



Commencement

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

2025

Commencement

MAY 4, 2025 • 2:00 P.M.

WELLS FARGO ARENA, DES MOINES, IOWA

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| *Academic Processional: <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> | Edward Elgar The Grand View University Wind Ensemble Scott Davis, <i>Director of Instrumental Activities</i> |
| *Invocation..... | Rachel Cohen '14, <i>Director of Faith Life</i> |
| Welcome | Christian M. Murray '98, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i> Elizabeth Joe '25, <i>President, Viking Council, Bachelor of Science - Biochemistry</i> |
| Introduction of Student Speaker..... | Dr. Rachelle K. Keck, <i>President</i> |
| Student Speaker | Connie Welcher '25, <i>Bachelor of Social Work, Political Science</i> |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker | Dr. Rachelle K. Keck |
| Commencement Address..... | The Honorable Connie Boesen, <i>Mayor of Des Moines</i> |
| Conferring of Honorary Degree..... | Dr. Rachelle K. Keck, The Honorable Connie Boesen, and Dr. Patricia Williams, <i>Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs</i> |
| Presentation of Candidates..... | Dr. Patricia Williams |
| Conferring of Degrees..... | Dr. Rachelle K. Keck |
| Closing Remarks..... | Dr. Rachelle K. Keck |
| * <i>Loyalty Song</i> (see page 16) | Dr. Joshua Boggs, <i>Director of Musical Arts</i> Clara Kleiboeker '26, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Business Administration-Finance</i> Alynn Fuller '27, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Game Design</i> Salvador Ramirez-Garcia '25, <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology/Pre-PA</i> Isaac Bleich-Sisco '25, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts</i> |
| *Benediction | Rachel Cohen '14 |
| <i>Fanfare & Recessional</i> | James D. Ployhar The Grand View University Wind Ensemble |

*Please stand.

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

Commencement Speaker

AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



The Honorable Connie Boesen

Connie Boesen was sworn in as the first female mayor of Des Moines in January 2024, after serving as an at-large member of the Des Moines City Council since 2017. Her mayoral priorities include economic development, neighborhood revitalization, transportation, housing, mental health, social issues and supporting our youth. Prior to serving as a council member, Connie worked as a buyer for Younkers department store for 30 years. She was also a member of the Des Moines Public School Board from 2003-2017. A proud East High graduate, she also attended Grand View University. Since 1988, Connie has owned and operated Applishus and The Salad Bowl stands at the Iowa State Fair.

Degree Candidates

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

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| Φ Cassandra Ascheman | Kristie Dana | Φ Kristin Anne Moore |
| Kevin Michael Bauman | Nicole Hegewald Hora | Φ Diana Pillado |
| Kelly Blomquist | Φ Samantha S Henningsen | Φ Dana Renae Bockelmann Recker |
| Φ Bethany Cole | Kelsey Abigail Henschen | Carla Rivas |
| Abigail Contreras | Kristine Hill | Kirsten Patrice Schroeder |
| | Φ McKenzie Langstraat | |

CANDIDATE FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANALYTICS DEGREE

Cody J Anderson

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING DEGREE

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| Samantha Anne Engman | Elizabeth Anastasia Hurlbut | Jacob James Tollefson |
| James Ellwood Estey | Ryne David Mohrfeld | Jenna LeeAnn White |
| Φ Nathan Michael Hamilton | Juan Diego Rosillo Hernández | |

