

The seal of the University of Wisconsin - Parkside is a circular emblem. It features a central sunburst design with rays extending upwards. The text "UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - PARKSIDE" is written in a circular path around the sunburst, and the year "1968" is positioned at the bottom center of the seal.

CELEBRATING THE

*Class of 2024*

MAY 11, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF  
WISCONSIN **PARKSIDE**



# University of Wisconsin-Parkside Commencement

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**9:00 a.m.**

Master's, Baccalaureate, and Associate Degree Candidates

College of Business, Economics, and Computing

College of Arts and Humanities

Alfred & Bernice De Simone Arena

Sports & Activity Center

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

**2:00 p.m.**

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College of Natural and Health Sciences

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# CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Chancellor Lynn Akey

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside 2024 Spring Commencement. Established in 1968 to provide affordable access to higher education in southeastern Wisconsin, today UW-Parkside serves students across the country and around the globe.

As each graduate crosses the stage, that individual carries a personal and compelling story of determination in successfully achieving this important milestone. It is the combination of these stories for more than half a century that has established the valued legacy of our university.

Commencement is also a time for us to salute close to 30,000 UW-Parkside graduates, 60 percent of whom were the first in their immediate families to earn a university degree. Thanks to an educational environment that reflects and celebrates the vibrant diversity of our world, UW-Parkside graduates combine relevant academic skills with practical experiences for a unique perspective focused on our future.

At the heart of our university is a remarkable team of faculty and staff. This dedicated group supports the work and commitment of our graduates as they achieve their dreams and allows our university community to realize shared goals.

Today, more than 500 men and women join a tradition of excellence in serving as proud and talented UW-Parkside alumni.

To the friends and family members of our graduates, thank you for the countless hours of support. To the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Class of 2024, my heartiest congratulations on your success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn O. Akey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lynn Akey  
Chancellor

# SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

## **UW-Parkside Celebrates Student Success on Parkside Day**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside was pleased to celebrate its sixth annual Parkside Day, a day of giving and activities in support of the university, on April 10. This year, 1,264 individuals across the nation participated in the day by donating, volunteering, and attending events. Parkside Day generated \$210,874 from 915 donors in support of scholarships, athletics, and university programs. UW-Parkside is appreciative of the community's efforts to support our educational mission and our students.

## **UW-Parkside Awarded \$75,000 Grant to Enhance Community Garden Sustainability**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is proud to announce that its community garden has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan to drive initiatives in stormwater management, biodiversity, and climate adaptation within the framework of community agriculture. The grant was secured through a joint proposal submitted by Dr. Julie Kinzelman, visiting lecturer in the Sustainable Management Department, and Emily Reed, sustainability coordinator. It will be instrumental in fortifying the already significant efforts led by Kinzelman, who manages the garden.

## **Students Present at Research in the Rotunda**

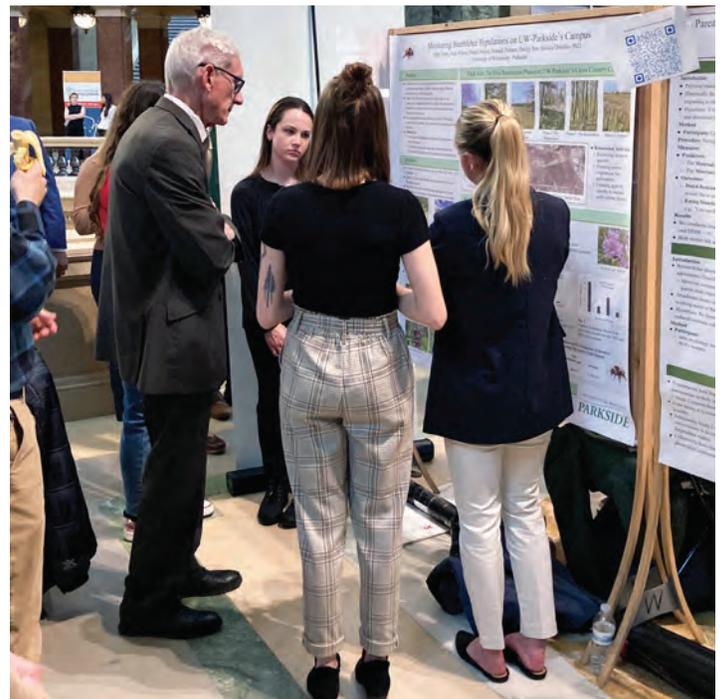
On March 6 more than 150 undergraduate student researchers from across the Universities of Wisconsin, along with their faculty advisers, shared their research findings with state legislators, state business and nonprofit leaders, UW alumni, and other supporters at the UW's 20th annual Research in the Rotunda (RITR) event in the State Capitol. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside was represented by seven groups of outstanding undergraduate student researchers, most of which had two or more student presenters. Dr. David Higgs, UW-Parkside's faculty coordinator for undergraduate research, explains that the annual RITR event is a valuable opportunity for student researchers to refine their presentation skills. "The UW-sponsored Research in the Rotunda is an important annual event that gives undergraduate students at all UW-System institutions the chance to present and discuss their various independent research and scholarly work with Wisconsin state legislators and head administrators of the different institutions," Higgs explains.

