



Commencement

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

2026

Commencement

MAY 3, 2026 • 2:00 P.M.

CASEY'S CENTER, DES MOINES, IOWA

*Academic Processional: <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	by Edward Elgar The Grand View University Wind Ensemble Scott Davis, <i>Director of Instrumental Activities</i>
*Invocation	Emily Martin, <i>Campus Pastor</i>
Welcome	Christian M. Murray '98, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i> ; Lizabeth Michelle Richardson '26, <i>President, Viking Council</i> , <i>Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Practice</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker	Rachelle K. Keck, Ph.D., J.D., <i>President</i>
Student Speaker	Maddison Lynnette Cunningham '26, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Rachelle K. Keck
Commencement Address	Izaah JB Knox, <i>Iowa State Senator, District 17</i> , <i>and Executive Director, Urban Dreams</i>
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dr. Rachelle K. Keck and Patty Williams, Ph.D., J.D., <i>Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Presentation of Candidates	Dr. Patty Williams
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Rachelle K. Keck
Alumni Remarks	Kendra Scholten '18
Closing Remarks	Dr. Rachelle K. Keck
*Benediction	Emily Martin
<i>Fanfare & Recessional</i>	by James D. Poyhar The Grand View University Wind Ensemble, Scott Davis, <i>Director</i> ; Grand View University Drumline, Hunter Grace, <i>Director</i>

*Please stand.

Need Assistance? Look for Grand View University staff, wearing red, as well as the Casey's Center staff who can help answer any questions you may have.

Commencement Speaker

AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Doctor of Humane Letters



Izaah JB Knox

Izaah JB Knox is an Iowa State Senator for District 17, Executive Director of Urban Dreams, and a committed father. At Urban Dreams, he has expanded programs serving over 30,000 people annually, strengthened finances, and built public-private partnerships to drive social and economic impact. Elected in 2022, he serves on key Senate committees and is recognized for bipartisan leadership and community revitalization efforts.

A skilled communicator and storyteller, Izaah has delivered 100+ talks on leadership, workforce development, and urban growth. He holds a Master's in Leadership and Organizational Development, a BA in Journalism, and is completing a Ph.D. at Iowa State University on apprenticeship and upward mobility.

He serves on multiple boards, reflecting his commitment to civic engagement, and enjoys coaching youth sports, traveling, and promoting Greater Des Moines' arts and culture.

Degree Candidates

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Φ Rachel Iona Anderson | Φ *Emily Kramer | Φ *Taylor C Pennington |
| Φ *Jodi Brady | * Isaiah Luellen | Φ *Gabrielle Regan Roorda |
| Φ Adeline Leigh Chance | Φ Michelle Ann Mead | Φ *Brooke Tauber |
| Φ Creighton Hatting | Φ Kylie Mercial | |
| Φ Rose Hodgson | *Maddie Miller | |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANALYTICS DEGREE

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Φ Dessy Arce | Φ Easton Larson | Φ Cheven Okonoboh |
| Φ Grant Gonnerman | Rizaiha Maide-Jackson | Φ Joshua Len Wells |
| Φ Carly Hanes | Φ Miguel Joseph-Manzano Magno | |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING DEGREE

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Kaela Eslinger | Sydney Loraine Pratt | Blake James Willey |
| Laney L Jones | Oscar Silva | |
| Abbigale R Miller | Kennedy Tunink | |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING DEGREE

