

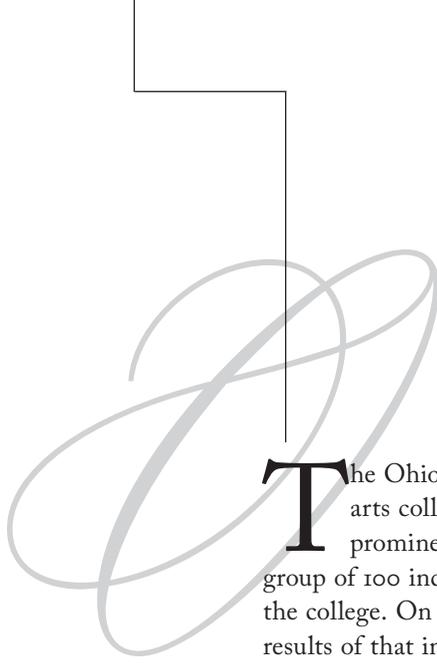
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring
Commencement*

DECEMBER 15, 2018
EDWIN J. THOMAS
PERFORMING ARTS HALL



THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



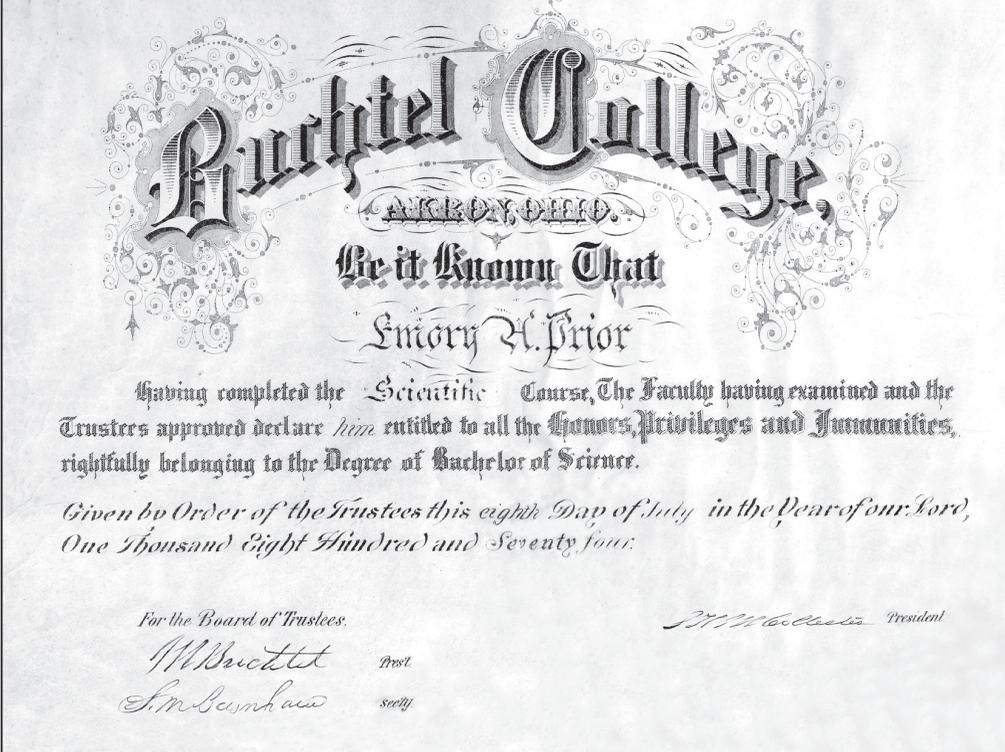
The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it after one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871,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

