

# COMMENCEMENT

GETTY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

One Hundred and Fiftieth Year

May 9, 2021



OHIO NORTHERN  
UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT  
GETTY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dial-Roberson Stadium

Sunday, May 9, 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 ..... Mr. Raymond Cronley  
Graduating Senior in Musical Theatre

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

Remarks by Graduating Student ..... Ms. Alexa Thrush  
Graduating Senior in Professional Writing, Creative Writing

Remarks by Graduating Student ..... Ms. Cecilia Riepenhoff  
Graduating Senior in Philosophy, Politics & Economics

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

Remarks by Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences ..... Dr. Holly L. Baumgartner

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

ASSISTING THE PRESIDENT IN PRESENTING DIPLOMAS

Juliet K. Hurtig ..... Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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Wilson Turner ..... Registrar of the University

Ohio Northern University Hymn..... Ms. Emily Estep  
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.

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 Mark Dixon

Professor Melissa Eddings-Mancuso

## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Interlude	<i>Land of the Healing Waters</i>	Rossano Galante
Academic Procession	<i>Processia from Symphon</i>	Zika Williams
National Anthem	<i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	Francis Scott Key
Special Music	<i>Red Rock Mountain</i>	Rossano Galante
Recessional	<i>Fanfare for the Dessert</i>	Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

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

Mr. Raymond Cronley, Graduating Senior in Musical Theatre

Ms. Emily Estep, Graduating Senior in Musical Theatre

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# The Getty College of Arts and Sciences

## Class of 2021

### Bachelor of Arts

**Stephanie Nicole Acton**  
Criminal Justice  
\*Biology  
Kenton, Ohio

†† **Alaina Susannah Alvarez**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Music

\*Sound Recording Technology  
Van Wert, Ohio

**Lauren Nicole Barnovsky**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Criminal Justice  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Cortland, Ohio

◇ **Naomi Nicole Bernholt**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Music

\*Music Theory and Composition  
Saint Marys, Ohio

**Alexandria Daisy Bowen**  
*Cum Laude*  
Political Science  
\*International Studies  
\*Public Policy  
\*Geography  
\*Pre-law  
Brunswick, Ohio

**Micayla Elaine Boyer**  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
\*Business Administration  
\*Communication Studies  
Monroe, Ohio

† **William Lamonte Brown**  
History  
Social Studies  
Lima, Ohio

**Madison Leigh Carpenter**  
*Cum Laude*  
Political Science  
Philosophy  
\*Public Policy  
\*International Studies  
\*Gender and Sexuality Studies  
\*Pre-law  
Canton, Ohio

**Tanjina Shahadat Chowdhury**  
*Cum Laude*  
Art Education  
Lima, Ohio

† **Edward Harold Cooper**  
Criminal Justice  
Eclectic, Alabama

† **Korrie Hannah Cornelius**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Criminal Justice  
\*Sociology  
Worthington, Ohio

**Jaiden Mackenzie Deubler**  
*Cum Laude*  
Creative Writing  
\*Public Relations  
\*Social Media  
Saint Marys, Ohio

**Kayla Brooke Fisher**  
*Cum Laude*  
Political Science  
History  
\*Literature  
Green, Ohio

**Danielle Paige Fleshood**  
Communication Studies  
\*Design  
Franklin, Ohio

**Rebekah Bryce Flores**  
Music  
\*Music History and Literature  
Leipsic, Ohio

**Cameron Elizabeth Fogle**  
*Cum Laude*  
Music  
\*Applied Studies  
\*Arts Administration  
Sidney, Ohio

**Alexis Beatrice Marie Garlock**  
*Cum Laude*  
Communication Studies  
Criminal Justice  
\*Sociology  
\*Pre-law  
Lima, Ohio

**Marcela Miley Gonzalez**  
Professional Writing  
\*Spanish  
Los Angeles, California

† **Emma Marie Green**  
Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
\*Public Policy  
Madison Heights, Michigan

†† **Taylor Ele'na Gutierrez**  
*Cum Laude*  
Early Childhood Education  
Lima, Ohio

**Mara Lorynn Guyton**  
*Cum Laude*  
Political Science  
\*Public Policy  
\*Gender and Sexuality Studies  
Ada, Ohio

**Mana Hashimoto**  
Multimedia Journalism  
Mie, Japan

**Robert Hiller**  
History  
\*Public History and Museum Studies  
Springfield, Ohio

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◇ Dual degrees

\*Concentrations, Minors or Options

† Graduated at the end of Summer Semester 2020

†† Graduated at the end of Fall Semester 2020

‡ Completing requirements in Summer or Fall of 2021

*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 23, 2021. Changes made after this date could not be incorporated into the Commencement program.

