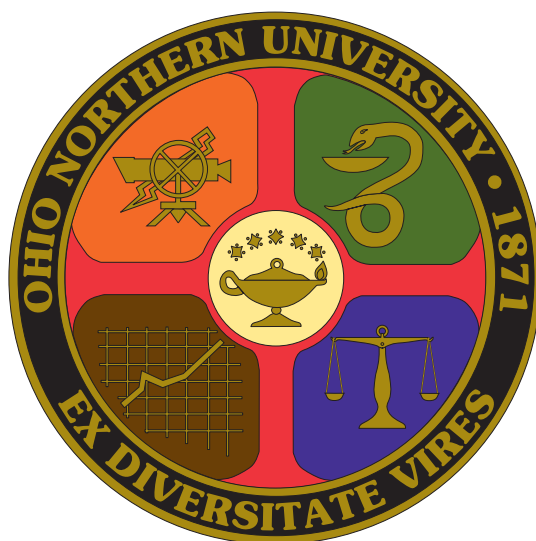


COMMENCEMENT

One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Year

May 12, 2019



OHIO NORTHERN
UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

Field House

Sunday, May 12, 2019

2:00 p.m.

President Daniel A. DiBiasio

Presiding

Instrumental Prelude..... Symphonic Band

Academic Procession (Audience please rise.)

Invocation..... The Reverend Dr. David E. MacDonald
University Chaplain

National Anthem Ms. Alison Campbell
Graduating Senior in Musical Theatre

Address.....Mr. Michael C. Kaufmann, BSBA '85
Chief Executive Officer, Cardinal Health

Remarks by Graduating Student..... Ms. Logan D. Hill
Graduating Student in Musical Theatre

Conferring of Honorary Degrees.....President Daniel A. DiBiasio

Michael C. Kaufmann..... Doctor of Business Administration
Karen (Keyse) Fields, M.D. Doctor of Medicine
Daniel B. Walker..... Doctor of Engineering

Special Music Symphonic Band
Dr. Charles Bates, Professor of Music, Conductor, Symphonic Band
Professor Kirsten Osbun-Manley, Vocalist
Dr. Adriane L. Thompson-Bradshaw, Vocalist

Conferring of Academic Degrees..... President Daniel A. DiBiasio

Reader of Graduate Names..... Dr. Adriane L. Thompson-Bradshaw
Vice President for Student Affairs

Assisting the President in Presenting Diplomas

Maria L. Cronley.....Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Holly L. BaumgartnerDean, Getty College of Arts and Sciences
John-David Yoder.....Dean, T. J. Smull College of Engineering
John C. NavinDean, Dicke College of Business Administration
Melanie J. Hough.....Registrar of the University

Ohio Northern University Hymn.....Ms. Hallie Heffernan
Graduating Senior in Musical Theatre

Ohio Northern, we love thy name;
Ohio Northern, long live thy fame!
We sing thy glory, sound forth thy praise
For all that gladdens our dear college days.
Ohio Northern, we will be true,
Loyal forever to dear ONU.

Musical Benediction.....Graduating Seniors from the University Singers

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Spoken Benediction The Reverend Dr. David E. MacDonald

Recessional

Audience please rise. Faculty recesses. Graduates do not recess.
The audience is requested to remain in place until all faculty members have recessed.

MARSHALS

Professor Michael J. Rider, Grand Marshal
Professor Jeffery C. Allison, Banner Bearer

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Professor Tena L. Roepke

Professor David L. Rouch

COLLEGE MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences

Professor Rebecca L. Casey

Professor William R. Fuller

College of Engineering

Professor Khalid S. Al-Olimat

Professor David R. Mikesell

College of Business Administration

Professor Dong Hyun Kim

Professor Jin Ho Jung

Musical Selections

Interlude	<i>A Childhood Remembered</i> <i>Aurora Borealis</i>	Rossano Galante Rossano Galante
Academic Procession	<i>Processia from Symphon</i> <i>Marcia Brillante</i> <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Zika Williams Zika Williams Edward Elgar
Special Music	<i>“A Spiritual Rhapsody”</i> In Honor of the “Class of 2019” <i>In Memory of</i> <i>Andreya Grzegorzewski</i>	SETAB Professor Kirsten Osbun-Manley, Vocalist Dr. Adriane L. Thompson-Bradshaw, Vocalist
Musical Benediction	<i>Benediction</i>	John Ness Beck Arr. Charles Bates
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Recessional	<i>Marcia Islancio</i> <i>Un Recessa from Symphon</i>	Zika Williams Zika Williams

