

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring
Commencement*

DECEMBER 16, 2023

JAMES A. RHODES ARENA



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FALL 2023 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 16 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE MUSIC *(All preludes begin 30 minutes before the ceremony.)*

Sonata No. 12 Johann Pezel
Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello
Sussex Mummers' Carol Percy Grainger
Alleluia G.F. Handel
The University of Akron Brass Choir
Christopher Blaha, *Conductor*

FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL *(The audience will remain seated.)*

Procession of the Scholars William Harbinson
The University of Akron Brass Choir

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)*

Led by K. Cordell Weaver
Student, School of Music
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION ... Gary L. Miller, PH.D.

President, The University of Akron

GREETINGS Member

Board of Trustees

STUDENT ADDRESS December 16, Morning

Tamia S. Jackson

December 16, Afternoon

Clark D. Bates

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES Gary L. Miller, PH.D.

President, The University of Akron

In the December 16 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business.

In the December 16 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science and the College of Health and Human Sciences.

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	The presentation of candidates for doctoral degrees The presentation of candidates for master's degrees The presentation of candidates for baccalaureate degrees The presentation of candidates for associate degrees
WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2022	William Kollman '08, '10 <i>Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations</i> <i>Executive Director, The Alumni Association</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gary L. Miller, PH.D. <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
THE ALMA MATER	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 26.)</i> Led by K. Cordell Weaver <i>Student, School of Music</i> performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir
RECESSIONAL	<i>The Akron Blue and Gold</i> Fred Waring <i>Pomp & Circumstances March No. 1</i> Edward Elgar <i>Pomp & Circumstances March No. 4</i> Edward Elgar performed by 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. University marshals lead the procession, followed by the assembled degree candidates, marching in order of degree earned. Following the candidates are the members of each represented college's faculty. Next come the platform party, including Trustees, administrative officers, and recipient(s) of honorary degrees. Finally, the University Marshal, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and the state, is immediately followed by the president of the University.

Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement are of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople. When the universities first arose in the 11th century, "learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps and hoods, thus signifying the distinction between "town" and "gown." As additional universities came into being, professors adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today's commencement attire. In Europe, a professor generally wears the type of garment customary in the university where he or she is lecturing. In the United States, professors wear the gown and hood of the university where they earned their highest degree. All commencement ceremony participants at The University of Akron are attired in the appropriate academic apparel. University marshals are distinguished by their blue and gold robes and Elizabethan caps.

Caps and Tassels

The cap, also called the mortarboard, may have been derived from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the scholar's time. In the United States, the cap is usually flat and square in shape. In Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel.

Gowns

Originally, the gown may simply have been a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in unheated buildings. The cut or style appears to derive from ecclesiastical attire and most often is black. The associates and bachelor's gowns generally have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's gown more often has long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

Hoods

A triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, the hood is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted.

Colors

The various colleges and academic disciplines of The University of Akron are represented by the following hood and tassel colors:

Apricot	Nursing
Drab	Business
Gold	Doctoral
Light Blue	Education and Counseling
Orange	Engineering and Polymer Science
Peacock	Disaster Science and Emergency Services
Pink	Music
Purple	Law
Silver	Arts and Sciences Associate's
Teal	Health and Human Sciences
White	Arts and Sciences Bachelor's
Yellow	Social Work and Child and Family Development

The University Seal

A seal is an emblem, symbol or word that certifies or authenticates a document. The use of official seals dates back to the Norman Conquest in 1066. During the next century, seals were used throughout England to authenticate documents. Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped with heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

The use of seals became part of academic tradition in the medieval university and continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

The coat of arms shown on the University's seal includes an open book and quill, representative of the University's original liberal arts curriculum. A lamp of learning shown against a city skyline depicts the University's metropolitan setting. Three diagonal bars represent the private, municipal and state stages of the University's history. The phoenix, a mythical bird that is consumed by fire and rises from its ashes to achieve greater glory, is a tribute to the University's rebirth following the devastating fire of 1899. The seal also displays the original Buchtel College motto, *Fiat Lux* (let there be light).



