

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Spring  
Commencement*

DECEMBER 14, 2019  
EDWIN J. THOMAS  
PERFORMING ARTS HALL



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# FALL 2019 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Gary L. Miller, *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

- PRELUDE MUSIC** ..... *Sonata No. 12* Johann Pezel  
*Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello  
*Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol* Percy Grainger  
*Alleluia* G.F. Handel  
The University of Akron Brass Choir  
Christopher Blaha, *Conductor*
- FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL** ..... (*The audience will remain seated.*)  
*Procession of the Scholars* William G. Harbinson  
*Pomp and Circumstance* Sir Edward Elgar  
*Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke  
The University of Akron Brass Choir
- THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... (*The audience is invited to stand and sing.*)  
Led by Moriah Sprit  
*Student, School of Music*  
The University of Akron Brass Choir
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** ... Gary L. Miller  
*President, The University of Akron*
- GREETINGS** ..... Member  
*Board of Trustees*
- STUDENT ADDRESS** ..... Morning  
Charles W. Kirkpatrick  
Afternoon  
Jason A. Logan
- ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES** .... Gary L. Miller  
*President, The University of Akron*
- THE ALMA MATER** ..... (*The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 33.*)  
Led by Moriah Sprit, *Student, School of Music*  
The University of Akron Brass Choir

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

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of candidates for the College of Engineering, LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, College of Health Professions, College of Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College.

**THE PRESENTATION OF**

**DEGREE CANDIDATES** . . . . . The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees  
The presentation of candidates for Master's Degrees  
The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees  
The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees  
*Prelude from BWV 998* J.S. Bach  
*Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach  
*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach  
*Pachelbel's Canon* J. Pachelbel  
*Minuet* J.S. Bach  
*Torna a Sorrento* D. Capua  
*Etude No. 3, Op. 60* M. Carcassi  
*Medley of Short Pieces* F. Sor  
C. Zach Wood – Guitar  
*Student, School of Music*

**WELCOME OF THE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
TO THE CLASS OF 2019** . . . . .

William Kollman ('08, '10)  
*Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations*  
*Executive Director, The Alumni Association*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** . . . . . Gary L. Miller

**RECESSIONAL** . . . . . *The Akron Blue and Gold* Fred Waring  
The University of Akron Brass Choir

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\*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.

# ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

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

## Processional

The academic processional is an official prelude to the commencement ceremony. The University marshal leads the procession, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and the state. Following the University marshal are the members of the platform party including trustees, recipient(s) of honorary degrees, and the president of the University who wears a medalion with inscriptions representing the history of the state and the University. Next come the members of the faculty followed by the degree candidates.

The marching order of candidates customarily reflects the historical order in which the various colleges or schools of the University were established. Led by marshals, the candidates for degrees march in with their respective colleges.

## Academic Attire

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

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

## Caps and Tassels

The cap, also called the mortarboard, may have been derived from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the scholar's time. In the United States, the cap is usually flat and square in shape. In Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel: associates are often silver in color; bachelor's and master's are black or of a color appropriate to the college from which the candidate is being graduated; and doctor's are usually golden.

## Gowns

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

the wrist. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

## Hoods

A triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, the hood is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted. Recipients of the doctor of philosophy degree wear royal blue hoods, and their caps feature golden tassels. Those who have earned the doctor of education degree wear light blue hoods and tassels.

## Colors

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

Black	Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor's
Drab	Business
Gold	Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Green	Health Professions
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Purple	Law
Silver	Applied Science and Technology and Wayne College Associate's
White	Arts and Sciences

## Banners

The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the nine colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name and founding date of the college it represents. Banners were first instituted at The University of Akron in the spring of 1995.

## The University Seal and the Presidential Medallion

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

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

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

The Presidential Medallion was presented by the Alumni Association in 1970, commemorating the University's centennial. The medallion is a symbol of the authority of the president, as bestowed by the Board of Trustees, that traditionally is worn by the president on important ceremonial occasions.



