

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring
Commencement*

DECEMBER 14, 2024

JAMES A. RHODES ARENA



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FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 14 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D., *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

PRELUDE MUSIC *(All preludes begin 30 minutes before the ceremony.)*

Sonata No. 12 Johann Pezel
Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello
Sussex Mummers' Carol Percy Grainger
Alleluia G.F. Handel
The University of Akron Brass Choir
Christopher Blaha, *Conductor*

FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL *(The audience will remain seated.)*

Procession of the Scholars William Harbinson
The University of Akron Brass Choir

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)*

Led by James P. Hassan
Student, School of Music
performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION ... Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95

President, The University of Akron

GREETINGS Member

Board of Trustees

STUDENT ADDRESS December 14, Morning

Oscar B. Laakso

December 14, Afternoon

Kiara J. Bowens

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95

President, The University of Akron

In the December 14 morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business.

In the December 14 afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science and the College of Health and Human Sciences.

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	The presentation of candidates for doctoral degrees The presentation of candidates for master's degrees The presentation of candidates for baccalaureate degrees The presentation of candidates for associate degrees
WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2024	William Kollman '08, '10 <i>Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations</i> <i>Executive Director, The Alumni Association</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95 <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
THE ALMA MATER	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 26.)</i> Led by James P. Hassan <i>Student, School of Music</i> performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir
RECESSIONAL	<i>The Akron Blue and Gold</i> Fred Waring <i>Pomp & Circumstances March No. 1</i> Edward Elgar <i>Pomp & Circumstances March No. 4</i> Edward Elgar performed by The University of Akron Brass Choir

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

The ceremonial customs of commencement, rooted in centuries-old tradition, are described below.

Processional

The academic processional is an official prelude to the commencement ceremony. University marshals lead the procession, followed by the assembled degree candidates, marching in order of degree earned. Following the candidates are the members of each represented college's faculty. Next come the platform party, including Trustees, administrative officers, and recipient(s) of honorary degrees. Finally, the University Marshal, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and the state, is immediately followed by the president of the University.

Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement are of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople. When the universities first arose in the 11th century, "learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps and hoods, thus signifying the distinction between "town" and "gown." As additional universities came into being, professors adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today's commencement attire. In Europe, a professor generally wears the type of garment customary in the university where he or she is lecturing. In the United States, professors wear the gown and hood of the university where they earned their highest degree. All commencement ceremony participants at The University of Akron are attired in the appropriate academic apparel. University marshals are distinguished by their blue and gold robes and Elizabethan caps.

Caps and Tassels

The cap, also called the mortarboard, may have been derived from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the scholar's time. In the United States, the cap is usually flat and square in shape. In Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel.

Gowns

Originally, the gown may simply have been a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in unheated buildings. The cut or style appears to derive from ecclesiastical attire and most often is black. The associates and bachelor's gowns generally have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's gown more often has long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

Hoods

A triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, the hood is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted.

Colors

The various colleges and academic disciplines of The University of Akron are represented by the following hood and tassel colors:

Apricot	Nursing
Drab	Business
Gold	Doctoral
Light Blue	Education and Counseling
Orange	Engineering and Polymer Science
Peacock	Disaster Science and Emergency Services
Pink	Music
Purple	Law
Silver	Arts and Sciences Associate's
Teal	Health and Human Sciences
White	Arts and Sciences Bachelor's
Yellow	Social Work and Child and Family Development

The University Seal

A seal is an emblem, symbol or word that certifies or authenticates a document. The use of official seals dates back to the Norman Conquest in 1066. During the next century, seals were used throughout England to authenticate documents. Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped with heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

The use of seals became part of academic tradition in the medieval university and continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

The coat of arms shown on the University's seal includes an open book and quill, representative of the University's original liberal arts curriculum. A lamp of learning shown against a city skyline depicts the University's metropolitan setting. Three diagonal bars represent the private, municipal and state stages of the University's history. The phoenix, a mythical bird that is consumed by fire and rises from its ashes to achieve greater glory, is a tribute to the University's rebirth following the devastating fire of 1899. The seal also displays the original Buchtel College motto, *Fiat Lux* (let there be light).