Φ Valerie Ann Alaniz	Isabella Fleming	Φ Shay Nancy Peterson
Adela Alicic	Φ Emma Haase	Φ Rachael Pisarik
Φ *Eduardo Ballesteros	Jenna Haltom	Desiree Michelle Priebe
Φ Seth Baron	Φ Franklyn Christopher Dion Harris	Φ Lauren Reimer
Φ Kylee Blank	Φ Bianca Henlon	Φ *Mindy R Barchenger Sadler
Φ Ella Bokman	Φ Emanuel Emiliano Herrera	Φ Kelli Marie Schaefer
Φ *Annalisa Brandt	Φ Jenna Lynn Hoffman	Φ Emily Noel Scholl
Jessica Bunch	Rachel Diana Jahncke	Φ Megan Lynn Smith
Φ *Gaberiel Christian Candee	Φ Jakob Jehn	Φ Susanna Sosa
Φ Melissa Cano	*Autumn Jewell	Φ Selma Suvic
Φ Jordan Casper	Julie Christine Johnson	Φ *Bethany Elizabeth Colbert
Φ Sara Ann Christiansen	Φ Abbie Lucille Jones	Φ Hanna Townley
Φ Cole Corbett	Φ Patrick Jones	Φ Leila Turkanovic
Φ Paige LeeAnn Davis	Φ *Elizabeth Kerns	Φ Jaci Lynn Versluis
Φ Tyler De Jong	Φ Desiree Ruth LaBlanc	Φ *Jeremy M Voss
Φ *Camryn Douglas	Φ *Robin Le Lemke	Φ Nathalie Rose Wiles
Φ Bailey Duncan	Φ Oulaivane Lo	Φ *Jennifer Winzenburg
Φ *Bentley Dusablon	Φ Emilee Violet Mapes	Φ Jodin Wyckoff
Φ Ashlynn Leigh Ellenbecker	Φ Shea Dalton McCuen	Φ Amber Young
Freda Emunah	Φ *Shonda Moran	Φ Kaelyn Zoutte
Φ Christine Marie Epple	Φ Haris Mujkic	
Φ Delaney Filling	Φ Hannah Myers	

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEGREE

Φ *Ferdinand Loonga Alobo	Φ Stephanie Draper	Φ Anna Maria Quanbeck
Φ Ezequiel Marin Balderas	Φ Ryan Dutton	Timothy Cooper Smith
Φ *Kyle S Blake	*Jennifer M Fegter	Brianna L Steffe
Φ Emma Bulman	Φ Lorina Lea Kern	Φ *McKenna Ussey
Payton Edward Chapman	Φ *Joe Knutson	Hallie Vervair
*Alexandria Cockrell	Φ Matthew Kolodziej	Jackson Waring
Rex Desso	Garavous Kouekabakilahoh	*Cindy Ruby Zepeda
Φ *Maxwell William Donnelly	Jordan Kumm	

