

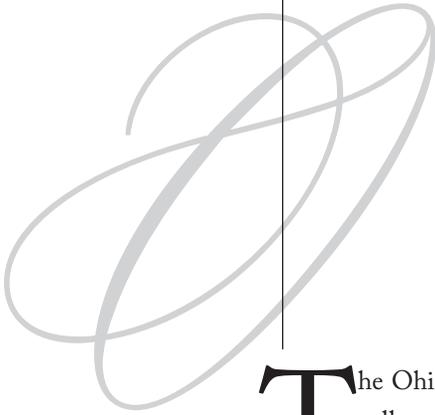
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Fall
Commencement*

DECEMBER 16, 2017
EDWIN J. THOMAS
PERFORMING ARTS HALL

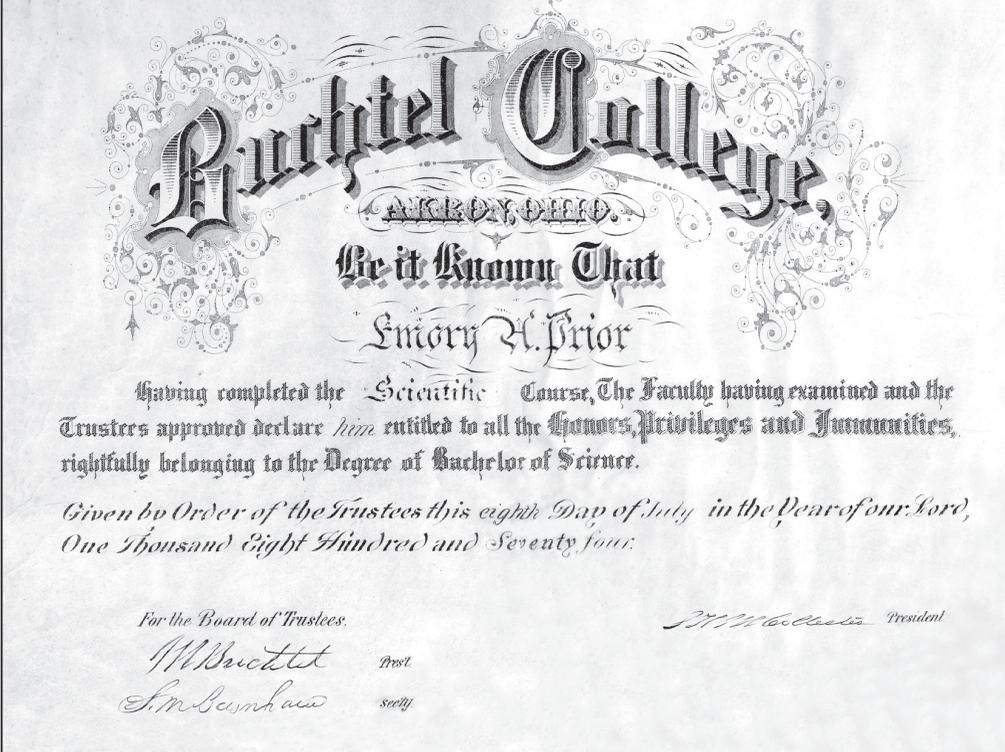


THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION

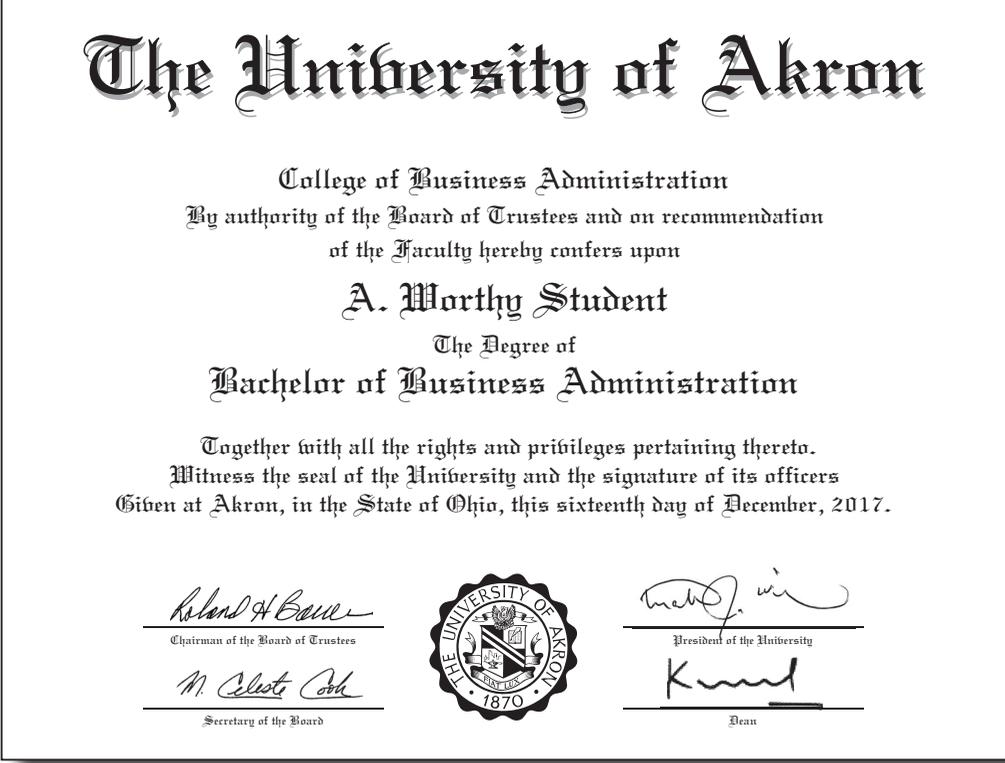


The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small, liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it for one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, 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 177,000 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 2017 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 16 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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

PRELUDE MUSIC	<i>Fanfare and Chorus</i> Dietrich Buxtehude <i>Coro Spezzato</i> Giovanni Pierluigi di Palestrina <i>Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol</i> Percy Grainger <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 Swift <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>
ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Matthew J. Wilson <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
THE ALMA MATER.	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 34.)</i> Led by Katherine Swift The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of undergraduate degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and College of Health Professions.

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of graduate degree candidates from all colleges.

In the evening ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College.

