



*Wayne State College*  
*Commencement*

May 4, 2024

Graduate and Baccalaureate Commencement



# Wayne State College Graduate Commencement

May 4, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

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

Welcome..... Dr. Marysz Rames  
President

\*\*"The Star-Spangled Banner" ..... John Stafford Smith  
Dr. Sarah Farr, Associate Professor of Music

Invocation ..... Wiryoka Angela Maria Monte  
Master of Science in Organizational Management, Public Relations Management

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

Remarks ..... Preston James Davis  
Master of Science in Organizational Management, Sports and Recreation Management

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

Presentation of Candidates for Degree ..... Dr. John Miller  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... President Rames

Presentation of Graduate Candidates ..... Interim Vice President Miller

Concluding Remarks ..... President Rames

\*\*"Alma Mater" ..... Leon Beery  
Dr. Sarah Farr, Associate Professor of Music

Faculty Marshal: Dr. John Miller, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

\*Audience please stand

# **GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS**

## **Invocation Speaker Wiryoka Angela Maria Monte**

Wiryoka Angela Maria Monte of Willemstad, Curaçao, will deliver the graduate ceremony invocation. She is graduating with a Master of Science in Organizational Management (MSOM) with a focus on Public Relations.

Monte was an honor student (Cum Laude) in her undergraduate studies at Wayne State. Throughout the time earning her bachelor's degree, she was involved in international student organizations and the Black Student Association. She also has served as a WSC Ambassador for prospective international students from Curaçao.

Monte aspires to work in the field of public relations/communications as an advisor or consultant. She also plans to continue providing support to WSC prospective students from Curaçao by guiding them through the admissions process.

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## **Commencement Speaker Preston James Davis**

Preston James Davis of Mondamin, Iowa, will deliver the graduate commencement address. He is graduating with a Master of Science in Organizational Management with a focus on Sport and Recreational Management.

Davis served as the graduate assistant coach for the Wayne State Track and Field and Cross Country teams. He earned his bachelor's degree in Sport Management and Exercise Science from Wayne State in 2021, earning Honorable Mention honors. As an undergraduate, he was a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Team of Excellence (academics) and a track and field athlete representing the Wildcats on the NSIC podium on nine occasions.

Davis plans to move to Des Moines, Iowa, to work at Drake University to produce one of the world's largest track meets, the Drake Relays.

Davis shared that because of his education and experiences at Wayne State, he has been able to work major sporting events, such as the World Athletics Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., in 2022, which was the first time the world championships were held in the U.S.; the 2021 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha; the 2023 Waste Management Open (PGA) in Scottsdale, Ariz.; and 2 Super Bowls (LVII in Phoenix and LVIII in Vegas).

Davis's brother, Patrick, also graduated from Wayne State, earning his Sport Management degree in 2020.

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# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

Certificates of Advanced Studies in italics

Graduation is contingent upon successful completion of the current semester.

++August 2024 Graduate.

Listed by program of study.

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alexandra Kae Bastian	Columbus	Business Administration
John Burns	Lincoln	Business Administration
Lauren Marie Dyer	Lincoln	Business Administration
Tasha Forsyth	Winside	Business Administration
Dwight Eugene Fulton++	Jacksonville, FL	Business Administration
Cale Giese	Wayne	Business Administration
Charles Brice Hayes	North Platte	Business Administration
Larry E. Henson	Blair	Business Administration
Ashley Ann Hernandez	Omaha	Business Administration
Britney Kim Ho	Wichita, KS	Business Administration
Destiny Howser++	Twin Bridges, MT	Business Administration
Jordan Janssen	Lincoln	Business Administration
Jonathan Patrick Kidd++	Marshalltown, IA	Business Administration
Brian Paul King	Clearwater	Business Administration
Jackie Sue Lueken++	Stanton	Business Administration
Tina Munter	Laurel	Business Administration
Patricia Murphy	Elk Point, SD	Business Administration
James Rawhouser	Columbus	Business Administration
Brittanie Nichoel Rewinkel	Plainview	Business Administration/Accounting
Nicole Christine Roth	Pella, IA	Business Administration
Timothy Shannon	Columbus	Business Administration
Manuel Alonso Tellez	South Sioux City	Business Administration
Christina L. Wunderlich	Roca	Business Administration
Tracy Zentner	Cedar Rapids	Business Administration/Supply Chain Management

## MASTER OF ARTS

Jonathon Laner	Wayne	Interdisciplinary Studies/Rhetoric Leadership and Public Culture
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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jordan Joel Oviedo	Willemstad, Curaçao	Interdisciplinary Studies/Information Systems Technologist
Justin Samuel Pioske	Chisholm, MN	Interdisciplinary Studies/Science and Application of Human Performance
Jordan Ruby Schlekeway	Norfolk	Interdisciplinary Studies/Studies in Human Development
Carla K. Streff	Pierce	Interdisciplinary Studies/Business and Professional Communication
Julien Suendrick Huston Tuast	Willemstad, Curaçao	Interdisciplinary Studies/Architecture
Shelby Lynn Wallick	York	Interdisciplinary Studies/Behavioral Studies
Daniel Richard Wibben	Sioux Falls, SD	Interdisciplinary Studies/Leadership and Management Communication

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Brittini Alvarez++	North Sioux City, SD	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Alicia Angerman	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
Michael Bader	Albion	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Jackson Thomas Belt	Wayne	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Sara Black	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
Valerie Blase++	Hordville	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Ashley Anderson Brooner	Omaha	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Social Sciences Education
Adrianna Faith Buffalochief Hoffman++	Sioux City, IA	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling, <i>Addictions Counseling Certificate</i>

Raleigh Burke	Bennington	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Aaron M. Carlson	Ponca	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Madeline Neely Carlson	Central City	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8, Special Education Supervision
Kari Cliff++	Wayne	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English as a Second Language
Katelyn Rose Curry	Ponca	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood Education
Turner Kenneth Dahl	Fremont	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Tania Guadalupe Damian Barrios	West Point	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Courtney Lynn Davie	Wayne	Special Education Advanced Study
Mckynzie Dakota Dickman	Bellevue	Special Education Generalist
Baylie Mariah Embry++	Omaha	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Jennifer Sue Engel	Hastings	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
McKenzie Erickson	Sioux Falls, SD	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Anna Fehringer	Wood River	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Reading Specialist PK-12
Justin Joseph Fickel	Omaha	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12, Athletic Administration
Joshua Fremstad++	Atkinson	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Music Education
Christine Ann Gaughen++	Cedar Bluffs	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Adam Girard	Polk City, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Anna Renea Graves++	Sioux City, IA	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Andrew Neal Halsey	West Point	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership Social Sciences Education
Molly Kae Haselhorst	Pierce	School Counseling PK-8
Anthony Henriks	Sioux City, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Kayla Marie Herfel++	Madison	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Zaidya Kathleen Hirschman++	Columbus	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Melinda S. Hoogland++	Sioux City, IA	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Megan Horkey	Dell Rapids, SD	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Brianna Lynn Hupp	Ewing	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English Education
Samantha A. Jacobson	Madison	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12, Special Education Supervision
Matthew James Jansen++	West Point	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Philip Janssen++	Syracuse	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Dylan James Kaup++	Neligh	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Sarah Konopasek	Sergeant Bluff, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Alex Michael Kreft	Omaha	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Brianne Jacqueline Lahmon++	Bennet	Special Education Generalist
Austin Richard Lambert++	Hubbard	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Skilled and Technical Sciences Education
Danielle Janice Lane++	Dakota City	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling, <i>Addictions Counseling Certificate</i>
Jordan Lauterbach	Lincoln	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Devon Luebbe	Garland	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8, Special Education Supervision



Sharra Elizabeth Lutjens	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English Education
Vincent James Lyons	Gretna	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Sara Marie McFee	South Sioux City	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Seth David Montag	Lincoln	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12, Athletic Administration
Seth Mruz	Fremont	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Jonathan David Muller	Sergeant Bluff, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Alesha Grace Nelson	Elk Point, SD	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tera Lynn Newcombe++	Norfolk	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Allison Rose Nissen	Lincoln	School Counseling PK-6 & 7-12
Matthew Fredrick Novak	Blair	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Amy Lynnette Oerman	Sergeant Bluff, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Hortencia Linda Onderstal	Norfolk	School Counseling 7-12
Jeffery D. Paben	North Platte	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Christopher Allen Palensky	David City	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Skilled and Technical Sciences Education
James Pollard Jr.++	Lyons	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling, <i>Addictions Counseling Certificate</i>
Mollie Kathrynne Ramstad	Joplin, MO	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Michelle Rae Rayburn	Oakland	Special Education Generalist
Jasey Jill Reinhart	Columbus	School Counseling 7-12
Danielle Johanna Reppert	West Point	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood Education

