

Commencement

May 2023



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Biological Sciences

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College of Arts & Sciences Bachelor's Degrees

APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Katelyn Vikki Allton

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Natalie Jean Arntson

B.S. Biokinetics
cum laude

Charliz Visco Balicao

B.S. Biokinetics

Joshua Alexander Bonde

B.S. Biokinetics

Luke Michael Breuning

B.S. Biokinetics

Makenna Maree Brown

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Alexander Daniel Byers

B.S. Biokinetics

Matthew Michael Chapin

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Dy Say Der

B.S. Biokinetics

Nolan Egge

B.S. Biokinetics

Talia Grace Egge

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Thomas Christopher Friesen

B.S. Biokinetics

Carin Monica Gutzwiller

B.S. Biokinetics

Alaina Kathryn Halverson

B.S. Biokinetics
summa cum laude

Hannah Joy Hansen

B.S. Biokinetics
cum laude

Danielle Celeste Hofer

B.S. Biokinetics

Isaac James Howell

B.S. Biokinetics
summa cum laude

Max A. Kolflat

B.S. Biokinetics

Nicholas Richard Krueger

B.S. Biokinetics

Paw Lah Ku

B.S. Biokinetics

Benjamin Chad Lawrence

B.S. Biokinetics

McKenna Marie Lee

B.A. Biokinetics-Exercise Science
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Allyson Leigh Leininger

B.S. Biokinetics

Joshua David Manion

B.S. Biokinetics
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies
cum laude
Honors Program

Alexa Marie Melby

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Madison Rebecca Moeller

B.S. Biokinetics

Emily Grace Rossing

B.S. Biokinetics
summa cum laude

Emma Mary Schultz

B.S. Biokinetics
B.A. Community Health
cum laude

Jessica Ann Spatenka

B.S. Biokinetics
summa cum laude

Ellie Walton Steinle

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Sara Tan

B.S. Biokinetics
cum laude

Annika R. Thompson

B.S. Biokinetics
summa cum laude

Mikayla Christine Turek

B.S. Biokinetics
magna cum laude

Hailey Jean Uecker

B.S. Biokinetics
cum laude

Justin Thomas Winterfeldt

B.S. Biokinetics

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Blake Eugene Bartnick

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Mariah Lynn Boumeester

B.S. Biology
magna cum laude

Iseli Sanchez Centeno

B.S. Biology

Abigail Grace Criss

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Wyatt Richard Eikenberry

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
Biology

Hadley Rae Hauser

B.S. Neuroscience
summa cum laude

Sydney Loraine Heiple

B.S. Biology

Luke Fredrick Johnson

B.A. Environmental Studies

Ana Kristine LaBorde

B.S. Biology

Caleb James Malyon

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Jacob Murdock McLellan

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
summa cum laude

Jason Michael Miller

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology

Blake Nelson

B.S. Biology

Samuel James Nelson

B.S. Biology
cum laude

Jacob Scott Redden

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Amy Ruiz Plaza

B.S. Biology
magna cum laude

Rylee Madison Schurman

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Madeline Marie Sherman

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Austin Timothy Sorensen

B.S. Biology
magna cum laude

Erik David Swensen

B.S. Biology
magna cum laude

Joanna Kay Trinkle

B.S. Neuroscience

Samuel James Upton

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

Grace Kennedy Virtue

B.S. Biology
summa cum laude

BUSINESS

Mario Anthony Hadley

B.A. Business

CHEMISTRY

Lauryn Renee Caulley

B.A. Chemistry
B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
magna cum laude

Brett Scott Cavanaugh

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
B.A. Chemistry
cum laude

Luther Douglas Crum

B.A. Chemistry
B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
magna cum laude

Marissa Linda Cutlan

B.A. Chemistry
B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Carter Allan Day

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology

Abigail Faith Hoffmann

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology

Liana Johnson

B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
cum laude

Signe McBride Penn

B.A. Chemistry
B.S. Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology
B.S. Biology
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Susan Louise Roberts

B.A. Chemistry
Science Education, Grades 9-12
cum laude

Emma Rose Smith
B.S. Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology
B.A. Chemistry
summa cum laude

Mina Ivy Wimmer
B.S. Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology
magna cum laude

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Benjamin Eugene Anderson
B.S. Computer Science
cum laude

Alex Manuel Aybar
B.S. Computer Science
Mathematics
magna cum laude

Owen Daniel Clinton
B.S. Computer Science

Alan Alejandro Coronado
B.S. Computer Science

Emily Maria Dehler
B.A. Mathematics
Economics and Finance
summa cum laude

Logan Paul Fort
B.A. Mathematics Education,
Grades 5-12

Zachary Joe Haala
B.S. Software Engineering
B.A. Digital Humanities

Jonathan David Jagt
B.S. Software Engineering
magna cum laude

Trokon Melvin Karngar
B.A. Mathematics Education,
Grades 5-12

Isaac Kubas
B.S. Computer Science
B.A. Physics
summa cum laude

Jessica Ann Lillard
B.S. Computer Engineering
magna cum laude

Weston Graeme Minshull
B.A. Computer Science

Cecilia Joy Sanvick
B.A. Computer Science with
Software Project Management
summa cum laude

Aidan Christopher St. George
B.S. Computer Science
Computer Engineering
magna cum laude
Honors Program

