



WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Commencement

*Saturday, the Twelfth of May,
Two Thousand Eighteen*

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UNIVERSITY

“This is a lovely spot for the location of a literary institution. It requires some faith to believe that in after years it will be an academic grove, to which hundreds will drink at the pure fountains of knowledge, and go forth into the world to do good, to bless mankind.”

– Ezra Keller, Founder and First President of Wittenberg College (1845–1848)

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PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Military March No. 1 by Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Anders S. Tune, *The David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

Pastor: We begin this Commencement in the name of our life-giving and gracious God, the source of all goodness and truth, known in Christian confession as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 145

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

People: One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.

Pastor: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty, and all your marvelous works.

People: They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

Pastor: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

People: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Pastor: The Lord is loving to everyone, and his compassion is over all his works.

People: All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

Pastor: The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Pastor: You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

People: The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and loving in all his works.

Pastor: The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

People: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Lesson Philippians 4:8-9

Pastor: In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul writes:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Prayer

WELCOME AND REMARKS

Dr. Michael L. Frandsen, *President of the University*

REMARKS

Ms. Mecca A. Abdul-Aziz, *President of the Class of 2018*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Ambassador Robert C. Perry '67, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

Presented by Dr. Bin Yu, *Professor of Political Science*

His Majesty King Letsie III, the Constitutional Monarch of Lesotho, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

Presented by Dr. Scott Rosenberg, *Professor of History; Director, African & Diaspora Studies*

WITTENBERG MEDAL OF HONOR

Warren R. Copeland

Presented by Dr. Wendell Lutz '66, *Wittenberg Board of Directors*

ADDRESS

His Majesty King Letsie III, the Constitutional Monarch of Lesotho

CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Arts in Education

Master of Science in Analytics

Presented by Dr. Thomas E. Kaplan, *Dean, School of Graduate and Professional Studies*

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Music Education

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Presented by Dr. Thomas E. Kaplan, *Dean*

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

TASSEL CEREMONY

Dr. Michael L. Frandsen,

President of the University

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Ms. Allison M. Scaia '09, *President*

Wittenberg University Alumni Association

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

Ms. Mecca A. Abdul-Aziz '18

Alma Mater of the Class of 2018

Mr. Lucas E. George '18

Alma Lux of the Class of 2018

Alma Mater Lyrics

Wittenberg, dear Wittenberg,
Once again to thee
We, thy grateful children, pledge
Love and loyalty.
We shall always love thy groves
And thy classic halls;
Mem'ry, like the ivy twines
Round thy hallowed walls.

Wittenberg, dear Wittenberg,
Time flies fast away;
Soon our happy college days
Will be gone for aye;
But in all life's storm and stress,
Whate'er we may do,
To our Alma Mater dear
We will e'er be true.

— Robert H. Hiller, 1889

Alma Mater, the Spirit of Wittenberg, is a traditional honor that began in June 1920. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a junior female student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, scholarship and service during her four years at the university.

Alma Lux, a new tradition, was established in 2003. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a junior male student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, scholarship and service during his four years at the university.

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Anders S. Tune, *The David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated until recessional ends.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Dr. Julius D. Bailey
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Stefine L. Broz
Associate Professor of Communication

Dr. Kristin K. Cline
Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Ray C. Dudek
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dr. D. Scot Hinson
Associate Professor of English

Dr. Rick A. Incorvati
Professor of English

Dr. Michelle L. McWhorter
Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Richard S. Phillips
Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Katie M. Warber
*Associate Professor of Communication,
Grand Marshal*

Dr. Nancy S. Woehrle,
Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Molly M. Wood
Professor of History

Dr. Brian D. Yontz
Associate Professor of Education

BANNERS AND FLAG BEARERS

The United States flag is carried by Ms. Chloe A. Bradburn, *President of the Class of 2019.*

The Wittenberg banner is carried by Ms. Karen A. Wildemann, *Vice President of the Class of 2019.*

The City of Wittenberg banner is carried by Ms. Kyla A. McGee, *Secretary of the Class of 2019.*

The banner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is carried by Ms. Madeline E. Van Overbeek, *Treasurer of the Class of 2019.*

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



Robert Perry graduated from Wittenberg in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in political science. His career in foreign relations spans 34 years, including two years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African Affairs in 2001-02 and three years as U.S. Ambassador to the Central African Republic (1998-2001). Perry also served as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Mauritius from 1986-89, Deputy Chief of Mission in Bolivia from 1995-98, and at U.S. Embassies in Mexico, Ethiopia and Chile during his career. Since retiring from foreign service, he has served as vice president in 2003-05 and 2008-16 for the Corporate Council on Africa to promote trade and investment between the United States and Africa and as director of the African team for the Stevenson Group. He is currently a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the American Foreign Service Association, and the Association of Black American Ambassadors.

