

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR

COMMENCEMENT



MAY 4TH, 2025

MISSION

Concordia University Ann Arbor is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world.

OUR HISTORY

Concordia University stands on 150 acres overlooking the Huron River. Once a home to people of the Chippewa, Ottawa, Potawatomi, Huron and Miami nations, the campus is bisected by Geddes Road, formerly the Potawatomi Trail, an old Indian highway. In the spring of 1680, the French explorer LaSalle became the first European to view the campus site. The earliest settler of the land was Elnathan Botsford, one of the first residents of Ann Arbor, who arrived in 1825. In 1917, Harry Boyd Earhart purchased the property.

As a philanthropist, Mr. Earhart's interests focused on education, religion and charity. In the late 1950s, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod began a search for a site to build a college. The Earhart estate was purchased in the early 1960s and construction commenced. On September 30, 1962, Lutherans from across Michigan gathered on the grounds to install the cornerstone of a building that would soon become the centerpiece of a new college. The motto inscribed on the cornerstone, "That in All Things Christ Might Have Preeminence," set the tone and function for the Chapel of the Holy Trinity and the surrounding buildings that would embody the college.

Concordia College, Ann Arbor was dedicated in 1963 as a junior college. That year, Concordia was granted the right to award the Associate of Arts degree by the State of Michigan. The expansion of the college to a four-year institution with the right to award the Bachelor of Arts degree was approved by the State in 1976. In 2000, the State approved the graduate program and awarding of a Master of Science degree. In July 2001 the name was officially changed to Concordia University. In July 2013, a merger between Concordia University Ann Arbor and Concordia University Wisconsin became official.

In 2015, the university purchased a former law school building located just over two miles north of the main campus. The 84,5000-square-foot "North Building" now houses various health-care focused academic programs.

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BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

May 4th, 2025

Christ Our Firm Foundation • 1 Samuel 2:2

How is a Baccalaureate service different from a graduation exercise? Quite simply the graduation or commencement exercise celebrates the fact that a student has completed all the academic work required in order to earn a certain degree. A baccalaureate service celebrates the calling of God in that person's life into a specific vocation. During our service today, the hymns and the Scripture readings celebrate the fact that God in His grace is calling these women and men into his service in various ways and in various fields, from business to education to the arts. Our prayer of thanksgiving is that they joyfully hear God's call in their life, confident that His plans for them are good plans.

The Prelude

John W. Boonenberg, DMA
Kreft Endowed Chair in Music
Director of Choral Activities & Church Music

Please stand as the Processional starts

The Processional Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 549 (v. 1-3, 6, 7)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all. | 6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all. |
| 2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all. | 7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all. |
| 3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all. | |

The Invocation

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD
Campus Pastor

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

The Choral Anthem

*"Love Never Fails"
Composed by Reginal Wright
The Concordia Choir*

Love never fails.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it keeps no record of wrongs.

It is not easily angered, not self-seeking.

It does not delight in evil, but love rejoices in truth.

Protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres, love never fails.

The First Reading

*Acts 9:1-22
3rd Sunday of Easter*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

*1 Samuel 2:1-5
School Theme Verses*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C: [sung] **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14
3rd Sunday of Easter

L: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: [sung] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: [sung] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated

The Hymn of the Day

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
LSB 549 (v. 1, 3, 4)

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| 1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity. | 4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die. |
| 3. Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes
At mysteries so bright. | |

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
Text: Public domain

The Sermon

Rev. Daniel Gard, PhD

Please stand

The Song of Response

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"
Worship Arts Ensemble

1. Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me
is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

Chorus 1

He won't. He won't.

2. I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes
no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

Chorus 2

He won't. He won't.
He won't fail.
He won't fail. (no)

Misc. 1

(Oh) Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
(And) I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
(REPEAT)

Misc. 2

Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

Chorus 3

He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail no He won't

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The Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, did and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
For thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Special Presentations

Presentation of Academic Awards

Erin Laverick, PhD

Associate Vice President of Academic & Student Success

Presentation of Zondervan Awards

Rev. Scott Yakimow, PhD

Professor of Theology

The Prayers of Parents

Parents stand and respond with the bold text

Heavenly Father, You reminded us that our children are Yours

and You gave us grace for every moment.

