



DECEMBER 13, 2025

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN **PARKSIDE**

Welcome to the UW-Parkside Alumni Family!

As a UW-Parkside alum, you are always a Ranger.
Join us for alumni-exclusive activities and participate in
all UW-Parkside has to offer you post-graduation.

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University of Wisconsin-Parkside Commencement

Saturday, December 13, 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m.

Master's, Baccalaureate, and Associate Degree Candidates

Alfred & Bernice De Simone Arena
Sports & Activity Center
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Immediately Following the Ceremony

Reception for Degree Recipients and Guests

Frank J. Petretti Fieldhouse
Sports & Activity Center
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Chancellor Lynn D. Akey

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Fall 2025 Commencement. Established in 1968 to provide 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 more than 31,000 UW-Parkside graduates, over 45% 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 400 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 2025, my heartiest congratulations on your success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn D. Akey".

Lynn Akey
Chancellor

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

Finding His Voice: Jerome Porter's Journey Through Music at UW-Parkside

Jerome Porter discovered his artistic voice at UW-Parkside, beginning with the first live performance of his original composition, Walk on a Rainy Street, during his freshman year. Supported by faculty like Professor Russ Johnson, Jerome has developed as both a musician and creative thinker. His time at Parkside gave him opportunities to compose, collaborate, and grow in a program that nurtures originality and confidence. From that first performance to his continued musical achievements, Jerome's journey reflects the transformative power of hands-on learning and supportive mentorship. His experience shows how UW-Parkside empowers students to turn talent into artistry.

Unearthing Connections: Dr. Caitlin Curtis Whitaker Brings Global Archaeology to Life

Through international fieldwork and community-engaged teaching, Dr. Caitlin Curtis Whitaker offers UW-Parkside students exceptional opportunities to explore global archaeology. Her work on the Ararat Plain in Armenia—through the APSAP project—connects cultural landscapes, technology, and heritage studies. Student Karissa “Ris” Homar joined Dr. Whitaker to excavate the Bronze and Iron Age Vedi Fortress, gaining experience with traditional digs, drone mapping, and 3D modeling. Homar credits Whitaker for fostering collaboration and demonstrating how archaeology links people across time. The experience deepened students’ skills in research, teamwork, and cultural understanding, highlighting UW-Parkside’s commitment to meaningful, hands-on global learning.

UW-Parkside Awarded NSF Grant to Strengthen Regional Innovation Partnerships

UW-Parkside earned a competitive \$399,765 National Science Foundation EPIIC grant to support faculty, regional partnerships, and community engagement. Over three years, the award will fund the university’s participation in the national ARISE cohort, a program designed to create stronger connections between university expertise and regional needs. The initiative will help businesses, nonprofits, and community partners more easily access UW-Parkside’s research strengths and student talent. The grant represents a major investment in southeastern Wisconsin’s innovation ecosystem and reinforces UW-Parkside’s role as a catalyst for applied research, workforce development, and collaborative problem-solving across the region.

UW-Parkside and ArtRoot Unveil Wall Poem No. 8

UW-Parkside and ArtRoot unveiled the eighth Wall Poem installation in Racine, featuring an excerpt from “Rooftop” by poet Monica Thomas. Designed by UW-Parkside student Sophia Lefeber in Professor Carey Watters’ graphic design course, the mural highlights the power of collaboration between students, local artists, and community partners. The project was supported by area donors and the Uptown BID, with Tawwater Sign Company completing the installation. Wall Poems of Racine brings poetry and visual art into public spaces, enriching community life while showcasing UW-Parkside student creativity and the university’s strong connection to regional arts initiatives.

BenthicNet: Revitalizing Biomonitoring Through Student Research

BenthicNet, supported by the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, is training UW-Parkside students in aquatic insect identification and water-quality biomonitoring. Led by Associate Professor Jessica Orlofske and partners from UW-Madison, UW-Stevens Point, and the Milwaukee Public Museum, the project immerses students in fieldwork, sample collection, and preservation techniques. Over the coming year, the team will develop a digital database integrating decades of benthic macroinvertebrate collections from multiple institutions. This resource will support researchers, the Wisconsin DNR, and community science initiatives. Students describe the hands-on workshops—affectionately known as “Bug Camp”—as a transformative learning experience in freshwater science.