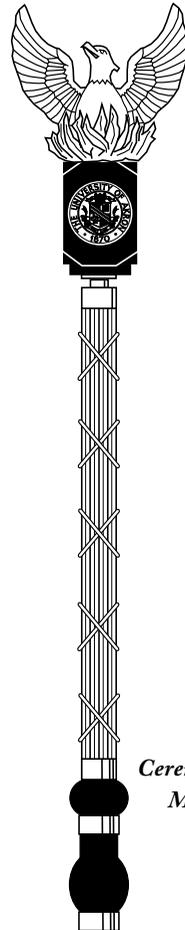
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the aforementioned rising phoenix, an apt symbol for the University, which was rebuilt, through the generous support of alumni and the community, from the ashes of Buchtel College after it burned down in 1899.



Ceremonial Mace

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees

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

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Vice Chair

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Mark S. Lerner '75

Thomas F. Needles

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William A. Scala '75

Thomas A. Waltermire '01*

Bryan C. Williams

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Luke D. Smith

Advisory Trustee

David W. James, ED.D.

**Honorary Degree*

Officers of the Board

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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

Gary L. Miller, PH.D.
President

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*Executive Vice President
and Provost*

Dallas A. Grundy
Senior Vice President and CFO

Suzanne Bausch, PH.D.
*Vice President for Research and
Business Engagement and
Dean of the Graduate School*

Jill Bautista, J.D.
Vice President, Operations

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*Vice President of Advancement
and Executive Director, The
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M. Celeste Cook, J.D. '84, '87
Vice President and General Counsel

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Officer*

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Vice President and Chief of Staff

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Vice President for Student Affairs

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

Deans

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

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

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

Daniel L. Friesner, PH.D.
College of Health and Human Sciences

Emily Janoski-Haehlen, J.D.
School of Law

Aimée L. deChambeau, PH.D.
University Libraries

Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, PH.D.
'95, '97, '18
*The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College*

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 16,
Morning

Marshal

Joseph Fox, PH.D.

*Assistant Professor, Entrepreneurship
and Director, Fitzgerald Institute
for Entrepreneurial Studies
Department of Management*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson

Office of the University Registrar

December 16,
Afternoon

Marshal

Diane Brown, PH.D.

*Associate Professor, Nursing
School of Nursing*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson

Office of the University Registrar

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Julie Jenkins and Erica Layton.

December 16,
Morning

Kate Budd, M.F.A.
Patricia Connelly, PH.D.
Juan Contreras
Barberena, M.A. '06
Michael DeDad, PH.D.
Suzanne Gradisher, J.D. '04
Gary Holliday, PH.D.
Matthew Juravich, PH.D.
Zhexi Li, PH.D.
William McHenry, PH.D.
David Payne, M.S. '85, '86
John Peck, PH.D.
Deborah Owens, PH.D.
James Wallace, M.A. '97
Mark Welfley, M.B.A.
Stephanie Yuhas, J.D. '99, '05

December 16,
Afternoon

Stacia Biddle, PH.D. '04
Pamela Bonnett, D.N.P. '85
Joan Carletta, PH.D.
George Chase, PH.D. '78, '88
Tammie Ferguson, D.N.P.
Mark Foster, PH.D.
Abraham Joy, PH.D.
Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, PH.D.
Timothy Meyers, PH.D.
Jeffrey Pellegrino, PH.D.
Zhenmeng Peng, PH.D.
Linda Saliga, PH.D.
Linda Shanks, PH.D., D.N.P.
Mark Soucek, PH.D.
Hossein Tavana, PH.D.
David Tefteller, PH.D. '09, '14
Donald Visco, PH.D.
Junpeng Wang, 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.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 16, 2023
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jaimie L. Chen

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron
B.S., Olivet Nazarene University

Dissertation: "Customer
Friendliness and Employee
Emotional Labor: The Impact
of Employee Gratitude and
Indebtedness on Emotion
Regulation and Job Satisfaction"

Adviser: Dr. James Diefendorff

Tiffany M. Hardwick

Secondary Education

M.S.Ed., The University of Akron
B.S., Ohio University

Dissertation: "A Descriptive Study
on Student Perspectives of School
Experiences"