It feels like it was yesterday that they were so small

and we wondered how to hold them, but You reminded us we are all in Your hands.

We questioned how will we provide for them

but You told us that we don't have to worry because You meet all our needs.

Life is rarely easy

but You are our refuge and fortress and we trust in You.

We wonder what their future holds

but You remind us that You direct our steps.

So as our children are becoming adults, we humbly request:

Your peace in the midst of the storms.

Your strength in our weakness.

Your wisdom to guide us in the journey.

We commit these graduates to You and Your purposes

and we take this opportunity to pray a blessing directly over our kids.

Graduates as you leave the campus today,

We pray for godly discernment to protect you and keep you.

May you always remain humble, kind, and compassionate.

May you always defend the truth.

May you reflect the light of Christ into the darkness.

May your spirit grow bold for God's calling on your life.

As you rest in God's care,

we rest in the knowledge that God has your best in mind. He loves you even more than we do. Lord, we acknowledge our complete dependence on You.

We commit our children to Your care.

In the Holy name of Jesus we pray.

AMEN!

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Gentlemen put on their caps for the Recessional

The Hymn of the Day

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your foot-stool, heav'n
Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

The Preacher

Rev. Daniel Gard, PhD
Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
Former President of Concordia University Chicago
Father of graduate Caleb Gard

The Liturgist

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD
Campus Pastor

The Lector

Rev. Scott Yakimow, PhD
Professor of Theology

The Organist

John W. Boonenberg, DMA
Kreft Endowed Chair in Music
Director of Choral Activities & Church Music

Brass Ensemble

William M. Perrine, PhD
Associate Professor of Music
Director of Instrumental Activities

The Concordia Choir & Worship Arts Ensemble

John W. Boonenberg, DMA
Kreft Endowed Chair in Music
Director of Choral Activities & Church Music

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF 2025

May 4th, 2025

The Prelude

John W. Boonenberg, DMA

Please stand

The Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance"
Edgar Elgar

[Gentlemen please remove caps now and throughout the Service]

The Invocation

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

The Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-2
2024-25 Theme Verses

The Welcome

Erin K. Laverick, PhD
Associate Vice President of Academic & Student Success

The Student Address

Rachel Yuhas
*Bachelor of Science, Marketing
Waterford, MI*

Presentation of the Christus Primus Award

Erin K. Laverick, PhD

Recognition of the Outstanding Alumnus Award

Erin K. Laverick, PhD

The Commencement Address

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

Please stand

The Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 790

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

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| <p>3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.</p> | <p>4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.</p> |
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Please be seated

