



# WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

*One Hundred Seventy-Second Commencement*

*Saturday, the Fourteenth of May,  
Two Thousand Twenty-Two*

**wittenberg**  
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)



# WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

## *One Hundred Seventy-Second Commencement*

### PROCESSIONAL

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

### INVOCATION

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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

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

Ms. Avery B. Adams, *President of the Class of 2022*

## REMARKS

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Mr. Tim McCarthy '02, *Entrepreneur*

## CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES

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**Master of Arts in Athletic Coaching**

**Master of Arts in Education**

**Master of Science in Analytics**

Presented by Dr. Michelle M. Mattson, *Provost*

## CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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**Bachelor of Arts**

**Bachelor of Music Education**

**Bachelor of Science**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Presented by Dr. Michelle M. Mattson, *Provost*

## TASSEL CEREMONY

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

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

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Mr. Stephen S. Shanor '90, *President of the*

*Wittenberg University Alumni Association*

## SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

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Ms. Courtney E. Buck,

*Alma Mater of the Class of 2022*

Mr. Emmanuel L. Thombs,

*Alma Lux of the Class of 2022*

### 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** is a traditional honor that 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

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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

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*Please remain seated until recessional ends.*

## COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

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Stefne Lenzmeier Broz,  
*Associate Professor of Communication &  
Digital Media*

Kristin K. Cline,  
*John W. Barker Professor of Chemistry*

Michael C. Daiga,  
*Assistant Professor of Education*

Ray C. Dudek,  
*Professor of Chemistry*

Alyssa M. Hoofnagle,  
*Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

Daniel R. Marous,  
*Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

Amy R. McGuffey,  
*Associate Professor of Education, Director of  
Graduate Studies in Education*

Michelle L. McWhorter,  
*Associate Professor of Biological & Environmental  
Sciences, Director of Neuroscience*

Lindsay M. Meermans,  
*Associate Professor of Business & Economics*

Richard S. Phillips,  
*Associate Professor of Biological &  
Environmental Sciences*

John R. Thistlethwaite,  
*Associate Professor of Health & Sport Studies*

Katie M. Warber,  
*Chair and Professor of Communication &  
Digital Media, Grand Marshal*

Rachel E. Wilson,  
*Chair and Associate Professor of  
Business & Economics*

Brian D. Yontz,  
*Chair and Associate Professor of Education*

## TORCH, BANNERS AND FLAG BEARERS

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The United States flag is carried by Ms. Haley N. Eckhart, *President of the Class of 2023*.

The City of Wittenberg banner is carried by Ms. Bridget M. Logan, *Secretary of the Class of 2023*.

The banner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is carried by Ms. Hannah O. Hayes, *Treasurer of the Class of 2023*.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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## Tim McCarthy '02

Tim McCarthy is an entrepreneur and social change advocate with almost 20 years of experience in the business world. McCarthy spent many years building and focusing on RCO Limited, the Ohio franchise partner of Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers. He built this up to be the largest franchise organization within the Raising Cane's system, and McCarthy and RCO Limited became known for their impressive results as well as the way they advocated for and supported their employees.

Motivated by the social impact made possible by a successful business, and desiring to make this impact on a larger scale, McCarthy and his business partners purchased Workplace Impact (then Workplace Media) in 2013. In July 2017, Cara Zale, a social capital investment company, was born. Through Cara Zale, McCarthy and his partners publicize that they are focused on "Growing Great Businesses and Developing People who Create Social Change."

McCarthy lives in Worthington, Ohio, and guest lectures regularly at both Wittenberg University and The Ohio State University, his MBA alma mater, sharing his experiences in building businesses with students at the Fisher College of Business. He has been mentioned or featured in articles in *Business First*, *Franchise Times*, *The Daily Reporter*, *The Lantern*, *Crain's*, and *The Columbus Dispatch*.

McCarthy currently serves as chair of The Business of Good Foundation based in Mentor, Ohio, and has helped to develop TheBusinessofGood.org and their practice of "Serving Those Who Serve the Very Poor." He also hopes to encourage budding entrepreneurs and social entrepreneurs to continue their development of community and national projects, as those are the sources of America's future potential success.