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING DEGREE

Φ Lexie Holloway

Φ Meghan Nelson

Φ Makenzie Pladsen

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT DEGREE

Diego Castillo

Φ Samantha Holbert

Maddi Morales

Φ Abigail Green

Blake Hollibaugh

Φ Hannah Marie Oleson

Blake Holden Haney

*Allyx Taylor Lee

Φ Megan Stuhr

Hank Himrich

*Jonah Kazuo Miyazawa

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

Φ Sarah Baker

Φ Kelsey Cathleen Kreuder

Darique M Rodriguez

Φ Miriam S Cody

Φ Taylor Lathrum

Φ Haley Elizabeth Stoll

Φ Carlie Kay Crabtree

Φ Zander Wolf Leman

Φ Green Stone

Φ Randi Dawn Davis

Φ Joshua Michael Mamanos

Φ Adrian Daniel Swanson

Φ *Lauren Erickson

Φ Matthew James Monfils

Φ Holly E Thompson

Φ Scott Feldhacker

Φ Kaitlyn Moses

Φ Katherine A Watson

Φ Ellen Rene Gregory

Φ Gillian Ann Overturf

Connie Jean Welcher

Φ Madyson Keli Guzman

Φ Martha Pace

Φ Gracie Hagle

Φ *Kristen Michelle Pinegar

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

§	Crey Abbas	Game Design
§	Kirsten Marie Abbas	Human Services
	Brian Abell	Cybersecurity
	Haregu Adango	Human Services
	Ardadi Adum	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Mia Elizabeth Anne Allmon	Psychology, Studio Arts
	Ethan Elias Alvarado	Psychology
€	Andre Lucas Alves Leandro	Business Administration
μ	*Anna Anderson	Human Services
	Kylie Mariko Leffew Arai	Communication and Media Practice
	Mark Anthony Ard Jr	Business Administration
	John Argo	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Sara Arias	Criminal Justice
§	Ella James Armstrong	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Jack Armstrong	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Peyton Renee Babinat	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
€	Martena Baceleos	Biology
€	Moneca Baceleos	Biology
§	*Scott Geoffrey Bailey	Business Administration
μ	Sierra Autumn Bailey	Business Administration
€	Delaney Mae Baird	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Brandt Cristapher Bandstra	Information Technology
μ	Cameron Bantz	Biology
	Weston Tope Barber	Sport Management
μ	Yulisa Barroso Fonceca	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Hailey Marie Battani	Business Administration
μ	Levi Russell Bearden	Game Design
	Davin Bell	Liberal Arts
§	Jenna Bentz	Applied Math
μ	Toby Daniel Berggren	Sport Management
	Garritt Andrew Berkland	Criminal Justice
	Cierra Bernard	Psychology
	Nathan Black	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Jacqueline Mae Boardman	Theatre Arts
	Skylar Drew Boggs	Business Administration
	Jordan Bohn-Wright	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Katelyn E Borlaug	Liberal Arts
	Evan Borst	Business Administration
§	Abigail Anna Bortner	Kinesiology and Health Promotion, Psychology
	Tiegan Bothun	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Madison Marie Bracy	Psychology, Human Services
	Marckis Branford	Liberal Arts
	Adrion Brown	Criminal Justice
	Mackenzie Rose Brown	Theatre Arts, Human Services
§	Parker Bulthuis	Kinesiology and Health Promotion

	Sarah Buss	Organizational Studies
μ	Emily Byrd.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Jake Calvert.....	Business Administration
€	Cailin Campbell	Criminal Justice, Spanish
	Vitoria Campos Mello.....	Psychology
	*Kairah N Cantillo	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Rylee Carlson	Business Administration
§	Khyler Carstarphen.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Mikenna Kristine Cass	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Matthew Castleberry.....	Computer Science
	Emma Chance.....	Liberal Arts
	Sajan Chesson	Political Science
§	Anna Marie Clark.....	Biotechnology
μ	Cameron Andrew Clark	Business Administration
	Sean David Clausen.....	Cybersecurity
§	Larain Victoria Climer.....	Psychology
€	Grace Collins.....	Psychology
μ	Isaac Cook.....	Psychology, Human Services
§	Nicole Cory	Psychology
€	Ashley Craddock	Art Education
	Cale Culver	Management Information Systems
§	Maddison Lynnette Cunningham.....	Criminal Justice
§	Monica Cunningham.....	Secondary Education
	Keenan Matthew Cutchens	Business Administration
	Felipe Augusto Da Silva	Sport Management
§	Emma Dahle	Theatre Arts
μ	Hollie Dal Ponte.....	Psychology
μ	Rose Ngoc Lan Dang	Graphic Design
§	*Austin J. Danilson	Business Administration
§	Jenna Davenport.....	Psychology
€	Augustus Timothy Davis.....	Secondary Education
	Lauren Davis.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Maya Shannon Davis	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Mariana Muller Maggioni de Carvalho.....	Liberal Arts
	Ryan DeBoer.....	Theology, Theatre
	Daisy Delgado.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	*Antonio Chase Diaz	Business Administration
μ	Danny Diaz	Accounting, Business Administration
μ	Miriam Sinay Diaz.....	Business Administration
§	Carolina Diaz-Tovar.....	Criminal Justice, Psychology
μ	Tucker Mason Dickherber	Business Administration
§	Makayla Dietzenbach.....	Psychology
€	Maguire Christopher Dillon.....	Business Administration
	Nimra Distgeer.....	Accounting, Business Administration
§	Sydney Lynn Divoky.....	Elementary Education
	Ellie Dougherty	Business Administration
§	Kasey Draper	Computer Science, Data Science