The Presentation of the Candidates

Michael P. Duffy, MS
Interim Campus Executive

Erin K. Laverick, PhD

The Conferring of Degrees

Erin K. Laverick, PhD

Please stand

The Prayer & Benediction

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

The Recessional

Concordia Wind Ensemble

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

The Interim Campus Executive

Michael P. Duffy, MS

The AVP of Academic & Student Success

Erin K. Laverick, PhD

The Campus Pastor

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

Professor of English

Neal Migan, PhD

The Commencement Speaker

Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

The Student Speaker

Rachel Yuhas

The Marshals

Steve Hendrix, EdD
Sara Clemm von Hohenberg, EdD
Kristin M. Shuman, EdD

The Crucifer

Reggie Kehoe, OTD

Concordia Brass Ensemble

William M. Perrine, PhD

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES MAY 2025

Graduation Honors

An undergraduate 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

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Fasiha Asad

Occupational Therapy

Syelee Doshi

Occupational Therapy

Molly Dwornick

Occupational Therapy

Amanda Fredrickson

Occupational Therapy

Daiyajot Grewal

Occupational Therapy

Larissa Kilgore

Occupational Therapy

Sarah Matlock

Occupational Therapy

Makenzie Muoio

Occupational Therapy

Addison Nordquist

Occupational Therapy

Mckenzie Peters

Occupational Therapy

Rachel Provo

Occupational Therapy

Allyssa Ryeson

Occupational Therapy

Master of Arts

Benjamin Penhallegon

Digital Humanities

Master of Business Administration

Ryan Exell

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Kenna Millhouse

Management

Vyshonn Munson

Human Resource Management

Michele MaryAnn Peter

Management

Harrison Ryan

Leadership

Brody Smith

Management

Andrew Sweitzer

Accounting

Brandon Wade

Leadership

Kyriakos Wixom

Management

James Wressel

Leadership

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Paige Anderson

Athletic Training

Samantha Kohls

Athletic Training

Hannah Laho

Athletic Training

Luke Neuhaus

Athletic Training

Paulo Pulido

Athletic Training

Tim Relou

Athletic Training

Master of Science in Leadership

Wyatt O'Brien

Leadership

Master of Science

Nalani Adams

Curriculum & Instruction

Savannah Arnold

Child Life

Karsyn Ashbaugh

Curriculum & Instruction

Dwayne Back

Curriculum & Instruction

Andrew Backus

Curriculum & Instruction

Alyssa Ballestero

Educational Leadership

Brent Bloom

Curriculum & Instruction

Garry Cantrell

Curriculum & Instruction

Karen Crist

Curriculum & Instruction

Kelly Docsa

Curriculum & Instruction

Gina Dvorin

Curriculum & Instruction

Jamie Enger

Curriculum & Instruction

Kendra Ernst

Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education

LaDonna Hawthorne

Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education

Veronika Johnson

Curriculum & Instruction

David Kehoe

Curriculum & Instruction - ESL

Jennifer Ketchum Thibault

Educational Leadership

Greer Lassey

Curriculum & Instruction

Beverly Lawyer

Curriculum & Instruction - ESL

Erin Marcis

Educational Leadership

Jake Marmul

Educational Leadership

Regina Miller

Curriculum & Instruction

Jessica Morrison

Curriculum & Instruction

Ian Ponsetto

Curriculum & Instruction

Tamara Reif-Kim

Curriculum & Instruction

Ciara Richardson

Curriculum & Instruction

Nathan Saed

Curriculum & Instruction

Caitlin Satler

Curriculum & Instruction

Abby Sayen

Curriculum & Instruction

Yusra Siddiqui Saleh

Curriculum & Instruction

Jamin Stewart

Curriculum & Instruction

Kendall Todd

Curriculum & Instruction

Kelly Warnos

Curriculum & Instruction

Jeanna Watts

Curriculum & Instruction

Michelle White

Special Education Learning Disabilities

Sarah Witte

Curriculum & Instruction

Master of Social Work

Nadia Di Berardo

Social Work

Associate of Arts

Trenton Baugh

Arts & Sciences

Owen Buning

Arts & Sciences

Ethan Burrows***

General Business

Rachael Byers***

General Business

Dominic Catallo***

General Business

John Clark

Arts & Sciences

Marek Drennan

Arts & Sciences

Angel Elizondo

General Business

Ava Funk

Arts & Sciences

Elizabeth Hines*

General Business

Courtney Kalahar***

Educational Studies

Robert Klinger

General Business

Evan Korunka***

General Business

Ethan Krupansky***

Arts & Sciences

Sarah Lawcock*

Arts & Sciences

Emma Leinberger**

Arts & Sciences

Emmi Liptow*

General Business

Ignacio Lopez Rojo

General Business

Kiera Love

Arts & Sciences

Kaleigh McClelland

Arts & Sciences

Maiya Miller

Arts & Sciences

Makenzie Minge***

Arts & Sciences

MacKenzie Morgan**

General Business

Hayden Prone

