

Wartburg College Commencement

Saturday, the Twenty-Fourth of May Two Thousand Twenty-Five



Wartburg College Commencement

One Hundred and Seventy-Third Year

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

HOOVER FIELDHOUSE & TRACK

Ohle Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

*Academic Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar

Ethan Nemitz '27, Macebearer

Tony Hobson '27 and Haylee DeLong '26, Wartburg Flag Carriers
Students with Flags Representing Countries of the 2025 Graduates
Dr. Christine DeVries and Dr. Todd Reiher, College Marshals
Wartburg College Board of Regents
Wartburg College Vice Presidents

MaTina Clark, Registrar

Alexis Larson '26 and Austin Souhrada '28, Processional Ushers

Master of Arts Candidates & Class of 2025 Emeriti Faculty & Faculty

Members of the Class of 1975

Platform Party

*Invocation

The Rev. Maggie Falenschek, Dean of Spiritual Life and Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair

Welcome

Mike McCoy, Chair, Wartburg College Board of Regents

Introduction of Student Speakers

Greg Kneser, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Student Remarks

Brandon Goetz

Lennon Schriever

Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Rebecca Ehretsman, President

Charge to the Class of 2025

President Ehretsman

Alumni Induction

Alicia Faust '12, Alumni Board President

*Wartburg Loyalty Song

College of our brightest days, Unto thee we chant our praise.

Ne'er thy name shall cease to be a most happy memory.

Thine the spirit we love best, Finest in the East or West,

And we sing with loyalty: Wartburg College, hail to thee!

*Closing Blessing

Chaplain Falenschek

Academic Recessional

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FACULTY

Wartburg College, in appreciation and respect, here records the names and years of service of those members of the faculty who are retiring from full-time service to the college.

Dr. Jennifer Larson, Associate Professor of Music (2007-2025)

Susan Meyeraan, Associate Professor of Business Administration (2004-2025)

Pamela Ohrt, Associate Professor of Journalism & Communication (2004-2025)

Dr. Todd Reiher, Professor of Psychology (1991-2025)

Dr. Suzanne Torkelson, Professor of Music (1984-2025)

Dr. John Zelle, Professor of Computer Science (1986-1990, 1998-2025)

^{*}Assembly stands

STUDENT SPEAKERS



BRANDON GOETZ

Brandon Goetz, a psychology and sociology major from White Bear Lake, Minnesota, is representing the Class of 2025 as one of today's Commencement speakers. Following graduation, he will pursue a doctorate in counseling psychology at the University of Central Arkansas.

At Wartburg, Goetz participated in six service trips that took him across the U.S. He served as the student leader for three of those trips. He also spent a May Term in Rwanda, volunteering with Solid Africa and completing restorative justice training through the Kigali Genocide Memorial. On campus, he lived in The Residence, where his community service project paired him with a local church to address food insecurity.

Following his junior year, Goetz completed an undergraduate research internship at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where his team studied the scope of hate crime victimization in the south. Goetz also participated in Dance Marathon and was a member of Symphonic Band.

He is the son of Jonathan and Sarah Goetz.



LENNON SCHRIEVER

Lennon Schriever, a music performance major with a vocal emphasis, is representing the Class of 2025 as one of today's Commencement speakers. Originally from Ogden, Iowa, Schriever will intern at the Des Moines Metro Opera in summer arts administration. They also plan to pursue a graduate degree in vocal music performance.

At Wartburg, Schriever served as co-president of Wartburg Alliance, dedicated to educating and creating a safe space for all individuals and identities on campus. As a member of the Wartburg Players, he held roles as an actor, student director, and president, ensuring that theater opportunities were available to all students. He was also a member of the Wartburg Choir, participating in tours across the East Coast, southern U.S., and Europe. Most recently, he served as the student tour coordinator for the choir's tour of the Pacific Northwest.

They also served as an Orientation leader, worked for Meistersinger camps and festivals, and performed in Opera Workshop.

Schriever is the child of Erin and James Schriever.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry and dress of Commencement have been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood. It became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of the academic dress. Since the 15th century, both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control, even in its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definitive system in 1895. In 1932, the American Council of Education presented a revised code, which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today.

The Gown: The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally was worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree, and full bell sleeves for the doctor's degree. Bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimming. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The Cap: When Roman law freed slaves, they won the privilege of wearing a cap. Thus, the academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The color of faculty tassels denotes the discipline.