Adam Christian Dunlap	Business Administration
Denise Duple	Political Science
Bailey Alexandra Dutcher	Public Health and Psychology
€ *Blake Edwards	Business Administration
Chukwuebuka Enyinnaya	Computer Science
Anika Lee Ernst	Game Design
Isis Esquivel	Business Administration
μ Jonathan Isaiah Featherston	Biology
μ Katie Jo Fees	Elementary Education
Valerie Ferguson	Business Administration
€ Brianna Fields	Elementary Education
Jackson Filer	Liberal Arts
μ *Zoie Marie Firkins	Information Technology
Brayden Ford	Psychology
Jacob Michael Forss	Sport Management
Jackson Friz	Psychology, Human Services
€ *Jorge Garcia-Juarez	Business Administration
Melani Sanjuana Gasca Granados	Business Administration
μ Elizabeth Christina Giesking	Accounting, Business Administration
μ Madison Gilkison	Biology, Business Administration
Sarah Godbey	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
€ Caci Marie Goldensohn	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
€ Mark Gonzalez	Computer Science, Data Science
§ Shaylin Gonzalez-Lorenzo	Psychology, Human Services
§ Anna Grace Gossling	Psychology, English
€ Justin Graves	Accounting
Madysen Gray	Graphic Design
€ Amanda Greenwood	Liberal Arts
μ Lena Kay Griswold	Graphic Design
§ Charbella Haisch	Criminal Justice, Psychology
§ Addison Christine Halstead	Psychology
Ashton B Hamilton	Secondary Education
€ Olivia Harmon	Elementary Education
μ Addyson Hatting	Business Administration
E'Ian Cornelius Heard	Psychology
§ Charlee Heffron	Communication and Media Practice
§ Olivia Paige Heithoff	Elementary Education
*Brooklyn Hermel	Psychology
§ *Drew Connor Hershey	Management Information Systems
Lillian Jo Hintzsche	Psychology
§ Brandon Hunt	Communication and Media Practice
Amy Huynh	Studio Arts
Joy Lissenden Johns	Human Services
€ Corey Johnson	Political Science, Theology
μ Katerina Johnson	Business Administration
Zane Johnson	Business Administration
€ Abigail Jones	Accounting

	Zachary Kain	Psychology
μ	Luca Kaltenbach	Business Administration
	Jayah Kent	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Taylor Jordan-Deanne Kephart	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Kristopher Ketchum	Business Administration
	Ethan William King	Business Administration
§	Sophia Ann Kirkpatrick	Psychology
€	Keigan A Kitzman	Business Administration
	Cullen Chad Koedam	Business Administration
	Mohammed Koraiishi	Management Information Systems
§	Benjamin Krdzalic	Psychology
	Rebecca Ann Krugler	Biology
	Gabe Kuehler	Psychology
€	Christopher Alan Lampley	Liberal Arts
€	*Karen Michelle Landaverde Lara	Human Services
	*Mitchell Allen Leonard	Liberal Arts
	Selena Ann Lewis	Psychology
	Philip Van Sui Lian	Accounting
€	Pyae Phyo Lin	Accounting
	Jeriana Lipinski	Game Design
€	Emily Lozoya Perea	Criminal Justice
€	Kory Hunter Ludden	Game Design, Computer Science
	Elizabeth Kennedy Luke	Psychology
§	Thomas Merlijn Maathuis	Sport Management
	Richard Mack III	Sport Management
€	Reagan Renna Mackey	Graphic Design
	Trey Madsen	Criminal Justice
	Seth Madsen	Business Administration
	Jadie Maldonado - Rodriguez	Political Science
μ	Tyler Allen Malone	Paralegal Studies
§	Matthew Ray Lancaster Manders	Business Administration, Accounting
	Alyssa Manriquez	Accounting, Business Administration
	Megan Marcellus	Accounting
μ	Nathaniel Anthony Martindale	Computer Science
§	Avril Gail Maughan	Elementary Education
	Ben McDermott	Business Administration
€	Chloe Raquel McDermott	Business Administration
	Hailey McFadden	Accounting, Business Administration
	Cade D McGill	Business Administration
	*Abby McIntyre	Liberal Arts
€	Payton Lee McNealy	Physical Education
	Jacob Miller McQuoid	Criminal Justice
	*Cameron Meislahn	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
§	*Miriam Michelle Mendoza	Psychology
€	Tonatiuh Merlos-Rojas	Elementary Education
€	Hannah G Meshek	Human Services, Psychology
	Katie Milliken	Business Administration

