



*Wayne State College*  
*Commencement*

December 15, 2023

1:30 p.m.



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\*Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Edward Elgar  
A Touch of Brass

Welcome..... Dr. Marysz Rames  
President

\*\*"The Star Spangled Banner" ..... John Stafford Smith  
Graduating Music Student Amanda Lynn Stuhr and Dr. Sarah Farr, Associate Professor of Music  
(The audience is invited to sing)

Invocation ..... Aspen Bennier  
Honorable Mention, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Greetings from the Board ..... Mr. Carter "Cap" Peterson  
Trustee, Nebraska State College System

Recognition of Retiring Faculty..... President Rames  
Dr. Adolfo Cacheiro, Professor of Language and Literature

Alumni Achievement Award ..... President Rames  
Mr. Kevin Armstrong, CEO of the Wayne State Foundation  
Recipient: Nicole Brungardt, 2012 Wayne State College Graduate

Student Speakers ..... Aubreanna Renae Miller  
Neihardt Scholar, Summa cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies,  
Mass Communication/Journalism; Minor in Editing and Publishing  
Emily Faye Steinhoff  
Master of Science in Education-School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12

Musical Selection: "My Spirit Be Joyful" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
A Touch of Brass

Presentation of Candidates for Degree ..... Mr. Steven Elliott  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... President Rames

Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates ..... Dr. Gerard Ras  
Dean, School of Business and Technology

Presentation of Graduate Candidates ..... Vice President Elliott

Concluding Remarks ..... President Rames

\*\*"Alma Mater" ..... Leon Beery  
Dr. Sarah Farr, Associate Professor of Music  
(The audience is invited to sing)

Faculty Marshal: Mr. Steven Elliott, Vice President for Academic Affairs

\*Audience please stand



## **Nicole Brungardt '12 Alumni Achievement Award**

Nicole Brungardt graduated from Wayne State in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Brungardt was a standout student-athlete for the volleyball and track and field programs from 2008 to 2012. She was a four-year letter winner and defensive specialist on the Wildcat volleyball team, making the NCAA National Tournament four years in a row. Brungardt also competed in women's track and field for two seasons (2011 and 2012), earning recognition as a four-time All-American, eight-time All-Region selection, and five-time NSIC champion.

After Wayne State, Brungardt pursued a dream in the summer of 2017 and qualified as a member of the United States Bobsled Team, competing with Team USA for five years (2017-2022). In her final year, she traveled to Beijing to train and compete on the Olympic track, just missing making the 2022 Olympic team.

Brungardt lives in Omaha, Neb., and works as a project manager for Pearce Services, providing engineering services for CenturyLink. In addition to working full time, Brungardt also volunteers for two organizations: Rescue America, a national telephone hotline to help Sex Trafficking Victims gain freedom, and Victory Riding Academy, an equine therapy academy that helps people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other disabilities.

## **Aspen Bennier Invocation Speaker**

Aspen Bennier of Sioux City, Iowa, will deliver the invocation. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Gary and Angel Bennier of Sioux City and the mother to Ainslee Bennier.

Bennier was named to the Deans List and served as a substitute teacher in area schools as part of the College's Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA) while completing her undergraduate degree. Bennier plans to teach elementary school after graduation.

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## **Aubreanna Miller Commencement Address**

Aubreanna Miller of Milford, Neb., will deliver one of two commencement addresses. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree, double majoring in Journalism and Communication Studies, with a minor in Editing and Publishing. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Kimberly Miller of Seward, Neb., and Dave and Tosha Dunham of Crete, Neb.

Miller was active on campus, serving as editor in chief of The Wayne Stater from August 2022 to May 2023; news editor from August 2021 to May 2022; and staff writer from January 2021 to May 2023. She also served various roles with Theta Phi Alpha sorority and served as president of Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society from August 2022 to September 2023. Miller was also active in the Honors Club and Greek Council from Fall 2020 through the present.

Miller was the recipient of numerous scholarships while studying at Wayne State. She earned the Neihardt Scholarship, Nebraska Press Association Student Journalist Scholarship, Partners in the Park Honors Trip Scholarship, Omaha Press Club Jim Denny "Good News" Scholarship, and the Dick Manley Journalism Scholarship through the Wayne State Foundation.