General Business

Joseph Pruchnic

Arts & Sciences

Connor Rogus*

General Business

Mara Strock

General Business

Cullen Sylvester

General Business

Jayde Ullenbruch

Arts & Sciences

Bailey Van Meter

Educational Studies

Madalyne Wieneke

General Business

Bachelor of Arts

Vicente Aravena-Rodriguez

Biblical Studies

Taylor Armstrong

Elementary Education - Integrated Science

Jackson Blough***

Psychology

Samuel Botzum

History

Benjamin Brenner

English

Patrick Broderick

Psychology

Sabrina Buccì

Elementary Education

Molly Burks

Mass Communication

Sarah Dameron*

Creative Studies

Harmon Devries***

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Grace Dodgson**

Secondary Education - English

Gabe Dowling*

Secondary Education - Social Studies/
Special Education

William Dowling*

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Hannah Duchene

K-12 Physical Education & Health

Noah Finley

Mass Communication

Lauren Fowler

Family Life Ministry

Caleb Gard*

Church Music

Noah Gondick

Psychology

Emily Greer

Elementary Education - Special Education

Madeline Grueter***

Psychology

Michael Hart*

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Derek Hebner*

K-12 Physical Education & Health

Julia Hirt***

Elementary Education - Special Education

Emilee Hughes

Exercise Science

Morgan Jenkins*

Elementary Education

Hollie Johnson***

Elementary Education - Social Studies

Nicole Koops***

Psychology

Abigail Landskroener**

Elementary Education - Early Childhood
Education

Payton Lewis*

Elementary Education - Math

Abigail Long***

Digital Media Design: Social Media

Abigail Lupescu***

Music

Megan Martin*

Elementary Education - Special Education

Paige Martin

Business Health Care

Nya Martinez

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Julia McGuire***

Elementary Education - Special Education

Julie McLaughlin*

Psychology

Jackson Miles

Family Life Ministry

Drew Murphy

Elementary Education

Brenden Murray

Exercise Science

Colin Nash

Applied Theology

Tristen Needham**

Secondary Education - Math

Mahala Nelson

Ethical Biology Studies

Megan Neumann*

Elementary Education - Early Childhood
Education

Bradley Oltersdorf

Secondary Education - Integrated Science

Aaron Ortega

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Samantha Pomponio***

Elementary Education - Language Arts

Nathan Porter

Studies in Social Welfare

Giovanni Potestato

Digital Media Design: Social Media

Ryan Robinson

Secondary Education - Social Studies

Grace Sandlin***

Elementary Education - Language Arts

Morgan Scott

Elementary Education - Language Arts

Jarod Segal

Exercise Science

Scott Smith*

K-12 Physical Education & Health

Paige Staton***

Elementary Education - Early Childhood Education

Quinn Stefanski

Elementary Education - Special Education

Jorell Stephens

Exercise Science

Caitlyn Travaglia*

Elementary Education - Early Childhood Education

Hunter Yeakey

Mass Communication

Bachelor of Science**Madelyn Ankoviak**

Biology

Lauren Benoit

Justice and Public Policy

Nicholas Bradford

General Business

Brooke Brauer

Health Care Management

Elyse Brittain

Sport & Entertainment Business

Patrick Broderick

Justice and Public Policy

Marcus Bugeja**

Sport & Entertainment Business

Jack Burnett**

Management

David Cagle

Health Care Management

Mason Canfield

Finance

Jake Caron

Entrepreneurship

Alexander Czyzewski*

Accounting

Ryan Dixon

Biology

Mallory DuRussel*

Biomedical Sciences

Carson Ediger

Sport & Entertainment Business

Raul Elizondo

General Business

Julianna Evans**

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Eve Fair*

Management

Kameron Farnham

Accounting

Logan Fleming

General Business

Isabella Gambino

Hospitality & Event Business

Jordan Garcia

Sport & Entertainment Business

Chloe Gunter

General Business

Caleb Harmond

General Business

Jeffery Harrison

Biology

Logan Hylek

General Business

Evan Jasiak

Accounting/Finance

Jason Jergens***

Finance

Richard Johnson

General Business

Sara Jory

Biology

Kendall Kahl

Justice and Public Policy

Ellison Kallner***

Biomedical Sciences

Liam Kenney

Sport & Entertainment Business

Dylan Kints

General Business

Justin Kozlowski***

Finance

Ella Kritzman*

Biology

Lily Kueber

Computer Science: Software Engineering

Jacob Kuhlman

General Business

Conner Lackey

Sport & Entertainment Business

Tyler Lawson*

General Business

Isabella Lee*

Health Care Management

Jan Lloveras Freixas**

Marketing

Matthew Mahoney

Justice and Public Policy

Jillian McCall**

Finance

Emily McCalla

Management

Olivia McComas**

Biomedical Sciences

Aldo Mejia-hans

General Business

Emily Morris