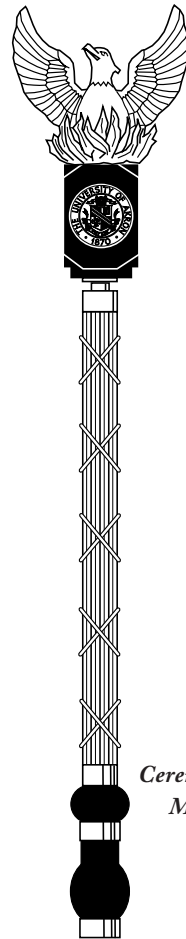
*University Seal*

## The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

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



*Ceremonial Mace*

# UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Trustees

Joseph M. Gingo, J.D. ('71)  
*Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

Lewis W. Adkins, Jr., J.D. ('92)

Roland H. Bauer, J.D. ('09\*)

Cindy P. Crotty

Michael J. Dowling ('87)

Thomas F. Needles

William A. Scala ('75)

*\*Honorary Doctorate*

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Taylor A. Bennington

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( '72, '75, '09\*)

David W. James

## Officers of the Board

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*Secretary of the Board  
Vice President and General Counsel*

John J. Reilly, J.D.

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

# UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

## Officers

Gary L. Miller  
*President*

Joseph R. Urgo  
*Executive Vice President  
and Provost (Interim)*

John C. Green  
*Special Assistant to the President  
for Strategy and Transition*

Rex D. Ramsier ('87, '89)  
*Executive Vice President/  
Chief Administrative Officer*

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*Vice President of Development*

M. Celeste Cook ('84, '87)  
*Vice President and General Counsel*

Wayne Hill  
*Vice President/Chief of Staff*

Jolene A. Lane  
*Vice President for Inclusion and  
Equity and Title IX Coordinator*

John A. Messina ('11)  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

Nathan J. Mortimer  
*Vice President of Finance and  
Administration and  
Chief Financial Officer*

## Deans

Elizabeth A. Kennedy ('90, '93, '00)  
*College of Applied Science  
and Technology and  
College of Health Professions  
(Interim)*

Linda M. Subich  
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences  
(Interim)*

Susan C. Hanlon  
*College of Business Administration  
(Interim)*

Craig C. Menzemer  
*College of Engineering (Interim)*

Marnie M. Saunders  
*Graduate School (Acting)*

Donald D. Quinn  
*The Drs. Gary B. and  
Pamela S. Williams Honors College  
(Acting)*

Christopher C. J. Peters  
*School of Law*

Ali Dhinojwala  
*College of Polymer Science and  
Polymer Engineering (Interim)*

Aimée L. deChambeau  
*University Libraries*

Jarrold Tudor  
*Wayne College and  
The LeBron James Family  
Foundation College of Education  
(Interim)*

# UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

## Morning

### **Marshal**

Andrew Platt

### **Associate Marshals**

Donald Appleby  
Patricia Eaglewolf  
Mary Myers

### **Assistant Marshals**

Cortney Benjamin  
Eric Brisker  
Valerie Ifill  
Dwayne Jones  
Matthew Kolodziej  
Steven C. Myers  
John Reeves  
Pam Schulze  
Michael Spayd  
Claire Tessier  
Kathryn Vasko  
Eric Wasserman  
Anne Wiley  
Gregory Wilson

## Afternoon

### **Marshal**

Kelly Chaff

### **Associate Marshals**

Donald Appleby  
Patricia Eaglewolf  
Cherie Sedlock

### **Assistant Marshals**

Jeanette Berger  
Pamela Bonnett  
Malik Elbuluk  
Lisa Hart  
Doug Hubert  
Nancy Lupi  
Marcia Main  
Alex Meibos  
Cherie Sedlock  
Mark Soucek  
Janice Steinmetz  
Guillermo Torres  
Robert Veillette  
Jennifer Warren  
Doug Woods



## UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

### Morning

Dave Harris  
*National Alumni Board*

Christopher Keppler  
*School of Communication*

### Afternoon

William Torgler  
*Exploratory Advising and Academic Support*

Annal Vyas  
*Experiential Learning Center for  
Entrepreneurship and Civic Engagement*

## UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by Lori Palmer.

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

## Morning

Raymond Cox  
Alexa Fox  
Ray Gehani  
John Huss  
Karl Kaltenthaler  
Chelsea Law  
Nic Leipzig  
Sergei Lyuksyutov  
Hung Nguyen  
Stacey Nofziger  
Yi Pang  
John Queener  
Leah Shriver  
Melissa Stallard  
Ann Usher  
Charles Waehler  
Martin Wainwright  
Ingrid Weigold  
Mark Welfley

## Afternoon

Rouzbeth Amini  
George Chase  
Stephen Cheng  
Steven Chuang  
Malik Elbuluk  
Zarreen Farooqi  
Jamal Feerasta  
Christine Heifner Graor  
Li Jia  
Karen Jordan  
Abraham Joy  
Nic Leipzig  
Chen Ling  
Lingyun Liu  
Christopher Miller  
Lynne Pachnowski  
Rikki Patton  
Coleen Pugh  
Nita Sahai  
Robert M. Schwartz  
Linda Shanks  
Wang Shengyong  
Mark Soucek  
Carolyn Sutter  
Hossein Tavana  
Evoon Welton  
Patrick Wilbur  
Stacey Willett  
Craig Wise  
Carrie Wissner  
Shing-Chung Wong  
Change Ye  
Nicole Zacharia  
Michele Zelko  
Jie Zheng

# GRADUATION WITH HONORS

## Graduation With Distinction

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

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

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

## Baccalaureate Honors Designation

*Summa Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

*Magna Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

*Cum Laude*—  
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

## Associate Honors Designation

*With Highest Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

*With High Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

*With Distinction*—  
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

## Williams Honors Scholars

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

Saleh Saud M. Almutairi  
Daniel J. Becker  
Emily L. Bishop  
Erin M. Chips  
Kailey A. Christman  
Brandon L. Combs  
Justin C. Edwards  
Grant C. Ferrell  
Grant J. Gates  
Ian J. Hames  
Matthew P. Hammond  
Victoria R. Kanel  
Harvey G. Kenworthy  
Jonathan F. Konopka  
Nicholas J. Lanz  
Kristen E. Lauck  
Victoria J. Lehtimaki  
Peter Loferski  
Lydia J. Mainzer  
Karris R. McCollum  
Madison L. McKinney  
Myranda C. Miller  
Chase A. Minor  
Ileia N. Nagelkirk  
Danielle M. Nicholson  
Nicholas W. Nutial  
Corinne N. Plas  
Sonia P. Potter  
Ciara J. Rich  
Jessica R. Ricks  
Haley B. Riemenschneider  
Geoffrey K. Sarpong  
Colwell Shupe  
Jared S. Skinner  
Dasha A. Smith  
Katelyn A. Tolbert  
Aimee L. Trunko  
Gina R. Tubo  
Logan R. Usher

## Distinguished Students

The Distinguished Student Program recognizes and encourages excellence among academically talented students at Wayne College. Distinguished Students have completed their degree studies and the requirements of the Distinguished Student Program with a cumulative quality point ratio of at least 3.40.

Allison D. Ferrell  
Eliza J. Goebel

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Ralph J. Palmisano, Esq. will receive the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

RALPH J. PALMISANO

An Akron native and graduate of Akron North High School, Ralph J. Palmisano earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from The University of Akron in 1970 and a Juris Doctor degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1973. Following his admission to the bar, he practiced law in Cleveland for 10 years then moved his practice to Akron in 1983. A partner in the Akron law firm of Hanna Rasnick Evanchan Palmisano Hobson & Fox, LLC, he represents clients in corporate, financing, real estate development, corporate acquisition and product liability defense matters. Mr. Palmisano is a member of the Summit County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Since his days as a member of the Lone Star Fraternity at The University of Akron, Mr. Palmisano has been an active and committed member in civic and social organizations in the region, serving on the boards of the Akron City Club, the Community Hall Foundation of the Akron Civic Theatre where he also served as president, the Downtown Akron Partnership, the Revere Gridiron Club and the Revere Youth Football Association.

