



FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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W. FRANK STEELY LIBRARY

Jennifer Smith, *Professor*

CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

Christopher Gulinello, *Professor, Chase Law Library*

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Wanda Crawford, *Lecturer and Writing Coordinator, Learning Plus*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

MAY 7, 10 A.M. CEREMONY

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Commencement Brass
Nikk Pilato, Director

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

John Farrar
President, NKU Faculty Senate
Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Francis Scott Key

Rachel Gardner ('23)
Chloe Hedrick ('23)
Ellie O'Hara ('23)
Students in the School of the Arts

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Matt Cecil
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STAFF

Matt Cecil

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Bonita J. Brown
Interim President, Northern Kentucky University

Richard L. Murgatroyd
Doctor of Education

ADDRESS

Jill P. Meyer ('96)
President & CEO, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Daniel Myers ('23)
President, NKU Student Government Association

Mary Stallings ('23)
Student Representative, College of Education

INVITATION TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Kevin Donnelly ('12, '15)
Member, NKU Alumni Board of Directors

CHARGE TO GRADUATES

Bonita J. Brown

PRESENTATION OF THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2023

Matt Cecil

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bonita J. Brown

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Ginni Fair
Dean, College of Education

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

Diana McGill
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

Kevin G. Kirby
Dean, College of Informatics

ALMA MATER

Original lyrics and melody Charles Wiley
rev. Carolyn Hagner/harm. Kurt Sander

Rachel Gardner ('23)
Chloe Hedrick ('23)
Ellie O'Hara ('23)
Students in the School of the Arts

CLOSING REMARKS

Eddie Howard
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Commencement Brass
Nikk Pilato, Director

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



RICHARD L. MURGATROYD

The Board of Regents at Northern Kentucky University is pleased to award an honorary degree to Richard L. Murgatroyd.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Northern Kentucky University is proud to recognize Richard “Dick” Murgatroyd for his dedication to education and prosperity in our region, specifically his devoted service to and work at Northern Kentucky University. Murgatroyd is a 1959 graduate of The Ohio State University. Murgatroyd is a long-time resident of northern Kentucky, president and chief executive officer for The Murgatroyd Group and has most recently served as the director of finance, operations and marketing for Visiting Angels in Southwest Ohio. His career has been marked by excellence through his foundational involvement and advocacy for education at universities such as NKU, distinguished government positions as a former member of the Kentucky House of Representatives and as Kenton County Judge Executive, as well as his outstanding contributions to radio and broadcasting in Cincinnati.

Throughout his career, Murgatroyd has been exceptionally important to the growth and accomplishments of NKU. Bringing his expertise in radio and broadcasting with him, he served as an NKU faculty member for 12 years. He was also a founding faculty member of NKU’s School of Media and Communications. Beyond his role as a faculty member, Murgatroyd has contributed much of his time and talent to NKU by formerly serving as a member on numerous boards, some of which include: NKU President’s Council from 2003 to 2012, NKU Foundation Board from 1999 to 2011 (now emeritus), Norse Athletics Board, WNKU Board and more. Murgatroyd’s dedication to NKU goes beyond his service as a faculty or board member on campus, as he has also been financially generous to NKU. In 2013, he established the Richard L. Murgatroyd Endowed Scholarship to support undergraduate students demonstrating academic achievement. The scholarship has since been amended to support academic-achieving undergraduate students who are also a part of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Eta Rho chapter at NKU, for which Murgatroyd himself had a hand in founding.

Civically, Murgatroyd has volunteered his time to many non-profit boards around the Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky area. He currently serves on the board of advisors for the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation, as the program chairman for the Northern Kentucky Heritage League, as a board member for the HOA for Southwick Community in Erlanger, Kentucky and more. Previously, his service has benefitted the region as he has held many board positions, including the former board president of The Point/Arc (now emeritus), the former board president of the Northern Kentucky Heritage League, a former member of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a former board member of the Social Venture Partners of Cincinnati, a former board member for the Cincinnati Jazz Hall of Fame, a former board member for the Bluegrass Buckeye Charity Holiday Classic and many others. Murgatroyd’s influence and involvement have benefitted our region’s citizens through his service to the many varying organizations that fill the pages of his curricula vitae.