Anna Elise Tollefson
B.S. Mathematics and Data Science

Lindsey Lynn Tschetter
B.A. Mathematics Education,
Grades 5-12
magna cum laude

PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING

Jireh Obanlanijesu Babalola
B.S. Electrical Engineering

Travis James Barth
B.S. Applied Physics
Mechanical Engineering
summa cum laude

David Nathaniel Carlson
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
B.A. Physics
summa cum laude

Matthias Hayden Caspari
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
B.A. Physics
cum laude

Joanna Joy Egan
B.S. Applied Physics

Zachary W. Erickson
B.S. Physics
Applied Physics
summa cum laude

Adam Neil Thomas Giddings
B.S. Applied Physics

Jacob Chatfield Grawe
B.A. Physics
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Duncan Emerson Harro
B.S. Physics
B.A. Philosophy
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Eric W. Hildebrandt
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Kyle David Howey
B.S. Physics
B.A. Computer Science
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Barrett Wesley Jamison
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
B.A. Physics
cum laude

Nicolas Josiah Jones
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Lucas Mark Long
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Jeremy A. Moberg
B.S. Physics

Maria Navidad Sanchez Resendiz
B.S. Electrical Engineering

Joshua Otto Sandberg
B.S. Electrical Engineering
B.A. Physics

Jesiah K. Showers
B.S. Applied Physics
magna cum laude

Solomon Bruce Whalen
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
B.A. Physics
cum laude

PSYCHOLOGY

Natalie Rose Abbott
B.A. Psychology

Nancy Liliana Alquicira
B.A. Psychology

Emmanuel Lamont Blackshear
B.A. Psychology

Emily Ann Brockberg
B.A. Psychology
magna cum laude

Autumn Lee Brodle
B.S. Neuroscience

Rebekah Letty Broersma
B.S. Psychology
B.S.N. Nursing

Olivia Colette Dahl
B.A. Psychology

Nathanael James Farm
B.S. Neuroscience
summa cum laude

Kaylee Alexandra Fenner
B.A. Psychology
cum laude

Katie Linnea Friese
B.A. Psychology
Digital Humanities
magna cum laude

Kiera Elise Grenz
B.A. Psychology

Seth Lee Haskin
B.S. Neuroscience

Grace Anne Larson
B.S. Neuroscience

Alexandra Marie Lewandowski
B.A. Psychology

Josie Rae Martinson
B.A. Psychology
magna cum laude

Isabella Faith Moechnig
B.S. Neuroscience
magna cum laude
Honors Program

Kya Rae Nelson
B.A. Psychology
summa cum laude

Philip Norris
B.A. Psychology

Jimi Nshimirimana
B.A. Psychology
Missional Ministries

Rachael Kay Oswald
B.S. Neuroscience
summa cum laude

Trinity Quinn Pierce
B.S. Neuroscience
summa cum laude

Deborah Ann Philips
B.A. Psychology

Gloria Elena Portillo Flores
B.A. Psychology

Miliyon Temeche Regassa
B.S. Neuroscience

Joshua Michael Sampson
B.A. Psychology

John Robert Solfest
B.A. Psychology

Merrick James Stacy
B.A. Psychology

Lydia Elizabeth Thatcher
B.A. Psychology

Grace Marjorie Torgerson
B.A. Psychology

Kailey Joy Webb
B.A. Psychology
magna cum laude

Julian Robert Westerlund
B.A. Psychology
magna cum laude

Micah James Wimmer
B.A. Psychology
Biblical and Theological Studies
summa cum laude

SOCIAL WORK

Sydney Melissa Boeser
B.A. Social Work

Tavniah Kay Dyer
B.A. Social Work
summa cum laude

Jessica Emerson
B.A. Social Work
summa cum laude

Tori Elizabeth Fries
B.A. Social Work
magna cum laude

Kate K. Hansen
B.A. Social Work
magna cum laude

Milina Kazlouski
B.A. Social Work

Myah Kelly Mascarenas
B.A. Social Work
cum laude

Sophia Claire Nienaber
B.A. Social Work
summa cum laude

Alise Sandra Ostercamp
B.A. Social Work
Reconciliation Studies
magna cum laude

Hannah Mae Rider
B.A. Social Work
magna cum laude

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B.A. Social Work

Abby Rose Schroeder
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Spanish
summa cum laude

Eva Maria Bower Thomas
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Emily Jane Trussell
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Elise Marie Klanderud
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Greta Agnes Klinga
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Elizabeth Katherine Peterson
Certificate in Applied Studies

Addison G. Stern
Certificate in Applied Studies

Kristian Andrew Williams
Certificate in Applied Studies

College of Arts & Sciences Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Arianna Elizabeth Cimbura
A.A. Associate of Arts

ART AND DESIGN

Josiah John Ahlquist
B.A. Graphic Design
magna cum laude

Madelyn Michelle DeMotts
B.A. Graphic Design

Anna Elizabeth Goldstrand
B.A. Graphic Design
magna cum laude

Savannah Grace Heeren
B.A. Graphic Design

Joy Selah Homme
B.A. Graphic Design

Davis James McElmurry
B.A. Graphic Design

Gretta Lillian Nathe
B.A. Graphic Design
magna cum laude

Anna Kaylin Pruitt
B.A. Art Therapy
B.F.A. Art
magna cum laude

Caden Chad Richards
B.A. Graphic Design
Digital Humanities

Toby James Ryberg
B.A. Graphic Design
cum laude

Joshua Caleb Vana
B.F.A. Art
magna cum laude
Honors Program

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Hunter Jack Bauer
B.A. Missional Ministries

