

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring
Commencement*

MAY 8 AND 9, 2021
INFOCISION STADIUM



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SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

May 8 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
May 9 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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

PRELUDER MUSIC	The University of Akron Wind Symphony The University of Akron Choirs The University of Akron Paragon Brass Quintet The University of Akron Marching Band The University of Akron Steel Drum Band
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FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL	(<i>The audience will remain seated.</i>) <i>Fanfare from La Peri</i> by Paul Dukas performed by the United States Air Force Concert Band <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> by Sir Edward Elgar performed by the United States Marine Band
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	(<i>The audience is invited to stand and sing.</i>) Led by Ashlee Foreman <i>Student, School of Music</i> performed by The University of Akron Marching Band
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION . . .	Gary L. Miller, PH.D. <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
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GREETINGS	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
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STUDENT ADDRESS	May 8, Morning Tanisha Perera May 8, Afternoon Logan Dusseau May 9, Morning Jayme Jennings May 9, Afternoon Ryley Watt
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ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Gary L. Miller, PH.D. <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
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THE ALMA MATER	(<i>The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 46.</i>) Led by Ashlee Foreman <i>Student, School of Music</i> performed by The University of Akron Marching Band
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In the May 8 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (undergraduate degrees).

In the May 8 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (graduate degrees) and College of Business.

In the May 9 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Health and Human Services.

In the May 9 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science.

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 2021	William Kollman ('08, '10) <i>Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations Executive Director, The Alumni Association</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gary L. Miller, PH.D. <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
RECESSATIONAL	<i>The Akron Blue and Gold</i> by Fred Waring performed by The University of Akron Marching Band

*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.

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 faculty. Next come the platform party, including Trustees, recipient(s) of honorary degrees, and the president of the University, 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, 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.

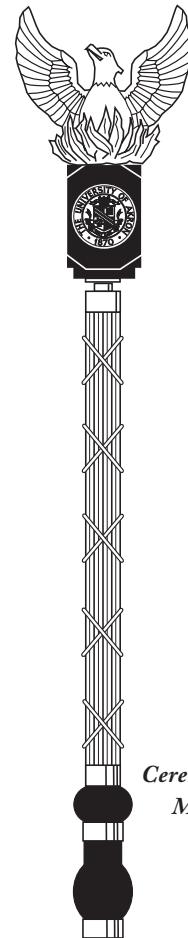
Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped with heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

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



Ceremonial Mace

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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*Honorary Doctorate

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Pamela S. Williams Honors College
(Acting)*

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS



May 8, Morning

Marshal

Andrew Rancer, PH.D.
*Professor Emeritus,
School of Communication*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

May 8, Afternoon

Marshal

Steven Ash, PH.D.
*Assistant Dean and Director of
Graduate Programs,
College of Business*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

May 9, Morning

Marshal

Greta Lax
*ARI-AHEC Center Director,
College of Health and
Human Sciences*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

May 9, Afternoon

Marshal

Gary Doll, PH.D.
*Professor, Department of
Civil Engineering, and
Director of the Timken
Engineered Surfaces Laboratory*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER



The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Lori Palmer.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

May 8, Morning

Elisha Dumser, PH.D.
Rebecca Erickson, PH.D.
Yu-Kuang Hu, PH.D.
Daniela Jauk, PH.D.
Lisa Lenhart, PH.D.
Paul Levy, PH.D.
James McHugh, PH.D.
Ira Sasowsky, PH.D.
Ann Usher, PH.D.
McKenna Vietmeier, M.A.
Charles Waehler, PH.D.
A. Martin Wainwright, PH.D.
Matthew Wyszynski, PH.D.
Jun Ye, PH.D.

May 8, Afternoon

Mary Biddering, PH.D.
Toni Bisconti, PH.D.
Asoke Dey, PH.D.
John Goodell, PH.D.
Maria Hamdani, PH.D.
Douglas Hausknecht, PH.D.
Zhexi Li, PH.D.
Barry Mulholland, PH.D.
Doron Narotzki, S.J.D.
Robert Peralta, PH.D.
Thaddeus Neururer, PH.D.
Rolando Ramirez, PH.D.
Cynthia Tomash, MBA
Amanda Weinstein, PH.D.
Juan Xi, PH.D.
Lingxing Yao, PH.D.

