



# *Baccalaureate and Commencement*

*Sunday, May Third  
Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

## *Mission*

Waynesburg University educates students to make connections between faith, learning and serving so they might faithfully transform their communities and the world. As a Christian comprehensive University, we strive to inspire and challenge every undergraduate and graduate student to a life of leadership and purpose for the glory of God.

# Baccalaureate



**THE PROCESSIONAL**..... Mr. Graham Sterling, *Organist*  
*Coronation March* ..... Meyerbeer  
*Rondeau from Sinfonies DeFanares*.....Mouret  
*With Trumpets and Horns from Water Music*.....Handel

**THE INVOCATION** ..... Mr. Anthony Jarrell  
*University Chaplain*

## THE ANTHEM

Waynesburg University Lamplighters Touring Choir  
Melanie Catana, *Assistant Professor of Voice,*  
*Director of Choral Activities*

**LITANY** .....Dr. Melinda Walls  
*Provost*

- Reader: Lord of earth and heaven, your call resounds like a clear, bright trumpet blast.
- Congregation: Come, worship the giver of all good gifts!
- Reader: Holy God, you take delight in our gifts and talents offered back to you as a living sacrifice.
- Congregation: May our worship express gratitude for the accomplishments of these years past.
- Reader: Faithful Father, you ask us to trust you for the future.
- Graduates: May our worship express our faith that you will guide and direct our paths in the years to come.
- Reader: Redeemer King, you equip and prepare your people to bear your loving Kingdom to a world in need.
- Graduates: May our worship declare our commitment to do your will through loving service.

Reader: Lord of Hosts, you send forth your Spirit to  
 free us - body, mind and heart - to live with  
 unceasing praise.

Congregation: May our worship reflect the dedication of  
 our hands and feet, wealth and resources, time  
 and talents to the purifying fire of your Spirit!

All: Lord, we are yours, draw us near to you!

**\*THE HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (#20).....Henry Van Dyke, 1907  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love  
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
 Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother all who live in love are thine;  
 Teach us how to love each other, life us to the joy divine.

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** ..... Isaiah 58:6-8 and Matthew 5:13-16

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** ..... Mr. Douglas G. Lee '81  
*President of the University*

**THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON** ..... Rev. Dr. Glen Bell  
*Senior Vice President of Development  
 at the Presbyterian Foundation*

**“Searching for the Light”**

\*The congregation is requested to stand and join in the singing.

**\*THE HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision* (#532) ..... Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Eleanor H. Hull, 1912  
Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

Verse 1

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
Else to me, save that thou art – thou best though, by  
Day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever  
With thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only,  
First in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

Verse 3

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach  
Heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, what –  
Evert be-fall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**THE BENEDICTION** ..... Mr. Anthony Jarrell  
*University Chaplain*

**THE RECESSIONAL** ..... Mr. Graham Sterling, *Organist*  
(The congregation is requested to remain seated during the recessional)

**THE ORGAN POSTLUDE** ..... Mr. Graham Sterling, *Organist*

\*The congregation is requested to stand and join in the singing.

# *The Academic Procession*

Mr. Rea Redd, *Faculty Marshal*  
Dr. Kenneth Cairns, *Deputy Faculty Marshal*  
Mr. Andrew Heisey, *Assistant Faculty Marshal*  
Dr. Heidi Fletcher, *Assistant Faculty Marshal*

During the Commencement Procession through the parks, degree candidates will split ranks to line both sides of the walkway to Miller Hall as a sign of respect and appreciation to faculty, administration and special guests passing through the rows of graduates.

As the recessional takes place at the conclusion of the Commencement Exercises, graduates will receive the same sign of respect and appreciation as they, in turn, pass through members of the faculty and administration lining the pathway through the park.

