221st COMMENCEMENT
AUGUST 1, 2020
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ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

Heather Orstein, Bagpiper

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OPENING

Linda Troost, Ph.D.
Head Marshal, Faculty Secretary, Professor of English

Please rise and remain standing through America, The Beautiful.

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. L. Stephen Smith, Jr.
Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Washington, PA

America, The Beautiful

Katharine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward

The audience will be led in singing by:

Frederick Clark ’20, accompanied by
Professor of Music Susan A. Medley, DMA

Lyrics:

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

GREETING TO THE CLASS OF 2020

John C. Knapp, Ph.D.
President and Professor, Washington & Jefferson College

SENIOR ADDRESS

Michael Andrew Conroy ’20

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR AWARDS TO FACULTY AND STAFF

Eva Chatterjee-Sutton
Vice President of Student Life,
Dean of Students

Presented by Julia Bernesser ’20

Timothy Klitz, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology

Presented by Jude Samer Taha ’20

Justin Swank
Director of Residence Life

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

Mark L. Tykocinski, M.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Thomas Jefferson University
The Anthony F. & Gertrude M. DePalma Dean
Sidney Kimmel Medical College

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Mark L. Tykocinski, M.D., Doctor of Science
Presented by Keith Ghezzi, M.D. ’77

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Jeffrey A. Frick, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Dean of the College
ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

CONCLUDING REMARKS

John C. Knapp, Ph.D.

Please rise and remain standing through the Benediction.

THE ALMA MATER

H.S. Thompson

The audience will be led in singing by:

Frederick Clark ’20, accompanied by
Professor of Music Susan A. Medley, DMA

Lyrics:
Where the hills of Pennsylvania
Greet the western lea
Stands our dear old Alma Mater,
Throned in majesty
(Chorus) Ring her praises, never ceasing,
We shall ever say,
“Thou we honor, Alma Mater,
Honor W&J.”

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. L. Stephen Smith, Jr.

CHAMPAGNE TOAST TO THE CLASS OF 2020

John C. Knapp, Ph.D.

POSTLUDE

Washington Ceremonial Brass

Hymn to Washington & Jefferson
Early American Folk Songs

Kyle Simpson
Arr. Edward Solomon

WASHINGTON CEREMONIAL BRASS

Tim Brutscher, trumpet
Kyle Simpson, trumpet
Carrie McCormack, horn
Bradley Schmidt, trombone
Pierce Cook, tuba

The 221st Commencement ceremony was broadcast live due to gathering limitations in the wake of the international coronavirus pandemic.
Mark L. Tykocinski, M.D., joined Thomas Jefferson University in December 2008, and over the ensuing decade, has served there in several leadership capacities. As the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of its Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Tykocinski oversees the nation's 5th oldest medical college with a storied, almost two-century legacy and the largest medical alumni base in the nation. In his first five years at Jefferson, Tykocinski also served as President of Jefferson University Physicians, and in 2013, stepped down from this role to become the first ever Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs of the university. With the groundbreaking 2017 merger with Philadelphia University (formerly Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science), he now leads a combined university academic enterprise that comprises ten colleges spanning a range of professional training pathways, from health to design, fashion and architecture.

Before joining Jefferson in 2008, Tykocinski was professor and chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania for a decade. Under his leadership, it emerged as the #1 NIH-funded department of its kind in the country. This department also featured prominent postgraduate training programs in clinical laboratory diagnostics and transfusion medicine, as well as high-profile commercialization of biomedical discovery. Notably, lab-on-a-chip microfluidic and CAR-T cancer immunotherapy technologies were developed in the department and launched towards commercialization under his purview there.

Tykocinski’s research contributions have been in the fields of molecular and cellular immunology, cell surface engineering, and biologics innovation. He has pioneered new categories of fusion protein pharmaceuticals, with applications to cancer and autoimmune diseases. Tykocinski serves as scientific advisory board chair for KAHR-Medical, the Israeli biotech company he founded in 2007 for fusion protein pharmaceuticals. Tykocinski’s scientific contributions also extend to the development of novel cell therapy strategies and the engineering of a novel class of mammalian gene expression vectors now distributed worldwide. He holds a series of research patents in the fields of molecular and cellular immunology, and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

Tykocinski is past president of the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP/FASEB) and the Association of Pathology Chairs. He has been on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Pathology, Molecular Oncology and Genetics Research, and was honored with the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Award for Outstanding Research from ASIP/FASEB. Recently, Tykocinski has received prestigious lifetime achievement awards from the Philadelphia County Medical Society (2017 Strittmatter Award) and the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (2019), and was recognized with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from NYU School of Medicine.