Mr. Palmisano has honored his Italian heritage through his membership and participation in the Italian American Professional Businessman's Association and numerous other activities in the Italian American community of Akron.

Mr. Palmisano was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron by Governor Ted Strickland in 2010. He has served the Board and the University well, chairing the Finance & Administration Committee (2011-2017), the Strategic Issues Committee (2017-2019), and the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee (2010-2011). He also served as a member of the Presidential Advisory & Screening Committee (2018-2019); Safety & Facilities Special Committee (2018-2019); Audit & Compliance Committee (2014-2019); Nominating Committee (2017-2018); Personnel & Compensation Committee (2011-2017); Academic Issues & Student Success Committee (2013-2016); Strategic Issues Committee (2011-2014); Rules Committee (2011-2013); Educational Policy & Student Affairs Committee (2010-2011); External Affairs Committee (2010-2011); Facilities Planning & Oversight Committee (2010-2011); and Trusteeship Committee (2010-2011). From 2013 to 2019 he served on the Board of The University of Akron Research Foundation. His term as a member of the Board of Trustees expired on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Palmisano and his wife, Barbara, reside in Medina.

# CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

December 14, 2019  
Morning

## Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

*Founded 1870*

Interim Dean Linda M. Subich

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Keti G. Bertman**

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;  
BS, Salem State University

Dissertation: "Synthesis of  
Organic Small-Molecule  
Fluorescent Probes for Chemical  
and Biological Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Yi Pang

#### **Celina R. Cahalane**

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;  
BS, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Novel Approaches  
Towards Understanding and  
Combating Inflammation and  
Infection"

Adviser: Dr. Leah Shriver

#### **Bethanie Cavalier**

Counseling Psychology

MA, BA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Attachment Theory:  
Comparing the Relationship  
Between Attachment Hierarchies  
and Life Satisfaction Among  
Young-Old and Mid-Old Adults"

Adviser: Dr. Charles Waehler

#### **Dipendra Dahal\***

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;  
MS, BS, Tribhuvan University

Dissertation: "Synthesis and  
Characterization of Novel  
Excited State Intramolecular  
Proton Transfer (ESIPT)  
Cyanine Dyes with Near Infrared  
(NIR) Emission for Biological  
Applications"

Adviser: Dr. Yi Pang

#### **Innocent S. Demshemino**

Chemistry

MS, The University of Akron;  
BS, American University of Nigeria

Dissertation: "Synthesis and  
Photophysical Studies of Self-  
Assembled Chromophores"

Adviser: Dr. David A. Modarelli

#### **Beth E. Gersper**

Urban Studies and Public Affairs

MPA, The University of Akron;  
BS, The Ohio State University

Dissertation: "Network Analysis  
of Drugs of Abuse in Ohio and  
Policy Implications"

Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

#### **Anna K. Harrington**

Psychology – Adult Development and  
Aging

MA, The University of Akron;  
MS, Old Dominion University;  
BS, University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation: "Future-Care  
Planning and Communication in  
Midlife"

Adviser: Dr. Harvey Sterns

#### **Dionna D. Richardson\***

History

BA, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Purloined Subjects:  
Race, Gender, and the Legacies  
of Colonial Surveillance in the  
British Caribbean"

Adviser: Dr. A. Martin  
Wainwright

#### **Charity A. Smith\***

Counseling Psychology

MS, Loyola College;  
BA, Hood College

Dissertation: "Perfectionism and  
Alcohol Use Disorder: A Factor  
Analytic Study"

Adviser: Dr. Ingrid K. Weigold

#### **Dawna F. Wensel\***

Sociology

BA, Kent State University

Dissertation: "Impacts of Social  
Bonds on Crime in the Transition  
Between Adolescence and Young  
Adulthood"

