COMMENCEMENT
Claude W. Pettit College of Law
One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Year
May 14, 2022
COMMENCEMENT
Claude W. Pettit College of Law

Field House
Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

President Daniel A. DiBiasio
Presiding

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

Academic Procession (Audience please rise.)

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

(Please remove your caps.)

National Anthem ................................................................. Ms. Siphokazi Lali

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

Address ................................................................. Mayor Sharetta Smith, JD ’10
City of Lima, Ohio

Remarks by Graduating Student ................................................................. Mr. Christopher J. Ellington

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

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

Sharetta Smith ................................................................. Doctor of Law
Charles DeMonaco ................................................................. Doctor of Law

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

ASSISTING IN THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND HOODS

Juliet K. Hurtig ................................................................. Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Charles H. Rose III ................................................................. Dean, Pettit College of Law
David Raack ................................................................. Professor of Law
Wilson Turner ................................................................. Registrar of the University
Ohio Northern University Hymn ................................................................. Dr. Adriane L. Thompson-Bradshaw

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.

MARSHALS
Professor David Rouch, Grand Marshal
Professor Tena Roepke, Banner Bearer

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS
Professor Linda Young

Professor Errol Katayama

COLLEGE MARSHALS
College of Law
Professor Dallan Flake

Professor Joanne Brant

TENURED PROFESSORS, COLLEGE OF LAW
Professor David W. Raack
Professor Joanne C. Brant
Professor David C. Crago
Professor Liam S. O’Melinn

Professor Scott D. Gerber
Professor Bryan H. Ward
Professor Bruce P. Frohnen
Professor Rick A. Bales

Professor Lauren A. Newell
Professor Jean-Marie Kamatali
Professor Dallan F. Flake
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Dr. Daniel B. Walker, BSCE ’71, Hon.D.’19
Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipients

Sharetta Smith

Sharetta Smith earned her juris doctorate degree from ONU in 2010. She was elected in November 2021 to a four-year term as Lima, Ohio’s mayor. She is the first woman and the first African American woman to serve as mayor in the 190-year history of the position. After earning her law degree, Smith became a public defender and spent six years in Tennessee as a magistrate before coming to the realization that she could better serve individuals and a community from a different public service standpoint.

“…I began to think about making a shift in my life to be more involved in community and to try to help change the trajectory of people’s lives before they find themselves in front of a judge,” she told Ohio Northern for an upcoming feature story. She returned home to Lima where she became chief of staff to her mayoral predecessor before winning the mayoral election. Smith also holds an undergraduate degree in journalism and an MBA.

Charles DeMonaco

Charles DeMonaco, one of the nation’s preeminent environmental and trial attorneys, will be receiving an honorary doctor of law for his career accomplishments, tenacity and uncompromising integrity. DeMonaco, who received a JD from ONU in 1974, served in the government sector for several years, including as Assistant Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. While serving in that position, he served as lead counsel for the United States in the case against Exxon for its 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, one of the most significant environmental disasters. The criminal and civil settlements obtained by the government at that time represented the largest comprehensive settlement in the history of law enforcement.

DeMonaco also served as lead counsel for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Pittsburgh in the 1988 Ashland Oil spill, which resulted in the company being fined $2.25 million after a tank collapse sent 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. He later transitioned into private practice and is currently a partner in the law firm Fox Rothschild, LLP, based in Pittsburgh, where he focuses on corporate internal investigations, securities investigations and litigation, commercial litigation, corporate compliance and governance, environmental law and white collar criminal defense. He is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.
The Claude W. Pettit College of Law
Class of 2022

Juris Doctor

Alex Joseph Albers
Magna Cum Laude
B.S.
Ball State University
2018
Anna, Ohio

Dante James D’Andrea
B.A.
Bluffton University
2019
Westerville, Ohio

Madison Taylor Garverick
Cum Laude
B.S.
The Ohio State University
2019
Bucyrus, Ohio