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

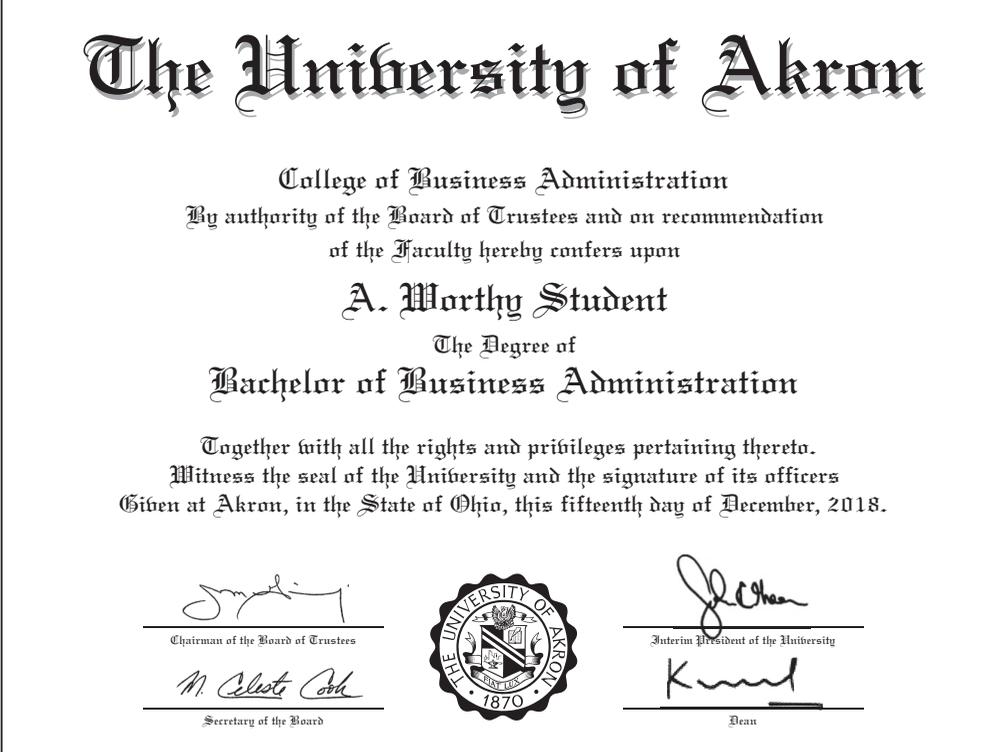
Today, The University of Akron continues to invigorate the region, providing top-ranked and in-demand degree programs ranging from associate through doctoral degrees in the liberal arts, sciences, health care, engineering, business, law, education and more. Students gain real-world experience through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

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution, the University serves students from all over the country and world through 11 colleges and schools on the main campus and through satellite campuses in Lakewood, Medina, Millersburg and Orrville. Today, more than 177,000 of its alumni live and work around the globe.

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 2018 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 15 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

John C. Green, *Interim President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

PRELUDE MUSIC *Sonata No. 12* Johann Pezel
Shepherd's Hey Percy Grainger
Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello
Sussex 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 G. Harbinson
Pomp and Circumstance Sir Edward Elgar
Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke
 The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

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

GREETINGS Member
Board of Trustees

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

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

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

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

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



THE PRESENTATION OF

DEGREE CANDIDATES The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Master's Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees
As Warm as Tears Phil Keaggy
Vincent Don McLean
The Wind and the Wheat Phil Keaggy
Welcome Plane Akihiro Tanaka
Robin Tommy Emmanuel
Amy Tommy Emmanuel
One Day Akihiro Tanaka
A Backwards Glance Sonke Meinen
Homeland Sonke Meinen
Dreamcatcher Andy McKee
Hope Dies Last Piotra Rostecki
As You Are Piotra Rostecki
Bridger Garman – Guitar, Student,
College of Engineering

**WELCOME OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

TO THE CLASS OF 2018 William Kollman ('08, '10)
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations
Executive Director, The Alumni Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS John C. Green

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

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

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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. 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
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Purple	Law
Silver	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.



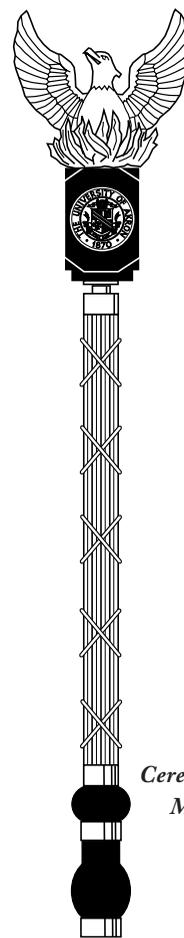
University Seal

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

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Vice Chair

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

Cindy P. Crotty

Thomas F. Needles

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

William A. Scala ('75)

**Honorary Doctorate*

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*Secretary of the Board
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Associate Vice President and
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UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

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*Vice President of Finance and
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Deans

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

Linda M. Subich
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
(Interim)*

Ravi Krovi
College of Business Administration

Craig C. Menzemer
College of Engineering (Interim)

Chand K. Midha
Graduate School (Executive)

John Huss
*The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College
(Interim)*

Christopher C. J. Peters
School of Law

Ali Dhinojwala
*College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering (Interim)*