Emma Jannell Booth
B.A. Missional Ministries
cum laude

Anna-Liv Kristine Fredrickson
B.A. Missional Ministries
Biblical and Theological Studies
summa cum laude

Christian Thomas Hamre
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies

Hunter Daniel Hanson
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies
magna cum laude

Michael Raymond Lee
B.A. Missional Ministries
Biblical and Theological Studies

Sarah Rachel Lewis
B.A. Missional Ministries
magna cum laude
Honors Program

Molly Jae Ophoven
B.A. Missional Ministries
cum laude

Lily Elizabeth Owen
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies
summa cum laude

Trevor James Rankin
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies
summa cum laude

Madelynne Elizabeth Stites
B.A. Missional Ministries
summa cum laude

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Hannah Elizabeth Bronner
B.A. Organizational Communication
Spanish
cum laude

Audra Colette Carlson
B.A. Communication Studies
summa cum laude

Giovanna Alexandra Contreras
B.A. Organizational Communication

Madeline Christine Edwards
B.A. Communication Studies

Carissa Anne Falkenberg
B.A. Organizational Communication
magna cum laude

Amira Graf
B.A. Media Design and Production

Asha Graf
B.A. Communication Studies

Emma Jean Hammond
B.A. Communication Studies
cum laude

Peter James Kraakevik
B.A. Media Production
cum laude

Brynn Cherise Lee
B.A. Communication Studies
magna cum laude

Brook Marie Lorenson
B.A. Communication Studies

Carter Kenneth Ralph Nelson
B.A. Communication Studies
Media Production

Alexis Jamie Patterson
B.A. Organizational Communication

Kaylee ReyEl Pierson
B.A. Organizational Communication
magna cum laude

Grace Turner Pust
B.A. Communication Studies

Lauren Alexandra Richards
B.A. Communication Studies

Elle Paige Seaberg
B.A. Media Production
cum laude

Emma Irene Stoddard
B.A. Organizational Communication
summa cum laude

Anna Noelle Thielke
B.A. Communication Studies
cum laude

Abigail Grace Wirtjes
B.A. Communication Studies
cum laude

Lily Elizabeth Yegge
B.A. Organizational Communication
magna cum laude

EDUCATION

Lydia Clare Aafedt
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Lorena Sofia Allison-Rodriguez
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Hallie Elizabeth Beckermann
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
summa cum laude

Hannah Marie Bierbrauer
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
cum laude

Trinity Eldene Butruff
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
Spanish
cum laude

Emma Margaret Cherry
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
cum laude

Amelia Ann Eveland
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
cum laude

Payge Jaden Hochstaetter
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Sydney Nicole Holloway Riggs
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Adelyn Rose Jamison
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
summa cum laude

Teegan Elizabeth Johnson
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Alli Rene' Johnson
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
cum laude

Olivia Marie LaLuzerne
B.A. Science Education, Grades 9-12
Science Education, Grades 5-8:
General Science

Kathryn Christy Mendyke
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Rachael Louise Muir
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Jordyn Lee Rudolph
B.A. Special Education

Lauren Marie Tracy-Stearns
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
cum laude

Elise Ellen Tverberg
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6
Psychology
cum laude

Krista Marie Vander Schaaf
B.A. Elementary Education,
Grades K-6

Grace Evelyn Veenstra
B.A. Special Education

ENGLISH AND JOURNALISM

Katelyn Alyssa Rentschler
B.A. Communication Arts and
Literacy Education, Grades 5-12
magna cum laude

HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

George Richard Bolt
B.A. History
Social Studies, Grades 5-12
cum laude

Dakota Burton
B.A. History

Jarrett Cammarata
B.A. Social Studies, Grades 5-12

Duncan Emerson Harro
B.A. Philosophy
B.S. Physics
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Andrew Mark Stiff
B.A. Political Science

Abigail Janae Williams
B.A. Philosophy
History
magna cum laude
Honors Program

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Kaylin Olivia Lallemond
B.A. Teaching English as a Second
Language, Grades K-12
cum laude

Ariana Brooke Montzka
B.A. Spanish

MUSIC AND THEATRE

Katherine Juul Nevins
B.A. Theatre: Acting and Directing
summa cum laude

Ashley Brianne Sugimoto
B.Mus. Applied Performance
B.Mus.Ed. Music Education,
Grades K-12
magna cum laude

RECONCILIATION STUDIES

Carrie Jean Olinger
B.A. Reconciliation Studies

Avery Elizabeth Schlagel
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Community Health