Miller was recognized for her academic achievements through the Golden Leaf student journalism awards for best general news story, the Deans List, and for the top paper at the Flatwater Research Conference.

Miller plans to continue working at The Wayne Herald, where she has worked for more than a year. In the fall of next year, she said she would like to start graduate school to pursue a doctorate in Health Communications to become a professor.

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## **Emily Steinhoff Commencement Address**

Emily Steinhoff of Seward, Neb., will deliver one of two commencement addresses. She is graduating with a master of science degree in School Administration 7-12. She is the daughter of Bill and Peg McAllister of West Point, Neb.

Steinhoff serves as an Instructional Coach at Schuyler Middle School in Schuyler, Neb. She plans to continue in her capacity as an instructional leader with an eye toward working as a principal later in her career.

Steinhoff is married to Travis Steinhoff, with whom she has two children, Ben and Olivia.

# SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

*Based on the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the semester prior to their semester of graduation.*

*High Honors in the Major – 12 hours of honors courses and complete a junior/senior honors project.*

*Honors in the Major – 6 hours of honors courses and complete a junior/senior honors project.*

*Scholar in the Major – complete a junior/senior honors project.*

## JOHN G. NEIHARDT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The John G. Neihardt Scholars Program provides special academic and scholarship opportunities for outstanding students enrolling at Wayne State College.

Each year the Scholarship Council selects a limited number from the qualified applicants to participate in the program, which offers special classes, colloquia, and advisement.

Students accepted into the program, who maintain their eligibility, are awarded a four-year scholarship for tuition up to 128 total credit hours, eight semesters of room waiver, and an annual stipend of \$500.

## JOHN G. NEIHARDT SCHOLARS

Lane Dale Carson, Honorable Mention with High Honors in the Major Psychology

Senior Research Project: A Study on the Relationship Between Job and Wage Satisfaction and Employment History

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Dan Miller

Aubreanna Renae Miller, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Communication Studies/  
Communication Studies

Senior Research Project: Utilizing Collectivistic Messaging to Enhance Health Communications within the Northeast Nebraska Rural Health Network

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Randa Garden

John Russell Munter, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Social Science Education

Senior Research Project: Influence of Western Movies on Perceptions of the American West

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Randy Bertolas

Laura Grace Spieler, Magna cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations

Senior Research Project: Communicating with Older Adults in Regard to their Health

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Allyn Lueders

## HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS

Mackenzie Renae Eskey, cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Interdisciplinary Studies-Earth Science

Senior Research Project: Subalpine Forest and Lacustrine Controls on Stream Water Chemistry of the Loch Vale Watershed, Colorado

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Jason Price

Brett Gehrig Hilbers, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Life Sciences/Biology  
Senior Research Project: Detection of Borellia/Rickettsia Bacteria and Associated Tick-Borne Viruses in  
Northeastern Nebraska  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Doug Christensen

Reagan Angeline Hudson, Summa cum Laude with Honors in the Major English Writing  
Senior Research Project: Constructing the Poetry Manuscript Angst in Ink  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Marcellus

John Paul Mobley, Summa cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: How to Survive as Prosecuting Attorney in a Trauma-Filled Career  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

Katie Rathman, Magna cum Laude with Honors in the Major Business Administration/Management  
Senior Research Project: Manipulation in Nebraska's Legal and Corporate Environment  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Laura Dendinger

Trinity Marie Seery, cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Capital Punishment: Should it be Available and Applied in Every State?  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Rachel Kunz

## Summa cum Laude

*Based on the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the semester prior to their semester of graduation.  
Cumulative grade point average between 3.90 to 4.00*