Aimée L. deChambeau
University Libraries

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

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Morning

Marshal

Abraham Joy

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Steve Sedlock

Assistant Marshals

Nicholas Carlisle
Sasa Dordevic
Jamal Feerasta
Dwayne Jones
Gregory Lewis
Jennifer Lillard
Younjin Min
Christine Russell
Cherie Sedlock
Michael Spayd
Catherine Stoyhoff
Patricia Vinyard
Stacy Willett
Zhijun Yin
Maria Zanetta

Afternoon

Marshal

Kelly L. Chaff

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Mary Myers

Assistant Marshals

Jeanette Berger
Pamela Bonnett
Gail Evanchan
Lisa Hart
Marcia Main
William McHenry
James McKelvey
Valerie Sartor
Janice Steinmetz
Michele Thornton
Robert Veillette
Amanda Weinstein
Naomi White

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

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

Afternoon

Sarah A. Psihountakis
*Associate Director, Admissions
Williams Honors College*

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Lori Palmer.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Morning

Janna Andronowski
Kevin Cavicchi
Meera Chatterjee
Lia Chervenak Wiley
Raymond Cox
Shirong Du
Zhong-Hui Duan
Howard Ducharme
Zarreen Farooqi
Mark Foster
Sabine Gerhardt
Karl Kaltenthaler
Joshua M. Kelley
Kevin Kern
Michael Konopka
Thein Kyu
Del Rey Loven
Nao Mimoto
Toshikazu Miyoshi
Stacey Nofziger
Jerry Obiekwe
Chris Opoku-Agyeman
Robert Peralta
Coleen Pugh
Linda Saliga
Robert M. Schwartz
Devon Skunta-Helmink
Andrea Snell
Mark Soucek
Bryan Vogt
Shi-Qing Wang
Craig Wise
Ge Zhang

Afternoon

Steven Ash
Frederik Beuk
Wieslaw Binienda
Connie Chronister
Sandy Coyner
Lori Kidd
Il-woon Kim
Nic Leipzig
Xin Liang
Chen Ling
Brad Maguth
John Matejkovic
Peg McCann
Wondimu Ahmed Mohammed
Renee Mudrey-Camino
Carolyn Murrock
Lynne M. Pachnowski
Anil Patnaik
Kelly Pond
Brian Radesic
Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich
Linda Shanks
Lynne Smolen
Carolyn Sutter
Hossein Tavana
David Tefteller
Shengyong Wang

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.

Emily A. Arison
Nathan R. Ariza
Patricia N. Arnett
Cassidy R. Barnes
Benjamin W. Behringer*
Casey M. Braccia
Lacey M. Burkholder
Duncan A. Campbell
Mahaylie S. Cline
Dustin L. Covert
Ciara L. Davis
William F. Drayer*
Christian J. Durbin
Amelia E. Dyck
Oliver G. Evans
Lindsay J. Gal
Ashley R. Gonzalez
Samuel D. Goodrick
Allison V. Guenther*
Julia E. Hatch
Luke C. Holcomb
Lily A. Hunger
Jacob E. Jones
Robyn M. King
Isaac P. Lampner*
David J. Leach
Jacob P. Liddy
Rebecca G. Lozier
Lydia J. Mainzer
Emma G. McHale*
Layne E. McKinley
Jaclyn M. Miller
Bailey B. Monegan
Linda Muakkassa
Jennifer L. Naegeli*
Zachary M. Novak
Faryl E. O'Neil*
Natalie R. Orr
Anthony D. Pankuch
Alexa M. Paolucci
Brian J. Patton
Alyssa M. Powers

Miranda R. Radesic
Kyle J. Reese
Austin J. Reich
David T. Robinson
Hannah M. Rutkowski
Haley M. Schaffter
Erica L. Schrader
Cole A. Schraitle
Hannah E. Stephen
Sara E. Stiles
Katherine I. Tasseff
Sara M. Tilisky
Marissa P. Williams*
Ryan J. Williams*
Nicholas M. Wurst
Peyton A. Zachrich

Distinguished Students

The Distinguished Student Program recognizes and encourages excellence among academically talented students at Wayne College. Distinguished Students have completed their degree studies and the requirements of the Distinguished Student Program with a cumulative quality point ratio of at least 3.40.

Elise M. Weiland

*Summer 2018 Graduate

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Warren L. Woolford will receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

WARREN L. WOOLFORD

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

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

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

Mr. Woolford and his wife, Betty, reside in Akron.