Nursing

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Business

Candidates for Graduation

College of Arts & Sciences Bachelor's Degrees

BUSINESS

Kirk David Aamot

B.A. Economics and Finance
Accounting and Finance

Ryan David Ackerman

B.A. Business

Lauren Leigh Baklund

B.A. Business
magna cum laude
Honors Program

Elijah Garwo Barlue

B.A. Business

Callie Elizabeth Beck

B.A. Business
summa cum laude

Nicole L. Becks

B.A. Business
cum laude

Christal Joy Belsterling

B.A. Business
summa cum laude

Blake Richard Birno

B.A. Business
Honors Program

Andrew James Bland

B.A. Business

Megan Amanda Bloomquist

B.S. Accounting and Finance
magna cum laude

Andrew Joseph Bothun

B.A. Business

Taylor Shane Brodersen

B.A. Business

Jacob Edward Joseph Champeau

B.A. Business
cum laude

Courtney Diana Chase

B.A. Business
magna cum laude

Caden Alan Christiansen

B.A. Business
cum laude

Laura Beth Clark

B.A. Business
cum laude

Trevon Bradley Couser

B.A. Business

Nelson Rae Cox

B.A. Business

Hannah Virginia Egeberg

B.A. Business

Sarah Elizabeth Ellingson

B.A. Business
magna cum laude

Carter B. Embree

B.A. Business Finance

Makenzie Jo Enderson

B.A. Business

Peter Jeffrey Engelking

B.A. Business

Nolan J. Erickson

B.A. Business

Courtney Taite Fey

B.A. Business
magna cum laude

Ben Noah Fiedler

B.A. Business

Dylan Jakob Giorgio

B.A. Business
cum laude

Karissa Ann Glirbas

B.A. Business

Madelyn Grace Gottschalk

B.A. Business
magna cum laude

Simon Joel Gray

B.A. Business

Daniel Olaf Hage

B.A. Business

Paul Eric Hargrove

B.A. Business

Rosalind Frances Hecht

B.A. Business
cum laude

Austin Lee Heckmann

B.S. Accounting and Finance
magna cum laude

Drew Justin Hillman

B.A. Business

Aaron Conrad Hjort

B.S. Accounting and Finance
cum laude

Jackson Edward Hogg

B.A. Business

Brock J Jamison

B.A. Business

Ellie Marie King

B.A. Business

Hannah Marie King

B.A. Business
Economics and Finance
magna cum laude

David Sterling Klem

B.A. Economics and Finance

Jeremiah David McNamara

B.A. Business

Parker Ryan Nelson

B.A. Business

Megan Ann Nyquist

B.A. Business
magna cum laude

Jacob Bryan Papesch

B.A. Business
cum laude

Hayley Renee Payment

B.A. Economics and Finance
Business

Bronson Ka'uhiwai Pe'a

B.A. Business

Lukas Lowell Peterson

B.S. Accounting and Finance

Spencer Christian Peterson

B.A. Business

Jaustin Anders Piepho

B.A. Business

Meghan Faviola Quito

B.A. Business

Kindre Cynthia Radloff

B.S. Accounting and Finance
cum laude

Justin Robert Reichle

B.A. Business

Mark Tre Christian Reinertson III

B.A. Business

Sarah Lyn Rinnman

B.A. Business

Emily Mary Roder

B.S. Accounting and Finance
summa cum laude

Samuel Jay Roelofs

B.A. Business

Jonah Oliver Roesler

B.A. Business

Sara Kathryn Rothers

B.A. Business

Abraham W. Schlegel

B.A. Business

Conor Byron Schubring

B.A. Business

Dane August Schumacher

B.A. Business

Nathan Richard Schwarz

B.S. Accounting and Finance

Mu Ku Shi

B.A. Business

Morgan Linn Sola

B.A. Business

Jenna Marie Sorsen

B.A. Business

Hannah Grace Spadgenske

B.A. Business

Theodore Henry Stewart

B.A. Business

Chatuporn Sae Taw

B.A. Business

Eh Neidah Tee

B.A. Business

Morgan Mae Teff

B.A. Business

Lara Christine Trulove

B.A. Business

Jake Elliot Twogood

B.A. Business
summa cum laude

Joshua Luke Vickers

B.S. Accounting and Finance
cum laude

Rachel Lee Villas

in absentia
B.A. Business

Thu Thi Vo

B.A. Business

Alexander Charles Vollmer

B.S. Accounting and Finance
summa cum laude

Sean Patrick Walker

B.A. Business

Eric Dale Watland

B.S. Accounting and Finance

Andrew Bradley Wegner
B.A. Business

Joshua David Wegner
B.A. Business

Noah Edward Wenberg
B.A. Business

Samuel Mark Wilhite
B.A. Business

Andrew Christopher Wittenburg
B.A. Business

Thomas Nathan Wurdemann
B.A. Business
cum laude

Morgan Paige Zebedee
B.A. Business
summa cum laude

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Abigail Yehualashet Gessesse
B.A. Community Health
magna cum laude

Chloe Ann Nietfeld
B.A. Community Health

Rylie Heather Perkins
B.A. Community Health

Faith Elizabeth Valen
B.A. Community Health
cum laude

NURSING

Hannah Caroline Bengtson
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Emily Brooke Beyer
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Grace Kya Bianchi
B.S.N. Nursing

Carli Marie Botten
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Anna Christine Bruno
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Kirstin Alice Cotter
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Elizabeth Anne Dietz
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Gina Renee DiOrio
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Alexa Marie Ellinghuysen
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Bridger Gervais Foster
B.S.N. Nursing

Ellie Rebecca Frobom
B.S.N. Nursing

Cailin Marie Germe
B.S.N. Nursing

Ingrid Karin Goldstrand
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Adamary Gomez
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Madison Anne-Marie Hagen
B.S.N. Nursing

Lily Larson Hanson
B.S.N. Nursing

Katie Marie Hawkins
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Elizabeth Joy Hicok
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Duncan Drew Ice
B.S.N. Nursing

Lucy Elizabeth Koss
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Laura Jane Krolak
B.S.N. Nursing

Carey Lynn Krugmire
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Sarah Rae Krumholz
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Grace Elizabeth Larson
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Anna Elizabeth Lee
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Vanessa Adamaris Lopez
B.S.N. Nursing