# 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 2021 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 2022 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 Athletic Coaching**

**Assistant Professor  
Calvin Hunter**

*Director of the Master of Arts  
in Athletic Coaching*

Garrin J. Bachinski  
Columbus, OH

Quinn Douglas  
Solon, OH

Edward Morgan Emery  
Columbus, OH

Mallory Koester  
Fairborn, OH

Colin T. Laszlo  
Springfield, OH

Jeremy Mokry  
Hilliard, OH

Hamid O. Shariff  
Hilliard, OH

## **Master Of Arts In Education**

**Associate Professor  
Amy McGuffey**

*Director of Graduate Studies  
in Education*

Kassie Coffman  
South Vienna, OH

Tiffany Marie Ketterman  
Perrysburg, OH

Katlyn L. Roberts  
Dayton, OH

Christina M. Seaburn  
Mt. Sterling, OH

## **Master Of Science In Analytics**

**Assistant Professor  
Ross Jackson**

*Director of the Master of  
Science in Analytics*

Tyler David Bartlett  
New London, OH

Zachary Thomas Guyer  
Painesville, OH

Trevor Austin Hoberty  
Springfield, OH

Tayvone R. Morton  
Dayton, OH

Travis L. Paige  
Whitehall, OH

John Siefert  
Highland Heights, OH

Gabriel Kent Stacy  
Maineville, OH

Carly Nicole Stang  
Hilliard, OH

Ridge Patrick Young  
Laurelville, OH

## **Art**

**Professor Scott Dooley**  
*Department Chair*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Cherise J. Brinkman  
Bellefontaine, OH

Sarah Kathryn Mae Eshelman  
Chagrin Falls, OH

Oliver J. Gietzen  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Wayne, MI

Elison Kay Crowley Kochensparger  
Kettering, OH

## **Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology**

**Assistant Professor  
Daniel Marous**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Christine Elizabeth Davis  
*(Biology)*  
Fairfax, VA

Lilye Marie Morrison  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Lewis Center, OH

Nehaal R. Patrick  
Middletown, OH

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Lucy K. Bates  
*Cum Laude*  
Amo, IN

Michael James Bates  
Columbus, OH

Rachel Ann Boyette  
*(Self-Designed)*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Lakewood, OH

Emma Jane Scritchfield  
*Cum Laude*  
Newark, OH

## **Biological & Environmental Sciences**

### **BIOLOGY**

**Professor Jim Welch**  
*Department Chair*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Ellen Dawne Brouhard  
*Cum Laude*  
Springfield, OH

Annalee Jane Lynn  
*(Russian/Central Eurasian Studies)*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Springfield, OH

Kaily Ashlyn Wintrow  
Fletcher, OH

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Jennifer S. Barron Estrada  
*Cum Laude*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Farmington Hills, MI

Alexa Rae Bell  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Ann Arbor, MI

Elizabeth Haiou Canright  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Chesterton, IN

Carly Anne Carafa  
Urbana, OH

Brittany Danielle Cole  
Milford Center, OH

Jessica Crowder  
Oxford, OH

Ethan Ezekiel Grant  
*(Environmental Science)*  
Harrod, OH

Nicole Elizabeth Hawkins  
Columbus, OH

Kiersten A. Heverly  
*Cum Laude*  
Pottstown, PA

MyKaela Nicole Jumper  
Urbana, OH

Meghan Alexandria Nadzam  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Richfield, OH

Madelyn Josie Paazig  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
London, OH

Saqib Rasheed, Jr.  
Springfield, OH

Benjamin Michael Rodell  
Cincinnati, OH

Mackenzie Ann Snyder  
Fort Wayne, IN

Grant Nicholas Sparks  
Portsmouth, OH

Adam Joseph Staszak  
Avon, OH

Zion Christopher Thomas  
Pittsburgh, PA

Mikayla Shay Thompson  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Oberlin, OH

Abigail Ellen Yunker  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Whitehouse, OH

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

**Professor John Ritter**  
*Director of the Environmental Science Program*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Casey David Peck  
Hudson, OH

Bradley Michael Quick  
Terrace Park, OH

Tabitha Neely Rohrer  
Springfield, OH

Cheyenne Marie Ross  
Cincinnati, OH

Sarah Lynn Schildmeyer  
*(Dance)*  
Indianapolis, IN

Madison Reese Vanscoy  
Centerville, OH

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Cooper R. Harris  
Medina, OH

Logan Elliot Allen Kelley  
Blue Springs, MO

Tiffany Nicole Lange  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
New Carlisle, OH

## **Business & Economics**

### **ACCOUNTING**

**Associate Professor**  
**Lindsay Meermans**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

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James Cleveland Bricker  
Brookpark, OH

