



Commencement

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF

2026

Whole. Worthy. Proven. Enough.

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN

PARKSIDE



A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

WELCOME TO COMMENCEMENT

Since its founding in 1968, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside has served as a dynamic engine of opportunity for Southeast Wisconsin. Born from a vision to provide a high-quality, accessible education to the residents of Kenosha, Racine, and beyond, our institution has grown into a premier comprehensive university known for its academic rigor and diverse, vibrant community.

Set within hundreds of acres of beautiful prairies and woodlands, UW-Parkside is more than just a campus; it is a place where transformation happens. Today, we proudly serve a student body that reflects the future of our region, offering over 40 undergraduate majors and a growing suite of graduate programs.

As we gather today to celebrate our newest graduates, we honor a tradition of student-centered learning and community engagement. Our alumni leave these halls prepared not only for successful careers but to be the leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers our world requires.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar

Academic Processional

Grand Marshal

Officers of the University and Special Guests

Faculty and Staff Marshals

Faculty and Staff

Flag Bearer

Candidates for Academic Degrees

PROGRAM

Anthems

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosemond Johnson. Performed by Jackie Geiss and Ben Kinchen under the direction of James Kinchen, Ed.D., *Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities*

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Introduction of Platform Party

University of Wisconsin System Greeting

Johannes J Britz, Ph.D., *Senior Vice President*

Universities of Wisconsin Division of Academic and Student Affairs

Chancellor's Remarks

Lynn D. Akey, Ph.D.

Outstanding Graduate Awards

Tiffany Brown, Health, Kinesiology and Sport Management B.S.

Sidney Finnigan, Sociology and Criminal Justice B.A.

Ryan Andrus, Teacher Education B.S.

Sophia Lefeber, Graphic Design B.A.

Chancellor's Award

Radhika Ramesh, Biological Sciences B.S.

Commencement Address

Rae Livingston, *Founder and Principal, Vision Loading*

Conferral of Academic Degrees

RECESSIONAL

March for the Royal Society of Musicians in E-flat major by Joseph Haydn

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

GRAND MARSHAL

David Higgs, PhD
Professor, Biological Sciences
Director, Undergraduate Research

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SPECIAL GUESTS

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

Radhika Ramesh
Chancellor's Award Recipient

Johannes J Britz, Ph.D.,
*Senior Vice President, Universities of Wisconsin
Division of Academic and Student Affairs*

Rae Livingston
Founder and Principal, Vision Loading

MARSHALS (MORNING)

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

Torin Akey, M.S.
Associate to the Chancellor

Hannah Ingram, M.A.
Associate Director, Admissions

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

Tim Knautz, M.S.
Senior Lecturer, Computer Science

Kathy McKee, D.B.A.
Asst. Professor, Business

Michelle van Solt, Ph.D.
Asst. Professor, Business

Kelli Stein, M.S.
MBA Program Manager

Carey Watters, MFA
*Professor & Director of Graphic Design, Art & Design
Faculty Director, Community Based Learning*

Hilary Rasmussen, PhD
Asst. Professor, Communication

MARSHALS (AFTERNOON)

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

Torin Akey, M.S.
Associate to the Chancellor

John D. Skalbeck, Ph.D.
*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic
Partnerships, Parkside Works
Professor, Geosciences
Academic Director, Master of Science in
Sustainable Management*

Jessica Orlofske, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor, Biology
Director of Center for Environmental Studies*

Garrison (Sonny) Komaniecki, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Chemistry

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

Frida Lazcano, BA/BS Student
Student Processing Specialist

Gregory Cramer, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Teacher Education

Mita Banerjee, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology
Director, Center for International Studies*

Hillary Vara, MS
Nursing Program Academic Advisor

Valerie Simpson, MS, RN
Consortia Nursing Program Coordinator



Chancellor Lynn D. Akey

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Fall 2026 Commencement. A joyful celebration of achievement, perseverance, and the enduring Ranger spirit.