Josiah Ardell Lossow
B.S.N. Nursing

Molly Roxann Lukenbill
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Justine Rae Malenke
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Kylee Johanna Morris
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude
Honors Program

Aubrey Rose Negen
B.S.N. Nursing

Abigail Elizabeth Olson
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Elizabeth Mae Olson
B.S.N. Nursing

Joy Ann Olson
B.S.N. Nursing

Madelyn Jade Pearson
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Zoe Madelynn Peltoma
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Naomi Grace Petersen
B.S.N. Nursing

Callan Rose Peterson
B.S.N. Nursing

Emma Nicole Pierson
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Lily Rose Plested
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Kaitlyn Joy Riggs
B.S.N. Nursing

Emma Elizabeth Roethler
B.S.N. Nursing

Luisa Lea Rubianes
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Sarah Elizabeth Russum
B.S.N. Nursing

Lincoln Perry Raymond Sanneman
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude
Honors Program

Calihan Nicole Sterud
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Claire Olivia Thorp
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Amelia Rose Torfin
B.S.N. Nursing

Micayla Nicole Torres
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Madelyn Leigh Urness
B.S.N. Nursing
summa cum laude

Elisabeth Rose Volle
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

Abigail Michaela Walden
B.S.N. Nursing

Isabelle Eileen Wilhelm
B.S.N. Nursing

Elaina Danielle Witt
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Makenzie Jo Wondra
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Luke Robert Wyly
B.S.N. Nursing
cum laude

Molly Teresa Yapp
B.S.N. Nursing

Evelyn Grace Young
B.S.N. Nursing
magna cum laude

BETHEL SEMINARY
Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 27, 2023

7 p.m. | Benson Great Hall

Presiding

Ross Allen, B.A., President

PROCESSIONAL

“Trumpet Voluntary,” Jeremiah Clarke

Cindy Reents, B.A., Organist

Order of Processional

Laver and Ewer Bearers

Marshals

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Faculty and Administration

Program Personnel

WELCOME

Ross Allen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Peter T. Vogt, Ph.D., Dean of Bethel Seminary

HONORING OF FACULTY EMERITI

Robin Rylaarsdam, Ph.D., University Provost

GRADUATE REFLECTION

Brandon Wald, M.A. Candidate

WELCOME TO THE BETHEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Jennifer Scott, M.A., Senior Director of University Relations

SONG OF PROCLAMATION*

“Be Thou My Vision,” Traditional Irish

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

–Translated by Eleanor Hull

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Ross Allen

Robin Rylaarsdam

Assisted by

Cheryl Fisk, Ed.D., University Registrar

Hooding of Candidates

Kaz Hayashi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Old Testament
Peter Jankowski, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy
Denise Muir Kjesbo, Ph.D., Professor; Program Director, Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry
Andrew Rowell, Th.D., Assistant Professor, Ministry Leadership

INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNION

Peter T. Vogt

GRADUATE REFLECTION

Donna Johnson, D.Min. Candidate

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Mark Strauss, Ph.D., University Professor, New Testament

BLESSINGS

John Dunne, Ph.D., Assistant Professor; Program Director, Doctor of Ministry
Denise Muir Kjesbo
Mark McCloskey, Ph.D., Professor; Program Director, Transformational Leadership
Jeannine Brown, Ph.D., Professor, New Testament
Herb Grant, Ph.D., Professor; Program Director, Marriage and Family Therapy
Jeff Sanders, M.Div., Associate Dean, Formation and Professional Development

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DesAnne Hippe, Ph.D., Professor of Theology

BENEDICTION

Peter T. Vogt

RECESSIONAL†

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. V*, Charles-Marie Widor
Cindy Reents

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Benjamin Shull, Class of 2024



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Candidates for Graduation

Bethel Seminary Certificates in Biblical Studies

Justin Petersen
in absentia
Certificate in Biblical Studies

Robert White
in absentia
Certificate in Biblical Studies

Bethel Seminary Master's Degrees

In keeping with Seminary history, master's graduates are listed in order by the number of credits required per degree and then by last name.

MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN THOUGHT)

Kristin Marie Antil
M.A. (Christian Thought)
magna cum laude

Jordan Michael Chesnut
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)

Michele Leigh Davis
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
summa cum laude

Anton David Engedal
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
summa cum laude

John Godin
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
magna cum laude

Eric C. Hall
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
magna cum laude

Octavia Denise Hardaway
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)

Tammie Jean Haveman
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
summa cum laude

Marette Campbell Jorgenson
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)

Lisa Gayle Moen
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
cum laude

William Gustav Peterson
M.A. (Christian Thought)
magna cum laude

David R. Stephenson
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)

David Terrell Windham
in absentia
M.A. (Christian Thought)
summa cum laude

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Pamela Renee Briggs
in absentia
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry

Andrea Confer
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry

Danika Gabrielle Dunham
in absentia
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry
cum laude

Tyler Douglas Reaves English
in absentia
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry
summa cum laude

Delores Hansel
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry

Michelle Henning
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry
summa cum laude

Tania Renee Kopplin
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry
summa cum laude

Dane Christopher Myers
in absentia
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry
summa cum laude

Cassie Snyders
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry

Kimberly Regina Washington
M.A. Children's and Family Ministry

MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Erik John Perry Collins
in absentia
M.A. Transformational Leadership
cum laude