## **Callahan Scholars Build Beds for Kids**

Being part of the community and volunteerism are some of the core tenets of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Callahan Scholars. In that spirit, 10 of UW-Parkside's Callahan Scholars volunteered to build beds for kids through Sleep in Heavenly Peace's Racine/Kenosha chapter. In collaboration with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the Callahan Scholars volunteered to help build beds for children in need. The students contributed with hands-on work including sanding, sawing, drilling, and painting all wood material for the beds.

## **UW-Parkside Student Receives Newman Civic Fellowship Mini-Grant**

As the University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Newman Civic Fellow, Grant Pitts, feels a responsibility to serve as a civic leader for his peers and the campus community. As part of the Fellowship, Pitts has received a mini-grant from Campus Compact to help facilitate a new digital democracy wall. The Newman Civic Fellowship is a year-long position that acknowledges and supports student leaders at Campus Compact member institutions. Each year the chancellor or president of each member university nominates a student based on their leadership and public service. Throughout the year, fellows are afforded opportunities from Campus Compact to cultivate their assets and help them develop strategies for social change.



## **Parkside Athletics Announces First-Ever Endowed Scholarship**

Parkside Athletics has established the first-ever endowed scholarship for Ranger Athletics. Through the generosity of Nancy and Terry Paulson, the Parkside Volleyball Endowed Leadership Scholarship has been established in the UW-Parkside Foundation. The Parkside Volleyball Endowed Leadership Scholarship will support Ranger student-athletes who demonstrate leadership ability, earn the respect of their teammates, and display pride for the university and volleyball program.

## **UW-Parkside Theatre Arts Major Wins Award at KCACTF Region 3**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Theatre Arts Department was well represented at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), Region 3 competition. Senior J Lofty (Kenosha, WI) received the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs Early Career Dramaturgy Award for his work on Parkside's production of The Laramie Project by Moisés Kaufman and Members of Tectonic Theater Project.

## **UW-Parkside to Open New Human Identification and Forensic Anthropology Lab**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside will debut a new Human Identification and Forensic Anthropology Lab for the Spring 2024 semester. The fully functioning forensic anthropology facility will be capable of providing a full and detailed biological profile of unknown decedents. Using the most up-to-date statistical software available, the analyses will be able to include metric and non-

metric data that can be useful in current cases, "cold cases," and even historical and archeological cases. In addition to traditional forensic anthropological analyses, the lab is equipped to handle DNA extractions from bone and dental tissue. It can be extremely difficult and time-consuming to get DNA from bones, especially old or damaged samples. Dr. Keith Biddle, a forensic and molecular anthropologist, will serve as the lab manager.

## **UW-Parkside Students Explore Kenosha Through Civic Internship Program**

Do you know where to go to register your Vietnamese Potbelly Pig if you live in the City of Kenosha? Thanks to his experience in the Civic Internship Program, University of Wisconsin-Parkside student Grant Pitts now knows the answer to that question. Pitts is a sociology major at UW-Parkside and interned with the City of Kenosha Elections Department. During the Fall 2023 semester, UW-Parkside's Community & Business Engagement Office launched the Civic Internship Program in partnership with the City of Kenosha and Kenosha County. Through this program, three UW-Parkside students had the opportunity to learn



## **ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION**

- College of Arts and Humanities (CAH)
- College of Business, Economics, and Computing (CBEC)
- College of Natural and Health Sciences (CNHS)
- College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies (CSSPS)

## **OUR MISSION**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is committed to high-quality educational programs, creative and scholarly activities,

and services responsive to its diverse student population, and its local, national, and global communities.

## **OUR VISION**

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is a dynamic learning community grounded in academic excellence and focused on student success, diversity, inclusion, and community engagement. The campus will be a premier comprehensive public institution and a destination of choice, serving as a focal point of local, regional, and global progress.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Keep UW-Parkside a Future-Forward Campus
- Increase the Variety of Learning Environments
- Enhance Inclusiveness and Student-Focus
- Improve Facility Function and Efficiency
- Further Enhance and Balance Campus Sustainability

about and gain experience working in various departments of local government while earning academic credit.

### **UW-Parkside Graduate to put First Woman and Person of Color on the Moon**

Linda Hautzinger-Ham, a proud UW-Parkside alumna and visionary leader at NASA, unveiled plans for the Artemis program at the annual College of Natural and Health Sciences alumni event in October.



This ambitious initiative aims to put the first woman and person of color on the moon by 2025, marking a historic milestone for space exploration. Ham, who graduated in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree with majors in Mathematics and Applied Science, currently serves as the Human Landing System Government Task Agreement Integrator at NASA's Johnson Space Center. She credits Parkside for fueling her passion for science which laid the foundation for her journey to NASA.

### **Board of Regents Approves New Anthropology Major at UW-Parkside**

Following approval by the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents on Dec. 8, the University of Wisconsin-

Parkside will offer a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology beginning in the Fall 2024 semester. This new, fully developed program will cover all of the varied aspects of anthropology, including archaeology and forensics. UW-Parkside is now one of just four institutions of the Universities of Wisconsin to offer the anthropology major. As an institution that believes in the importance of career readiness and practical applications, this program will focus strongly on practical real-world applications for students in the anthropology major. Students who complete the program will graduate with experience in methods and fieldwork that will help them be ready to join the workforce and contribute immediately.