THE COLOR BEARERS\*

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY

*\*The Military Color Guard consists of Cadets from the WVU Army and Air Force ROTC. Waynesburg University is an ROTC partner school with West Virginia University.*

# *The Commencement Exercises*



## **THE PROCESSIONAL**

**THE WELCOME** ..... Mr. Rea Redd  
*Faculty Marshal*

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
"Star Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key  
*Senior Lamplighter*  
*Sierra Rotz*

**THE INVOCATION** ..... Mr. Anthony Jarrell  
*University Chaplain*

**GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** ..... J.W. Montgomery III  
*Chairman of the Board*

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** ..... Mr. Douglas G. Lee '81  
*President of the University*

**THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** ..... Mrs. Gayle Manchin  
*Federal Co-Chair*  
*Appalachian Regional Commission*

**"First Lady 101"**

## **CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES**

Recipients presented by HEIDI KNAUFF and MARK HARNER  
Assisting with the investitures will be JACK MONTGOMERY,  
DONALD WILSON, GREGORY HALVATZIS and DR. MELINDA WALLS

**DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS**  
WARREN GLEN BELL

**DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS**  
GAYLE C. MANCHIN

**RECOGNITION OF 2026 VALEDICTORIANS** ..... Emily Renee Barker  
and Abigail Eileen Speer

**THE VALEDICTORY TO THE UNIVERSITY** ..... Emily Renee Barker  
*Class of 2026*

**GRADUATE PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE** ..... Walter Paskert '24  
*Master of Business Administration*

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Candidates will be presented to President Douglas G. Lee '81  
by Dr. Melinda Walls, Provost

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE DOUGLAS G. AND KATHRYN D. LEE SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP AWARD** ..... Presented by J.W. Montgomery III  
*Chairman of the Board*

**THE PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION AND OATH OF OFFICE IN THE ARMY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION**

**AND OATH OF OFFICE** ..... LTC Eron Hilty  
*President of the Military Science*

*The following individual, having satisfied all academic and United States Army training requirements, and upon joint recommendation of the Faculty of the Waynesburg University and the United States Army, and by the direction of the President of the United States, is commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States of America:*

2LT Samuel Hamilton  
*Logistics Officer and Platoon Leader*  
623rd Transportation Company, Lake Park, Florida

**VALEDICTORY TO THE GRADUATES** ..... Mr. Douglas G. Lee '81  
*President of the University*

**THE BENEDICTION** ..... Mr. Anthony Jarrell  
*University Chaplain*

**THE RECESSIONAL**..... The James D. Randolph Kiltie Band

*Jeremy Olisar, Director*  
*Camilo Jauregui, Drum Instructor Andrew Heisey,*  
*Rebecca Tenney and Tricia Sarada*

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## *Thank You*

*As part of the Senior Class Gift program, the Class of 2026 has selected for this year's funds to be used to improve Guesman Café, located just outside the second floor of the Stover Campus Center. The project will introduce a defined lattice wall on the side nearest Stover, complemented by added greenery. Visit [waynesburg.edu/classof2026](http://waynesburg.edu/classof2026) for more information.*

*Following the Commencement Exercises, graduates will recess to Fountain Park, where they will receive a small gift courtesy of the Alumni Office.*

# *About Our Baccalaureate Speaker*

## **Rev. Dr. Glen Bell Senior Vice President of Development at the Presbyterian Foundation**

Rev. Dr. Glen Bell joined the Presbyterian Foundation in August 2020 as Senior Vice President of Development. Rev. Dr. Bell and his team are responsible for the development operations of the Foundation which consists of asset gathering from churches and individuals, stewardship education and fundraising consulting services to other Presbyterian organizations.



Before joining the Foundation, Rev. Dr. Bell dedicated 30 years as a pastor in a wide variety of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, serving churches in North Carolina, Indiana and Florida. His roles and duties have spanned preaching, teaching and pastoral care; leadership, management and operations; and stewardship and funds development.

Rev. Dr. Bell was pastor of Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina; pastor/head of staff of Faith Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana; executive pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana; and pastor/head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida.

Rev. Dr. Bell has written for *Journal for Preachers*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, and *Family Ministry*. He has been the opening preacher for the PC(USA)'s Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference. He has served on the boards of NEXT Church, *Presbyterian Outlook* and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Bell holds a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

# *About Our Commencement Speaker*

## **Gayle Manchin Federal Co-Chair**

Gayle Manchin was sworn in as the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) thirteenth Federal Co-Chair in 2021, becoming the first ARC Federal Co-Chair from West Virginia. In this role, she works with ARC's 13-member governors, their state alternates, program managers and local development districts to strengthen economic growth throughout Appalachia, enhancing the region's national and global competitiveness.