Adviser: Dr. Stacey Nofziger

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\*Summer 2019 Graduate

# CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

## Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

*Founded 1870*

Interim Dean Linda M. Subich

### MASTER OF ARTS

Afras Khalid S. Alharbi  
*English*

Maya A. Curtis  
*Theatre Arts – Arts Administration*

Bryon J. Dickon  
*English*

Elliot E. Georgiadis\*  
*Communication*

Jeremiah M. Luke\*  
*Psychology – Industrial /  
Organizational Psychology*

Alison L. MacDonald  
*Theatre Arts – Arts Administration*

Randall S. Slonaker\*  
*History*

Lauren C. Sprowls  
*Theatre Arts – Arts Administration*

Ryan K. Thibodeau\*  
*Psychology – Industrial /  
Organizational Psychology*

Kaitlyn R. Wentz  
*Theatre Arts – Arts Administration*

Jessica L. Wilson  
*History*

Ginelle L. Wolfe\*  
*Counseling Psychology*

### MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Lauren D. Fletcher  
*Security Studies*

### MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Nicole L. Burdge  
*Creative Writing*

### MASTER OF MUSIC

Christopher J. Coles  
*Music – Woodwinds Performance*

Meggan E. Conti  
*Music Education –  
Choral/General Music*

Emarii B. Holton Lopes  
*Music – Voice Performance*

Jason D. Klinect  
*Music Education – Instrumental*

Steven V. Lockstedt  
*Music Education – Instrumental*

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Michael Angerstien  
*Public Administration*

Joan A. Busic  
*Public Administration*

Sunday J. Odekunle  
*Public Administration*

Erika M. Stafford  
*Public Administration*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Mostafa Abdelaziz  
*Chemistry*

Najaya S. Al Hajri  
*Applied Mathematics*

Ahmed A. Alrheili  
*Statistics*

Fiyhan Nasser M Alsubaie  
*Statistics*

Daniel J. Becker  
*Applied Mathematics*

Kayla A. Calapa  
*Biology*

Anthony J. Cava  
*Chemistry*

Gerald Crutchfield  
*Biology*

Grant T. Gilmore  
*Chemistry*

Jorian C. Krob  
*Geology*

Michael A. Lambur  
*Geography/Geographic  
Information Sciences*

Phong V. Nguyen  
*Computer Science*

Gardenia Pacheco  
*Chemistry*

Xiaofeng Qu  
*Computer Science*

Syed Rafiquddin  
*Chemistry*

Seyed Mostafa Razavi  
*Computer Science*

Timothy A. Schmucker  
*Geology*

Kelvin X. Tsagli  
*Physics*

Nicholas J. Wander  
*Geology*

Matthew W. York  
*Biology*

Eric Zimmerman  
*Statistics*

# CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES (CONT.)

## College of Business Administration

*Founded 1953*

Interim Dean Susan C. Hanlon

### MASTER OF ARTS

James P. Imhoff

*Economics*

Tooba Shah

*Economics*

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Madison L. Baer

*Business Interdisciplinary*

Madison J. Copley

*Business Interdisciplinary*

Francis E. Factora\*

*Business Interdisciplinary*

Melissa R. Foster

*Management*

Brendan M. Kilbane

*Supply Chain Management*

Jordan C. Lance

*Business Interdisciplinary*

Sean N. Levy

*Strategic Marketing*

Nicholas D. Mucci

*Business Interdisciplinary*

Olugbenga O. Oredein\*

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*Accounting*

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*Information Systems Management*

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*Supply Chain Management*

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Jesse W. Marshik

*Taxation*

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## Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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*Cum Laude*  
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 Rebecca M. Barker  
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 Michaela K. Bloam  
 Rachel M. Broad  
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 Sarah A. Buchtel  
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 Kailey A. Christman  
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 Brandon L. Combs  
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 Aaron R. Erhardt  
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 Lydia J. Mainzer  
*Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Cum Laude*  
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*Cum Laude*  
 Sonia P. Potter  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
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 Samuel Z. Ramella  
*Cum Laude*  
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*Cum Laude*  
 Stephanie K. Sawicki  
 Ashley M. Schaffer  
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 Taylor J. Sowinski  
 Christopher L. Stahler  
 Dorothy G. Stalnaker  
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 Amanda L. Stricklen  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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 Avery S. Whitman  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Tyler W. Bertelsen  
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*Summa Cum Laude*