UW-Parkside Student-Athlete and Staff Praised for Life-Saving Efforts

During a September soccer match, UW-Parkside student-athlete Jamie Le Comte rushed to assist a referee who collapsed on the field. Athletic Trainer Kaela Johnson quickly responded, performing CPR while Coach Jason Zitzke delivered an AED to restore the referee’s heart rhythm. Their swift actions, followed by support from Kenosha Fire Department responders, helped save a life. The incident highlighted the exceptional training, preparedness, and compassion within the Parkside community. Le Comte’s instinct to help and Johnson’s professional expertise reflect the university’s commitment to safety, teamwork, and service—core values that define the Ranger spirit.

Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin Supports Student Training at UW-Parkside

The Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin committed \$88,600 to UW-Parkside for three new projects focused on student training and workforce development. The statewide initiative is investing more than \$4.2 million across the Universities of Wisconsin to prepare the next generation of water professionals. Parkside's funded projects will create hands-on research experiences for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students while addressing key water challenges in the region. Through partnerships with industry, government agencies, and community organizations, these efforts expand opportunities for students to gain real-world skills and contribute to Wisconsin's water sustainability and environmental resilience.

UW-Parkside Sees Growth in New Undergraduate Enrollment

UW-Parkside welcomed one of its largest entering classes in recent years, with first-day data showing an 8.4% increase in new freshmen over the previous year. Nearly 900 new undergraduate students joined the university this fall, with more than 1,000 new students enrolling across undergraduate and graduate programs. Chancellor Lynn Akey noted the growth reflects families' confidence in UW-Parkside's strong academic programs and personalized support. The increase demonstrates the university's continued momentum and its commitment to providing accessible, high-quality education that prepares students for meaningful careers and lifelong success.

Kenosha to Cosenza: Sister Cities Mural Unveiled Through International Collaboration

A new collaborative mural celebrating the Sister Cities relationship between Kenosha, Wisconsin and Cosenza, Italy was unveiled at the Italian American Society of Kenosha. Designed by Italian muralist Carlo Giardina in partnership with Professor Carey Watters' UW-Parkside graphic design students, the artwork blends imagery

and cultural elements from both communities. The mural is the first of two international public artworks created through the collaboration, symbolizing friendship, shared heritage, and artistic connection. The project highlights UW-Parkside's role in global partnerships and experiential learning, giving students the opportunity to contribute to meaningful community-based art.

UW-Parkside Launches Six New Accelerated Online Bachelor's Programs

UW-Parkside is now enrolling students in six accelerated, fully online bachelor's degree programs designed for working adults, transfer students, and learners seeking flexible options. Courses follow a 7-week format with six start dates per year, allowing students to progress at a pace that fits their schedules. Chancellor Lynn Akey emphasized that the programs reflect UW-Parkside's mission to expand access to affordable, workforce-ready education. Students will learn from expert faculty while benefiting from the university's robust virtual support services. The new programs strengthen regional workforce pathways and broaden educational opportunities for nontraditional learners.

UW-Parkside Earns Brandon Hall Award for Excellence in Training

UW-Parkside received a Silver Award of Excellence from the Brandon Hall Group for its training program on global accessibility standards. Developed with Dynamic Training Resources and ELB Learning, the module—Safety and Empowerment for Experiential Learning—supports professional behavior and boundary-setting for experiential education environments. Competing with major organizations worldwide, UW-Parkside's recognition reflects its commitment to high-quality training and inclusive learning experiences. The award highlights the university's leadership in creating impactful professional development tools that support safety, equity, and accessibility for students and community partners across diverse experiential learning programs.

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.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Keith Smith, M.B.A.

President of Vonco Products

Keith Smith brings over 25 years of relevant industry experience to Vonco. He currently serves as President and CEO of Vonco Products. Prior to acquiring Vonco in December of 2012, he served as a General Manager of Carbonless Rolls and Security Papers for Appleton Papers, the largest division of a \$1BN paper company. From 2005 to 2012, he served in various sales, marketing, and general management roles for Appleton Papers in thermal and carbonless paper. He brings significant flexible packaging sales, technical and printing/converting operating experience. Prior to his tenure in the paper businesses, he held various general management, operations, and engineering roles with Appleton within the blown films and converting businesses and started his flexible packaging career with Printpack in 1994 running printing presses. His education consists of a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering as well as an MBA from Northern Illinois University and Lean and Six Sigma certifications from the University of Michigan. He has a passion for cultivating infectious energy within his organizations and for innovation, creation, inspiration, and adventure. He generously contributes both time and resources to fellow entrepreneurs, education, athletics, and health endeavors.