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Mr. Daniel B. Walker

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



Michael C. Kaufmann

Mike Kaufmann, BSBA '85, is chief executive officer of Cardinal Health, a global, integrated health care services and products company ranked among the top 15 on the Fortune 500.

Before being named CEO in 2018, Kaufmann served as chief financial officer for Cardinal Health, overseeing all financial activities for the company, including external reporting, investor relations, tax strategy/planning, and capital deployment as well as global sourcing for both the pharmaceutical and medical segments.

During his 28 years at Cardinal Health, Kaufmann has served in a wide range of leadership positions across operations, sales and finance, touching all areas of Cardinal Health. He was instrumental in orchestrating key activities such as the joint venture with CVS Health that formed Red Oak Sourcing and the creation of Fuse, the Cardinal Health technology innovation center.

Kaufmann serves as executive sponsor of the Cardinal Health Women's Initiative Network, an employee resource group with the goal of fostering a culture of partnerships that makes Cardinal Health a suitable place for women to work and grow their careers. His support of women leaders in health care led to the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association naming Kaufmann as its 2012 "Honorable Mentor" and the Institute for Women's Leadership awarding him the 2014 "Guys Who Get It Award."

Prior to Cardinal Health, Kaufmann had a successful career in audit and consulting with Arthur Andersen, one of the nation's largest public accounting firms.

When he became CEO, Kaufmann became a member of the Columbus Partnership Executive Committee. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors for MSC Industrial Supply and on the executive board of Red Oak Sourcing. Kaufmann is a past member of the executive committee of both the Healthcare Distribution Alliance and National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Kaufmann, who graduated from ONU in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in accounting, is vice chair of the ONU Board of Trustees and a past member of the Dicke College of Business Administration Advisory Board. He and his wife, Linda, are lifetime members of ONU's Henry Solomon Lehr Society. They have four children.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Karen (Keyse) Fields

Karen (Keyse) Fields, BA '78, is the medical director of Clinical Pathways and Value-Based Cancer Care at Moffitt Cancer Center, one of the largest NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States. She is a senior member of the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Department at Moffitt Cancer Center and a professor in the Department of Oncologic Sciences in the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida. She is board-certified in medical oncology and internal medicine.

Fields began her career in Tampa as a founding member of Moffitt's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program and eventually became the director of the program. She has done extensive research both as a clinical investigator and laboratory researcher in the field of bone marrow transplants. She served as the chief of medicine at Moffitt Cancer Center and was responsible for developing Moffitt's cancer network throughout the state of Florida.

In 2005, Fields was appointed president and CEO of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center in San Antonio, Texas, home to one of the largest cancer drug development programs in the world. She then moved to the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where she was appointed vice president of global academic programs with the responsibility of overseeing more than 25 joint academic cancer programs around the world. She also served as the chief medical officer of the Nevada Cancer Institute before returning to Moffitt Cancer Center.

Most recently, her career has focused on quality initiatives to improve outcomes for cancer patients. She currently works with Moffitt's medical experts to develop clinical pathways aimed at defining the standards for cancer care at the center. She also works with the Moffitt's payer strategies group to define and implement alternative payment models.

Fields is active in multiple national committees. She currently chairs the Physician's Advisory Committee for the Association of Dedicated Cancer Centers, and she is the co-chair of the National Quality Forum's Cancer Measure Endorsement Standing Committee. Nationally, she is a sought-after speaker and advisor regarding cancer care models, quality and payment reform. In addition, she has authored more than 80 scientific publications.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from ONU in 1978, and her medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She completed fellowships in Medical Oncology and Hematology at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Florida Health Sciences Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Her husband, Paul Henry Fields III, JD '80, is a graduate of ONU's Pettit College of Law. They have one son.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Daniel B. Walker

Dan Walker, BSCE '71, is executive vice president of Kokosing Industrial in Westerville, Ohio. Kokosing Industrial is a division of Kokosing, a family-owned construction company and one of the largest contractors in the Midwest.

