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One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Year

May 8, 2021



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Dial-Roberson Stadium

Saturday, May 8, 2021
9:00 a.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. Deanna Cira

Trustees Welcome Dr. Daniel B. Walker, BSCE '71, Hon.D.'19
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Remarks by Graduating Students Mr. Gabe Rastatter & Mr. Scott Smith

Special Music Symphonic Band
Dr. Charles Bates, Professor of Music, Conductor, Symphonic Band

Remarks by Dean of the College of Law Dean Charles H. Rose III

Conferring of Juris Doctor Degree President Daniel A. DiBiasio

Investiture of Juris Doctor Hoods Dean Charles H. Rose III

Presentation of Diplomas President Daniel A. DiBiasio

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Ohio Northern University Hymn..... Ms. Deanna Cira

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.

Spoken Benediction The Reverend Dr. David E. MacDonald

Recessional Symphonic Band

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

COLLEGE MARSHALS

Professor Nancy A. Armstrong

Professor Stephen Veltri

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Interlude | <i>Land of the Healing Waters</i> | Rossano Galante |
| Academic Procession | <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> | Edward Elgar |
| National Anthem | <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> | Francis Scott Key |
| Special Music | <i>A Childhood Remembered</i> | Rossano Galante |
| Recessional | <i>Fanfare for the Dessert</i> | Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach |

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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, a system developed of 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

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|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Case Western Reserve University..... | Brown and White |
| Columbia University..... | Light Blue and White |
| Cornell University | Carnelian and White |
| Emory University | Emory Blue and White |
| Georgetown University | Blue and Gray |
| Harvard University | Black and Crimson |
| The Ohio State University..... | Scarlet and Gray |
| Temple University..... | White and Cherry |
| University of Michigan | Maize and Azure Blue |
| University of Texas..... | Orange and White |
| Yale University | Yale Blue |

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 hood. 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 hooding ceremony and awarding of degrees. Placing a hood on the shoulders of the graduate is the time-honored gesture denoting the investiture of the degree. This practice is most often retained solely for advanced degrees in contemporary commencement exercises. Only a few institutions maintain the practice — as we do at Ohio Northern University — of the candidate receiving their diploma at the commencement ceremony.

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 Juris Doctors.

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. 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 stadium stands while ceremonies are in progress, refrain from leaving early, and in general help maintain an atmosphere of polite decorum.

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. Graduates receive information from the photographer prior to the ceremony for ordering photographs. Guests are permitted to take photographs from their seats in the stadium stands. Guests are not permitted on the stadium field at any time.