**Lindy Marie Holmes**  
History  
\*Public History and Museum Studies  
\*Religion  
Mount Pleasant, Ohio

†† **Lilja Margaret Kantonen**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
\*Theatre Technology and Design  
Lima, Ohio

**Heather Michelle Ketchum**  
Chemistry  
Lorain, Ohio

†† **Evan Carr Kieffer**  
Music  
\*Sound Recording Technology  
Lima, Ohio

**Rachel Lee Kimmel**  
*Cum Laude*  
Public Relations  
Communication Studies  
\*Criminal Justice  
\*Social Media  
Lewistown, Ohio

**Adam Joseph Koncsol**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Public Relations  
Philosophy  
Communication Studies  
\*Social Media  
\*Pre-law  
Kinsman, Ohio

**Whitney Lynn Koontz**  
Criminal Justice  
\*Psychology  
\*Sociology  
Harrod, Ohio

**Erin Kay Lane**  
Public Relations  
\*Social Media  
\*Communication Studies  
Dayton, Ohio

**Abigail Marie Leatherwood**  
Early Childhood Education  
\*Spanish  
Loveland, Ohio

**Lief Aaron Liechty**  
Philosophy  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Lima, Ohio

**Ikko Matsumura**  
*Cum Laude*  
Sport Management  
\*Business Administration  
Kyoto, Japan

†† **Sarah Elizabeth Menuetz**  
Language Arts Education  
Berlin, Ohio

**Jennifer Margaret Miller**  
Criminal Justice  
Johnstown, Ohio

**Elisabeth Louise Monrad Moeller**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Psychology  
\*Clinical and Counseling Psychology  
\*Applied Statistics  
Bjerreby, Denmark

†† **Allison Joy Moore**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sociology  
\*General Sociology  
Criminal Justice  
\*Psychology  
Arcanum, Ohio

**Matthew Christopher Morgan**  
Psychology  
\*Clinical and Counseling Psychology  
\*French  
\*Applied Statistics  
Middletown, Ohio

**Danny Charles Patrick III**  
*Cum Laude*  
History  
\*Public History and Museum Studies  
Marysville, Ohio

†† **Quintin Augustus Prince**  
Criminal Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

**Emma Marie Prusha**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Religion  
Public Relations  
Political Science  
History  
\*Public Policy  
\*International Studies  
Chardon, Ohio

**Riann Alexis Reinhart**  
Political Science  
History  
\*International Studies  
Fostoria, Ohio

**Chad David Rex**  
Criminal Justice  
Bradenton, Florida

**Cecilia Ann Riepenhoff**  
*Cum Laude*  
Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
\*Philosophy  
\*Pre-law  
Lima, Ohio

**Catherine Suzanne Rolfes**  
Criminal Justice  
Springfield, Ohio

◇ **Maggie Lynne Rucki**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Communication Studies  
Findlay, Ohio

†† **Jaekob Michael Sader**  
*Cum Laude*  
Early Childhood Education  
Bowling Green, Ohio

**Madison Jade Shrider**  
Sociology  
\*General Sociology  
Literature  
\*Criminal Justice  
\*Creative Writing  
McGuffey, Ohio

**Erica Jane Skubic**  
*Cum Laude*  
Criminal Justice  
\*Data Analytics  
Petaluma, California

**Tyler James Smith**  
Sport Management  
\*Marketing  
\*Business Administration  
Milford, Ohio

**Anastasia Renee Spates**  
Political Science  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Nancy L. Stechschulte**  
Communication Studies  
Criminal Justice  
\*Pre-law  
Lima, Ohio

**Jacob Harold Stiger**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
History  
Political Science  
\*Public Policy  
Toledo, Ohio