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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

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
Waltz Ferdinando Carulli
Soubenir d'automne Simone Iannarelli
Lullaby Isaias Savio
Evocacion Jose Luis Merlin
Tyler Spuzzillo – Guitar
Student, School of Music

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD The University of Akron Brass Choir

**WELCOME OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TO THE CLASS OF 2017**

William Kollman ('08, '10)
Executive Director, Government and Alumni Relations

STUDENT RESPONSE

Morning
Abigail A. Zerull
Afternoon
Kelli M. Morisak
Evening
Dener Dos Santos

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:

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.



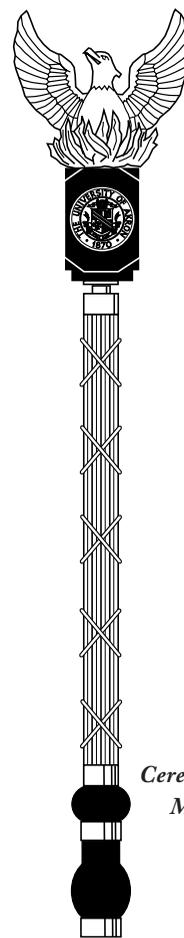
University Seal

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

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

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

Lewis W. Adkins, Jr., J.D. ('92)

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

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

William A. Scala ('75)

Warren L. Woolford ('74)

*Honorary Doctorate

Student Trustees

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Joshua E. J. Thomas

Advisory Trustees

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

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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

Matthew J. Wilson
President

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Senior Vice President and Provost

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Vice President of Development