An alumna of West Virginia University, Manchin previously worked as an educator in Marion County Schools and served on the faculty of Fairmont State University, directing the university's first Community Service Learning Program. She also led the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows in West Virginia.

Manchin previously served as West Virginia's First Lady, as a member and president of the State Board of Education and chair of the Board for Reconnecting McDowell, Inc., an AFT initiative serving rural West Virginia. She is a past president of the Vandalia Rotary Club of Charleston and an emeritus member of The Education Alliance. She also served as cabinet secretary for the West Virginia Office of Education and the Arts, and as co-founder of the WV Public Education Collaborative, where she served as the Board Chair until her appointment to the ARC.

As Federal Co-Chair, Manchin emphasizes partnerships across Appalachia's 13 states. Her priorities include expanding economic opportunities, increasing broadband access and critical infrastructure, and restoring hope to communities affected by the opioid crisis through cross-regional collaboration.

# *Honor Graduates\**

Seth Eli Adams	Isabella Rose DeMark
Alivia Rae Ammons	Matthew Richard Dennis
Jonathan Thomas Arnett	Sydney Kathryn Devey
Mya Kathryn Augustynowicz	Anthony Michael DiFilippo
Allison Louise Bailey	Nicholas Anthony Doncals
Eliza Margaret Baily	Amber Nicole Donley
Emily Renee Barker	Ramsey Lauren Easterday
Jacob Adam Beppler	Riley Noelle Ellis
Ella Jean Boothe	Rachel Elizabeth Engle
Rachel Lynn Bright	Kaitlyn Rae Gallagher
Taylor Nicole Brown	Alauria Vyn Gillis
Thomas Louis Burke III	Elena Noel Hallman
Aubrey Nicole Burns	Maeve Alexandra Hanley
Samuel Wayne Campbell	Beau William Hawkins
Alexander Michael Canestraro	Abigail Joy Hopkins
Giovanni James Cipoletti	Faith Erin Jackson
Garrett L. Closser	James Lee Jones Jr.
Julia Corey	Matthew William Karpeal
Riley Anne Corradi	Olivia Kathryn Kiger
Macee Renee Cree	Tyler Garret Kunz
Hailey Nicole Crusenberry	Alison L. Landon

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# *Honor Graduates\**

Joshua Caleb Leonard	Benjamin Cole Smoyer
Madison Grayce Livingston	Alex Philip Solomon
Ethan Michael Luketich	Abigail Eileen Speer
Julia Anne Luzar	Autumn Nicole Stemple
Paige Marie McAvoy	Emily Grace Stutzman
Emalee Haydee Mejia	Amanda Grace Sweeney
Noah Robert Merrill	Grace Ann Tanksley
Clara Paige Miller	Thomas Nelson Torcaso
Linzey Richelle Miller	Kassidy Laine Trimble
Reagan Marie Mittendorf	Isaac J. Trout
Izabell Faith Montani	Tyler Robert Weber
Paige Olivia Mortimore	Noah John Westover
Kalena Jo Mostoller	Hanah Ashton Wise
Lydia Esther Otto	Katharyn Aza Yablonski
Madison Jayde Platt	Brielle M. Yeager
Mya Rose Riggle	Hannah Elizabeth Yorty
Kali Ross	Alivia Ann Young
Jasmine Lynn Rowan	Heather Marie Zeigler
Riley Elizabeth Ruffley	
Lilly Anne Ryer	
Elizabeth Grace Shields	

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## Doctor of Nursing Practice

Florence Azuka Chielu  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Utilizing Hourly Rounding Reduced Falls in the Long-Term Care Facility: A Quality Improvement Project*

Ngozi Prisca Ezike  
Monroeville, PA  
*Utilizing the Elderly Mobility Scale to Identify Patients at Risk for Mobility Decline in a Long-Term Care Facility to Reduce Functional Decline—Quality Improvement Initiative*

Nicole Marie Hood  
Gibsonia, PA  
*Quality Improvement Project: Enhancing Nurse Confidence Through Mock Code Simulation*

Carolyn Irena Hutton  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Implementation of a Spontaneous Awakening Trial Algorithm to Enhance Nursing Compliance: A Quality Improvement Project*