**Keith Smith,
President of Vonco Products**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Gabriela Guzmán

Elementary Education, B.S.

Gabriela Guzmán is an outstanding educator-in-training whose academic strength, professional readiness, and deep commitment to community define her time at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside. Completing a major in Elementary Education alongside an ESL minor and a Bilingual-Bicultural Education certificate, she will graduate licensed in three high-need areas and distinguished by a record of academic excellence recognized through repeated Dean's and Provost's List honors and the Academic Achievement Award.

Gabriela's instructors describe her as persistent, empathetic, and student-centered—an educator who has grown from uncertainty to complete confidence in her instructional skills. Through rigorous coursework, extensive clinical placements, and reflective practice, she has developed a strong foundation in multilingual education and an ability to design responsive, learner-focused instruction.

Her impact extends well beyond required fieldwork. Gabriela consistently volunteers additional hours in local schools, mentors younger learners, supports after-school programs, and serves her hometown community through educational and advocacy efforts. Compassionate, dedicated, and driven, she represents the very best of UW-Parkside's mission and exemplifies the qualities of an Outstanding Graduate.



Nathaniel Mack

Communication, B.A.

Nate Mack is an exceptional graduating senior whose academic excellence, leadership, and service embody the highest ideals of the University of Wisconsin–Parkside. A first-generation college student, Nate has distinguished himself as a sharp, thoughtful communicator with a powerful writing voice and a deep commitment to community engagement. His scholarly work reflects a keen interest in disability experiences and the ways social perceptions shape everyday interactions—an area he explores with insight and originality.



Beyond the classroom, Nate contributes meaningfully to campus life as a member of The Straylight Literary Arts Magazine, collaborating with fellow students to produce and promote creative work. He also serves the broader community by leading writing workshops for participants at Easter Seals of Southeast Wisconsin and the Kenosha Achievement Center, helping individuals develop foundational literacy and communication skills. Nate's resilience, intellectual curiosity, and generosity have made him a valued member of the UW-Parkside community and an outstanding graduate.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Zarangiz “Zara” Misaghi

Health Information Management and Technology, B.S.

Zarangiz “Zara” Misaghi’s academic journey is defined by remarkable resilience, professional focus, and an unwavering commitment to personal growth. As a distinguished graduate of the Health Information Management and Technology program, she excelled across a rigorous curriculum while balancing full-time employment, part-time teaching, and the responsibilities of raising two children, consistently upholding the highest standards of performance and integrity.

Zara also played a pivotal leadership role in shaping student engagement within her program. As a founding officer and inaugural Vice President of the HIMT Student Organization, she helped establish its mission, coordinated professional development opportunities, and fostered a collaborative environment that continues to strengthen the student community.

Her accomplishments are deeply underscored by her personal history. After being denied access to higher education in Iran, Zara pursued the opportunities once withheld from her with determination and humility. Her perseverance, character, and dedication to service make her an extraordinary representative of UW-Parkside.



Alicia Torkelson

Music, B.A.

A dynamic musician, educator, and campus leader, Ali Torkelson has made a lasting impact on the University of Wisconsin–Parkside through her artistry, initiative, and commitment to her community. An accomplished performer and emerging music educator, Ali has excelled in her scholarship and demonstrated remarkable readiness for the profession through her student-teaching placement, where her thoughtful preparation, reflective practice, and ability to connect with students have earned enthusiastic praise.



Ali revitalized UW-Parkside’s collegiate chapter of the National Association for Music Education, transforming it into a vibrant, sustainable organization that now serves as a key professional resource for peers. She also launched the university’s first student-run Video Game Music Concert, showcasing her creativity, organizational skill, and passion for collaborative performance.

A first-generation college graduate, Ali has built an extraordinary record of service, leadership, and artistic excellence—leaving UW-Parkside stronger through her achievements and example.