Murgatroyd has accomplished much in his lifetime and has been recognized for his excellence and service to his communities on multiple occasions. He is the recipient of many awards, including the 1999 NKU Lincoln Award, a 1979 Emmy Award for his work as a producer of a daytime regional network television program, the 2006 Silver Circle Honoree for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award for the Eta Rho Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, the 2013 Clyde and Mary Middleton Lifetime Achievement Award, a member of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame, a member of the Cambridge Schools Hall of Fame in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio and much more. Murgatroyd has been a mentor and role model for students and an advocate for higher education throughout his professional and philanthropic career. He continues to impact those around him through his invaluable knowledge and expertise, and remains an integral part of NKU’s history and an outstanding advocate for the community and region.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**JILL P.
MEYER ('96)**

*President & CEO,
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber*

Jill Meyer has served as the CEO of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber since September 2015. Her work leading the Chamber has put the long-time critically important organization on an aggressive course to grow the vibrancy and economic prosperity of the Cincinnati region. Member businesses across the Cincinnati MSA (16 counties across Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana) engage with the Chamber as their lead to help drive the growth of their businesses and the overall economics of the community.

Under Meyer's leadership, the Chamber has maintained an unwavering commitment to model inclusion and regional thinking in everything it does. As part of its work, the Chamber is spearheading the charge to create regional transportation and infrastructure investments that connect more people to work, education, healthcare and all that the Cincinnati region has to offer. A core part of the Chamber's work is expanding and diversifying the talent base to enable the region's businesses, and thereby the whole community, to thrive and grow in a more sustainable and inclusive way. Additionally, during Meyer's tenure, the Chamber launched BLINK®, adding a fresh new attitude and platform for the Cincinnati region to tell its story to the world.

Meyer is well-versed in business advocacy. An attorney, she practiced law for twenty years at Frost Brown Todd LLC and served as the Member-in-Charge of the law firm's biggest office, in Cincinnati. Personally passionate about her community, she is a long-standing member of both the United Way's Tocqueville Society and ArtsWave Women's Leadership Roundtable and is an alum of the Chamber's inaugural WE Lead class and Leadership Cincinnati Class 34.

Meyer earned her J.D. at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law and her B.A. at Mount St. Joseph University, both magna cum laude. In 2016, she was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount St. Joseph University.



STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**MARY
STALLINGS ('23)**

College of Education

Mary Stallings is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Middle Grades Education, with a focus on math and science. During her time at Northern Kentucky University, she has excelled in her studies, with multiple appearances on the Dean's List. She has already been active in the classroom setting, participating in a long-term substitute opportunity for student teaching. This placement gives Stallings even more responsibility than a typical student teacher role and allows her to dive into fully manage the classroom. She has been fortunate to further develop her skills in a real-world environment, collaborating with teachers and participating in professional development opportunities.

Stallings was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. As a foster child and lover of learning, school became her home away from home. Some of her most impactful and significant role models were her teachers throughout middle and high school. As a result, Stallings chose to become a teacher and mentor for her future students, just as her educators were for her. From the paper pad and stuffed animal students in her childhood "classroom" to the whiteboards and real students now, her lifelong dream has finally come to fruition. She hopes that with her passion for teaching, she will be able to ignite a passion for learning in all of her future students.

After successfully meeting the challenge of putting herself through college, Stallings plans to pursue a career in middle grades math or science education—wherever her talents can be best utilized. She hopes to continue to grow as a learner and an educator and is looking forward to utilizing her educational achievements to help students thrive in a positive learning environment.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
DOCTORAL CANDIDATE
DEGREES**

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

DENISE E. KNISELY

Welcome to the Club: Analysis of Information Acquisition and Sharing Among Part-Time Faculty
Mark Wasicsko, Ph.D.; Paul Wirtz, Ph.D.; Doug Hume, Ph.D.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Samantha Christine Bicknell
Candace Nicole Bates
Amanda Nicole Behne
Tawnya Marie Dozier
Stephanie Ann McGarry
Monica Lynn Mills
Michael Thomas Pearcy
Erica Lynn Hall Perkins
Elizabeth Mae Rich
Anna Katherine Scheper
Jobeth Ferone Shafer
Allison Christian Yeomans