Emily Jo Armstrong	Jessica Maya Santiago	Nathaniel Levi Ruhl
Amelia Christine Babcock	Layne Jean Merrill	Kara Schmid
Zachary Joseph Chromy	Aubreanna Renae Miller	Riley Claire Seifert
Lacie Cruise	Hayley Jo Mitchell	Caitlin Nicole Sharp
Josue Antonio Flores	John Paul Mobley	Adam Taylor Stewart
Kaitlyn Breanna Heimes	John Russell Munter	Lindsey Grace Stuckey
Brett Gehrig Hilbers	Jillian Grace Myers	Lyndsay Rae Terveer++
Reagan Angeline Hudson	Kalin McKenna Olson	Courtne Lee Wendt
Bruno Lee	Myah Ashlee Phillips	Madeline Opal York
Hayli Kay Martinez++	Marissa Jean Remm	

## Magna cum Laude

*Based on the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the semester prior to their semester of graduation.  
Cumulative grade point average between 3.80 to 3.89*

Landen Berck	Caitlin Courtney Morris	Kaelyn Rae Svehla
Alexandria Christine Beresford	Angela Opal Pravecek	Sedrick Matthew Svehla
Kaylee N. Finlay	Katie Rathman	Colson Dean Watchorn Newbrey
Katelyn Brooke Heine	Sarah Elizabeth Ream	Kayla Renee Wingert
Shyenne Jadyn Langley	Izac Reifenrath	
Abigail Rose Larson	Laura Grace Spieler	

## cum Laude

*Based on the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the semester prior to their semester of graduation.  
Cumulative grade point average between 3.70 to 3.79*

Savannah Jane Ameen	Colby E. Heller	Jasmine Odalis Martinez
Lorna Grace Bruhn	Steven Hornberg	Zachary Michael Nielsen++
Vannia Haidee Duarte-Camacho	Sydni Kay Hughes	Amber Lea Novotny
Mackenzie Renae Eskey	Julee Mae Jaixen	Jessica Palmillas
Rylee J. Finkhaus	Jacob Kenneth Keiser	Trinity Marie Seery
Ryder Fuchs	Jacob Francis Kneifl	Payton Alexander Shores
Cutter Michael Haberman	Bettiza-Marie Koolman	Brendan Craig Stricherz++
Conner Dale Hammer	Kiana Lewis	Carlos Villarreal II
Garrison Sieler Hansen	Stacy Jo Long	



## Honorable Mention

*Based on the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the semester prior to their semester of graduation.  
Cumulative grade point average between 3.50 to 3.69*

Connor Michael Becker++  
Ashley Merin Behlen  
Aspen Bennier  
Kourtney Jane Caniglia  
Lane Dale Carson  
Carter Jones Church  
Spencer Daniel Davis  
Corey Lee Dawe  
Megan Dunn  
Kurtis Glenn Eisenhower  
Jackeline Espinoza Diaz  
Nathan Fethkenher++  
Grant Lloyd Fleecs

Felicia BreAnn Hein  
Brittany Heydon  
Jenna Marie Hoefs  
Casey Ross Hutchings  
Julie Marie Jones  
Mikaela Juelfs  
Janie Anastasia Keller  
Kylie Gail Kleespies  
Tychique Kutalu  
Lewis Kenneth Munhofen  
Kylie Kae Murphy  
Janae Juliana Nietzsche  
Elizabeth Jo Nordby

Zachary Hunter Orton  
Nolan Wayne Ostrand  
Dalton James Pabian  
Karli Nicole Reardon  
Grace Noellann Rolland  
Austin Roth  
Barrett Byrne Skrobecki  
Amaya Breanne Staroscik  
Kathryn Ann Vlaanderen  
Blakeley Hope Wooden  
Brayden Joseph Zimmerer

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

Majors follow hometowns, minors/supplemental endorsements in italics  
Graduation contingent upon successful completion of the current semester.  
++August 2023 or prior Graduate.

Cords worn by graduates indicate membership in various societies and honoraries within their majors.  
Color designations are listed on the inside back page.