Travis M. Ellington  
Springfield, OH

Jack Paul Moses, II  
*(Finance)*  
Maumee, OH

Abby Beth Smith  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Brookville, OH

Brock James Tatum  
*(Finance)*  
Cincinnati, OH



Lauren Marie Welker  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Luckey, OH

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Associate Professor**  
**Rachel Wilson**  
*Department Chair*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Trevor Anderson  
Clifton, OH

Robert Jacob Froehlich  
Cincinnati, OH

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*Departmental Honors*  
Ripley, OH

William Andrew Richardson  
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## **FINANCE**

**Associate Professor**  
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*Department Chair*

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Israel Anis  
Naples, FL

Beau Anthony Blase  
Springfield, OH

Brian Alexander Burdette  
*(Accounting)*  
Kingwood, TX

Dominic Damiano Catanzaro  
Springfield, OH

Eric B. Davis, III  
Plantation, FL

Mitchell Ray Davis  
*(History)*  
Batavia, OH

Beau Thomas Foster  
Powell, OH

Daniel Stephen Kukanza  
Springfield, OH

Maria Lynn Miller  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Departmental Honors*  
New Albany, OH

Noah Allen Randazzo  
Dover, OH

Hunter Scott Shelley  
New Carlisle, OH

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## **ECONOMICS**

**Associate Professor**  
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*(Political Science)*  
Columbus, OH

Paige Janelle Wright  
*(Political Science)*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
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Dayton, OH

## **FINANCIAL ECONOMICS**

**Associate Professor**  
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## **MANAGEMENT**

**Associate Professor**  
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Kameron James Caudle  
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Springboro, OH

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Springfield, OH

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**MARKETING**  
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Bellefontaine, OH

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Clayton, OH

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Urbana, OH

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Cincinnati, OH

Sidney Nicole Reeder  
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Taylor, MI

Abigail C. Roy  
Columbus, OH

Regan Renee Rubel  
Dublin, OH

Otis Gerald Smith, III  
Columbus, OH

Christopher Patrick Stock  
Maineville, OH

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**Chemistry**  
**Professor Ray Dudek**

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*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

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Paul Henri Schmelzer  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
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**Communication  
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**Assistant Professor**  
**Kelly Dillon**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Melinda Lejean Baker  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Grove City, OH

Augustus James Esterline  
Indianapolis, IN

Elijah Jeffrey Esterline  
Indianapolis, IN

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*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Canton, OH

Katherine Maureen Kinser  
Mason, OH

Travis Austin Mentzer  
Marengo, OH

Max Conrad Nordquist  
Worthington, OH

Julio Cesar Alessandro Novarini  
West Palm Beach, FL

Weston Charles Sharpsteen  
*Cum Laude*  
Crestwood, KY

Rodney Allen Van Cleaf  
Columbus, OH

Nicholas Vincent Walters  
Troy, MI

Logan J. Wiggenhorn  
North Ridgeville, OH

Abigale Mary Wyer  
Urbana, OH

## **East Asian Studies**

**Associate Professor**  
**Nona Moskowitz**  
*Director of East Asian Studies*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

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*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
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## **Education**

**Associate Professor**  
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*Department Chair*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Caitlyn Starr Ashley  
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Tatum R. Bruno  
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*Cum Laude*  
Carmel, IN

Caroline Adair Coleman  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Oviedo, FL

Mia Grace Cornett  
Xenia, OH

Cayla Nicole Couch  
Grove City, OH

Makayla V. Craft  
Reynoldsburg, OH

Skylar Mae Doroda  
Urbana, OH

Abigail Noël Dunasky  
Columbus, OH

Ryan Patrick Dunn  
Springfield, OH

Sophia R. Easton  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ellicott City, MD

Carrie Susan Foley  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Springfield, OH

Mary Lynn Habodasz  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Urbana, OH

Erika Jordan Henry  
Springfield, OH

Amanda Rachel Huetson  
Dayton, OH

Lauren Ashley Hurt  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Powell, OH

Makenna Ruth Kincer  
Westerville, OH

Paige Nicole Kucinic  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Hilliard, OH