Born in Durham, N.C., Perry excelled at Hillside High School, the oldest of the 300 black high schools in the state before desegregation. Upon graduating from Wittenberg, he received a Ford Foundation Fellowship for an M.A. from American University in international relations and completed his master's degree the following year before joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 1968.



His Majesty King Letsie III is the Constitutional Monarch of the southern African Kingdom of Lesotho. He succeeded his father, Moshoeshe II, as monarch of his country in 1996. In 2000, he declared HIV/AIDS in Lesotho to be a national disaster, prompting worldwide attention and aid to those in need.

In 2014, he was appointed as African Nutrition Champion by the African Union, and in 2016, he was named Special Ambassador for Nutrition by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Since 2003, more than 400 Wittenberg students and community members have participated in service-learning trips to Lesotho through a program founded by Scott Rosenberg, professor of history, chair of Wittenberg's Peace Corps Prep Program, and Honorary Consul to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

King Letsie III completed his secondary education in the United Kingdom at Ampleforth College. He completed a bachelor's degree in law at National University of Lesotho in 1984, and went on to earn a diploma in English Legal studies at the University of Bristol. King Letsie III also took development studies and agricultural economics classes at Cambridge University and the University of London. He married Karabo Anna Mots'oeng, now Queen Masenate, in 2000, and together they have three children.



Warren Copeland joined Wittenberg's faculty in 1977. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award from Wittenberg's Alumni Association in 1995 and was named to the Wray Chair in the Humanities in 2002. In addition to directing the Urban Studies Program, Copeland was the first director of Wittenberg's Common Learning Program, and he was appointed in 2008 as faculty director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic and Urban Engagement. Copeland is noted for his scholarship in social ethics. He co-edited an introductory text on social ethics, *Issues of Justice*, and his research on ethics and economics were the basis for his book *Economic Justice: The Social Ethics of U.S. Economic Policy*. In addition, his study of welfare reform was the subject of his book *And the Poor Get Welfare*.

Copeland was appointed to the Springfield City Commission in 1988. He has served as mayor of Springfield from 1990 to 1994 and from 1998 to the present. In 2003, he became the first person elected mayor directly by the voters since 1914. His ethical reflections on his time in Springfield city government, *Doing Justice in Our Cities: Lessons in Public Policy from America's Heartland*, was published in 2009. Copeland earned his bachelor's degree from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. The college named him Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1983. He earned his M.Div. from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind., and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

This program contains the names of candidates for Commencement. Degree certification is subject to the completion of all degree requirements and is validated by the Office of the Registrar. All academic honors noted below are based on cumulative grade-point averages calculated at the end of the 2017 fall semester, which do not take spring semester grades into account. Honors awarded at Commencement will be determined by each student's final cumulative grade-point average, calculated at the end of the 2018 spring semester. The degrees are awarded within the fields of major concentration. The second major concentration, if any, is shown under the candidate's name.

Degrees are awarded upon successful completion of all degree requirements. Participation at Commencement or listing of student's name in the program does not guarantee degree conferral.

Master of Arts In Education

Dr. Roberta Linder

*Associate Professor of Education
Director*

Carla Jean Patrick
Springboro, Ohio

Master of Science In Analytics

Mr. Kevin Steidel

*Assistant Professor of Practice
in Business
Director*

Kweisi Seth Darko Amparbeng
Delaware, Ohio

Jessica Elaine Channell-Iler
Springfield, Ohio

Daria J. Curtner
Sidney, Ohio

Michael Robert DeCourcy
Blue Ash, Ohio

Amy Luther
Springfield, Ohio

Taylor Kendall Oliver
Fountain Valley, California

Art

**Dr. Alejandra
Gimenez-Berger**

*Associate Professor of Art
Department Chair*

Bachelor of Arts

Erin Elizabeth Brubaker
Bexley, Ohio

Shae Marie Eakright
*(Accounting)
(Finance)*

*Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Art
University Honors
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Luke Edward Flechler
Wooster, Ohio

Mikayla Lynn Garberich
(Accounting)

*Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Art
University Honors
Springfield, Ohio*

Kelsey Anne Gregory
Eaton, Ohio

Lauren Ashley Johns
Belle Center, Ohio

Deanna Marie Volz
(Self-Designed)
Cum Laude
Marianna, Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Ann Wetterstroem
(Art History)

*Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Art
University Honors
Galena, Ohio*

Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology

Dr. Amil Anderson
*Associate Professor of Chemistry
Acting Director*

Bachelor of Arts

Tyler Alan Begg
Summa Cum Laude
Columbus Grove, Ohio

Tanner Graham Clarke
Lebanon, Ohio

Mareyuna Qing Lukasak
Rochester, Minnesota

Andrew Jacob Nelson
Mount Sterling, Ohio

Marietta Ifeyinwa Ojo
(Philosophy)
Cum Laude
East Orange, New Jersey

Emily Renee Rudolph
Orlando, Florida

Brett P. Siemon
Magna Cum Laude
New Carlisle, Ohio

Evan Michael Welch
Hudson, Ohio

Sarah Anne White
(Philosophy)
Norton, Ohio

Victoria Sooyun Zysik
Magna Cum Laude
Perrysburg, Ohio

Bachelor of Science

Sabrina Nicole Davis
Magna Cum Laude
Upper Arlington, Ohio

MacKenzie Renee Freeman
Cum Laude
Lewis Center, Ohio

Keaton Alan Wood
Summa Cum Laude
Mansfield, Ohio

Biology

Dr. Jim Welch
Professor of Biology
Department Chair

Bachelor of Arts

Jaeden Micah Bailey
Springfield, Ohio

Carly Rae Bockhold
Cum Laude
Fairfield, Ohio

Ryan Timothy Brennaman
Cedarville, Ohio

Elizabeth Marie Burns
Magna Cum Laude
Findlay, Ohio

Meghan Paige Carpenter
Carmel, Indiana

Audrey Melissa Coler
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sarah Palmer-Ball Farnsworth
Louisville, Kentucky

Taylor Alyssa Fox
Solon, Ohio

Samantha Danielle Fraga
Bradford, Ohio

Brendon Michael Holtvoigt
Urbana, Ohio

Mia Anne Suemoto Meyer
Pataskala, Ohio

Christopher Trenum Mills
Middletown, Ohio

Brigid Mary Morgan
Cum Laude
Ponte Vedra, Florida

Jaclyn Danielle Neidhardt
Urbana, Ohio

David Daniel Oty
Springfield, Ohio

Taylor Catherine Owens
New Carlisle, Ohio

Victoria Denise Smith
London, Ohio

Samantha Marie Strich
Indianapolis, Indiana

Stefan William Thornberry
Wilmington, Ohio

Istvan James Vozary
Cleveland, Ohio

Kethry Rose Warren
Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Biology
University Honors
Littleton, Colorado

Erin Lee Wetzel
Galena, Ohio

Tyra Denise Whitlow
Dayton, Ohio

Marisa Kassidi Wilson
New Paris, Ohio

Bachelor of Science

Stephanie L. Atkinson
Lebanon, Ohio

Anna Maria Aylor
(Environmental Science)
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Biology
University Honors
Westerville, Ohio

Madeline Y. Bones
(Bachelor of Arts - Dance)
San Jose, California

Abigale Joelle Cannon
(Bachelor of Arts - Dance)
Summa Cum Laude
Wooster, Ohio

Vandana Chaudhary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Quinn Michael Cook
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Cora Beth Cox
New Carlisle, Ohio

Kendall Louise DeWine
Springfield, Ohio

Olivia N. Dominguez
Gahanna, Ohio

Cayla Jean Etter
Cum Laude
Centerville, Ohio

Madelyn M. Fischer
Malvern, Ohio

Theodore James Hesterman
Cum Laude
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Paige R. Knipp
Delaware, Ohio

Allison Claire Kraynak
Frederick, Maryland

Taylor Morgan Marcum
Wakeman, Ohio

Catalina Yasmín Peláez
Chicago, Illinois

Seth Robert Quay
Cum Laude
Lancaster, Ohio

Lauren Marie Ruddy
Lexington, Kentucky

Hedda Margaret Samuelson
Columbus, Ohio

Olivia Isabella Stevens
Danville, Indiana

Rebecca Leigh Wells
Cum Laude
Findlay, Ohio

Brianna Janelle Yee
Las Vegas, Nevada

Business

Mr. John Fenimore
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business

Accounting Bachelor of Arts

Katherine A. Andrulis
Brookfield, Illinois

Caroline Michaelene Giardina
(Finance)
Pickerington, Ohio

Sydney R. Granito
(Finance)
Mentor, Ohio

Allison Marie Hoendorf
(Finance)
Springfield, Ohio

Andrew Baillie Houliston
(Finance)
Cum Laude
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Alisha Desiree Karns
(Finance)
Summa Cum Laude
Urbana, Ohio