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Chief Financial Officer

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Chief of Staff

Deans

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

John C. Green
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Ravi Krovi
College of Business Administration

Donald P. Visco, Jr.
College of Engineering

Chand K. Midha
Graduate School (Executive)

Sarah M.R. Cravens
The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College
(Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives)

Christopher C. J. Peters
School of Law

Eric J. Amis
College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering

Aimée L. deChambeau
University Libraries

Jarrod Tudor
Wayne College and
The LeBron James Family Foundation
College of Education (Acting)

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Morning

Marshal

Linda Shanks

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Cherie Sedlock

Faculty Marshal

Eugenia Gorogianni

Assistant Marshals

Jeanette Berger
Kathryn Budd
Koshal Dahal
Kristina English
David Giffels
Travis Hreno
Galen Karriker
Robert Mallik
Judit Puskas
Jordan Renna
Melissa Smith
Michael Spayd
Naomi White
Stephanie Yuhas

Afternoon

Marshal

Tianbo Liu

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Marcia Main

Faculty Marshal

Raymond Cox

Assistant Marshals

Eihab Abousena
Kelly Chaff
Kelli Chronister
Ali Dhinojwala
Richard Einsporn
Sucharita Ghosh
Melanie McCoskey
David Payne
William Schneider, IV

Evening

Marshal

Jarrold Tudor

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steve Sedlock

Faculty Marshal

Douglas Hausknecht

Assistant Marshals

Richard Bennett
Lori Brinker
Eric Brisker
Kelly Chaff
Shirong Du
Richard Einsporn
Douglas Hubert
Yohann Mauger
Steven Myers
Garrison Ure

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

David A. Harris
Member, National Alumni Board
Bryan P. Gannon, Jr.
Admissions Counselor

Afternoon

Patricia L. Miller
*Department Records Specialist,
Center for Academic Advising
and Student Success*
Heather Walter
*Associate Professor,
Communication, Buchtel
College of Arts and Sciences*

Evening

John J. A. Alvarez-Turner
*Associate Director,
Multicultural Center*
Deborah A. Gannon
*College Program Specialist,
Honors College*

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Morning

Chien-Chung Chan
Jason Chiang
Stephen Harp
Karin Jordan
Karl Kaltenthaler
Zhexi Li
Timothy McCarragher
James Steiger
James Thomka
Charles Waehler
Jennifer Warren
Julie Whitmore
John Zipp

Afternoon

Matthew Becker
George Chase
Gary Doll
Michelle Dumpe
Mark Foster
Subramaniya Hariharan
Nathan Ida
Karin Jordan
Lisa Lenhart
Paul Levy
Robert Lillard
Sergei Lyuksyutov
Reza Madad
Carolyn Murrock
Sailaja Paruchuri
Rikki Patton
Brian Radesic
David Roke
Yilmaz Sozer
Denise Stuart
Carolyn Sutter
Hossein Tavana
David Tokar
Bryan Vogt
Charles Waehler
Evonn Welton
Ping Yi

Evening

William Baker
Andrew Bernat
John Cheh
Al Daviso
Zarreen Farooqi
Robert Figler
Lawrence Gilpatric
Deborah Johanyak
Brad Maguth
Evonn Welton
Craig Wise

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

Lori Palmer

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.

Tyler D. Atanasov *
Madison L. Baer
Mark J. Beauch II
Benjamin J. Beckman
Megan N. Brophy
Jackson C. Carruthers *
Brandon E. Cummings
Dener Dos Santos
Eden A. Dunning
Sarah A. Falbo *
Kailey E. Gabriel
James G. Gates
Zachary J. Guiser
John R. Hojnacki
Jacob G. Kaus
Jason D. Klinect *
Hunter W. Korsmo *
Shauna C. Lachendro
Maria V. LaMontagne
Tyler J. Mikita
Caleb P. Ohrn *
Heather R. Owens
Colin M. Pytel
Rebekah Dawn Rose
Rachel K. Scheuermann
Emily E. Seburnia
Savannah R. Shoaff *
Logan R. Smalley
Jonathan M. Stein
Kylie E. Thanasiu
Joseph F. Tuck
Jamie N. Vadnal
Erica L. Wellman
Abigail A. Zerull