The Hood: The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the hood facing denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

Colors associated with the academic disciplines worn by the faculty are as follows:

White – English, French, German, Spanish, Speech

Copper – Economics

Light Blue - Education

Pink – Music, Music Therapy

Sage Green – Physical Education, Fitness Management, Exercise Science

Gold – Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems

Citron – History, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology Navy Blue - Philosophy

Orange – Engineering

Scarlet - Religion

Brown - Art

Crimson – Journalism & Communication, Electronic Media, Print Media, Public Relations

Lemon – Library Science

Drab – Business Administration, International Business, Management, Finance, Marketing, Accounting

Salmon – Public Health

MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP

Wartburg College has long been at the forefront of leadership education in higher education. The Institute for Leadership Education was formally established in 1989 with the creation of the Irving R. Burling Chair in Leadership, initially held by Dr. Fredric Waldstein. Defining leadership as "taking responsibility for our communities and making them better through public action," undergraduate students have learned about leadership largely through the leadership minor curriculum, which was implemented in 1998 and continues to be the largest minor at the college.

Due to the success of undergraduate leadership initiatives and the alignment of leadership within Wartburg's mission statement, the institution expanded leadership offerings beyond the bachelor's degree. The Wartburg Board of Regents approved the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Leadership (now Graduate Leadership Certificate) in 2018 and the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Leadership (now Master of Arts in Leadership) in 2020, enrolling the first cohort of Master of Arts in Leadership students in summer 2021.

Wartburg's cohort-based Master of Arts in Leadership is delivered entirely online and can be completed in under two years. Through an emphasis on real-world project implementation, students from varying industries and work sectors can address leadership challenges in their workplaces and communities. Students benefit not only from the expertise of instructors coming from different academic backgrounds and work experiences, but also from peers with equally varying experiences.

The black hood of the Wartburg College Master of Arts in Leadership graduates includes one orange chevron, representative of Wartburg College. The peacock blue edging represents the field of public administration, which is closely associated with how we define leadership at Wartburg College.

Class of 2025

Master of Arts in Leadership

Alexander Schroeder Buchheim

Waverly, Iowa

Jami Dare Waverly, Iowa

Daniel John Digmann

Mount Pleasant, Michigan

Alicia Faust

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Jermaine Martez Johnson

Baltimore, Maryland

Jennifer Marie McLain

Coralville, Iowa

Megan Pedersen

Denver, Iowa In Absentia

Kara Roeder Fairfax, Iowa

Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music

DaQuevion Keishawn Burke

Magna Cum Laude Music Education Music Performance Vocal Cedar Falls, Iowa

Bachelor of Music Education

Rylie Elizabeth Bainbridge

Magna Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Clarinet Cherokee, Iowa

Jonathan Francisco Pascual

Magna Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Vocal Ottumwa, Iowa

Abby Lynn Gaul

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Kappa Delta Pi Music Education Saxophone Guttenberg, Iowa

Jaylyn Marie Gibbs

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Clarinet
New Hartford, Iowa

Selma Laura Kleinsmith

Regents Scholar Music Education Percussion Solon, Iowa

* Stephen James Krcma

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Vocal
Stoughton, Wisconsin

Madison Taylor Martindale

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Vocal
Story City, Iowa

Jack Gregory McInnis

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Kappa Delta Pi Phi Eta Sigma Music Education Vocal Le Mars, Iowa

Allison Rose McQueen

Magna Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Vocal Fort Wayne, Indiana

Rhaena Elizabeth Reece

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Clarinet Cordova, Illinois

Matthew Michael Reis

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Tuba Davenport, Iowa

Alexis Nicole Rios

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Vocal Fort Wayne, Indiana

Nathan Lee Schindler

Music Education Vocal Welch, Minnesota

Samuel Yoon

Magna Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Education Vocal Albert Lea, Minnesota

Bachelor of Music

* Kalie Elizabeth Dalen

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Therapy Flute

Dallas Center, Iowa

* Elena Kathleen Ruth Downs

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Therapy Vocal Des Moines, Iowa

* Emma Jeanne Erkenbrack

Summa Cum Laude Regents Scholar Music Therapy Vocal Moorhead, Minnesota

* Brynn Elizabeth Hanson

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Therapy
Vocal
Sioux City, Iowa

* Adam James Schmuck

Music Therapy Oboe Denver, Colorado

Lennon James Schriever

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Bachelor of Science

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Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Stockton, Illinois

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Engineering Mechanical Engineering Waukon, Iowa

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Regents Scholar Engineering Mechanical Engineering Waukee, Iowa