Connie Marie Reyes	Hartington	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Claudia Iveth Rivera++	Sioux City, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-12
Gabriel Raymond Rohde++	Gretna	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Madeline Marie Ronnfeldt	Lyons	Special Education Generalist
Kari Ann Rooney++	Waterbury	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English as a Second Language
Pamela Rowley++	Omaha	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8
Annette Sanchez	Schuyler	School Counseling PK-6 & 7-12
McKenzie Jo Scheil	Fairmont	School Counseling PK-6 & 7-12
Desirae Self++	Fremont	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/English as a Second Language
Laura Sobotka	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood Education
Derrick Charles Spooner++	Elkhorn	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Cody Stappert	Hartington	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Janel Taylor	Bennington	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Jonelle Thoene++	Fordyce	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Family and Consumer Sciences Education
James Thompson	Lincoln	School Administration/Educational Leadership 7-12
Sara Kay Tomscha	Sioux City, IA	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tamara Torres	Wayne	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Brittany D. Vinchattle++	Wayne	School Counseling PK-6 & 7-12
Makyah Bobeth Graham Wagoner	Saronville	Special Education Generalist
Jessica Rae Walsh	Ponca	School Administration/Educational Leadership PK-8, Athletic Administration

Danielle Rose Walters	Hemingford	Special Education Generalist
Mariah Lynne Watchorn	Columbus	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling, <i>Addictions Counseling Certificate</i>
Sheena Marie Zoucha Werts	Saint Edward	Special Education Generalist
Melissa Sue Williams	Lincoln	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Early Childhood Education
Brianna Wolfe++	Fremont	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership/Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Jessica Michelle Zach++	Lincoln	Counselor Education/Clinical Mental Health Counseling

### **Community of Learning – Fremont**

June Atkins	Alda	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Tori Leigh Bruning	West Point	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Max Michael Cook	Wahoo	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Wendi Harrison	Yutan	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Amanda Lynn Kathol	Omaha	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Austin Johnathan Mishou	Kearney	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Amanda Jean Ostle	Omaha	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Abigail Peterson	West Point	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Brittany Clara Shaw	Cedar Bluffs	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Neely Jean Vavrina	Abie	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership

### **Community of Learning – Norfolk**

Emily Kay Brown	Mullen	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Collin James Crilly	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership

Elizabeth Ann Hauger	Albion	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Blair Marie Langan	O'Neill	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Brianne Katherine Lewin Marmolejo	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Libby Moen++	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Danielle Elizabeth Prater	Elgin	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Wesley Ross Prater	Elgin	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Lacey Prusa	Norfolk	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Shelby Susan Zach	Humphrey	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership

### **Community of Learning – South Sioux City**

Alexandria Anderson	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Connor David Brummond	Bancroft	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Jolene Brummond	Bancroft	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Victoria Eliesa	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Natalie Sade Olorundami Hughes	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Sarah Mogensen	South Sioux City	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Erika Kelsey Nelson	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Mary Olorundami	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Stephanie Rocelin Ramirez	Sioux City, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership
Erin Reinders	Moville, IA	Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Leadership

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Brody Anderson	Jackson, MN	Sports and Recreation Management
Rosalinda Milagros Aquino	Norfolk	Human Resource Management
Kak A. Ayaj	Lincoln	Criminal Justice Administration and Management
Phillip Berger	Hay Springs	Informational Technology Management
Laura Ann Christensen	Omaha	Informational Technology Management
Preston James Davis	Mondamin, IA	Sports and Recreation Management
Taryn Dredge++	Rapid City, SD	Sports and Recreation Management
Joshua Paul Lorenson	Lake Elmo, MN	Sports and Recreation Management
Wiryoka Angela Maria Monte	Willemstad, Curaçao	Public Relations Management
Gage Michael Pohlmeier	Lincoln	Sports and Recreation Management
Noah Alan Schlekeway	Norfolk	Sports and Recreation Management
Chloe Jean LeVere Schlins	Council Bluffs, IA	Criminal Justice Administration and Management
Mandy Shelsta++	Louisville	Public Affairs
Blade Leland Smith	Sioux City, IA	Informational Technology Management
Tara Nichole Wiles	Norfolk	Criminal Justice Administration and Management
Lauren Christine Zacharias	North Liberty, IA	Sports and Recreation Management

## **SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION**

Denton David Beacom	Randolph	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Adam James Brand	Kingsley, IA	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Matt Charles Farup	Wakefield	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Paul Joseph Hans++	Wynot	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Samantha Jo Ladwig	Linwood	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Nicole Jenae LeClaire++	Minden	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Dustin Daniel Nielsen	Emerson	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Brandon Ross	Sidney	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Alison Kay Smith	North Platte	School Administration/Educational Leadership
Troy Wharton	Papillion	School Administration/Educational Leadership

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Welcome..... Dr. Marysz Rames  
President

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Graduating Music Students:

Elizabeth Aschoff, Dusty Butler, Kelsie Hupp, Lexie Jackson, Nathania Mercelina, Daniel Oldenkamp, Kelbi Smith

Invocation ..... Leah Rebekah Bennett  
Summa cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory

Dr. Ron Holt Civic Engagement Student Award ..... President Rames  
Recipients: Sara Lundeen, Mary Helms, and Dylan Zoucha

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

Recognition of Retiring Faculty..... President Rames

Dr. Joann Bondhus, Professor of Business and Economics  
Dr. Donovan Conley, Professor of Exercise Science  
Dr. Randa Garden, Professor of Communication Arts  
Dr. Sharon Garvin, Professor of Business and Economics  
Dr. Pamela Langlie-Willers, Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences

State Nebraska Bank & Trust Teaching Excellence Award ..... Matthew Ley  
CEO State Nebraska Bank & Trust  
Recipient: Dr. Alan Bruflat, Professor of Language and Literature

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Award..... President Rames  
Dr. John Miller, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Recipients: Leslie Bebee and Tim Bebee

Remarks ..... Calie Grace Rabbass  
Magna cum Laude, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ..... Dr. John Miller  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... President Rames

Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates..... Dr. Christian Legler  
Interim Dean, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Concluding Remarks..... President Rames

\*"Alma Mater" ..... Leon Beery

Dr. Sarah Farr, Associate Professor of Music  
(the audience is invited to sing, words on the back page)

Faculty Marshal: Dr. John Miller, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

\*Audience please stand



## **Baccalaureate Invocation Speaker**

### **Leah Rebekah Bennett**

Leah Rebekah Bennett of Johannesburg, South Africa, will deliver the undergraduate invocation. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory.

Bennett maintained a 4.0 grade-point average during all of her time at Wayne State and was named to the Edward Jones Presidential Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. In addition to an athletic scholarship to play soccer for Wayne State, she also received the Carrigg Family Endowed Scholarship.

She competed in the film department screenwriting competition three semesters in a row, coming in first place twice and second once and earning the opportunity to produce her films. Her first film, titled "This is He", is currently competing in film festivals globally and she plans to submit her other two films for competition as well.

In addition to her work with film production, Bennett played for the WSC women's soccer team; served as a staff writer for the Wayne Stater student newspaper in Fall 2023; and worked as a supervisor in the WSC Rec Center.

Bennett says that after graduation she plans to pursue a career in media production and creative design in Dallas, Texas. She said she plans to one day obtain her master of fine arts in screenwriting to later become a film professor, while producing her own films concerning important social themes like race, gender, and sexuality. She also plans to create her own foundation in South Africa, with the help of her family, to help girls like her achieve their dreams of studying abroad in the U.S., providing them with financial solutions and information on how to be successful in their pursuit as well as guidance on how they can use sport to fund their education.

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## **Baccalaureate Commencement Speaker**

### **Calie Rabbass**

Calie Rabbass of Pender, Nebraska, will deliver the undergraduate commencement address. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Pre-law.

Rabbass is a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society and Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society for Social Sciences. She received the Rural Law Opportunities Program scholarship and the Presidential scholarship. She was on the Dean's List during all of the semesters that she was a student at Wayne State.

Rabbass served as a Freshman Representative for Student Senate. She has been a member of the Criminal Justice Association for two years, serving as vice president this year. She also helped create the club, Legal Minds, this year and served as vice president. She has been involved with Pi Gamma Mu for three semesters, serving as a vice president this year. She has also been a member of Rotaract this past year.

Rabbass will be attending the University of Nebraska College of Law this fall.

## Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

### Tim and Leslie Bebee



Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Leslie Bebee join exclusive Wayne State College company with Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees from Wayne State College. The Bebee family has been a powerful transformative force for the Wayne State College campus during the past four decades.

Tim and Leslie Bebee were married in 1979 and shortly after began their lifelong involvement with Wayne State College, following in the footsteps of Leslie's parents, Dan and Jeanne Gardner.

Tim and Leslie have been WSC Heritage Society Members since 1993 and were inducted into the WSC Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 as contributors. Both personal funds and Gardner Foundation donations to the WSC campus totaling \$11.5 million have redefined the campus. These funds have supported athletic and academic scholarships, the Greatest Needs fund, and capital projects. Currently, Tim and Leslie serve the Wayne State College Foundation as trustees.

Tim and Leslie have been heavily involved in the Wakefield and Wayne communities, both financially and in service as volunteers. The Little Red Hen Theater, Wakefield Public Schools, Wakefield Daycare Center, Wakefield Senior Center, Wakefield Gardner Public Library, Wakefield Balloon Days, the Wayne County Fair, and local car shows have benefitted from the Bebees' generosity. Tim and Leslie owned and operated a Wakefield restaurant as well as the Wakefield Golf Course. They were named the Outstanding Wakefield Community Supporters in 2010. As members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tim and Leslie have held leadership roles (Tim serving on the Church Council) along with being Sunday School teachers. The Bebees have three children and eight grandchildren.