Olivia Claire Arnett
B.A.
Miami University
2019
St. Marys, Ohio

Andrew Bonner Davis
B.A.
Randolph-Macon College
2013
Sharps, Virginia

Logan Betts Graham
B.A.
Denison University
2019
Zanesville, Ohio

Ellie Marie Beilman
Cum Laude
B.A.
Bethel College
2019
Galien, Michigan

Ryan Gregory Davis
Magna Cum Laude
B.S.
Radford University
2004
Oakton, Virginia

Madalynn Helmig
B.A.
The Ohio State University
2018
Lima, Ohio

John Howard Black
M.B.A.
The University of Toledo
2018
Toledo, Ohio

Kunga P. Drongchewa
B.A.
Knox College
2017
Jersey City, New Jersey

‡ Myles Desmon Houston
B.A.
Ashland University
2019
Twinsburg, Ohio

Jarrod Thomas Bruderly
B.A.
Miami University
2019
Fairlawn, Ohio

Reginald Dublin Jr.
B.A.
Kent State University
2017
Streetsboro, Ohio

Ashley Shantele Johnson
B.A.
Boston University
2013
Jonesboro, Georgia

Chloe Abigail BuCher
B.S.
Miami University
2015
West Alexandria, Ohio

Christopher James Ellington
Magna Cum Laude
B.B.A.
Ohio University
2019
Lima, Ohio

Ryan Michael Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
M.F.A.
Roosevelt University
2015
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Adeline Faith Clay
Magna Cum Laude
B.A.
The Ohio State University
2019
Mansfield, Ohio

Mackenzie Lane Garverick
Cum Laude
B.S.
The Ohio State University
2019
Bucyrus, Ohio

David Earl Josey
Magna Cum Laude
B.A.
Niagara University
2019
Niagara Falls, New York

†† Graduated at the end of Fall Semester 2021
‡ Completing requirements in Summer or Fall of 2022

Cum Laude (3.30 – 3.59) Magna Cum Laude (3.60 – 3.89) Summa Cum Laude (3.90 – Above)

Names of graduates and honors are accurate as of noon Friday, April 29, 2022. Changes made after this date could not be incorporated into the Commencement program.
†† Siphokazi Lali  
M.A.  
University of Texas at Tyler  
2017  
Fostoria, Ohio

Lukas Dale Perkins  
B.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
2019  
Lima, Ohio

Alexandra Rose Vance  
B.A.  
Emory & Henry College  
2019  
Castlewood, Virginia

Jennifer J. Lauria  
B.S.  
Central Michigan University  
2019  
Brighton, Michigan

Jeremy De’Carlos Pratt Jr.  
B.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
2019  
Toledo, Ohio

Alyssa Nicole Waite  
B.A.  
The University of Akron  
2015  
Zanesville, Ohio

KlinTisha D. Martin  
B.A.  
Shaw University  
2018  
Atlanta, Georgia

Natalie Ann Reichard  
Magn Cum Laude  
B.S.  
California University of Pennsylvania  
2019  
St. Marys, Pennsylvania

Cheyenne Winegardner  
B.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
2019  
Indian Lake, Ohio

†† Tracy Leigh McKay  
Cum Laude  
B.A.  
Eastern Washington University  
2017  
San Francisco, California

Tyler Jacob Rotstein  
Magn Cum Laude  
B.A.  
Bluffton University  
2018  
Ocala, Florida

Taylor Kristine Wolke  
B.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
2019  
Waynesville, Ohio

Jessica Taylor McGhee  
M.A.  
Marshall University  
2019  
Gallipolis, Ohio

Juan Tony Salazar-Aguero  
B.S.  
Davenport University  
2019  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Kyle R. Young  
B.S.B.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
2018  
Sandusky, Ohio

Adam Spencer Moore  
Cum Laude  
B.A.  
Northern Kentucky University  
2019  
Florence, Kentucky

Matthew Alan Smith  
B.S.  
Ball State University  
2019  
Noblesville, Indiana

Vuk Zubic  
B.C.  
University of Windsor  
2017  
Windsor, Canada

Damaris Taylor Nance  
B.A.  
Montana State University  
2018  
Boise, Idaho

Jared Kent Sprague  
Cum Laude  
B.A.  
Brigham Young University  
2018  
Richmond, Indiana

Gabriel Hunter Nolcox  
B.S.B.A.  
University of Louisville  
2019  
Cadiz, Kentucky

Evan Gregory Thorstad  
Cum Laude  
B.S.  
Ball State University  
2018  
Valparaiso, Indiana

Alyssa Nicole Waite  
B.A.  
The University of Akron  
2015  
Zanesville, Ohio
Law Faculty and Professional Staff

