

COMMENCEMENT

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May 23, 2021



OHIO NORTHERN
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COMMENCEMENT

Field House

Sunday, May 23, 2021

1:30 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. Sarah Matlow, BFA '20
Alumna in Musical Theatre

Trustees Welcome Ms. Pamela S. Hershberger, BS '87
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Remarks from Alumna Ms. Hannah Smith, BSBA '20
Alumna in Management

Remarks from Alumna Ms. Megan Loos, BSME '20
Alumna in Mechanical Engineering

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

Recognition of Academic Degrees President Daniel A. DiBiasio

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Ohio Northern University Hymn..... Ms. Sarah Matlow, BFA '20
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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.

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

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

Dr. Charles Bates, Professor of Music, Conductor, Symphonic Band
Ms. Sarah Matlow, BFA '20, Alumna in Musical Theatre

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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

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 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. 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 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 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. 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.

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.