Adviser: Dr. Shernavaz Vakil

Mahala S. Hobbs

Chemistry

M.S., The University of Akron
B.S., Allegheny College

Dissertation: "Synthesis and
Characterization of Biologically
Active Imidazolium Salts"

Adviser: Dr. Christopher Ziegler

Michelle L. Houston

Psychology – Adult Development
and Aging

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

Dissertation: "A Creative
Approach to the Study of
Creativity: An Integrated
Framework of Creativity in
Middle-Aged and Older Adults"

Adviser: Dr. Philip Allen

Addie R. Keating-Zaid

Chemistry

M.S., The University of Akron
B.S., Xavier University

Dissertation: "Unconventional
Mass Spectrometry Methods for
Probing Assemblies, Bonding, and
Reactions of Polymeric Materials
and Supramolecular Complexes"

Adviser: Dr. Chrys Wesdemiotis

Megan E. Kenworthy

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

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

Dissertation: "Emotional Labor
and the Dark Triad Personality
Traits: How Do Dark Personality
Traits Relate to Emotional Labor
Processes?"

Adviser: Dr. James Diefendorff

Faith C. Lee

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

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

Dissertation: "Automatic
Regulation in Emotional Labor"

Adviser: Dr. James Diefendorff

Matthew J. Tarchick

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., John Carroll University

Dissertation: "Visual System
Development: The First Synapse
and Beyond"

Adviser: Dr. Jordan Renna

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS

Miranda N. Hirsch
Claire T. Jimerson
Elizabeth A. Mawhinney
Nour Shakaki
John N. Spinner

MASTER OF ARTS

Grace Carter
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Nicole E. Donaldson
*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*
Ellen M. Dutton
Theatre Arts – Arts Administration
Courtney A. Flickinger
Strategic Communication Online
Steven A. Holthouser
*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*
Daniel C. Hynes
*Industrial / Organizational
Psychology*
Jessica Elizabeth Myers
Communication
Jacqueline M. Manosky
English
Shannon L. Sales
English
Ariel Stahler
Communication

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Isabel C. Sestito
Curriculum & Instruction
Jamal C. Hamm
*Educational Administration
& Leadership*
Jarrell Lemons
*Educational Administration
& Leadership*
Tyler A. Mayfield
*Educational Administration
& Leadership*

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chase A. Hedrick
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Annabella R. King
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Ian N. Kyer
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Mai S. Lor
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Jesse Roe
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Joseph W. Roth
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Nour Shakaki
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*
Leslie E. Stroud
*Intelligence and National
Security Studies*

MASTER OF MUSIC

Parisa Khaksari
Music – Piano Performance
Elizabeth S. Rickel
Music – Voice Performance
Brady D. Sark
Music Technology

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kiersten L. McMahon
Statistics

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Jason M. Render Sr.
AYA – Integrated Social Studies

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES (CONT.)

College of Business

Founded 1953

Dean Robert J. Nemer

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Christine Helena Andreassen
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Julie Ann Berthelot
Business Interdisciplinary

Megan M. Bourquin
Business Interdisciplinary

Unique Brown
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Nicholas K. Chura
Business Interdisciplinary

Emily D. Cironi
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Sean D. Conroy Jr.
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Kimberly F. Devoll
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Jennifer L. Douglas
Business Interdisciplinary

Joanna Mohsin Elhaddi
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Keshawn Gadison
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Rachit Garg
Business Interdisciplinary

Ramandeep S. Gill
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Kolstin L. Hartzler
Business Interdisciplinary

Shanel Maurer
Business Interdisciplinary

Michael E. McIntire
Business Interdisciplinary

Brian E. Meluch
Business Interdisciplinary

Natalie Minns
Business Interdisciplinary

Rebecca Marie Obman
Business Interdisciplinary

Myrissa A. Powell
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Julia F. Reedy
Business Interdisciplinary