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

April Nicole Bell
Daren Lynn Bowen
Nicole Christine Cunningham
Matthew Tyler George
Claudia Rose Hils
Katelyn M. Jefferson
William Scott Jones
Jacob David Laframboise
Megan Elizabeth McCormack
Constance Marie Miller
Molly Perry
Donald Patrick Reddington
Lauren Marie Reynolds
Mandi Coral Robinson
Megan Diane Rudolph
Arin Michelle Suber
Erica Willer
Natalie Anne Woeste
Kishawna Ann Woody

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Maggie Paige Carrino
Carlos Cristobal Cuenca
T'Nia Fuller
April D. Gonzales
Hayley Sierra Grubenhoff
Jesse Landon Harrod
Jessica Danielle Hughes
Emma Nicole Jerdon
Aaron Kelter
Nellesha Murray
Zachary Connor O'Banion
Jonathon Proctor
Amy Marie Winkler

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

††† Brittany Marie Abbey
†† Dana Kylie Adkins
† Samantha Andrew
†† Haley Rose Ballard
† Brittany Lynn Beach
Bridget Marie Beckerich
Hannah Faith Bittlinger
† Morgan Allison Boone
Anna Elizabeth Bosley
Kelly Marie Bova
Philip Andrew Bracke
†† Alexandra Noel Brackens
†† Jasmyn Pearl Browder
††† Victoria Denee Butcher
† Summer Marie Campbell
Becca Jean Carroll
Delaney Childers
Reed Allen Chitwood
Caitlin Olivia Claxton
†† Megan Leigh Cole
Kylie Cummings

††† Anna Dailey
† Lauren Taylor Delauder
† Katie Dempsey
††† Susan Jane Dugan
† Maggie Angelina Feyko
† Makayla Gabriele Fraley
†† Alexis Nicole Fuller
Sarah Michelle Gahan
†† Natalie Garcia
† Ruby Lorain Garnich
Mackenzie Lyn Gentry
Emma Giglio
†† Bailey Katherine Gray
† Jenna Rhea Henderson
Liberty Hicks
†† Emma Mckenzie Hotopp
Jessica Ann House
†† Emily Grace Houser
† Alexandria Nicole Hunter
†† Amanda Machele Iding
†† Megan Marie Jones
† Rachel Amelia Jones

††† Katie Marie Kaminsky
† Ashley Marie Keitz
Katie Catherine Kelly
††† Samantha Marie Kroger
Sidney Elizabeth Lang
Jared Keith Martin
†† Sierra Mitchell
† Mindy Nguyen
Haley Char Niederman
†† Hailey Michelle Paff
Luke C. Parker
† Sierra Petty
† Samantha Ann Pleimann
† Megan Marie Pulsfort
Jordan Danielle Ray
††† Morgan Brooke Riddle
†† Trinity Sierra Ross
Julia Lynn Santoro
† Aaron Christopher Sipple
† McKenzie Smith
†† Allyssa P. Sparrow
† Sandy Renee Spicer

Mary Stallings
Rhiannon Strickland
††† Olivia Eve Sullivan
†† MeKaisha Ayane Tresenwriter
†† Jessica Maria Whiteford
†† Grace Addison Williams
Kandice Marie Williams
†† Ashlie Lynn Wilson

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SHEP PROGRAM

The goal of the Supported Higher Education Project (SHEP) at NKU is to provide college access to students of all abilities, creating an inclusive campus. The students who graduate from this program earn College to Career Certificates for their meaningful contributions to the campus community.