*Summer 2017 Graduate

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CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

December 16, 2017
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Dean John C. Green

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Morgan A. Aebischer

Jack E. Bailey
Summa Cum Laude

Matt J. Barnhart

Johanna N. Barnowski
Magna Cum Laude

Kirk R. Bedford
Cum Laude

Pau Belana Huguet

Aryel A. Bell

Alexis S. Berg
Summa Cum Laude

Allison E. Berry

Mario S. Beverly Jr.

Michael D. Bilfield

Samantha C. Boryk
Summa Cum Laude

Kendra M. Bowman

Justin M. Bradley

Kaylee F. Budd

Gregory N. Burns Jr.

Lauren B. Burns

Makayla J. Butcher

Natalie E. Calabrese

Kaiyla M. Capien

Antonio Catalano

Elizabeth I. Cawley

Gabriella C. Charley

Sara D. Clark

Lauren H. Conard

Robert P. Corts

Ryan C. Delafield

Michael J. Delagrangue

Baylee A. Diedrich

Nicholas J. Dotson
Magna Cum Laude

Aaron T. Durden

Heather May Echelberry

Tesneem M. Eddeb

Shannon L. Ede

Cassandra S. Garver

Zachary D. Gingerich

Amber N. Gobrogge

Julie A. Golden

Dana L. Graham
Cum Laude

Deante K. Gray

Joseph E. Gray

Dominic J. Grossi

Hayden S. Grover

Mariah A. Hairston

Kiana A. Hardy-Butler

Christine A. Harles *

Joshua C. Harris
Magna Cum Laude

Cassidy R. Harrison
Cum Laude

Emily L. Harrison

Collin T. Hayes
Summa Cum Laude

Ryan J. Herhold

Cassandra A. Hipkins

Hannah L. Hoffman
Summa Cum Laude

Jean Nicole Holman

Jamin L. Hostetler

Leah D. Howard

Martez A. Howard

Kristen R. Hrutkai
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler W. Hundley

Margaret J. Iselin

Joshua A. Jackson

Sierrah M. Jesiolowski

Kaitlyn L. Jewell

Adelyn B. Johnson

Cinda Gale Williams Johnson

Nicholas Jordan

Jacob G. Kaus
Magna Cum Laude

Kearstyn R. Keen

Elaina L. Kraft

Cum Laude

Joanna M. Krajci

Cum Laude

Shauna C. Lachendro

Cum Laude

Robert L. Lanchman Sr.

Nicole M. LaRose

David M. Larson

Jordan L. Love

Maryjo Loverink

Mitchell G. Lute

Sara M. Lute

Derek C. Lutz

Michael L. Madonia

Leah V. Marino

Jade A. Marshall

Alexandria J. Martinez

Desmond J. McDonald

Paige M. McKinney
Magna Cum Laude

Taylor J. McKinnie

Christian B. Mendez III

Gordon S. Merritt II

Kayla R. Mertz

Bradley S. Mickna

Heather H. Miller

James S. Miller

Summa Cum Laude

Fabiana R. Miller Heisler

Lindsey E. Mitchell

Mandi A. Moore

Marcus J. Murray

Carol J. Nicolas
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia D. Niles

Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Noland

Morgan B. O'Rourke

Steven T. O'Rourke

Vincent A. Paris

Samantha J. Patterson
Cum Laude

McKayla D. Phillips

Cum Laude

Vaughn R. Pilcher

Casey R. Polatas

Jeanetta M. Powers

Rebecca Putman

Cum Laude

Julie A. Ranallo *

Martha R. Reynolds *
Cum Laude

Christina L. Rhodes

Cum Laude

Jamie L. Rinella

Magna Cum Laude

Tiffany K. Rittenour

Gloriluz Rivera Rodriguez
Cum Laude

Keyona M. Rodgers

Paige E. Rowan

Aziza Salukombo

Riis L. Saunders

Jaelyn M. Schafer

Isaac D. Shepherd

Logan R. Smalley

Summa Cum Laude

Nicole E. Sopkovich

Jacob M. Sparrow

Jonathan K. Spiker

Brandon L. Spinner

Sarah M. Stangelo

Michael P. Thutt

Mollie A. Todd

Summa Cum Laude

Blane Turiczek

Cum Laude

Magdolin L. Turner

Jamie N. Vadnal

Magna Cum Laude

Ian M. Vanek

David A. Vernon

Taylor K. Volmer

Shelby R. Von Gunten

Amy E. Wakefield

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew J. Waldsmith

Nicole R. Warner

Magna Cum Laude

Stacie M. Weimer

Erica L. Wellman

Summa Cum Laude

Ashley R. Wertz

Summa Cum Laude

Teresa A. Weston

DaShanae M. White

*Summer 2017 Graduate

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Wesley E. Wilkins
Erin N. Williams
TeRance A. Williams Mitchell
Andrew D. Wilms
Nathan M. Wise
Summa Cum Laude
Abigail A. Zerull
Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas A. Zverloff

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Megan Muniak
Magna Cum Laude

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN BUSINESS AND
ORGANIZATIONAL
COMMUNICATION**

Ashley R. Stone
Elizabeth Kelly Tracy

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN FAMILY AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT**

Courtney L. Bock *
Jenifer M. Catlett
Cum Laude
Shi Ann Gurko
Courtney L. Hardy
Jourdon M. Harrison
Anthony A. Horn
Jordyn E. Jones
Delaney M. Lawrence
Summa Cum Laude
Sarah A. Medley
Kara D. Molinelli
Diamond M. Moore
Tracey L. Sbrocca

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
FASHION MERCHANDISING**

Kimberly A. Hillton
Tasha D. Kelker
Madison R. Miner
Haley A. Raines
Nicole L. Waibel

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

Derek A. Arnold *
Nicole A. Barone
Brandon W. Carthens *
Jean Paul Colo
Rebecca J. Elledge
Seth R. Ferris
Kristen Flaherty
Savannah C. Hudson
Deacon Max Kollman
D'Andrea J. McCall
Evan M. McCory
Kristopher Mitroff
Joey Nahay
Mary L. Oyster
Theresa L. Sanker
Eric D. Sharkey *
Alexander W. Swan

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Rachel L. Baade
Kayla M. Becka
Fiona M. Christie
Cum Laude
Daniel M. Hermann
Magna Cum Laude
Allison M. Jones
Morgan E. Loughner
Alysha March
Teanna J. McDaniel
Benjamin J. Miller
Evan T. Snode
Cum Laude
Shannon T. Star
Cum Laude
Joseph S. Wilde

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Dillon C. Bolon
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon E. Cummings
Summa Cum Laude
Eden A. Dunning
Summa Cum Laude
Elyse E. Dye
Summa Cum Laude
James G. Gates
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica A. Haley
Graham D. Hicks
Cum Laude
Tyler P. Spuzzillo
Katherine Elizabeth Danelle
Swift
Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Tamam B. Abdelqader
Cum Laude
Madison L. Baer
Cum Laude
Devin D. Beaumier
Jason A. Bonezzi
Magna Cum Laude
John K. Bonyo
Ryan S. Broadbent
Kayla A. Calapa
David M. Campana
Celsie D. Channell
Summa Cum Laude
Nayan Chapagai
Connor S. Emling
John M. Ertle
Michael D. Fuller
Cum Laude
Istvan Gates Jr.
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Dissertation: "Posttraumatic Growth in Black Women: An Investigation of the Role of Trauma Type, Strong Black Woman Ideology, and Emotion Regulation"