Tim began his adult employment career with Gibson's Inc., working in Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, and Colorado and becoming the youngest manager in the company. He then began his work with M.G. Waldbaum and Michael Foods, a career that lasted 35 years, retiring as the VP of Live Production. He served on the Governors Advisory Board of Agriculture, was the president of the Nebraska Egg Council, and served on various committees of the United Egg Producers. Tim was the 1999 Poultry Person of the Year and was later inducted into the Nebraska Poultry Hall of Fame. Tim is the current owner of Wayne Motors and Winning Finish.

Tim served 16 years on the Wakefield School Board (six years as president), Wakefield Public School Football Stadium Construction Project Committee, Gardner Foundation vice president, Wayne State College Athletic Advisory Committee, Sons of the American Legion, Wakefield Community Foundation, Teammate mentor, and president of the Lake Association.

Leslie was also employed at M.G. Waldbaum. Over the years, she has owned and operated several businesses in the state including a Columbus radio station, an Omaha women's clothing boutique, and an Omaha tortilla-making factory. She has ownership in Pioneer Bank (MN) and serves on its board along with serving as the president of the Gardner Foundation.

Leslie is a member of the Wayne State Foundation Executive Committee and Wayne State Foundation Nominating Committee. She served as Honorary Chair of the Wayne State Foundation Invest-Empower-Transform Scholarship Committee (2019-2023) and the Wayne State Foundation Centennial Campaign Co-Chair (2005-2010). Leslie served as a committee member on the Nebraska State College System Strategic Planning Committee (2019) and the Ron Holt Civic Engagement Award Review Committee (2014-2018). She was honored as a Distinguished Association Member of the Sioux City Art Center (2006-2007). She currently serves as the vice president of the Wakefield Community Foundation and has continued involvement with Wakefield Community Club, Lions Club, Teammates, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Sioux City Art Center, American Legion Auxiliary, Wakefield Family Housing, American Red Cross, Wakefield Athletic Boosters, Wakefield Community Center Steering Committee, Citizens Advisory Board, and the Wakefield Humpty Dumpty Daycare Center.

# HONORED RETIRING FACULTY

## **Dr. Joann Bondhus, Professor of Business and Economics**

Dr. Joann Bondhus began her career at Wayne State in the fall of 1979. She earned her bachelor's and MBA degrees from Colorado State University; her Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado School of Law; and a Master of Laws (L.L.M.) in Taxation from the University of Denver College of Law.

She primarily taught in the areas of business law, legal environment of business, and federal income taxation of individuals and entities. She has served on many committees over the years. She chaired the Faculty Senate; the Rank Promotion, and Tenure committee, Professional Development Committee, and the Graduate Council. She has also been the longest serving member of the Institutional Review Board. She served as a sponsor for the Student Senate and Kappa Delta Gamma on campus. She also served as interim graduate dean for a year.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary. She is a licensed attorney and has been a member of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business and the ABA Section on Taxation. She has presented at numerous professional conferences.

"My greatest joy as a faculty member has been to witness and applaud the many successes of our students" Bondhus said.

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## **Dr. Donovan Conley, Professor of Exercise Science**

Dr. Donovan Conley began teaching at Wayne State in 1992. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and his Ph.D. in exercise science from the University of Georgia. Before coming to WSC, Conley worked at Truman State University as Director of Aquatics and he served on the faculty at the University of Georgia, where he taught courses in scuba diving and aquatics and later in exercise science.

During his tenure at Wayne State, Conley taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in exercise science. He advised numerous graduate and undergraduate research projects that were subsequently presented at regional and national meetings and published in peer-reviewed journals. Conley also worked collaboratively with WSC students and faculty to prepare Quiz Bowl teams that represented WSC and the Northland Chapter American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) at several national meetings and WSC students won the student Quiz Bowl at the national ACSM meeting held in Seattle in May 2009.

Conley holds Fellow status in the American College of Sports Medicine and has been actively involved in the Northland Chapter ACSM, serving as president, strategic planning chair, and director of development. He is also a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and he is an ACSM Certified Exercise Physiologist. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Wayne State, he served as department chair for Health, Human Performance and Sport and he served on several department and college committees to include Faculty Senate, Rank Promotion and Tenure, Graduate Council and General Education.

"It has been a labor of love teaching at Wayne State and working with students, faculty and staff. And it has been very gratifying to watch our students excel and succeed in a variety of careers supporting the notion that you can get anywhere from Wayne State," Conley said.

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## **Dr. Randa Garden, Professor of Communication Arts**

Dr. Randa Garden began teaching at Wayne State College in 1999. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State and her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

During her tenure at Wayne State, she taught courses in health communication, communication ethics, organizational communication, qualitative research design, and principles of human communication. She served on several committees as a faculty member at Wayne State: Rank, Promotion, and Tenure; Rural Law Opportunity Program (RLOP); and chair of General Education.

In addition to her teaching and committee responsibilities, she presented her scholarly research at several annual National Communication Association (NCA) conferences and Central State Communication Association (CSCA) conferences. Her research interests focus on qualitative narrative research, particularly in health and illness. She especially enjoys sharing the knowledge she has gained through her original research. She received the State Nebraska Bank and Trust Teaching Excellence Award at the WSC spring 2023 commencement ceremony.

"It has been a pleasure advising such fantastic students on their honors original research projects presented each semester at the Spring and Fall WSC Honor Colloquiums," Garden said. "I have also enjoyed mentoring and preparing communication students each year to present their original qualitative research at the (CSCA) Undergraduate Honors Conferences and other regional communication conventions. My students are very excited when their papers are chosen for presentation, and many have shared with me that this experience was the 'highlight' of their time at Wayne State."

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## **Dr. Sharon Garvin, Professor of Business and Economics**

Dr. Sharon Garvin taught at Wayne State full-time from 1982 to 1986 and full-time from 2002 to 2024 with many part-time and interim teaching contracts between those two time periods.

She earned a B.S. in Business Administration - Accounting from Wayne State College in 1981, her master's in Professional Accountancy from the University of South Dakota in 1982, and her Doctorate of Education degree from the University of South Dakota in 2005. She also earned a State of Nebraska Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Certificate (inactive).

She taught many accounting classes in Wayne State's Business Administration foundation, Accounting concentration, Public Accounting concentration, and MBA - Accounting focus programs.

She has served on WSC standing committees for Conn Library; Scholarship, Honors, and Financial Aid; Teaching and Learning Technology; and Rank, Promotion and Tenure. She has also served on the Business and Economics Department's Scholarship Committee. At the state level, she served on the Education Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy.

She has always been in a teacher position, working her way through rank promotions up to full professor. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award presented by the Nebraska Society of CPAs in 2009. She was named Outstanding Collegiate Teacher in 2013 by the Nebraska State Business Education Association. In 2015, the Student Senate recognized her as Wayne State's Professor of the Year.

"Teaching at Wayne State College has always been more of a calling to me than simply a job," Garvin said. "I myself was fortunate enough to benefit from an excellent undergraduate education at WSC, and I have aspired to help students from our service region to build better futures for themselves through the knowledge they attain as well as the abilities and professionalism they develop during their time here. It is my lasting hope that they too will 'pay it forward' by making a positive difference in the lives of those who come after us."

## **Dr. Pamela Langlie-Willers, Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences**

Dr. Pamela Langlie-Willers started her career at Wayne State in the fall of 2006. She earned her bachelor's degree in Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education at the University of North Dakota; her master's degree in Teacher Leadership: Family Education at the University of Minnesota; and her Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood Teacher Education at the University of North Dakota.

She taught early childhood and family studies courses at the undergraduate and the graduate level; guided students pursuing Early Childhood master's degrees from the start of the program at Wayne State; advised the Early Childhood Association student group; served on Academic Policies and Graduate Council; and worked her way from assistant professor to associate professor and then full professor.

"It has been most rewarding to work with so very many wonderful class members over the years and to prepare them to be the next teachers of young children who have always held a foremost place in my heart," Langlie-Willers said.

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# 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

Mary Christine Helms, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Life Sciences/Biology  
Senior Research Project: Investigating US18 in HCMV Infection  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Douglas Christensen

Madelyn Kaye Hopwood, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Business Administration/Management  
Senior Research Project: An Examination of Flex Time and the Effect on Workplace Equity and Motivation  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Trisha Kolterman

Jayven Joseph Krepel, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Elementary Education  
Senior Research Project: The Invisible Hand: A Study of Self-Censorship in Northeast Nebraska Classrooms  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Vilkas

Sara Lundeen, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major History  
Senior Research Project: Musical Movements: Songs of Nineteenth-Century Nationalism and Abolitionism  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Phillip Fox

Erin Amy Pfeifer, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major English Language Arts Education  
Senior Research Project: <legislative priorities>: An ideological critical analysis of the Nebraska Department of Education goals using speech and debate as a case study  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Teresa Morales

Raegan Lavaille Reifenrath, Magna cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Psychology  
Senior Research Project: Positive Journaling and its Effect on Mental Health and Hopelessness  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Daniel Miller

Jake Carson Ridder, Magna cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Business Administration/Finance  
Senior Research Project: Sneaker Resale Dynamics: The Correlation Between Athlete Performance and the Secondary Market  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Jeryl Nelson

Rachel Jean Walker, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Elementary Education  
Senior Research Project: An Investigation of Eating Disorders in a College-Age Population Sample of Female Students with Autism  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Midge Simmons

## HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS

- Jennifer Alondra Carrillo Paniagua, Magna cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Deterring Human Trafficking Around the U.S.  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek
- Elizabeth Lynne Cieslik, Honorable Mention with Scholar in the Major Psychology  
Senior Research Project: From Serving Our Country to Serving Time: An In-depth Look at How Our Justice System is Failing Our Veterans  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Rachel Kunz
- David S. Clark++, Honorable Mention with High Honors in the Major Psychology  
Senior Research Project: Touch and Loneliness: How Touch Interacts with Loneliness Perceptions Among College Students  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Daniel Miller
- Maritza Yudenick Flores, Summa cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Combating Human Trafficking  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek
- Jason T. Franklin, Honorable Mention with High Honors in the Major Chemistry/Health Sciences  
Senior Research Project: Developing c-BERST to Identify RNF2 Complexes Regulating GATA6 Expression in PDAC  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Douglas Christensen
- Yance Robert Garner, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Social Science Education  
Senior Research Project: Christian Responses During the Era of Nazi Germany, 1933-1945  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Phillip Fox
- Jillian Laine Grantham, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Art/Graphic Design  
Senior Research Project: Purposeful Packaging: Investigating and Applying Visual Identity to Product Design  
Colloquium Advisor: Mr. Joshua Piersanti
- Bryan Hanson, Summa cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: American Scourge: Active Shooters and Mass Killings in the United States  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek
- Matthew Justus Henry, Magna cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Computer Science  
Senior Research Project: Enhancing Web Development Through Accessibility  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Molly Curnyn
- Alexis Paige Holt, Magna cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Policing in America: A Necessary Source of Crime Control  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Rachel Kunz
- Hailey R. Howell, High Honors in the Major Life Sciences/Biology  
Senior Research Project: The Differences and Similarities Between Atrial Fibrillation and Supraventricular Tachycardia  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Shawn Pearcy
- Hannah Rae Hubers, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Business Administration/Public Accounting  
Senior Research Project: The Accounting Pipeline Problem: Effectiveness in Attracting, Recruiting, and Retaining Essential Accounting Professionals  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Sharon Garvin



Mollie Jae Kimbrough, Magna cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Early Childhood and Family Studies  
Senior Research Project: How Parents and Educators Can Guide Young Children Through the Journey of  
Self-Discovery  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Pam Langlie-Willers

Naudia Rae Larsen, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Life Sciences/Biology  
Senior Research Project: The Psychological Effects of Eczema  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Michael Mutehart

Tyler Matthew Masek, cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership  
and Public Relations  
Senior Research Project: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: Creation, Publicity, and Performance  
Colloquium Advisor: Mr. Brian Begley

Joyce Elizabeth McGuire, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Art/Graphic Design  
Senior Research Project: Cordial Pen: Creating a Font That Lies Between Handwriting and Type  
Colloquium Advisor: Mr. Joshua Piersanti

Jill Ana Jauregui Medrano, Summa cum Laude with Honors in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: How Recognition of Psychopathy in Children is Possible and Effective  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

Kadayzha Ostrander, Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Lifelong Effects of Emotional Maltreatment  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

Zachary Pedersen, cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: Human Trafficking Throughout History  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

Gabriel Drake Peitz, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Chemistry/Health Sciences  
Senior Research Project: Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Fluorescent Dyes  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. David Peitz

Rhenn Callie Rolenc, Magna cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Social Science Education  
Senior Research Project: Anne Boleyn and Catherine Parr: Comparing the Wives of Henry VIII Who Were Killed  
by Beheadings  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Phillip Fox

Abraham Daniel Schroeder, Honorable Mention with High Honors in the Major Interdisciplinary Studies-  
Biomechanics and Applied Engineering  
Senior Research Project: Overground vs. Treadmill Running: A Kinematic Analysis of Collegiate Runners  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Kristi Fox

Brandy Jordan Suhr, Magna cum Laude with Scholar in the Major Criminal Justice  
Senior Research Project: CSI Effect in Criminal Law: Shows vs. Reality  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

Alexis Summer Tolliver, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Secondary English Education  
Senior Research Project: Teaching Cultural Humility: Native American Culture, History, and Health through  
Literature  
Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Barbara Engebretsen

Daisy Valle, Honorable Mention with Honors in the Major Criminal Justice

Senior Research Project: Unveiling the Shadows: The Reality of Human Trafficking and Igniting Change

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Lisa Wanek

John Emil Vuchetich, cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Social Science Education

Senior Research Project: Norfolk, Nebraska: Historical Development Through Industry

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Randy Bertolas

Ann Marie Woockman, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major Elementary Education

Senior Research Project: Teaching Students Living in Poverty: Teachers' Perceptions of Their Training and Implementation of Evidence-Based Teaching Strategies

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Leigh Scruggs

Olivia Ann Wright, Summa cum Laude with High Honors in the Major English Writing

Senior Research Project: Short Horror Stories Book Collection

Colloquium Advisor: Mr. Chad Christensen

Brennan Dale Wrightsman, Honorable Mention with Scholar in the Major Social Science Education

Senior Research Project: Military Influences on Nebraska During World War II

Colloquium Advisor: Dr. Randy Bertolas

## 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*

Calissa JoAnn Acklie  
Krystin Marie Aschoff  
Christopher James Babl  
Bobbie Jo Bain  
Benjamin George Bartholow  
Maiya Karegan Baumann  
Leah Rebekah Bennett  
Grace Ann Boggs  
Jessica Lynn Borg  
Abbigail Claire Brabec  
Lexie Rae Brester  
Grace Lillian Broekemeier  
Felicia Alexandria Brownrigg  
Kelsie A. Cada  
Elizabeth Ann Christensen  
Emily Anne Christiansen  
Gage Edward James Dengel  
Seth Dey  
Rose I. Dieter  
Betsy Jane Eckstrom  
Maritza Yudenick Flores  
Yance Robert Garner  
Triniti Rose Gembica  
Jillian Laine Grantham  
David Alexander Richard Gray  
Sofia Jin Gunn  
Trevor Michael Guyett  
Collin Richard Hain  
Bryan Hanson  
Abigail Lynn Hedstrom

Havyn P. Heinz  
Mary Christine Helms  
McKenna Elizabeth Hoefler  
Josie Holzman  
Madelyn Kaye Hopwood  
Alyana E. Hruby  
Hannah Rae Hubers  
Logan Reese Hughes  
Kelsie M. Hupp  
Lexie Paige Jackson++  
Symphony Rose Jareske  
Brogan Chandler Jones  
Jeanie Carol Jorgensen++  
Gracie Leatrice Knopik  
Karmen Rose Koch  
Kaylee Anna Koch  
Lindsey Grace Krejci  
Jayven Joseph Krepel  
Kelsey Madison Larsen  
Naudia Rae Larsen  
Sara Lundeen  
Wyatt Gale Mach  
Raleigh Nicole Mapel  
Amanda Nicole Marion  
Mariah Jo Marisch  
Abigail Mason  
Quinn Aaron McCafferty  
Joyce Elizabeth McGuire  
Jill Ana Jauregui Medrano  
Emily Rose Miller

Paige Lynne Milliken  
Joshua Moreno  
Lauren Nicole Mouchka  
Gabriel Drake Peitz  
Erin Amy Pfeifer  
Thunder Martin Pilakowski  
Aubree L. Potts  
Abby Marie Reicks  
Jessica Nicole Rogat  
Linden Jon Sack  
Taylor Marie Schieffer  
Rebecca Schrock  
Madison Leigh Schuller  
Reagan Olivia Settje  
Lily Faith Shafer  
Alison Maria Stineman  
Allison Nicole Tesch  
Alexis Summer Tolliver  
Andrew Francisco Tostado  
Carissa Nicole Wacker  
Rylee R. Wagner  
Rachel Jean Walker  
Griffin Alan Weckerlin  
Haley Rae White  
Melinda Lyn Winhold  
Erica Nicole Wolfgram++  
Ann Marie Woockman  
Olivia Ann Wright

## 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*

Caroline Eytola Akinngbagbe  
William LeGrande Athey  
Jack C. Bailey  
Elizabeth Eleanor Barenberg  
Jesse Belsan  
Kobe Benne  
Ashley Ann Brahmer  
Jennifer Alondra Carrillo Paniagua  
Jezzamae Nicole Carter  
Alyssa Paige Chinn  
Dylan Edward Christensen  
Gage Michael Dawson  
Ty David Erwin  
Caleb Fowler  
Matthew Justus Henry  
Alexis Paige Holt  
Callasandra A. Hurley  
Cole Dean Jacobsen  
Jett Stephen Janssen  
Breanna Kay Jernberg

Molly Jo Johnson  
Riley E. Jurgens  
Tessia Ann Keller  
Mollie Jae Kimbrough  
Rebecca Raye Kment  
Ella Sue Kucera  
Abbey Michel Kurmel  
Jackson Paul Lautzenhiser  
Alexander James Lyons  
Thomas Robert Marxsen++  
Jocelyn Elizabeth Mcdermott  
Alexander Riley McRae  
Delaney Michele Meyer  
Madelyn Grace Moore  
Sara Jane Morrow  
Alexzi Jo Nottlemann  
Elizabeth Mary O'Conor++  
Gage Riley Otte  
Brittney Marie Palik  
Alyssa Renee Penn

