



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR

Class of 2020
Commencement

Sunday,
December 13, 2020

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ANN ARBOR**

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Welcome	Rev. Ryan Peterson, D.Min. <i>Vice President for Administration - Ann Arbor</i>
Introduction of Academic Schools	Rev. Ryan Peterson, D.Min. <i>Vice President for Administration - Ann Arbor</i>
School of Arts and Sciences	Rev. Theodore Hopkins, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor of Theology, School of Arts and Sciences</i>
Haab School of Business	Joey-Lynn Bialkowski-Peterson, Ed.D. <i>Associate Professor, Haab School of Business</i>
School of Education	Kyle Chuhuran, Ed.D. <i>Assistant Professor School of Education</i>
School of Nursing	Cynthia Fenske, DNP, RN, CNE <i>Assistant Vice President for Academics, School of Nursing</i>
Lutheran Mission	James Juergensen, Jr., Ed.D. <i>Director of Placements</i>
Academic Excellence Awards	Erin Laverick, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Vice President for Academics</i>
Introduction of the Student Speaker	Rev. Ryan Peterson, D.Min. <i>Vice President for Administration - Ann Arbor</i>
Student Speaker	Hannah (Biermann) Knehans <i>Family Life Education</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
Commencement Speaker	Tim Tebow

Welcome	Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
Invocation and Opening Prayer	Rev. Randall Duncan <i>Campus Pastor</i>
Degree Conferral Presentation of Candidates	William Cario, Ph.D. <i>University Provost</i>
Formal Conferral	Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
Benediction	Rev. Randall Duncan <i>Campus Pastor</i>
Farewell	Rev. Ryan Peterson, D.Min. <i>Vice President for Administration - Ann Arbor</i>

GRADUATE HONORS

A candidate who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or better will graduate SUMMA CUM LAUDE; one who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or better will graduate MAGNA CUM LAUDE; and one who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or better will graduate CUM LAUDE.

Key:

- *** = Summa Cum Laude
- ** = Magna Cum Laude
- * = Cum Laude

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MAY 2020

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Raja Kandan

Sustainability Management & Analytics

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Krista Adair

Curriculum & Instruction-ESL

Andrew W. Asmus

Curriculum & Instruction

Emily Asmus

Curriculum & Instruction

Cameron Bauer

Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Sarah T. Beckham

Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Sarah Bell

Educational Leadership

Meredith Crane

Special Education Learning Disabilities

Catharine M. Edge

Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Jacob T. Garner

Special Education Learning Disabilities

John L. Gonthier

Educational Leadership

Heather A. Hundt

Educational Leadership

Joshua H. Jaworski

Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Shalan Karazim

Curriculum & Instruction

Katie L. Kmiecik

Curriculum & Instruction

Allan LaVigne

Educational Leadership

John Maddox

Secondary Education

Nigel D. Madison

Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Valerie E. Matyas

Curriculum & Instruction

Delia D. Meza-Cunningham

Curriculum & Instruction-ESL

Ishmael Milton

Curriculum & Instruction

Sean A. Moore

Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Leon M. Niewoit

Educational Leadership

Robert Noble

Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Jessica L. Odegard

Special Education Learning Disabilities

Kaleb W. Pohlman
Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Minela Ridinger
Curriculum & Instruction

Erich Rodrigues-Leite
Student Personnel Administration in
Higher Education

Lindsey Ruppel
Special Education Learning Disabilities

Kayla P. Schleicher
Curriculum & Instruction

Keri A. Schmidt
Curriculum & Instruction

Evelyn L. Sebik
Curriculum & Instruction-ESL

Jesse Spicer
Educational Leadership

Reneth Stewart
Educational Leadership

Eileen F. Taay
Elementary Education

Ivette S. Torbay
Educational Leadership

Chelsea L. Zantop
Curriculum & Instruction-ESL

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

Jacob Bailey
Athletic Training

Crimmson M. Hughes
Athletic Training

Timothy J. Koehler
Athletic Training

Julia M. Palushaj
Athletic Training

Daniela C. Perez
Athletic Training

Dayna A. Schroeder
Athletic Training

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Morgan K. Altergott ***
Secondary Education-Math