### **EAB Moon Shot for Equity Institutions See Growth in Student Success at Third Anniversary**

EAB, the premier provider of higher education research, technology, and enrollment solutions, released preliminary results today from the original cohort of four Milwaukee-area colleges and universities that partnered with the company to launch a national "Moon Shot for Equity" in October 2020. The four institutions (Carthage College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and University of Wisconsin-Parkside) have all made significant progress toward fulfilling their pledge to work together and with EAB to substantially boost student success for all students while eliminating equity gaps in student retention and graduation rates by the end of the decade.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We the Community of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside acknowledge with gratitude and humility the First Nations People of Wisconsin, whose original homelands lie within the state. We especially wish to recognize the Ho-Chunk, Miami, and Potawatomi Nations for their significant historical and spiritual connections with the Parkside area. Our footsteps do not replace theirs, but rest alongside them. Today, Wisconsin is home to 12 First Nations communities: the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, the Menominee Nation, the Forest County Potawatomi Community, the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohicans, the Brothertown Indian Nation, and six Lake Superior Bands of the Ojibwe Nation: the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Mole Lake Sokaogan, Red Cliff, and Saint Croix bands. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside acknowledges and honors this history and these nations.

## **LIVESTREAM LINKS**

<https://www.uwp.edu/currentstudent/yourgraduation/ceremony.cfm>

## **CANDID PHOTOS FROM THE CEREMONY**

<http://bit.ly/49OAogo>

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Steve Scherer

## **Steve Scherer, Vice President of Sales, CCB Technology '10**

Steve is a husband, father to four kids, an avid outdoorsman, and has more than 10 years of sales experience. He has grown from rep to department head and has been responsible for exponential growth at CCB Technology. Steve is being promoted to VP of sales and marketing in June.

Steve is the host of The Impact of Leadership podcast. The Impact of Leadership Media Group was subsequently born and has grown into a multifaceted organization.

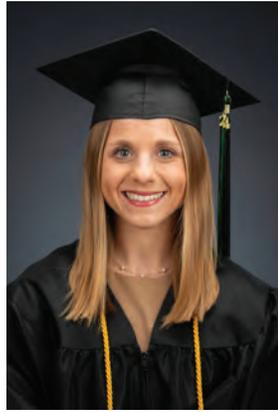
Steve is a proud alumni of UW-Parkside ('10) and is equally proud of riding a scooter to class during his last semester to avoid buying a parking pass.

Connecting people to people and people to ideas is what motivates Steve. He believes that the quality of your life is determined by the quality of your decisions. He also owns a purple bunny suit and is happy to prove it.

# OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

**Allison Francisco**  
***Economics & Marketing***

Allison (Ally) Francisco is earning dual degrees with a B..A in Economics with the Monetary and Financial Economics concentration and a B..S in Marketing with a Sales certificate.



Allison's success as a student-athlete has been recognized with an NCAA Athletic Soccer scholarship, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Academic Excellence Award, a Distinguished Scholar scholarship, a Marketing Achievement Award, and the UW-Parkside Tomasek Scholarship.

She has competed on UW-Parkside's Sales Team and served as president of the Economics Club.

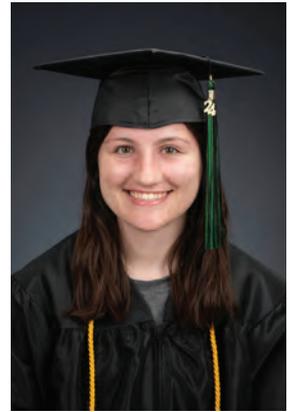
Allison was selected as a team captain of UW-Parkside's Women's Soccer team and served as a member of the team's Leadership Council for four years.

Allison has been involved in community-based learning projects and has interned for organizations including UW-Parkside's Professional & Continuing Education, Soccer Buddies, and Jockey International. Allison has volunteered for the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network, the Jockey Being Family Foundation, the Sleep in Heavenly Peace nonprofit, and the local Wisconsin SE RUSH Soccer Club.

Congratulations, Allison!

**Makenzie Kaput**  
***Secondary Education & History***

Makenzie Kaput is graduating with majors in Secondary Education and History. She has earned a 6-12 History Education teaching license and has



been on the Dean's & Provost's Lists every semester since she transferred to UW-Parkside. She also received an Academic Achievement Award.

Makenzie has participated in UW-Parkside's partnership with Racine Unified School District, mentoring high school students who are interested in careers in education. Makenzie completed her clinical hours at Bradford High School in Kenosha and at Case High School in Racine. She participated in a special International Baccalaureate internship program during student teaching at Starbuck Middle School.

Makenzie was also a member of the UW-Parkside Soccer team for four years and served on the Ranger Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well as the Women's Soccer Leadership Council. She has been coaching youth soccer for seven years, frequently volunteers in her mom's classroom, and regularly volunteers at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Congratulations, Makenzie!

# OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

## **Ria Patel**

### ***Biological Sciences***

Ria Patel majored in Biological Sciences and minored in both Psychology and Chemistry for Pre-Health Professions. She first attended UW-Parkside as a Parkside Access College Credit (PACC) student and is a first-generation college student. Ria was chosen for the competitive human anatomy tutor position and has been an outstanding tutor and supplemental instruction leader in the Parkside Academic Resource Center.

She has two years of experience working as an ophthalmic technician and has volunteered at Aurora Medical Center in a variety of capacities. Ria has engaged in numerous activities on campus, including serving as the secretary for the UW-Parkside Pre-Health Club and a senator for the UW-Parkside Student Government. Ria also participated in the Rural and Urban Scholars Community Health program.

Ria has been accepted to the Doctor of Medicine program at UW-Madison and will be matriculating in Fall 2024. She also intends to earn a Master's of Public Health degree and promote preventative health care measures within communities.

Congratulations, Ria!



## **Sarah Plutchak**

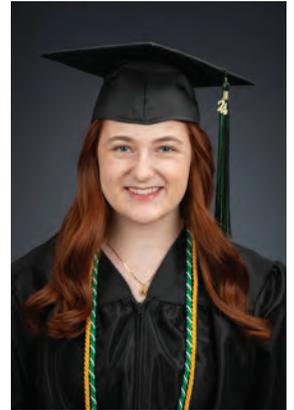
### ***Biological Sciences***

Sarah Plutchak majored in Biological Sciences and minored in both Psychology and Chemistry for Pre-Health Professions. She has served as the chair of the Student Life Committee as an executive board member of the Parkside Volunteer Club and planned the annual "Parkside Period Project."

Sarah also participated in the Rural and Urban Scholars Community program and attended UW-Parkside as a high school student through the Parkside Access College Credit (PACC) program. Sarah has been a tutor and supplemental instruction leader in the Parkside Academic Resource Center. She has experience as a certified nursing assistant, has worked as a community health intern, and as an ophthalmic technician. She has served as the public relations manager for the Pre-health club, a senator and vice-president of the Parkside Student Government, and an elementary school reading enrichment volunteer.

Sarah also frequently volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, SendASmile, and Aurora Medical Center. Sarah has been accepted to the Doctor of Medicine program at UW-Madison.

Congratulations, Sarah!

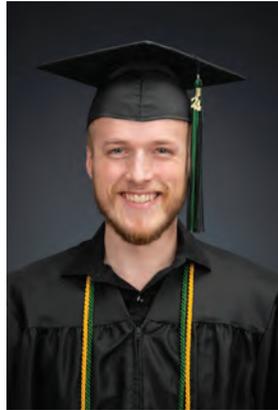


# OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

## **Elishai Riley**

### ***Political Science***

Elishai Riley majored in Political Science, is a transfer student and has left his mark on UW-Parkside. He has been very involved on campus including being elected president of the Parkside Student Government.



Elishai has interned for multiple offices on campus and has participated in many extracurricular activities. He interned in the College of Arts and Humanities to support recruitment efforts. In this role, he drew or painted murals on and off campus. After designing for 6th Avenue in downtown Kenosha, he flourished, and he got involved in multiple collaborative projects.

He also developed a Kenosha Mayoral Forum during the 2024 Winterim to help promote civic engagement and democratic participation. He collected questions directly from the community and collaborated with UW-Parkside faculty and staff to complete the project. Elishai also produced “The Office of the President” Instagram video series to enrich and reinforce civic engagement with the student body.

Congratulations, Elishai!

## **Antwaun Sanders**

### ***Master of Business Administration***

Antwaun Sanders is earning his Master of Business Administration while working full-time as a manager in accounting in New York. He earned his undergraduate degree from UW-Parkside through the Flex Program offered by UW Extended Campus.



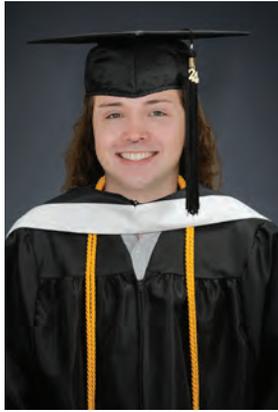
Antwaun demonstrated perseverance in the face of adversity to return to school after having to take a short sabbatical for personal reasons. Immediately following graduating with his BSBA, Antwaun enrolled in UW-Parkside’s online MBA program. He is still working full-time and living in New York, and still exercising a positive influence on others.

Antwaun has distinguished himself in the online MBA finance courses with his ability to synthesize concepts to “real world” events. He is diligent and resourceful. After his May MBA graduation, he will continue his studies and intends to earn an accounting certification in the near future.

Congratulations, Antwaun!

# OUTSTANDING GRADUATE & CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

**Cal Solverson**  
***Master of Arts in***  
***Professional Communication***



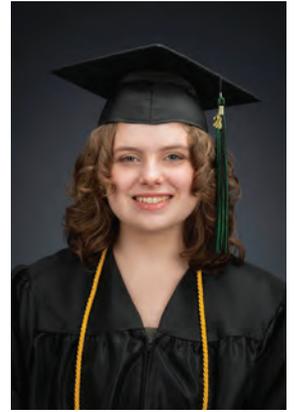
Cal Solverson is a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Professional Communication program. They use communication theory to develop strategies to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in professional and community environments.