μ	Brock Louis Moore	Business Administration
	Elizabeth Moore.....	Psychology, Kinesiology and Health Promotion
§	Reagan Mudderman	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Kylie Rae Muecke	Business Administration
§	Jackson Reese Mueller	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Nathan Mutakyawa.....	Business Analytics
§	Melisa Julienne Mwenyi.....	Human Services, Psychology
§	Faith Angela Neeley.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Wes Nelson.....	Business Administration
€	Hank Oleary.....	Business Administration
€	Apolonio Olivarez.....	Business Administration
	Karoline Stephanie Ortiz Rosado.....	Communication and Media Practice
€	Claudia Ortiz - Valencia.....	English
	Alaina Osweller	Business Administration
€	Brooke Pease.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	*Keith Steven Pederson	Business Administration
€	Alexis Danielle Penning	Elementary Education
€	Ciara Joy Perry.....	Secondary Education
μ	Abby Christine Peterson.....	Organizational Studies
§	Adelynne Mae Peterson	Psychology, Spanish
§	Brianna Kay Peterson	English
§	Alexandra Michelle April Philavanh.....	Business Administration
	Garett Andrew Phillips.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Pietro Piacenza	Sport Management
	Xander Pickett.....	Sport Management
	*Fatima Alexis Plumb	Business Administration
€	Jayton Poole	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Addison Powell.....	Sport Management
	Luis Ramirez	Graphic Design, Studio Arts
§	Yunien Ramos	Business Administration
	Bryan Micheal Redlinger	Biotechnology
	Graciela Reyes	Criminal Justice
€	Edith Reyes-Santiesteban	Psychology, Spanish
	Kyle Rice.....	Business Administration
	Bryce Richards.....	Biology
§	Lizabeth Michelle Richardson	Communication and Media Practice
	Cam Robinson.....	Physical Education
§	Christina Ann Rodgers	Psychology
	Harrison Edward Ray Rosenberg.....	Business Administration
§	Rhema C M Saddler	Psychology, Human Services
μ	Ryan Saddler.....	Secondary Education, History
	Leslie Sanchez	Criminal Justice
	Nama Sanduk	Human Services
€	Drew Marlow Scherbenske.....	Business Administration
	Mason Alan Scheve	Accounting, Business Administration
€	*Michael Schmidt	Cybersecurity
	Jonathan Schneck.....	Game Design, Graphic Design

	*Mikayla Reiley Johnson	Accounting, Business Administration
	Pedro Luis Serna	Business Administration
	Hunter Dean Shannon.....	Physical Education
€	Kinley Raeann Shannon	Business Administration
μ	Kasey Sharp.....	Elementary Education
	Cade Sheedy.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Sunneva Sigurdsdottir	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Ethan Henry Simpson	Psychology
§	Maria De La Luz Siordia Contreras.....	Elementary Education
μ	Jackson Smith	Business Administration
μ	*Pauli Ling Smith.....	Human Services
€	Shae Ellen Smith	Paralegal Studies
μ	*Jalen Parris Sortor	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
§	Ginevra Spinelli	Communication and Media Practice
§	Samantha D Sprague-Munson	Psychology
μ	Tara Spranger	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	Aremie N Steele	Criminal Justice
	Christian Stoler.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
	*Josh Stoll	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Samantha Jane Swacker	Game Design
	Ceara Swanson	Psychology
€	Marcus Vinicius Taylor Evangelista.....	Business Administration
§	Emily Jane Theiss.....	Elementary Education
	Alayna Thomas.....	Human Services
	JT Thomas.....	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
μ	Sandra Loy Thorup	Secondary Education
μ	Nathan Timmons	Business Administration
μ	Stacy J Timperley	Business Administration
	Aisea Kilohwia Toki	Sport Management
€	Andrea Torres.....	Business Administration
μ	Nubia Lizeth Torres	Elementary Education
§	Andrew Tran.....	Game Design
€	Casey Trudo	Business Analytics
	Shukrani Lupepe Tshiakwiza	Business Administration
	Adrienna Marie-Brownwood Turner.....	Liberal Arts
	*Faines Uwezo Jelson	Business Administration
μ	Joshua Valencia	Psychology
	Robert J Van Weelden.....	Organizational Studies
€	Carson VandeLune	Business Administration
	Halie K Vattier.....	Political Science
	Nicolas Vattier Quezada	Kinesiology and Health Promotion, Spanish
§	McKenna Veldey.....	Human Services, Psychology
§	Robert E Venosky.....	Business Administration
	Jason A Vipond	Public Health
€	Zoocy Thuy Vo.....	Business Administration
	Hming Chhuan Vuli	Human Services
€	Keegan Walpole	Game Design