**Kristopher T. Sullivan**  
*Cum Laude*  
Criminal Justice  
Lancaster, Ohio

†† **Timothy John Sullivan II**  
Criminal Justice  
Grove City, Ohio

**Joshua Edward Svihovec**  
History  
\*Political Science  
\*Public Policy  
Bakersfield, California

**Victoria Anne Ternes**  
Chemistry  
Communication Studies  
Elyria, Ohio

†† **Alexa Madison Thrush**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Professional Writing  
Creative Writing  
\*Communication Studies  
Delaware, Ohio

†† **Andrew Karl Trihaft**  
Social Studies  
History  
La Rue, Ohio

**Amanda Nicole Trogus**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Art Education  
Carroll, Ohio

‡ **Cierra Marie Valadez**  
Sociology  
\*General Sociology  
Criminal Justice  
Willard, Ohio

**Avory Allen Winans**  
Youth Ministry  
\*Chemistry  
\*Biology  
Wooster, Ohio

**Hallie Renee Woods**  
Criminal Justice  
\*Forensic Science  
\*Biology  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Kyle Joseph Yoho**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Criminal Justice  
\*Sociology  
Heath, Ohio

**Allison Young**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Professional Writing  
Creative Writing  
Royal Oak, Michigan

## Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Megan Ruth Bell**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Studio Arts  
\*Pre-art Therapy  
\*Dance  
\*Psychology  
Mount Vernon, Ohio

**Ryan Anthony Book**  
Musical Theatre  
\*Dance  
Elmore, Ohio

**Matthew James Brightbill**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
\*Communication Studies  
Vermilion, Ohio

**Connor Rock Brunken**  
Musical Theatre  
\*Dance  
Rome, Ohio

**Raymond Charles Cronley**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
\*Theatre Technology and Design  
Oxford, Ohio

**Holden Alexander Davenport**  
*Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
Bloomington, Illinois

**Emily Elizabeth Estep**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Musical Theatre  
\*History  
Fresno, California

**Laura Ann Dine Jacobs**  
*Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
Communication Studies  
Dayton, Ohio

**Abigail Michelle Long**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
\*Dance  
\*Arts Administration  
Medina, Ohio

**Claire Alberta Orsagos**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Graphic Design  
\*Marketing  
Avon, Ohio

◇ **Maggie Lynne Rucki**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Musical Theatre  
Findlay, Ohio

**Jessica Lynne Stitts**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Graphic Design  
\*Social Media  
\*Art  
Mount Vernon, Ohio

**Devin Michael Sugerik**  
Musical Theatre  
Lorain, Ohio

†† **Shelbey Dawn Van Atta**  
Studio Arts  
\*Two-Dimensional  
Ada, Ohio

†† **Andrew Lane Wiggins**  
Graphic Design  
Shelby, Ohio

## Bachelor of Music

**Selena Marie Avila**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Music Education  
Lakeview, Ohio

◇ **Naomi Nicole Bernholt**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Music Performance  
Saint Marys, Ohio

**Kayla Ann Dye**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Music Education  
Beverly, Ohio

**Noah David Floyd**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Music Performance  
Music Education  
Cable, Ohio

**Katelyn Maree Shepherd**  
Music Education  
Wharton, Ohio

**Cassie Marie Thomas**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Music Education  
Rawson, Ohio

## Bachelor of Science

**Lydia LeeAnn Archambo**  
Environmental and Field Biology  
\*Geography  
Grand Rapids, Ohio

**Collin Jeffrey Arnold**  
*Cum Laude*  
Construction Management  
\*Business Administration  
Jackson, Michigan

†† **Zachary Thomas Ayres**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
\*Exercise Physiology  
Chillicothe, Ohio

‡ **Jordon Charles Bailey**  
Construction Management  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Lisbon, Ohio

**Shannon Elizabeth Barch**  
Public Health  
Mechanicsburg, Ohio

† **Cody James Benny**  
Biology  
Wapakoneta, Ohio

**Patrick M. Berthelsen-Leon**  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Bethpage, New York

‡ **Morgan Danielle Blair**  
Biology  
\*Psychology  
Carey, Ohio

**Calum Bochenek**  
Chemistry  
\*American Chemical Society Certified  
Fairview Park, Ohio

**Trevor Eugene Bodine**  
Physics  
\*Applied Physics  
Lima, Ohio

† **Garrett Max Bott**  
Construction Management  
Findlay, Ohio

†† **Philip Ross Buckingham**  
Middle Childhood Education  
Wayne, Ohio

**Lydia Ann Burnett**  
Psychology  
\*Clinical & Counseling Psychology  
Elida, Ohio

**Morgan Elizabeth Cabe**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Athletic Training  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Macey Dawn Camacho**  
Biology  
\*Psychology  
\*Chemistry  
Hartville, Ohio