Cal works full-time in financial services at Principal Financial Group and has taken on multiple leadership roles to advance the company's DEI efforts. They are the chair of the LGBTQ employee resource, created the Parents and Allies of Transgender and Non-binary People Learning Group, and worked with Principal's Human Resources department to revise the employee handbook to be more culturally inclusive.

Cal also serves as the director of public relations and social media for Capital City Pride, a non-profit organization in Des Moines, Iowa. They were recently nominated for Des Moines Magazine's Emerging LGBTQ+ Leader Award. Cal is an active participant in state politics and has spoken publicly at hearings at the Iowa state capital.

Congratulations, Cal!

**Kalyn Diercks**  
***Theatre Arts***



Kalyn Diercks majored in Theatre Arts with concentrations in Acting and Design & Technology.

Kalyn was previously awarded the Picken Scholarship, the Goldstein Scholarship and the Arno Gunther Memorial Scholarship.

Kalyn is a gifted performer, costume designer, and costume technician. She has earned an award for excellence in costume design from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 3.

Kalyn has taken on other production roles and has worked on every show produced at UW-Parkside during her time as a costume shop student-employee. Kalyn served on the Season Selection Student Committee for three years.

She has served as both the secretary and activities and events coordinator for the Drama Club. Kalyn was selected as a student mentor and as a Theatre Arts recruitment ambassador. She has served as a summer camp director for Cedarburg Children's Theatre and was hired as a costume apprentice and stitcher for the Colorado Shakespeare Festival.

Congratulations, Kalyn!

# PROGRAM AND PROCESSION

## PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance* by Edward Elgar  
This will be played on the screen while students process.

The audience is asked to rise when the academic procession enters the arena.

## PROGRAM

### Presiding Officer

Lynn Akey, Ph.D., *Chancellor*

### Anthems

*Star Spangled Banner*  
by Francis Scott Key  
Walter Smart III, *Student Vocalist*

*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*  
by James Weldon Johnson  
Jackie Geisse, *Student Vocalist*

James Kinchen, Ed.D., *Accompanist*  
Professor of Music and  
Director of Choral Activities

### Introduction of University Officers and Special Guests

### Outstanding Graduate Awards

Tammy McGuckin, Ed.D., *Vice Provost*  
*Student Affairs & Enrollment Services*

### Chancellor's Award

Lynn Akey, Ph.D., *Chancellor*

### Parkside Range

*You'll Be In My Heart*  
by Phil Collins  
arranged by Deke Sharon for D Cappella

Austin Voyles, Cashay Jackson, Falyn Krempp,  
Jackie Geiss, Jacob Belotti, Jenni Valladares,  
John Montella, Jordan Smart, Marcus Leverich,  
Nicole Chojnacki, Tessa Kauzrich, Walter Smart III

Ami Bouterse,  
*Associate Professor of Music*  
*Director of Parkside Range*

### Commencement Address

Steve Scherer  
*Vice President of Sales, CCB Technology*  
& *UW-Parkside Alumnus*

### Conferral of Academic Degrees

## RECESSIONAL

*Allegro Energico* by Jean Baptiste Loeillet

## ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Grand Marshal

Officers of the University  
and Special Guests

Faculty and Staff Marshals

Faculty and Staff of the  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Flag Bearer

Candidates for Academic Degrees

# OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Lynn Akey, Ed.D.

*Chancellor*

Robert Ducoffe, Ph.D.

*Vice Chancellor and Provost, Academic and Student Affairs*

Theresa Castor, Ph.D.

*Vice Provost, Academic Affairs*

Michele Gee, Ph.D.

*Dean, College of Business, Economics, and Computing*

Emmanuel Otu, Ph.D.

*Dean, College of Natural and Health Sciences*

Lesley Walker, Ph.D.

*Dean, College of Arts and Humanities*

Seif Da'na, Ph.D.

*Dean, College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies*

Tammy McGuckin, Ed.D.

*Vice Provost, Student Affairs and Enrollment Services*

Suresh Chalasani, Ph.D.

*Professor, Business*

*Grand Marshal*

Kalyn Diercks

*Chancellor's Award Recipient*

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Steve Scherer

*Vice President of Sales, CCB Technology  
& UW-Parkside Alumnus (Keynote Speaker)*

# MARSHALS

## GRAND MARSHAL

Suresh Chalasani, Ph.D.  
*Professor, Business*

## MORNING MARSHALS

Kim Fitzgerald, M.Ed.  
*Ascension Scholar Program Support  
College of Natural Sciences*

Ian Privett, M.A.  
*Student Processing Specialist  
Office of Admissions & New Student Services*

Timothy H. Knautz, M.S.  
*Senior Lecturer, Computer Science*

Jacklyn Haas, M.Ed.  
*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services  
Director of Admissions*

Michelle Gabor, D.B.A., C.P.A.  
*Assistant Professor, Finance*

Pritosh Kumar, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor, Supply Chain Management*