Walker has worked at Kokosing since 1976, playing an integral role in the phenomenal growth of the company's business units from a volume of \$57 million a year in 1983 to \$800 million per year today. He has held the positions of president of McGraw/Kokosing Construction Inc., senior vice president of Kokosing, and president of Kokosing Industrial.

Over the course of his nearly five-decade career as a civil engineer, Walker has overseen the construction of dozens of industrial and commercial facilities, including power plants, gas-processing plants, power-transmission facilities, and municipal-water and waste-water treatment facilities.

He led efforts at Kokosing to implement a culture of safety, serving as the first chair of the Safety Committee. He also was a member of the Focus on Safety 24/7 group, helping to build an understanding that each individual needs to take ownership and responsibility for safety.

Walker has been active in the Ohio Laborers' Training and Upgrading and the Carpenters Journeyman and Training Boards. He has worked to establish links between the construction industry and engineering schools, helping budding engineers build valuable skills. He has been a strong supporter of Ohio Northern University, serving for many years as an original member of the Smull College of Engineering's Advisory Board. He's the current chair of the ONU Board of Trustees and has served the board in some capacity for the past 20 years. In 2017, he received the College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 1998 he received the University's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Walker received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from ONU in 1971 and his MBA from Xavier University in 1980. He and his wife, Eileen (Winkleman) Walker, BA '72, have two children and four grandchildren.

The Getty College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Jeffrey Edward Alexander

Magna Cum Laude

Political Science

Sociology

*General Sociology

*Public Policy

*Communication Studies

Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Hawraa A. Alherz

Cum Laude

Chemistry

Kuwait City, Kuwait

Alanis Scarlett Allison

Psychology

*Art

*Clinical & Counseling Psychology

Boonsboro, Maryland

†† **Zainab Almahdy**

Chemistry

Rumaithya, Kuwait

‡ ◇ **Ahlam Saadoon Anteer**

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Ada, Ohio

Bryanah Austin

Magna Cum Laude

Theatre

*Theatre Technology and Design

Concord, North Carolina

†† **Hans Bärlach**

German

*Music

Cridersville, Ohio

Jacqueline Dixie Bowsher

Cum Laude

Spanish

*Business Administration

Spencerville, Ohio

◇ **Alexys Eeryn Brooks**

Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Columbiana, Ohio

Caitlyn Gabrielle Brown

Cum Laude

Middle Childhood Education

Helena, Ohio

‡ **William Lamonte Brown**

Social Studies

History

Lima, Ohio

‡ **David Adams Chitkowski**

Sports Management

Minooka, Illinois

Conner William Cook

Music

*Creative Writing

*Music Theory and Composition

Toledo, Ohio

† **Morgan Rhea Couchman**

Philosophy Politics and Economics

*Public Policy

Zanesfield, Ohio

Olivia Marie D'Agostino

Summa Cum Laude

Honors Program

Creative Writing

Spanish

*Psychology

*Literature

Williamstown, Massachusetts

Auston William Davenport

Political Science

*Public Policy

Russiaville, Indiana

Richard Eugene Deubler V

Professional Writing

Political Science

Lima, Ohio

Morgan Didion

Language Arts Education

Sandusky, Ohio

Allison Mae Ditch

Communication Studies

*Social Media

*Design

Seville, Ohio

Joshua Philip Eilola

Public Relations

*Business Administration

*Social Media

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Madison Paige Essinger

Communication Studies

Bluffton, Ohio

Christina Marie Fagnano

Magna Cum Laude

Political Science

Niles, Ohio

Seth Myers Ferguson

Summa Cum Laude

History

Political Science

*Public Policy

*Applied Statistics

Mansfield, Ohio

Benjamin R. Fink

Political Science

*Public Policy

Akron, Ohio

‡ **Austin Jeffrey Gammell**

Multimedia Journalism

Circleville, Ohio

Connor William Gillmor

Multimedia Journalism

*Digital Media Production

Dublin, Ohio

◇ Dual degrees

*Concentrations, Minors or Options

† Graduated at the end of Summer Semester 2017-18

†† Graduated at the end of Fall Semester 2017-18

‡ Completing requirements in Summer or Fall of 2019

Cum Laude (3.50 – 3.69)