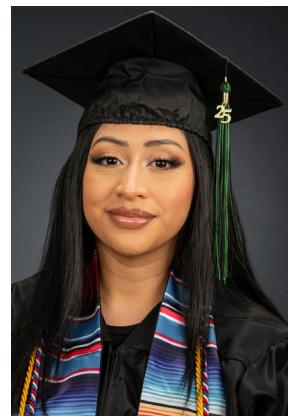
CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

Stephanie Narciso Avelino

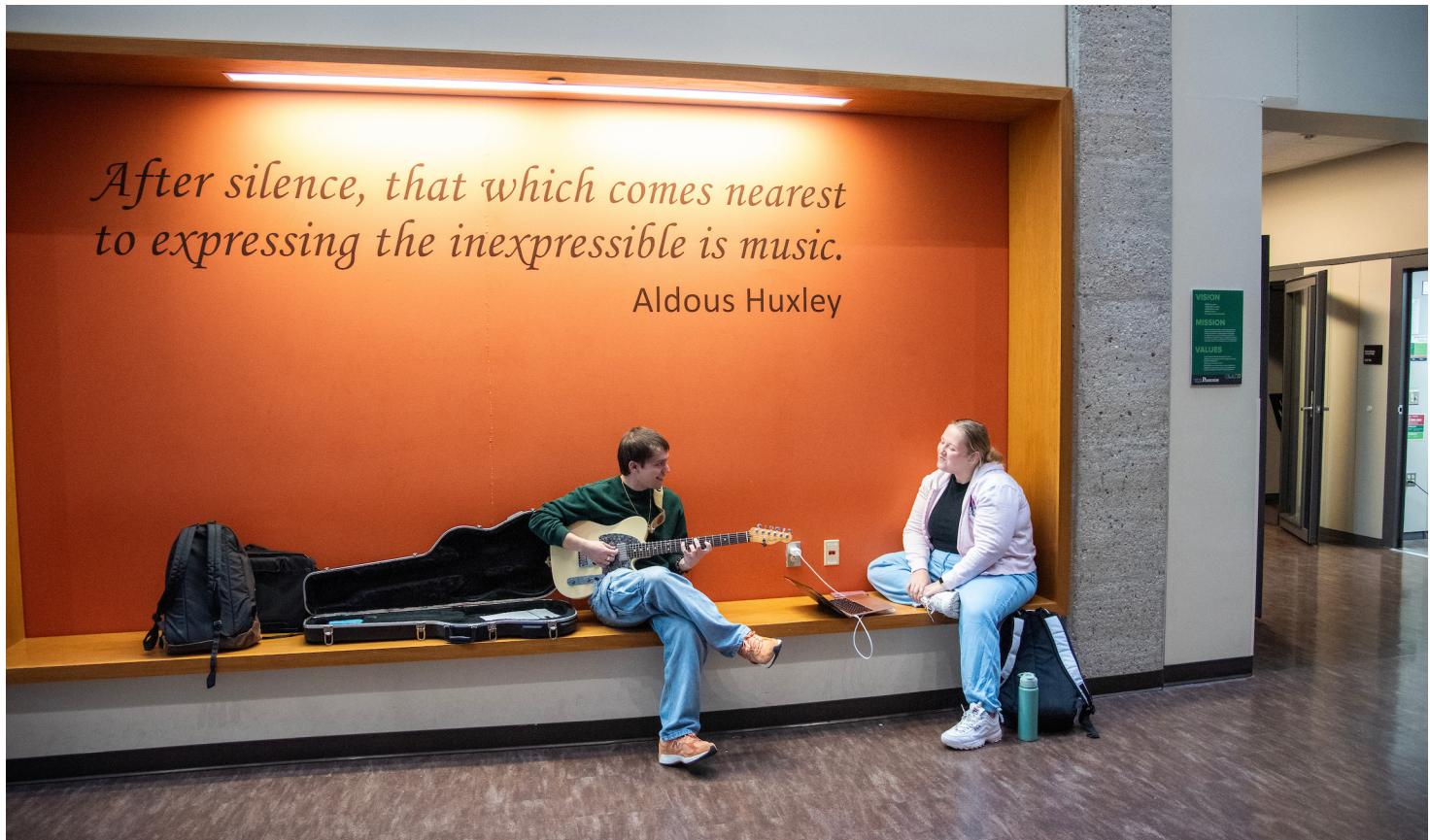
Business Management, B.S.