## Doctor of Philosophy

Jennifer Melanie Joyce Ackerson  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Drawing Out an Art Therapy Supervision Model: A Grounded Theory Study*

Sarah Ann Bell  
Jefferson, PA  
*Exploring the Lived Experience of Female Leaders and Perceived Factors of Tall Poppy Syndrome (TPS) in the Counseling Profession*

Shawna Ashley Kelly  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Experiences of Counselors in Schools: Working with High-Risk Youth*

Christen Marie Robl  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*A Phenomenological Study of Art Therapy Internship Experiences Through the Retrospective Reflections of New Professionals*

## Master of Arts

Zaynab Alao  
Philadelphia, PA

Christine Altomare  
Newtown, PA

Kiana Mae Bagnell  
Inwood, WV

Cameo Alexis Behr  
Meadville, PA

Katelin Marie Bryan  
Proctor, WV

Jacob Michael Buttermore  
Carmichaels, PA

Meghan Brooke Conrad  
Fairmont, WV

Braylee Lynn Corbin  
Petersburg, WV

Laura R. Cotter  
Pittsburgh, PA

Katlin Lorraine Denny  
Carmichaels, PA

Madison Rose Dokos Doylestown, PA	Kenneth Duane Jones III Wind Ridge, PA
Giovannie Estronza-Acevedo Reading, PA	Lana Jeanette Jordan Reading, PA
Kristen Nicole Falk Irwin, PA	Alyssa Margaret Keelin Glenshaw, PA
Sarah Michaud Feldberg Waynesburg, PA	Glenda Lezeau Baltimore, MD
Alyssa Fleischer Marysville, WA	Caroline Makenna Mock Ellsworth, PA
Brandon Anthony Gennuso Morgantown, WV	Daniel William Moyer Glenside, PA
Donovan Merelle Harley Upper Marlboro, MD	Nicole Marie Orologio Stillwater, NY
Bradley James Hartman Waynesburg, PA	Colin Matthew Ricciuti Alloway, NJ
Julie Christine Henrich Morgantown, WV	Dilyn Alexis Roberts Sellersburg, IN
Madelyn Karel Hill Waynesburg, PA	Natalie Leann Shaffer Spraggs, PA
Maura K. Hohn Pittsburgh, PA	Joseph Frank Sokolofski Macungie, PA
Megan Elizabeth Huff Wheeling, WV	Emily A. Stefanov Sewickley, PA
David J. Hynes Freeport, PA	Ewan Tyson Collegetown, PA

## **Master of Arts in Teaching**

Sydney B. Petrowski  
Lemont Furnace, PA

## Master of Business Administration

Savannah Lea Carns Bala Cynwyd, PA	Sara Jane Lacaria Washington, PA
Devin Robert Delo Mount Union, PA	Joshua Allen LaFace Wilmerding, PA
Erin Nicole Eckard Westminster, MD	Brooklynn Aurielle Laymon Waynesburg, PA
Jordan Robert Fisher Munhall, PA	Dillon James Lowell Pittsburgh, PA
Devin M. Fortna Canonsburg, PA	Tyler Joseph Maynard Morgantown, WV
Jamie D. Frisbie Cumbola, PA	Tyler Jacob Mohrbacher Freedom, PA
Josiah Ben Gordon Strongsville, OH	Dalton Jarrett Mount Sykesville, MD
Lindsay Ann Gorman McMurray, PA	Timothy John Nielsen Morgantown, WV
Tanner Henschel Hauglie Spartanburg, SC	Ryan Matthew Oberle Davisburg, MI
Samuel Riley Hawkins Saint Inigoes, MD	Jordan Nicole Parsons Parkersburg, WV
Logan Thomas Hawn Meadville, PA	Walter John Paskert IV Washington, PA
Blair James Howarth Uniontown, PA	Nicole Danae Pierce Harrisville, PA
Larissa Lee Howe Waynesburg, PA	Jill Chambers Porada New Castle, PA
Adam N. Huckestein Saxonburg, PA	Stephen Francis Ratajack Bethel Park, PA
Hope Kathleen Johnston Waynesburg, PA	Breanna Nichole Rice Morgantown, WV
Gordon J. Keck Connoquenessing, PA	Ian Seamus Scanlon Eighty Four, PA
Jalen Dru Koontz Odenton, MD	Robert Allen Springer Waynesburg, PA