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

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| Anastazia Acker | Breanna Marie Goeller | Alexandra Martinez |
| Jasmine Alexander | *Becca Hansen | Shea McCuen |
| Allyson Arenivas | Taylor Marie Harding | Φ Iliyah W Moore |
| Kelly Binkowski | Caitlyn L Holm | Abigail Catherine Placke |
| Arijana Catic | Audrey Pearl Hood | Madison Pleggenkuhle |
| Φ Chelsea Kaitlyn Chapko | Samantha Jo Ivie | Φ Benjamin Potter |
| Φ Rebecca Christiansen | *Mariah Jena | Tate Skartvedt |
| *Melanie Clark | Shelby Karr | Rain Sirena Robinson |
| *Breeana Zoe Runyon Coberley | Φ *Alexis Klein | Julie May San |
| Megan Dillavou | *Elizabeth Klink | Avery M Schweitzer |
| Φ Megan Ellen Doran | *Jocelynn Klos | Emily Mary Smolinski |
| Cheries Annette Dupree | Φ *Courtney Kopischke | Revay Stewart |
| Ariel Hjordis Engel | Φ Eleanor Kues | William Chevel Thomas |
| Dana Beth Ferris | Cecily Liphardt | Miranda Marie Tiller |
| Samona Garcia | Olivia Arlene Martin | *Edward Michael Wollner |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEGREE

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| Seth Alan Cloe | Shakrissa Juannet McCoy | Colby Franklin Royal |
| Sarah Danforth Flippen | *Michael Paul Nguyen | Φ Laren Michael Simon |
| Brennen Frederick | Φ Emmawyn Hermione Powers | *Blake Ryan Turner |
| Jack Harrison | David Reasby | *Andrew Webber |
| Sheri Howard | Robert Reedy | Nathan Paul Willcockson |
| Φ Robert Isaacs | Lucas Rodriguez | Drew Woodley |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING DEGREE

*Shawn Patrick Liker-Hill Φ Sophia Volk

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT DEGREE

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| Nelson Becassis | *Aaron Hafner | *Kai McPeak |
| Ellie Michaela Blosser | Jacob Harvey | Mackenzie Rae Olson |
| Mackenzie Ann Cahalan | Lindsey Nicole Holmberg | Φ *Matheus Martins |
| Andrew Lynn Conn | Owen Howard | Logan Smith |
| Alexis Danner | Brody Lamp | *Alessandro Venditti |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

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| Marian Marie Coover | Makayla Rae Hinners | Emily Beaham |
| Jaclyn Duden | Φ Karima Koko | Mila Isabella Trombino |
| Janice Rae Fenton | Zander Leman | Alexis Kate Wernimont |
| Φ Kimberly Michelle Rodriguez | Alisha Reynolds | Φ Ashly Renae Wigand |
| Φ Callie Jo Henrichs | Keimara Roby | |

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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| Benjamin Acri..... | Business Administration |
| € Makena Marie Adkins | Sport Management |
| € Diana Aguayo..... | Business Administration |
| Jalen Aguiniga | Criminal Justice |
| Braden Cole Anderson | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| Cody J Anderson | Business Analytics |
| § Rachel Iona Anderson | Elementary Education |
| Leonardo Annichini | Business Administration |
| Lier Ayarza | Business Administration |
| *Camden Baarda | Business Administration, Graphic Design |
| McKayla Jo Babinat..... | Business Analytics, Accounting |