Tykocinski graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in biology from Yale University and earned his medical degree from New York University. After his residency training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and NYU, Tykocinski was a Medical Staff Fellow in the Laboratory of Immunogenetics at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH in Bethesda. Between 1983 and 1998, as a faculty member in the Department of Pathology at Case Western Reserve University, Tykocinski served as the Founding Director of its Gene Therapy Program and Facility, in the early days of that technology.
RECIPIENTS OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Summa Cum Laude
Gold Cord

Abigail L. Adams
Communication Arts Winter Tales Prize for Top Script,
Jennifer Lynn Oliver Prize in Theatre, Phi Beta Kappa

Kyle Joseph Beard
The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Prize in Economics

Maxwell Box
The James Gillespie Blaine Prize in Political Science,
The Richard R. Martin Prize in Psychology, The Trelka
Prize for Original Research in the Life Sciences, Phi
Beta Kappa

Mia Natasha Brownfield
Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student
International Travel Award, The Clyde Shepherd
Atchison Prize, The Dr. Mariano Garcia ’39 Award in
Mathematics

Ryan Shea Cerbus
The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in
Economics, The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified
Public Accountants Award

Andrew James Cipriano
The Adlai E. Michaels Prize, Merck Scholar, Nicholas
C. and Josephine C. Tucci Memorial Prize in Chemistry,
Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics, The Jesse
W. Lazear Prize in Chemistry, Phi Beta Kappa

Michael Andrew Conroy
The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Award, The Maurice
Cleveland Waltersdorf Award for Leadership

Emily Anne Deluliiis

Andrew C. Donatelli
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Matthew Brown
Fellowship, Magellan Project: Walker Award, Phi Beta
Kappa, Fulbright Award

Molly J. Doran
Scholar in Psychology, Scholar in International Studies,
Phi Beta Kappa

Domenic Eannace
The Dr. Frederick H. Wilson Memorial Academic Prize
in Economics

Lucy C. Elkin
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Mazingira Award, The
Trelka Prize for Original Research in the Life Sciences,
Phi Beta Kappa

Kristin Erika Ewing

Jacob M. Fabian
Walter Hudson Baker Prize in Economics, The James
Clyde McGregor Prize in Political Science, Matthew
Brown Ringland Prize in Social Sciences, Phi Beta
Kappa

Nicole Fitch
The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in
Economics, Matthew Brown Fellowship

Benjamin Lawrence Freedman
Merck Scholar, Scholar in Biochemistry, Phi Beta Kappa

Maximillian Ocheaje George

Jessica Nicole Gibson
The Dr. Mariano Garcia ’39 Award in Mathematics,
The Clyde Shepherd Atchison Prize, Phi Beta Kappa

Sarah Mohsen Isaac
Phi Beta Kappa

Gillian Noel Kasper
The Edwin Scott Linton Prize in Biology, Phi Beta Kappa

Aaron David Kendrick
The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in
Economics, Betty and Bill Saalbach Adam Smith Silver
Pin Award

Abigail L. Locke
Merck Scholar, J. Robert Maxwell ’43 Student Internship

Dia Rose Lusk
Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student
International Travel Award, J. Robert Maxwell ’43
Student Internship, Magellan Project: Kelso Award,
Scholar in Communication Arts, Phi Beta Kappa

Mark Angelo Mandak
The Jesse W. Lazear Prize in Chemistry, The Daniel
Latchney Prize in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Phi
Beta Kappa
Conor Manning
Salutatorian, The Michael P. Rettger Memorial
Academic Award, The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf
Prize in Economics, The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf
Award for Leadership, Steve Zanolli '43 Football
Student Athlete Award

Maura Lee McLay
Phi Beta Kappa

Victoria Barbara Metz
Magellan Project: Walker Award, The William M.
and Saundra Stout Endowed Prize Fund in Education,
Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award,
Fulbright Award

Nathaniel Edward Moore
David and Kristin Steinberg Scholarship in Computing
and Information Studies, Phi Beta Kappa

Marisa Jade Rosario
The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award, Magellan
Project: Geary Award, Matthew Brown Fellowship,
Magellan Project: Kelso Award, Phi Beta Kappa

Caitlin Marie Shellhamer
Dr. Delia Lagar and George Jacques Böhm Endowed
Prize, Magellan Project: Geary Award, Merck Scholar,
The Edwin Scott Linton Prize in Biology, Dr. Emory A.
Rittenhouse II Prize in Biology, Phi Beta Kappa