Abey Kuruvilla, Ph.D.  
*Professor, Business*

Renee Adebile, Ph.D., F.M.V.A.  
*Associate Professor, Finance*

Mike Hagen, M.Ed.  
*Campus Activities Specialist  
Student Engagement and Connection*

Kelli Stein, M.S.  
*Lecturer and Academic Advisor*

John Skalbeck, Ph.D.  
*Professor, Geosciences  
Faculty Athletic Representative*

## AFTERNOON MARSHALS

Kim Fitzgerald, M.Ed.  
*Ascension Scholar Program Support  
College of Natural Sciences*

Rochelle Nelson, R.N., M.S.  
*Assistant Clinical Professor and Coordinator  
UWM/UWP Consortial Nursing Program*

Hillary Vara, M.S.  
*Advisor, UWM/UWP Consortial Nursing Program*

Jacklyn Haas, M.Ed.  
*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services  
Director of Admissions*

Michele Gloede, M.S.  
*Associate Adjunct Professor, Psychology*

Mike Hagen, M.Ed.  
*Campus Activities Specialist  
Student Engagement and Connection*

Kathleen Gillogly, PhD  
*Associate Professor, Anthropology*

Sonny Komaniecki, PhD  
*Assistant Professor, Chemistry*

Mita Banerjee  
*Associate Professor, Sociology*

John Skalbeck, Ph.D.  
*Professor, Geosciences  
Faculty Athletic Representative*

Jessica Orlofske, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor, Biological Sciences*

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## College of Business, Economics, and Computing