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| | Prince Bagabo..... | Criminal Justice |
| | Van Ding Bawi..... | Accounting |
| € | Gabriel Beardsley | History |
| € | Sydney Nicole Beasley | Psychology |
| | James Beaty | Business Administration |
| € | Ajla Becirovic | Elementary Education |
| | Garritt Andrew Berkland..... | Criminal Justice |
| € | Hannah Rae Beveridge..... | Business Administration |
| μ | Tapash Bhattarai | Accounting |
| § | Isaac Bleich-Sisco | Theatre Arts |
| § | Charity Bos | Secondary Education, History |
| § | Naomi G Bourland | Business Administration |
| | Allan Joe Paranhos Brewer | Biotechnology, Biology |
| € | Andrew Brittingham..... | History |
| | Erik Brian Broekemeier | Business Administration |
| | Aaron C. Brown | Business Administration |
| | Fabian Brown..... | Business Administration |
| § | Jaylynn K Brown..... | Psychology |
| § | Olivia Nicole Brown..... | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Prince Zlankohn Brown..... | Business Administration, Sport Management |
| μ | Lily Grace Burkhead | Game Design |
| | Connor Canny | Business Administration |
| | Kairah Cantillo..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Ein Carlos | Liberal Arts |
| | Christine K Carter | Elementary Education |
| | Camrey Chaiya Cavan..... | Business Administration |
| § | Adeline Chance | Elementary Education |
| | Tucker Christensen..... | Sport Management |
| § | *Riley P Clancy..... | Business Administration |
| | *Sarah Elizabeth Clark | Paralegal Studies |
| | Kynan Clemons | Sport Management |
| € | Margaret Clifford | Accounting |
| | Alexandria Cockrell..... | Business Administration |
| | Bryce Cockrell..... | Business Administration |
| | Jackson Ray Cockrell..... | Liberal Arts |
| | Edi Cokovic | Business Administration |
| | Olivia Connors..... | Business Administration |
| | Peyton Kay Cook | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| € | Benjamin Michael Craven..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | Zachary Armond Cue..... | Game Design |
| | Wendi Michelle Danitz-Hart..... | Criminal Justice |
| | Krzysztof Darowski | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Martece R Davis..... | Theatre Arts |
| | Mario Wilbert De La Cruz Zuviri Jr | Business Administration |
| | Ezra Denny | Computer Science |
| | Emma Elaine DeStigter | Sport Management |
| μ | Eva Marie Diaz | Accounting |
| § | *Alexandra Rose Dieger | Elementary Education |

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| | *Makensie L Dimmitt | Criminal Justice |
| € | Tagen Douma | Physical Education |
| | Emma Kathleen Dunlavey | Elementary Education |
| § | Brady Duwa | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | Maria Alejandra Ekwall | Human Services |
| μ | Elizabeth Lucille Marie Elkins | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Thomas Even | Sport Management |
| € | Anabelle Fank | Business Administration |
| | Valerie Ferguson | Business Administration |
| | Thomas Fisher | English |
| € | Katherine Fogarty | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| € | Ayden Foster | Psychology |
| § | Ryan Foster | Psychology |
| | Jake Marshall Frederick | Game Design |
| | Madison Fry | Psychology |
| | Andrew Funke | Theatre Arts |
| € | Daniel Galili | Business Analytics |
| | Kennedy Gall | Liberal Arts |
| | Yarissa Lilia Gallo Campos | Psychology |
| | Paulina Carcia-Arreola | Studio Arts |
| | Edward Louis Garner V | Accounting, Business Administration |
| € | Clay Joseph Garretson | Elementary Education |
| | Elisha Gaye | Business Administration |
| | Journey E Goering | Human Services, Psychology |
| € | Rachel Elizabeth Gore | Business Administration |
| | *Kanishka gowthaman | Accounting, Business Administration |
| § | Tanarra Ray Mariah Gray | Human Services |
| | Ryan Griffel | Sport Management |
| § | Nayeli Guerrero-Zamarripa | Business Administration |
| | Gregory Hagan | Liberal Arts |
| § | Hailey K. Haines | Psychology |
| € | Emilee Anne Hall | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Abbot Haner | Physical Education |
| | Torie Harmon | Business Administration |
| μ | Creighton Hatting | Secondary Education, Mathematics |
| | Cole T. Haynes | Business Administration |
| | Rece William Heinen | Business Administration |
| | Impaneza Heritier | Management Information Systems |
| | Davis Herndon | Criminal Justice |
| § | Abigail Krysten Herrick | Business Administration |
| € | Linnea Hietala | Communication and Media Practice |
| | Evan Hightshoe | Elementary Education |
| | *Ariel JoAnna Hilson | Psychology |
| | Hank Himrich | Communication and Media Practice |
| € | Patrick Lee Hirth | Criminal Justice |
| μ | Kaylee Hodnefield | Elementary Education |
| | Dim Thian Huai | Accounting, Business Administration |
| μ | Noah D Huff | Communication and Media Practice |