Kendall Trey Kramer
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Ryan Quinn Maguire
(Finance)
Summa Cum Laude
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mark Nicholas Schult
(Finance)
Edgewood, Kentucky

Andrew Lewis Swart
(Management)
Cincinnati, Ohio

Andrew Daniel Yokum
(Finance)
Waterville, Ohio

Dr. Wendy Gradwohl
Associate Professor of Business
Department Chair

Entrepreneurship Bachelor of Arts

Robert M. Berkshire
Springfield, Ohio

Jesse Jack Kolinac
Boca Raton, Florida

Jessica Nycole Nazareth
New Richmond, Ohio

Finance Bachelor of Arts

Matthew T. Bayler
Brownsburg, Indiana

Maxim Karol Boone
Cum Laude
Lancaster, Ohio

Samantha Marie DiGiacomo
Summa Cum Laude
North Canton, Ohio

Cameron Bryan Ferguson
Westerville, Ohio

Abigail Cora Haab
Magna Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Business
University Honors
Dublin, Ohio

Joseph Dominic Carter Hatina
(Sport Management)
Rocky River, Ohio

Lauren Elizabeth Hofer
Summa Cum Laude
Avon, Indiana

James Alex McCarty
Lebanon, Ohio

Irene Noel Presper
(Spanish)
Cum Laude
Akron, Ohio

Daniel Todd Roberts
Findlay, Ohio

Chad Alexander Roy
Toledo, Ohio

Madeline E. Roy
(Economics)
Worthington, Ohio

Gregory T. Smith
Grove City, Ohio

Kyle Engle Smith
Springboro, Ohio

Management Bachelor of Arts

Morgan James Beechey
York, Pennsylvania

Trey N. Ellis
Jamestown, Ohio

Tyler Wayne Everidge
Bellbrook, Ohio

Ryan Michael Fallon
Cum Laude
Cleveland, Ohio

Alex Poole Grashel
Portsmouth, Ohio

Carmen Patricia Griffith
Summa Cum Laude
Springfield, Ohio

Zane Steven Grove
South Charleston, Ohio

Jacob Michael Hatfield
Columbus, Ohio

Luke Joseph Jahnke
Indianapolis, Indiana

John William Kayser
Portsmouth, Ohio

Lamareay Deevon Norman
Cincinnati, Ohio

Theodore Charles Price
Indianapolis, Indiana

Ryan Douglas Roll
Dublin, Ohio

Lana-Lea Schneider
Wheaton, Illinois

Gurwinder Singh
Springfield, Ohio

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Magna Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
North Olmsted, Ohio

Julia Katherine Smith
Worthington, Ohio

Keenan Chase Wilson
Eaton, Ohio

Marketing

Bachelor of Arts

Zachary Paul Armstrong
Union City, Ohio

Alexander J. Benoit
Centerville, Massachusetts

Sarah Rose Billiar
Marysville, Ohio

Rachel Lyndsay Billman
Newark, Ohio

Samantha Elizabeth Davis
Westerville, Ohio

Corbin Michael Dennis
Columbus, Ohio

Nathan John Fairand
Dublin, Ohio

Chandler Allan Ferko
Cum Laude
Plain City, Ohio

Nicholas Shane Foley
Fishers, Indiana

Jonathon Reid Forster
Royal Oak, Michigan

Mizuho Harada
Cum Laude
Osaka City, Japan

D'Andre Marquis Hartwell
Indianapolis, Indiana

Caleb Aaron Howell
Delaware, Ohio

Daryl Levin Hurley II
Detroit, Michigan

Asuka Ishikawa
Summa Cum Laude
Mizumagun, Japan

Nicole Elisabeth Karavakis
Summa Cum Laude
Pickerington, Ohio

Mallory Jean Kobler
Huntsville, Alabama

Connor Patrick McDunn
Hilliard, Ohio

Mark Dickson Menifee, Jr.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Roberta Celine Menke
London, Ohio

Haruno Sakamoto
Toyama, Japan

Colton Miles Stewart
Dublin, Ohio

Miranda Sophia Swaney
Westerville, Ohio

Maria Angela Swearingen
Columbus, Ohio

Austin Mikal Towsey
Lima, Ohio

Gregory Scott Turner, Jr.
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Fort Thomas, Kentucky

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Brennan Michael Whitis
Columbus, Ohio