## Bachelor of Arts

Jairzinho David John Alberto	Willemstad, Curaçao	Art/Graphic Design
Savannah Jane Ameen	Lawton, IA	English Language Arts Education
Adam Kahle Boggs	Tilden	Art/Studio Art
Hailey Karynn Brooks	Wellfleet	English Writing, <i>Editing and Publishing, Biology</i>
Byron Carrera	Grand Island	Mass Communication/Electronic Media
Zachary Joesph Chromy	Schuyler	English Language Arts Education, <i>Theatre Education</i>
Courtney Amber Dahlberg	Theford	Art/PK-12 Art Education, <i>Theatre</i>
Michael Joseph Eastman	Aurora	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Drafting</i>
Brittany Marie Garthoff	Coleridge	Music/Performance
Avery Wade Graham	Red Oak, IA	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, <i>Promotion and Media</i>
Emma Hawkins	Waterbury	English Literature, <i>Editing and Publishing</i>
Elizabeth Mable Hjelm	Viborg, SD	Communication Studies/Communication Studies, <i>Journalism, Intercultural Workplace Communication</i>
Reagan Angeline Hudson	Dickens	English Writing, <i>Editing and Publishing, Online and Social Media</i>
Abigail Rose Larson	Omaha	Secondary English Education, <i>Creative Writing</i>
Stacy Jo Long	Pender	Art/PK-12 Art Education
Jasmine Odalis Martinez	Wakefield	Spanish, Sociology, <i>Human Services</i>
Layne Jean Merrill	Trenton	English Language Arts Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Aubreanna Renae Miller	Milford	Communication Studies/Communication Studies, Mass Communication/Journalism, <i>Editing and Publishing</i>
Jessica Palmillas	Sioux City, IA	Secondary English Education, <i>Speech Communication</i>
Laura Grace Spieler	Omaha	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations
Amanda Lynn Stuhr	Bellwood	Music/Vocal and Instrumental Music Education PK-12, <i>Theatre Education</i>
Sidney Hunter Truman	Ankeny, IA	Communication Studies/Communication Studies, Sociology, <i>Psychology</i>
Kathryn Ann Vlaanderen	Sioux City, IA	Mass Communication/Journalism, <i>Spanish</i>
Colson Dean Watchorn Newbrey	Ponca	Music/Vocal and Instrumental Music Education PK-12

# Bachelor of Science

Emily Jo Armstrong	Wayne	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Amelia Christine Babcock	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Hunter Gordon Babe++	Omaha	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Destini L. Bailey	Sioux City, IA	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Jacob Kenneth Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes, SD	Criminal Justice, <i>Business Administration</i>
Isaac Daniel Bebout	Kellogg, IA	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Connor Michael Becker++	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Rex Patrick Becker	Hartington	Business Administration/Professional Studies
Ashley Merin Behlen	Columbus	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Aspen Bennier	Sioux City, IA	Elementary Education
Landen Berck	Stromsburg	Social Science Education
Alexandria Christine Beresford	Moreland Hills, OH	Life Sciences/Biology
Luke Anthony Bettenhausen	Monroe	Psychology, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Kelli Breanne Blaser	Norfolk	Business Administration/Finance
Sarah Jo Bodlak	Arlington	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3, Special Education Generalist K-6
Elizabeth Jane Boone	Sioux City, IA	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Evan Michael Brasch	Sioux City, IA	Interdisciplinary Studies-Business and Employee Relations
Lorna Grace Bruhn	Laurel	Technology/Management Services Occupations
Cody Michael Burgett	Battle Creek	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Erica Camarillo	South Sioux City	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Kourtney Jane Caniglia	Springfield	Mathematics Education 6-12, Physical Education 7-12
Lane Dale Carson	Lynch	Psychology, <i>Business Administration</i>
Berenice Casillas	Wayne	Human Service Counseling, <i>Family Life Studies</i>
Jazmin Chavez-Ortiz	South Sioux City	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology</i>
Bailey Christensen	Columbus	Business Administration/Management
Carter Jones Church	Ogden, IA	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Jadyn Mackenzie Classen	Hoskins	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Jazmin Cortez	Omaha	Business Administration/Management
Mackenzie Ray Crosgrove	Jackson	Business Administration/Agri-Business, <i>Coaching</i>
Cody Michael Crosley	Crofton	Industrial Technology/Safety Management, <i>Drafting</i>
Lacie Cruise	Genoa	Mathematics/Applied-Computer Science, <i>Computer Science, Business Administration</i>
Spencer Daniel Davis	Oneill	Criminal Justice, <i>Biology</i>
Corey Lee Dawe	Burwell	Industrial Technology/Safety Management
Jeffrey Eli Demke	Wakefield	Computer Science, <i>Computer Information Systems</i>
Vannia Haidee Duarte-Camacho	Omaha	Criminal Justice, Spanish
Megan Dunn	Logan, IA	Elementary Education, <i>Math for Elementary Teachers</i>
Grayce Marie Dutcher	Omaha	Psychology, Sociology
Kurtis Glenn Eisenhauer	Allen	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Kaitlyn Sue Eller	Seward	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Tori Emmons	Emerson	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>