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – SPRING 2024

**Beth Ann Abing**  
*with Distinction*

**Zaxara Omar Ali**

**Anyela Arango**

**Hope Marie Ballentine**

**Courtney R. Bauer**  
*with Distinction*

**Jodi A. Belongia**

**Mari-Ann Bui**  
*with Distinction*

**Kelly M. Burke**  
*with Distinction*

**Anthony Thomas Casper**

**Daniel Cazares**

**Gretchen L. Conley**  
*with Distinction*

**Angela Emma Cooper**  
*with Distinction*

**Adan Abel Diaz**

**Jeremy M. Dietz**  
*with Distinction*

**Nathan W. Ennis**  
*with Distinction*

**Brian Joseph Falcone**  
*with Distinction*

**Dexter D. Fierro**  
*with Distinction*

**Jacob M. Frisch**

**Tabitha Garcia**  
*with Distinction*

**Jesus F. Gaytan**

**Anna S. Gorn**  
*with Distinction*

**Aaron John Greisen**

**Hannah R. Greisen**

**Kyle D. Griffith**  
*with Distinction*

**Amanda Mae Harcus**  
*with Distinction*



**Jeremy Paul Harcus**  
*with Distinction*

**Meah M. Hesse**  
*with Distinction*

**Joseph W. Heup**  
*with Distinction*

**Kaitlyn Hilty**  
*with Distinction*

**Eric Hollenbeck**  
*with Distinction*

**Jordan Hollenbeck**  
*with Distinction*

**Amy Beth Jenkins**  
*with Distinction*

**Sydney Ann Johnson**  
*with Distinction*

**Dalton M. Karow**  
*with Distinction*

**Ethan Mackenzie Lewandowski**  
*with Distinction*

**Vanessa Renae Lorenz**  
*with Distinction*

**Victor Alejandro Lopez Salazar**

**Panhia Ly**

**Takudzwa Frank Mahachi**

**Noah Alan McKee**

**Seth Thomas Meise**

**Luke Tyler Messmann**  
*with Distinction*

**Bradley W. Meulemans**

**Elisabeth Davidovic**  
*with Distinction*

**Rayshell Quamika Moss**

**Joseph E. Nellis**  
*with Distinction*

**Rowena Yape Nelson**  
*with Distinction*

**Carly Newton**  
*with Distinction*

**Chimdiya Okoroji**

**Diana Perdomo Tornbaum**  
*with Distinction*

**Mara Pfeilstifter**  
*with Distinction*

**McCara I. Potratz**

**Jocelyn Lonergan**  
*with Distinction*

**Monica N. Purifoy**

**Maricely Ester Quinteros**

**Aaron Ramirez**  
*with Distinction*

**Marcela Ramirez Bustos**

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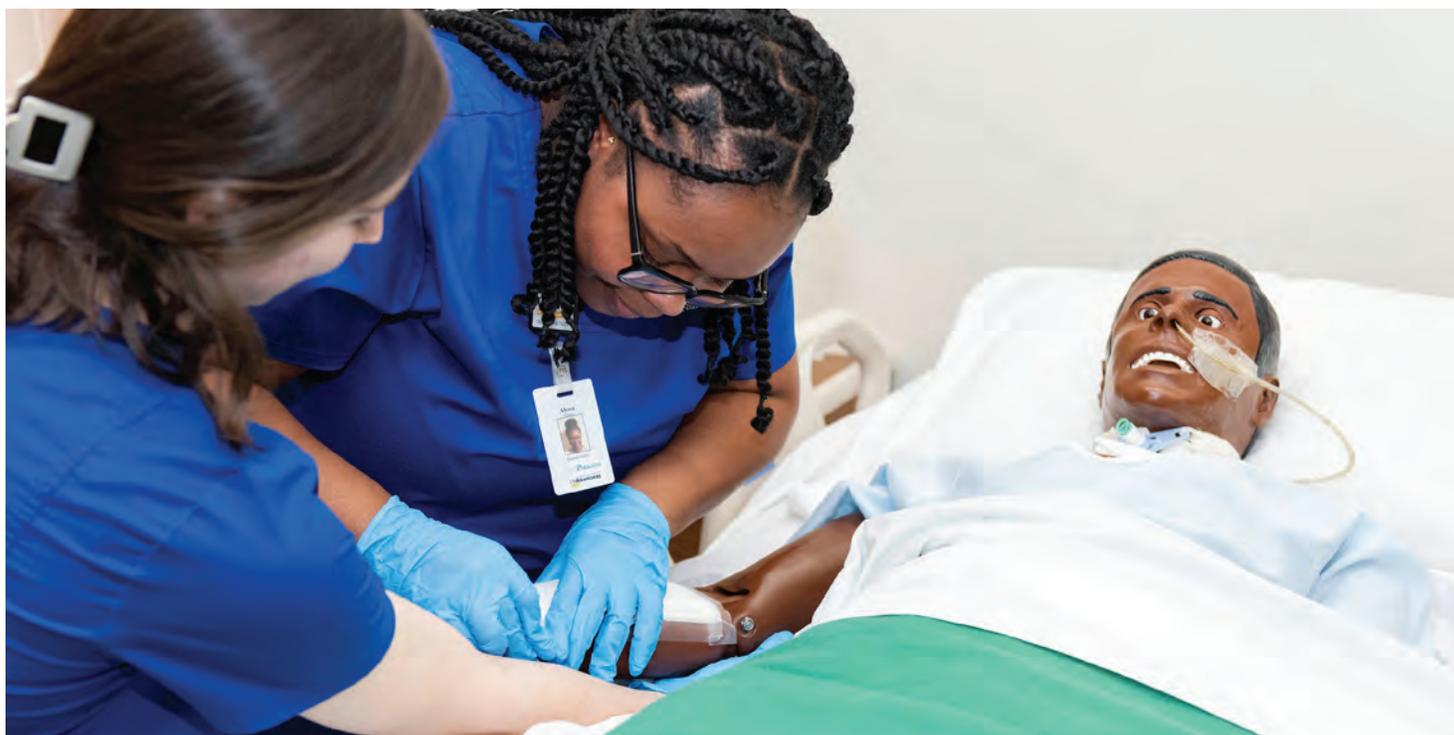
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**Brianna M. Vela**

**Kaleigh West**

**Ethan Whitaker**

**Jason David Zabel**

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies

### MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – SPRING 2024

**Tina Marie Louise Denning**

**Steve Donovan**

**Craig Adam Sadur**  
*with Distinction*

**Kayla Marie Wong**

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**Jaquelyn Nayely Aguilar**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Salma Abdelnasser Alsafer**  
*Political Science*

**Emmee Jo Ball**  
*History*

**Michael Steven Bencs**  
*History, Cum Laude*

**Taty Yasmine Benitez**  
*Sociology*

**Cassidy J. Binder**  
*History*

**Nicholas Bonczkowski**  
*Political Science*

**Arianah Markita Carroll**  
*Sociology*

**Ryan J. Cuba**  
*Criminal Justice, Psychology*

**Brett Jacob Dobrowski**  
*Political Science, Criminal Justice*

**Nicholas J. Erickson**  
*Geography, Cum Laude*

**Peter Lawrence Fusek**  
*Political Science, Summa Cum Laude*

**Daniel Gama**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Angelina Estrella Garcia**  
*Sociology, Cum Laude*

**Jason Guadarrama**  
*Criminal Justice, Spanish*

**Mia Jane Guyton**  
*Criminal Justice, Cum Laude*

**Andrew James Harris**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Kaiya Breezae Henson-Jordan**  
*History*

**Mason Tyler Hogman**  
*Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude*

**Ridley Alexander Holmes**  
*Sociology*

**Karissa Irene Homar**  
*Geography*

**Na’Kia Doris Patricia Hughes**  
*Sociology*

**Ethany Nicelise Irizarry**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Erik William Johnson**  
*Criminal Justice, Psychology*

**Matthew Robert Kauth**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Draco Gene Killen**  
*Political Science*

**Elena Marie Korecz**  
*Criminal Justice, Cum Laude*

**Maggie M. Kral**  
*Sociology*

**Robert E. Kreger**  
*Criminal Justice, Cum Laude*

**Kristopher Laffredi**  
*Sociology*

**Destiny D. Lane**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Julia A. Leinen**  
*Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude*

**Christopher Sean LeValley**  
*B.A. Criminal Justice, B.S. Chemistry,  
Summa Cum Laude*

**Kyera M. Linden**  
*Criminal Justice, Cum Laude*

**Nicholas S. Loomis**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Diana Saenz**  
*Sociology*

**Benjamin Scott Mickelson**  
*History, Cum Laude*

**Arianna Elizabeth Moore**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Keith Allen Myers**  
*Political Science*