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| | Madison Brooke Huisman | Business Administration |
| | Ryan Christopher Hulse | Sport Management |
| € | Caleb S Humphrey..... | Political Science |
| § | Dung Huynh..... | Accounting |
| | Zavier Jackman..... | Computer Science |
| | Trayvonne Jackson | Liberal Arts |
| | Alexis Jemison | Business Administration, Sport Management |
| μ | *Connor J. Johnson | Business Administration |
| € | Dane C Johnson..... | History |
| | Chantal Jones | Organizational Studies |
| μ | Dezi Jones | Liberal Arts |
| | Gregory Jones..... | Communication and Media Practice |
| | Laura Jones..... | Accounting |
| § | Lily Anna Mae Jones..... | Human Services, Psychology |
| | *Nicholas Jones | Computer Science |
| € | Dominick E. Judge..... | Game Design |
| | Isaiah La'amaikahiki Makoto Kalima-Izumi | Sport Management |
| | Matthew Cole Kauffman..... | Business Administration |
| | Carlton Timothy Keith JR..... | Business Administration |
| | Connor J Keller | Sport Management |
| | Lorina Lea Kern..... | Organizational Studies |
| μ | James Peter Kiernan | Management Information Systems |
| | *Laura Andrian Chebet Kipnusu..... | Criminal Justice, Political Science Pre Law |
| § | Karlee Rebecca Knode..... | Organizational Studies |
| | Mohammed Koraishi..... | Management Information Systems |
| | Garavous Kouekabakilahoh | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Rhonda Kaye Heaberlin | History |
| § | Kody Elijah Kruschwitz | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Gabe Kuehler | Psychology |
| | Noah Kueter..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Jordan A Kumm | Business Administration |
| § | Olivia Kyes | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | Kambree Ladd..... | Psychology, Human Services |
| | Emiliano Laguna Cuellar | Business Administration |
| | Karen Michelle Landaverde Lara | Human Services |
| | Ra'Shjon Martinez | Business Administration |
| € | Bowen Larsen | Liberal Arts |
| | Ella Larsen..... | Biology |
| μ | Easton Lee Larson..... | Business Analytics |
| | Martin Launay..... | Political Science |
| μ | Julie Nguyen Le | Elementary Education |
| μ | Jonah Leifker | Business Administration |
| | Alek Ray Lemke | Sport Management |
| § | Eric Liborio..... | Criminal Justice |
| | Samuel Londono Ibarra..... | Business Administration |
| | John C Lopez..... | Human Services |
| | *Alexander Lucas | Psychology |
| μ | *Isaiah Luellen | Elementary Education |