Adam Brock McCardle  
Galloway, OH

Rebecca L. McMahon  
*Cum Laude*  
Beltsville, MD

Zachary Allen Miller  
Delaware, OH

Allison Marie Moore  
Delaware, OH

Garrett Keith Ogan  
*Cum Laude*  
Raymond, OH

Cassidy Rose Osborne  
Morrow, OH

Kelli C. Quinn  
*Cum Laude*  
Lebanon, OH

Olivia L. Roll  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Urbana, OH

Emma Grace Schewe  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mason, OH

Sydney C. Shannon  
Columbus, OH

Gregory Jerome Shehee  
Westerville, OH

Calista Maxine Spring  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Napoleon, OH

Breanna Aubree Titus  
Urbana, OH

Hailey D. Webb  
Fairborn, OH

## **EDUCATIONAL STUDIES**

**Assistant Professor**  
**Hillary Libnoch**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Ellen Esther Dallaire  
Forestdale, MA

Mason William Davis  
Delaware, OH

Conner Adam Friend  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ontario, OH

Samantha Charity Howard  
Sylvania, OH

## **English**

**Professor Robin Inboden**  
*Department Chair*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Taylor F. Benford  
South Euclid, OH

Courtney Erin Buck  
*(Communication)*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Delaware, OH

Elise Nicole Freeland  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Marysville, OH

Mykaela Alexis Freeman  
Covington, KY

Connor Erin Greene  
South Charleston, OH

Erika M. Jackson  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Ann Arbor, MI

Sadie A. Kurtzman  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Crestline, OH

Lance Thomas Lambert  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
London, OH

Natalie K. McLean  
Enon, OH

Claire F. Metzger  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Miamisburg, OH

Faith Lucille Scully  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Mason, OH

Mary Elizabeth Steiner  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Bluffton, OH

Dillon Robert Thurber  
Mansfield, OH

Madeline J. Whitmore  
Springfield, OH

## **Health & Sport Studies**

**EXERCISE SCIENCE**  
**Associate Professor**  
**John Thistlethwaite**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Caroline Anne Arndt  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Connersville, IN

Paige Marie Bemerer  
Harrison, OH

Kenneth Delbert Bowling  
Cincinnati, OH

Maxwell Hayden Burke  
Perrysburg, OH

Colton Elias Cheeseman  
*Cum Laude*  
Amanda, OH

Brooke N. Dill  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors*  
*Departmental Honors*  
Ft. Thomas, KY

Andrew David Ellis  
Maineville, OH

Jacquelyn Michelle Hayes  
*Cum Laude*  
Graysville, OH

Emma Nicole Hellmann  
Cincinnati, OH

Sofia Elizabeth Hess  
Hudson, OH

Kristie Robyn Kalis  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Wilmette, IL

Eugene Joseph Lee  
Mukilteo, WA

Noah Lang Mackin  
Louisville, KY

Jeremaih Kwabina Mensah  
Lehigh Acres, FL

Kaci Lea Morin  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Lancaster, OH

Joshua Joseph Palmentera  
*Cum Laude*  
Bluffton, OH

Deven P. Ramsey  
Indianapolis, IN

Hannah Cathleen Schartz  
Springfield, OH

Jacob Thomas Shultz  
Columbus, OH

Cole C. Weaver  
Springfield, OH

## **SPORT MANAGEMENT**

### **Associate Professor**

**Jennifer Parsons**  
*Department Chair of Health  
& Sport Studies*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Rashaad M. Ali-Shakir  
Wyoming, OH

McKenna Baker  
Avon, IN

Jason William Bowen  
*(Management)*  
Powell, OH

Russell David Burke  
*Cum Laude*  
Johnstown, OH

Tyler Scott Defilbaugh  
*(Marketing)*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Dayton, OH

Morgan Elizabeth Ely  
*(Marketing)*  
Sidney, OH

Harrison William Gough  
*(Management)*  
Lima, OH

James Nathaniel Johnson  
Cincinnati, OH

Logan Thomas Lange  
Cincinnati, OH

Landon Dawane Martin  
Columbus, OH

Emma Menjivar  
*(Marketing)*  
*Cum Laude*  
Moreno Valley, CA

Jordan D. Nash  
New Albany, OH

Andrew Michael Reese  
*(Management)*  
Dublin, OH

Caleb P. Severance  
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Arena Jo Garland  
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Dayton, OH

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Findlay, OH

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*Cum Laude*  
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Ariana Marie Garvin Glaser  
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Greenville, OH

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*Cum Laude*  
Manistique, MI

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Galena, OH

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Cleveland, OH

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Cleveland, OH

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Oakwood, OH

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Troy, OH

August D. Tiemeyer  
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La Grange Park, IL

Michayla Dawn Toppins  
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**& Cultures**  
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Medina, OH

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Springfield, OH

# HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

## *Class of 2022*

### **Presidential Scholar**

Named for each of Wittenberg's 14 former presidents, the Presidential Scholars are the members of the junior class who have maintained the highest academic standing in their class through the preceding five semesters at Wittenberg.