Kyla A. Phillips  
Leah H. Podliska  
Faith Geraldine Polacek  
Cory Ned Powers  
Calie Grace Rabbass  
Arleth Ramirez  
Payje Lynn Rayback  
Raegan Lavaille Reifenrath  
Jake Carson Ridder  
Rhenn Callie Rolenc  
Heaven Leigh Rush  
Maddee Schmidt  
Brooke Ann Solomon  
Eric Gregory Standish  
Brandy Jordan Suhr  
Annika Jaye Syvrud  
Courtney Grace Ullarich  
Amber Leigh Voboril  
Anna Lee Wakehouse

## 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*

Marina Emad Baarur  
Madeline Elizabeth Binder  
Nathan Matthew Blizzard  
Lauren Lyn Boysen  
Macy Kay Brown  
Dusty Rose Butler  
Madyson Ann Cech  
Brooklynn Louise Gall  
Abigail Lily Gardner  
Megan Elizabeth Hansen  
Addison Francis Hejl  
Kobee Michael Johnson  
Madison Grace Kaup

Katharine S. Kopetzky  
Makenna Grace Krings  
Jordan Elizabeth Lamprecht  
Kaitlyn Dain Magiera  
Tyler Matthew Masek  
Cody Scott McCullough  
Chase Mecseji  
Abigail Jordan Mrsny  
Amanda Marie Nemece  
Sophie Janet Pascoe Jr.  
Zachary Pedersen  
Landin Paul Pribnow  
Caitlin Rose Ranslem

Kooper Anthony Schirmer  
Madison Lee Schleicher  
Mariah Lyn Smalley  
Ashley Jo Staver  
Alexa Elaine Sullivan  
Makenzie Christine Vargas  
Toledo  
John Emil Vuchetich  
Debonaire J'vante Williams  
Ashley Mary Wingert  
Elizabeth A. Winkler  
Hayden Jean Wolf  
Dylan John Zoucha

## 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*

Grace Laney Anderson  
William E. Anderson  
Tori E. Arens  
Elizabeth Lauren Aschoff  
Tucker Ashburn  
Nicholas Gibson Barnett  
Mysteri Mae Barr  
Nolan Jeffrey Belt  
Dylan James Beutler++  
Ellie Grace Boyer  
Jillian Joan Boysen  
Maggie May Brahmer  
Savanna Bruns  
John M. Canham  
Quincy J. Caskey  
Holly Michele Chadwick++  
Elizabeth Lynne Cieslik  
Iris Fatima Cisneros Solano  
David S. Clark++  
Maisey Marie Rashall Clausen  
Michelle E. Craig  
Kolt Austin Davis  
Kyler James Essink  
Vaughn Robert Finkral  
Jason T. Franklin  
Gracie E. Fry  
Alexis Gamble  
Logan Daniel Gilbert

Haley Leeann Hoffman  
Kylee Jo Horst  
Bradley Eliot Howe  
Hallie Mary Jensen  
Braden Edward Johnson  
Jackson Wade Jones++  
Tara Grace Jurgensmeier  
Mary Kahny  
Mollee Ann Klocko  
Blake William Kobs  
Ashley Marie Koenig  
Cameron Thomas Korth  
Brea Elisabeth Kreikemeier  
Grace Katherine Kreikemeier  
Timothy Joseph Larson  
Ashley Nicole Lecher  
Thea Kate Lemburg  
Anna Marguerite Liston++  
Skylar Alexis Long  
Lesly Graciela Luna-Duran  
Joshua J. Lutt  
Steven Konrad Maibaum  
Anais Malan++  
Raymond Thomas Mauldin  
Kathryn N. Meister  
Ryan Thomas Miller  
Shaye Ryon Morten  
Jonathan I. Mueller

Alison Anne Nekl  
Autumn Jewel Nies  
Bailee Marie Nissen  
Ona Rain Parker  
Hudson Ryan Pfenning  
Gionny Phelipa  
Morgan L. Raue  
Maggie Rae Reed  
Kamryn Anne Reynolds  
Erin Renee Reynoldson  
Nicholas Grant Ripa  
Blake Joseph Rutten  
Tate James Ryan  
Ashley Erin Schemek  
Abraham Daniel Schroeder  
Caitlin Marie Sharkey  
Luke Joesph Sims  
Sydney Anne Slater  
Jarvis Gordon Smith  
Kelbi Jane Smith  
Grant Thomas Sparr++  
Matthew Jeffrey Stieneke  
Grant Swantek  
Brittany Elizabeth Tramp  
Daisy Valle  
Katelyn Elaine Wiegand  
Brennan Dale Wrightsman

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

Majors follow hometowns, minors/supplemental endorsements in italics.  
Graduation contingent upon successful completion of the current semester.

++August 2024 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

Emily Christine Ames	Norfolk	English Language Arts Education
Elizabeth Lauren Aschoff	David City	Music/Performance
Tucker Ashburn	Riley, KS	Mass Communication/Sports Media
Leah Rebekah Bennett	Johannesburg, South Africa	Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory
Nathan Matthew Blizzard	Omaha	Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory
Dusty Rose Butler	Alda	Music/Vocal and Instrumental Music Education PK-12
Zoey N. Campbell	Papillion	Communication Studies/Theatre Arts
Iris Fatima Cisneros Solano	Dakota City	Art/Graphic Design
Ian Jackson Collier	Wayne	Art/Graphic Design
Gage Michael Dawson	Neligh	Mass Communication/Electronic Media, <i>Digital Film Production</i>
Rose I. Dieter	Omaha	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Computer Science</i>
Betsy Jane Eckstrom	Palmer	Art/PK-12 Art Education
Lakia Ailene Tricia Eilts	Le Mars, IA	Art/PK-12 Art Education
Madison Taylor Glause	Palmer	English Language Arts Education
Jillian Laine Grantham	Giltner	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Art: Advanced Studio</i>
Nathan Leo Gusman	Wahoo	Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory
Collin Richard Hain	David City	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, <i>English, Editing and Publishing</i>
Monserrat Estrella Huitron Horta	Columbus	Criminal Justice, <i>Spanish, Pre-Law</i>
Kelsie M. Hupp	Cedar Rapids	Music/Vocal and Instrumental Music Education PK-12
Callasandra A. Hurley	York	Mass Communication/Electronic Media, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Bradley A. Irlmeier	Norfolk	Secondary English Education
Lexie Paige Jackson++	Gering	Music/Performance, Psychology
Trevor Logan Jeffrey	Lincoln	Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory
Hallie Mary Jensen	Seward	Art/PK-12 Art Education
Madison Grace Kaup	Wayne	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Web and Mobile App Design and Development</i>
Jackson David Kelley	Lincoln	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, <i>Online and Social Media, Digital Film Production</i>
Rebecca Raye Kment	Plainview	Music/Performance
Kaylee Anna Koch	Crofton	English Language Arts Education
Abbey Michel Kurlmel	Okemos, MI	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Lesly Graciela Luna-Duran	Neligh	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, <i>Spanish, Online and Social Media</i>
Cory Lee Martinson	Wayne	Mass Communication/Electronic Media
Tyler Matthew Masek	Wahoo	Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, Theatre Arts
Joyce Elizabeth McGuire	Wakefield	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Web and Mobile App Design and Development</i>

Autumn Taylor McIntyre	Omaha	English Language Arts Education
Nathania Deborah Mercelina	Willemstad, Curaçao	Music/Performance, <i>Theatre</i>
Joseph John Merkel	Saint Helena	Mass Communication/Electronic Media
Delaney Michele Meyer	Lincoln	Mass Communication/Electronic Media, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Noah Ryan Miller	Omaha	Communication Studies/Theatre Arts
Autumn Jewel Nies	Bloomfield	Art/Studio Art
Rachel Rose Nissen	Wisner	Art/Studio Art, <i>Graphic Design</i>
Daniel Glenn Oldenkamp	Sioux City, IA	Music/Vocal PK-12 Education
Brittney Marie Palik	David City	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Sophie Janet Pascoe Jr.	Wellington, New Zealand	Communication Studies/Theatre Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences/Interior Design, <i>Business Administration</i>
Gabriel Jon Perez	Pender	Art/Studio Art, Graphic Design, <i>Art History, Web and Mobile App Design and Development</i>
Erin Amy Pfeifer	Madison	English Language Arts Education, <i>Speech Education</i>
Nicholas Grant Ripa	Lavista	Criminal Justice, <i>Spanish</i>
Tresten Alan Schwarz	Grand Island	Music/Performance
Kelbi Jane Smith	Sergeant Bluff, IA	Music/Vocal PK-12 Education
Ashley Jo Staver	Fremont	Art/Graphic Design, <i>Art: Advanced Studio</i>
Alexis Summer Tolliver	Fremont	Secondary English Education, World Language/Spanish Education
Courtney Grace Ullarich	Norfolk	Communication Studies/Theatre Arts
Robert Micheal Van Heufeln	Grand Island	Art/Studio Art
Debonaire J'vante Williams	Lafayette, LA	Communication Studies/Theatre Arts
Melinda Lyn Winhold	Rochester, IL	Mass Communication/Digital Film Production and Theory
Olivia Ann Wright	Fremont	English Writing, <i>Editing and Publishing, Online and Social Media</i>