Jennifer Jessica Stoneking  
Spraggs, PA

Clayton Taylor Webb  
Blue Ridge, VA

Charles Cleveland Taylor V  
Annapolis, MD

Alana Rose Winkler  
Wexford, PA

Alex Owen Torrance  
Latrobe, PA

Vincent Michael Wise  
Carmichaels, PA

Nolan Edward Vertullo  
McDonald, PA

### **Master of Education**

Andrew Paul Harmon  
McDonald, PA

Caroline F. Poole  
Greencastle, PA

### **Master of Science In Athletic Training**

Katelynn Marie Britenbaugh  
Glenshaw, PA

Gavin Cade Pratt  
Carmichaels, PA

Alec Ryan Engelmores  
Pittsburgh, PA

### **Master of Science In Nursing**

Jeanna Lee Brewer  
Washington, PA

Caitlin Mackenzie Jane McCarty  
Bristol, TN

Sarah Michele Ford  
Bridgeport, WV

Amy Jean Schultz  
Greensburg, PA

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Seth Eli Adams  
Scenery Hill, PA

Penelope Grace Barnett  
Paris, KY

Logan Michael Arblaster  
Slippery Rock, PA

Tessa N. Barnett  
Osceola Mills, PA

Jonathan Thomas Arnett  
Morgantown, WV

Madison Rose Barnhart  
Philipsburg, PA

Eliza Margaret Bailly  
Waynesburg, PA

Christopher Paul Barrish  
Carmichaels, PA

Emily Renee Barker  
Mount Sterling, OH

Brandon Bennett  
Carmichaels, PA

Jacob Adam Beppler Canonsburg, PA	Owen James Farrier Waynesburg, PA
Scott Bilovus Imperial, PA	Emily Lynn Febinger Sycamore, PA
Lydia Grace Brown Waynesburg, PA	Brandon Fisher Apollo, PA
Alexander Michael Canestraro Wheeling, WV	Kaitlyn Rae Gallagher Carmichaels, PA
Madilyn Cicero Madison, OH	Kendra Alexis Galloway Waynesburg, PA
Joshua Michael Clingan Greensboro, NC	Jonah Allen Gannoe Saint Clairsville, OH
Riley Anne Corradi Darlington, PA	Kaylah Diane Garland Morgantown, WV
Jaylen Myles Davis Willoughby, OH	Kassandra Rayne Gaston Parkersburg, WV
Benicio Anakin DeFalco Baldwin, PA	Sydney Elise Gilbert Waynesburg, PA
Isabella Rose DeMark Carnegie, PA	Alauria Vyn Gillis Carmichaels, PA
Anthony Michael DiFilippo Murrysville, PA	Isaiah Acoyer Grenway Elkridge, MD
Nicholas Anthony Doncals Washington, PA	Samuel M. Hamilton Bowie, MD
Tyler M. Drum Cheswick, PA	Shane Hastings Eden, MD
Felicia Duffy Douglassville, PA	Benjamin Scott Heaps Sykesville, MD
Nolan Trey Dunn Pittsburgh, PA	Aaron Chase Henkins Waynesburg, PA
Alexis Marie Durbin Washington, PA	Laneah Isabelle Hunker Mount Pleasant, PA
Ramsey Lauren Easterday Egg Harbor Township, NJ	Faith Erin Jackson Catlettsburg, KY
Jamie Lee Eichman <sup>††</sup> Washington, PA	James Lee Jones Jr. Uniontown, PA