Laurel H. Sipe
Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award, The
Donald W. Ebbert Award, The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize
in Languages, Friedrich R. Crupe Prize in International
Relations, Phi Beta Kappa

Jessica Sydney Skobel
The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Award, Magellan Project:
Geary Award, The David K. Scarborough Leadership
Award, Gordon E. Swartz History Fellowship, Henry
Willson Temple Prize in History, Legacy of Leadership
Award, Phi Beta Kappa

Mikayla Renee Slota

Darian Fay Stapleton
Scholar in Art, Phi Beta Kappa

Katherine L. Starr
Matthew Brown Fellowship, Barbara Betler Greb and
Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel
Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award, The Maurice
Cleveland Waltersdorf Prize in Economics, The Maria
Leonard Senior Book Award, Betty and Bill Saalbach
Adam Smith Silver Pin Award, Phi Beta Kappa

Nathaniel Joseph Tang
2LT, The David K. Scarborough Leadership Award, Phi
Beta Kappa

Jordan Edward Thomas
The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award, The Alfred
Henry Sweet Prize in History, The A. Richard Oliver
Prize in French, Phi Beta Kappa

Sydney M. Travers
The Emily Auld Memorial Prize in English, Phi Beta Kappa

Aaron Michael Viggiano

Samantha Jane Wessel
The Walter S. Sanderlin Prize in History

Alex S. York
Valedictorian, Scholar in Communication Arts, Scholar
in Conflict and Resolution Studies, The Maria Leonard
Senior Book Award, Phi Beta Kappa
Julia Margaret Angotti
  *Frederick J. and Frances Jeanne Frank Prize for Leadership in the Communication Arts*

Steven Douglas Barker

Lindsey N. Barnhart
  *Prize in Environmental Studies*

Sarah Emily Behr

Marc Anthony DeVito

Rachel M. Doty
  *Jennifer Lynn Oliver Prize in Theatre*

Dylan W. Downs
  *Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award*

Trevor E. Echols
  *Scholar in Psychology*

Caroline N. Fedor
  *The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Award, Merck Scholar*

Cheryl Lynn Fergerson
  *The Dr. Mariano Garcia ’39 Award in Mathematics, Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award*

Jonathan Royston Howland
  *Edward Moffat Weyer Prize in Philosophy*

Danielle Nicole Humphreys
  *The William M. and Saundra Stout Endowed Prize Fund in Education, The James W. Hanna Prize in Education*

Morgan Elizibeth Jacques
  *Mazingira Award*

Jared Anthony Kelly
  *Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award, The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize in Languages, Fulbright Award*

Seth D. McCutcheon

Ryan Christopher Mele

Long Thanh Nguyen

Aaron Macy Patt

Zoe Pienkoski
  *Dudley R. Johnson Prize in Theatre Arts*

Jenelle Annette Senske

Brooke Jacqueline Shuck
  *Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award, The Benjamin Franklin Prize*

Kate Gillam Sullivan
  *Magellan Project: Walker Award*

Keaton Mitchell Turney
  *The Paul L. Reardon Award, J. Robert Maxwell ’43 Student Internship*

Anna Michelle Williams
  *The John Livingston Lowes Prize in English*

Megan Christina Williams
  *Magellan Project: Geary Award, Friedrich R. Crupe Prize in International Relations*

Rhiannon Lynn Wineland
  *The William Holmes McGuffey Prize in English*

Maho Yoshino
  *Magellan Project: Walker Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award*