## Bachelor of Science

Calissa JoAnn Acklie	Norfolk	Social Science Education
Paola Adame South	Sioux City	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Maira Marisol Ahilon Calmo++	Lexington	Business Administration/Office Administration, Spanish, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Teagan Ryan Ahrens	Wahoo	Business Administration/Marketing
Caroline Eytola Akinningbagbe	Plainview	Computer Science, <i>Computer Information Systems</i>
Tucker Bradley Alexander	Silver Creek	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Business Administration</i>
Camille Anderson	Lincoln	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Environmental Studies</i>
Grace Laney Anderson	Merriman	Life Sciences/Medical Laboratory Science
William E. Anderson	Alma	Sport Management, <i>Psychology</i>
Tori E. Arens	Crofton	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Cole Christopher Arnett	Wood River	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Krystin Marie Aschoff	Hastings	Skilled and Technical Sciences Education 6-12, Middle Level Education 5-9, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
William LeGrande Athey	Walthill	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity, <i>Computer Science</i>
Marina Emad Baarur	Sioux, IA	Elementary Education
Christopher James Babl	Norfolk	Technology/Management Services Occupations
Hailey Brooke Backer	Wayne	Industrial Technology/Drafting and Design, Family & Consumer Sciences/Interior Design
Jack C. Bailey	Craig	Criminal Justice, Business Administration/Management

Lauren Ashleigh Bailey	Wayne	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Bobbie Jo Bain	Osceola	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Elizabeth Eleanor Barenberg	McCook	Life Sciences/Health Sciences
Amber Barnes	Fremont	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Nicholas Gibson Barnett	Papillion	Psychology, <i>Business Administration</i>
Mysteri Mae Barr	Blair	Psychology, Criminal Justice, <i>Philosophy</i>
Benjamin George Bartholow	Omaha	Psychology, Human Service Counseling
Maiya Karegan Baumann	Pierce	Sociology, Criminal Justice
Morgan Beaty	Omaha	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Devon Zachary Beckman	Norfolk	Business Administration/Professional Studies
Ty Eugene Beckwith	Omaha	Business Administration/Marketing
Jesse Belsan	Columbus	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology</i>
Nolan Jeffrey Belt	Emerson	Industrial Technology/Drafting and Design
Kobe Benne	Oakland	Health and Physical Education PK-12
Dylan James Beutler++	Bancroft	Industrial Technology/Construction Management
Madeline Elizabeth Binder	Yankton, SD	Psychology, <i>Family Life Studies</i>
Hannah G. Bleich	Norfolk	Human Service Counseling
Grace Ann Boggs	Norfolk	Business Administration/Marketing, <i>Online and Social Media</i>
Olivia Bernadine Bollman	Stacy, MN	Life Sciences/Biology, Chemistry/Health Sciences
Jessica Lynn Borg	Wakefield	Mathematics Education 6-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Ellie Grace Boyer	Pilger	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Jillian Joan Boysen	McCool Junction	Business Administration/Accounting, Criminal Justice
Landen James Boysen	Laurel	Industrial Technology/Construction Management, <i>Safety Management</i>
Lauren Lyn Boysen	Onawa, IA	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Abbigail Claire Brabec	Leigh	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3
Ashley Ann Brahmer	Wisner	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Maggie May Brahmer	Pierce	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Morgan Christine Breiner	O'Neill	Industrial Technology/Drafting and Design
Lexie Rae Brester	Howells	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Grace Lillian Broekemeier	Osmond	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Environmental Studies</i>
Trevor William Brooks	Butte	Human Service Counseling, Psychology, <i>Sociology</i>
Macy Kay Brown	Taylor	Elementary Education, <i>Coaching</i>
Felicia Alexandria Brownrigg	Homer	Business Administration/Management, Supply Chain Management
Savanna Bruns	Lavista	Business Administration/Public Accounting, Finance, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Tiffany FloraRahshel Armell Buchanan++	Winnebago	Business Administration/Management
Noah Michael Burwell	David City	Computer Science
Blake Byerly	Grand Island	Life Sciences/Biology, Chemistry/Health Sciences
Kelsie A. Cada	Wahoo	Family & Consumer Sciences/Foods & Nutrition, Sport Management, <i>Exercise Science</i>
John M. Canham	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Noah Gregory Carr	Allen	Business Administration/Management, Marketing
Jennifer Alondra Carrillo Paniagua	South Sioux City	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Jezzamae Nicole Carter	Sioux City, IA	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Quincy J. Caskey	Norfolk	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Madysen Ann Cech	Howells	Business Administration/Management
Salvador Cedillo Jr.++	South Sioux City	Business Administration/Management



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Gage Edward James Dengel	Bellevue	Business Administration/Public Accounting, Finance, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Seth Dey Gregory Gordon Downing	Syracuse Chadron	Computer Science Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Blaize Ann Drummond++ Elizabeth Adaline Duvall Kae Lynne Earth Zoe Alena Eckert Ty David Erwin Kyler James Essink KaJeih Alexis Ewald Maggie Kay Fehringer++ Kane Fiala Vaughn Robert Finkral	Columbus South Sioux City Winnebago Marquette Laurel Elkhorn Omaha Wayne Aurora Norfolk	Early Childhood and Family Studies Criminal Justice, English Writing Life Sciences/Biology Life Sciences/Biology Business Administration/Finance Chemistry/Health Sciences Criminal Justice, <i>Chemistry</i> Business Administration/Accounting Chemistry/Health Sciences Computer Information Systems/Integrated Technology Support, <i>Business Administration</i>
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Gracie E. Fry	Lincoln	Elementary Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
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Alexis Gamble	Omaha	Elementary Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Abigail Lily Gardner Yance Robert Garner	Chadron Broken Bow	Business Administration/Accounting Social Science Education

Triniti Rose Gembica	Humphrey	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Biology</i>
Logan Daniel Gilbert	Sioux City, IA	Elementary Education Non-Certified
Billy Ann Gill	Wayne	Chemistry/Fermentation Sciences, <i>Business Administration</i>
Kendall Anne Gill	South Sioux City	Social Science Education, <i>Geography</i>
David Alexander Richard Gray	Hickman	Social Science Education
Daniel J. Gubbels	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Allison Marie Guenther	West Point	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3
Annie Josephine Guentzel++	Lakeville, MN	Business Administration/Management, Marketing
Sofia Jin Gunn	Gretna	Political Science, Communication Studies/Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, <i>Interdisciplinary Studies-Modern Public Relations</i>
Trevor Michael Guyett	Logan, IA	Industrial Technology/Drafting and Design, Safety Management
Emily Jo Hackett	Benedict	Business Administration/Management
Kaitlynn Marie Hader	Plainview	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Faith Elizabeth Hansen	Cedar Bluffs	Life Sciences/Mortuary Science
Megan Elizabeth Hansen	Columbus	Middle Level Education 5-9
Bryan Hanson	Papillion	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Cody Michael Hanvey	Center	Business Administration/Marketing
Vincent Phillip Harlow	Central City	Business Administration/Accounting
Bradley V. Hartnett	Dakota City	Middle Level Education 5-9, <i>Coaching</i>
Clara Elizabeth Harvey++	Hubbard	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Stuart Scott Hasemann	Wayne	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Abigail Lynn Hedstrom	O'Neill	Early Childhood Inclusive Birth-Grade 3, Special Education Generalist K-6
Kelsey Heggemeyer	Wayne	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Public and Global Health</i>
Morgan Alise Hein	Holdrege	Life Sciences/Biology
Havyn P. Heinz	Huron, SD	Elementary Education, <i>Coaching</i>
Addison Francis Hejl	Pleasant Dale	Social Sciences
Megan Elizabeth Helberg++	McCook	Exercise Science
Mary Christine Helms	Arlington	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Public and Global Health</i>
Matthew Justus Henry	Oxford	Computer Science, <i>Geospatial Technology</i>
Carter Ray Herbolzheimer	Norfolk	Business Administration/Finance
Kimberly Hernandez	Sioux City, IA	Social Science Education
Bailey Hickey	West Point	Criminal Justice, <i>Sociology</i>
Ryan Patrick Hilliard	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Sociology</i>
McKenna Elizabeth Hoefler	Columbus	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Haley Leeann Hoffman	Simi Valley, CA	Psychology, Criminal Justice
Alexis Paige Holt	Gretna	Criminal Justice, <i>Human Services</i>
Josie Holzman	Le Mars, IA	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Madelyn Kaye Hopwood	Shelby	Business Administration/Management
Kylee Jo Horst	Wisner	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Human Services</i>
Bradley Eliot Howe	Yankton, SD	Business Administration/Management
Aubree Howell	Omaha	Business Administration/Marketing
Hailey R. Howell	Blair	Life Sciences/Biology
Alyana E. Hruby	Wood River	Business Administration/Management
Hannah Rae Hubers	Wausa	Business Administration/Public Accounting, Finance
Varsha L. Huebner++	Hershey	Business Administration/Marketing
Logan Reese Hughes	Randolph, IA	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Taylor Janell Jackson++	Wayne	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>