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CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 15, 2018
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Interim Dean Linda M. Subich

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Chathura S. Abeywickrama

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, University of Colombo

Dissertation: "Synthesis of Novel
Organic Fluorescent Small
Molecules for Ion Detection and
Cellular Imaging"

Adviser: Dr. Pang Yi

Kelley Arredondo

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

MA, The University of Akron;
BS, Florida State University

Dissertation: "Employee
Perceptions of Leadership Styles:
Integrating Consideration,
Interpersonal Traits, and Task-
Oriented Behavior"

Adviser: Dr. Andrea Snell

Courtney R. Blue

Sociology

MA, BA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Vaccination
Coverage and Socioeconomic
Status: A Test of Fundamental
Cause Theory"

Adviser: Dr. Adrienne Frech

Beth A. Campbell*

Sociology

LL.M., Case Western Reserve
University; J.D., BS, The University of
Akron

Dissertation: "Using Protective
Orders to Combat Intimate
Partner Violence: Are They
Effective and Does Race Matter?"

Adviser: Dr. Stacey Nofziger

Abbie N. Caudill

Industrial/Organizational Psychology
MA, The University of Akron;
BA, Washington and Lee University

Dissertation: "Academic Gender
Diversity Climates: A Multi-
Method Study Of The Role Of
Diversity Climate In Academic
Workplace Outcomes"

Adviser: Dr. Andrea Snell

Anna K. Harrington

Psychology – Adult Development
and Aging

MA, The University of Akron;
MS, Old Dominion University;
BS, University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation: "Future-Care
Planning and Communication in
Midlife"

Adviser: Dr. Harvey L. Sterns

Jillian V. Kodger

Chemistry

BA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Investigation
of Mitochondrial Metabolism
During Cuprizone-induced
Demyelination and Remyelination
Model"

Adviser: Dr. Leah Shriver

Katherine L. Newton*

Sociology

MA, Cleveland State University;
BA, Ohio Dominican University

Dissertation: "Examining the
Impact of Military Experience on
Crime: Issues of Race and the Life
Course"

Adviser: Dr. Stacey Nofziger

Fedearia Anne

Nicholson-Sweval

Urban Studies and Public Affairs

MPA, BA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "From Performance
To Completion: The Role of State
Governing Systems in Higher
Education"

Adviser: Dr. Raymond Cox, III

Ceth W. Parker

Integrated Bioscience

BS, Juniata College

Dissertation: "Microbial Iron
Reduction in the Development of
Iron Formation Caves"

Adviser: Dr. Hazel Barton

Mickey T. Shah

Integrated Bioscience

M.Tech, D.Y. Patil University

Dissertation: "Cardiac Repair
Using a Decellularized Xenogeneic
Extracellular Matrix"

Adviser: Dr. Ge Zhang

Corey E. Stevens

Sociology

MA, Ohio University;
BA, Bowling Green State University

Dissertation: "Bariatric Bodies
Project"

Adviser: Dr. Clare Stacey

Deborah M. Wallace

Urban Studies and Public Affairs

MEd, Geneva College;
BA, Westminster College

Dissertation: "The Perception
of Cultural Competency in
the Context of Cross-Cultural
Mentoring Relationships:
Mentoring as a Conduit to Teach
Cultural Competency Attributes"

Adviser: Dr. Raymond Cox, III

Kyle T. Whiddon

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, BA, Walsh University

Dissertation: "Fluorescence
Imaging and Molecular Dynamics
Simulation of the Intracytoplasmic
Membranes of Methanotrophic
Bacteria"

Adviser: Dr. Michael Konopka

*Summer 2018 Graduate

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Founded 1988

Interim Dean Ali Dhinojwala

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jinwei Cao

Polymer Engineering

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, East China University of Science
and Technology

Dissertation: "Bioelectricity
Inspired Polymer Electrolyte
Membranes for Sensing and
Energy Harvesting Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Thein Kyu

Guodong Deng†

Polymer Engineering

MS, The University of Akron; BS,
South China University of Technology

Dissertation: "Synthesis and
Characterization of Ionically
Cross-Linked Networks Through
the Use of Ion-Pair Comonomers"

Adviser: Dr. Kevin Cavicchi

Daniel M. Diaz Vela

Polymer Engineering

M.Sc., University of Andes;
BS, National University of Colombia

Dissertation: "Origins and
Implications of Translational/
Reorientational Decoupling in
Bulk and Nanoconfined Glass-
Forming Liquids"

Adviser: Dr. David S. Simmons

Jianning Liu

Polymer Science

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Beijing University of Chemical
Technology