May 9, Morning

Stacia Biddle, M.ED.
Stacey Buser, PH.D.
Charles Carlin, PH.D.
Marie Cobb, DNP
Yue Dang, PH.D.
Nicole Hunka, PH.D.
Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, PH.D.
Kristine Kraft, D.C.
Leann Schaeffer, PH.D.
Robert C. Schwartz, PH.D.
Linda Shanks, PH.D.
Melissa Smith, M.S.
Jim Steiger, PH.D.
Carolyn Sutter, DNP
Stacy Willett, ED.D.

May 9, Afternoon

Wieslaw Binienda, PH.D.
Ali Dhinojwala, PH.D.
Edward Evans, PH.D.
Nicholas Garafolo, PH.D.
Douglas Hubert, ED.D.
Sadhan Jana, PH.D.
Nariman Mahabadi, PH.D.
Greg Morscher, PH.D.
Audrey Nguyen, PH.D.
Zhenmeng Peng, PH.D.
Scott Sawyer, PH.D.
Hossein Tavana, PH.D.
Robert Veillette, 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.

Anna M. Abate
Walid A. Abuhashim
Diana Marie Alaba
Annamarie C. Alfery
Firdous F. Ali
Kirklin M. Anderson
Melissa R. Antalek
Kandisi M. Anyabwile
Dominic J. Apisa
Rayhan Asif
Erin M. Babcock
Alec J. Bagley
Lauren E. Barnes
Madison M. Batchik
Shadoe M. Beatty
Jodi Beery
Katherine L. Beitko
Thomas C. Benenati
Logan D. Benninghoff
Amy N. Beskitt
Delaney P. Besse
Evan D. Blitz
John J. Bowen
Adam T. Brooks
Adam D. Brunner
Andrea S. Bugariu
Leanne M. Bunnell
Landry R. Carneal
Alex M. Cerino
Christopher J. Chapanar
Jared M. Charlson
Caleb J. Christopher
Andrew J. Cihon-Scott
Hayden D. Cobb
Greta V. Conley
Kelly M. Cooper
Nichole R. Cooper
Nathan M. Cornelius
Brandon D. Counts
Brittney N. Crandall
Joshua M. Cummings
Joshua W. Curtis
Isaac J. Daley
Ethan T. Davis
Weston H. Davis
Avery J. Dietz
Isabella Ann Dillon
Jonathan E. Doak
Sydney N. Dominek
Kristel Honey Doong
Logan E. Dusseau
Grace C. Elerick
John W. Elliott
Kevin A. Feezel
Mitchell R. Felde
Christopher A. Ferguson
Alicen M. Fimple
Brendon M. Ford
Joshua M. Foss
Silvia L. Furman
Lisa D. Gabel
Samantha K. Galambos
Callie M. Gerzanics
Austin T. Ghiates
Miranda L. Gibel
Peter Gildea
Nathan J. Giunto
Anton D. Glocar
Jake M. Grdadolnik
Kenneth W. Gregg
Lucas J. Greggila
Noah B. Gresser
Emma Griffith
Alyssa A. Grismer
Scott B. Grisso
Ryan P. Grzeschik
Clarity B. Gunn
Seth A. Gwirtz
Christopher J. Ha
Brandon D. Hadinger
Owen C. Hafler
Logan R. Haid
Emma L. Harmon
Hannah R. Hartzler
Isabel Hartzler
Eman Hassan
Alexander R. Hawley
Reese Hawthorne
Nicholas W. Heim
Samantha K. Heim
Jaret G. Helminski
Mark D. Hendricks
David W. Herr
Caitlyn D. Herron
Savanna P. Hill
Drew T. Hodgson
Devin J. Hopkins
Catherine E. Howell
Hunter D. Howell
Sydney D. Hughes
Maanasa M. Humchad
Hunter F. Hykes
Steven H. Innocenzi
Timothy Shawn Inzitari

GRADUATION WITH HONORS (CONT.)