†† **Karley Faith Carpenter**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Environmental and Field Biology  
\*Environmental Studies  
\*Public Policy  
Crooksville, Ohio

† **Elizabeth Carolyn Carter**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Athletic Training  
Lebanon, Ohio

**Savannah E. Carter**  
*Cum Laude*  
Physics  
\*Applied Physics  
Delaware, Ohio

**Edwin Maxwell Christopher**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Applied Robotics  
Cincinnati, Ohio

†† **Hallie Dawn Clark**  
Environmental and Field Biology  
\*Environmental Studies  
Junction City, Ohio

†† **Tyler Joseph Clouse**  
Construction Management  
Tiffin, Ohio

**Mitchell Andrew Colvin**  
*Cum Laude*  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
\*Spanish  
Tipp City, Ohio

**Ian Tucker Cree**  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Utica, Ohio

**Abigail Kathryn Davis**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Early Childhood Education  
New Palestine, Indiana

**Trenton R. DeAnna**  
Molecular Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Aurora, Ohio

**Makayla Rose DeMoss**  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Tiffin, Ohio

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Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
\*Communication Studies  
Weston, Ohio



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Construction Management  
Mt. Vernon, Ohio

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Construction Management  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

† Erin Lynn Farrell  
Biology  
\*Public Health  
\*Business Administration  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Construction Management  
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Bellevue, Ohio

Alexander James Fields  
Environmental and Field Biology  
Elida, Ohio

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Construction Management  
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Construction Management  
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Construction Management  
Ashtabula, Ohio

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*Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Athletic Training  
Wapakoneta, Ohio

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Biology  
\*Business Administration  
\*Medical Humanities  
\*Chemistry  
Cincinnati, Ohio

†† Anna Marie Govelitz  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Savannah, Georgia

Kayla Ann-Marie Grace  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Marysville, Ohio

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Environmental and Field Biology  
\*Geography  
Elida, Ohio

Alexis Savannah Grogg  
Biology  
\*Biomedical Sciences  
Minerva, Ohio

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*Summa Cum Laude*  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
\*Psychology  
Killbuck, Ohio

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Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
\*Business Administration  
Doylestown, Ohio

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Statistics  
\*Actuarial Science  
\*Data Analytics  
\*Finance  
Decatur, Indiana

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Biology  
Wilmington, Ohio

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Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
\*Technology Systems  
Wapakoneta, Ohio

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Athletic Training  
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Manufacturing Technology  
\*Applied Robotics  
\*Business Administration  
Westerville, Ohio

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Sport Management  
\*Communication Studies  
\*Business Administration  
Oregonia, Ohio

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Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
\*Public Health  
Beavercreek, Ohio

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*Summa Cum Laude*  
Construction Management  
\*Business Administration  
Forest, Ohio

Zacharie Michael Jones  
Construction Management  
Lima, Ohio

Austin Joseph Keeley  
Construction Management  
Marysville, Michigan

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Mathematics  
\*Advanced Mathematical Studies  
Fremont, Ohio

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*Cum Laude*  
Molecular Biology  
\*Psychology  
Marysville, Ohio

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*Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Mathematics  
\*Advanced Mathematical Studies  
Lisbon, Ohio

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Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Ada, Ohio

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Biology  
\*Psychology  
Freetown, Sierra Leone

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Public Health  
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Construction Management  
Canton, Ohio

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Chemistry  
\*American Chemical Society Certified  
Lima, Ohio

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*Cum Laude*  
Psychology  
\*Clinical & Counseling Psychology  
\*Business Administration  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Manufacturing Technology  
\*Applied Robotics  
\*Digital Media Production  
Colfax, Indiana

**Samantha Jo Lyon**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
\*Biology  
Pataskala, Ohio

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*Summa Cum Laude*  
Applied Mathematics  
\*Finance  
\*Business Administration  
Kenton, Ohio