Ryan J. Bailey
Psychology
Justice and Public Policy

Adam J. Boston
Mathematics

Mychael J. D. Bradley
Mathematics

Eric L. Bugg **
Exercise Science

Janie L. Bunge **
Elementary Special Education

Andrew M. Cadavieco
Music

Brandon Crayne
Secondary Education- Physical
Education

Donte E. Desalle
Exercise Science

Sierra J. Detwiler *
Psychology

Emmanuel Dominguez
Psychology

Morgan J. Garrett
Pre-Seminary Studies

Alyssa J. Jabara *
Exercise Science

Shelbea Alleece James *
Exercise Science

Virginia J. Kay *
Secondary Education-Social Studies

Taylor R. Kidd
Exercise Science

Angela L. Knickelbein
Parish Music

Girard A. Lewis
Mass Communication

Rebecca A. McCracken **
Elementary Special Education

Sean R. McNeil
Pre-Seminary Studies

Matthew D. Osborne
Family Life Education

Molly C. Pummill
Elementary Special Education

Olyvia J. Putnam
Elementary Education-Math

Alyssa P. Raft
Psychology

Jordan Ragnone
Secondary Education-Physical
Education

Elizabeth A. Reames
English

Elena R. Rodriguez *
Early Childhood Education

Nadia A. Rozmarniewicz *
Elementary & Early Childhood
Education

Noah R. Rufo
Exercise Science

Jessica Russ
Parish Music

Kendall A. Sampang
Exercise Science

Elizabeth Schnoes *
Early Childhood Education

Emmi J. Schulze *
Secondary Education- English

Jennifer M. Smith *
Elementary & Early Childhood
Education

Alexandra R. Spear
Elementary Education - Integrated
Science
Secondary Education - Integrated
Science

Amber E. Streeter *
Elementary Education-Language Arts

Lee S. Thompson-Kolar ***
Individualized

Charlotte E. Unwin
Art

Erin Wagnitz
Exercise Science

Celia G. Walkowicz ***
Family Life Education

Paul V. Zysk
Psychology
Justice and Public Policy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Princealex OA Ayoola

Sport and Entertainment Business

Delaney Bennett ***

Business Communication

Billy J. Blair **

Marketing

Daniel Breen *

General Business

Jacob L. Campbell *

Marketing

Clay Coltson

Sport and Entertainment Business

Tarek Dalou

Marketing

Bobby N. Desantis

Marketing

Colin G. Emmendorfer

Biology

Roger C. Engle

Sport and Entertainment Business

Wesley F. Fiema

Management

Jeffrey T. Gill

Sport and Entertainment Business

Halie C. Howard *

Individualized

Whitney K. Irmeger **

Sport and Entertainment Business

Taylor M. Kahlstorf

Individualized

Megan R. Laib

Justice and Public Policy

Jacob A. Light

Computer Science

Madison Rose Litterell

Biology

Christopher M. Lowe

Accounting

Gustavo Elias Lozada

Biology

Daniel A. Lynch

Computer Science

James Madison

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Jordan A. Martindale

Accounting

Adrienne R. McCarty

Individualized

Kordell M. Mcneal

Biology

Sarah L. Meili ***

Marketing

Perron T. Melcher

General Business

Charles A. Miles

Marketing

Samantha A. Miller

Computer Science

Marino E. Moraccini

Management

Madeline A. Mueller *

Biology

Cooper O. O’Gara
General Business

Douglas O. Ogolla
Justice and Public Policy

Amaan B. Payne
Justice and Public Policy

Carly E. Pearson
Justice and Public Policy
Psychology

Rachel R. Perry
Biology

Tyler D. Pummell
Justice and Public Policy

Aaron J. Rahn
Sport and Entertainment Business

Alison J. Rein **
Management

Joshua S. Remstad *
Accounting

Mica A. Robinson
Management

Esther H. Schulze **
Marketing
Art

Preston J. Sherman
General Business

Allyson L. Sovis
Biology
Secondary Education- Integrated
Science

Joseph Urban Stasa
Management

Victoria D. Tenzy
Biology

Reginald D. Thompson
Computer Science

Lena Marie Thompson
Biology

Denae P. Tolu *
Biology

Anthony J. Tucker
Biology

Abigail V. Turner
Radiologic Technology

Gianna M. VanderWilt ***
Biology

Alexus A. Weber
Radiologic Technology

Tajon L. Williams
Computer Science

Zack M. Williams
Sport and Entertainment Business

Adrienne Woodruff
Accounting

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Abrahime S. Abdallah
Nursing

Lauren Baranski *
Nursing

Michelle E. Bofenkamp **
Nursing

Megan Boland
Nursing

Tyffani J. Bryan
Nursing

Tammy L. Delane **
Nursing

Leauna Deleon
Nursing

Carley A. Drzewiecki ***
Nursing

Tarikua Gizaw Gebresilase
Nursing

Kassidy A. Grandorff
Nursing

Ashlynn Griffin
Nursing

Rebecca Hattar
Nursing

Kylie A. Hornsby
Nursing

Kallie Rose Hunley *
Nursing

Nicole Luoma
Nursing

Sidney P. McClellan-Benedetti
Nursing

Adeola Anuoluwapo Ogunfowokan
Nursing

Whitney Rivera *
Nursing

Saeed Saleh
Nursing

Megan E. Schulz
Nursing

Kymerlee J. Smith
Nursing

Jacob R. Snead
Nursing

Brenna O. Steele *
Nursing

Lillian M. Thompson *
Nursing

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Elizabeth A. Reed **
Social Work