Jacob J. Jaksic
Emily Nicole Janikowski
Riley L. Jarvis
Akos Jasper
Jalal Jwayyed
Jasem S. Jwayyed
Charley I. Kale
Ryan H. Kantenwein
Celia D. Keefe
Devan W. Keeling
Shane T. Kelliher
Lauren E. Kilpatrick
Joshua M. King
Ashley N. Knight
Dennis J. Kopacz III
David M. Kotovets
Abigail R. Kraft
Mikayla G. Kreider
Heather M. Kriston
Patrick W. Kruse
Matthew J. Lacek
Owen T. Lacey
Sarah P. Lacey
Sean P. Lacey
Gina M. Lanese
Samantha L. Lawler
Cameron E. Lazor
Joseph K. Linder
Samantha R. Lindsay
Sarah J. Littlefield
Hanna Mackey
Rachel A. Madigan
Alexandria L. Magyar
Grace E. Maier
Piper C. Mallchok
John C. Maly
Seth D. Mancuso
Sefra Manos
Andrew A. Markja
Kayley M. Martin
Emily Masa
Megan M. Mayle
Sienna C. McArthur
Hayley R. McElroy
Katherine N. McGormley
Makana M. McGuire
Mathea M. McGuire
Bryce D. McKenzie
Dylan T. McKibben
Marissa M. Meredith
Michael G. Metropoulos
Anthony M. Micale
Christopher J. Michalski
John A. Michel
Emily A. Miller
Rachael D. Mion
Anthony T. Mole
Carson G. Moore
Alexander J. Morgan
Jacob S. Myers
Hannah J. Nelson
Jacob W. Nelson
Regina T. Neugebauer
Alex M. Nguyen
Justin R. Nicholas
Savannah N. Novak
Rebecca E. Nussbaum
Duncan P. O'Brien
Auston J. Obringer
Michael M. O'Donnell
Harris J. Ong
Vincent P. Orzel
Thomas D. Palisin
Noah W. Parker
Victoria A. Patterson
Jessica M. Payne
Alec J. Perkins
Aaron D. Pham
Grace A. Phillips
Jacinta M. Pikunas Sr.
Hannah J. Pineault
Anthony J. Pintola
Stephen R. Pirosko
Noah T. Polanski
Jenna E. Pumneo
Kelly Purgason
Mallory E. Radesic
Marcus P. Radtka
Sahil Rajan
Kimberly A. Ray
Leah C. Recker
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Jade G. Reese
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Dawn L. Ritter
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Agostino Rocca
Brandon M. Ross
Benjamin Roter
Thomas P. Rovnak III
Adam K. Sacks
Emmanuel James Salem
Jack N. Sawyer
Jacob H. Schandel
Dylan A. Schwarz
Jacob T. Seeh
Sabrina R. Segretario
Catherine E. Seno
Ben M. Shaub
Nathaniel D. Shetler
Madison P. Shipe
Jacob T. Shreve
John M. Skakun
Madeline Z. Smith
Gunther D. Soehnlen
Heather R. Sommer
Rebekah A. Sorensen
Danielle P. Spencer
Allen M. St. Myers
Katelyn E. Stanoch
Zachery K. Steck
Joshua J. Stefan
Nathan K. Stefan
Jacob A. Steiner
Shelby L. Stevens
Juliana M. Stierl
Alyson B. Stoll
Cole P. Sutyak
Sydney E. Swogger
Nicholas J. Tamburrino
Yanna Telyeten
Julia M. Thomas
Shaye M. Tiell
Emily G. Tully
Sean A. Turner
Brandon A. Tyson
Adam T. Usher
Gabrielle X. Vang
Jadon T. Vanyo
Emma A. Vasek
Joci M. Verb
Rosalinda L. Villareal
Joshua D. Villers
Anastasia Vonortas
Ronnie E. Wallingford
Brooke M. Walters
Laurel B. Wardell
Victoria R. Wargo
Lindsey A. Wasnak
Alison R. Waugh
Whitney Wendling
Solomon B. Whitmire
Sarah E. Wieser
William J. Wilcox
Margaret C. Williams
Madilyn B. Willis
Ian P. Witsaman
Chloe M. Wolfe
Nicholas A. Wolski
Zachary M. Woodrum
Linus W. Wright
Andrea L. Wyder
Kaylie C. Yaceczko
Katherine G. Yoak
Alexis M. Yoder
Angela L. Young
Matthew A. Youngblood
Ryan J. Zahniser
Zebediah P. Zehentbauer
Samantha J. Zidd
Tori Taylor Zimmerman
Nicholas M. Zubek
Timothy J. Zubek

