



FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Students in the School of the Arts

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Matt Cecil
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RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STAFF

Matt Cecil

ADDRESS

Bethany Noblitt
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics
Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor Award Recipient

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Chrisula Stone ('23)
College of Arts and Sciences

INVITATION TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Jamie Holtzapfel ('03)
President, NKU Alumni Board of Directors

CHARGE TO GRADUATES

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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CLOSING REMARKS

Jamie Holtzapfel ('03)

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RECESSIONAL

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



2023 FRANK SINTON MILBURN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

BETHANY NOBLITT

*Professor,
Mathematics and Statistics*

Dr. Bethany Noblitt earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics (1995) and Master of Arts in Teaching degree (1996) from the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. She began her teaching career in Louisville in 1996, teaching high school mathematics. After earning her Master of Arts degree in mathematics from U of L in 1999, she started teaching at Northern Kentucky University. While teaching at NKU, she earned a PhD in mathematics education (2006) from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Northern Kentucky University.

While at NKU, she has taught over 30 different mathematics courses at all levels, reaching thousands of students. Her classroom is a community of learners where members help each other learn by sharing their thinking and honoring and valuing the thinking of others. Noblitt's course evaluations indicate that students sense her passion and excitement, feel the positive learning environment she establishes and are aware of their own mathematical learning. Students in her classes feel challenged and supported as well as accountable to each other.

Noblitt's research interests have focused on playing the believing game in the mathematics classroom, using Vedic mathematics to make sense of algorithms and investigating connections between abstract algebra topics and the secondary mathematics curriculum. Recently, with two high school mathematics teachers, she designed and implemented lessons that facilitate the learning of the abstract algebra concept of a group and how it relates to what students learn in their high school algebra class. In her career, Noblitt has presented on her research at more than 75 conferences, sharing her research and enthusiasm for mathematics teaching and learning.

Noblitt has served on the executive board of the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics (KCTM) for many years and currently serves as the KCTM president. She also serves as a co-editor of the Kentucky Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education, a publication of the Kentucky Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, for which she was the founding president. Noblitt is also a faculty associate for the Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM). As a KCM faculty associate, she works on projects that support the learning of mathematics in grades K-12 throughout the state of Kentucky.

Noblitt enjoys spreading the love of mathematics in all of her professional roles.



STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

CHRISULA STONE ('23)

College of Arts and Sciences

Chrisula Stone returned to college in 2016 as a part-time transfer student after a 19-year hiatus. During her time at NKU, she has been a research student in Dr. Lindsey Walters' lab, held a position as the student copy and design editor for *Nýsa: the NKU Journal of Student Research* and was a member of the Adult Learner Student Advisory Board and Tribeta Biological Honor Society.

In 2016, Stone provided editorial assistance for the manuscript of *A Guide to Cyanobacteria: Identification and Impact*, a book that was published in 2018 by Mark A. Nienaber and Professor Emeritus Dr. Miriam Steinitz-Kannan. In 2019, what began as a writing assignment for Dr. Chris Curran's advanced writing in biology course evolved into a full research project with the help of mentor Dr. Lindsey Walters. The project examines the utility of using feathers sampled from a species of local bird during banding to measure environmental mercury levels. Her project was funded by an NKU Student Undergraduate Research and Creativity (SURCA) award in 2019 and the Wilson Ornithological Society's 2020 Jed Burt Undergraduate Mentoring Grant. Between 2021-2023, she presented her findings at NKU's Heather Bullen Summer Research Celebration and NKU's Spring Celebration, the Wilson Ornithological Society's Conference and the Society of Toxicology's Annual Meeting. In 2021, an article that she wrote for her animal behavior class was published in *Nýsa: the NKU Journal of Student Research*. In 2022, she was awarded the Heather Bullen Memorial Award for her research and volunteer work and was named a recipient of the prestigious Society of Toxicology's Student Undergraduate Research Award.

Stone credits her success to supportive family and friends, her employer's flexible scheduling policies for education and the many supportive mentors she's had over the years. She is especially grateful to her parents, Susan Salmon and the late Nicolaos Koutinas, who instilled in her a love of reading, learning and asking questions. Today, she will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. After graduation, she plans to use the skills and knowledge obtained during her time at NKU to carry on as a lifelong learner.



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Bartosz Losiak
Njeri Migwe
Timothy Connor Moore
Nick Nienhaus
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BETHANY NOBLITT

*Professor,
Mathematics and Statistics*

Dr. Bethany Noblitt earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics (1995) and Master of Arts in Teaching degree (1996) from the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. She began her teaching career in Louisville in 1996, teaching high school mathematics. After earning her Master of Arts degree in mathematics from U of L in 1999, she started teaching at Northern Kentucky University. While teaching at NKU, she earned a PhD in mathematics education (2006) from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Northern Kentucky University.

While at NKU, she has taught over 30 different mathematics courses at all levels, reaching thousands of students. Her classroom is a community of learners where members help each other learn by sharing their thinking and honoring and valuing the thinking of others. Noblitt's course evaluations indicate that students sense her passion and excitement, feel the positive learning environment she establishes and are aware of their own mathematical learning. Students in her classes feel challenged and supported as well as accountable to each other.

Noblitt's research interests have focused on playing the believing game in the mathematics classroom, using Vedic mathematics to make sense of algorithms and investigating connections between abstract algebra topics and the secondary mathematics curriculum. Recently, with two high school mathematics teachers, she designed and implemented lessons that facilitate the learning of the abstract algebra concept of a group and how it relates to what students learn in their high school algebra class. In her career, Noblitt has presented on her research at more than 75 conferences, sharing her research and enthusiasm for mathematics teaching and learning.