Elizabeth Susan Williams
Bexley, Ohio

Thomas Vernon Workman
Groveport, Ohio

Chemistry

Dr. Kristin Cline
Professor of Chemistry

Bachelor of Arts

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(Sociology)
Novi, Michigan

Barbara Louise Lafranzo
Oswego, Illinois

Stephanie Rose Schmitz
Waterville, Ohio

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Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in Mathematics
Westerville, Ohio

Kelly Mackenzie Spray
Goshen, Ohio

Bachelor of Science

Riley Marie Alexander
Zionsville, Indiana

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Departmental Honors in Chemistry
University Honors
Springfield, Ohio

Communication

Dr. Stefne Broz
Associate Professor of
Communication
Acting Department Chair

Bachelor of Arts

Mecca Amina Abdul-Aziz
Senior Class President
Cincinnati, Ohio

Stacy Renee Aiello
Park Ridge, Illinois

Rachael Renee Albert
Urbana, Ohio

Timothy Jacob Bates
Westerville, Ohio

Katherine Elizabeth Bunsold
Cum Laude
Berkeley, Illinois

Mackenzie Lynn Cameron
(Spanish)
Cum Laude
West Chester, Ohio

Nicole Francesca Fracasso
Columbus, Ohio

Ryan Patrick Fulmer
Mount Orab, Ohio

Emily A. Griggs
Indianapolis, Indiana

Jeffery David Hall
Summa Cum Laude
Springfield, Ohio

Emily Virginia Harrison
Springfield, Ohio

George Henry Hauser
Wilmette, Illinois

Morgan Noreen Gilliam
Mitchell
Silver Lake, Ohio

Magdeline Christine Mullens
North Canton, Ohio

Kylie Cassandra Ponn
(Dance)
Cum Laude
Granville, Ohio

Nicholas Edward Tafoya
(Sport Management)
Pataskala, Ohio

Jessica Kay Walters
Springfield, Ohio

Danni Yao
Cum Laude
Liuzhou, China

Computer Science

Dr. Douglas Andrews
Professor of Mathematics

Bachelor of Arts

Alexa Lauren Murrietta
Magna Cum Laude
Las Vegas, Nevada

Jordan Anthony Steiff
Magna Cum Laude
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Eric Justin White
Springfield, Ohio

Kayla Marie Witherspoon
Dayton, Ohio

East Asian Studies

Dr. Lauren Crane
Associate Professor of Psychology
Director

Bachelor of Arts

Cheyenne Nicole Baughman
(Self-Designed)
Summa Cum Laude
Amanda, Ohio

Kaitlin Nicole McMurtrie
(Exercise Science)
Cum Laude
Allen Park, Michigan

Jasmine Rodriguez Sanchez
Cincinnati, Ohio

Economics

Dr. Lawrence Gwinn
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Department Chair

Bachelor of Arts

Zara Jenica Tickner
(Finance)
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Olivia Margaret Verellen
Cum Laude
Traverse City, Michigan

Education

Dr. Brian Yontz
Associate Professor of Education
Department Chair

Bachelor of Arts

Joey Beth Abbott
Mount Sterling, Ohio

Bailey Delaine Almond
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Samantha Nicole Bausch
Cincinnati, Ohio

Kaitlyn Nicole Black
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Kyle Richard Bruner
Greenville, Ohio

Haley Alysse Cochran
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in
Education
University Honors
Ontario, Ohio

Molly Sue Fischer
Magna Cum Laude
Springfield, Ohio

Emily Rose Havens
Cincinnati, Ohio

Molly Ruhl Hopson
Cum Laude
Powell, Ohio

Leighton Collier Kessner
Pittsford, New York

Kristen Nicole Kinder
Galloway, Ohio

Abigail Rose King
Dublin, Ohio

Madison Leigh Leatherwood
New Carlisle, Ohio

Taylor Imani Lindsey
Cincinnati, Ohio

Taylor Jane Marstella
Newark, Ohio

Patrick Joseph McCombs
Springfield, Ohio

Jessica N. Miller
Summa Cum Laude
Orient, Ohio

Mackenzie Faith Morehouse
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in
Education
University Honors
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Courtney Jane Peterson
(Spanish)
Cum Laude
Urbana, Ohio