Julian M. Richardson
Business Interdisciplinary

Christopher L. Seitler
Business Interdisciplinary

Erin R. Thrower
Business Interdisciplinary

Sam R. Tojaga
Business Interdisciplinary

Kasey D. Willener
Business Interdisciplinary

Jonathan C. Yang
Business Interdisciplinary Online

Ashley N. Zakrajsek
Business Interdisciplinary Online

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Andy J. Hillier
Business Analytics – Information Systems

Ifteqar Hussain Khaja
Business Analytics – Information Systems

Manmeet Singh
Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Stephen E. Smith
Business Analytics – Supply Chain

MASTER OF TAXATION

Rosemarie E. Amore

Jamie R. Demeulenaere

Zachary M. Dilauro

Jennifer M. Eich

Alaina C. Fullerman

Stephanie A. Lehota

Erika Leimbach

Charles D. Miller

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mona Abdeldaim
Magna Cum Laude

Carmen Addison

Danielle R. Albanese
Magna Cum Laude

Logan M. Anderson

Madeline M. Anderson
Magna Cum Laude

Madison C. Armstrong
Magna Cum Laude

Nimra Asif
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Nicholas Barrett
With Highest Distinction

Galilea Bautista-Sosa
Magna Cum Laude

Mason Beal

Alyssa M. Bissell

Zachary Bost

Marissa Buser

Miranda M. Castillo

Jared J. Cavanaugh

Tanner A. Codding

Alora E. Crayden
Magna Cum Laude

Matiana F. Cruz
Cum Laude

Demetrius Y. Davis II

Elizabeth Dennis

Sandra T. Diego

Ana Maria Dobrijevic

Sylvia R. Downie

Ainsley A. Doyle
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Dina K. Elhindi
Magna Cum Laude

Mi'-Chael I. Fitch

Garrett J. Formick

Erin O. Freeman

Christian Kendall Gaietto*
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas H. Gregory
Cum Laude

Kelli A. Grote
Cum Laude

Leslyanah P. Hicks

Emilee N. Hopper

Allysn Hryn
Summa Cum Laude

Brooklyn N. Hunger

Haley N. Ikey

Hanna K. Jake

Michelle L. Dodd-Jay

Taniqua L. Jones

Andrew W. Karka
Magna Cum Laude

Hanna M. Keane

Alyssa M. Latona
With Highest Distinction

Katherine D. Lawrence

Quevan Lawson

Emma N. Lehman
Cum Laude

Maiya S. Lenoir

Amanda L. Lutz

Wesley J. Martin
Magna Cum Laude

Leah M. Mata

John A. Matteo
Magna Cum Laude

Lennon S. Medvick
Magna Cum Laude

Talarot Mehm

Sava Mirkovic

Nicoletta Monteleone
Magna Cum Laude

Brooke E. Muller

Gerald J. Nesbitt

Makala M. Nye

Josefina Olazcon Mendoza

Jennifer L. Parr

Olga N. Paulozzi
With Highest Distinction

Hannah Phillips

Tania Pittman
Summa Cum Laude

Matthew G. Popotnik

Elaina J. Price
Cum Laude

Thomas J. Purdon II

Larry F. Purnell

Yalina Rai
Cum Laude

Alexis M. Raineri
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Jonathan G. Rash

Gillian R. Reinhart
Cum Laude

Dominique Richards
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Noah Ritchey
Summa Cum Laude

Joshua D. Robinson

Jakob E. Schettler

Megan D. Shearlock

Michael T. Shipp

Samira L. Smith
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Marie A. Suso
Cum Laude

Danne E. Symons

Mackenzie C. Syska
Summa Cum Laude

Charles W. Talbert
Magna Cum Laude

John G. Thomas

Kyle G. Timas
Magna Cum Laude

Ariel Torgler
Summa Cum Laude

Simara Vines
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Emily Ward

Sara M. Welden
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Chayne M. Hershberger

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Zachary R. Buchanan

Joy M. Fajt

Rylee Knox

Ryan T. McAdams

Dorian Mcvaney

Rachel M. Middleton

Madeline R. Piorkowski

Kyle T. Pritchard

Matthew S. Ripple
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees in Two Disciplines

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES (CONT.)