Founded in 1968 with a bold mission to expand access to higher education in southeastern Wisconsin, UW-Parkside has grown into a university that serves learners from across the nation and around the globe. Rooted in our region and connected to the world, Parkside remains a place where opportunity, purpose, and possibility meet.

As each graduate crosses the stage today, they carry a story shaped by determination, resilience, and hope. These individual journeys, woven together over more than half a century, form the living legacy of UW-Parkside: a legacy defined not only by accomplishment, but by impact.

Commencement is also a moment to celebrate the more than 30,000 UW-Parkside alums who have come before, including the many who were the first in their families to earn a university degree. Our graduates leave with strong academic foundations, practical real-world experience, and a clear sense of purpose that prepares them to lead and serve.

At the heart of UW-Parkside is an extraordinary community of faculty and staff whose dedication elevates our students and transforms lives every day. Their mentorship, care, and commitment make possible the achievements we celebrate and the shared goals we pursue as a university.

Today, more than 400 graduates proudly join the ranks of UW-Parkside alums: leaders, thinkers, problem-solvers, and change-makers prepared to make their mark on their communities and the world.

To the families, friends, and supporters who have walked alongside these graduates, thank you for your encouragement, sacrifices, and belief. And to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Class of 2026: we celebrate you, we honor your journey, and we are tremendously proud to call you Rangers.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyn D. Akey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lyn" and last name "Akey" clearly visible.

Lynn Akey
Chancellor

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Ryan Andrus

Teacher Education B.S.

Ryan demonstrated exceptional dedication while pursuing his elementary education degree and maintained this throughout his academic journey. He is known for his hard work ethic, dedication to the classroom, and a passion for the success of everyone around him. Ryan has always gone above and beyond expectations, both in and out of the classroom. He was able to achieve high academic success while carrying out responsibilities as a supportive husband, father of two boys, and serving in numerous volunteer capacities within his community.

During his time at Parkside, Ryan distinguished himself through his intentional lesson planning, innovative lesson ideas, and his ability to make meaningful connections with his classmates, as well as his students during his clinical placements. His student teaching success reflects his deep commitment to making an impact on all students by ensuring everyone around him feels inspired. Ryan has been consistently praised for his professionalism, compassion, and dedication to being an effective future educator.

Since retiring from active duty in the United States Marine Corps, Ryan continues to be a strong leader, making a lasting impact on those around him. He has volunteered for over 15 years in youth sports, serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Scouting of America, parent volunteer for school events, volunteers for various civic activities, and gives back to his community by serving on his local school board as a board member. As Ryan steps into the next chapter of his career, he looks forward to making a positive impact on his future students and the educational community in which he will serve.



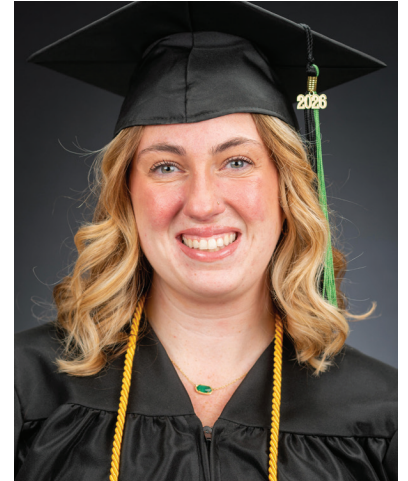
Tiffany Brown

Sport Management B.S.

Tiffany Brown is receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Sport Management from the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, along with a certificate in Community Engagement and Sport Sales.

Throughout her time at Parkside, she has been actively involved in campus and community initiatives, including organizing a campus-wide health event, supporting major events, and volunteering with a local food bank. She has also developed strong leadership and communication skills through her work as a dance instructor, where she teaches and mentors young students.

With a passion for bringing people together through sport and events, Tiffany plans to pursue a career in sponsorship and event management within the sports industry. She is grateful for the experiences and support that have prepared her for this next chapter.