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*Cum Laude*  
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*Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Cum Laude*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Summa Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Aditya Surabhi  
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN GEOGRAPHY –  
GEOGRAPHIC  
INFORMATION SCIENCES**

Chase A. Minor  
*Summa Cum Laude*

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IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**College of  
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Zachary S. Fulmer  
Zachary Gaylord  
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Nicholas A. Joyner  
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Two Disciplines

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*Magna Cum Laude*

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Nicholas Schepis  
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Colwell Shupe  
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Jeffrey S. Swan<sup>(3)</sup>  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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*Magna Cum Laude*

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Joshua B. Ward  
Joshua J. Weaver  
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Matthew W. Berner  
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Jackson A. Cline  
Chad W. Dorsey  
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Joseph A. Hill  
Kelly M. Hull  
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Jonathan F. Konopka  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LABOR ECONOMICS

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Engineering – Mechanical

MS, The University of Akron;  
BS, University of Jordan

Dissertation: “Flood Risk  
Management and Visualization”

Adviser: Dr. Chen Ling and  
Dr. Wang Shengyong

#### Paul Donald Bishop

Engineering – Biomedical

MS, BS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Geometry and  
Plaque Morphology of the  
Superficial Femoral Artery with  
Clinical Implications”

Adviser: Dr. Francis Loth

#### Ashish D. Gadhav\*

Engineering – Chemical

M.Tech, B.Tech, University of Mumbai

Dissertation: “Fuel-Water  
Coalescing Filters”

Adviser: Dr. George G. Chase

#### Md. Zakirul Islam

Engineering – Electrical

BS, Bangladesh University of  
Engineering and Technology

Dissertation: “Design and  
Performance Analysis of Rare-  
Earth-Free Five-Phase Permanent  
Magnet Assisted Synchronous  
Reluctance Motor”

Adviser: Dr. Malik E. Elbuluk

#### Mostak Mohammad\*

Engineering – Electrical

BS, Bangladesh University of  
Engineering and Technology, Dhaka

Dissertation: “Optimization of  
Inductive Wireless Charging  
Systems for Electric Vehicles:  
Minimizing Magnetic Losses and  
Limiting Electromagnetic Field  
Emissions”

Adviser: Dr. Malik E. Elbuluk

#### Prajakatta Mulay

Engineering – Chemical

MS, The University of Akron;  
BTech, Institute of Chemical  
Technology

Dissertation: “Synthesis of  
Folate-Targeted Poly(Ethylene  
Glycol)-Based Conjugates and  
their Precursors”

Adviser: Dr. Lingyun Liu

#### Lin Pan

Engineering – Chemical

MS, The University of Akron;  
BS, Qingdao University of Science

Dissertation: “Electrospinning  
of Spring Supported Tubular  
Nanofiber Media and Its  
Application”

Adviser: Dr. George G. Chase

#### Ahmad A. Qurashi

Engineering – Civil

MS, The University of Akron;  
MS, Gannon University;  
BS, King Abdulaziz University

Dissertation: “Turning Movements  
Using Data with Perturbation”

Adviser: Dr. Ping Yi

#### Sayed Cyrus Rezvanifar

Engineering – Biomedical

BS, Isfahan University of Technology

Dissertation: “Computational  
Analysis and Anatomical  
Characterization of Trochlear  
Dysplasia in Patellar Instability”

Adviser: Dr. Rouzbeh Amini

#### Pradip Shahi Thakuri

Engineering – Biomedical

BS, Purbanchal University

Dissertation: “Modeling Anti-  
Cancer Drug Resistance Using  
Tumor Spheroids”

Adviser: Dr. Hossein Tavana

#### Gayatri S. Shrikhande

Engineering – Chemical

BS, Institute of Chemical Technology  
(ICT), India

Dissertation: “Functionalization  
and Synthesis of Difunctional  
Folate-targeted Polymeric  
Conjugates for Potential  
Diagnostic Applications”

Adviser: Dr. Jie Zheng

#### Shaghayegh Sorouri

Engineering – Civil

BS, Sharif University of Technology

Dissertation: “Enhancing  
the Effective Use of PAC in  
Drinking Water Treatment  
Using Fluorescence Spectroscopy  
Measurements”