Magna Cum Laude (3.70 – 3.89)

Summa Cum Laude (3.90 – 4.00)

Names of graduates and honors are accurate as of noon Friday, April 26, 2019. Changes made after this date could not be incorporated into the Commencement program.

Cheyenne Ellesse Gonzalez
Criminal Justice
Lakeview, Ohio

Kyla E. Gray
Criminal Justice
Chillicothe, Ohio

◇ **Adam Brent Grim**
Cum Laude
Music
*Music Theory and Composition
Ada, Ohio

Peter Francis Hardt
Political Science
*International Studies
Bethpage, New York

‡ **Nicholas Alexander Hogenbirk**
Education Studies
Hilliard, Ohio

†† **Emily Christine Howell**
Summa Cum Laude
Literature
Professional Writing
*German
Pickerington, Ohio

Lucas Allen Huber
Criminal Justice
*Communication Studies
Findlay, Ohio

Grace Marie Huff
Cum Laude
Professional Writing
*Creative Writing
Columbus Grove, Ohio

Cody Alexander Hurley
Sport Management
*Business Administration
Ada, Ohio

†† **Shannon Kathleen Jack**
Cum Laude
Public Relations
*Social Media
Akron, Ohio

◇ **Emily Mary Jones**
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Avon Lake, Ohio

Jennifer Lynn Kolb
Sports Management
*Digital Media Production
*Social Media
Englewood, Ohio

Mahawa Koroma
Magna Cum Laude
Political Science
*International Studies
*Communication Studies
Freetown, Sierra Leone

Kenji Kosai
Graphic Design
*Technology Systems
Fukuoka, Japan

Corey Raymond Kowatch
Criminal Justice
Loudonville, Ohio

†† **Marshall William Kuieck**
Cum Laude
Philosophy Politics & Economics
*Philosophy
*Public Policy
Fremont, Ohio

†† **Daniel Joseph Kwiat**
Social Studies
History
Bloomville, Ohio

Alison Michelle LeBlanc
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
*Clinical & Counseling Psychology
Ada, Ohio

Rachel Alexis Liebrecht
Summa Cum Laude
Mathematics
McComb, Ohio

Audrey Sue Livingston
Music
*Communication Studies
*Applied Studies
Ashville, Ohio

Michaela Ann Long
Magna Cum Laude
Communication Studies
Public Relations
*Social Media
*Music
Findlay, Ohio

Hailee Jae Loughman
Magna Cum Laude
History
Social Studies
Brookville, Ohio

Jordyn Leigh Martin
Psychology
*Communication Studies
*General Psychology
Mason, Ohio

Victoria Middlebrooks
Communication Studies
Public Relations
*Social Media
Oberlin, Ohio

Alaina Michelle Mikolajewski
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
*Applied Statistics
Piqua, Ohio

Lilian Rose Miller
Criminal Justice
Mount Vernon, Ohio

†† **Andrew Robert Munshower**
Criminal Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

Lukas Dale Perkins
Criminal Justice
*Political Science
Lima, Ohio

Janelle Marie Posthuma
Exercise Physiology
*Clinical/Research
Ada, Michigan

Jeremy De'Carlos Pratt Jr.
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Toledo, Ohio

Jocelyn MaKaylee Reinhart
Political Science
*Public Policy
*Criminal Justice
Fostoria, Ohio

Mackenzie Rene' Riggensch
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Program
Psychology
*Applied Statistics
*General Psychology
Van Wert, Ohio