Sidney Finnigan
Sociology and
Criminal Justice B.A.

Sidney Finnigan is a graduating senior who has demonstrated consistent academic excellence, leadership, and a strong commitment to service at the University of Wisconsin Parkside.

She will graduate summa cum laude with degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice, along with certificates in Community Engagement and Social Justice, distinguishing herself through both academic performance and engagement beyond the classroom.

While working full-time as a paralegal and serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard, she remained deeply engaged in her studies. Her professors describe her as driven, thoughtful, and disciplined, recognizing the depth of insight she brings to discussions of complex social issues. This analytical strength is reflected in her research on management practices at the Racine Youth Development and Care Center, as well as her capstone study on educational inequalities in alternative education settings.

At Parkside, Sidney served as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in the Criminal Justice Department and participated as a student representative on a faculty search committee. Through her community engagement work, she developed a women's empowerment program for students at Racine Alternative Learning, where she built connections with young women and created a space for mentorship, confidence-building, and access to resources.

She will attend law school in the fall, continuing her commitment to advocacy and service.



Sophia Lefebber
Graphic Design B.A.

Sophia “Soph” Lefebber is a hard-working Graphic Design major who has built a strong portfolio with many impactful projects. With a positive attitude and commitment towards growing, she has developed her design skills and has excelled academically.

Due to her academic achievements and mural made in collaboration with ArtRoot, Sophia was chosen to be part of the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP). This grant allowed her to design the a new mural for the Parkside Works space. This became a semester-long project where she led her Design Portfolio class as an art director. This opportunity highlighted her leadership skills.

She is also the secretary for the Print Club, where she encourages other officers and members to be part of the club and events. In her time as secretary, she has helped plan and execute the club's stamp-making event, and fundraising events. She also aids members as they work on their prints to make sure they have a positive experience and are proud of what they make.



*“The University of Wisconsin-Parkside
has been and will continue to be the
place where ideas are born, challenged
and changed—and a learning community
that enriches minds, changes lives, and
brightens futures.” -Irvin G. Wyllie*

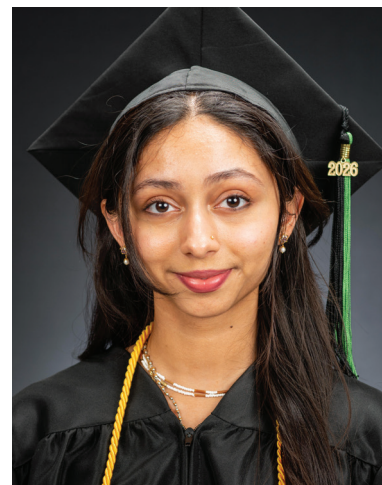


CHANCELLOR AWARD

Radhika Ramesh

Biological Sciences B.S.

Radhika Ramesh is a graduating senior whose path to medicine has been shaped by curiosity, teaching, and community. As both a dancer and student instructor, she learned to understand the body through movement and mentorship, which sparked her interest in how care is practiced across cultures. From exploring traditions like Ayurveda to studying biochemistry and spinal cord in the lab, she has been drawn to understanding both the seen and unseen aspects of health. Guided by mentorship and a desire to keep learning, she hopes to continue growing into a physician who listens, observes, and adapts. She will begin this next chapter at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.





Rae Livingston
*Founder and Principal,
Vision Loading*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Rae Livingston is a proud native of Racine, Wisconsin — and she wants this graduating class to know that. She grew up right here, walking the same hallways, learning from the same kind of teachers, and being shaped by the same community that shaped so many of you.

Rae attended Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary, McKinley Middle School, and J.I. Case High School, where she served as Class President, Student Government President, a member of Beta Club, and a member of the track team. In 2016, she was honored as one of the first ten inductees into Case's Distinguished Alumni — a reminder that **your beginnings here are a foundation, not a limitation.**

Rae's first taste of professional development, quite frankly, came from helping with the family business run by her father. Participating in UW-Parkside's CHAMP (Creating High Aspirations and Motivations Program) — a pre-college program now known as OMSA — expanded her world and raised her expectations for herself. At 17, she was selected for SC Johnson's TOPS (Training Opportunities for Proven Stars) program, learning early that starting in Racine was more than enough to build a global career.