CHARLES H. ROSE III
Dean and Professor of Law
B.A., Indiana University at South Bend
J.D., University of Notre Dame
LL.M., The Judge Advocate General's School

SCOTT D. GERBER
Professor of Law
B.A., College of William and Mary
J.D., University of Virginia
Ph.D., University of Virginia

LAUREN A. NEWELL
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor of Law
B.A., Georgetown University
J.D., Harvard Law School

RICK A. BALES
Professor of Law
B.A., Trinity University
J.D., Cornell Law School

JENNIFER GREGG
Assistant Director of Academic Success
B.A., Miami University
J.D., Michigan State University

LIAM S. O’MELINN
Professor of Law
B.A., University of California at Santa Cruz
J.D., Columbia Law School
Ph.D., Yale University

JOANNE C. BRANT
Professor of Law
A.B., Cornell University
J.D., Case Western Reserve University

DUSTIN A. JOHNSTON-GREEN
Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian
Assistant Professor, Law Library
B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University
J.D., State University of New York, Buffalo
M.L.I.S., State University of New York, Buffalo

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University Title IX Coordinator
B.S., Union College
J.D., Roger Williams School of Law

BRENDA BURGY
Director of Law Communications
B.S., Ohio University

JEAN-MARIE KAMATALI
Director of the Center for Democratic Governance and Rule of Law
Professor of Law
B.S., National University of Rwanda
J.D., National University of Rwanda
M.A., University of Notre Dame
Ph.D., Institute of International Law and International Relations, Karl-Franzens Universitat-Graz, Austria

DAVID C. CRAVO
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A.B., Duke University
J.D., University of Michigan

MELISSA L. KIDDER
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Assistant Professor of Law
B.F.A., Ohio Northern University
J.D., Ohio Northern University

HAILEY RUSSELL
Director of Law Admissions
B.S., Wright State University
M.Ed., Tiffin University

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B.S., Brigham Young University
M.S., Brigham Young University
J.D., University of Michigan

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Instructor of Law
B.A., University of Toledo
J.D., University of Toledo

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Professor of Law
B.A., Ohio Northern University
J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law
Ph.D., The Ohio State University

BRUCE P. FROHNEN
Professor of Law
B.A., California State University
M.A., Cornell University
M.A., University of California
J.D., Emory University School of Law
Ph.D., Cornell University

JANE A. WARD
Director of Law Career Services and Professional Development
B.A., University of Memphis
M.A., University of Memphis
Law Adjunct Faculty

DARREL DAVISON  
B.S., Iowa State University  
J.D., Cornell University

W. MICHAEL GRADISEK  
B.A., College of William and Mary  
J.D., Ohio Northern University  
LL.M., Georgetown University

NATHAN WADLINGER  
B.S., University of Florida  
M.S.A., University of Florida  
J.D., Ohio Northern University  
LL.M., Georgetown University

JUERGEN A. WALDICK  
A.A., Montgomery College  
B.A., American University  
J.D., Ohio Northern University

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NANCY A. ARMSTRONG  
DAVID J. BENSON  
WILLIAM L. EVANS  
HOWARD N. FENTON III

DANIEL S. GUY  
RICHARD L. HAUPT  
KEVIN HILL  
LOUIS F. LOBENHOFER  
MARcia K. SIEBESMA

VICTOR L. STREIB  
STEPHEN C. VELTRI  
DAVID R. WARNER, JR.  
SHERRY A. YOUNG
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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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. 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.

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 will receive information from the photographer prior to the ceremony for ordering photographs.

Photographs of graduates in the procession must be taken as the procession is moving into the Field House since students will not recess. For the convenience of guests wishing to take their own photographs, a posted photo area is provided on the north side of the platform (audience left) for this purpose. Guests are requested to plan their entrance into the area approximately three to five graduates ahead and then return to their seats immediately after. At all other times, guests are asked to remain in their seats throughout the ceremony.

Graduates also are encouraged to take photos on our beautiful campus. Some popular places include the Ohio Northern sign in front of Lehr Memorial, the campus boulevard entrance near Dukes Memorial, the fountains in front of McIntosh Center and Freed Center, the H.S. Lehr statue near Hill Building, the Spirit Rock near McIntosh Center and on the Tundra.