Guided by a deep commitment to service and community impact, Stephanie Narciso has built an extraordinary record of leadership and academic distinction at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside. As a Business Management major with minors in Finance and Human Resources, she has consistently demonstrated the drive, insight, and initiative of an emerging leader in her field.

Stephanie plays an integral role in several student organizations, including the Parkside Asian Organization, Latinos Unidos, Parkside Advocacy for Women, and the Black Student Union, where her creativity and outreach efforts have helped strengthen cultural awareness and foster a more connected campus community.



Her dedication to public service extends beyond UW-Parkside. Through Habitat for Humanity and a community-based learning partnership with KODA Midwest, Stephanie applied her strategic and organizational skills to support housing initiatives and enhance systems serving deaf adults. She also brings meaningful real-world experience as an Employment and Training Specialist and through her military service. Thoughtful, determined, and impact-driven, Stephanie exemplifies the spirit of an Outstanding Graduate.



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 processional enters the arena.

PROGRAM

Presiding Officer
Lynn D. Akey, Ph.D., *Chancellor*

Anthems - Voices of Parkside
Star Spangled Banner
by Francis Scott Key
Jackie Geiss, *Student Vocalist*

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
by James Weldon Johnson &
J. Rosemond Johnson
Ben Kinchen, *Student Vocalist*

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

**Introduction of University Officers
and Special Guests**

Outstanding Graduate Awards

Tammy McGuckin, Ed.D.,
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Chancellor's Award
Lynn D. Akey, Ph.D., *Chancellor*

Commencement Address
Keith Smith, M.B.A.
President of Vonco Products

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 AND MARSHALS

PLATFORM PARTY

Lynn D. Akey, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Matt Cecil, Ph.D.
*Provost and Sr. Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs*

Theresa Castor, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Research and Administration

Tammy McGuckin, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Lesley Walker, Ph.D.
Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Aubri McDonald, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
Grand Marshal

Stephanie Narciso Avelino
Chancellor's Award Recipient

SPECIAL GUESTS

Noah Fritz
*Regent, Universities of Wisconsin
Board of Regents*

Keith Smith, M.B.A.
President of Vonco Products
Commencement Speaker

GRAND MARSHAL

Aubri McDonald, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice

MARSHALS

John D. Skalbeck, Ph.D.
Professor of Geosciences
*Academic Director, Master of Science in
Sustainable Management*

Abey Kuruvilla, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair, Business

Hanif Nu'Man, J.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice

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

Jessica Orlofske, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Biology
Director, Environmental Studies

Torin Akey, M.S.
Associate to the Chancellor

Kim Fitzgerald, M.Ed.
Ascension Scholar Program Manager

Kelli Stein, M.S.
MBA Program Manager

Carey Watters, M.F.A.
Professor, Art and Design
Faculty Director, Community Based Learning

Crista Kruse, M.S.
Director, Professional and Continuing Education

Kathy McKee, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Marketing, Business

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Master Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – WINTER 2025