One of Rae's earliest and boldest professional risks came when she moved to the United Kingdom to work on the historic Y2K and Euro currency conversions — a leap into high-stakes transformation that shaped the leader she would become.

From those beginnings grew a 25-plus-year career at the intersection of people, culture, and business performance. Rae has held key leadership roles at Rockwell Automation, Medtronic, JPMorgan Chase in New York and the UK, SC Johnson, and AbbVie. Over the course of her career, she has:

- worked on the historic Y2K and Euro conversions,
- led more than 17 mergers and acquisitions across three Fortune 500 companies,
- guided culture, belonging, and leadership during COVID-19 and the aftermath of George Floyd, and
- led global HR operations across more than 40 countries.

Most recently, Rae served as AbbVie's Global Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Equity Officer, shaping people strategies for more than 50,000 employees worldwide.

Her leadership has been nationally recognized. Diversity Woman Media named Rae one of the Elite 100 Black Women changing the face of Corporate America — women leading complex transformations, managing global and remote teams, and sustaining profitable bottom lines.

Today, Rae is risk-taking and reinventing once again as the Founder and Principal of Vision Loading, a leadership advisory platform supporting leaders and organizations navigating moments that matter.

Her work is grounded in a simple belief: when leaders gain clarity within, everything around them begins to shift.

She creates the space leaders rarely get — but deeply need — to slow down, think clearly, trust themselves, and move forward with conviction.

Rae's contributions have also been recognized by Savoy Magazine. She serves as a proud member of this institution's Foundation Board, is the past Board Chair of YWCA Southeast Wisconsin, and remains active in The Executive Leadership Council and SHRM's executive network. She is also a past Advisory Council Member of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

A proud HBCU alum, Rae holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Administration from Florida A&M University and she is a life member of the FAMU Alumni Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated.

Rae's journey — from Racine to the world and back home again — is a reminder to every student here today: **You are whole. You are worthy. You are proven. You are enough.**

Whole. Worthy. Proven. Enough.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION — SPRING 2026