Sarra Margaret Zimmerman

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**Magna Cum Laude**

**Silver Cord**

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Jenna Elisabeth Allen
Merck Scholar
Breanna Marie Arbes
The William M. and Sandra Stout Endowed Prize Fund in Education, Theodore M. Slabey Prize in Mathematics
Claire Atherton
Mazingira Award
Zachary James Baker
Megan M. Barrett
Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Megan Alexandra Bollman
Barbara Butler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award, The Irene Kennedy Williams Endowed Prize
Elizabeth Grace Boyles
Christian Andrew Buckley
Edward Moffat Weyer Prize in Philosophy
Nathaniel Eric Ciepley
Noah Spencer Cohen
Juan Felipe Couso
Alexis J. Creyer
Courtney R. Crouch
Jonathan Paul DeVito
Alec Christopher Drabish
Joshua Richard Emde
Joseph Anthony Franjione
Adam J. Hryckko
Dr. Delia Lagar and George Jaques Böhm Endowed Prize, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Sarah Jesse Imbarlina
Yiping Jiang
Magellan Project: Kelso Award, Scholar in Psychology
Eric Andrew Kmett
Kayley Marie Long
Christopher Stephen Madia
Nico Anthony Marchitello
Kaylee Rae Marshe
Scholar in Psychology
Benjamin Alan Marsico
Jamie Lynn Mastropietro
Sara Alison Maute
2LT
Payton Marie McAninch
Mark Edward Mizikar
Ema Lizet Oroxom
Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Joshua B. Palma
Merck Scholar
Troy Landon Palmer
Zachary David Platto
The Nicholas C. and Josephine C. Tucci Memorial Scholarship Prize in Music
Nicholas Michael Podlogar
Katelyn Prevenslik
John K. Shook
Taylor E. Smydo
Ashtyn Kylee Sparrow
Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Samantha Diane Stangl
Magellan Project: Geary Award
Marisa X. Sykes
Jude Samer Subhi Taha
The James W. Gargano Memorial Award
Abigail Dawn Vuick
Shawn Michael Wallbillich
Mazingira Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award, Prize in Environmental Studies
Samara Wendel
Magellan Project: Geary Award
Callie Elizabeth Yowler
Abigail Rose Abraham
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Grace N. Abror
  Matthew Brown Fellowship
Jacob Michael Adams
Paige Kathleen Adams
  The William M. and Saundra Stout Endowed Prize Fund in Education, The James W. Hanna Prize in Education
Mazat Alafandi
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Alexander R. Albright
Adam Charles Alexander
Joshua Taylor Altman
Spenser Thomas Anderson
  The James W. Hanna Prize in Education
Benjamin Douglas Andresky
Zia Noelle Angell
Halie Shaye Ankeny
  Magellan Project: Geary Award
Jade Annaldo
Amanda Jean Ansell
Thomas H. Anton
  The Charles P. Eaton Prize for Entrepreneurial Studies
Joshua R. Armstrong
Justin A. Baierl
Alec James Ballard
  W. Edward Sell Distinguished Service Award
Brandon Barnes
Jamie Mae Barton
Patrick G. Bebie
Matthew Thomas Benicky
Megan Elizabeth Berard
Ryan James Berback
Hayden P. Bergad
Kevin Jack Bergen
  J. Robert Maxwell '43 Student Internship
Frankie Bernard
Richard Ezekiel Berner
Julia Paige Bernesser
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Patrick Shane Blackwell
Kayla Marie Boulas
Mark Stephen Bowers
Madison Anne Bowser
Evan M. Brown
Ashlee Elizabeth Bruecken
Shane Tyler Burkhart
Michael Christopher Bury
Julie Ann Bush
  Magellan Project: Walker Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Emilee R. Byers
  The Robert L. ’40 and Connie Ceisler Pre-Law English Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Jasmine Victoria Campuzano
  Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award, Magellan Project: Walker Award
Nicholas Anthony Carr
Sofia N. Carrasco
  The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award, Scholar in International Studies
Leslie Carson
Charles Joseph Ciafre
Frederick Charles Clark
  Scholar in Music
Samuel Michael Clark
Patrick Lewis Corwin
  Magellan Project: Geary Award
Makenzie A. Coughlin
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Ashleigh S. Cowan
Morgan Marie Coyle
Robert C. Craig
Anthony Raymond D’Amico
Joseph James Dancsecs
Dung Tien Dang
  Magellan Project: Geary Award
Jacob Howard Darr
Richard Giovanni Delprato
Ryan Beeman DeMayo
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Marygrace Depp
  Magellan Project: Walker Award
Sarah Elise Edwards
  Magellan Project: Walker Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Jansen Robert Eichenlaub
Abigail Rae Elias
Gabriella Faddool
Ashlynn Elizabeth Faulkner
Bartolomeo Ferrara