Noblitt has served on the executive board of the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics (KCTM) for many years and currently serves as the KCTM president. She also serves as a co-editor of the Kentucky Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education, a publication of the Kentucky Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, for which she was the founding president. Noblitt is also a faculty associate for the Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM). As a KCM faculty associate, she works on projects that support the learning of mathematics in grades K-12 throughout the state of Kentucky.

Noblitt enjoys spreading the love of mathematics in all of her professional roles.



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JORDAN SCHOWALTER ('23)

College of Health and Human Services

Jordan Schowalter is graduating from the College of Health and Human Services with a Bachelor of Social Work degree, a minor in Social Justice Studies and a focus in Human Services and Addictions.

Born and raised in Campbell County, Kentucky, Schowalter struggled to decide on his field of study after high school but never doubted that Northern Kentucky University was the place for him with its inclusive and welcoming community.

Over his six years at NKU, Schowalter changed his major several times, but once he found social work he knew this was the career path for him. He dove into his social work classes, received numerous Dean's List honors and was nominated for the Honor Society two years in a row.

Most recently, Schowalter has been active in his field experience learning. He completed two co-op terms with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Campbell County Investigations, accumulating over 500 hours of service. After graduation, he plans to continue serving Campbell County with the CHFS as a Social Service Worker with a focus on children's safety and well-being.

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ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement exercises today at Northern Kentucky University give special attention to the pageantry of the ceremony. The counterpart of this pageantry is enacted each year on campuses all over the world. It is the solemn climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study and preparation for increased responsibility.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Today, all candidates for degrees and those who hold degrees, including college officials, faculty and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional cap and gown. The formal color for most caps and gowns is black. However, holders of different degrees wear distinctive tassels on their caps (called mortarboards). Hoods of various hues drape down the back of the gowns. Recipients of the associate and bachelor degrees at NKU wear black gowns and black and gold tassels; recipients of the master and doctoral degrees wear black gowns and tassels that correspond to the color of their particular discipline; and recipients of the degree of Juris Doctor wear black gowns and purple tassels.

Those wearing academic costumes wear caps in the academic processions and throughout the ceremony.

Members of the university governing body are entitled to wear doctoral gowns. The Regents regalia is a gold gown with three black chevrons and trim and an eight-sided tam with gold tassel. This attire is distinctive of the Board of Regents of NKU.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edgings of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the colleges and degrees at NKU are as follows:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in English (white)
Master of Arts in Integrative Studies (white)
Master of Arts in Public History (white)
Master of Public Administration (peacock blue)
Master of Science in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (old gold)

HAILE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (DRAB)

Master of Accountancy
Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Leadership and Innovation

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (LIGHT BLUE)

Master of Arts in Education
Master of Arts in Teaching
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS (COPPER)

Master of Arts in Communication
Master of Science in Business Informatics
Master of Science in Computer Information Technology
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Cybersecurity
Master of Science in Health Informatics

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Master of Arts in School Counseling (light blue)
Master of Science in Athletic Training (sage green)
Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (light blue)
Master of Social Work (citron)
Master of Science in Exercise Science (old gold)
Master of Science in Health Science (sage green)
Master of Science in Health Administration (sage green)
Master of Science in Nursing (apricot)
Doctor of Nursing Practice (apricot)

INTERNATIONAL SASHES

Different flags are displayed on colorful sashes worn by international students and students who studied abroad during their time at NKU. The sashes display the flag or emblem commemorating a student's favorite study abroad location or the original country of birth or citizenship of an international student.

HONORS CORDS

The gold and white Honors cords worn by bachelor degree graduates signify that they have achieved at least a 3.5 cumulative overall grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for their academic careers. The black and white Honors Cords are worn by those associate degree graduates with at least a 3.5 cumulative overall grade-point average.

GRAND MARSHAL

The Grand Marshal is the president of the Faculty Senate, or his/her designate and represents the faculty. President John Farrar holds this honor today.

PRESIDENTIAL AMBASSADORS

Student ushers are Presidential Ambassadors. They are selected on the basis of their records of scholastic achievement and their ability to serve the university.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace, which traces its roots to medieval weaponry, has become a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the eleventh century. Today, the university's Grand Marshal carries the mace to indicate the solemnity of the occasion and the confirmation of the academic process.

NKU's mace is rich in symbolism. The spiral base, made of walnut-stained mahogany, suggests growth, evolution and higher achievement. The gold-leaf flame, inspired by NKU's official seal, the lamp of learning, symbolizes eternal light and learning. The gold and white braided cords flowing from the base of the flame represent purity as well as the university's school colors.

The mace was presented as a gift to the university from the Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Inc. It was designed by Kari Messner ('91) and was sculpted by local artist Jack True.

NKU'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Northern Kentucky University is proud of its diverse student body including students representing 70 countries:

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Australia	Ethiopia	Madagascar	Russia
Austria	France	Malawi	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Georgia	Mali	Saudi Arabia
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Czech Republic	Jordan	Pakistan	United States of America
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kazakhstan	Palestine	Venezuela
Denmark	Kenya	Peru	Vietnam
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HONORS SYMBOLS

††† **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.90 to 4.00 are graduated Summa Cum Laude.

†† **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.75 to 3.899 are graduated Magna Cum Laude.

† **CUM LAUDE**

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.7499 are graduated Cum Laude.

*** **WITH HIGH DISTINCTION**

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.80 to 4.00 are graduated With High Distinction.

** **WITH DISTINCTION**

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.799 are graduated With Distinction.

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hearts of women, men and youth.**

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guide us to the greater truth.**

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may our lives enrich your name.**

**And in time leave us, your children,
better far than when we came.**

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