Kariette A. Fleming
with Distinction

Amy D. Frier

Jennifer Hanson-Clope

Epiphany Anette Hightower

Avital K. Livingston
with Distinction

Christiana Eunice Rognstad
with Distinction

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES — SPRING 2026

Amanda Ruehle Becker
with Distinction

Leroy Rosean Smith

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION — SPRING 2026

Meghan R. Alexander

Angelita Marie Aragon Albino

Stacie L. Ashby

Isaiah K. Banks

Parker W. Blakeslee

Jade Elisabeth Blonvia

Leah J. Boer
with Distinction

Nathan D. Borst

Andrew J. Brandt
Baxter Bruner

Christopher M. Bryant
with Distinction

Alexander Bustos
with Distinction

Angela M. Carranza

Ryne Gregory Clatworthy
with Distinction

Shayna Colbert

Tramaine Colbert

Griffin Ervin Congdon
with Distinction

Dana Daggs
with Distinction

Nicholas M. Dahnke

Sean M. Dameron

Mark David DeSanctis
with Distinction

Cristine A. Escobedo

Bessie Carol Falcon

Emma Louise Felty

Gerita Anika Floyd-Swain
with Distinction

Kyle James Foster

Jon C. Fredrickson

David Joshua Galasso

Elizabeth J. Gannon

Elmer Gamaliel Golón

Autumn Gundrum

Jan Hesslink

Norman Michael Hoening
with Distinction

Shannon Lee Horrigan
with Distinction

Jason D. Hunt

Fayyad Zeaul Huq
with Distinction

Nicole Karen Italiano
with Distinction

Trevor Edward William Jackson

Joseph Daniel Janda
with Distinction

Noah Johnson
with Distinction

Nkozi Jabari Knight
with Distinction

Derrick A. Koehn
with Distinction

Kristina I. Koshavenko

Shannon Ingrid Koster
with Distinction

Kaitlyn M. Koterbski
with Distinction

Andrew Gilbert Langer
with Distinction

Zenul S. Laxmidhar
Benjamin Thomas Leipzig
with Distinction

Neena Elizabeth Victoria Lewis

Joshua K. Mannel
with Distinction

Dolores Ann Martinez

Ashley Marie McHose
with Distinction

Frank L. McReynolds, Jr.

Jessica A. Minich

Lian Horbinski Mleziva
with Distinction

Luis Mojica
with Distinction

Cristal Yasmine Moody
with Distinction

Alyson Marie Moore

Rachel Rae Mueller

Kam Bernette O'Dell
with Distinction

Alexander C. Olson
with Distinction

Carl Orta

Victoria Owens

Jesse Bree Pallo

Kathryn Pitts

Dharmesh M. Rathod

Carley Alyssa Rea
with Distinction

Bethany Marie Rennock
with Distinction

Joseph Rickard
with Distinction

Anita Yvonne Robertson
with Distinction

Joshua M. Shawanokasic
with Distinction

Holly Kay Sieren

Rachel Lucy Skowronski

Margaret Small
with Distinction

Jason Lea Stutz

Anthony Carl Tinder, Jr.
with Distinction

Juan Pablo Torres Meza

Kelly Traczyk
with Distinction

Cameron Vijesurier
with Distinction

Nathan J. Wolf

Batel P. Wyberg
with Distinction

Kyle P. Ziegler
with Distinction

Stephen David Zyzda

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY — SPRING 2026

Rosco Joseph Doro
with Distinction

Syeda M. Fatima

Kristopher J. Klingner
with Distinction

Raaid Museitif

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS — SPRING 2026

Keerthana V. Baskaran
with Distinction

Matthew David Conrad

Anastasia Y. Mesa

Tallon M. Pelikan
with Distinction

Charles Ray
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY — SPRING 2026

Marquis A. Callaway
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SPRING 2026

Daniel J. Wensing
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT — SPRING 2026

Jordan James Craft
with Distinction

Matthew Aaron Fix

Ireland Hinze

Gene Johnson

Christian Komitas
with Distinction

Samantha Michele Levai

Javier Marín Asensio

Tyler W. Moilanen

Trevor David Molitor

Bailey Pearl Mollen

Elle Nienhuis

Kaalyn Petersen

Connor Michael Voelker

Brandon Tyler Watkins

Katherine Isabella Weldy

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT — SPRING 2026

Krista Leighty
with Distinction

Theresa B. Mossholder

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION — SUMMER 2026

Alaa Mohammed A. Arawi
with Distinction

Bradley R. Elverman
with Distinction

Dashia Jackson-Day
with Distinction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT — SUMMER 2026

Lucas Wangda Wei

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT — WINTER 2025

Melissa Ann Marquez



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

BACHELOR AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS SPRING 2026

Katharine M. Alphs
History

Abbigail Marie Alshouse
Criminal Justice

Audrey Amaya
Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Megan Bahr
Sociology, Anthropology

Ilza S. Bajraktari
Art, Magna Cum Laude

Miriam Lizbeth Barajas Gómez
Sociology

Amy Kathleen Bates
Theatre Arts, Cum Laude

Anthony Becton
Graphic Design

Anthony J. Bednar
Criminal Justice

Henry C. Bertucci
Communication

Rachele Lynn Blasi
Graphic Design

Christopher J. Boberek
Political Science

Zakiah Marie Bowens
Criminal Justice

Andrew C. Braun
Music, Cum Laude

Benjamin R. Bruzas
Political Science

Nathan J. Buxton
History

Timothy Owen Campeau III
History

Matthew Chi
History

Rebecca Coutley
Leadership and Personalized Studies

Cinthia I. Cruz
Graphic Design, Art

Gabriel Jafet Cruz Diaz
Music

Melissa Damas
Spanish, Summa Cum Laude

Gabrielle Deanparvar
Leadership and Personalized Studies

Ashley D. Downey
Leadership and Personalized Studies

Byron Cole Dowse, Jr.
*B.A. Communication, Criminal Justice,
English, History, International Studies,
Sociology, B.S. Psychology, Magna Cum
Laude*