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Jordan Danielle Karvan Wind Ridge, PA	Izabell Faith Montani Masontown, PA
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Olivia Kathryn Kiger Waynesburg, PA	Lydia Esther Otto Wooster, OH
Chloe Catherine Kirsch McMurray, PA	Alexander N. Paulsen Harmony, PA
Taylor Riann Lane Wheeling, WV	Kristina L. Proksch Waldorf, MD
Joshua Caleb Leonard Connellsville, PA	Paige Kendall Redman Spraggs, PA
Madison Grayce Livingston Lemont Furnace, PA	Gina Marie Reeves Carmichaels, PA
Dalton Isaac Lucey Holbrook, PA	Joseph Rivera Monessen, PA
Ethan Michael Luketich Bentleyville, PA	Daniel Aram Rogers Ellwood City, PA
Julia Anne Luzar Washington, PA	Kali Ross Derry, PA
Ryan Christopher Martin Rhinebeck, NY	Sebastian Charles Nesta Ross Hollidaysburg, PA
Paige Marie McAvoy Canonsburg, PA	Sierra Nicole Rotz Landisburg, PA
Tia Lynn McKee Windber, PA	Riley Elizabeth Ruffley Bedford, PA
Michael John McKenzie East Liverpool, OH	Alaire Victoria Salonsky Sunbury, OH
Emalee Haydee Mejia Carmichaels, PA	Dalton Dean Scruggs Lusby, MD
Noah Robert Merrill Houston, TX	Dean Robert Shazer Coraopolis, PA
Sekye N. Miles Philadelphia, PA	Benjamin Cole Smoyer Vandergrift, PA
Linzey Richelle Miller Vandergrift, PA	Alex Philip Solomon Morgantown, WV

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Lauren Bryn Strelick Waynesburg, PA	Noah John Westover Burnside, PA
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### **Bachelor of Science**

Elisabeth Daniele Adams California, PA	Garrett L. Closser Washington, PA
Allison Louise Bailey Mount Pleasant, PA	Macee Renee Cree Garards Fort, PA
Katherine J. Barton Guthrie, OK	Hailey Nicole Crusenberry Toano, VA
Rachel Lynn Bright Macomb, IL	Jasmine Nichole Demaske Waynesburg, PA
Katelynn Marie Britenbaugh Glenshaw, PA	Riley Noelle Ellis Pittsburgh, PA
Thomas Louis Burke III Leechburg, PA	Alec Ryan Engelmores Pittsburgh, PA
Samuel Wayne Campbell New Waterford, OH	Rachel Elizabeth Engle Duncansville, PA
Giovanni James Cipoletti Prosperity, PA	Luke Hastings Waynesburg, PA

Beau William Hawkins Saint Inigoes, MD	Gavin Cade Pratt Carmichaels, PA
GraceMarie Hazelton Saylorsburg, PA	Alyssa Nicole Rager Washington, PA
Conner Jason Holloway Freeport, PA	Joshua David Reynolds Waynesburg, PA
Abigail Joy Hopkins Export, PA	Mya Rose Riggle Ford City, PA
Matthew William Karpeal Smithfield, PA	Jasmine Lynn Rowan Mount Morris, PA
Abigail P. Kuklinca Willoughby, OH	Lilly Anne Ryer Indiana, PA
Tyler Garret Kunz Alliance, OH	Ellana Rose Sheedy Rector, PA
Alison L. Landon Alliance, OH	Elizabeth Grace Shields Pittsburgh, PA
Lauren Elizabeth McCoy <sup>††</sup> Aliquippa, PA	Truman Wilson Snyder Oak Harbor, OH
Clara Paige Miller Waynesburg, PA	Troy Garrett Statler Waynesburg, PA
Reagan Marie Mittendorf Bluffton, OH	Grace Ann Tanksley Bedford, IN
Kalena Jo Mostoller Stoystown, PA	Kassidy Laine Trimble Elizabeth, WV
Zackary David Myers Ravenna, OH	Alyssa Grace Weaver Knox, PA
Aishat Damilola Orekoya Randallstown, MD	Quinlon DaGyn DeWayne Williams Leslie, AR
Marah Pegram Washington, PA	
Josette Marie Plazio Export, PA	