Courtney Nicole Finney
Marissa Lynn Fircak
Cecilia C. Fitzgerald
Mechin A. Flowers
Taylor Margaret Forsythe
Sara Nicole Franco
Cameron Sienna Frawley
Rachel A. Fromm
Gracy J. Frost
  Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics
Kristen Nicole Fuertes
Julia A. Galbraith
Mahek Jagvut Gandhi
Brandon Geddes
Ian M. Geister
  Mazingira Award
George Emery Gilman
Lauren M. Griswold
Nicholas Joseph Guercio
Chad Michael Gurdish
Dylan Gwinn
Taylor Raeanne Hair
Caitlyn Ashley Hall
Diamond Dejoun Hamilton
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Zhuo Han
Evan Robert Hannan
Maxwell R. Hartman
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Kailee Janice Havrda
Ciara Noelle Hegadorn
Patrick Brennen Heidecker
Michael John Heinl
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Joshua M. Hellbley
Weston Thomas Henley
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Brachman Joseph Herzig
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Austin Homerosky
  The Charles P. Eaton Prize for Entrepreneurial Studies
Carli Gioia Hopkin
Alexandra H. House
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
River S. Icenhour
  Matthew Brown Fellowship
Aaron David Ivinski
Emily Lynne Jacko
Tanner P. Jackson
Alexandra Elaine Jakubow
Adam Jaworski
Karsyn M. Jimenez
  Frederick J. and Frances Jeanne Frank Prize for Leadership in the Communication Arts
Eun Ju Jong
  The CIS Award for Interdisciplinary Computing
Matthew Alphonzo Charle Kanan
Rohit Kartan
  Magellan Project: Geary Award
Katelyn Marie Kearney
Isaiah Douglas James Keller
Malik Lawrence Kelson
Nevin Khalil
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Hyun Jae Kim
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Halea Alexis Kohl
Nolan Robert Kosh
Madison McLain Krol
Hannah R. Lacey
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Brooke Elizabeth Lapia
Rae Alexa LaRochelle
Alexandra Grace Leasure
Jozef Edmund Leech
Nicolas Legare
Jesse M.L. Lesko
Samuel H. Lex
Xiaoyang Li
Binyou Li
Haley Nicole Maglin
Chloe Scoyez Magyari
Gianni Francis Mangino
Chandler R. Marteeny
Alessandro Francesco Martin
Terence Minor Martin
Andrea Martinez
Gia Martucci
Hamzah Victor Massaquoi
Anosh Martin Matti
Seaghan Houston-Miller McBride
Collin Michael McClaine
Jillian Joan McElhaney
Margaret Anne McQuaid
Stephen Joseph Mehlbbaum
Brianna Elizabeth Meyer
Richard Anthony Mezza
Jacob Mikesell
Lauren Paige Miller
Alexis Olivia Miller
Bailey Samuel Miller
Kara Nichole Miller
Alexander Robert Miller
Wandile Sizathshile Mncube
Daniel Mochan
Cyril Evan Moerschbacher
Noah R. Morales
Tymothy Ezra Moyer
Tasha Changu Mwanakalando
Katrin Nalbantova
Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Adam Thomas Napotnik
Brandan James Newman
Kurt Brennen Niklaus
Mallory Marie O’Brien
Emmanuel A. Ofori-Mensah
Gary James Olson
Vincent Orrico
Ryan F. Pallone
Vincent A. Palm
Monica Heewon Park
Magellan Project: Kelso Award, Fulbright Award
Dana Parker
Zachary Paul Parr
Madison Leigh Partington
Christian L. Payne
Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Julia Ann Plasynski
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Anthony Popeck
Jordan Marie Porzio
Benjamin Nicholas Priolo
Gavin Pritchard
Tyler Rainear
Alexander James Richards
Genea A. Richardson
Matthew Brown Fellowship
Matthew T. Rowe
Zachary Joseph Russell
Laura Catherine Ryder
Colin Randall Sappenfield
Lawrence Zachary Schrott
Mason M. Secreti
Rianna Maree Seighman
Albert Isaiah Shackelford
Nathaniel L. Shaffer
Mazingira Award
Dylan Leslie Shepherd
Frances Isabel Sinclair
Kelsea Michelle Siter
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Alyssa Joy Skrinjorich
Troy Daniel Smith
  Magellan Project: Walker Award
Jade Kylie Smith
Theodore Arthur Somes
  The Robert Harbison Bible Prize, The Coblentz-Silliman Leadership Prize
Nicholas James Spehar
Sowmya Srinivasan
Brittney Ann-Elizabeth Staley
Sean M. Stinelli
Brianna C. Sutherland
  Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Kelsey Morgan Teeter
Kyle Teeter
  Mazingira Award
Jordon Templeton Harris
  Magellan Project: Geary Award, The Coblentz-Silliman Leadership Prize
John Charles Teslovich
  Magellan Project: Geary Award
Nicholas O. Thomas
Thomas Richard Thompson
Abigail Dorothy Tolbert
Chad Michael Tonks
Olivia E. Trauner
Hailey E. Treloar
Erica Lynn Tronetti
  The Trelka Prize for Original Research in the Life Sciences
William Dayshawn Tucker
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