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| | Christella Luyeye | Human Services, Psychology |
| | Kali Mae Mable | Criminal Justice |
| | Richard Mack | Sport Management |
| μ | Riley Mackey | Elementary Education |
| € | Cole Lee Mair | Secondary Education |
| | Jenna Mall | Psychology |
| | *Danielle Joyce Mann | Paralegal Studies |
| | Luke Markla | Psychology |
| | Paulo Marques | Business Administration |
| | Lizbeth Marquez Sedano | Business Administration |
| | Lauren Olyvia Martin | Business Administration |
| μ | Jesus Martinez-Aviles | Communication and Media Practice |
| | Sydney Faith McCasland | Business Administration |
| | Justin McCunn | Mathematics |
| μ | Jenna Ann McDonald | Psychology |
| | Abby McIntyre | Liberal Arts |
| | *Taylor Renea McMahon | Elementary Education |
| | Austin W. McMillin | Business Administration |
| § | Mackenzie Elizabeth Meister | Criminal Justice, Psychology |
| | Korey Mendoza | Business Administration |
| | Marco A. Mendoza | Business Administration, Sport Management |
| § | Kylie Merical | Elementary Education |
| § | Kayli Mernka | Liberal Arts |
| € | Abby Meyer | Psychology |
| § | Isabelle Nanci Miller | Biotechnology |
| μ | Isabella Grace Milosevich | Elementary Education |
| € | Gloria Angelica Mireles | Psychology |
| | Jovon Mitchell | Liberal Arts |
| € | Dominic J Morris | Psychology, Human Services |
| | *Parfait Muhoza Shimwa | Mathematics |
| μ | Benjamin James Murphy | Business Administration |
| μ | Cleao Jo Murray | Business Administration |
| | Eloge Ndaya Ndiadia | Psychology |
| § | Zachary Marcus Neese | Accounting, Business Administration |
| § | Robyn Michelle Nelms | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| € | Philip A Nestler | Graphic Design |
| | Tyrell Newman | Business Administration |
| | Mu Ngi | Business Analytics, Biochemistry |
| | Emily Anh Nguyen | Business Administration |
| μ | Ian Nichols | Computer Science |
| | Timothy Nimely | Business Administration |
| € | Derek Allen Oberhelman | Game Design, Graphic Design |
| μ | Gabriel Olson | Elementary Education |
| | Nichole Onstot | Organizational Studies |
| μ | Elizaveta Ordinteva | Criminal Justice |
| μ | Armin Oric | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| € | Melanie Isabella Alexandra Pastorino Ortega | Business Administration |
| € | Jenna Noel Pastour | Psychology |

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| § | Anna Christine Paul | Sport Management |
| μ | Eh Kee Lah Paw | Psychology |
| μ | Ehshee Paw | Theology |
| | Jasmina Paw | Liberal Arts |
| | Kwe Lay Paw | Psychology, Human Services |
| | Umi Eden Paw | Business Administration |
| | Scott James Pengelly | Biology |
| § | Taylor Pennington | Elementary Education |
| μ | Vinny Perales | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Jared Cole Perrault | Computer Science |
| € | Isabel Pershing | Elementary Education |
| μ | Stephanie Ann Sandvig | Organizational Studies |
| | James Piper | Studio Arts |
| | Brian Platt | Human Services |
| | Fatima Plumb | Business Administration |
| μ | Ellen Polich | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | *Mario Ramon Price | Psychology |
| | Trevor Howard Pulse | Business Administration |
| μ | Kaitlyn Rahfeldt | Business Administration |
| | Madelyn Rehor | Music Education |
| € | *Ellie Rengstorf | Kinesiology and Health Promotion, Graphic Design |
| μ | Alex Reynolds | Mathematics |
| μ | Megan Diane Riesselman | Sport Management, Accounting |
| | *Ryan James Rinke | Communication and Media Practice |
| | Gage Allen Ritz | Sport Management |
| | Connor Robertson | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | *Jennifer Marie Robinson | Accounting |
| | Joshua Rocha-Mendias | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | Aaron Michael Rodriguez | Psychology, Theology |
| | Leilani Rodriguez | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | Melissa Leah Roe | Human Services |
| μ | Alexandra Regina Roland | Business Administration |
| § | Gabrielle Regan Roorda | Elementary Education |
| § | Imanol Saldana | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Pierre Salib | Biology |
| € | Brian Sanchez Olave | Business Analytics |
| μ | Chad Allan Sayles | Secondary Education |
| | Clement Scaccia | Business Administration |
| | Mikayla Schnurr | Accounting, Business Administration |
| § | Michelle Schultz | Psychology |
| | Madison Elaine Schumacker | Business Administration |
| | Dane Schwirtz | Elementary Education, Liberal Arts |
| | Mickey Fate Seely | Biology |
| | Aneesah J Shabazz | Elementary Education |
| | Salum Shabiby | Management Information Systems |
| € | Katie M. Shepherd | Accounting |
| μ | Alvin Musinya Shivere | Computer Science |
| € | Calvin Stuart Jon Sieck | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |

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| § | Henry Charles Siever | Elementary Education |
| μ | Oscar Silva..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Ofek Sirkis | Business Administration |
| | Logan Skipton..... | Accounting, Business Administration |
| € | Jordyne Slagle | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Shelby Elizabeth Slaven | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Jacob Smith..... | Business Administration |
| μ | Cooper Smith | Criminal Justice |
| | Kade Somers | Business Administration |
| € | Thi Linh Da Son..... | Accounting, Business Administration |
| € | Caleb Spranger | Secondary Education |
| € | Cassandra Stewart | History, Theater |
| | Kaden Stewart..... | Business Administration |
| € | Tate Stine-Smith..... | Psychology |
| | *Josh Stoll | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| € | *Amber Swinehart | Studio Arts |
| | Austin Switzer | Paralegal Studies, Business Administration |
| | *Dumbari Grace Taoh..... | Human Services |
| § | Emily Tavegia | Art Education |
| | Carson Taylor | Business Administration |
| μ | Isabel Tetmeyer | Biotechnology, Biology |
| | Davin Miles Thompson..... | Business Administration |
| | Mason Lee Thompson..... | Psychology |
| € | Elise Raeann Thorson | Paralegal Studies |
| | *Andrew James Tiller | Business Administration |
| | Trent Sterling Tipton..... | Business Administration |
| | Aisea Kilohwia Toki | Sport Management |
| | *Antwaneisha Tolson..... | Organizational Studies |
| § | Hanna Nicole Townley | Psychology |
| μ | Kennedy Tunink..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| § | McKenna Sue Ussery..... | English |
| | Faines Uwezo Jelson | Business Administration |
| | Alana Van Ballegooyen..... | Psychology and Criminal Justice |
| § | *Lilly Van Rees | Elementary Education |
| | Jaedyn M Veasley..... | Criminal Justice |
| μ | Selima Vejzovic..... | Criminal Justice |
| | *Luke Vitiritto | Business Administration |
| | Zachary Voelz..... | Sport Management |
| | Chevelle Keala Wagner-Chun | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Lucas Wakefield | Business Administration |
| § | Sven Jonas Waldmeier..... | Psychology |
| | Zachary Joseph Wallace | Secondary Education |
| | Kaitlynn V Wamser | Psychology |
| | Krista Lee Warren..... | Criminal Justice |
| μ | James Michael Wartick..... | Business Administration |
| € | *Blaine C. Watkins | Political Science |
| § | Kyle Weber..... | Human Services, Psychology |
| § | Aidan Weckman | Business Administration |

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| | Cole Weckman | Business Administration |
| μ | Jayson Michael Weiland..... | Kinesiology and Health Promotion |
| | Benjamin Welch | Criminal Justice |
| € | Ray Ann Renee Wells-Smith | Human Services |
| | Linnea M. Wolf | Business Administration |
| μ | Jacob Wolver | Accounting, Business Administration |
| | Jodin Ezra Ann Wyckoff..... | Psychology |
| μ | Brynna Kay Yocom | Elementary Education |
| μ | *Benedikt Zechmeister..... | Business Administration |

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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|---|------------------------------|---|
| μ | Alexandra Andersen..... | Biology |
| | Hira Bhujel | Biology |
| | Jada Leynice Coleman | Biology |
| | Emily McGuire..... | Biology |
| | Alexis Quiana Dorsett..... | Biology |
| | Beth Ann Doyle Thomas..... | Biology, BA Biology |
| | Jennifer leong..... | Biochemistry |
| | Elizabeth Nylomyne Joe | Biochemistry |
| € | Macie Sierra Mosher | Biology |
| § | Jaren Chimere Obia..... | Biochemistry |
| | Salvador Ramirez-Garcia..... | Biology |
| § | Elizabeth Runneberg | Biology |
| § | Mia Elizabeth Schumann..... | Biochemistry, Spanish for Careers and Professionals |
| | Amelia Schwartzkopf | Biology, Biotechnology, BA Biology |
| | Tayana DaShawn Williams..... | Biology |