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Exercise Physiology  
\*Corporate Fitness and Personal Trainer  
Guysville, Ohio

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Athletic Training  
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*Cum Laude*  
Environmental and Field Biology  
\*Geography  
Mount Vernon, Ohio

‡ **Ryan Warren McClurg**  
Construction Management  
Troy, Ohio

**Colin James McCullough**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
\*Chemistry  
\*Psychology  
Galion, Ohio

†† **Bryanna Rose McEwen**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Biology  
North Versailles, Pennsylvania

**Julian Leigh McKenzie**  
Forensic Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Wellington, Ohio

**William Dean McPheron**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Dola, Ohio

**Angela Marie Miller**  
Middle Childhood Education  
Clarksville, Ohio

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*Cum Laude*  
Construction Management  
Covington, Ohio

**Brea Minnich**  
Early Childhood Education  
\*Psychology  
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Forensic Biology  
\*Chemistry  
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*Cum Laude*  
Statistics  
\*Applied Statistics  
Communication Studies  
\*Business Analytics  
\*Data Analytics  
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Construction Management  
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Construction Management  
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Public Health  
\*Chemistry  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Ashley Marie Nutter**  
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*Honors Program*  
Forensic Biology  
\*Criminal Justice  
\*Chemistry  
New Lexington, Ohio

**Danielle Quinn O'Conke**  
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Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Claridon Township, Ohio

‡ **Megan O'Grodnik**  
Athletic Training  
\*Exercise Physiology  
Webster, New York

†† **Shane Andrew Olsen**  
Construction Management  
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

**Tyler Austin Pegram**  
Athletic Training  
\*Exercise Physiology  
Medina, Ohio

**Akua Yeboaa Peprah**  
Public Health  
Ada, Ohio

**Dakota D. Pier**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Leslie, Michigan

†† **William Cory Pierce**  
Public Health  
\*Chemistry  
\*Applied Statistics  
Prospect, Ohio

†† **Katherine M. Platt**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Biology  
Harmony, Pennsylvania

**Carah Danielle Porter**  
Psychology  
\*Clinical & Counseling Psychology  
\*Biology  
Millersburg, Ohio

**Mya Rose Ray**  
Biology  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Norwalk, Ohio

**Kassidy E. Reneau**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Psychology  
\*Behavioral Neuroscience  
\*Biology  
\*Applied Statistics  
Lima, Ohio

**Chyanne Marie Retcher**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Early Childhood Education  
Ney, Ohio

**Ryan Timothy Rockwell**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Broadview Hts, Ohio

**Daniel Lee Cutter Ropp**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma

†† **Bungo Sano**  
Sport Management  
Koshigaya, Japan

**Kalia Evonne Schlenker**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Athletic Training  
Wapakoneta, Ohio

**Mason A. Schmeling**  
Middle Childhood Education  
\*Public Policy  
Columbus, Ohio

**Tanner Lee Schroer**  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Van Buren, Ohio

**Adam Christopher Schultz**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
\*Applied Robotics  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

‡ **Makenna Elizabeth Seeley**  
Biology  
\*Public Health  
Hilliard, Ohio

**Joshua Dale Shelton**  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Lakeview, Ohio

**Sydney Ann Skelding**  
Athletic Training  
North Plainfield, New Jersey

†† **Kyle Hogan Skidmore**  
Construction Management  
\*Business Administration  
Medina, Ohio

**Chesney Layne Smith**  
*Cum Laude*  
Chemistry  
\*American Chemical Society Certified  
Lexington, Ohio

**Ethan Andrew Smith**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
Chillicothe, Ohio

**Aleksandria Jordan Spargo**  
Psychology  
\*General Psychology  
Findlay, Ohio

**Van Andrew Spragg**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Lima, Ohio

**Gunner Matthew Stall**  
*Honors Program*  
Biology  
Pandora, Ohio

**Adam John Stang**  
*Cum Laude*  
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\*Manufacturing Management  
Construction Management  
Monroeville, Ohio

**Tad Lee Steiner**  
Molecular Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Bluffton, Ohio

**Austin M. Strouse**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Technology Education  
Caledonia, Ohio

**Tilden J. Sturgill**  
Construction Management  
\*Business Administration  
Lima, Ohio

† **Ashlie Nicole Szipp**  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
Ada, Ohio