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DECEMBER 2020

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael Kennelly
Finance

Mudessar H. Shah
Management Information Systems

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jamie Apfel
Special Education Learning Disabilities

Emily R. Ayers
Curriculum & Instruction

Jerald E. Booker
Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Samuel P. Bradley
Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Ryan Cryderman
Educational Leadership

Trevor Dobruk
Educational Leadership

Brenna Gilbertson
Curriculum & Instruction

Ashtyn L. Hare
Child Life

Kristin Hill
Curriculum & Instruction

Joshua Howard
Organizational Leadership &
Administration

Tammy M. Konarska
Educational Leadership

Mary K. Laesch
Curriculum & Instruction

Clinton Mclennan
Secondary Education

Theresa M. Reiff
Curriculum & Instruction

Paula D. Rowley
Special Education Learning Disabilities

Ghada M. Saleh
Educational Leadership

Derek Stoneman
Educational Leadership

Jerrica R. Vanderkarr
Special Education Learning Disabilities

Gregory F. Winsor
Curriculum & Instruction

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hannah L. Biermann ***
Family Life Education

Alexandra R. Brown ***
Family Life Education

Ryan L. Curtis *
Pre-Seminary Studies

Victor T. Diaz
Exercise Science

Jack Gomori
Psychology

Morgan E. Raby
Liberal Arts

Cole Southworth *
Individualized

Kayla Verhelle
Exercise Science

Gregory Lynn Alexander
Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Courtney L. Evans
Hospitality & Event Business

James T. Falk
Computer Science

Alexander C. Kauffman *
Finance

Cody Kwasniewski
Finance

Hannah L. Laho
Sports Medicine

Nicole L. Molotky *
Justice and Public Policy

Christopher M. Morgan
Management

Ashley M. Spiegelberg
Hospitality & Event Business

Dajuan Thomas
General Business

Sarah K. Wakefield
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Nicole A. Willard
Justice and Public Policy

James W. Williams
Justice and Public Policy

Mark Wilson
Justice and Public Policy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Madison N. Andreone **
Nursing

Alia J. Armstrong
Nursing

Philip H. Bevins *
Nursing

Gabrielle E. Den Boer
Nursing

Mindy A. D'Oria *
Nursing

Hannah L. Economou
Nursing

Katie L. Farley *
Nursing

Alexandra M. Ferreira
Nursing

Olivia A. Hoeksema **
Nursing

Kira M. Hunter **
Nursing

Robyn E. Jackson ***
Nursing

Amy Kindred
Nursing

Grace E. Krzyzaniak
Nursing

Grace A. Majeran
Nursing

Marie Major
Nursing

Alicia Morales

Nursing

Oliver W. Niedzwiecki

Nursing

Brooke M. Noble

Nursing

Brooke A. Opland *

Nursing

Alissa L. Papsun

Nursing

Olivia F. Perry

Nursing

Shariah Pinkston

Nursing

Alyssa J. Pivaral

Nursing

Mary E. Saleh

Nursing

Tori Smith

Nursing

Manuela Yost

Nursing

Concordia University Ann Arbor
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

MAY 2020

Athletic Training	Eric Bugg
Social Science	Sierra Detwiler
Sport and Entertainment Business	Whitney Irmeger
Life and Earth Sciences	Gianna VanderWilt
Business	Sarah Meili
Elementary Education	Nadia Rozmarniewicz
Secondary Education	Morgan Altergott

DECEMBER 2020

Business	Alexander Kauffman
Family Life	Hannah Biermann
Justice and Public Policy	Nicole Molotky
Nursing	Robyn Jackson
Theology (Parish Ministry)	Ryan Curtis

SPECIAL AWARDS

Honorary Doctorate of Letters	Mr. Benjamin F. Freudenburg
Christus Primus	Ms. Ruth N. Koch
Outstanding Alumnus	Ms. Patricia Maier

LUTHERAN MISSION

Lutheran Teaching Certification	
Secondary Education	Kalera Rahn
Elementary Education	Alexandra Spear Jennifer Smith Amber Streeter
Parish Music	Angela Knickelbein
Family Life	Celia Walkowicz Hannah Knehans Alexandra Brown Matthew Osborne

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