†† Eric Colin Rude
Sport Management
Rootstown, Ohio

Caleb Logan Saalfeld
Criminal Justice
*Investigative Accounting Option
Modesto, California

Cheyann Amber Schadewald
Cum Laude
Music
*Music History and Literature
Lima, Ohio

Michael Schroeder
Communication Studies
Kalida, Ohio

Mitchell Craig Scott
Criminal Justice
Ada, Ohio

Joshua Ryan Shaffer
Music
*German
*Applied Studies
Hicksville, Ohio

Katelynn Margaret Shiveley
Theatre
*Arts Administration
Jamestown, Ohio

Caitlin Christine Silva
Magna Cum Laude
Early Childhood Education
Galloway, Ohio

MacKenzie Anne Sowers
Cum Laude
Language Arts Education
Wakeman, Ohio

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Criminal Justice
San Diego, California

Caleb Jay Tussing
Creative Writing
Pemberville, Ohio

Katherine Elizabeth Tydeman
Criminal Justice
*Forensic Science Option
Charlotte, North Carolina

Chloe Mae Ulmer
Cum Laude
Music
*Arts Administration
*Music Theory and Composition
*Applied Studies
Bucyrus, Ohio

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Public Relations
*Psychology
Lake Orion, Michigan

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Psychology
*Clinical & Counseling Psychology
Ada, Ohio

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Magna Cum Laude
Early Childhood Education
Lima, Ohio

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Criminal Justice
Psychology
*Clinical & Counseling Psychology
*Forensic Science Option
Loveland, Ohio

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Early Childhood Education
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Honors Program
Communication Studies
*Spanish
*Multimedia Journalism
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Sociology
Criminal Justice
*General Sociology
Waynesfield, Ohio

Bachelor of Fine Arts

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*Communication Studies
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 *Mathematics
 *Astronomy
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 *Advanced Mathematical Studies
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Tiffin, Ohio

Lillie Theresa Schiavone
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*Corporate Fitness and Personal Trainer
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*Manufacturing Management
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*Chemistry
Lewisburg, Ohio

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*Manufacturing Management
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*Chemistry
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*Manufacturing Management
Ada, Ohio

‡ **Emma Constance Talley**
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*Data Analytics
*Marketing
Springfield, Ohio

Shannon Michelle Tefft
Magna Cum Laude
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*Theatre
North Royalton, Ohio

Kyle Lee Tucker
Manufacturing Technology
*Applied Robotics
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Academic Attire

Academic attire dates back at least to the 14th century. Its origin is attributed to ecclesiastical influence, to the need for warmth in unheated rooms used by medieval scholars, and to avoidance of “excess in apparel” by wearing a long gown. Ultimately there developed distinctive caps, gowns and hoods denoting the institution that granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree — bachelor, master or doctorate.

American universities, unlike those of England and Europe, have adopted a standard code of academic costume in which the cut and material of the gown, the color of the tassel on the cap, and the pattern and colors of the hood all have special significance.

Bachelors’ gowns are closed at the throat and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters’ gowns may be worn open or closed and have long, oblong sleeves, square and closed at the end, the arms coming through slits near the wrist. Doctors’ gowns, worn open or closed, are faced with velvet and have full, bell-shaped sleeves. Each sleeve carries three bars of velvet, called chevrons. Trustees, presidents and marshals of colleges or universities may wear caps and gowns which are especially designed and colored.

Academic caps are usually mortarboards, though soft caps are also worn. The cap is black; the tassel is black or the color appropriate to the discipline or field of study, or for a doctor’s cap it may be gold.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. The color of the lining identifies the university granting the highest degree held by the wearer. The color of the trim indicates the field of learning in which the degree is received.