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.

Jacob D. Buechele

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

May 8, 2021
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Acting Dean Joe R. Urgo

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Huriya Abbasi
Magna Cum Laude

Manar A. Abdullah

Holly A. Adams

Maryann A. Adesoba
Magna Cum Laude

Alexis N. Adleta
Summa Cum Laude

Nicole E. Albini
Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer N. Andio
Magna Cum Laude

Jordin Andrews
Cum Laude

Regina G. Angeletti

Maxwell L. Anter
With Highest Distinction

Rodney G. Armour Jr.

Mya R. Armstead-Owens

Kryshae N. Averette

Katie E. Barber
Magna Cum Laude

Haylee A. Barnett
Cum Laude

Ashley M. Beal

Sanae' A. Bean-Smith

Dekayla Iman Bell

Sierra M. Benson

Eric J. Bentley

Jacob E. Bloxsom

John J. Bowen

Cum Laude

Angela M. Boyce

Faith R. Bragg

Carole A. Bratton

Hannah K. Brewer
Summa Cum Laude

Katelynn L. Broadus
Magna Cum Laude

Andrea S. Bugariu
Summa Cum Laude

Leanne M. Bunnell
Magna Cum Laude

Thomas D. Burton

Dominic W. Bushen

Rachel E. Byrne

Caleb J. Carmody

Kaitlin E. Carpenter

Cory J. Catchpole

Emily A. Cavin

Magna Cum Laude

Riley Chaney

Christian R. Cline

Nathan Cline

Claire N. Cogar*
Cum Laude

Quinn A. Combs

Hayley Coyne
Summa Cum Laude

Brian M. Crace

Kathleen J. Creasap
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas J. Culver