Lucien Lyle Engel	Columbus	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Mackenzie Renae Eskey	Wausa	Life Sciences/Biology, Interdisciplinary Studies-Earth Science
Jackeline Espinoza Diaz	Sioux City, IA	Business Administration/Management
Nathan Fethkenher++	Omaha	Technology/Drafting Occupations
Rylee J. Finkhaus	Norfolk	Elementary Education
Kaylee N. Finlay	Omaha	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology, Sociology</i>
Grant Lloyd Fleecs	Glidden, IA	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Josue Antonio Flores	Schuyler	Business Administration/Management
Amber Lynn Foltz	Norfolk	Psychology, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Hunter Jaymes Fotoplos	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Grant Joseph Fritsch	Elkhorn	Skilled and Technical Sciences Education 6-12, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Ryder Fuchs	Pierce	Industrial Technology/Safety Management
Callan M. Fuchser	Columbus	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Brian L. Fuoss	Norfolk	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Boston Goodsell	Hemingford	Computer Information Systems/Integrated Technology Support
Dacia Anisah Gorrin	Winnebago	Business Administration/Management
Brett Steven Greenfield	Malmo	Criminal Justice, <i>Environmental Studies</i>
Tatiana Nicole Gronenthal	Norfolk	Human Service Counseling
Sally Marie Guhde	La Vista	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Jacquelyn Lupita Gutierrez	Sioux City, IA	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Cutter Michael Haberman	Randolph	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Conner Dale Hammer	Creighton	Business Administration/Management
Garrison Sieler Hansen	Atkinson	Business Administration/Agri-Business, Management
Jalissa Marie Hattig	South Sioux City	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences, Psychology</i>
Nolan Thomas Heim	Tekamah	Business Administration/Finance
Kaitlyn Breanna Heimes	Hartington	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Felicia BreAnn Hein	Columbus	Business Administration/Management
Katelyn Brooke Heine	Hartington	Business Administration/Finance
Colby E. Heller	Wisner	Industrial Technology/Construction Management
Brittany Heydon	Laurel	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Brett Gehrig Hilbers	Fremont	Psychology, Life Sciences/Biology, Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Philosophy</i>
Caitlin Ann Hoefer	Wayne	Human Service Counseling
Jenna Marie Hoefs	Arlington	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Matt Eugene Hoenk	Columbus	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Steven Hornberg	Council Bluffs, IA	Computer Science, Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst, <i>Mathematics</i>
Aubrie Sierra Howard	Lincoln	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Sydni Kay Hughes	Ponca	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3, Coaching</i>
Katie Ann Humburg	Hudson, WI	Business Administration/Marketing, <i>Online and Social Media</i>