Kathryn Danielle Adams
Anna Kelley
Danny Stauffer

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Emily Houser

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

Ashley Keitz

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN SECONDARY/P-12 EDUCATION

Cassandra Anderson

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Katie Dempsey
Ashlie Wilson

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Jonathan Proctor

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN EDUCATION, CULTURE & SOCIETY

Jasmyn Browder

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS

University Honors Scholars complete 21 credit hours of interdisciplinary seminars including an independent capstone project under the guidance of a faculty mentor.
Victoria Denee Butcher



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN ENGLISH**

Lisa Kuhn
Rachel Sizemore
Daniel Gray Sloop

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN PUBLIC HISTORY**

Brooke Katherine Daugherty
Christopher Harmon
Hartkemeier
Olivia Rose Jacob
Shirlene Louise Jensen
Evan Benjamin Turner
Nathan Dennis Turner

**MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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Angela M. Cook
Brittany Hirsch
Daniel Matthew McCarty
Bailey Elizabeth Roman
Stephanie Carrie Wical

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN INDUSTRIAL-
ORGANIZATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY**

Briana Maria Farmer
Jared Gilliam
Patricia Steele Gullett
Aubree Nichole Kerle
Evelyn Madill-Hughes
Webster Ruitter
Jonathan Reed Staley
Onyinye Miriam Uwolloh

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Evelyn Madill-Hughes
Daniel Matthew McCarty
Stephanie Carrie Wical
Bailey Elizabeth Roman
Daniel Gray Sloop

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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†† Cassandra Star Anderson
Solomon Silas Andres
† Karla Marie Arango
Morgan Ann Arnold
Brianna Michael Arnoldy
†† Maya Collo Arquines
Kinley B. Askin
Aylor Badida
Jailynn Janell Banks
Nicholas Mark Beckham
Stormi Cooper Begley
Colin Andrew Bene
Diana Kelly Billings
Nyasia Jhonnell Birch
†† Zachary Ralph Bischoff
Nadia Shara Blackwell
†† Holly Sue Jin Blansette
Jacob Christopher Bohman
†† Thomas Edward Bohman
Jillian Nicole Boling
†† Benjamin William Bornhorn
†† Julia Isabella Bottoms
†† Peyton Alyssa Bowen
Hannajo Paige Bradbury
†† Jenna Brady
†† Emma Noelle Brand
†† Yasmin Briones

†† Maggie Brockhoff
†† Jasmyn Pearl Browder
Halleigh Brown
Nathaniel Drew Bullock
Dominique Alexander
Burbridge
†† Victoria Denee Butcher
† Tori Noelle Byndon
† John Estes Cantey
Logan Andrew Carberry
† Brendan Emerson Carroll
†† Ruby L. Causey
†† Amanda Bailey Clark
Alexandra Clarkson
†† Matthew McCormick Code
Maria Lynn Combs
Opal Tenille Combs
†† Isaiah James Cook
† Alicia Marie Cordero
Raeyonna Shante Covington
Tyler Sterling Cox
†† Jackson Douglas Cromer
Madison Ann Cummins
Micah Kenyatta Max Curry-
Petway
Gillian Dawn Butler
†† Anna Dailey
Ashley Deborah Davis
† Bailey Davis

Jacob Davis
Joyce Evelyn Deaton
Lucille Dean Decker
Emalee Ann Dehner
Destinee Annagayle
Deiningier
Sophia Nicole DeLisio
† Allison Michelle Detmer
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Gabrielle Feinauer
Kylie Elizabeth Ferguson
† Lauryn Diana Ferguson
Evette Judith Fernandez
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Delaney Fichlie
Peter Eugene Finke
Alleyne Louise Fisher
William Lewis Fisher
Patrick Mcgee Flynn
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Lauren Elizabeth Foster
Jessica Nicole Freyler
Alexander Paul Fritz
Jared Roland Frondorf
†† Lynne Marie Fuhrmann
Nicole Lynn Ruth Galligan
†† Josafina Gregoria Garcia
Zachary Andrew Gard
† Elizabeth Anne George
Logan Richard Germann
Michael Shane Gibson
† Kaitlyn Gieske
Tyler Michael Gilday
† Kathryn Elizabeth Girgash
† Madison Wynn Gittings
Grace E. Glenn
† Nicole Dale Goldizen
Summer Gorman
Krista Renee Grill
†† Kimberly Danielle
Grise-Smith
†† Justin Philip Guest
†† Mary Elizabeth Haas
Taylor Renee Haines
† Sophia Renee Halfhill
† Owen Woodrow Hardesty
Peyton Bradley Hartman
† Erin Nicole Hasler

