum Laude
Kelly J. Galambos
Dante R. Grassi
Christopher J. Griffin

David L. Hanno
Kassidy G. Harkness
Dana E. Harris
Cum Laude
Abigail R. Hayden
Cum Laude
Madison O. Hines
Nathaniel J. Hochstetler
Magna Cum Laude
Rex C. Hodges
Summa Cum Laude
Mackenzie Holliday
Summa Cum Laude
Tyler P. Hollon
Judy K. Horn
Brandon D. Hostetler
Summa Cum Laude
Kendra J. Ivery
With High Distinction
Savannah M. Johns
Cum Laude
Cristin C. Johnson
Zion Johnston
Alaina E. Kempf
William A. Lagasse
Zachary R. Lane
Summa Cum Laude
Catherine S. Lee
Summa Cum Laude
Maxwell D. Lombardi
Alyssa E. Lorence
Joshua C. Ludwig
Mary Mabry
Emily R. Magazine
Hailey McCort
Bailee M. McCullough
Magna Cum Laude
John M. McDermott
Peter D. McPike
Cum Laude
Chase L. Mize
Morgan A. Mizer
Magna Cum Laude
Noah J. Murphy
Claudia H. Namenyi
Magna Cum Laude
Claudia J. Napier
Anauka A. Nelson
Macey L. Parker
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Established in 1918

The following cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants on December 10, 2022:

UNITED STATES ARMY

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Jared Stanley

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STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHEL



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

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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. 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).

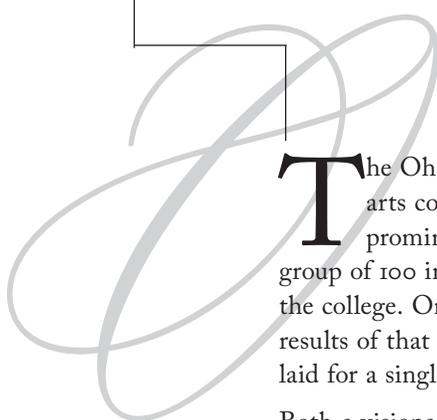
THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

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*
 Zzzip! Zip go the Zip - pers
 Zzzip! Zip go the Zip - pers Ak - ron U,
 Gold and Blue All for you and the Zip - pers too! *D.C. al fine*

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

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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 satellite campuses in Lakewood, Medina and Orrville. Today, more than 179,000 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, joining a proud community of more than 170,000 alumni, are making a difference throughout the world.

It continues to keep its founder's promise.

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