Joshua P. Duey
in absentia
M.A. Transformational Leadership
summa cum laude

Jeffrey Curtis Oleson
in absentia
M.A. Transformational Leadership
summa cum laude

Brandon Joseph Wald
M.A. Transformational Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

Shepherd Nikhilson Battu
in absentia
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Andrea Cofield
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Alma J. Davis
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Caleb Patrick Dyer
in absentia
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Alexis Don Folen
M.A. (Theological Studies)
magna cum laude

Samanthah Kudzanayi Kumbula
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Bryce Alexander Langley
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Narah Lynn Lowe
M.A. (Theological Studies)
summa cum laude

Jhonessa Leanne Trandem
M.A. (Theological Studies)

Devonnnett Wilson
in absentia
M.A. (Theological Studies)
magna cum laude

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Adrian Pewee Lai
M.A. Ministry

Grace Audrey Olson
M.A. Ministry

Tessa Lorraine Pinkstaff
M.A. Ministry
summa cum laude

Peter V. Spino
in absentia
M.A. Ministry

MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Jack David Anderson
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Jesse Alan Beulke
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Emily Patricia Brocato
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Diana Nicola Bryan Travis
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

Kathrynne Laura Delgado
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Arianna Lee Driver-Hoeg
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
magna cum laude

Zachary Gerald Gagnon
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Courtney Belle Geolat
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Maria C. Hayes
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
cum laude

Anne G. Herrera
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Hannah Grace Hinds
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Kristen M. Kokesch
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
magna cum laude

Christina Marie Larson
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Rita Lekova
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
cum laude

Cynthia Ann Manning-Recker
in absentia
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
cum laude

Ellie Marie Michaletz
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
cum laude

Ashley Marie Miller
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

Molly Meagan Lee Moon
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

Julie Lynn Muehlbach
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Ciera Danielle Neufeld
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
magna cum laude

Jaclyn Olson
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Donald John Penza
in absentia
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Caleb Allen Petersen
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
magna cum laude

Kasey Marie Reichow
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
magna cum laude

Brooke Kiley Watts
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

Rebekah Lynn Wold Defries
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy
summa cum laude

Alexis Mae Wood
M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Charity Blomberg
M.Div.
summa cum laude

Erin M. Damberger
M.Div.
summa cum laude

Andrew Evan Day
M.Div.
summa cum laude

Timothy Edward Garcia
M.Div.
summa cum laude

Stefanie Jordheim
in absentia
M.Div.

Charles Lam
in absentia
M.Div.

Andrew Daniel Lundstrom
M.Div.
magna cum laude

Brittany Lynnae Nieman
M.Div.

William H. Pierce
M.Div.
cum laude

Chad C. Power
in absentia
M.Div.
cum laude

Amber Lynn Poznik
in absentia
M.Div.

Danielle Richardson
M.Div.
cum laude

Catalina Rosado
in absentia
M.Div.

Suwit Rungkittikhun
M.Div.

Melissa Leigh Serra
M.Div.
summa cum laude

Claire Ning-Yuan Su
in absentia
M.Div.
magna cum laude

Bethel Seminary Doctoral Degrees

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Michael Ray Burns
in absentia
D.Min. Biblical and Theological
Engagement
Thesis: *Paul's Approach to Social
Superiority in the Corinthian Church
Applied to Racial Superiority in the
21st Century Church*
B.A., Oklahoma Wesleyan University
M.A., Indiana Wesleyan University

**Rebecca Makanyara
Chizema-Makayi**
D.Min. Biblical and Theological
Engagement
Thesis: *Narrative Theology in an
African Context*
B.A., Bethel University
M.A., Bethel University
M.Div., Newburgh Seminary

Sarah A. Crippen
in absentia
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *Adaptive Leadership and
Crisis Management*
B.A., Houston Baptist University
M.Ed., Texas Tech University

Michael Deckman
D.Min. Biblical and Theological
Engagement
Thesis: *The Difficulties Pastors Face
in Shepherding the Unregenerate
Within Their Congregations*
M.Div., Bethel Seminary

Charles Anthony Hunt
D.Min. Transformational Leadership
Thesis: *A Model for
Transformational Leadership
Development in Urban Ministry
Contexts*
M.Div., Wesley Theological
Seminary
D.Min., Graduate Theological
Foundation
Ph.D., Graduate Theological
Foundation

Donna Elizabeth Johnson
D.Min. Transformational Leadership
Thesis: *Understanding the
Relationship Between Mental Health
and Spiritual Warfare for Effective
Pastoral Care Ministry*
B.A., The King's College
M.A., Luther Seminary
M.S., Long Island University

Esther Wambui Kiarie
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *Forgotten Griefers:
Perspectives on Childhood Grief in
the Baptist Church in Kenya*
B.Ed., Kenyatta University
M.A., United States International
University

Matthew William Larkin
D.Min. Transformational
Leadership
Thesis: *Character Formation and Its
Place in Leadership Development:
An Examination of the Leadership
Development Practices of Advent
Christian Churches in North
America*
B.A., Trinity College
M.R.E., Liberty Baptist Theological
Seminary

Patrea Dartinez Newton
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *A Case Study of the Impact
of Online and Hybrid Ministry on
Small Traditional Churches*
B.S., Belhaven University
M.T.S., Liberty University
M.Div., Liberty University