Jennifer Hanson-Clope

Melissa Steier

Heidi L. Mahler
with Distinction

Ray Alexander Nolden

Alisa A. Streets
with Distinction

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – WINTER 2025

Tyler Scot Kochan

Shawana Smith

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – WINTER 2025

Scott Joseph Beranich
with Distinction

Azani Iona Campbell

Stephanie Jean Cascio
with Distinction

Tziomara R. Cazares
with Distinction

Darrell Clayton

Ashley Elizabeth Cox
with Distinction

Aadya Dash

Aaditi Dash

Matt Effinger
with Distinction

Brittany A. Enz

Angela Michele Fischer

Pasquale Delsworth Frankoviglia

Jeff Funnell

Alberto Garcia

Ricardo Garcia
with Distinction

Rebecca Lynn Gau
with Distinction

Noah Gerritson

with Distinction

Mark Gifford
with Distinction

Sara Rose Gonzales
with Distinction

Mikhail S. Gorbachev

Rachel Hang

Marquis T. Harris

Heather L. Harwell
with Distinction

Savanna D. Ihrcke

Nadiia Ivanchenko

Hemant Vivek Jain

Anthony Jared Klein
with Distinction

Phillip James Laird

Sebastian Lara

Michael John Linzmeier

Christine Marie Maki

Olivia Mckoy-Easy

Garnet McLeod
with Distinction

Alyssa R. Montiel
with Distinction

Colin R. Mullen
with Distinction

Vincent D. Mussehl
with Distinction

Shubham Narkar

Sabrina Marie Olson

William Alan Paczkowski

Jay Sanjay Parekh

Rishabh Vinay Pandey

Jennifer Mae Peaslee
with Distinction

Spencer Matthew Peck
with Distinction

Steven James Pepin
with Distinction

Amanda Louise Porth
with Distinction

Dorale Davon Portis
with Distinction

Ritesh Ranjeet Prasad
with Distinction

Meghan K. Pynckel

Christina Marie Ramirez
with Distinction

Daniyal Rana

Melody M. Reyes

Veraunica Honoré Ruffin
with Distinction

Brian R. Ruha
with Distinction

Parth Sawlikar

Andrew R. Schneider

Brooke Marie Segerstrom
with Distinction

Kendra Mae Severson
with Distinction

Lamar Simpson
with Distinction

Krishahn G. Singh

Teresa Sommerfeld
with Distinction

Kristen Stark
with Distinction

Jeremy Quinn Steward

Nathan D. Stine

Nathan Swanson
with Distinction

Rafael Trinidad

Emilie Laureen Valdez

Shubham Goutam Vankatte

Connor Vertz

Elijah K. Vue
with Distinction

Lindsey Anna Wandel

Paul Anthony Wirth

Maitrue T. Yang

Elisa Zermenio Pina

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES – WINTER 2025

Alyssa Anne Ranker

Madison Rae Johnson

Skylar A. Johnston

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING – WINTER 2025

Karley E. Anderson
with Distinction

Neleana Guadalupe Cervantes
with Distinction

Madysen Contreras-Perrin
with Distinction

Marianne Cuevas
with Distinction

Khari Lee Davis

Stephanie Garcia

Kelly Marie Halladay
with Distinction

Stephanie Rose Haschker
with Distinction

Alina Caroline Jordan
with Distinction

Lisa N. Kurman
with Distinction

Emma Mortensen

Madelyn Lee Mueller

Lisa Marie Reed
with Distinction

Nika Jordan Rose
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS – WINTER 2025

Mohammad Sakib Hasan
with Distinction

Zachary Alexander Zagra
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION – WINTER 2025

Bridgette S. Opalewski
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT – WINTER 2025

Malcolm R. Andrew

Sabrina A. Beinlich
with Distinction

Mario Bolado Palencia
Damien James Bouchette
Chase William Crawshaw
with Distinction
Steven Nicholas Drobot
with Distinction
Olivia Mae Killian
Ellie Kathryn MacKenzie
Lloyd J. Reynolds
Hayden A. Thompson
Alana Nichelle Warren

Katharyn Gengler
with Distinction
Nicole Heidi Schuster
Adrienne F. Stiger

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – SUMMER 2025

Brendan G. Gallert
Mason R. Smith

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – SUMMER 2025

Holly Allard
with Distinction
Bryttanee Ambrosini
Nathan C. Bennett
Colby Bruton
with Distinction
Thomas Vincent Coppola
with Distinction
David A. Enfinger
Olena Joy Fischer
Amy Belle Garcia
Jeremy Green
Chelsea Lorraine Starr
Alexis Jodyne Hayes

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT – WINTER 2025

Molla M. K. Anam
Scott E. Kolarz
Kristine Harney Miller
Melissa Ann Marquez
Elizabeth Richard Nail
with Distinction

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – SUMMER 2025

Brenda Citali Brambila Flores
with Distinction



Alexander Hejna
with Distinction

Arthur Franklin Jones III

Whitni Diane Kral
with Distinction

Michael P. Kulisch
with Distinction

Nicole Lincoln

Maria Antonieta Lovo

Taylor Kim Martin
with Distinction

Caimen S. Masterson
with Distinction

Hannah M. Meverden

Steven Duane Mihalik
with Distinction

Cory Lee Olbrys
with Distinction

Rosendo Ortiz

Tyler Daniel Penrod
with Distinction

Rachel Jean Petersen

Karen Clarine Popp

Matthew Reisdorf
with Distinction

Erin P. Ryan
with Distinction

Bradley Scholl
with Distinction

Dominic Stancato
with Distinction

Terese Nicole Stanelle

Michael Shorley Sullivan

Gabriella Mae Umentum
with Distinction

Tanya C. Valles-Badillo
with Distinction

Kevin J. Wall
with Distinction

Ashutosh Arjun Yadav

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES – SUMMER 2025

Farron Laura Bussian
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS – SUMMER 2025