Adviser: Dr. Dawn M. Johnson

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Chemistry

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Dissertation: "Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Fluorescent Sensors Based on Terpyridine, Benzoxazole and Benzothiazole Chromophores"

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Industrial/Organizational Psychology

MA, The University of Akron;
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Dissertation: "Bosses and Burnout: The Interpersonal Consequences of Leader Arrogance for Subordinates"

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Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;
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Dissertation: "Template Formation Of AZA(Dibenzo) Dipyromethenes And Structure And Electronics In Dimeric Boron Expanded Azine And Salphen Complexes"

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Chemistry

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History

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Dissertation: "Black Insurgency: The Black Convention Movement in the Antebellum United States, 1830-1865"

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Counseling Psychology

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Dissertation: "'I Can Feel It More Than I Can Say It': A Qualitative Exploration of Black Womanhood"

Adviser: Dr. Suzette L. Speight

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Chemistry

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Dissertation: "Resolving Membrane Receptor Multimerization in Live Cells Using Time Resolved Fluorescence Methods"

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Psychology – Adult Development and Aging

MA, The University of Akron;
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Dissertation: "Electrophysiological Evidence for the Aging Effect in the Processing of Orientation Discrimination"

Adviser: Dr. Philip A. Allen

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Urban Studies and Public Affairs
MSW, The University of Akron;
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Chemistry

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Counseling Psychology

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Dissertation: "Assessing Ethno-Racial Differences in the Pathways from School Exclusion to Criminal Offending: A Theoretically Integrative Approach to Understanding the School-to-Prison Pipeline"

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Methods for the Analysis of
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Sociology

MA, The University of Akron;
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and Health: An Examination
Of Sex, Gender Orientation
and Race as Predictors of Fast
Food Consumption, Alcohol
Consumption, and Sexual Risk in
Emerging Adulthood"

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Dissertation: "Numerical Study of
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MS, The University of Akron,
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and wireless communications via
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Electrical Engineering

MS, University of Jordan; BS, Jordan
University of Science and TechnologyDissertation: "High Order
On-Surface Radiation Boundary
Conditions in Electromagnetics"Adviser: Dr. Subramaniya I.
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MS, BS, The University of Akron

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Analytics to Determine Best
Practices for Winter Maintenance
Operations"Adviser: Dr. William H.
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Chemical Engineering

MS, Tafresh University;
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Migration in Fibrous Media"

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Dissertation: "Chemical and
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Biomedical Engineering

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Models Using Aqueous Biphasic
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Mechanical Engineering

MS, Technical University Clausthal;
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During Fatigue Testing of
Ceramic Composite"

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Electrical Engineering

MSc, BSc, Islamic University of
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Analysis of High Torque Density
Transverse Flux Machines
Designed for Direct-Drive
Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Yilmaz Sozer

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MS, Urmia University; BS, KNT
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Dissertation: “Biologically Inspired Control Mechanisms with Application to Anthropomorphic Control of Myoelectric Upper Limb Prostheses”

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BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology

Dissertation: “Solutions of Potential Fields Using Flexible Finite Element Methods with Applications in Flow through Porous Media and Electrospinning”

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Chemical Engineering

BS, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Dissertation: “Crevice Corrosion of Nickel Alloy 625 in an Ocean Water Environment”

Adviser: Dr. Robert S. Lillard

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Electrical Engineering

MS, Amirkabir University of Technology; BS, Tehran University

Dissertation: “Electrical Energy Retail Price Optimization for an Interconnected/Islanded Power Grid”

Adviser: Dr. Hamid R. Bahrami

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Electrical Engineering

BS, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Dissertation: “Control of Multilevel Converters for Voltage Balancing and Fault Tolerant Operations”

Adviser: Dr. Yilmaz Sozer

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Chemical Engineering

MS, University of Cincinnati; BTech, SRM University

Dissertation: “Development of Wear and Corrosion Resistant Nickel Based Coatings through Pulse Reverse Current (Prc) Electrodeposition Process”