Colors of Fields of Learning

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Nursing	Apricot
Commerce, Business	Drab	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Engineering	Orange	Physical Education	Sage Green
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Public Service	Peacock Blue
Law	Purple	Science	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Music	Pink		

Colors of Selected Institutions

Bowling Green State University.....	Burnt Orange and Brown
Butler University	Blue and White
Cornell University.....	Red and White
Drake University	Blue and White
Harvard University.....	Crimson
Indiana University.....	Crimson and Cream
Kent State University	Gold and Blue
Ohio University	Green and White
Purdue University.....	Black and Gold
Samford University	Blue and Red
SUNY at Buffalo	Royal Blue and White
The Ohio State University	Scarlet and Gray
University of Iowa	Gold and Black
University of Michigan.....	Maize and Azure Blue
University of Notre Dame.....	Blue and Gold
University of the Pacific.....	Orange and Black

The Legacy of Commencement

Awarding academic degrees to signify reaching a certain level in a branch of learning goes back at least eight centuries, even prior to the creation of universities. In the twelfth century, large bodies of students would gather together in one place, as they did in Paris and Bologna. In such a scholarly milieu, some naturally decided on a career in teaching.

Their first step was to become baccalaureus, a status that then required the student to continue coursework under the direction of scholars. Following more years of study, the student was admitted to a select circle of teachers through a series of special initiation rites.

The installation in a teaching post followed practices of Roman Law among students in Paris. Some vestiges of the ceremony are seen in today's commencement exercises, namely the investment with a square cap. The new master would embark upon his teaching career with his first lecture, his *inceptio*, meaning commencement.

From these origins has come our commencement, a special academic ceremony for the purpose of awarding degrees, which begins and ends with an academic procession. As a descendant of clerical processions of the churches, it is carried out with great dignity and impressiveness. All participants wear the academic regalia appropriate to their highest degree. Faculty members process in order of their academic rank, with senior full professors first, followed by their colleagues of successively lower rank. The procession is formed in ranks of two except for special dignitaries or honorees who may walk alone. The entire procession is headed by a senior faculty member bearing an ornate institutional banner and another serving as grand marshal and carrying the institutional mace, a traditional emblem of authority of the bearer.

The high point of the commencement program is the awarding of degrees. Placing a hood on the shoulders of the graduate is the time-honored gesture denoting the investiture of the degree. Since this practice is most often retained solely for advanced degrees in contemporary commencement exercises, today's bachelor's degree recipients symbolize the hooding through the simple act of moving the tassel on the cap from the right to the left side. Only a few institutions maintain the practice — as we do at Ohio Northern University — of the President of the University placing the diploma in the hand of the candidate.

Evolving culture and customs have changed the details of awarding degrees. Yet it remains a rich and memorable experience for participants and witnesses, a ceremony sensitive to tradition and conveying great significance in the lives of the new graduates.

A Note to Guests

Today will be many things — historical, fun, solemn, reminiscent, dignified, joyful, a repository of deep and long-lasting memories.

Graduates will be honored by faculty and administration. Special guests will be recognized for outstanding lifetime achievement. Parents, relatives, spouses and friends will be stirred and warmed by the entire commencement experience.

With this in mind, we ask everyone's cooperation in making the day as smooth and orderly as possible. Following a few rules of courtesy will help ensure this. We ask that everyone limit talking, speak quietly, avoid walking in and out of the field house while ceremonies are in progress, refrain from leaving early, and in general help maintain an atmosphere of polite decorum.

With adults this should be easy. With children, considering their high energy and short attention spans, this might not be so easy. Please make your own judgment at the outset whether your child can sit patiently throughout the entire ceremony. If you feel he or she can't, please use the special child care facilities we have in the south end of the building.

We are honored to have you with us today and appreciate your cooperation in making this an especially enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Thank you.

Photographs

The University has arranged for each graduate to be photographed receiving the diploma. For the convenience of guests wishing to take their own photographs, a posted area is provided on the north side of the platform (to the audience's left) for this purpose. In order to reduce congestion in this area, guests are requested to plan their entrance into the area approximately three to five graduates ahead of the one they wish to photograph and to return to their seats immediately after taking their photographs.

In consideration of others in the audience, guests are requested to take photographs during the ceremony only in the posted area.

Photographs of graduates in procession must be taken as the procession is moving into the field house since students will not leave the field house in procession. Photographs may be taken on the platform following the convocation for those wishing to do so. Family members are invited to meet the graduates in the field house directly following the recessional for these photographs.