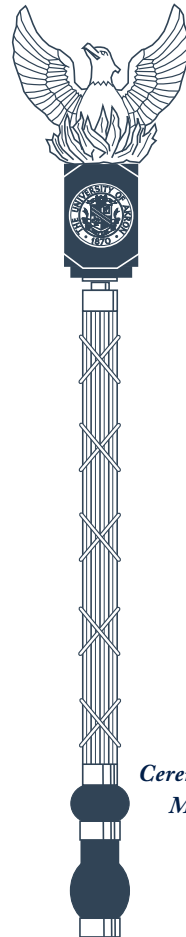
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

The Ceremonial Mace was presented to The University of Akron by the Alumni Association on Founders Day 1970, in recognition of the University's founding 100 years earlier as Buchtel College.

Since ancient times, maces have been symbols of authority for many academic and governmental bodies. The University of Akron's Ceremonial Mace is carried by the University marshal at all formal academic occasions.

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the aforementioned rising phoenix, an apt symbol for the University, which was rebuilt, through the generous support of alumni and the community, from the ashes of Buchtel College after it burned down in 1899.



Ceremonial Mace

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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David T. Reese '03

**Honorary Degree*

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*Assistant Secretary of the Board
Associate Vice President and
Deputy General Counsel*

UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

Officers

Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, J.D. '90, '95
President

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Dean of the Graduate School*

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Vice President and General Counsel

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*Vice President for Inclusion and
Equity and Chief Diversity Officer*

Deans

Mitchell S. McKinney, PH.D.
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Craig C. Menzemer, PH.D.
*College of Engineering
and Polymer Science*

James B. Thomson, PH.D.
College of Business (Interim)

Daniel L. Friesner, PH.D.
College of Health and Human Sciences

Emily Janoski-Haehlen, J.D.
School of Law

Aimée L. deChambeau, PH.D.
University Libraries

Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, PH.D.
'95, '97, '18
*The Drs. Gary B. and
Pamela S. Williams Honors College*

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

December 16,
Morning

Marshal

Randall Mitchell, PH.D.
*Professor of Biology
Department of Biology*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

December 16,
Afternoon

Marshal

Stephen Paterson
*Senior Engineering Research Technician
Department of Biomedical Engineering*

Associate Marshal

Steven Jacobson
Office of the University Registrar

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Erica Layton and Angie Rice.

December 14,
Morning

Brian Adams, PH.D.
Henry Astley, PH.D.
Eric Brisker, PH.D.
William Donovan, PH.D.
Mark Fridline, PH.D. '96
Alexa Fox, PH.D. '09, '10
Latoria Hamilton, MBA
Liping Liu, PH.D.
Tracy McCutcheon, M.A.
Ranjani Varaghur, MBA
McKenna Vietmier, M.A.
Li Wang, PH.D. '96
Gregory Wilson, PH.D.
Stephanie Yuhas, J.D. '99, '05

December 14,
Afternoon

Stephanie Davis-Dieringer, M.S.
'01, '02
Zarreen Farooqi, PH.D. '20
Roya Gitiafroz, PH.D.
Lori Kidd, PH.D. '84
Scott Lillard, PH.D.
Tim McCarragher, PH.D.
Tim Meyers, PH.D.
Anil Patnaik, PH.D.
Linda Saliga, PH.D.
Linda Shanks, PH.D., DNP
Stacy Willett, ED.D. '00, '01, '10
Jie Zheng, PH.D.

Graduation With Distinction

To graduate with distinction, students must have maintained specified levels of academic achievement directly related to quality points earned for all undergraduate courses taken. The maximum quality point ratio possible is 4.00.

To qualify for these honors distinctions, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree, having earned a minimum of 60 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree or baccalaureate degree, having completed a minimum of 30 credits at The University of Akron.