Dissertation: "Understand the
Mechanical Behaviors of Polymer
Glasses Under Uniaxial Extension
and Compression"

Adviser: Dr. Shi-Qing Wang

Kewei Liu

Polymer Science

MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Sichuan University

Dissertation: "Fabrication
of Structured Polymer and
Nanomaterials for Energy Storage
and Conversion"

Adviser: Dr. Yu Zhu

Alex Nyarko*

Polymer Science

MS, University Manchester; BS Kwame
Nkrumah University of Science

Dissertation: "Scaling Down
for a Broader Understanding of
Underwater Adhesion"

Adviser: Dr. Ali Dhinojwala

Chao Peng

Polymer Science

MS, The University of Akron;
BE, Beijing University of Chemical
Technology

Dissertation: "Cationic
Polyurethanes for Antimicrobial
Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Joy Abraham

Fang Peng

Polymer Engineering

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Amanda Schmitz
Hannah G. Sullivan
With High Distinction
Katlyn A. Terrion
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Tyrice Pace
Jacob J. Rocha
Kaitlyn J. Uhl

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Shikel T. Fluellen
Tyler C. Hadorn
Jordan M. Hunt
Cody R. Hutchison
Alyssa E. Leach
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Thomas D. Pembroke
Kelly A. Shaffer
With Highest Distinction
James N. Volcansek
Elise M. Weiland
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Franklin V. Yacaprarro
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Farzad Ahmadi

Engineering – Electrical
MS, Shahid Beheshti University;
BS, Shiraz University of Technology
Dissertation: “A Novel Low Loss and Lightweight Magnetic Material for Electrical Machinery”
Adviser: Dr. Igor Tsukerman

Sagr M. Alamri

Engineering – Mechanical
MS, University of Hartford;
BS, King Khalid University
Dissertation: “Shock Mitigation and Wave Control Using Elastic Metamaterial Structures”
Adviser: Dr. Kwek-Tze Tan

Abdulaziz A. Alfuhaid

Engineering – Mechanical
MS, University of Bridgeport;
BS, University of Hartford
Dissertation: “An Agent-based Systematic Ensemble Approach For Auto Auction Prediction.”
Adviser: Dr. Shengyong Wang

Sameer R. Alghanmi

Engineering – Mechanical
MS, University of New Haven;
BS, King Abdulaziz University
Dissertation: “Opportunistic Maintenance Optimization Based on Stochastic Dependence for Multi-Component System Exposed to Different Failure Modes”
Adviser: Dr. Shengyong Wang

Sultan M. Alshehry

Engineering – Mechanical
MSc, Northeastern University,
BS, King Khalid University
Dissertation: “A Numerical Investigation Study of Mixed Lubrication Regime in Rough Journal Bearings”
Adviser: Dr. Minel J. Braun

Keyvan Amini Khoiy

Engineering – Biomedical
MS, Sharif University of Technology;
BS, Shahrekord University
Dissertation: “Biomechanical Characterization and Simulation of Tricuspid Valve”
Adviser: Dr. Rouzbeh Amini

Mohammadreza Asgari

Engineering – Electrical
MS, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran;
BS, Sadjad University of Technology, Iran
Dissertation: “Fully Integrated CMOS PH, Electrical Conductivity, and Temperature Sensing System”
Adviser: Dr. Kye-Shin Lee

Srikanth Bajaj

Civil Engineering
MS, The University of Akron;
BS, Osmania University, India
Dissertation: “Evaluation of Residual Strength of Corroded Structural Steel Plates and Stiffened Panels”
Adviser: Dr. Anil Patnaik

Elizabeth A. Crafton

Engineering – Civil
MS, BS, The University of Akron
Dissertation: “Investigation and Management of Cyanobacteria Dominated Harmful Algal Blooms in a Drinking Water Source”
Adviser: Dr. Teresa J. Cutright

Estee George

Engineering – Biomedical
BS, BE; Youngstown State University
Dissertation: “Quantifying the Roles of Stimulated Osteocytes and Inflammation in Bone Remodeling”
Adviser: Dr. Marnie M. Saunders

Krutika R. Invally

Engineering – Chemical
BS, Institute of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Process Optimization for Rhamnolipids Production and Their Environmental Impacts”
Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Ramila Joshi

Engineering – Biomedical
BS, Purbanchal University
Dissertation: “Micro-Engineering of Embryonic Stem Cells Niche to Regulate Neural Cell Differentiation”
Adviser: Dr. Hossein Tavana