## **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Kory Michael Ansell Mount Pleasant, PA	Ameer Amun Hunter Hummelstown, PA
Patrick Andrew Barber Brewerton, NY	Casey Keesee Tipp City, OH
Grant Mitchell Barnhart Saint Marys, WV	Tyler Scott Martin Parker, CO
Jacob Nathan Brisky Latrobe, PA	Gracie Ann Mayhle Waynesburg, PA
Nick Landson Bryan Olathe, KS	Korey Alexander Mitchum Jacksonville, FL
Max Clevenger Indiana, PA	Gavin Robert Novak Carnegie, PA
Julia Corey Eighty Four, PA	Hudson Blake Pincavitch Waynesburg, PA
Dequan M. DeBauche Brookfield, WI	Madison Jayde Platt Follansbee, WV
Matthew Richard Dennis Cibolo, TX	Jackson D. Rhodes Mantua, New Zealand
Sydney Kathryn Devey Murrysville, PA	Autumn Nicole Stemple Morgantown, WV
Grace Ann Fedor Allison, PA	Prentiss Suggs Jr. Twinsburg, OH
Kalista Laken Friday Woodsfield, OH	Amanda Grace Sweeney Hagerstown, MD
Noah James Gabriel Pittsburgh, PA	Thomas Nelson Torcaso Pittsburgh, PA
Ashton Getz Chesterfield, VA	Alek Wagor Masontown, PA
Jalen W. Goins Morgantown, WV	Noah Mathew Webb Williamsburg, PA
Hunter Jeffrey Hamilton Holbrook, PA	Logan Ephram White Williamstown, WV
Bailey Jay Holbert Smithfield, PA	

## **Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology**

Virtue K. Bama  
Baltimore, MD

Maylee R. Vandermark  
North East, PA

Jocelyn N. Bowers  
Dunkirk, NY

## **Bachelor of Science In Nursing**

Alivia Rae Ammons  
Wadestown, WV

Lauren Elizabeth Haas  
Bridgeville, PA

Mya Kathryn Augustynowicz  
McMurray, PA

Elena Noel Hallman  
Douglassville, PA

Ryan Bachar  
Export, PA

Maeve Alexandra Hanley  
Punxsutawney, PA

Bria Kathryn Bachurski  
Perryopolis, PA

Danae Elizabeth Hurd  
Spring Mills, PA

Isabel Genevieve Beichner  
Washington, PA

Seoyoun Im  
Yongin-Si, Gyeonggi

Bria Kathryn Bachurski  
Perryopolis, PA

Sarah Elizabeth Maskarinec  
Washington, PA

Isabel Genevieve Beichner  
Washington, PA

Rachael McGuire<sup>††</sup>  
Bridgeville, DE

Ella Jean Boothe  
Fredericktown, PA

Paige Olivia Mortimore  
Pittsburgh, PA

Taylor Nicole Brown  
South Park, PA

Grace Elizabeth Murin  
Greensboro, PA

Aubrey Nicole Burns  
Kittanning, PA

Yvette Renee Nicholson  
Leisenring, PA

Leah Nichole Campbell  
Jersey Shore, PA

Kianna Oda  
Hilo, HI

Amber Nicole Donley  
Dilliner, PA

Sara Rose Otto  
Adah, PA

Brianna Renee Dutton  
Claysville, PA

Jamie Anne Polinski  
Waynesburg, PA

Tiffany Jane Etling  
Merrittstown, PA

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# *A Note on Academic Attire*

The academic attire worn at American colleges' exercises today goes back in its essential features to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Oxford, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the Middle Ages as a part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day, not merely on special occasions, but as their regular attire.

The head covering of the academic attire developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet with tassel is still worn by degree-holders of the European universities. But, in this country, it has been replaced by the familiar mortar-board, which still, however, retains the medieval tassel.