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

Baccalaureate Honors Designation

60 or more credits earned

Summa Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

Magna Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Associate or Baccalaureate Honors Designation

30 or more credits earned

With Highest Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

With High Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

With Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Williams Honors Scholars

Williams Honors Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors and of the Williams Honors College with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.40. The Williams Honors College encourages and assists exceptionally talented students to achieve high distinction in academic work from freshman through senior levels and fosters respect and appreciation for superior intellectual achievement. Williams Honors Scholars have completed honors courses, an honors colloquium sequence and individually designed senior honors projects.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 14, 2024
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Joshua Davis

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Electrochemical Monitoring of Corrosive Microbiological Activities Using Split-Cell Zero Resistance Ammetry"

Advisor: Dr. John Senko

Charles Edwards

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., Ashland University

Dissertation: "Head Kinematics and Penetration through Damp Granular Media by a Robotic Squamate Analogue"

Advisor: Dr. Henry Astley

Yasmine Elshoweikh

Chemistry

M.A., The University of Akron;

M.A., B.S., Cairo University

Dissertation: "Biochemical and Biophysical Investigations of c-KIT Cell Signaling in Mast Cells and the Effects of a HER₂ Oncogenic"

Advisor: Dr. Yilin Liu

Aaron Kraus

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron;

B.A., Western New England College

Dissertation: "Improving a Feedback Environment: An Evaluation of a Technology Department's Climate Change Intervention"

Advisor: Dr. Paul Levy

Michael Megery

History

M.A., B.A., Kent State University

Dissertation: "The Geography of Progress: Elite Conceptions of Progress and Modernity in Cleveland, 1896-1938"

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Kern

Melissa Mulford

Integrated Bioscience

B.S., Indiana University

Dissertation: "Microbial and Geochemical Processes in the Genesis of Iron Formation Caves"

Advisor: Dr. John Senko

Matthew Nowak

History

M.A., B.A., John Carroll University

Dissertation: "War with None But Hell and Rome: Puritan Anti-Catholicism in Early New England"

Advisor: Dr. Gina Martino

Gina Thobes

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

M.A., The University of Akron;

B.A., University of California Santa Cruz

Dissertation: "Maximizing the Effectiveness of Negative Feedback Through Mindfulness"

Advisor: Dr. James Diefendorff

Baosen Zhang

Chemistry

M.A., The University of Akron;

B.S., Qingdao University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Utilizing Electrochemical Methods to Investigate Redox Flow Batteries, Understand Electron Transfer and Integrate Machine Learning"

Advisor: Dr. Aliaksei Boika

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS

Brandon Meeker

Nolan O'Brien

MASTER OF ARTS

Sianne Alexis

Counseling Psychology

Nick Bossard

Strategic Communication Online

Stephanie Godsey

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Kiersten Heckert

English

Emily Hill

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Oliver Huffman

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Daniel Hynes

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Caitlynn Jackman

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Hannah Kemp-Severence

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Kelsey Loeper

Communication

Alexis Lopez

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Sarah Meade

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Fatima Magana Meza

Strategic Communication

Melanie Mohler

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Sydney Morris

English

Linh Nguyen

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Blessing Opara

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Russell Pier

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Dillon Piorkowski

Applied History and

Public Humanities

Mariel Reynolds

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Amira Rice

Strategic Communication

Malia Rivera

Theatre Arts – Arts Administration

Benjamin Schroeck

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Rachael Stahl

Industrial / Organizational

Psychology

Julie Thompson

English

Rose Vance-Grom

Applied History and

Public Humanities

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Islam Ayad

Curriculum & Instruction

Anthony Elkins

Educational Administration

& Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Alexis Currie

Intelligence and

National Security Studies

Mai Lor

Intelligence and

National Security Studies

Tanisha Perera

Intelligence and

National Security Studies

Jessica Rinke

Intelligence and

National Security Studies

Charles Sanders III

Intelligence and

National Security Studies

MASTER OF MUSIC

Jennifer James

Piano Performance

Quanjie Shi

Music – Woodwinds Performance

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Nneka Damola Ajayi

Chemistry

Jaret Brown

Chemistry

Gabriela Lucia Campos Davila

Chemistry

Katrina Dunn

Statistics

Rebekah Harden

Biology

Terry Heard

Biology

Wyatt Martin

Statistics

Luciana Rivera Molina

Chemistry

Nebeyu Tedla

Statistics

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Averie Elsass

*AYA – Life (Biology) and
Earth Science*

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES (CONT.)