Tuo Luo

Engineering – Mechanical
MS, BS, Beijing University of Technology
Dissertation: “Micromechanical Modeling of the Ductile Fracture Process”
Adviser: Dr. Xiaosheng Gao

Christopher A. Mela

Engineering – Biomedical
BS, The Ohio State University
Dissertation: “Multimodal Imaging, Computer Vision and Augmented Reality for Medical Guidance”
Adviser: Dr. Yang Liu

Seyed Morteza Miran

Engineering – Mechanical
MS, MBA, The University of Akron;
BS, Sharif University of Technology
Dissertation: “Investigating Effectiveness of Probabilistic Hazard Information for Severe Weather Threats”
Adviser: Dr. Chen Ling

Anup D. Pant

Engineering – Biomedical
BS, Purbanchal University
Dissertation: “A Computational Approach to Study Iris Biomechanics”
Adviser: Dr. Rouzbeh Amini

Pritam S. Patil*

Engineering – Chemical
Bachelor of Technology, Dyestuff Technology Institute of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: “Fluorinated Methacrylamide Chitosan for Oxygen Delivery in Wound Healing and Tissue Engineering”
Adviser: Dr. Nic D. Leipzig

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Mingkun Sun*

Engineering – Civil
 MS, The University of Akron
 Dissertation: “Multiscale Hybrid
 Element Modeling of Triaxial
 Braided Composite Material”
 Adviser: Dr. Wieslaw Binienda

Hui Tao*

Engineering – Civil
 Dissertation: “Numerical
 Modeling of Soil Internal Erosion
 Mechanism”
 Adviser: Dr. Junlian Tao

Vineet Sunny Thomas

Engineering – Biomedical
 MS, The University of Akron;
 BE, Osmania University
 Dissertation: “A Multiscale
 Framework to Analyze Tricuspid
 Valve Biomechanics”
 Adviser: Dr. Rouzbeh Amini

Suo Xiao

Engineering – Chemical
 MS, BS, Hunan Normal University
 Dissertation: “Phagotrophic Algae
 Based Approaches for Advanced
 Wastewater Treatment”
 Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Jianyu Zhou

Engineering – Chemical
 BE, East China University of Science
 and Technology
 Dissertation: “Applications of
 Dispersed Phase Flows Through
 Porous Media”
 Advisers: Dr. George G. Chase
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**Ghada Mohammed Rabie
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Secondary Education
 M.A.Ed., The University of Akron;
 BA, Zagazig University
 Dissertation: “Motivation,
 Persistence, And Cross-Cultural
 Awareness: A Study of College
 Students Learning Foreign
 Languages”
 Adviser: Dr. Shernavaz Wakil

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**Kristen Lauren Karasek**

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

Andrew E. Milks

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

Barbara E. Milliken*

Educational Leadership
 MSHS, Cleveland State University,
 BS, The Ohio State University
 Dissertation: “Determining
 Critical Content for Online
 Faculty Professional Development
 Focused on Serving Veterans in
 the Classroom Environment”
 Adviser: Dr. Renee Mudrey-
 Camino

Cameron M. Ryba

Educational Leadership
 MSED, BMus, The Ohio State
 University
 Dissertation: “A Study of
 the Relationship Between
 Transformational Leadership
 Practices and Collective Teacher
 Efficacy”
 Adviser: Dr. Xin Liang

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, The Ohio State University

Dissertation: "The Effect of an Educational Program on Thromboelastography (TEG) on Competency Scores in Advanced Practice Registered Nurses"

Adviser: Dr. Carolyn Murrock

John E. Davis

MSN, University of Cincinnati; BSN, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Association Between Entry Level Nursing Degree and One Year Retention for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses in Cardiac Step-down Units"

Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Nicholas G. Farinacci*

MSN/CRNA, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, Cleveland State University

Dissertation: "Moderate Sedation for Surveillance Bronchoscopy after Lung Transplant"

Adviser: Dr. Kelly Pond

Judith M. Gron*

MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, Ursuline College

Dissertation: "Blood Transfusion Strategies in Multilevel Spinal Fusion Surgery"

Adviser: Dr. Connie Chronister

Andrea M. Hoverstock

MSN, University of Kentucky; BSN, Biola University

Dissertation: "The Effect of a Web-Based Neurological Assessment Education Intervention on Self-Efficacy in Nurses"