Rachel Jane Ronda
East Grand Rapids, Michigan

Allison Marie Ruman
Cum Laude
Westerville, Ohio

Rebecca Lynn Watkins
Cum Laude
Springfield, Ohio

Carlie Jean Weir
Cum Laude
Tipp City, Ohio

Kayla Nicole Winn
Summa Cum Laude
Lewis Center, Ohio

English

Dr. Lori Askeland
Associate Professor of English
Department Chair

Bachelor of Arts

Brandon Biggs
Springfield, Ohio

Nichole Lee Bonifay
Springfield, Ohio

Taylor Andrew Clark
Tipp City, Ohio

Amanda Nicole Crawley
Magna Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in English
University Honors
Hilliard, Ohio

Anissa Terese Dann
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in English
University Honors
Hiram, Maine

Reed Austin Gibson
(Political Science)
Cum Laude
De Graff, Ohio

Kailey Elizabeth Mau
Cum Laude
Huron, Ohio

Stephanie Kay McGregor
Springfield, Ohio

Daniel Thomas Murray
(Sociology)
Summa Cum Laude
Columbus, Ohio

Joseph Thomas Sechrist
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in English
University Honors
Whitehouse, Ohio

Alexander Vincent Sharp
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in English
Springfield, Ohio

Jayne Elizabeth O'Zemko Stone
Summa Cum Laude
Departmental Honors in English
Kettering, Ohio

Geology

Environmental Science

Dr. John Ritter
Professor of Geology
Director, Environmental Science

Bachelor of Arts

Tyler Keith Kelley
Chillicothe, Ohio

Kayla Ashley Kinsel
Chillicothe, Ohio

Scott Douglas Sholar II
Indianapolis, Indiana

Bachelor of Science

Samuel Allen Gress
Granville, Ohio

Abigail Grace Henson
Cincinnati, Ohio

Zachary Daniel Hoyer
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dorothy Renee Kennedy
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ian S. Lupica
Kirtland, Ohio

Macenzie Rae Reed
Cincinnati, Ohio

Julia Elizabeth Ross
Fairborn, Ohio

Zachary David Smith
Springfield, Ohio

Chelsea Frances Steffes
(Bachelor of Arts - Economics)
Summa Cum Laude
Moon Township, Pennsylvania

Julia Melina Valentine
Columbus, Ohio

Kyle Everett Van Dyne
Springfield, Ohio

Geology

Bachelor of Arts

Logan Samuel Boyd
Sunbury, Ohio

John Francis Kolberg
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Bachelor of Science

Kevin Thomas Blackwell
Indianapolis, Indiana

Health, Fitness & Sport

Dr. Hung-Sheng Hsu
*Assistant Professor of Health,
Fitness & Sport*

Exercise Science

Bachelor of Arts

Matthew Joseph Brown
Cum Laude
Cleveland, Ohio

Derek Austin Leroy Cain
Bexley, Ohio

Joseph Paul Hall Casedonte
(Sport Management)
North Olmsted, Ohio

Charlee Ann Clark
Hilliard, Ohio

Haley R. Dannemiller
Cincinnati, Ohio

Madeline Lee Goelz
(Sport Management)
Worthington, Ohio

Ian Patrick Jump
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

Joshua Michael McErlean
Columbus, Ohio

Neo Alina Mosoeunyane
Cum Laude
Maseru, Lesotho

Tomas Vincent Pyle
(Sport Management)
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Margaret Ann Reuber
St. Paris, Ohio

Nicholas Peter Skordilis
Columbus, Ohio

Jordyn Marie Wright
Forest, Ohio

Chelsea Renee Zang
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Steven Dawson
*Professor of Health, Fitness &
Sport*
Department Chair

Sport Management

Bachelor of Arts

Samantha Ray Billstone
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ramon Andreas Delgado IV
Gilbert, Arizona

Garrett Joseph Dorfman
Durham, North Carolina

Jane Frances Hopkinson-Wood
Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania

Jahmal C. Hughes
Columbus, Ohio

Brenden Thomas Jurden
Newark, Ohio

Brigid Caroline Kortyna
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

Mallory Nicole Martin
Dexter, Michigan

Rebecca Lynn Ziska
Brook Park, Ohio

History

Dr. Molly Wood
Professor of History

Bachelor of Arts

Ryan P. Feldman
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Lucas Elias George
Independence, Ohio

James Levi Goble
(Bachelor of Science - Geology)
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The Wittenberg Luther Cap

The red cap worn by Martin Luther while teaching at Germany's Wittenberg University during the Reformation is still being worn by designated persons at what is now the only Wittenberg University in the world – the one in Springfield, Ohio.

The original Wittenberg University, founded in 1502 in a little town in Saxony, provided the sixteenth-century setting for Martin Luther, the man whose reforming activities ultimately led to Protestantism. Wittenberg, writes the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, was where Luther lived without a break for 35 years prior to his death: "Here he wrote most of his books, here he delivered most of his sermons, here he burned the bull of Pope Leo X that threatened excommunication, here he raised his family."