Clara W. Andersen  
Melinda L. Baker  
Rachel A. Boyette  
Caroline A. Coleman  
Casey J. Conrad  
Claire E. DeWeese  
Peyton N. Ernst  
Katherine L. Hiestand  
Nicholas N. Jenks  
Rachel A. Kaiser  
Dorothy P. Morgan  
Kaci L. Morin  
Lauren M. Welker  
Paige J. Wright

### **University Honors**

University Honors is awarded to graduating students that maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5, complete at least two honors courses, and complete and successfully defend an honors thesis in their major area of study.

Alexa R. Bell  
Ashley A. Brooks  
Rachel A. Boyette  
Elizabeth H. Canright  
Claire E. DeWeese  
Brooke N. Dill  
Peyton N. Ernst  
Danielle B. (Gilbert) Crislip

Katherine L. Hiestand  
Erika M. Jackson  
Sadie A. Kurtzman  
Tiffany N. Lange  
Shanté T. Leslie  
Peter S. Mallory  
Maria L. Miller  
Dorothy P. Morgan  
Clare N. Neltner  
Kamri-Beth P. Offutt  
Austin T. O'Quinn  
Madelyn Josie Paazig  
Hannah G. Shafer  
Tracey Tackett  
Paige J. Wright

### **Phi Beta Kappa**

Phi Beta Kappa is an international honor society for the liberal arts and sciences founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Seniors – and in special cases, juniors – who are majoring in one of the liberal arts or sciences, have a high GPA, excel in courses across the liberal arts, and have demonstrated a knowledge of mathematics and foreign language are eligible.

Rachel A. Boyette  
Casey J. Conrad  
Zachary B. Howe  
Lilye M. Morrison  
Paige J. Wright

### **Alpha Alpha Alpha**

Alpha Alpha Alpha is a national honor society that recognizes scholarship and achievement of first-generation college students. The society recognizes students who have earned at least 36 credit hours, achieved an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher, and neither parents nor guardians have completed a bachelor's degree.

Ashton R. Arnett  
Jennifer S. Barron Estrada  
Morgan E. Ely  
Nicole E. Hawkins  
Lauren A. Hurt  
Jordan L. Kostura  
Amanda A. Lam  
Kaci L. Morin  
Saqib Rasheed  
Hannah C. Schartz  
Tracey Tackett  
Christine E. Tomlin  
Hailey D. Webb

### **Alpha Kappa Delta**

Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and other social and intellectual activities that will lead to improvement in the human condition. Academically accomplished sociology majors and minors are eligible.

Avery B. Adams  
Abbey M. Roberts  
Hannah G. Shafer  
Annmeri J. Turner



## Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and to encourage scholarship among first-year college women. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Avery B. Adams  
Clara W. Andersen  
Ashton R. Arnett  
Sydney L. Artis  
Jillian C. Baker  
Jennifer S. Barron Estrada  
Alexa R. Bell  
Taylor F. Benford  
Anya B. Bennett  
Eleanor M. Boru  
Rachel A. Boyette  
Ashley A. Brooks  
Ellen D. Brouhard  
Courtney E. Buck  
Elizabeth H. Canright  
Caroline A. Coleman  
Claire E. DeWeese  
Brooke N. Dill  
Ryley E. Dunphy  
Sarah K. Eshelman  
Elise N. Freeland  
Katherine L. Hiestand  
Antavia C. Horne  
Monica A. Hosler  
Erika M. Jackson  
Rachel A. Kaiser  
Lily S. Kerr-Jung  
Katherine M. Kinser  
Jordan L. Kostura  
Amanda A. Lam  
Shante T. Leslie  
Annalee J. Lynn  
Emma C. Menjivar

Maria L. Miller  
Kaci L. Morin  
Lilye M. Morrison  
Clare N. Neltner  
Allison M. Ormsby  
Madelyn J. Paazig  
Elizabeth J. Pickering  
Hannah M. Ramsbottom  
Emma G. Schewe  
Calista M. Spring  
Mary E. Steiner  
Jamie L. Unternaehner  
Lauren M. Welker  
Emily M. Wile  
Brianna N. Willhite  
Paige J. Wright

## Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed service fraternity founded at Lafayette College in 1925. Members of Alpha Phi Omega embody the principles of leadership, friendship, and service and are campus and community leaders.