Ashton Elizabeth Hurley	Lincoln	Geography, <i>Geospatial Technology, Travel and Tourism, Earth Science</i>
Casey Ross Hutchings	Boone, IA	Engineering Technology, Industrial Technology/Drafting and Design
Caden Robert Jackson	Dodge	Business Administration/Marketing
Allison Janae Jaixen	Wayne	Human Service Counseling, <i>Family Life Studies, Speech Communication</i>
Julee Mae Jaixen	Columbus	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Lily Janke	Waterloo	Special Education Generalist K-12
Kenny Alhousene Johnson	Wayne	Business Administration/Economics, Finance
Sarah Johnson	Newman Grove	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Public and Global Health, Psychology</i>
Hannah Marie Jones	Omaha	Criminal Justice, <i>Business Administration</i>
Julie Marie Jones	Crofton	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Nitant B. Joshi	Mumbai, India	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst, <i>Computer Science</i>
Mikaela Juelfs	Elkhorn	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Mitchell Martin Keady	Carroll	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Jacob Kenneth Keiser	Fordyce	Business Administration/Accounting
Janie Anastasia Keller	Norfolk	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology</i>
Tyler Matthew Kelly	Omaha	Business Administration/Finance
Kylie Gail Kleespies	Washta, IA	Human Service Counseling
Jacob Francis Kneifl	Emerson	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Bettiza-Marie Koolman	Oranjestad, Aruba	Interdisciplinary Studies-Global Health Sciences
Jennifer Cynthia Kousgaard	Carter Lake, IA	Middle Level Education 5-9, <i>Coaching</i>
Jace David Kremer	Seward	Business Administration/Human Resource Management, <i>Music</i>
Zachary Benedict Kucz	Lake in the Hills, IL	Sport Management, <i>Business Administration</i>
Tychique Kutalu	Columbus	Engineering Technology, <i>Safety Management</i>
Alexus Langemeier	Norfolk	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Shyenne Jadyng Langley	Tekamah	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Bruno Lee	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst
Kiana Lewis	Winnebago	Early Childhood and Family Studies
Bennett John Lorenz	Gretna	Industrial Technology/Safety Management
Hayli Kay Martinez++	North Sioux City, SD	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Jessica Maya Santiago	South Sioux City	Human Service Counseling
Liam Michael McGonigal	Hailey, ID	Sport Management
Terri Lee Medina	Winnebago	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Yvette Veronica Mendoza	El Centro, CA	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Hayley Jo Mitchell	Bronson, IA	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
John Paul Mobley	Homer	Criminal Justice, <i>Business Administration</i>
Caitlin Courtney Morris	Winside	Interdisciplinary Studies-Human Service Studies
Lewis Kenneth Munhofen	South Sioux City	Criminal Justice, <i>Sport Management</i>
John Russell Munter	Randolph	Social Science Education, <i>Coaching</i>

Kylie Kae Murphy	Homer	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Jillian Grace Myers	Blair	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Zachary Michael Nielsen++	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Janae Juliana Nitzsche	Milford	Exercise Science
Elizabeth Jo Nordby	Ewing	Business Administration/Human Resource Management, Office Administration
Amber Lea Novotny	Clarkson	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Kalin McKenna Olson	Concord	Early Childhood and Family Studies
Zachary Hunter Orton	Blair	Special Education Generalist K-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Hailey Crystal Osantowski	Saint Edward	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, Special Education Generalist 7-12, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Nolan Wayne Ostrand	Emerson	Social Science Education, <i>Coaching</i>
Alexander John Oswald++	Elkhorn	Technology/Construction Occupations
Aaron Owen	Scribner	Business Administration/Management
Dalton James Pabian	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Naomy Paris	Willemstad, Curaçao	Chemistry/Health Sciences, Criminal Justice
Kyle Perkins++	Fremont	Technology/Construction Occupations
Myah Ashlee Phillips	Arcadia	Criminal Justice, <i>Public Administration</i>
Alex Dean Pinkelman	Stromsburg	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Coaching</i>
Angela Opal Pravecek	Wayne	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Joshua Ryan Prewitt++	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Luke William Pullen	Sioux Falls, SD	Business Administration/Management
Blake Anthony Putnam-Jamber	Omaha	Industrial Technology/Safety Management
Weston Quinn	Laurel	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Mahmudul Amin Rafi	Mymensingh, Bangladesh	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst, <i>Computer Science</i>
Alexander Sergei Rathje	Lincoln	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Katie Rathman	Plattsmouth	Business Administration/Management
Sarah Elizabeth Ream	Westfield, IA	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Karli Nicole Reardon	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Izac Reifenrath	Laurel	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Marissa Jean Remm	Stanton	Elementary Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Codie Allen Rich	Tilden	Exercise Science
Jalen D. Robinson	Madison	Industrial Technology/Safety Management, <i>Business Administration, Drafting</i>
Ryan Christian Roesler	Omaha	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>