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 Rachel Lynn Hays
 † Eileen Heekin
 †† Trevor Worth Hewins
 Christine Lee Hogue
 †† Naomie Elaine Howard
 † Grace Kathleen Howe
 Payton Nicole Hubbard
 Spencer Beck Hughes
 †† Emilee Hunt
 Jansen Derek Hupp
 Grace Stevens Huschart
 McKenzie Ingalls
 †† Gracie Jackson
 Nicholas Antonio Jimenez
 Andrew Wade Johnson
 Jared Patrick Johnson
 Jalea Lynn Jones
 †† Weston Hall Jones
 Rin Ellis June
 †† Connor Lee Kelly
 Kelsey Elizabeth Kempe
 †† Katherine Alice Kenny
 †† Vanessa T.K. Khong
 Rachel Eileen Kimes
 † Maria Rose Kinnett
 Danielle Nicole Kinney
 Caitlan Nicole Kirk
 Ian Valentine Knecht
 †† Susan Fay-Harris Kozlowski
 Karen Ann Krebs
 Mattie Lyn Kuechler
 † Benjamin Michael Kunkel
 † Catherine Anne Lalley
 Gabrielle Lane
 Emily Dawn Lawson
 Brittania Storm Letner
 †† Madison Marie Lewis
 Kadyr Lilly
 †† Gissel Lopez
 † Amya LaNaé Lovette
 Alexis N'tae Mabry
 Korina Macato
 Jackson D. Mairose
 Logan Chandler Matteoli
 †† Erica McCabe
 Elizabeth Joan McClure
 †† Rhianna Lynn McCormick
 Alejandro Israel Martinez
 McCray
 Morgan Janelle McDay
 Carrie Ann McElroy
 Alyssa Dawn McGriff
 Tyler McKee
 Hallie J. McLean
 †† Raven Louise McNeal
 Lindsey Melford
 † Hope Messer
 † Amber Lynn Miller
 †† Morgan Marie Miller
 Salena Miller
 Mackenzie Marie Mitchell
 †† Sierra Mitchell
 Austin Antonio Montanez
 Erick Lee Moore
 Emma Mary Ann Morris
 †† Ashley Rebecca Mullins
 † Bridget Anne Murray
 Sarah Lauren Eileen Myers
 Gabriel Kanaiaupuni Nakata
 † Lala Cumba Ndoye
 Kendyl Michele Nolan
 Jenna Nicole O'Hair
 †† Maria Michele Osbourn
 Luke C. Parker
 Evan Wayne Pearson
 †† Joseph Perkins
 Alyson Perriman
 Logan Mitchell Perry
 Kaden Phelps
 Samantha Ann Poe
 †† Jeffrey Post
 Mia Potter
 Shae Prater
 John Clay Edgar Prather
 † Christopher Zulus Prince
 † Nora Pulliam
 Madison Elizabeth Raleigh
 †† Nathan Rasmussen
 Cameron Grant Reid
 †† Chase Reynolds
 Sarah Kathryn Rice
 Mitchell Logan Rizzo
 Lauren Elizabeth Roberts
 †† Ariel Elizabeth Rodgers
 Jailyr London Ross
 †† Batiya Rivka Roth
 Nathan Rott
 †† Reese Amelia Rowland
 Aliya Rucker
 Donavynn Bailey Johl
 Sandusky
 Mikayla Renee Schutte
 †† Abigail Elayne Schwarz
 Gerald Anthony Seeneey
 Mollie Seibert
 Serigne Ndiaga Seye
 Brady Wendell Shelton
 †† Jessica Lauren Shepherd
 † Matthew Sherman
 †† Kara Shuck
 Cody Shultz
 † Tyler Roy Simpkins
 Ryan LaShon Marie Sims
 †† Joshua Tanner Skeens
 Tally Garciath Savalas Skillom
 Alison Renee Smith
 † Kelsie E. Smith
 Lawson James Smith
 Vincent Smith
 Bennett Joseph South
 Nolan Spears
 Bailey Elizabeth Spencer
 Allie J. Spencer
 †† Katlin Suekoff
 Kevin Andrew Surface
 † Joanna Swaiss
 †† Liam Patrick Sweeney
 Hannah Taulbee
 † Emalee Sue Taylor
 † Katherine Ann Murray
 †† Reach Thearith
 Brandon Thomas Thompson
 †† Grant Foster Toler
 Michael Bradley Tomlin
 †† Mallory Elizabeth Trame
 †† Ariana Zoe Tulay
 Brittany Alexandra Turner
 Olivia Marie Venneman
 †† Lee Conwell Vest
 † Philip Brandon Vossmeier
 April Ann Wainscott
 Jordan Lea Walker
 †† Kyle Walker
 Triston Anthony Wallace
 †† Abigail Maureen Warman
 Jessica Warner
 Tiffany Ann Warren
 Ky'ya Washington
 † Sally Ruth Wendt
 Connor Fitzgerald Whalen
 †† Maria Constance Wheatley
 †† Christin Leigh Whelan
 Hayley Nichol Williams
 Abigail Williams-Stankewicz
 Brandy Nicole Wilson
 † Katherine Wind
 Destiny Renee Wippel
 Morgan Woeste
 †† Hannah Joan Wolf
 † Michael Robert Wolf
 Ian David Wolfe
 † Vivian Amalie- Lyda Wood
 Anthony Darrell Woods
 †† Kara Michele Wright
 Shumyla Wright
 †† Christin Elaine Young
 Theodore Wyatt Molstad
 Christopher Brian Monell
 †† Eleanor Davis O'Hara
 Field Blanton Oldham
 †† Dalen Connely Payton
 † Tabitha Lea Phelps
 †† Nicholas Lyons Rohr
 Jill Sharp
 † Alex Gregory Simpson
 †† Shelby Taylor Smith
 †† Skyler Elyse Smith
 †† Travis Maxwell Sparks
 †† Richard Smith Taylor III
 † Payton Joseph Trout
 †† Madison Taylor Ulbricht
 Ki'azja Denise Watterson-
 Brown
 †† Christin Leigh Whelan
 †† Jordan Lee Whittaker
 †† Alexandria Marie Woodroof