Sawyer Wardlow	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
Elizabeth Jo Webb	Public Health
Emma L Wegner	Kinesiology and Health Promotion
William F Weis	Accounting
€ Elizabeth G White	English
Dylan Whitt	Liberal Arts
§ Trey Widhalm	Secondary Education
μ Brandon Richard Wiechelmann	Game Design
Andru Jamaal Wilder	Sport Management
€ Brady Williams	Elementary Education
€ Clara Williams	Accounting, Business Administration
Melina Marie Williamson	Studio Arts
Quinn Wilmoth	Criminal Justice
Jack Winkel	Business Administration
§ Shalyn Alyse Witham	Criminal Justice
μ *Nathan Woods	Game Design
Patrick Worrell	Business Administration
Jaxson Young	Kinesiology and Health Promotion

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

§ Alyssa Whitney Brant	Biology
§ *Molly Ryan Breeding	Biology
μ Catharine Elizabeth Campbell	Biology
*Elijah L Davis	Biochemistry, Psychology
Milos Garton	Information Technology
Braeden M Hirsch	Biology
§ McKenna Jodoin	Biology
Logan Tyler Knaack	Biochemistry
μ Ethan Larsen	Biology
€ Danica Marie Linn	Biology
§ Brooklyn Louise Parker	Biology
μ Camden Lee Rafdal	Biochemistry
Noor Ridha	Biology
μ Ajene Amina Scott	Biology
§ Trenton Lee Silvers	Biochemistry
μ Bryce Stalder	Biology
Michelle Christine Stewart	Biology
Smriti Subba	Biology
Irlanda Cecilia Tangarife	Biology
Molly Trumblee	Biology

*This commencement program does not constitute an official list of confirmed graduates at Grand View University.
Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not signify that degrees have been awarded
unless all academic requirements have been met.*

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

μ Jalen Noelle Soleta Bets	μ Danielle Hurt	μ Lalmuan Sanga
€ Darrah Core	§ Chloe Ann Kottlowski	§ Natalie Smith (Psychology)
§ Bailey Marie Divelbess	Sadie Virginia Kurcz	€ Si Ngo Tlo
Paige A Field	μ Emma Katherine Martin	€ Skyler Lynn Valley
Leah Bella Gaitan	€ Kiley Rose McDonough	§ Alexis Michelle Van Utrecht
Grace Mackenzie Hardcastle	€ Guinevere G Mozak	§ Anna Grace Vander Waal
€ Jake Hayes	€ Makinzee Alise Nichols	§ Meghan Wightman (Psychology)
€ Jayden Nicole Hunter (Psychology)	€ Kayla Renee O'Donnell	μ Macy Wood

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

*Travis Anderson	§ Christopher Garmon (History)	μ Moo Psawhtee
§ Elyn Brown	*Theodore Langfitt (Social Work)	μ Martha Sandoval Magallanes
Sidney Ray Burbridge	Danyelle Nicole McGrew	€ Mirnesa Suljic
€ Brynna Nicole Croy (Psychology)	€ Nata Andu Mena	μ Halle Rose Wulfekuhle

GRADUATION HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Latin honors are officially awarded at the completion of all course work and appear on the graduate's diploma. All Latin honors denoted in this Commencement program are based upon the student's grade point average at the time of review and do not signify that any specific honor will be earned. Students must earn at least 45 graded semester hours at Grand View University and be earning their first bachelor's degree to be eligible.

€ **Cum Laude** (3.50–3.69 cumulative GPA)

μ **Magna Cum Laude** (3.70–3.89 cumulative GPA)

§ **Summa Cum Laude** (3.90–4.00 cumulative GPA)

GRADUATE LEVEL

Graduate level Graduating with Distinction honors are officially awarded at the completion of all course work and appear on the graduate's diploma. All Graduating with Distinction honors denoted in the Commencement program are based upon the student's grade point average at the time of review and do not signify that any specific honor will be earned. Students must earn a cumulative grade point average higher than 3.80 to be eligible.

Φ **Graduating with Distinction** (3.80–4.00 cumulative GPA)

PROCESSIONAL FLAGS

Flags in the processional represent the countries of students who are graduating today.