Adviser: Dr. Sheau-Huey Chiu

Fiona B. Ju*

Dissertation: "Awareness, Compliance and Barriers of the One Time Hepatitis C Screening in the Hospital-Based Physicians, Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistants"

Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Carrie A. Litten*

MSN, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, Capital University

Dissertation: "Effect of Standard Work Instructions for Incoming Calls on Provider Interruptions in a Pediatric Emergency Department"

Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Jenny L. Michel*

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

Dissertation: "The Effect of an Emergency Severity Index Educational Module on Triage Assessment Accuracy"

Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Leah M. Rawdon

MSN, BSN, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Comparison of ICU and Non-ICU Settings on Outcomes in Adolescents Post-Idiopathic Spinal Fusion Surgery: A Retrospective Study"

Adviser: Dr. Linda Shanks

Laura A. Seif*

MSN, Anesthesia Practice, Case Western Reserve University; BSN, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dissertation: "Improving Anesthetic Efficiency in an Esophagogastroduodenoscopy"

Adviser: Dr. Carolyn Sutter

Patrick S. Vaccaro

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

Dissertation: "Operating Room Traffic: A Quality Improvement Project to Enhance Patient Safety"

Advisers: Dr. Kelly Pond and Dr. Michele Zelko

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Terra L. Howell-Muth

Counselor Education and Supervision
M.Ed, MA, BA, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Factors That Predict Dissertation Completion In Counselor Education And Supervision Doctoral Programs"

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James E. Obi-Akatchak
Ganesh Pandey*
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Rachana Shukthija Dasari
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Christopher Paul Cole

Global Technological Innovation

Christopher J. Cox

Strategic Marketing

Loubar Diouf*

Business Interdisciplinary

Matt Fernandez

Finance

Sarah R. Gantz

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Mark A. Greathouse

Finance

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Michael S. Pacenta

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El Mehdi Bayane

Information Systems Management

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Michael T. Desimpelaere

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Bijay Ghising Lama

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Patricia Giralt

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Osho Kondaveeti*

Information Systems Management

Gustavo A. Morales

Technological Innovation

Nikhileshwar Mulakala

Information Systems Management

Oluwatoyin Olatile

Information Systems Management

Aneesha Deepali Polavarapu

Information Systems Management

Richard J. Smith

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MASTER OF TAXATION

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Joseph M. Serino

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Shelley M. Assel
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lorri A. Calderon*
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Patrice S. Dennis
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Marie C. Difranco*
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
Angela C. Fant*
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Nina M. Kapusta
School Counseling
Hawanatu Kargbo
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Andrew W. Miller*
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
Olivia K. Perna
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lindsey M. Simons
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
Nicole L. Skufca
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
Roxanne M. Smethers
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Gabrielle E. Stone
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPEECH – LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Michael E. Hickman*
Ashley E. Horne
Cesily P. Insana

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ashley M. Gorbulja
David J. McCartney

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jordan S. Armstrong
*Physical Education –
Sport Science/Coaching*
Allen J. Deep
*Physical Education –
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Erin M. Dippel
*Counseling – Marriage and
Family Therapy*
Taylor M. Llewellyn
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*
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*Physical Education –
Sport Science/Coaching*
Hadia Meashi
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*
Isaac E. Seevers*
*Physical Education –
Exercise Physiology/Adult Fitness*
Wendy L. Simon
*Physical Education –
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Theodist L. Terrell
School Counseling

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Magna Cum Laude
Ellen M. Klonowski
Nikhil Prasad
Jeffrey T. Zimmerman

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Jeremy G. Westgate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Abdulrahman Abdullah Almalki
Gamaliel Bautista Sosa
Sean S. Blake
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Jacob W. Campbell*
Jason S. Cline
Kaylee M. Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
Mohammed W. Najjar
Daniel C. Rudy

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Jaclyn M. Miller
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Jason S. White Jr.
Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Edwin R. Stoll