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

- Kathryn A. Boyd
 † Katherine Beatrice Sharp
 James Tober

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

- †† Madison Elizabeth Boler
 JanCarlo Bustamante
 †† Faith Kelly Greene

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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 Alharkan
 † Abdikani Abdullahi Ali
 Mohammed Aljanabi
 †† Olivia Grace Allen
 Ahmed Saleh Alotaibi
 Nasser Abdullah Alqahtani
 † Jennifer Holly Ashleman
 † Emmanuel Emeka Augustine
 Abdulaziz Bakhshwain
 † Alexander Steven Beck
 †† Kevin Leo Berling
 Nathaniel Joseph Bezold
 †† Omkar Suchetan Bhat
 Emmanuel Bitoko Bikoli
 † Sydney Marie Bowman
 Tyler Austin Kautz Bradford
 † Maria Rose Broderick
 Mary Kathryn Broomall
 †† Wesley Adrian Brown
 Victoria Brueggen
 †† Megan Bunnenberg
 Hannah Marie Butler
 † Savannah Lee Butler
 Nuttan Chamling Rai
 Kamren Dionte Crim
 † Ailsa Grace Currie
 † India Melody Davis
 Mamadou Saliou Diallo
 † Liam Ehrman

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

- Andie F. Angel
 †† Hannah Gabrielle Beaven
 † Amanda Rose Bollman
 † Jensyn Caylee Bowman
 † Jason Frank Coffenberry
 Kristen Jessica Craven
 Katherine Grace Deboor
 † Rachel Ann Bernadette
 Dolezal
 Austin Fidler
 Elizabeth Scout Peavler Grass
 † Bridgett Jamison Hancock
 Emma Mae Hanson
 Alec Smith Harrison
 †† Natalie Elizabeth Hayslett
 †† Chloe Eve Hedrick
 † Jeremiah Savon Jackson
 † Helena Marie Kaelin
 †† Veronica Marie Lash
 † Barrett Alexander Minks