Sport & Entertainment Business

Logan Morris*

Sport & Entertainment Business

Alana Mortimer*

Management

Logan Nahrwold-Settle**

Management

Evangelos Ntellas

Generalized Biological & Business Study

Arielle Oakley*

General Business/Marketing

Sydney Orkisz*

Justice and Public Policy

Elijah Permesang

Management

Alexander Piotrowski

Sport & Entertainment Business

Evan Pittenger

General Business

Payton Pizzala

General Business

Ethan Pollard*

General Business

Luis Ramirez

Sport & Entertainment Business

Breanna Ray**

Management

Kenneth Rozmys

Accounting

Bryce Schaner

Marketing

Jarod Segal

General Business

Anthony Seykora

Sport & Entertainment Business

Emma Shore*

Marketing

Andrew Simmons

General Business

David Smalls

Justice and Public Policy

Kenneth Soderberg

Radiologic Technology

Benjamin Steele

General Business

Sean Stone

Computer Science: Software Engineering

Benjamin Tadych

General Business

Brayden Tayles**

Justice and Public Policy

Laine Thompson

Justice and Public Policy

Carter VanManen

General Business

Ryan VanSlambrouck*

Sport & Entertainment Business

Jorja Vartoogian

Public Relations

Marcus Villagomez

Accounting

Blake Weaver

Finance

Mckenzie Weber*

Rehabilitation Science

Aaron West*

Accounting

Gibson Wilke

Accounting

Kyle Winslow*

Sport & Entertainment Business

Tyler Wressel

Rehabilitation Science

Travis Wright

Finance

Mason Wyllis

Sport & Entertainment Business

Rachel Yuhas***

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Rev. Randall S. Duncan, EdD

Rev. Dr. Randy Duncan is the Campus Pastor and adjunct professor at Concordia University Ann Arbor. Before receiving the Call to Concordia University Ann Arbor, Randy served as the Senior Pastor of a congregation he planted in Plymouth, Michigan named Living Word Lutheran Church. He is a graduate of Concordia, Ann Arbor (where he met his wife)

and received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Randy received his Doctor of Education degree from Concordia University Wisconsin.

Rev. Dr. Randy Duncan has planted nine churches. He has been a missionary church planter among the Gypsy population of North America, and has assisted in the planting of churches in Cote d' Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa, among the Krahn tribe. He was the founding missionary of a mission society named People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, which is dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus cross-culturally with the Arab and Pakistani populations in North America. Randy is a co-author of the Concordia Publishing House book "Lutheranism 101" and his personal mission is to know Jesus more fully in order to make Him more fully known. He and his wife, Amy, live in Brighton, Michigan, and have six children—Joshua, Christopher, Heather, Jackson, Joseph, and Grace.

Academic Apparel

One of the most colorful features of an academic procession is the appearance of the faculty, members of the governing board, and guests of the University in full academic regalia. These caps, gowns, and hoods have long histories dating back to the Middle Ages. American universities and colleges have adopted a standard code of academic garb.

The design of the gown, the color of the tassel, and the pattern, length, and colors of the hood all have special significance. The bachelor's gown is closed at the throat and has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, tapering at the back in a square cut which ends in an arc cutaway. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves, each with three bars of velvet or chevrons. The colored tassel of the cap signifies the college granting the degree.

The most colorful part of the costume, however, is the hood. The color of the velvet trim indicates the faculty or department of learning in which the degree was granted. The width corresponds to the level of the degree. The colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Velvet Colors

Apricot – nursing

Brown – fine arts

Citron – social work

Copper – economics

Crimson – communications, journalism

Dark blue – philosophy

Drab – accounting, business

Gold – computer science, healthcare administration, mathematics, psychology, science

Lemon – library science

Light blue – education

Midnight blue – criminal justice

Orange – engineering

Pink – music

Peacock – public policy

Purple – law

Sage – athletic training, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, physical education

Scarlet – theology

White – counseling, English, history, humanities, liberal arts, mathematics, sociology, student personnel administration





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