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Feras F. Afandy
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Cum Laude
Abdulmajeed T. Alshahrani
Joshua M. Cagle
Olivia L. Chapman
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Daniel A. Coski
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica A. Dickerhoof
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Nikhil K. Khan
Anthony J. Kirkpatrick
Jason M. Miller
Matthew E. Modena
Bailey B. Monegan
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Joshua D. Neal
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Mitchel D. Phillians
Samuel R. Pintz
Bruce A. Poling
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Sean P. Griffiths
Summa Cum Laude
Laura L. Lakins
Summa Cum Laude
Angelina M. Rutherford
Cum Laude
Daniel J. Smith
Jaclyn A. Wloszek
Anna E. Wyss
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Tara E. Abbas
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Emily M. Bader
Summa Cum Laude
Kristen T. Bates
Cum Laude
Kaylee M. Butler
Cum Laude
Shanelle A. Canady-Mitchell
Magna Cum Laude
Alysha N. Criswell
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Taylor J. Daugherty
Magna Cum Laude
Terri L. Dent
Magna Cum Laude
Abigail Dietry
Cum Laude
Daniel D. Edwards
Jasmine Gardener
Cum Laude
Megan E. Ginley
Magna Cum Laude
Bernadette K. Grady
Summa Cum Laude
Christopher A. Greenlee
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Sarah A. Hunter
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Katherine M. Hurst
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Rebecca E. Jett
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Sarah E. Lang

Mikayla M. Lupo
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Magna Cum Laude

Lacey R. Marinaro
Summa Cum Laude

Madeline S. Martin
Magna Cum Laude

Amanda R. McMarlin
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Kristen M. Miller
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Michaela G. Mushett
Cum Laude

Bethany L. Pixler
Summa Cum Laude

Alyson K. Rexroad
Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Y. Ringer

Amanda M. Rohde
Summa Cum Laude

Emily A. Rutt
Magna Cum Laude

Taylor A. Sass
Summa Cum Laude

Carley B. Segers
Magna Cum Laude

Isabel C. Sestito
Summa Cum Laude

Kellie M. Stalnaker
Summa Cum Laude

Shelby A. Starkey
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Maegan M. Storar
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Lynnea C. Sweder
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Katelyn E. Zickefoose
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Nathan D. Armbruster

William H. Armstrong
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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. 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

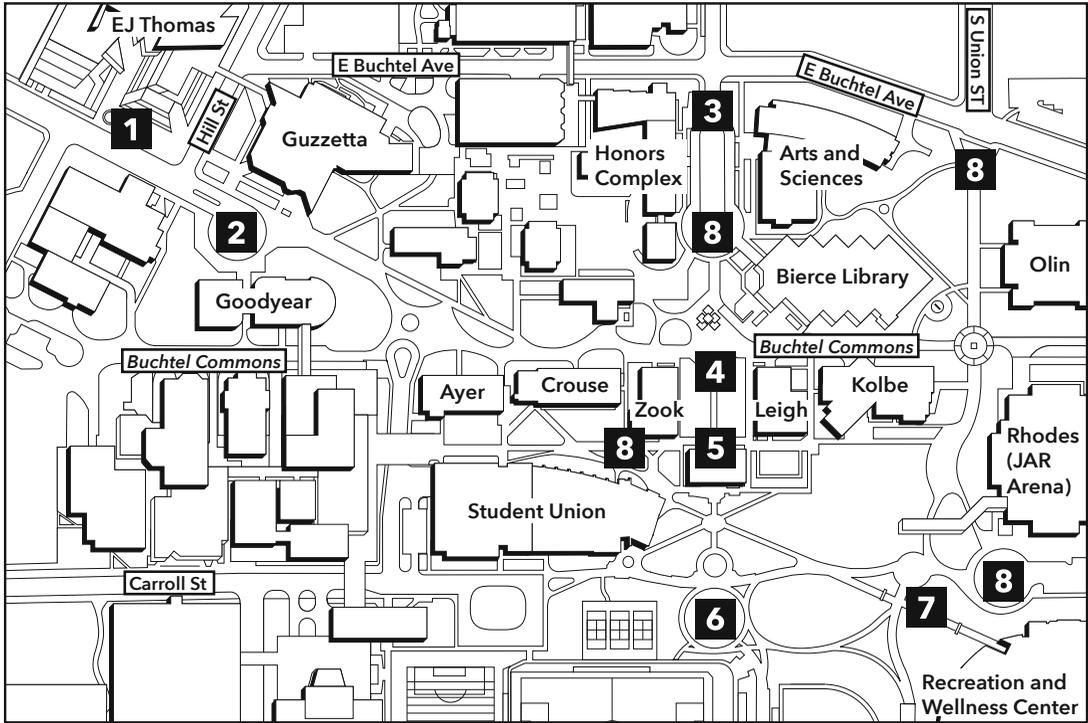
We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand
 up, and cheer and shout for the Ak - ron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

CAMPUS MAP INDICATING PHOTO OPPORTUNITY LOCATIONS

The following locations are for popular graduation photos. Snapchat Geofilters are available for all except the clock towers.

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



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