Amanda Kay Rogers	Coleridge	Business Administration/Human Resource Management, <i>Psychology</i>
Grace Noellann Rolland	Blair	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Austin Roth	Pender	Business Administration/Finance
Nathaniel Levi Ruhl	Cairo	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Coaching</i>
Betsy Arlin Saldana	Madison	Business Administration/Management
Keyla Rebecca Sambo	Willemstad, Curaçao	Sport Management
Payton Jacob Schmalz	Holdrege	Sport Management
Kara Schmid	Kingsley, IA	Elementary Education
Diego Mateo Sebastian	Sioux City, IA	Technology/Industrial Management Occupations
Trinity Marie Seery	Oakland	Criminal Justice, <i>Biology, Spanish</i>
Matthew Sehnert	Lincoln	Special Education Generalist K-12, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Riley Claire Seifert	Battle Creek	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Brandi Jolee Sewing	El Paso, TX	Human Service Counseling, Criminal Justice
Caitlin Nicole Sharp	Norfolk	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Zane Mykel Shearman	Blair	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching, Sport Management</i>
Payton Alexander Shores	Lincoln	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Darren C. Shroyer	Lawrence, KS	Criminal Justice, Sport Management
Barrett Byrne Skrobecki	Waverly	Industrial Technology/Safety Management, <i>Safety Management</i>
Bryce Aaron Smidt	Rockwell City, IA	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Jordan Alexander Springer	Pender	Middle Level Education 5-9, <i>Coaching, Work-Based Learning</i>
Amaya Breanne Staroscik	Oneill	Human Service Counseling
Alan Joesph Stashkiw-Risor	Wayne	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Adam Taylor Stewart	Malcolm	Skilled and Technical Sciences Education 6-12
Brendan Craig Stricherz++	Omaha	Technology/Construction Occupations
Lindsey Grace Stuckey	McCool Junction	Life Sciences/Biology
Skylar Marie Stueckrath	Elkhorn	Family & Consumer Sciences/Interior Design, <i>Art</i>
Alexandra Rose Summers	Omaha	Interdisciplinary Studies-Education Studies
Kaelyn Rae Svehla	Columbus	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3, Special Education Generalist K-6
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Kensley Kay Wadas	North Loup	Business Administration/Management
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Jayden James Wilson	Merrill, IA	Industrial Technology/Safety Management
Kayla Renee Wingert	Osmond	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>

Ariana Iris Wisniewski	Wisner	Early Childhood and Family Studies, <i>Business Administration</i>
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Madeline Opal York Angelica Michel Zavala	Creighton Wayne	Elementary Education, <i>Math for Elementary Teachers</i> Human Service Counseling, <i>Business Administration,</i> <i>Psychology</i>
Brayden Joseph Zimmerer	Creighton	Criminal Justice, Sociology



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adolfo Antonio Arenas Gonzalez	Sioux City, IA	Business Administration
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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Justin Aaberg++	Nebraska City	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Social Sciences
Anna R. Ahrens	Sioux City, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
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Bailey Beacom	Randolph	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood
Joshua Thomas Becker	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood
Emily Bieck	Trumbull	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
Catherine Bossard	Tilden	Special Education Advanced Study
Emma L. Bounds	Albion	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
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Joseph Michael Cortese++	Omaha	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
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Taylor Dankleff++	Unadilla	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Elementary Education
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Laura Dieckgrafe	Cook	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Music
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Nathaniel Foster++	Hershey	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/ Technical Sciences Education
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Brianna Marie Gaer	Walthill	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
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Jonah Michael Heng	Battle Creek	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
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Savannah Kahle	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
Michaela Lanik	Wahoo	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood
Jenna Katherine Lee	Sioux City, IA	School Counseling PK-8 & 7-12
Cory W. Lenton++	Norfolk	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Abby Linnerson	Wayne	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English
Leigh Ann Blomenkamp McCartney	Columbus	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
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Sara Rose Munderloh	Omaha	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood
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Ali K. Nielsen	Bellevue	School Counseling 7-12
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Shawn Martin Peck	Birmingham, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/ Skilled and Technical Sciences Education
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Kaden Peterson++	Fort Dodge, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/ Skilled and Technical Sciences Education
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Lacynda Ka' Rehan	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood
Hannah M. Rowse	Norfolk	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
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Morgan Lee Siedschlag	Norfolk	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Alexis Jean Simonsen	West Point	Special Education Generalist
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Tommy Duane Wilson	Chadron	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Skilled and Technical Sciences Education
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## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT**