Adviser: Dr. Christopher  
M. Miller

#### Kaylee Brienne Sutton

Engineering – Applied Mathematics

MS, The University of Akron;  
MS, BS, BA, John Carroll University

Dissertation: “Post-Application  
Flow Properties of Architectural  
Paints: The Link Between  
Environmental Factors, Rheology  
and Application Properties”

Adviser: Dr. J. Patrick Wilbur

#### Jiawei Wu

Engineering – Mechanical

MS, The University of Akron;  
BE, Soochow University

Dissertation: “Study on  
Epoxidized Poly (Styrene-  
Butadiene-Styrene) Modified  
Epoxy Resins”

Adviser: Dr. Shing-Chung Wong

#### Hao Zhang

Engineering – Mechanical

MS, BS, Northwestern Polytechnical  
University

Dissertation: “Energy  
Assisted-Surface Severe Plastic  
Deformation Of Hard-To-Deform  
Metals”

Adviser: Dr. Chang Ye and  
Dr. Yalin Dong

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**Interim Dean Jarrod Tudor**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Ebtesam M. Alqahtani**

Secondary Education

MS, The University of Akron;  
BSED, King Abdulaziz University

Dissertation: “Study of the Influence of Culture, Religion, Masculinity and Vision 2030 on Changes to the Saudi Family Social Network on View of Saudi Males Who Have Had Education in the United States”

Adviser: Dr. Francis Broadway

**College of Polymer  
Science and Polymer  
Engineering**

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**Interim Dean Ali Dhinojwala**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Ramadan Abouomar**

Polymer Science

MS, BS, Minufia University

Dissertation: “Synthesis and Thermodynamics of Nanoparticles Prepared by Single-Chain Collapse of Siloxane-Containing Linear and Hyperbranched Polymers.”

Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

**Abdala Bashir**

Polymer Science

BA, University of Minnesota

Dissertation: “Bio-Based Resins and Filler for Use in Thermosetting Composites”

Adviser: Dr. Coleen Pugh

**Anisa Cobaj\***

Polymer Engineering

BS, Baldwin Wallace University

Dissertation: “The Effects of Urethane Methacrylates on the Film Properties of Acrylic-Urethane Hybrid Latexes”

Adviser: Dr. Mark Soucek

**Pei-Zhen Jian**

Polymer Engineering

MS, BS, National Chiao Tung University

Dissertation: “Fabrication of Solvent and Temperature Sensitive Polymer Bilayer Bending Actuators”

Adviser: Dr. Kevin Cavicchi

**Heyi Liang**

Polymer Science

BS, Fudan University

Dissertation: “Rational Design of Soft Materials through Chemical Architectures”

Adviser: Dr. Andrey Dobrynin

**Qianhui Liu**

Polymer Science

MS, The University of Akron;  
BE, Beijing University of Chemical Technology

Dissertation: “Designing Hydrogen Bonding Polyesters, and Their Use for Enhancing Shape Fidelity of 3D Printed Soft Scaffolds.”

Adviser: Dr. Abraham Joy

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Dissertation: “Droplet-Jet Shape in Electrospinning: Real-Time Feedback Control of Nanofiber Diameter”

Adviser: Dr. Darrell Reneker

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Polymer Engineering

BS, Kent State University

Dissertation: “Modification of Alkyd Resins and Seed Oil Based Reactive Diluents for High Performance Coatings”

Adviser: Dr. Mark Soucek

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BS, Peking University

Dissertation: “Design, Synthesis, and Self-Assembly of Giant Shape Amphiphiles with Precisely Controlled Compositions, Interactions, and Geometries via a Molecular Lego Approach”

Adviser: Dr. Stephen Cheng

**Putu A Ditta Sarita Ustriyana**

Polymer Science

MS, The University of Akron;  
DDS, BDS, Universitas Indonesia

Dissertation: “Natural and Synthetic Biomacromolecules in Bone Biomineralization”