United States of America – Randi Davis and Chris Garmon – *Thirteen alternating red and white stripes, a blue field with fifty white stars on the upper left corner*

Brazil – Andre Alves Leandro, Felipe Da Silva and Marcus Taylor Evangelista – *Green field with large yellow diamond in the center bearing a blue celestial globe with 27 white pointed stars*

Italy – Ginevra Spinelli – *Three vertical stripes: green, white, and red*

Mexico – Diego Castillo – *Three vertical stripes: green, white, and red, with the country's coat of arms featuring an eagle*

Netherlands – Parker Bulthuis – *Three horizontal stripes: red, white, and blue*

Other flags on display that represent the countries of our current international students and the tribes of our Native American students, plus the Iowa flag: **Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ireland, Meskwaki Nation, Norway, Oglala Sioux Nation, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of the Gambia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and Vietnam**

HONOR SOCIETY REGALIA

Alpha Chi – Medallion with green and blue ribbon

Alpha Kappa Mu – Royal blue and white cords

Alpha Psi Omega – Blue and amber cords

Alpha Sigma Lambda – Burgundy and gold cords

AmeriCorps – Red, white, and blue cords

Honors Program (formerly Logos) – Silver cords

Phi Alpha – Double knotted blue and gold cords

Phi Eta Sigma – Gold and black cords

Psi Chi – Blue and silver cords

Psychology Club Officers – Purple, teal and green cords

Sigma Tau Delta – Red and black cords

Sigma Theta Tau – Purple cords

Student Leadership – Red and silver cords

Tau Upsilon Alpha – Royal blue, white and gold cords

Theta Alpha Kappa – TAK pin and red cords

FACULTY ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of academic dress dates back to the beginning of the university system in medieval Europe during the 11th and 12th centuries. Its main features include the gown, the cap and the hood. Originally the gown's main purpose was as a piece of clothing providing protection from cold weather. Over time its primary use became symbolic, signifying the democracy of scholarship. The dark gown covers any dress representative of rank or social standing. The cap has its roots in ancient Roman culture and the traditions of medieval religious dress. It signifies the freedom of scholarship and the dignity and responsibility accorded to a scholar. The cap's tassel is symbolic of the wearer's area of study. The hood, like the gown, was originally a piece of clothing used as protection from the cold. Today its colors and design are symbolic of the college or university where a degree was earned, the level of degree earned, and the scholar's discipline.

Colors associated with academic disciplines include:

Apricot – Nursing

Gold – Mathematics, Psychology,
Computer Science, Biology,
Chemistry, Physics

Brown – Fine Arts
(Visual and Dramatic)

Light Blue – Education

Citron – Social Work

Purple – Law

Crimson – Communication Arts

Scarlet – Theology

Drab (Light Brown) – Business

White – History, English,
Sociology, Modern Languages,
Speech, Humanities

Sage Green – Athletic Training

Salmon – Clinical Mental Health
Counseling

Oxford Blue – Philosophy;
also the color for the PhD,
regardless of discipline

CEREMONIAL MACE

Maces became part of academic ceremonies to represent the authority of an academic institution to confer a degree. Grand View's mace is carried by the faculty marshal during academic ceremonies. The mace is dedicated to Dr. Ronald L. Taylor, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Grand View from 1990-2008. It is made possible with a gift from Robert M. Speed and Erna Jensen, retired Grand View faculty.

The symbolism in the mace represents Grand View University. Starting at the bottom, the small ball in the tail piece represents the origin of the university in 1896 and the entry point for all students into university life. The shaft of the mace represents the student body which is surrounded by four flutes representing Academic Life, Student Life, Work Life, and Faith Life. The five elements of the vision of Grand View University in providing a rigorous education, affording this opportunity to all qualified students, preserving the virtues of education, blending the strengths of in-class experience with appropriate technologies, and building community ties are represented by the five rings surrounding the shaft, two near the bottom and three near the top. Developing mind, body and spirit, an enduring theme of the university, is represented by the three rings which tie together the shaft of the mace, representing the student body, and the upper part of the mace, representing the faculty and staff. The large round upper portion of the mace, representing the faculty and staff, holds two metallic medallions bearing the university seal. The finial at the top points to the future, both for the students and the university. Having fulfilled its mission of challenging students, creating a community of learners, offering a supportive environment, and affirming Christian faith and ethics, represented by the ring under the finial, Grand View University confidently sends its students out into the world.

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