Ahmad Adel Elayan
 Callie Katherine Elder
 ††† Conner James Ernst
 Kole Virgil Everhart
 Addison Mitchell Fangman
 Matthew Allen Farmer
 † Branden Fierro
 ††† Peyton Alyssa Fransen
 † Colvin Woodrow Geiman
 Ryan Hall
 † Alexandria Rena' Harris
 ††† Matthew David Henn
 ††† Kylie Mae Hicks
 Gavin Mitchell Holley
 Landon Auston Howell
 †† Samantha Jayne Huhn
 †† Katherine Mae Ison
 † Sean Martin Johnson
 Caleb Louis Jones
 Rin Ellis June
 Elaina Marie Justus
 Baylee Scott Kaberle
 Camille Kagaba Mushumba
 Mohamed Vall Kah
 Gabrielle Antoinette Kerr
 † Gracie Rae Kerwin
 Mitchell Ketron
 John Joseph Keuper III
 Charles Nicholas Korzenborn
 † Angela Svetla Kyntchev

† Thao Linh Le
 † Jamie Lynn Lehker
 Tyler Litmer
 Joseph H. Lowry
 Cameron Montgomery Martin
 Dajah McClendon
 Noah McDonald
 †† Emerald Katherine McGhee
 †† James Lawrence Mead
 Claire J. Mendenhall
 † Flynn Amber Messmer
 † Tina Moghimi
 Mark Gabriel Mohammed
 †† Kayleigh Elizabeth Moore
 Emma Fidarisovna Nasipova
 ††† Ngoc Minh Thao Nguyen
 Phat Huu Duc Nguyen
 ††† Thu Vu Minh Nguyen
 Caitlin Ostertag
 Dezmin Belle Owens
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*President & CEO,
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Jill Meyer has served as the CEO of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber since September 2015. Her work leading the Chamber has put the long-time critically important organization on an aggressive course to grow the vibrancy and economic prosperity of the Cincinnati region. Member businesses across the Cincinnati MSA (16 counties across Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana) engage with the Chamber as their lead to help drive the growth of their businesses and the overall economics of the community.

Under Meyer's leadership, the Chamber has maintained an unwavering commitment to model inclusion and regional thinking in everything it does. As part of its work, the Chamber is spearheading the charge to create regional transportation and infrastructure investments that connect more people to work, education, healthcare and all that the Cincinnati region has to offer. A core part of the Chamber's work is expanding and diversifying the talent base to enable the region's businesses, and thereby the whole community, to thrive and grow in a more sustainable and inclusive way. Additionally, during Meyer's tenure, the Chamber launched BLINK®, adding a fresh new attitude and platform for the Cincinnati region to tell its story to the world.

Meyer is well-versed in business advocacy. An attorney, she practiced law for twenty years at Frost Brown Todd LLC and served as the Member-in-Charge of the law firm's biggest office, in Cincinnati. Personally passionate about her community, she is a long-standing member of both the United Way's Tocqueville Society and ArtsWave Women's Leadership Roundtable and is an alum of the Chamber's inaugural WE Lead class and Leadership Cincinnati Class 34.

Meyer earned her J.D. at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law and her B.A. at Mount St. Joseph University, both magna cum laude. In 2016, she was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount St. Joseph University.



STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**JACQUELINE
ROMO ('23)**

Haile College of Business

Jacqueline Romo is graduating magna cum laude from the Haile College of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management. She is a first-generation college student born and raised in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Growing up, Romo was drawn to the construction industry. She has always enjoyed working with her hands and loves watching projects develop from the ground up. In high school, Romo knew she wanted to pursue her college degree in the construction industry in a place where she could not only be the best version of herself, but also get the best education possible. She found NKU a standout option with the number one construction management program in the state of Kentucky.

Over her four years at NKU, Romo has excelled academically and received several Dean's list honors along with a President's honors appearance. She has also been an active member of the student body. She was a two-time orientation leader, a head peer mentor and mentor for the Latinos Avanzando Mentorship Program, a member of Norse Leadership Society, Haile College of Business Ambassador, three-time Victor Guide and a member of the DEI Committee for the Haile College of Business. She also served as the Internal Vice President, Treasurer and President for the Psi Chapter of Alpha Psi Lambda, the nation's first and largest co-ed fraternity.