Luther's Wittenberg University, for many years one of the strongest universities in the world, thrived until 1817, when Saxony became part of Prussia, and the old university was absorbed by the University of Halle. Fewer than 30 years later, a dedicated group of German Lutherans created another Wittenberg on the frontier of a new nation. In 1842 the English Lutheran Synod of Ohio unanimously resolved: "We, now in Synod assembled, do ordain and establish a Literary-Theological Institution." In 1845, the new Wittenberg in Springfield, Ohio, received a charter from the State of Ohio empowering it to "do such acts as may be necessary to [promote] theological and scientific knowledge"

In September 1959, in honor of the original Wittenberg and the man whose ideas transformed the world, President Clarence C. Stoughton revived the wearing of the red cap worn by Martin Luther. During the sixteenth century, red caps were worn by teachers as a badge of office and as protection from the cold drafts blowing through the halls. Today, complete with ear tabs and made of red velvet, the cap is worn by the President of the University and is given as a presidential award to those receiving honorary degrees and the Medal of Honor from Wittenberg. In a memorable Commencement ceremony, June 15, 1975, the late President Emeritus Clarence Stoughton, in his last public appearance, removed his cap and presented it to President William A. Kinnison, who, in turn, gave it to his successor at Dr. Baird Tipson's inauguration on November 4, 1995.

The cap may also be worn by Wittenberg officials of vice presidential level and above, department chairs, tenured faculty, and delegates appointed by the president to represent him at academic functions such as inaugurations and dedications. Also eligible to wear the cap are Wittenberg alumni who have earned a baccalaureate degree from Wittenberg University and are either of vice presidential rank or above, department chairs, or tenured faculty at a two-, three-, or four-year fully accredited institution of higher education.

Symbols of Learning

The academic procession as seen today is a pageant made colorful by the dress and ceremony inherited from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood. To preserve the dignity and the meaning of these features, American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895 and set up a code of academic dress for the colleges and universities of the United States. In 1932 the American Council on Education presented a revised code, which largely governs the style of

academic dress used in our country today.

The Gown. The flowing gown comes from the twelfth century. Some think it was worn in olden times as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. Black gowns are acceptable for all institutions, but some universities have adopted optional colors for gowns; for example, Yale, Yale blue; Harvard, crimson; Columbia, light blue; Princeton, black with orange trim. The gown has pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves for the master's degree with

a slit for the arm; and round, open sleeves for the doctor's degree. For the bachelor's or master's degree the gown has no trimmings. For the doctor's degree it is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. Some of the colors most frequently seen and the fields they represent are: blue – philosophy; purple – law; green – medicine; yellow – science; light blue – education; red – theology; white – literature and humane letters. The official colors of the college may appear in the gown and its decorations.

The Cap. When Roman law freed the slave, the privilege of wearing a cap was won. And so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity

with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim that the mortarboard is a symbol of the Masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline.

The Hood. Heraldically the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the college by which the degree was granted.

The Cord. The colored cord worn by today's graduates represents membership in their academic discipline's honor society.

The Wittenberg Torch

During today's ceremony, the Class of 2018 will carry on the tradition of celebrating the university's motto, "Having Light We Pass It On To Others." In keeping with the image depicted on the university's official seal as shown on the Commencement program cover, Commencement marks a symbolic passing of the torch from the Class of 2018 to the Class of 2019. The event serves to symbolize the passing of light from one generation to the next, which has defined

the Wittenberg experience for 170 years and united alumni across all classes.

Designed and handcrafted by Kenny Lake, retired carpenter foreman from Wittenberg's Physical Plant, at the request of the Class of 2006, the Torch used in today's ceremony is made entirely of walnut with 28 coats of tung oil applied. The flame itself consists of an intricate arrangement of brass, bronze and copper petals, which Ed Charney, professor of art, helped to create.

The Wittenberg Municipal Coat of Arms

The municipal coat of arms of Wittenberg, City of Luther, reflects the city's historical origins and significance. The fortress rising above the blue water symbolizes the medieval walled city on the banks of the river Elbe. (The city's fortifications were removed in 1873.) The silver fish refers to the abundant fishing that was once part of the region's riches. The two shields displayed against the background of the city walls form the crest of the Elector of Saxony, whose court resided at Wittenberg. The yellow and green crest to the right, divided by a garland of heraldic lozenges, symbolic of crowns, represents the ducal house. The crest to the left with the crossed

sword represents the office of Imperial Grand Marshal of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation, an office held by the Duke of Saxony in his capacity as Elector. (An Elector was one of the princes of the Holy Roman Empire granted the privilege of participating in the election of the Emperor.)