**Kyle Andrew Olson**  
*History, Cum Laude*

**Kayla Nicole Oswald**  
*Criminal Justice, Cum Laude*





## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – SPRING 2024

**Tori Annaliese Benn**  
*Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*

**Ryan Judson Bowen**  
*Secondary Education, Mathematics*

**Eliza LaVae Johannes Corn**  
*Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*

**Jessie Michelle Dahms**  
*Elementary Education*

**Thomas John Doherty**  
*Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*

**Alejandra M. Guadarrama**  
*Elementary Education*

**Kelsey A. Himes**  
*Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*

**Makenzie Faith Kaput**  
*Secondary Education, History, Summa Cum Laude*

**Zoe Coleen Koop**  
*Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*

**Madelyn M. Laszewski**  
*Elementary Education, Special Education, Summa Cum Laude*

**Jessica Michelle Marting**  
*Elementary Education*

**Evelyn Rose Mateljan**  
*Elementary Education, Cum Laude*

**Carmin Jillian Raciti**  
*Special Education, Cum Laude*

**Sierra Severson**  
*Elementary Education*

**Collin Skarzynski**  
*Secondary Education, History, Cum Laude*

**Yajhaira Cinay Vargas Madrigal**  
*Elementary Education*

**Emily Mae Williams**  
*Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*

**Beven Elizabeth Yugas**  
*Elementary Education*

**Luiza Aleksandra Palka**  
*Geography*

**Chloe Marie Perri**  
*Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude*

**Brian Prescott**  
*History*

**Samantha Y. Ramirez**  
*International Studies, Business Management, Cum Laude*

**Mateo Guizar**  
*Political Science*

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*Criminal Justice*

**Lauren A. Rodriguez**  
*International Studies*

**Jordan Chandler Ross**  
*Philosophy*

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*Criminal Justice*

**Reyna Sanchez**  
*Sociology*

**Staci Schertz**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Anthony Robert Sertic**  
*History*

**Nevada Marie Severin**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Brooke A. Sheraski**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Noelle Sporer**  
*B.A. Criminal Justice, Geography, B.S. Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*

**Jus Star**  
*International Studies*

**Manuel Talamantez III**  
*Criminal Justice*

**Gary I. Vega**  
*History, Magna Cum Laude*

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*Criminal Justice*

**Alexsandra Williams**  
*International Studies*

**Trina Marie Zimmer**  
*Geography*

# Congratulations Class of 2024!



*You are resilient!*



*Be proud!*



*You did it!*



# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Traditional academic attire of caps, gowns, and hoods dates to the 12th century, when faculty were often members of the clergy who wore garb similar to those of church orders. Over the centuries, this formal academic attire has come to symbolize the academic achievement of the wearer.

The gown and hood symbolize the degree the wearer holds or is about to receive. The bachelor's degree gown has a closed front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's degree gown has a closed sleeve with a slit near the upper arm and the pointed part of the sleeve dangling below the arm. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has three chevrons on each bell shaped sleeve. The velvet may be black or its color could indicate the field in which the degree was taken; the most common color is dark blue signifying the Ph.D. Notable exception to the traditional black doctor's robes are those worn by graduates of Yale (blue) and Harvard (crimson). We also have faculty with degrees from international universities who wear different styles of robes or hoods.

Hoods are rarely worn for bachelor's degrees. The master's hood is shorter than the doctor's and lacks its colored panels. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and are edged with velvet in the color symbolic of the wearer's academic field: business, tan; science, gold; dark blue for the Ph.D. designates learning and scholarship and not a degree in philosophy.

The mortarboard cap came into use after the hood was no longer worn on the head. The tassel, worn over the left temple, is usually black although a colored tassel can be worn to designate an academic discipline. The doctor's cap may be a tam or soft cap of various designs, and the tassel may be gold.

## COMMENCEMENT SYMBOLS

The University Medallion is worn by the chancellor. The medallion incorporates the university mark and was made by Judith Olsen, '75, Art. The flags displayed on the platform carry the colors of the academic disciplines. The mace, of brass and raw purple heartwood, is a symbol of authority carried by the grand marshal. The mace was designed by Rollin G. Jansky, emeritus associate professor of art.

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# COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Immediately following ceremony



*Photo Booths*



*Refreshments/  
Beverages*



# SPECIAL THANKS

## HEAD MARSHAL

Lisa Marie Barber, M.F.A.

*Professor, Art*

*Director, Leadership and Personalized Studies*

## DEGREE CANDIDATE ANNOUNCERS

For College of Business, Economics, and Computing  
and College of Arts and Humanities:

Jonathan Shailor, Ph.D.

*Professor, Communication*

For College of Natural and Health Sciences  
and College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies:  
Gregory Mayer, Ph.D.  
*Secretary of the Faculty and Professor, Biological Sciences*

## FLAG BEARER

Elishai Riley

*President, Parkside Student Government*

## USHERS

## 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

## PROCESSION AND RECESSIONAL MUSICIANS

## VIDEO PRODUCTION, LIVESTREAMING, AND EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Ranger Studios Staff  
Professor Alvaro Garcia, Kevin Gray, and Students

University Relations Staff and Students

## EMPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY

Your photos:

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all UW-Parkside has to offer you post-graduation.

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