College of Business

Founded 1953

Interim Dean James B. Thomson

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Renee Alfred

Business Interdisciplinary

Marcelo Aller

Business Interdisciplinary

Abdulrahman Awad

Business Interdisciplinary

Adam Awad

Business Interdisciplinary

Cevat Bagcioglu

Business Interdisciplinary

Bryan Bixler

Business Interdisciplinary

Haley Bonnot

Business Interdisciplinary

Danielle Brignac

Business Interdisciplinary

Madison Chapman

Business Interdisciplinary

Jonathan Dendinger

Business Interdisciplinary

Tarak Desai

Business Interdisciplinary

Tamara Dunaye

Business Interdisciplinary

Kenneth Easterling

Business Interdisciplinary

Nardana Esmaili

Business Interdisciplinary

Adam Fadell

Business Interdisciplinary

Lisa Fiedler

Business Interdisciplinary

Brandon Flack

Business Interdisciplinary

Cassandra Galloway

Business Interdisciplinary

Daniela Goncalves

Business Interdisciplinary

Tracy Gonzalez

Business Interdisciplinary

Nelson Gray

Business Interdisciplinary

Andrew Harju

Business Interdisciplinary

Clay Allen Harvey

Business Interdisciplinary

Latoya Higginbottom

Business Interdisciplinary

Brett Howell

Business Interdisciplinary

Marchelle Hunt

Business Interdisciplinary

Hala Jaber

Business Interdisciplinary

Mitchell Kelly

Business Interdisciplinary

Lynsey Kovach

Business Interdisciplinary

Nicole Veronica Kowalski

Business Interdisciplinary

Andrew Leonard

Business Interdisciplinary

Todd Lewis

Business Interdisciplinary

Victoria McLaughlin

Business Interdisciplinary

Meghan Merry

Business Interdisciplinary

Robert Metz

Business Interdisciplinary

Nicholas Miller

Business Interdisciplinary

Patrick William Moldovan

Business Interdisciplinary

Thomas Moore

Business Interdisciplinary

Joshua Morehart

Business Analytics

Diana Morus

Business Interdisciplinary

Celine Nader

Business Interdisciplinary

Russel Nichols

Business Interdisciplinary

Stanley Mahoney Owusu

Business Interdisciplinary

Maggie Pavlich

Business Interdisciplinary

Walid Qaqish

Business Interdisciplinary

Ling Qian

Business Interdisciplinary

Rachel Sangret

Business Interdisciplinary

Jordan Shaffer

Business Interdisciplinary

John Stanoch

Business Interdisciplinary

Kimberly Stima

Business Interdisciplinary

Dale Sullivan

Business Interdisciplinary

Abdelmagid Taha

Business Interdisciplinary

Pedro Viola

Business Interdisciplinary

Jordan Walker

Business Interdisciplinary

Hunter Walls-Wood

Business Interdisciplinary

Renee Lynn Wassil

Business Interdisciplinary

Katie Willis

Business Interdisciplinary

Patrick Wyszynski

Business Interdisciplinary

Roberto Ydrach

Business Interdisciplinary

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Thanmai Konkimalla

Isaiah Nichols

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Michael Asiamah

Business Analytics – Information Systems

David-Praise Ebiringa

Business Analytics – Information Systems

Jawad Hoorani

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Siham Jama

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Ishmeet Kaur

Business Analytics – Information Systems

Vijay Muthireddy

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Prathiksha Madishetty Naidu

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Madhumika Prerepa

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

Basit Sanusi

Business Analytics – Supply Chain

MASTER OF TAXATION

Alfred Agbenyo

Madison Deyling

Jason Liu

Sydney Shaheen

Vincent Worner

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Dean Mitchell S. McKinney

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alyssa Alexsonshk
Summa Cum Laude