The city's coat of arms is carried in today's procession to symbolize the establishment of formal ties between the city and Wittenberg University in 1993 and as a symbol of the heritage that the city and university share.

A Brief History of Commencement Exercises at Wittenberg

The event of Commencement is an old academic ritual but one that has undergone continuous change at Wittenberg.

Although two students completed the requirements for graduation in 1850, one headed for the California gold fields, and the other, J. F. Mitchell, elected to graduate in 1851. Mitchell's grades enabled him to be the valedictorian of his new class.

Wittenberg's first Commencement in 1851 was held not in May but in September. On Wednesday, September 10, President Samuel Sprecher delivered the baccalaureate sermon in First Lutheran Church. His subject was "The Duties of Educated Men and the Manner in Which They Should Be Performed." On Thursday the literary societies met together in the city hall to hear the first of their annual speakers, The Rev. Edwin H. Nevin, D.D., who spoke on "Faith in God – the Foundation of Individual and National Greatness." On Friday the Commencement exercises were held in the city hall, and each of the eight members of the class delivered an oration and received the A. B. degree. Music was provided by the Independent Sax-Horn Band of Dayton, Ohio, an aggregation that featured the newly invented and, to older listeners, strange-sounding sax-horn.

Respect was paid to students of high academic achievement by enlisting them to deliver the various orations of the Commencement. One could tell the achievements of the top scholars of the class by the assignment given each student in the exercises: the valedictorian, salutatorian, Latin orator, Greek orator, English orator, German orator, etc.

As years passed and the graduating classes grew larger, the student orations grew shorter. Eventually only a select few students spoke. Finally no student spoke at all, and an annual visiting speaker became a formal part of the Commencement exercises. The change was a pleasing one to students. The student literary societies had begun the practice of jointly sponsoring an outside speaker several years

earlier in order to bring outside personalities of the students' own choosing to the campus event. The advent of a Commencement speaker thus meant the institutionalizing of the students' desire for a speaker outside the school's normal circle and at the same time freed students from the chore of preparing Commencement addresses. With these changes, however, students became increasingly passive observers at an event in which they once performed the major tasks.

The faculty, graduating class and student body used to meet in the First Lutheran Church, from which they were led by a band from High Street, up Main, then to Market (now Fountain), and then to the old market house, where public Commencement exercises took place. In 1869 this procession was abandoned. Exercises were held in the city hall and later in Black's Opera House and in 1879 were moved to the college grounds. The Class of 1896 sought to add dignity and fame to itself by inaugurating the custom of appearing in caps and gowns. In 1904, at the first Commencement under Dr. Charles G. Heckert, the procession was revived, and faculty, graduates, and other participants processed to the campus hillside for Commencement.

Commencement exercises were held in the Springfield city hall from 1851 to 1868; in Black's Opera House from 1869 to 1878; and in the campus grove, south of Myers Hall and east of Recitation Hall, from 1879 to 1926. Only since 1927 have Commencements been held in Commencement Hollow. In bad weather the event is staged in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center.

Today the event is in many ways a collection of private family celebrations. It is yet a collective event of the academic community but one in an era when academic communities are more diverse and fragmented than in an earlier day. The validity of the exercises as a demonstration of student competence, moreover, has long since been superseded by less public measurements and

criteria, and the dimensions of institutional accountability are decidedly different and more complex.

The format and significance with which Commencement will be presented in the years ahead remain to be seen, yet one central factor remains constant. Under the charter of the institution, only the Board of Directors may grant the student the degree which he or she has earned. This is accomplished by issuing a certificate that “authenticates and perpetuates” the student’s achievements. The

faculty recommends, the Board of Directors confirms, and the President publicly awards the degree, representing the institution’s common action. That is the fundamental meaning of Commencement. As an event that focuses attention upon the primary mission of the institution, it will survive in the ritual of academia so long as it emphasizes that essential meaning.



We thank the members of the Class of 2018 who supported Wittenberg with a gift in honor of their graduation. The Class of 2018 designated their gift to a plaque in the memory of Alina V. Simon and a scholarship in her name. **It’s not too late to give to be part of your class gift.**

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Green

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Sweet Pea

Class Motto

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”

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Class Song

“All Night Longer”
by Sammy Adams

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