Elar Daniel Velasco
Carolina Velazco
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
Logan Marie Vuchinich
Jared James Walker
Sara Anna Marie Walls
Dominic Louis Walter
Benjamin Michael Ward
Sydnie J. Wargin
  Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award
Savannah L. Warner
Kara E. Waters
Virginia Leigh Weber
  Magellan Project: Kelso Award
John Thomas Weldon
Donald P. West
Jordan Michael West
Taylor Nicole West
Katelyn Sophia White
Chynna L. Wilcox
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award
Quint Wiles
Michael Ny’jir Williams
Michelle K. Yamamori
Yinghong Yan
Cody Allen Yoder
Sami K. Zimmo
  Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

The Commencement Program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of degree recipients. Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded only to candidates who successfully complete all requirements by established deadlines.
Maxwell Box, Psychology
Title of Project: “Predicting Counterproductive Work Behavior: Exploration of an Alternative Personality Inventory”
Honors Project Director: Elizabeth Bennett, Ph.D.

Alec C. Drabish, Psychology
Title of Project: “Victim and Observer Perceptions and Misperceptions of Organizational Justice”
Honors Project Director: Elizabeth Bennett, Ph.D.

Benjamin Freedman, Biochemistry
Title of Project: “Examination of Fibroblast-Derived Components Within the Stromal Environment in Human Prostate Cancer”
Honors Project Director: Candy DeBerry, Ph.D.

Sara Alison Maute, Chemistry
Title of Project: “Solid-State Synthesis of Coordination Compounds”
Honors Project Director: Deborah A. Polvani, Ph.D.

Collin McClaine, Economics and Computing and Information Studies
Title of Project: “The Economic Impact of Publicly Announced Security Breaches”
Honors Project Directors: Leslie Dunn, Ph.D. and Amanda Holland-Minkley, Ph.D.

Rianna Maree Seighman, Psychology
Title of Project: “Stress and Trauma in the Correctional Environment: Identifying the Impact on Inmates and Staff”
Honors Project Director: Elizabeth Bennett, Ph.D.

Laurel Sipe, Economics
Title of Project: “Entrepreneurial Metropolitans & the Socioeconomic Factors that Drive Them”
Honors Project Director: Robert Dunn, Ph.D.

Jordan Thomas, History
Honors Project Director: Leah Goldman, Ph.D.

Erica Tronetti, Psychology
Title of Project: “Opioid Addiction Treatment: The Effectiveness of Medically Assisted Treatment Compared to Other Types of Therapy”
Honors Project Director: Michael Crabtree, Ph.D.
ABOUT THE HONORS PROJECT

The Academic Status Committee, with the assistance of the Office of Academic Affairs, oversees the College's program for graduation with honors in an area of study. To achieve honors, a student must display academic excellence beyond the classroom by successfully completing a substantial research or creative project, beyond regular classwork, in any area of study offered by the College. A project worthy of honors is well researched, well crafted and makes an identifiable contribution to its field of study. In addition, the student should be able to communicate, by written and oral means, the details, rationale and value of the project to specialists and nonspecialists alike. To qualify for honors, students should have an overall grade point average of 3.20 or above. When the honors project is complete, usually by the middle of the spring term, the student's work will be judged by faculty in the area of study; the student's effectiveness of communication to a college-wide audience will be judged by faculty both inside and outside the area of study. Successful completion of these requirements will earn the student honors, to be awarded by the College in the student's area of study.
A NOTE ON ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic costume worn at American college exercises dates back to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools in the Middle Ages, when both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of the time, worn not only for special occasions but also for daily dress.

The head covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy to protect their tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet and tassel are still worn by graduates of European universities, but at American universities, the bonnet has been replaced with a mortarboard.

The hood (the medieval caputium) was originally a covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first, the hood was worn by faculty and students alike, but in the early sixteenth century it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree holder. Today, each college uses distinctive colors in the hood linings to distinguish their graduates in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval roba and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the Middle Ages, undergraduate and graduate students could be distinguished by the elaborate nature of their gowns, and this practice continues 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 velvet lining of most hoods is colored according to academic degree, with the Ph.D. (regardless of field of study) traditionally represented by dark blue. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown and the velvet bars on the sleeves are traditionally either black or the color appropriate to the academic degree (with Ph.D. signified by dark blue). The colors for other academic degrees are as follows:

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