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

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| μ | Reed Jason Abbas | € | Ava Arlisse Kanne | € | Maiya Shawn Schminkey |
| § | Jessica Elizabeth Anderson | € | Jenna Kathleen LaDage | | Morgan Schulz |
| € | Jersey Rae Bender | € | Marah Larsen | μ | Rayna Elizabeth Sickels |
| | Allie Nicole Britten | § | Liberty Christiana Leis | | Neomi Amie Sidique |
| | Esther Nyajal Goanar Chol | | Josi Elizabeth Lonneman | § | Josephine Elizabeth Sowers |
| | Kaisha Christianson | | Michael Meacham | § | Aviah Rian Taylor |
| | (Business Administration) | | Emily Marie Miner | | (Spanish for Careers & Professionals) |
| μ | Madalynn Marie Constable | μ | Sidney M Nelson | | Micheal D L Thornton |
| § | Keely Elizabeth Cookson | | *Hannah Lindsey Rees | € | Natalia Villegas |
| | Puspa Dhimal | | Lesly Reyes Guzman | € | Melany Elizabeth Vry |
| € | Camille Dixon | | Laurence L. Rivas Jr | € | Neveah Jaylin Wood |
| | Ellen Hetzel | μ | Cassandra Ruzicka | | |
| | Kevin Hoerster | § | Emma Catherine Schirrmacher | | |
| | Lisa Nicole Jennings | | Bridgit Schlafke | | |

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

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| μ Iman Khaled Adam | μ Gracie Lee Hagle | Mtee Kaw Paw |
| Travis Anderson | Nicolle Hook | Sarah Lyn Robben |
| Emily Atkinson | Kendall Rachelle Karnatz | € Darique M. Rodriguez |
| Alexis Billington | € Jenna G. Kidman | Kaylee Ann Smith |
| Cassandra Gordon | Jennifer M. McMillan | § Connie Jean Welcher |
| Madyson Keli Guzman | Janis Lily Elise Morrow | (Political Science) |
| | Gillian Ann Overturf | |

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 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 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)

*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.*

PROCESSIONAL FLAGS

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

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

Brazil – Paulo Marques – *Green field with large yellow diamond in the center bearing a blue celestial globe with 27 white pointed stars*

Columbia – Samuel Londoño – *Three horizontal stripes: yellow, blue, and red, with the yellow stripe twice the height of the blue and red stripe*

Ecuador – Melanie Ortega – *Three horizontal stripes: yellow, blue, and red, with the yellow stripe twice the height of the blue and red stripe, with the country's coat of arms featuring a condor*

Israel – Ofek Sirkis – *A white background with a horizontal blue stripe at the top and bottom with a blue Star of David in the center*

Kenya – Alvin Shivere – *Tricolor of black, red, and green with two white edges imposed with a red, white, and black Maasai shield and 2 crossed spears*

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

Republic of Moldova – Elizaveta Ordinteva – *Vertical triband of blue, yellow and red, with the country's coat of arms featuring an eagle*

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:

Australia, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Meskwaki Nation, Republic of the Gambia, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, Vietnam

HONOR SOCIETY REGALIA

Alpha Chi – Medallion with green and blue ribbon

Alpha Psi Omega – Blue and amber cords

Alpha Sigma Lambda – Burgundy and gold 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

Tau Upsilon Alpha – Royal blue, white and gold cords

Theta Alpha Kappa – TAK pin and red cords

Viking Leadership Credential – Red, white and black 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 Administration

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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First system of musical notation (measures 1-4). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "You shine for all, light to the world. Here our fu - tures are un - furled."

Second system of musical notation (measures 5-8). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Her - i - tage that is so grand, Like a rock on which we stand."

Third system of musical notation (measures 9-12). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Grow - ing spi - rit, bod - y, mind, Called to serve all hu - man - kind, We

Fourth system of musical notation (measures 13-16). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "leave e - quipped, em - pow - ered, too. We pledge our hearts to — Grand View."