Anya B. Bennett  
Finley R. Means  
Dorothy P. Morgan  
Weston C. Sharpsteen

## Alpha Sigma Lambda

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society for adult students. The society recognizes superior academic achievement by mature adults who typically pursue their studies while meeting major responsibilities of work and family.

Carrie S. Foley

Arena J. Garland  
Megan S. Short  
Robert Vanover-Hunt

## Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta) is a society for students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. A student must have completed a minimum of three courses in biology, have an overall GPA in biology of 3.3 or higher, an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, and be involved with biologically oriented activities.

Jennifer S. Barron Estrada  
Alexa R. Bell  
Elizabeth H. Canright  
Carly A. Carafa  
Lilye M. Morrison  
Madelyn J. Paazig  
Benjamin M. Rodell

## Chi Alpha Sigma

Chi Alpha Sigma is a national college athletic honor society founded in 1996. Members must be of junior or senior class standing, have a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA, be of good moral character, and have earned a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport.

Clara W. Andersen  
Sydney L. Artis  
Tanner P. Boros  
Ashley A. Brooks  
Russell D. Burke

Elizabeth H. Canright  
 Caroline A. Coleman  
 Brooke N. Dill  
 Morgan E. Ely  
 Elise N. Freeland  
 Conner J. Hahn  
 Nicole E. Hawkins  
 Emma N. Hellmann  
 Kiersten A. Heverly  
 Katherine L. Hiestand  
 Antavia C. Horne  
 Zachary B. Howe  
 Kristie R. Kalis  
 Braeden A. Meier  
 Emma C. Menjivar  
 Maria L. Miller  
 Lilye M. Morrison  
 Clare N. Neltner  
 Allison M. Ormsby  
 Michael K. Osmond  
 Anthony N. Petruzzi  
 Benjamin M. Rodell  
 Cullen A. Sainey  
 Abigail E. Sammons  
 Jacob E. Saus  
 Emma G. Schewe  
 Paul H. Schmelzer  
 Emma J. Scritchfield  
 Hunter S. Shelley  
 Sophia M. Spriggs  
 Joanna L. Stecz  
 Lauren M. Welker  
 Emily M. Wile  
 Ryan P. Zimmerman

## Epsilon Alpha Sigma

Epsilon Alpha Sigma, the first East Asian Studies honor society in the United States, was founded at Wittenberg in 1981. Membership is open to academically superior students of East Asian Studies.

Saqib Rasheed

## Ivy Ring

Ivy Ring is a junior women's service honorary. Members are chosen on the basis of their contributions to the Wittenberg campus and to the community through the quality of their academic work and their participation in extracurricular activities.

Caroline A. Arndt  
 Ashley A. Brooks  
 Elizabeth H. Canright  
 Rachel A. Kaiser  
 Shanté T. Leslie  
 Dorothy P. Morgan  
 Mary E. Steiner  
 Lauren M. Welker

## Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is an honored community of diverse educators who have achieved and continue to promote and advance excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Ellen D. Brouhard  
 Emma J. Capuano  
 Sophia R. Easton  
 Carrie S. Foley  
 Mary L. Habodasz  
 Lauren A. Hurt  
 Paige N. Kucinic  
 Rebecca L. McMahon  
 Zachary A. Miller  
 Michael K. Osmond  
 Kelli C. Quinn  
 Emma G. Schewe  
 Calista M. Spring  
 Mary E. Steiner

## Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the national communication honor society. Majors who maintain outstanding grade point averages while making significant progress toward their degree are invited to join.

Melinda L. Baker  
 Madison C. Moler  
 Sarah K. Oliver  
 Kayla Spitzmiller  
 Logan J. Wiggernhorn

## Mortar Board

Mortar Board is a national senior honorary recognizing scholarship, leadership, and service. Candidates must have a 3.3 GPA and excel in both curricular and co-curricular leadership and service to the Wittenberg community.