Matthew McPherson
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION – SUMMER 2025

Melissa S. Fuerte
Jodi Lynn Simmelink
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH & WELLNESS MANAGEMENT – SUMMER 2025

Elise Heneghan
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT – SUMMER 2025

Adrian Mercado

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT – SUMMER 2025

Alberto Centeno
Martin P. Joyce

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT – SUMMER 2025

Jill Sweeney

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – SPRING 2025

Gina Chiappetta Aker
with Distinction

Kimora Ann Wilson

Sociology

Denise Daniela Zamora

Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS - SUMMER 2025

Selena L. Bento

Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Kaiya Breezae Henson-Jordan

History

Jesenia Marie Jaimes

Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Aaron John Melby

Art

Jonathan Miranda

Criminal Justice

Matthew Anton Murray

Criminal Justice

Gunnar John Zanzucchi

Communication, Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS - SUMMER 2026

Jaden Andre Stevens

Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – WINTER 2025

Marissa E. Acuna

Business Management

Maryem Alchaar

Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude

Gisselle Ivette Alejandre-Hernandez

Business Management

Abdlejawad Ali

Computer Science

Danny Alicea

Accounting, Cum Laude, Business Honors

Miranda Corrine Allard

B.S. Marketing, B.A. Art, Summa Cum Laude, Business Honors

Jack T. Allen

Computer Science, Mathematics

Connor Alton

Biological Sciences

Safia Amtulbaseer

Biological Sciences, Magna Cum Laude



Andy Campos

Psychology

Delilah Cantu

Biological Sciences

Sean Matthew Carolan

Business Management, Business Honors

Anita Christmas

Psychology

Mary Virginia Climer

Business Administration, Business Honors

Eileen Conway Lev

Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors

Mariena Claire Coon

Business Management, Business Honors

David D. Culbertson

Sport Management

Amy Elizabeth Donaldson

Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude

Melissa Dubeau

Business Administration, Business Honors

Faith Ann Duensing

Applied Health Sciences, Magna Cum Laude

Kenneth R. Ekern

Accounting

Morgan Lindsay Ellis

Business Administration, Business Honors

Karla Escobedo

Marketing, Business Honors

Arik Xavier Espinosa

Management Information Systems, Business Honors

Jessica Felix

Accounting, Business Management, Cum Laude

Walter Edward Fick

Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors

Caitlin Flaherty

Elementary Education

Macy X. Flanagan

Business Management, Cum Laude, Business Honors

Briant A. Frances

Secondary Education, Mathematics

Kaitlin Francis

Applied Health Sciences

Sergio Garcia <i>Business Management, Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors</i>	Tyler James Kittelson <i>Business Administration</i>	Sushankumar Pravinkumar Patel <i>Computer Science</i>
Adelina Ivélis González <i>Psychology</i>	Terese Kornelik <i>Psychology, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lidamulage Wonara Dewnethmi Perera <i>Psychology</i>
Matthew M. Greinke <i>Computer Science</i>	Meredith Kremer <i>Sport Management</i>	Ibelisse Cecilia Perez <i>Sport Management</i>
Mykaela Grube <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Matthew J. Kubik <i>Geosciences, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lauren Grace Petersen <i>Business Management, Business Honors</i>
Luke Emanuel Gulbranson <i>Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors</i>	Lillie Marie Lehman <i>Marketing, Business Management, Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors</i>	Jacob Darien Petroski <i>Accounting</i>
Gabriela Guzmán <i>Elementary Education</i>	Maria P. Lema <i>Psychology</i>	Ryley Cierra Lewis Poulsen <i>Psychology</i>
Lydia L. Haller <i>Health Information Management and Technology</i>	Morgan M. Lofton <i>Psychology</i>	Jocelyn Ramos <i>Psychology</i>
Joshua Hamlet <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Emily Rose Lorentzen <i>Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lillian Kathryn Ray <i>Psychology, Summa Cum Laude</i>
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COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Immediately following ceremony

*Come
celebrate!*



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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