Romo has also been active in experiential learning in the construction management field. She completed two co-op terms with Turner Construction's Cincinnati office, as well as residential projects on the side in remodeling and other areas. After graduation, she plans to move back to the Shelbyville, Kentucky area to start her own residential construction company.



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Improving Medication Adherence in Schizophrenia Patients
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The Effect of Using Ultrasound Guidance on Emergency Department Nurses' IV Success Rate
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Building Resiliency: The Impact of Debriefing and Support Meetings for Clinical Staff in a Rural Hospital
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UNIVERSITY AWARDS



PRESIDENT'S AWARD **Quinn James**

The President's Award is given to a senior student who has greatly contributed to the development of a strong sense of community at Northern Kentucky University through special efforts to: break down barriers of discrimination or promote international awareness or promote the interaction of traditional and non-traditional students or promote diversity or promote accessibility awareness. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Office of the President. This year's recipient is Quinn James, who is a nursing major.



REGENTS AWARD **Hanna Schmitt**

The Regents Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within the university community and who has an emphasis on continuation of studies at the graduate level. A minimum grade-point average of 3.3 is required. The student may show evidence of the intent to pursue further educational opportunities. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents. This year's recipient is Hanna Schmitt, who is a major in mathematics and statistics with a minor in computer science.



UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD **Kayla Wypasek**

The University Service Award is given to a senior student who has provided outstanding service to the university through: (1) student involvement in such areas as sports, fraternity/sorority affiliations, intramurals, student government, student organizations, the Northerner, etc.; (2) student involvement in civic organizations or agencies such as Easter Seals, Redwood School, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Welcome House, etc.; and (3) academic achievement such as student publications, student presentations, grade-point average, etc. While a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 is required, the individual's academic record should be given equal weight with student involvement in both university and community activities. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Alumni Association. This year's recipient is Kayla Wypasek, who is a biological sciences major with a minor in chemistry.



EXCELSIOR AWARD **Amanda Lewis**

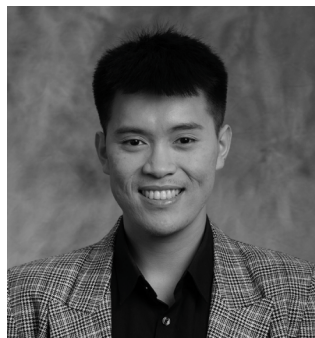
The Excelsior Award is presented to an outstanding senior student who has overcome great obstacles to achieve his/her academic pursuits. These obstacles may be physical, emotional, financial, age-related, etc. A minimum grade-point average of 3.0 is required. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. This year's recipient is Amanda Lewis, who is a public relations major and marketing minor.

OTHER AWARDS



FACULTY SENATE AWARD **Thu Vu Nguyen**

The Faculty Senate Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated exceptional skills and productivity in an independent study project. An independent study project is defined as a faculty supervised research or scholarly work which has as its goal the publication, presentation and/or exhibition of results. The project should be conducted outside of a formal classroom and last at least one semester, preferably longer. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Faculty Senate. This year's recipient is Thu Vu Nguyen, who is a chemistry major and a double minor in biological sciences and honors.



NKU FOUNDATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD **Hanson Nguyen**

The NKU Foundation Student Leadership Award is given to a student leader who has provided outstanding service to the university through student government or another significant student leadership role. Although a specific grade-point average is not required, the individual should be strong academically, as their academic record will be considered. Sponsored by the NKU Foundation, this award was created to honor Cliff Borland, John Brooking and Henry "Bud" Pogue for their leadership roles in creating the Foundation and for their many years of service to the Foundation and the university. This year's recipient is Hanson Nguyen, who is a health informatics major and information systems minor.

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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 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 57 countries:

Afghanistan
Argentina
Brazil
Cambodia
Canada
China
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Croatia
Cyprus
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Dominican Republic
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St. Lucia

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Senegal
Spain
Suriname
Syria
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States of America
Uzbekistan
Venezuela
Vietnam
Zimbabwe

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.

† Bachelor degree honor

* Associate degree honor

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hearts of women, men and youth.**

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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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