Caitlin Nicole Ekornaas
Theatre Arts, Summa Cum Laude

Sophia C. Essenmacher
History

Jenna Rose Feedar
Graphic Design, Magna Cum Laude

Sidney Nicole Finnigan
*Criminal Justice, Sociology, Summa
Cum Laude*

Kadyn Jean Fleury
Communication

Fred W. Forero-Rozo
Leadership and Personalized Studies

Kennedy K. Frick
Theatre Arts

Isaac James Fullmer
*B.A. History, B.S. Secondary Education,
Cum Laude*

Aliyah Garcia-Gonzales
Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Jacquelyn Marie Geiss
Music, Summa Cum Laude

Maya Caye Gibson
Music

Garry Winter Godlewski
Art, Magna Cum Laude

Alesha N. Goss
Criminal Justice

DaRon D. Green
Criminal Justice

Sean Anton Gulliksen
History

Sara Guthman
English

William Jeffrey Halser
Graphic Design, Magna Cum Laude

Hailey Hand
Criminal Justice

Destiny Dawn Harrison
Sociology

Brooklyn Hasler
Graphic Design

Rosa Rubi Hernandez
Economics

Nakiyah C. Hurst
Sociology

Cashay Renee Deonita Jackson
Music

Ella Janis
*B.A. English, B.S. Geosciences, Summa
Cum Laude*

Ashley Nicole Johnson
*English, Secondary Education, Magna
Cum Laude*

Ryan Matthew Kaczmarek
Political Science, Summa Cum Laude

Aryna Karnila
*B.A. Communication, B.S. Business
Management, Summa Cum Laude*

McKenna Skye Keegan
Graphic Design, Summa Cum Laude

Daniel S. Kim
Theatre Arts, Cum Laude

Benjamin Patrick Kinchen
Music, Cum Laude

Aliana Lacson
Theatre Arts

Nolan J. Lammert
History

Lauren M. Landry
Communication, Magna Cum Laude

Skylar M. Leary
Communication, Art, Magna Cum Laude

Sophia N. Lefeber
Graphic Design, Summa Cum Laude

Tranace K. Leonard
Criminal Justice

Leonardo A. Linval, Jr.
Communication

Sydney N. LoMonaco
Music, Magna Cum Laude

Emily Luchinske
Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Savannah Rae Lueck
Sociology, Summa Cum Laude

Maximilian Jerome McCarville
Communication

Timothy T. McClure
Communication

Annagrace Kathleen McCurdy
Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude

Erin Mcknight
Communication

Mykah Jason Melone
Theatre Arts

Ann Marie Mierzejewski
Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude

Grey Miller
Graphic Design, Art

America Renee Morales
History, Criminal Justice

Marisa P. Myers
Sociology

Chelsey L. Myhre-Foster
Sociology

Thomas John Nurmi
Economics, Mathematics

Lucrecia Marina Ortiz Villatoro
Criminal Justice, Spanish

Adler Michael Alan Osborn
History

Sayre Walter Pagel
Criminal Justice

Lindsy Patyk
Leadership and Personalized Studies

Beckham Xavier Perez
Political Science

Riley Josephine Pitts
Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Aubrey Powers
English, Secondary Education, Cum Laude