Cole Dean Jacobsen	Wisner	Chemistry/Health Sciences
Cali Elise James	Wisner	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Jett Stephen Janssen	Lincoln	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Symphony Rose Jareske	Wayne	Elementary Education
Kaitlyn Rose Jensen++	Blair	Human Service Counseling
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Breanna Kay Jernberg	Bronson, IA	Applied Human and Sport Physiology, <i>Psychology</i>
Tomas A. Jimenez	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Braden Edward Johnson	Gretna	Industrial Technology/Construction Management, <i>Safety Management</i>
Jaxon Johnson	Bancroft	Industrial Technology/Construction Management, <i>Safety Management, Drafting and Design</i>
Kobee Michael Johnson	Beatrice	<i>Criminal Justice, Emergency Management</i>
Michaela Lynn Johnson	Bloomfield	Technology/Agricultural Occupations
Molly Jo Johnson	Sioux Falls, SD	Elementary Education
Riley Steven Johnson	Omaha	Exercise Science, <i>Coaching</i>
Brogan Chandler Jones	Allen	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Jackson Wade Jones++	Scottsbluff	Exercise Science, <i>Coaching</i>
Kathryn Jones	Sioux City, IA	<i>Criminal Justice, Social Sciences</i>
Jeanie Carol Jorgensen++	Rogers, AR	Technology/Management Services Occupations
Riley E. Jurgens	Madison	Human Service Counseling, <i>Sociology</i>
Tara Grace Jurgensmeier	Wahoo	Business Administration/Management, Human Resource Management
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Mary Kahny	Osmond	<i>Criminal Justice, Sport Management</i>
Tessia Ann Keller	Madison, SD	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Mollie Jae Kimbrough	Lincoln	Early Childhood and Family Studies, <i>Public and Global Health</i>
Shon Monae King	Norfolk	<i>Criminal Justice, Social Sciences</i>
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Dylan Kniffen-Stump	Gibbon	<i>Psychology, Sociology</i>
Gracie Leatrice Knopik	Belgrade	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, Psychology</i>
Blake William Kobs	Ashland	Business Administration/Accounting
Karmen Rose Koch	Crofton	Mathematics Education 6-12, <i>Art</i>
Jordan M. Kocian	Lincoln	Applied Human and Sport Physiology, <i>Sport Management</i>
Ashley Marie Koenig	Ewing	Business, Marketing & Information Technology 6-12, <i>Coaching, Work-Based Learning</i>
Katharine S. Kopetzky	Stromsburg	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Cameron Thomas Korth	Norfolk	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
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Brea Elisabeth Kreikemeier	Lincoln	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Grace Katherine Kreikemeier	West Point	Life Sciences/Health Sciences
Zoey Lynn Kreikemeier	West Point	Business Administration/Marketing
Lindsey Grace Krejci	Bennington	Early Childhood and Family Studies, <i>Business Administration</i>
Jayven Joseph Krepel	Columbus	Elementary Education
Makenna Grace Krings	Humphrey	Family & Consumer Sciences/Interior Design, <i>Drafting</i>

Bree Lynn Kucera	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Pre-Law</i>
Ella Sue Kucera	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Madison Anaiah Kurtz++	Sioux City, IA	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice, Sociology</i>
Bryce Clayton Lamb	Wayne	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Jordan Elizabeth Lamprecht	Ponca	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Evan William Landholm	Elkhorn	Business Administration/Marketing
LaTausha J. LaPointe	Winnebago	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Kelsey Madison Larsen	Bancroft	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Psychology</i>
Naudia Rae Larsen	Milford	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Chemistry</i>
Timothy Joseph Larson	Stanton	Business Administration/Management, <i>Computer Information Systems</i>
Jackson Paul Lautzenhiser	Milford	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Biology</i>
Ashley Nicole Lecher	Franklin	Criminal Justice, <i>Pre-Law</i>
Brooklynn Jae LeClair	Funk	Life Sciences/Biology
Thea Kate Lemburg	Aurora	Criminal Justice, <i>Pre-Law</i>
Jaymee Jo Levander	Humphrey	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Anna Marguerite Liston++	York	Human Service Counseling, <i>Family Life Studies</i>
Shelby Lee Loberg	Wausa	Criminal Justice, <i>Human Services</i>
Rachel Cay Lodl	Scribner	Early Childhood and Family Studies
Skylar Alexis Long	Neligh	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, <i>Family Life Studies</i>
Sara Lundeen	Axtell	History, <i>Spanish, International Studies, Speech Communication</i>
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Cauren Monye Lynch++	Irving, TX	Business Administration/Marketing, <i>Economics</i>
Alexander James Lyons	Dwight	Business Administration/Management, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Wyatt Gale Mach	Fairfield	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Public and Global Health</i>
Addison Adair Mackling	Emerson	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Kaitlyn Dain Magiera	Ord	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Aaron Mahoney	Papillion	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst, <i>Computer Science</i>
Steven Konrad Maibaum	Bloomfield	History, <i>Travel and Tourism</i>
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Raleigh Nicole Mapel	Albion	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Amanda Nicole Marion	Omaha	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Mariah Jo Marisch	Spalding	Chemistry/Health Sciences
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Abigail Mason	Channahon, IL	Interdisciplinary Studies-Public and Global Health
Raymond Thomas Mauldin	Norfolk	Computer Science
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Quinn Aaron McCafferty	Big Horn, WY	Psychology, <i>Business Administration</i>
Annie Pearl McCartney	Nelson	Applied Human and Sport Physiology, <i>Biology</i>
Alexander Truitte McCarty	Tekamah	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Earth Science</i>
Mason Kraig McClarnon	Braddyville, IA	Life Sciences/Biology
Ethan Andrew McCormick	Verdigre	Business Administration/Management
Colton Ray McCoy	Hickman	Computer Science

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Jocelyn Elizabeth McDermott	Fremont	Psychology, Criminal Justice
Alexander Riley McRae	South Sioux City	Exercise Science, Coaching, <i>Spanish</i>
Chase Mecseji	Wayne	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management, Sociology</i>
Jill Ana Jauregui Medrano	Le Mars, IA	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Kathryn N. Meister	Ponca	Middle Level Education 5-9, <i>Coaching, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Stephanie Mendez	Grand Island	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Hailey Marie Mewis	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Emma Micanek++	Omaha	Family & Consumer Sciences, <i>Creative Writing</i>
Alec William Millender++	Glenwood, IL	Sport Management
Emily Rose Miller	Fremont	Family & Consumer Sciences/Foods & Nutrition, <i>Public and Global Health</i>
Hagan Nash Miller	Wakefield	Business Administration/Management
Josie Lauren Miller	Norfolk	Applied Human and Sport Physiology, <i>Foods and Nutrition</i>
Ryan Thomas Miller	Lyons	Health and Physical Education PK-12
Paige Lynne Milliken	Wayne	Elementary Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Madelyn Grace Moore	Holdrege	Chemistry/Health Sciences
Joshua Moreno	Norfolk	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Sara Jane Morrow	O'Neill	Early Childhood and Family Studies
Shaye Ryon Morten	Hartington	Exercise Science, <i>Injury Science, Foods and Nutrition</i>
Lauren Nicole Mouchka	Norfolk	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Abigail Jordan Mrsny	Norfolk	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology</i>
Jonathan I. Mueller	Harvard	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Exercise Science</i>
Alison Anne Nekl	Rising City	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Business Administration</i>
Amanda Marie Nemec	Norfolk	Elementary Education
Lisa A. Nicley	Sioux City, IA	Elementary Education, <i>English as a Second Language PK-12, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Bailee Marie Nissen	Weeping Water	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Alexzi Jo Nottlemann	Bancroft	Criminal Justice, <i>Sociology</i>
Elizabeth Mary O'Conor++	Monument, CO	Business Administration/Management, Supply Chain Management
Jaegher Zachary Ogden	Atkinson	Business Administration/Management
Chloe Renee O'Hearn++	Wayne	Criminal Justice, <i>Psychology</i>
Victoria Ohlfest	Bloomfield	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Kadayzha Ostrander	Valley	Criminal Justice, <i>Sociology, Social Sciences</i>
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Ona Rain Parker	Sioux City, IA	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Lance Madrid Pedersen	Columbus	Business Administration/Human Resource Management, Office Administration
Zachary Pedersen	Milford, IA	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Gabriel Drake Peitz	Wakefield	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Biology</i>
Alyssa Renee Penn	Shawnee, KS	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Hudson Ryan Pfenning	Grand Island	Computer Science
Leland Chet Phelan	Kingsley, IA	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
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Sydney Mae Phipps	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Human Services</i>
Austin Mitchell Pierce++	Brainard	Sport Management, <i>Coaching</i>
Thunder Martin Pilakowski	Platte Center	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Biology</i>
Leah H. Podliska	Madison	Early Childhood and Family Studies
Faith Geraldine Polacek	Wahoo	Criminal Justice, <i>Business Administration</i>
Aubree L. Potts	Crofton	Business Administration/Public Accounting, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Cory Ned Powers	Norfolk	Technology/Management Services Occupations
Landin Paul Pribnow	Albion	Skilled and Technical Sciences Education 6-12
Colby Lawrence Puck	Bennington	Industrial Technology/Construction Management
Isaiah Thomas Purviance++	Lynch	Exercise Science
Calie Grace Rabbass	Pender	Criminal Justice, <i>Pre-Law</i>
Arleth Ramirez	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Jesus Alejandro Ramirez	West Point	Business Administration/Marketing
Conor Joseph Ramold	Neligh	Business Administration/Management
Caitlin Rose Ranslem	Newman Grove	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Morgan L. Raue	Fremont	Business Administration/Office Administration, Human Resource Management
Payje Lynn Rayback	Leigh	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, <i>Work-Based Learning, Family Life Studies</i>
Maggie Rae Reed	Waverly	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Breann R. Reese	Monroe	Business Administration/Management
Abby Marie Reicks	Petersburg	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Raegan Lavaille Reifenrath	Laurel	Psychology, Human Service Counseling
Michael Joseph Rerucha	David City	Social Science Education
Kamryn Anne Reynolds	Bellevue	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Chemistry</i>
Erin Renee Reynoldson	Albion	Family & Consumer Sciences/Occupational Education, <i>Work-Based Learning</i>
Jake Carson Ridder	Fremont	Business Administration/Finance, Economics
Hunter Troy Riffey++	Ponca	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology, Sociology</i>
Kaden James Ritz	Grand Island	Exercise Science, <i>Sport Management, Coaching</i>
Presley Lynn Rodenburg	Council Bluffs, IA	Chemistry/Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, <i>Spanish</i>
Adilene Rodriguez Vaca	South Sioux City	Human Service Counseling
Jessica Nicole Rogat	Battle Creek	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Cody Steon Rogers	Wayne	Sport Management, <i>Business Administration</i>
Lillie Jane Rohan	Sioux City IA	Business Administration/Public Accounting, Finance
Thomas Arthur Roland	Bennington	Business Administration/Management
Rhenn Callie Rolenc	Red Oak, IA	Social Science Education
Katlyn Ann Rounph++	Norfolk	Human Service Counseling, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Hunter James Rumery++	Cook Life	Sciences/Biology, <i>Psychology</i>
Heaven Leigh Rush	Union	Criminal Justice, <i>Pre-Law, Spanish</i>
Logan D. Rush	Jackson	Business Administration/Finance
Blake Joseph Rutten	Bennington	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Tate James Ryan	Chadron	Life Sciences/Biology, <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Linden Jon Sack	Grand Island	Life Sciences/Biology
Hailey Samson	York	Computer Science, <i>Geospatial Technology</i>
Cindy Monserrat Sanchez	Wayne	Human Service Counseling
Dustin David Sarvie	Buffalo, MN	Industrial Technology/Construction Management
Ashley Erin Schemek	Humphrey	Chemistry/Health Sciences, <i>Biology</i>