Pilar Aldrich	Winnebago	Human Performance and Wellness Management, <i>Strength and Conditioning</i>
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Lauren Lorinda Carrig	Columbus	Information Technology Management
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Vanessa Durbin	West Palm Beach, FL	Sports and Recreation Management
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Harrison Putnam Lane	Blair	Human Resource Management
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## **SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION**

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## Cords/Sashes

The Red, Gold, and White cord is worn by members of Alpha Lambda Delta, a Freshman Honorary.

The double Gold cord is worn by members of the Alpha Mu Gamma, a national collegiate foreign language honor society.

The Royal Blue and Gold cord with gold tassels is worn by members of Alpha Phi Sigma, a criminal justice honor society.

The Burgundy and Gold cord is worn by members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society of non-traditional students.

The Blue cord is worn by members of Blue Key, an honors service organization for men.

The double Red and Gold cord is worn by members of Cardinal Key, an honors service organization for women.

The Blue and White cord is worn by members of Chi Alpha Epsilon, a national honor society.

The Royal Blue and White cord is worn by members of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society for Graduate students in Counseling.

The Purple and Gold cord is worn by members of Delta Sigma Pi, a national professional business fraternity.

The Brown, Blue and Yellow cord is worn by members of Gamma Theta Upsilon, a geography honor society. International students may be wearing Cultural Sashes from their home countries.

The Purple and Green cord is worn by members of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

The Blue and White cord is worn by members of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national honorary band fraternity.

The Silver cord is worn by members of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honor society.

The Gold cord is worn by members of Lambda Pi Eta, a communications honor society.

The double Red, White and Blue cord, the Military and Veterans Honor Cord, confers special recognition for those who honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Red and Blue cord is worn by members of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society.

The Blue and Gold cord is worn by members of Phi Beta Lambda, a post-secondary business association.

The Navy Blue and Gold cord is worn by members of the Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society for all academic disciplines.

The Royal Blue and White cord is worn by members of Pi Gamma Mu, a social sciences honor society.

The Red and White cord is worn by members of Pi Kappa Delta, a forensics honor society.

The Gold, Silver and Royal Blue honor cords represent membership in Pi Omega Pi national undergraduate honorary for business teacher education.

The Platinum and Dark Blue cord, satin stole, and/or medallion is worn by members of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology.

The Blue and Silver cord is worn by members of SHRM, the national professional association Society for Human Resource Management.

The Green and Gold cord is worn by members of Sigma Beta Delta, an international business honor society.

The Red and Gold cord is worn by members of Sigma Delta Pi, a Hispanic honor society.

The Maroon and White cord is worn by members of Upsilon Pi Epsilon, an International Honor Society for Computing and Information Disciplines.

The Royal Blue cord is worn by members of Tau Upsilon Alpha, a national organization of human services honorary.

The double Dark Green and Gold cord is worn by members of the Honors Program. These students graduate with high honors, honors or scholar in their majors.

The Gold stole is worn by members of the Philomathean President's Honorary Society.

## **Alma Mater**

From the boundless plains around us  
Hear our voices gladly ring  
Windswept cities, turquoise waters  
Echo back the song we sing.  
Stately Mother, Alma Mater  
With thy grace our hopes entwine -  
Justice, dignity, compassion -  
All of these in thee combine,  
Columned high in brilliant azure,  
Gathering grandeur with the years,  
Alma Mater, torch eternal,  
Love of thee each thought endears  
Thy conceptions, ever widening,  
Sentinel the western plain,  
Guardian of our old Nebraska,  
Thus we hail thee, Mother Wayne!