Skyler Army
Magna Cum Laude

Teresa Bario
Summa Cum Laude

Steve Bezak
Magna Cum Laude

Meredith Bobrovsky

Bridget Bremenour
Cum Laude

Kiya Bridenthal

Ryan Brown
Summa Cum Laude

Jada Buckley

Isaiah Cameron

Mya Cardwell

Abigail Clark
Cum Laude

Michael Cole

Victoria Cole
Magna Cum Laude

Miranda Croskey
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Cyr

Jordan Davis

Reid Davis

Xavier Dirker
Magna Cum Laude

Hope Emilio

Graham Evans

Emerson Fant

Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Anna Fields

Cum Laude

Matthew Fink
With Highest Distinction

Amber Fletcher

Courtney Fowler

Harrison Graham

Alessandra Hamrick

Ashton Hawkins

Claire Headland
Summa Cum Laude

Lauren Higgins

Olivia Hunter
Magna Cum Laude

David Ingold
Cum Laude

Joanna Jabczynska

Casey Jacobs

Isabella Jividen

Cum Laude

Corey Jones

Magna Cum Laude

Liliya Kachaluba

Summa Cum Laude

Eilise Keister

Cum Laude

Cheyenne Kitchel

Jack Kopczak

Brady Kovacevich

Oscar Laakso*
Summa Cum Laude

Dalton Lammers

Cassidy Leblang

Anisha Lingden

Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Phillip Martin*
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Nayeli Martinez

Sydney Meighen

Lyanna Mundo

Korn Kanikh Norn
Cum Laude

Eseosa Obas

Dylan Peacock
Magna Cum Laude

Kareena Phagoo
Magna Cum Laude

Chelsea Phares
Summa Cum Laude

Ayanna Ray

Jesse Russell

Libby Saccoccia
Magna Cum Laude

Angel Sible

Cum Laude

Christopher Stein

Sierra Stein
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

Emma Strobel
Magna Cum Laude

Joanna Swartzentruber

Oliver Thompson
Summa Cum Laude

Landyn Tipton
Magna Cum Laude

Erin Tucker

Sophia Webb

Marley Weigman
Magna Cum Laude

Ler Win

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Samantha Beuther
Summa Cum Laude

Ethan Conley

Nicholas Kusic
Summa Cum Laude

Ben Roscoe
Summa Cum Laude

Addison Smith
Magna Cum Laude

Alan Thacker

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Nathaniel Burney

Sean O'Sullivan

Joseph Rash

Antonio Smith

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Carolyn Cox
Summa Cum Laude

Ava Robinson

AnneMarie Smith
Magna Cum Laude

Larry White
Cum Laude

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees
in Two Disciplines

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES (CONT.)

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Corrina Bowles
 Benjamin Brody
Summa Cum Laude
 Hannah Cecil
 Hannah Collis
 Michael Deitch
 Elyce Enrique*
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Kristen Flinner
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Abigail Gaba*
Magna Cum Laude
 Logan Gillotte
 Alexandra Horwitz
 Scott Kline
Magna Cum Laude
 Nicole Landrum
Summa Cum Laude
 Lukas Mann
 Sarah Plain
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Marjorie Spinner
Summa Cum Laude
 Andrea Thacker
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Madalyn Bauman
Cum Laude
 Jonathan Brahler
 Brittany Carter
 Cordelia Cerett
 Jordan Collins
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Haley Cooper
 McKenzie Cornwell
Cum Laude
 Samantha Czubaj
Summa Cum Laude
 Devan Demery
 Hunter Ellis
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Rinah Fleisher
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Andrew Fridline
Cum Laude
 Aylonnie Gilbert
 Elizabeth Gillis
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Emma Goettel
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Celia Hasman
Summa Cum Laude
 Crystal Hatcher
 Tyler Huntsman
 Zackary Hurd
Magna Cum Laude
 Heaven Alexis Jackson
 Shiann Jansen
Summa Cum Laude
 Phoenix Johnson
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Tyler Kamp
Cum Laude
 Cyrus Kazempour
 Mackenzie Kline
 Austin Klink
 Clayton Langdon