Darryl Eugene Seay
D.Min. Transformational Leadership
Thesis: *Shared Leadership as a Tool
for Leadership Development in
Multi-Cultural Congregations*
M.S., University of Memphis
M.Div., Vanderbilt University

Mina Shaheid
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *The Need for Non-Shame
Based Treatment for Pornography
Addiction*
B.A., Long Island University
M.A., Liberty University

Adam Michael Sidler
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *A Case Study of Limitation
Awareness Concerning Converge
North Central Senior Pastors*
B.A., Minnesota State University
Moorhead
M.A., Grace Theological Seminary

Tara Lynn Tulberg
D.Min. Congregation and
Family Care
Thesis: *Supporting Foster Parents in
Order to Prevent Burnout*
B.A., Bethel University
M.A., Bethel University

COLLEGE OF ADULT & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 28, 2023

1 p.m. | Benson Great Hall

Presiding

Ross Allen, B.A., President

PROCESSIONAL

“March No. 1” from *Pomp and Circumstance Marches*, Edward Elgar

Cindy Reents, B.A., Organist

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Laver and Ewer Bearers

Marshals

Candidates for Associate’s Degrees

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Faculty and Administration

Program Personnel

WELCOME

Ross Allen

INVOCATION

TediAnne Hasapopoulos, D.Min., Teaching Partner

HONORING OF FACULTY EMERITI

Robin Rylaarsdam, Ph.D., University Provost

GRADUATE REFLECTIONS

Sophia Llerena Andrade, B.S.N. Candidate

David Brickner, M.A. Candidate

WELCOME TO THE BETHEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Jennifer Scott, M.A., Senior Director of University Relations

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Ross Allen

Robin Rylaarsdam

Assisted by

Cheryl Fisk, Ed.D., University Registrar

Hooding of Graduate School Candidates

Daniel Leafblad, M.D., Assistant Professor; Medical Director of Physician Assistant Studies

Blair Nelson, M.D., Program Director, Medical Sciences

Jennifer Koenig Nelson, Ph.D., Lead Faculty, Counseling

Tracy Reimer, Ph.D., Program Director, Ed.D. in K-12 Administration

BENEDICTION

Nikki Daniels, M.A., Program Director, B.A. Organizational Leadership

RECESSIONAL

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. V*, Charles-Marie Widor
Cindy Reents

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Business Administration
Business Management
Christian Ministries
Counseling
Finance
Human Services
Medical Sciences
Organizational Leadership
Physician Assistant
Psychology
Social Work
Strategic Leadership

The following programs will attend the reception located on the third level of Brushaber Commons:

Doctor of Education
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Education K-12
Nurse-Midwifery
Nursing
Special Education
Teaching

Candidates for Graduation

College of Adult & Professional Studies Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES

Kelcey Abigail Andrade
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Nicholas Stephen Baley
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Caleigh Bellward
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Aaron Thomas Benny
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Anna Blair
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Aidan Kent Brigham
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Samelia Yasmine Cooper
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

Isaac Michael Daugherty
in absentia
A.A. General Studies

James Odell Griffin
in absentia
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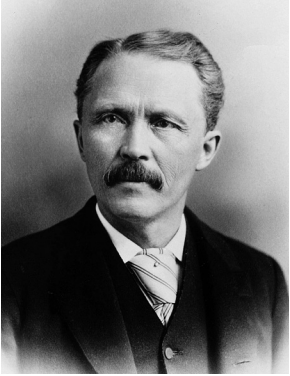
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A History of Bethel University



John Alexis Edgren, founder of what is now Bethel University, wrote a letter to Christopher Silene, his first student, and convinced the young Swedish immigrant from Minnesota to attend the new school for preachers by simply stating, “Come, brother; God will provide.” Silene arrived in Chicago in October 1871 to find the city in ruins, the result of a fire only two days before. In the wake of the Great Chicago Fire, the determined

teacher and the aspiring student forged ahead in their calling to Christian theological education and ministry preparation.

A fellowship of churches—which became the Baptist General Conference (now Converge), Bethel’s sponsoring denomination—originated in the late 19th century among stalwart Swedish settlers who were scattered across the northern United States. They were pietistic Christians characterized by simple worship, an irenic spirit, and a vital and personal relationship with Christ.

Edgren, born in Sweden in 1839, stands out clearly as the pivotal figure of the third and fourth decades of Swedish Baptist life in America. A gifted linguist, theologian, sea captain, artist, and educator, he had a passion for life and a commitment to excellence in both preparation and service.

Edgren founded what became known as the Scandinavian Department of the Baptist Union Theological Seminary, which was associated with the University of Chicago. From the beginning, he made clear his desire for Swedish Baptists to

have an academy and a college, as well as a ministry training school. His vision was realized when, after brief relocations to Minnesota in 1884 and Nebraska in 1886, the seminary made a permanent move to St. Paul in 1914. The seminary then joined with Bethel Academy, a high school opened in 1905 in Minneapolis by the Swedish Baptist Conference, to become Bethel Academy and Theological Seminary. A campus was constructed on Snelling Avenue adjacent to the state fairgrounds.

In 1931, Bethel Junior College opened, and subsequent to the phasing out of the academy, expanded its academic program to become a four-year liberal arts college in 1947. By 1959, with the awarding of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, it became evident that room was needed to house the growing schools. Land was purchased, and a new campus was built in the present Arden Hills location. The seminary relocated to the new location in 1965 and the college in 1972. Many enhancements have been made to the facilities over the years to meet the changing needs of the schools.