**Marissa Anne Taylor**  
Exercise Physiology  
\*Clinical/Research  
Granite Falls, North Carolina

† **Christian Wilfrid Theriault**  
Biology  
Cincinnati, Ohio

†† **Andrew Joseph Valenti**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
Germantown, Ohio

‡ **Kylie Anne Vestal**  
Forensic Biology  
Molecular Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Youngstown, Ohio

**Emma Michaela Virden**  
*Cum Laude*  
Psychology  
\*Behavioral Neuroscience  
\*Criminal Justice  
East Liverpool, Ohio

**Samantha Marie Voors**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Forensic Biology  
\*Chemistry  
Monroeville, Indiana

**Eric Thomas Warnecke**  
*Cum Laude*  
Manufacturing Technology  
\*Manufacturing Management  
\*Business Administration  
Columbus Grove, Ohio

‡ **Herman John Wearsch**  
Biology  
\*Environmental Studies  
Avon, Ohio

† **Chloe Elizabeth White**  
Public Health  
\*Political Science  
Ada, Ohio

**Megan Erin Wright**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Biology  
\*Chemistry  
\*Psychology  
Eaton, Ohio

**Zachary Quinn Yoder**  
Sport Management  
\*Spanish  
Goshen, Indiana

## Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

† **Krissa Kaye Burton**  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Lima, Ohio

† **Louise Irene DeMarco**  
*Cum Laude*  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Wellington, Ohio

† **Joshua Steven Irwin**  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Holland, Ohio

‡ **Madeleine Sue Kutz**  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Dalton, Ohio

‡ **Emma Nicole Sberna**  
Medical Laboratory Science  
\*Dance  
Pickerington, Ohio

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Gabriella Hope Carver**  
Nursing  
Gambier, Ohio

**Kathleen Rose Colvin**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Public Health  
Hilliard, Ohio

**McKenzie Aileen Confer**  
Nursing  
\*Public Health  
Delaware, Ohio

**Jordan Dodson**  
Nursing  
Worthington, Ohio

**James William Fisher**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Castalia, Ohio

**Lauren Taylor Ane Halle**  
Nursing  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Kaylie Morgan Jenkins**  
Nursing  
Cairo, Ohio

**Preston Maxwell Johanns**  
Nursing  
Paulding, Ohio

**Sydney Claire Johnson**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Crown Point, Indiana

**Schuyler Darleen Jones**  
Nursing  
Lima, Ohio

**Alexander Thaddeus Kowal**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Sharonville, Ohio

◇ **Katherine Marie LeRoy**  
Nursing  
\*Psychology  
Hinckley, Ohio

**Victoria Christine McGraw**  
Nursing  
Lima, Ohio

**Madalaine Aubrey McGuire**  
Nursing  
\*Biology  
Fredericktown, Ohio

**Grace Ellen Meininger**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Centerville, Ohio

**Jordan Lee Nerderman**  
Nursing  
Middletown, Ohio

**Jacob Lynn Park**  
Nursing  
Ada, Ohio

**Abigail Vivian Paul**  
Nursing  
Parma Heights, Ohio

**Chrystal Leeanne Reichardt**  
Nursing  
\*Literature  
Lima, Ohio

**Victoria Deidre Rose Risko**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Mt. Vernon, Ohio

**Nicholas Daniel Scalli**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Amherst, Ohio

**Catherine Mae Schaefer**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Lexington, Ohio

**Madison P. Schaefer**  
Nursing  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Elisabeth Joyce Schroeder**  
Nursing  
\*Biology  
Maumee, Ohio

**Alexis Catherine Schuler**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Amherst, Ohio

**Jarrett James Sitton**  
Nursing  
Paulding, Ohio

**Christina Marie Stalla**  
Nursing  
\*Spanish  
North Ridgeville, Ohio

**Cara A. Vinup**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Wilmington, Ohio

**Sydney Jayne Ward**  
*Cum Laude*  
Nursing  
Upper Arlington, Ohio

**Christen Paige Ware**  
*Cum Laude*  
*Honors Program*  
Nursing  
Jackson Center, Ohio

## 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 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.