Javan Pruitt-Mason
Communication, Summa Cum Laude

Joseph John Riccio
English

Jadon Rose
Sociology, Magna Cum Laude

Jalon Rose
Sociology, Magna Cum Laude

Michael William Rosenberg
Economics, Marketing

Stella Giovana Ruffalo
Criminal Justice

Julie Sanchez Beltran
Communication, Magna Cum Laude

Quentin S. Smith
Economics

Layla M. Springer
English

Jalen Michael Spuhler
B.A. Criminal Justice, B.S. Business Management

Gary William Stahler
Criminal Justice

Jaden Andre Stevens
Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Jackson R. Strauts
Communication

Payton Katherine Strojinc
Art

Drew Robert Stueber
Graphic Design, Summa Cum Laude

Emmi Thiele
Criminal Justice

Shanette Irene Thomas
B.A. Communication, B.S. Business Management

Aemiliana Rose Treiber
Graphic Design

Shayna Trench
Art

Natalee Jordyn Truax
Criminal Justice

Ronald Lamar Walker III
English, Cum Laude

Trinity A. Wallace
Theatre Arts

Mark Robbert Warden
Theatre Arts, Cum Laude

Cloe Jeanne Weiher
Art

Alistair Weime
Theatre Arts, Cum Laude

Cameron J. Wick
Graphic Design

Essence Amor Williams
Leadership and Personalized Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS SUMMER 2026

Juliana Garcia-Malacara
Communication, Theatre Arts, Cum Laude

Dulce J. Gefke
B.A. Criminal Justice, B.S. Psychology

Madison Rileigh Perez
Criminal Justice, Cum Laude

Alysssa Nicole Ritacca
Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude

Quincy Brent Wilson
Theatre Arts

Grace Yanny
Music

BACHELOR OF ARTS WINTER 2025

Leslie Anastasia Townsend
Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE SPRING 2026

Alene Kareem Abdallah
Management Information Systems, Cum Laude

Yesmeen Abdallah
Management Information Systems, Magna Cum Laude

Ali Abdel-Jaber
Business Management

Hadeel A. Abdeljawad
Applied Health Sciences, Magna Cum Laude

Steve Abraham
Business Management, Cum Laude

Tihane Adams
Psychology, Cum Laude

Marigona Ademi
Business Management, Cum Laude

Israel Aguayo
Accounting, Business Management, Summa Cum Laude

Itzayana Citlali Aguilar
Computer Science

Samuel Kirk David Albright
Psychology

Sadan Algharibeh
Applied Health Sciences

Wasan Algharibeh
Applied Health Sciences

Emily Aurora Alvarez
Business Management

Ryan R. Andrus
Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude

Bethany Susan Arnold
Management Information Systems, Cum Laude

Jacob T. Ashmus
Applied Health Sciences

Amna Azeez
Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Amra Azeez
Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Jakob F. Bailen
Kinesiology and Sport Performance

Brooklyn Danielle Bailey
Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude

Marlena D. Banks
Psychology

Abigayle Joy Barman
Psychology

Connor Jacob Barribeau
Accounting

Aminante Ariyana Batton
Sport Management

Presley Lane Belk
Psychology

James J. Bender
Business Management, Magna Cum Laude

Karla Janeth Bergendahl
Elementary Education

Helena Mae Besler
Marketing, Business Management, Magna Cum Laude

Olivia D. Beth
Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics

Miah Michelle Bires
Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude

Jordan Alan Blanchard
Kinesiology and Sport Performance, Cum Laude

Rachel Blaskowski
Applied Health Sciences, Magna Cum Laude

Elvira J. Bolanos-Bautista
Business Management, Magna Cum Laude

Sharon Bonilla
Health Information Management and Technology

Elliot Thomas Bordini
Business Management, Cum Laude

Grace Breuchel
Applied Health Sciences

Laura Brighton
Business Management, Cum Laude, Business Honors

Ashley Quinnena Brooks
Business Management

Kate M. Brown
Marketing, Business Management, Magna Cum Laude

Scott William Brown
Business Administration

Tiffany Marie Brown
Sport Management, Summa Cum Laude

Thomas E. Burke
Business Management

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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.

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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.

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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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