Rachel Martin
Magna Cum Laude
 Meghan McGowan
Magna Cum Laude
 Amelia Michaels
 Robert Miller
Cum Laude
 Alexandria Milosevic
 Emaan Mustafa
Summa Cum Laude
 Matthew Napoli
 Emily Nicholson
 Calista Poa
Cum Laude
 Rebika Prasai
Cum Laude
 Preshecca Ragavan
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Timothy Francis Reed
 Taylor Reinhart
 Caleb Riley
 Christopher Roan
 Joanna Ross
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Ashmita Sanyashi
Summa Cum Laude
 Joseph Sarpong, Jr.
 Frank Schultz
 Joohwan Seo
 Vanessa Shaw
Magna Cum Laude
 Justin Skrant
 Brooke Smith
 Katherine Stafford
Summa Cum Laude
 Johnique Suber
 Caitlyn Swango
Summa Cum Laude
 Jennah Terry
 Dexter Todd
 Lana Tso
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar
 Anastasia Umlauf
 Ava Umlauf
Cum Laude
 Rhett Usternul
 Haleijah Varner
 Owen Wiley
 Izabella Wood
 Wenli Wu
Cum Laude
Honors Scholar

* Separate Baccalaureate Degrees
 in Two Disciplines

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Hannah Anderson
Summa Cum Laude
Tracie Anderson
Mallory Beamer
Summa Cum Laude
Cayla Burkhart
Cum Laude
Krista Cool
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Dissertation: “Centralized Four-Legged Roundabout Control For Automated Vehicle Flows”

Advisor: Dr. Ping Yi

Abhishek Banerjee

Polymer Science

M.S., Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur; B.S., Presidency University, Kolkata

Dissertation: “Development of Polyolefin Resins for Compatibilizing PE/PP Blends”

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Polymer Science

B. Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Dissertation: “Understanding Brittle Versus Ductile Response in Notched Glassy Polymers”

Advisor: Dr. Shi-Qing Wang

Satej Joshi

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B.Tech., Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai

Dissertation: “Arranging Carbon Dioxide into Sustainable Polymer Networks”

Advisor: Dr. James Eagan

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B.S., Central Michigan University

Dissertation: “Advances in the Purification and Sourcing of Polyesters”

Advisor: Dr. James Eagan

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Polymer Engineering

B.S., Jilin University

Dissertation: “Advanced Manufacturing with Engineered Living Materials for Sustainable Biocomposites”

Advisor: Dr. Weinan Xu

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Polymer Science

M.S., The University of Akron;

B.S., Beijing University of Chemical Technology

Dissertation: “Chemical Reactions of Poly(Acrylonitrile) and Its Copolymer under Stabilization Process for Carbon Fiber”

Advisor: Dr. Toshikazu Miyoshi

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Engineering – Chemical

B.S., The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Thermoplastic Elastomer Research and Development for Healthcare Applications”

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Dissertation: “Unraveling the Reaction Pathways of Adsorbed Ionic CO₂ Species on Amine Sorbents and Non-Thermal Plasma Depolymerization under Ambient Conditions with in-situ Spectroscopy”

Advisor: Dr. Steven Chuang

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Dissertation: “Structure-Function Relationships of Polyester Coacervates as Hemostats and Drug Carriers”

Advisor: Dr. Abraham Joy

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Polymer Engineering

B.S., University of South Alabama; M.S., The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Perovskite Solar Cells Incorporated with Processing Additives”

Advisor: Dr. Xiong Gong

Lening Shen

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Dissertation: “High-Performance Perovskite Photovoltaics Based on Novel Metal Halide Perovskites”

Advisor: Dr. Xiong Gong

Yousef Shorrab

Engineering – Chemical

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Dissertation: “Quantifying the Crevice Corrosion Mechanism in Alloy 625 and SS 316L in Chloride-Containing Environments”

Advisor: Dr. R. Scott Lillard

Zeyu Wang

Polymer Science

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Dissertation: “Chemically Recyclable and Stress-Responsive Polymers toward Sustainable Materials”

Advisor: Dr. Junpeng Wang

Linhui Zhu

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M.S., University of Akron; B.S., Lanzhou University

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Established in 1918

The following cadet is commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on December 14, 2024:

UNITED STATES ARMY

Emmanuel V. Jensen

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STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHEL



This statue of John R. Buchtel stands in the middle of the campus he helped found in 1870.