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MS, State University of New York at Buffalo; BS, Zhejiang University of Technology

Dissertation: “Strategies for Sustained Release of Hydrophilic Drugs from Hydrogel Based Matrices”

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Civil Engineering

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Dissertation: “Development and Testing of an Application System for Intersection Data Collection and Analysis”

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Dissertation: “Key Steps to Reading Success: Measuring the Impact of Participation in a Family/School Literacy Partnership Program on the Foundational Literacy Skills of Kindergarteners”

Adviser: Dr. Lisa Lenhart

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Dissertation: “Intersecting Identities of Provisional College Students: A Phenomenological Study of Lived Experiences”

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Polymer Engineering

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Dissertation: "Investigation on the Structure-Property Relationships in Highly Ion-Conductive Polymer Electrolyte Membranes for All-Solid-State Lithium Ion Batteries"

Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

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Polymer Science

BS, East China University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Solution Behaviors of Macroions Driven by Non-covalent Interactions"

Adviser: Dr. Tianbo Liu

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Polymer Science

BS, Catawba College

Dissertation: "Surface Layer Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry (SI-Maldi-ToF Ms) Analysis of Polymer Blend Surface Composition"

Adviser: Dr. Mark D. Foster

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Polymer Engineering

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Dissertation: "Methacrylated Poly(ethylene glycol)s as Precursors for Superplasticizers and UV-Curable Electrical Contact Stabilization Materials"

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Dissertation: "Amino Acid-Based Polymeric Scaffold Fabrication and Modification for Bone Regeneration Application"

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Dissertation: "Controlling the Microstructure and Kinetics of Block Copolymers by Direct Immersion Annealing"

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Dissertation: "Antimicrobial Scaffolds from Natural and Synthetic Polymeric Nanofiber for Applications of Wound Healing"

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Dissertation: "Simulation of the Rheological Behavior of Silica-Filled Styrene Butadiene Rubber Compounds and Carbon Nanotube-Filled Polypropylene Composites"

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Dissertation: "Expanding Tip Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy: Blinking Measurements and Alternative Probe Materials"

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Dissertation: "Physically Crosslinked Hydrogels: Impact of Interfaces and Stress on Structure and Properties"

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Dissertation: "Kinetics of Polymer Chain Collapse in Dilute Solution"

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Dissertation: "Amino Acid-based Poly(ester urea)s for Regenerative Medicine"

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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Dissertation: "Delirium Recognition in the Post-Intensive Care Unit Cardiothoracic Patient: Interrater Reliability of the Brief Confusion Assessment Method (bCAM) between Clinical Nurses and an Advance Practice Registered Nurse"

Adviser: Dr. Carol J. Scotto

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MSN, Kent State University;
BSN, Case Western Reserve University

Dissertation: "Inter-rater Reliability of the Confusion Assessment Method for the Intensive Care Unit by an Advanced Practice Nurse and Clinical Nurses"

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MSN, The University of Akron;
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Dissertation: "Transition of Care: A Quality Improvement Project"

Adviser: Dr. Carolyn J. Murrock

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MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Effect of an Eight-Week Worksite Walking Program on Body Weight Change, Physical Activity Level, and Mood"

Adviser: Dr. Linda C. Shanks

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MSN, The University of Akron;
BSN, Kent State University

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Adviser: Dr. Brian P. Radesic

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MSN, The University of Akron;
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Dissertation: "An APRN Led Stroke Clinic's Impact on Hospital Readmissions"

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Dissertation: "Will the Intervention of Nutrition Coaching Promote Consistent Weight Loss Amongst Overweight African-American Adults?"

Adviser: Ms. Lori I. Kidd

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MSN, Regis University;
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Dissertation: "Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: A Quality Improvement Project"

Adviser: Dr. Sheau-Huey Chiu

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Steven P. Beyer

Counseling Psychology

MA, Cleveland State University;
BA, University of Northern Iowa

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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.

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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. 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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