Seth T. Daniels
Cum Laude

Kamari A. Davis

Megan Elizabeth Davis

Garrett A. Decker

Shirer J. Delancey
Magna Cum Laude

Sasha Dixon V

Adama Donzo

Michael S. Downey

Jamie M. Dye

Kimberly A. Ellinger

Rachel E. Evans

Christina D. Faessel
Cum Laude

Austin T. Fearn

Kevin A. Feezel
Magna Cum Laude

Chelsey D. File

Nicholas A. Fincham

Molly Fischer

Andrew Fleming
Summa Cum Laude

Carlie P. French
With Highest Distinction

Piper L. Fullard

Frenk Suresh Gamit

Edward J. Gancos
Cum Laude

Owen P. Goodheart

David R. Gough
Summa Cum Laude

Emma Griffith
Summa Cum Laude

Amy L. Griffiths

Haley N. Gruccio

Maria C. Gruccio

Paige L. Gura

Christopher James Krstic Ha
Summa Cum Laude

Nicholas W. Hahn

Caroline G. Hanna
Summa Cum Laude

Kristin N. Hastings

Garrett M. Haverstick

Ashton H. Hawkins

Alexander R. Hawley
Summa Cum Laude

Amanda R. Hayes

Haley A. Heddleston
Cum Laude

Caitlin R. Heintz

Logan D. Hepp

Caitlyn D. Herron
Cum Laude

Graham S. Hess*
Cum Laude

Savanna P. Hill
Magna Cum Laude

Nathan Hoffman

Gregory Holmes II

Gloria H. Hope
Summa Cum Laude

Morgan B. Horn
Summa Cum Laude

Jennifer C. Hudson

Oliver N. Huffman
With High Distinction

Jordan M. Hunt

Mariama Ibrahim

Drew Ilg

Samantha P. Imrie

Ebony Jones

Cheyenne Keeton

Kyrstyn Kehler

Darrian M. Kellis
Summa Cum Laude

MacKenzie R. Kimes
Summa Cum Laude

John B. Kinder

Timothy J. Klug

Lauren R. Knoebel
Cum Laude

Lexie E. Kolano
Summa Cum Laude

Ta'Sha N. Koontz
Cum Laude

Nikolina Kravljaca

Kasey M. Kreiling

Anthony M. Krim II

Ryan J. Landers

Gina M. Lanese
Magna Cum Laude

Cedrick W. Lee

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Distinguishing the Immediate
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Reappraisal and Acceptance"

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Established in 1918

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Second Lieutenant Buckler has been assigned to the Ohio National Guard as a Quartermaster Officer

Dominic W. Bushen

Second Lieutenant Bushen has been assigned to the Active Component as an Armor Officer

Colton J. Choma

Second Lieutenant Choma has been assigned to the Active Component as an Infantry Officer

Michael R. Hill

Second Lieutenant Hill has been assigned to the Active Component as a Field Artillery Officer

Brett K. Jones

Second Lieutenant Jones has been assigned to the Active Component as a Field Artillery Officer

Jalen T. Larios

Second Lieutenant Larios has been assigned to the Ohio National Guard as a Quartermaster Officer

Kyle B. Lott

Second Lieutenant Lott has been assigned to the Active Component as an Infantry Officer

Glenda Mancilla

Second Lieutenant Mancilla has been assigned to the Reserve Component as a Medical Service Officer

Jonathan A. Michaels

Second Lieutenant Michaels has been assigned to the Active Component as a Military Intelligence Officer with a branch detail to Field Artillery

Noah T. Polanski

Second Lieutenant Polanski has been assigned to the Active Component as an Infantry Officer

Andrew N. Sladek

Second Lieutenant Sladek has been assigned to the Ohio National Guard as a Military Intelligence Officer

Andrew M. Smith

Second Lieutenant Smith has been assigned to the Active Component as a Military Intelligence Officer with a branch detail to the Infantry

Morgan E. Turner

Second Lieutenant Turner has been assigned to the Active Component as an Army Nurse

Adam Watts

Second Lieutenant Watts has been assigned to the Ohio National Guard as an Air Defense Artillery Officer

Anthony J. Whyle

Second Lieutenant Whyle has been assigned to the Active Component as a Chemical Officer

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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 amber 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).

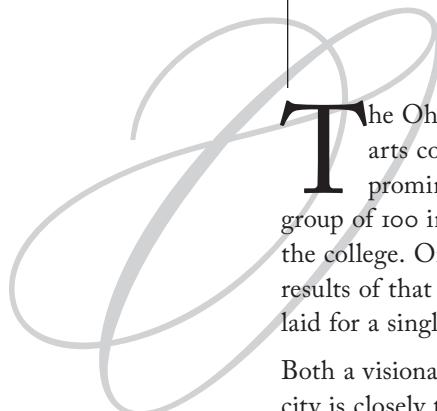
THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are integrated directly into the music. The score includes several sections of text, some with specific musical markings like dynamic changes or rests.

We cheer the Akron Blue and Gold, We
cheer as the co - lors un - fold We pledge a - new,
we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing
through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Akron war - riors bold,
For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand
up, and cheer and shout for the Akron Blue and Gold. fine
Zzzip! Zip go the Zip - pers
Zzzip! Zip go the Zip-pers Akron U,
Gold and Blue All for you and the Zip - pers too! D.C. al fine

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it after one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College.

Both a visionary and pragmatist, Buchtel believed that the vigor of any city is closely tied to the proximity of a high-quality institution of higher education. Decades of progress, both for the city and for the college he helped to launch, have proven him right.

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

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution, the University serves students from all over the country and world through five degree-granting colleges and a School of Law on the main campus and through 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.