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Tamia J. Kendrick
With Distinction
Jenice A. Mario
Catherine L. Pendergrast
Theresa A. Rabbitts

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Hannah N. Bloomquist
Summa Cum Laude
Moriah L. Clay
Summa Cum Laude
Sarah A. Mason
Katherine Strobel
Summa Cum Laude
Wesley A. Thompson

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Karlynn M. Baker
Summa Cum Laude
Preston Blakeslee
Summa Cum Laude
Matthew D. Dietrich
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon R. Hansen*
Summa Cum Laude
Katie Anne Johnson
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Jenson Kozar
Magna Cum Laude
Corwin A. Pendergast
Nathan Reising
Julia M. Semple
Cum Laude
Kevin C. Weaver Jr.
Summa Cum Laude
Noah J. Whetstone
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Madison C. Woodard
Summa Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kendra L. Albertson
Cum Laude
Faith E. Baker
Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Bartlett
Summa Cum Laude
Cheyanne A. Bergant
Skye L. Bissell
Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth J. Blythin
Summa Cum Laude
Ashley M. Bowering
Cum Laude
Ravyn N. Carter
Hailey L. Connor
Cum Laude
Brianna N. Cordeiro
Hillary Cuffey
Madisyn C. Daniels
Kostandinos Dimos
Mason J. Doerrer
Summa Cum Laude
Abey Blue A. Duke
Leah K. Frazier
Catlain G. Freeman
With Distinction
Chloe R. Gaines
Tessa L. Gardella
Summa Cum Laude
Megan E. Garland
Alex M. Graham
Jackson A. Hill
Courtney S. Hughes
Summa Cum Laude
Madison R. Isaac
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Tamia Jackson
Faith A. Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
Madison R. Koeppel
Kyle V. Lang
Magna Cum Laude

Jackson M. Macatol
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Kylee M. Malloy
Nicholas S. McLeod
Magna Cum Laude
Jordyn C. Miklinski
Summa Cum Laude
Emmanuel Myers
Cum Laude
Bridgett O'Donahue
Kathleen O'Brien
Cum Laude
Dev G. Patel
Cum Laude
Anthony Pedone
Jamie N. Pipik
Magna Cum Laude
Sumayya S. Qureshi
Cum Laude
Nathan P. Rawson
Megan Reynold
Taylor G. Roberts
Magna Cum Laude
Zoey E. Robertson
Summa Cum Laude
Leonardo J. Sabatino
Joseph B. Salloum
Magna Cum Laude
Joseph D. Sarpong Jr.
Ye Shen
Zermeen A. Siddigi
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Audrey K. Suncire
Magna Cum Laude
Naomi M. Surace
Zeynep S. Tan
Dexter A. Todd Sr.
Julianna M. Tomaro
Elena Vukovic
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
Nina M. White
Cum Laude
Olivia R. Zeleznik
Cum Laudeine

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees
in Two Disciplines

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Jordyn E. Addison
Cum Laude
Aubrey J. Alejandro
Cum Laude
Kaitlin S. Allen
Hannah K. Allshouse
Jessica D. Arena
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Dissertation: "Comparing Emergency Department Nurse Burnout with Current Literature Using the Maslach Burnout Inventory Scale"

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Counselor Education and Supervision

M.A.Ed., The University of Akron
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Dissertation: "The Contribution of Affirmative Training and Implicit Bias on New Professionals' Affectional Identity Counselor Competencies"

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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.

THE ALMA MATER

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

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

Chorus

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

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

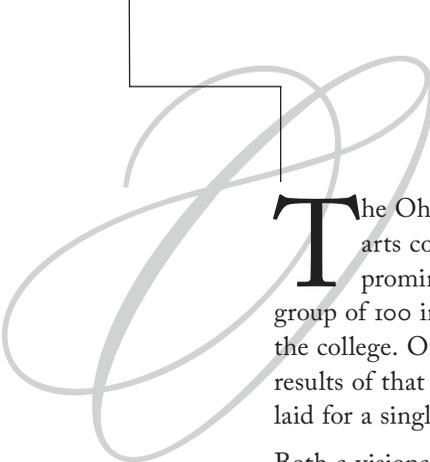
The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church, who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901–1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as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

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

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

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

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.