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Jaidyn Breeann Schindler	Ewing	Business Administration/Marketing, <i>Merchandising and Design</i>
Kooper Anthony Schirmer	Ravenna	Mathematics/Applied-Computer Science
Madison Lee Schleicher	Fremont	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Payton Anthony Schlender++	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management
Maddee Schmidt	Gordon	Business Administration/Accounting
Carter James Schnoor	Randolph	Business Administration/Management
Rebecca Schrock	Saint Paul	Elementary Education
Abraham Daniel Schroeder	Ravenna	Interdisciplinary Studies-Biomechanics and Applied Engineering
Summer Madison Schroeder	Clearwater	Business Administration/Finance
Madison Leigh Schuller	Alma	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6
Reagan Olivia Settje	Creston	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Lily Faith Shafer	York	Mathematics Education 6-12, <i>Art</i>
Caitlin Marie Sharkey	Friend	Business Administration/Management
Luke Joesph Sims	Omaha	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Ella Margaret Skinner	North Sioux City, SD	Business Administration/Public Accounting
Logan James Slama	Wakefield	Criminal Justice, <i>Emergency Management</i>
Sydney Anne Slater	Pierce	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3</i>
Mariah Lyn Smalley	Butte	Exercise Science, <i>Injury Science</i>
Jarvis Gordon Smith	Harvard	Business Administration/Agri-Business
Emily Ann Smollen	Grand Island	Chemistry/Health Sciences
Kyle Bryan Snodgrass	Orchard	Social Science Education, <i>Geography</i>
Brooke Ann Solomon	Yankton, SD	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6, English as a Second Language PK-12</i>
Alexis Solorzano++	Osmond	Interdisciplinary Studies-Health Leadership
Grant Thomas Sparr++	Treynor, IA	Criminal Justice, Psychology
Trevor P. Spicka	Bennington	Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Keithan Michael Stafford	Doniphan	Life Sciences/Biology
Shane Andrew Stahn	Central City	Business Administration/Finance, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Eric Gregory Standish	Omaha	Computer Science, Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cybersecurity
Matthew Jeffrey Stieneke	Cherokee, IA	Middle Level Education 5-9
Alison Maria Stineman	Norfolk	Life Sciences/Biology
Jailynn Story	Wausa	Criminal Justice, Psychology
Suelaney Maxima Marina Mckayla Stroop	Willemstad, Curaçao	Family & Consumer Sciences/Fashion Merchandising, Business Administration/Marketing
Jett Dylan Stuhr	Petersburg	Science Education
Jacob M Sub	Cozad	Computer Science, <i>Physics</i>
Brandy Jordan Suhr	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Business Administration, Social Sciences</i>
Alexa Elaine Sullivan	Emerson	Human Service Counseling, <i>Psychology</i>
Jamison John Svehla	Norfolk	Sociology, <i>Psychology</i>
Grant Swantek	Genoa	Business Administration/Finance
Dylan Marie Sweeney	Cottonwood, AZ	Applied Human and Sport Physiology

Robert Sheadyn Sweetland	Wayne	Sport Management, Business Administration/Management
Annika Jaye Syvrud	Rock Springs, WY	Life Sciences/Biology, Chemistry/Health Sciences
Makenna Lexas Taake	Norfolk	Life Sciences/Biology
Jazmine Marie Taylor	Omaha	Business Administration/Accounting, Finance
Allison Nicole Tesch	Le Mars, IA	Elementary Education, <i>Early Childhood Education PK-3, Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Tark River Thomas	Spirit Lake, IA	Technology/Computer Occupations
Jaiden Shaye Thompson	Elkhorn	Business Administration/Marketing
Lillianna Marie Thompson	Council Bluffs, IA	Geography, History, <i>Geospatial Technology</i>
Lauren Michelle Thorp	Wood River	Life Sciences/Biology
Tiana Lynn Thramer	Ewing	Exercise Science, <i>Injury Science</i>
Divon Osiris Tinsley++	Wakefield	Business Administration/Accounting, <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Kellie Ann Toliver	Kingsley, IA	Business Administration/Management
Andrew Francisco Tostado	South Sioux City	Elementary Education, <i>Reading/Writing PK-6</i>
Chanda Touch	Dakota City	Business Administration/Management
Brittany Elizabeth Tramp	Crofton	Business Administration/Management
Emily Ann Trucke	Sioux City, IA	Business Administration/Marketing
Jackson Tuttle	Omaha	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst
Daisy Valle	Norfolk	Criminal Justice, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Tyten Lee Vance	Fremont	Computer Information Systems/Programmer/Analyst, <i>Computer Science</i>
Cameron John VanGroningen	Sterling	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Social Sciences</i>
Makenzie Christine Vargas Toledo	Osmond	Elementary Education
Brandon Lee Villarreal++	Norfolk	Business Administration/Management, Marketing
Amber Leigh Voboril	David City	Business Administration/Human Resource Management
Micah Vodolazskyy	Malcolm	Business Administration/Management, Supply Chain Management
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Carissa Nicole Wacker	Plainview	Business Administration/Public Accounting
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Anna Lee Wakehouse	Tekamah	Health and Physical Education PK-12, <i>Coaching</i>
Rachel Jean Walker	Lincoln	Elementary Education, Special Education Generalist K-6, <i>Sport Management</i>
Emily Jean Walsh	Wakefield	Business Administration/Marketing, Management
Chase Donald Warren++	Omaha	Business Administration/Management
Erin Webber++	Sioux City, IA	Interdisciplinary Studies-Behavioral and Global Studies
Griffin Alan Weckerlin	Omaha	Business Administration/Finance, <i>Computer Information Systems</i>
Haley Rae White	Irrigon, OR	Family & Consumer Sciences/Interior Design, <i>Drafting</i>
Katelyn Elaine Wiegand	Columbus	Science Education, <i>Geography</i>
Destinee J. Wilkins	Wayne	Criminal Justice, Political Science
Ethan Michael Willis	Beatrice	Industrial Technology/Construction Management, Safety Management, <i>Drafting</i>
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Laurel

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*Business Administration*

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Hartington

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Creighton

Business Administration/Public Accounting, Finance

Tyler Donald Wright

York

Business Administration/Marketing

Brennan Dale Wrightsman

Juniata

Social Science Education

Trey Alexander Zessin

Wood River

Life Sciences/Biology

Dylan John Zoucha

Malcolm

Life Sciences/Biology, *Injury Science*

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

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

The Blue, Brown, and Yellow cord is worn by members of Gamma Theta Upsilon, a geography 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 Gold cord is worn by members of Alpha Phi Sigma, a criminal justice honor society.

The Royal Blue, Gold, and Silver cord is worn by members of Pi Omega Pi, a national undergraduate honorary for business teacher education.

The Blue, Gold, and White cord is worn by members of Epsilon Pi Tau, an international honor society for technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Royal Blue and White cord is worn by members of Pi Gamma Mu, a social sciences 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 Burgundy and Gold cord is worn by members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society of non-traditional students.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

International students may be wearing Cultural Sashes from their home countries.

## **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!