On July 1, 2004, the corporate name was changed from Bethel College & Seminary to Bethel University, with the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Adult & Professional Studies, the Graduate School, and Bethel Seminary as component schools. Bethel University enrolls more than 4,700 students from all 50 states and 10 countries in undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and adult undergraduate programs. Based in St. Paul, Minnesota, Bethel University offers rigorous programs in more than 100 relevant fields.

Throughout the years, Bethel has remembered its rich heritage and held to the guiding principles of its founder while forging a Christ-led vision for the future.



Bethel Academy and Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN, in 1920.

Academic Regalia and Symbols

Academic Regalia

Academic regalia lend dignity and pageantry to commencements and other college and university ceremonial occasions, and reveal academic achievements through styles of gowns, hoods, and varying colors. The custom of wearing distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates to the Middle Ages.

In the 12th century, universities took form under the jurisdiction of the church. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders, monks, or priests. They wore woolen cloaks or habits for warmth in unheated quarters. Attached to the cloaks were cowls or hoods, used to warm their tonsured heads or thrown back in mild weather. Sometimes these hoods served the purpose of holding food or the alms that were dropped in by passersby.

As European commerce began to flourish, persons of the same trade or pursuit formed associations called guilds. Their dress was an outward sign of privilege and responsibility, designed to distinguish the wearer from other guilds and other townspeople. The teaching guild was for the master of arts, and the bachelor was the apprentice of the master.

The styles and colors of academic garb came to vary greatly in Europe. In 1894, most American universities and colleges adopted a uniform code of academic attire drawn up by a convention of representatives called together by Princeton University. The underlying concept was that the academic costume is a uniform that unites a given group of persons (academics) while distinguishing among them by significant variations. Each part of the uniform is therefore significant in characterizing the level of the degree and the institution and discipline conferring it.

Principal features of academic dress are the cap, gown, and hood. The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, better known as the mortarboard. From poetry we learn that the cap of scholarship is square to symbolize a book. Another style, called the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret. Caps and gowns representing degrees from foreign universities may vary noticeably from those in the United States—the most obvious difference being the cap, which is often a soft, round hat of the style worn by medieval scholars.

The use of a dark robe in academic processions is thought to have arisen from the clerical practice of wearing a cape or mantle in religious processions during the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities arose from cathedral schools. Traditionally, commencement gowns have been black. In recent years, however, a number of universities have adopted other hues that signify the school's traditional colors.

The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has crescent-shaped sleeves descending from the elbows. The doctor's robe has very full sleeves with three horizontal bars of velvet on each sleeve and two vertical velvet bars down the middle of the front. The velvet is either black or the degree color.

Hoods are the most significant conveyors of degree identification. The bachelor's hood is pointed, three feet long, with a two-inch border. The master's hood is pointed, three-and-one-half feet in length, with a three-inch border. The doctor's hood is four feet long, rounded at the bottom, with a five-inch border. The hoods have velvet borders and are lined in silk or satin in the official color of the institution that conferred the degree, with a chevron used for a second color if needed. The color of the velvet border represents the discipline. Investiture with the hood signifies the conferral of the degree.

In practice, the bachelor's hood is rarely worn. Instead, conferral of the baccalaureate degree is signified by moving the tassel from the right to the left side of the cap. All persons possessing at least a bachelor's degree wear the tassel on the left side of the cap.

The president's apparel is notably different from that of the faculty. It is a doctoral-style robe with four horizontal bars on the sleeve. The president wears a pendant medallion, in the form of the school seal, that bears the names of previous presidents.

Academic Symbols

One hundred fifty years ago, John Alexis Edgren founded a seminary that would become today's Bethel University. To celebrate the milestone, and to function as a symbol of servant leadership into the future, Bethel Provost Robin Rylaarsdam commissioned the creation of new academic symbols to be used in commencement ceremonies. In a collaboration between two students and a faculty member, a ewer and laver—in common vernacular, pitcher and basin—were created and now serve as the academic symbols that lead Bethel University's formal processions. The simplicity of these two symbols suggests that the loving act of footwashing be a humble, simple, and common manifestation of faith in action. The decision to place the university's insignia in the bottom of the laver, where one would place their feet for washing, communicates the concepts of servant leadership from Mark 10:43-44. The ewer remains without insignia to represent the selfless love that each graduate is ceremonially encouraged to practice in both their professional and personal lives. The collaborative creation of these symbols lives out one of Edgren's core principles of education:

The relation between teacher and students should not be that of superior and subordinate, but one of real friendship and helpfulness, remembering that One is our Master, and we are all brethren.

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from Bethel University, an institution with a great past and an exciting future. We have built upon the legacy of John Alexis Edgren, who envisioned a school that educated students by first rooting them in God's Word. With that foundation, students' education equipped them for service, grounded them in Christ, encouraged them in spiritual growth, and guided them through mentoring friendships with faculty and staff.

Today Bethel stands fully within Edgren's vision, offering an education that is excellent, globally engaged, and superior in equipping you to make exceptional contributions for God in the world. We look forward to the significant ways you will make a difference as you live faithfully in the years ahead!

It has been our privilege to have you study at Bethel University in the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Adult & Professional Studies, Bethel Seminary, or the Graduate School. Our prayer is that your Bethel education has taught you what it means to be an adventurous Christ-follower and instilled in you a commitment to help transform the world.



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