Ashley A. Brooks  
 Elizabeth H. Canright  
 Caroline A. Coleman  
 Casey J. Conrad  
 Evan D. Fetter  
 Katherine L. Hiestand  
 Shanté T. Leslie  
 Rebecca L. McMahon  
 Dorothy P. Morgan  
 Joshua J. Palmentera  
 Calista M. Spring  
 Mary E. Steiner

## Omicron Delta Epsilon

Omicron Delta Epsilon is an international economics honor society. Admission is based on the student's overall GPA and their GPA within economics.

Lauren M. Welker

## Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national senior leadership honor society recognizing leadership in scholarship, athletics, university publications, cultural life, and student affairs.

Evan D. Fetter  
Dorothy P. Morgan

## Phi Eta Sigma

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and encourage scholarship among first-year college men. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative GPA for fall semester of the first year.

Austin J. Brennaman  
Russell D. Burke  
Casey J. Conrad  
Evan D. Fetter  
Oliver J. Gietzen  
Nicholas N. Jenks  
Alex T. Jordan  
Nicholas G. Kleiner  
Peter S. Mallory  
Zachary A. Miller  
Samuel J. Monachino  
Michael K. Osmond  
Anthony N. Petruzzi  
Benjamin M. Rodell  
Paul H. Schmelzer  
Andrew D. Shaffer  
Weston C. Sharpsteen  
Roth M. Susemichel  
Dillon R. Thurber  
Nicholas V. Walters

## Pi Mu Epsilon

Pi Mu Epsilon, founded in 1914, is the nation's most prestigious mathematics honor society. Majors who have taken a sufficient number of

classes toward the fulfillment of their degree, achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in mathematics courses, and a 3.0 GPA overall are invited to join.

Clara W. Andersen  
Ashton R. Arnett  
Austin T. O'Quinn  
Matthew M. Schaeffer

## Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha is the only honor society for college and university students of government in the United States. Juniors and seniors who have completed requisite political science courses with excellence and whose overall grade point average is above 3.3 are eligible for membership.

Avery B. Adams  
Anya B. Bennett  
Evan D. Fetter  
Nicholas N. Jenks  
Paige J. Wright

## Pick & Pen

Pick and Pen is a junior honorary emphasizing leadership, service, and scholarship.

Caroline A. Arndt  
Jillian C. Baker  
Alexa R. Bell  
Ashley A. Brooks  
Elizabeth H. Canright  
Casey J. Conrad  
Sarah K. Eshelman  
Evan D. Fetter  
Alex T. Jordan  
Rachel A. Kaiser  
Nicholas G. Kleiner  
Shanté T. Leslie  
Lauren M. Welker

## Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Wittenberg's Psi Chi members have a psychology grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Alexa R. Bell  
Ashley A. Brooks  
Casey J. Conrad  
Monica A. Hosler  
Madison M. Lakosky  
Lilye M. Morrison  
Clare N. Neltner  
Madelyn J. Paazig  
Annmeri J. Turner

## Sigma Delta Pi

Sigma Delta Pi is the Spanish national honor society. Students who have completed 18 Spanish credit hours, earned a GPA of 3.0 in Spanish classes, and maintain a 3.2 GPA overall are eligible.

Jackson H. Brown  
Anthony N. Petruzzi

## Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society founded in 1924. Membership is available to any declared English major who meets the society's academic standards of a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Courtney E. Buck

## Tau Pi Phi

Founded in 1931 on Wittenberg's campus, Tau Pi Phi is a business and economics honor society for students of high academic achievement. Students who meet certain academic criteria are initiated into the honors society.

Lauren M. Welker

# 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 2022 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 2022 to the Class of 2023. The event serves to symbolize the passing of light from one generation to the next, which has defined the Wittenberg experience for 172 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.



In support and celebration of the Having Light comprehensive campaign, the Senior Class of 2022 has chosen to support our beloved Wittenberg by making our Senior Class gifts to support **The People**. Our class gifts will impact current and future Wittenberg students as soon as Fall 2022!

Leave your legacy and make your Class Gift to support current and future Tigers here: [www.wittenberg.edu/administration/giving/senior-class-giving](http://www.wittenberg.edu/administration/giving/senior-class-giving)

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## Class Flower

Violet

## Class Song

“UCLA”

## Class Motto

“One step at a time, but always forward”

## Class Color

Yellow

## MISSION STATEMENT

Wittenberg University provides a liberal arts education dedicated to intellectual inquiry and wholeness of person within a diverse residential community. Reflecting its Lutheran heritage, Wittenberg challenges students to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.