Adviser: Dr. Nita Sahai

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## **Xiaoteng Wang**

Polymer Engineering

MS, The University of Akron;  
BE, East China University of Science  
and Technology

Dissertation: "Nanoimprinting  
Directed Assembly of Polymer-  
Grafted Nanoparticles in Polymer  
Thin Films"

Adviser: Dr. Alamgir Karim

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# RECOGNITION OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

*Established in 1918*

The following cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants on December 14, 2019:

## **UNITED STATES ARMY**

Charles W. Kirkpatrick  
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STATUE OF JOHN R. BUCHEL



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

# THE ALMA MATER

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

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

## Chorus

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

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

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

# THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

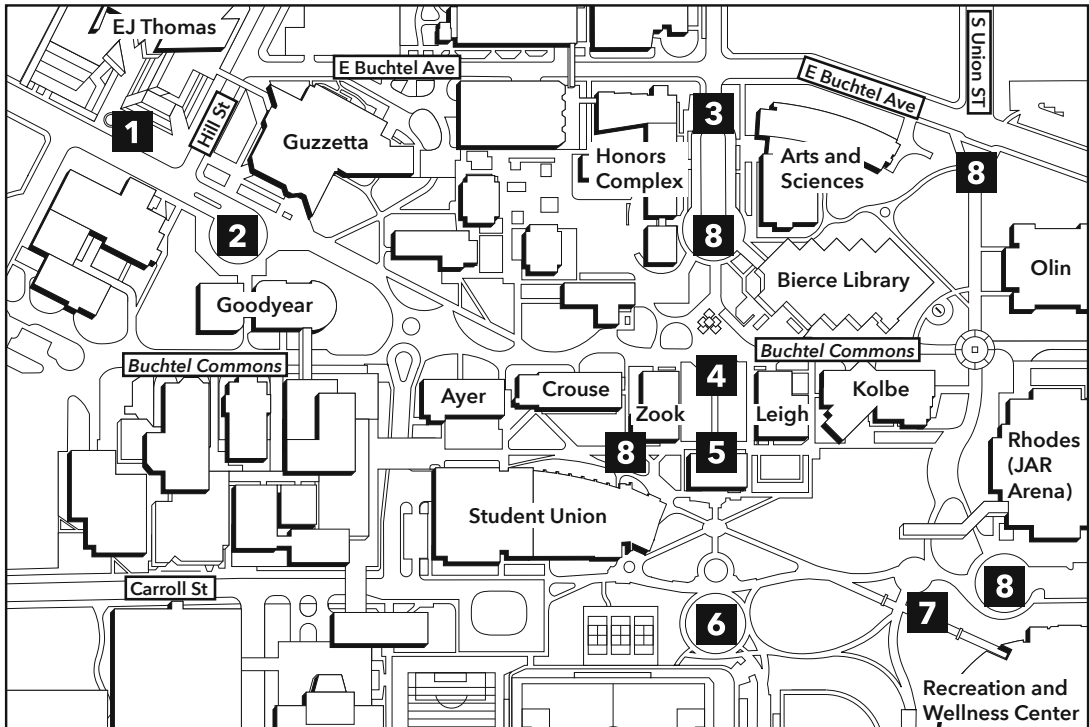
We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We  
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,  
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing  
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,  
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand  
 up, and cheer and shout for the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

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


# CAMPUS MAP INDICATING PHOTO OPPORTUNITY LOCATIONS

The following locations are for popular graduation photos. Snapchat Geofilters are available for all except the clock towers.

- |                           |                          |   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 EJ Thomas Hall fountain | 4 John R. Buchtel statue | 7 Recreation and Wellness Center arches |
| 2 Chihuly Sculpture       | 5 Buchtel Hall steps     | 8 One of the clock towers               |
| 3 UA "coin" and gardens   | 6 Coleman Commons        |   |



## THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION



**T**he Ohio Universalist Convention established a small liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it after one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College.

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

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

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution, the University serves students from all over the country and world through 11 colleges and schools on the main campus and through satellite campuses in Lakewood, Medina, Millersburg and Orrville. Today, more than 179,000 of its alumni live and work around the globe.