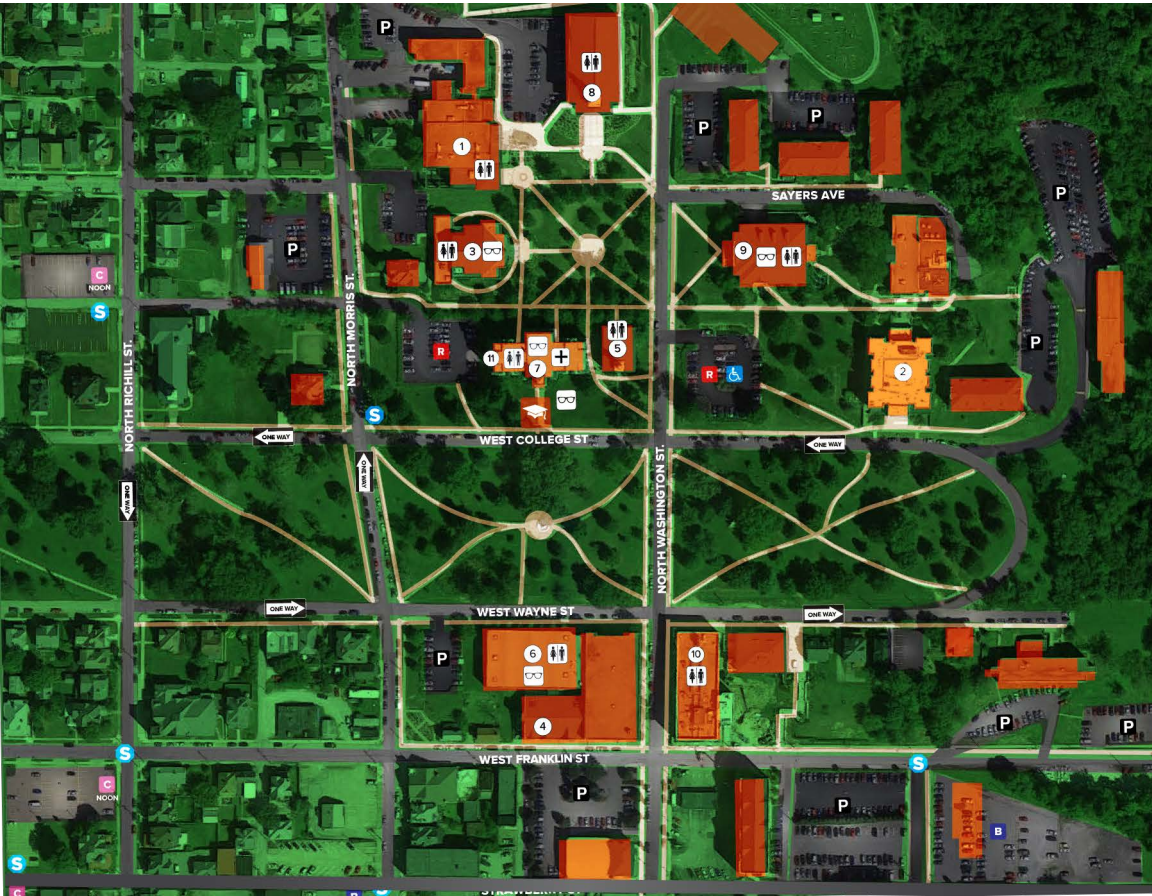
The hood (the medieval *caputium*) was originally a head-covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first, it was worn by faculty and students alike, but in the early 16th century it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree-holder. The hoods contained pockets — for donations from students. Higher degrees provided larger hoods and larger pockets. Today, each college has its distinctive colored hood-lining by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval *roba*, and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. The gown was intended to keep the professors warm in the cold monasteries. In the Middle Ages, undergraduates, bachelors and masters could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns, and this practice remains today. The doctoral gown has three furred strips (called *Chevrons*) on each sleeve; the master's gown generally has open sleeves; and the bachelor's gown is plain.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the velvet bars on the sleeves and the borders of most hoods are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these are:

<i>White</i> .....	Arts, Letters and Humanities	<i>Pink</i> .....	Music
<i>Olive drab</i> .....	Business Administration	<i>Light blue</i> .....	Education
<i>Copper</i> .....	Economics	<i>Dark blue</i> .....	Philosophy
<i>Brown</i> .....	Fine Arts and Architecture	<i>Sage green</i> .....	Physical Education
<i>Purple</i> .....	Law	<i>Gold yellow</i> .....	Science
<i>Lemon</i> .....	Library Science	<i>Scarlet</i> .....	Theology
<i>Green</i> .....	Medicine	<i>Apricot</i> .....	Nursing
		<i>Salmon pink</i> .....	Public Health

# Campus Map



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 ACCESSIBLE PARKING

 ON-CAMPUS PARKING

 RESTRICTED PARKING

 BOROUGH PARKING

 CHURCH PARKING  
(available after Noon)

 VAN SHUTTLE STOPS

① BENEDUM HALL

② BUHL HALL

③ GOODWIN PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER

④ FITNESS CENTER

⑤ HANNA HALL

⑥ MARISA FIELDHOUSE

⑦ MILLER HALL

⑧ ROBERTS CHAPEL

⑨ STOVER CENTER

⑩ STEWART HALL

⑪ PAUL R. STEWART MUSEUM

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