THE ALMA MATER

Close be-side Cuya - ho-ga's wa-ters, Stream of am-ber hue,

O'er old Buch-tel Sum-mit's glo-ry Waves the gold and blue.

Chorus

Hail we Ak-ron! Sound her prais-es, Speed them on the gale,

Ev - er stand our Al-ma Ma-ter, Ak - ron hail, all hail!

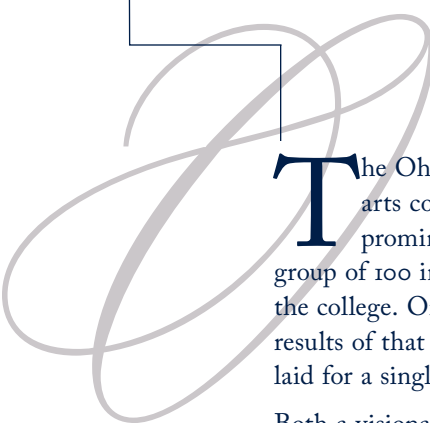
The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church, who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901–1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as president and as a trustee of the institution — as well as pastor of the First Universalist Church of Akron. Adviser: Dr. Church understood the importance of higher education as a means to improve society, and he worked diligently on projects to successfully link the educational efforts of Buchtel College with the needs of a growing city. During his presidency, Buchtel College offered the world's first courses in rubber chemistry (1909).

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand
 up, and cheer and shout for the Ak - ron Blue and Gold. *fine*
 Zzzip! _____ Zip go the Zip - pers
 Zzzzip! _____ Zip go the Zip - pers Ak - ron U,
 Gold and Blue All for you and the Zip - pers too! *D.C. al fine*

The University of Akron's fight song, "The Akron Blue and Gold," was written in 1939 by Fred Waring, nationally known composer and leader of the wildly popular band, "Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians." In response to a request from the University's student newspaper, Waring wrote "a distinctive song" for The University of Akron. "The Akron Blue and Gold" premiered over his NBC hookup on November 17, 1939, and has been used as the University's fight song ever since.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it after one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College.

Both a visionary and pragmatist, Buchtel believed that the vigor of any city is closely tied to the proximity of a high-quality institution of higher education. Decades of progress, both for the city and for the college he helped to launch, have proven him right.

Today, The University of Akron continues to invigorate the region, providing top-ranked and in-demand degree programs ranging from associate through doctoral degrees in the liberal arts, sciences, health care, engineering, business, law, education and more. Students gain real-world experience through internships, co-ops, study abroad and other career-focused learning opportunities.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution, the University serves students from all over the country and world through five degree-granting colleges and a School of Law on the main campus and through satellite campuses in Lakewood, Medina and Orrville. Today, more than 179,000 of its alumni live and work around the globe.

The University of Akron Celebrates 150 Years

When John R. Buchtel saw the cornerstone laid for Buchtel College, he pledged that the new school, built on a hilltop overlooking Akron, would bring honor and pride to the city and state. Over the next 150 years, The University of Akron kept and exceeded the promise of its founder, rising to become one of Ohio's most influential public urban research universities.

Among its many achievements, the University was the first in the world to offer courses in rubber chemistry. It pioneered one of the country's first engineering co-op programs, which remains a national model. In World War II, the U.S. government called upon the University to help develop synthetic rubber for the Allied forces. When the rubber industry declined, the University rose to new heights of innovation, leading the world in polymer science and polymer engineering.

Today, the University continues to rise, advancing research and knowledge in engineering, business, health care, the arts and sciences, education and law. It continues to uplift the region through hundreds of partnerships with business, industry, academia and government. It continues to produce leaders who, joining a proud community of more than 170,000 alumni, are making a difference throughout the world.

It continues to keep its founder's promise.