Tucker James Kinney

Engineering Mechanical Engineering DeWitt, Iowa

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Magna Cum Laude
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Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Clear Lake, Iowa

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Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Urbandale, Iowa

Tyler Jacob Ott

Engineering Mechanical Engineering Fairbank, Iowa

Tyler Elden Portwood

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Mechanical Engineering
Oxford, Iowa

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Bellevue, Iowa

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Gregor William Kincaid

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* Simon Larsen

Art

Waterloo, Iowa

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Cum Laude (3.50-3.69 GPA) | Magna Cum Laude (3.70-3.84 GPA) | Summa Cum Laude (3.85-4.00 GPA)

Students awarded Summa Cum Laude academic honors received gold cords. Students recognized by their honor societies, based on cumulative grade point average and active membership, received other cords.

Regents Scholar signifies students who have received Regents Scholarships all four years.

Regents and Presidential Scholars received medals in recognition of this honor.

As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of degree and award recipients is tentative; the college reserves the right to withdraw or add names and make any other necessary changes. Honors listed in the program were determined at the end of Winter Term. Final honors will be noted on the diploma and transcript.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Departments may select outstanding seniors by major based on excellent academic record and exemplary service and leadership.

Mackenzie Barth — Social Work

Rachel Bender — Neuroscience

Sophia Broers — Art

Reagan Brooks — Journalism & Communication

Kathryn Christy — Elementary Education

Elena Downs — Music Therapy

Sydney Fellows — Mathematics Education,

Secondary Education

Valerie Feyen — Music

Layne Fober — Economics and

Environmental Science & Studies

Brandon Goetz — Psychology and Sociology

Tatum Grubbs — Physical Education

Gretchen Guetzlaff — Public Health

Emily Hansel — German

Isabella Hobson — Computer Science

Hazel Johnson — English

Natalie Kaiser — Chemistry

Mikayla Lies — Biochemistry

Allison McQueen — Music Education

Ellie Meyer — Biology

Alex Morgan — History, International Relations,

Political Science, and Religion

Molly Mullis — Business Administration

Clay Pehl — Exercise Science

Julia Rynkiewich — History Secondary Education

Lennon Schriever — Music Performance

Cody Spiegelhalter — Engineering

Brody Stark — Spanish

Aden Stroup — Mathematics

Camilla Wright — English Education

Britney Young — Accounting

Honors Community Graduates

The Honors Community (formerly known as the Scholars Program) is Wartburg's academic honors program. It strives to enrich honors students' Wartburg careers, emphasizing growth through deeper academic challenges, meaningful service activities, coursework, research, and other creative endeavors, culminating in a final thesis that they defend on Research, Internship, and Creative Endeavor (RICE) Day. The program is dedicated to improving honors students' academic and life skills so they learn to think more independently and critically while incorporating multiple disciplines and perspectives. Students who have successfully completed the program earn white stoles with orange trim and tips.

Reagan Brooks Gretchen Guetzlaff Isabella Hobson Kylea Neuendorf Karen Olvera Garcia Milagros Toribio Porras Ian Wetzler

Honor Societies

Alpha Chi

Promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students in all disciplines and honors those who achieve such distinction.

Alpha Kappa Delta

Promotes excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology and the research of social problems.

Beta Beta Beta

Improves the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extends the boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

Delta Mu Delta

Promotes higher scholarship in training for business and recognizes and rewards business administration students who have distinguished themselves scholastically.

Kappa Delta Pi

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in education.

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Promotes interest of mathematics among undergraduate students.

Lambda Pi Eta

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in communication arts and promotes philanthropic work.

Nu Rho Psi

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in neuroscience and promotes interest therein.

Phi Alpha

Fosters high standard of training for social workers and recognizes excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

Phi Alpha Theta

Promotes the study of history through encouragement of research, teaching, publication, and intellectual and social exchange.

Phi Eta Sigma

Encourages and rewards academic excellence among first-year students in institutions of higher learning.

Pi Gamma Mu

Encourages the study of the social sciences and recognizes outstanding achievement.

Psi Chi

Encourages, stimulates, and maintains excellence in scholarship and advances the science of psychology.

Sigma Alpha Pi

Recognizes students who have distinguished themselves in their commitment to leadership development.

Sigma Delta Pi

Recognizes excellence in the study of the Spanish language, civilization, and literature.

Sigma Pi Sigma

Recognizes scholarship in physics and promotes philanthropic work.

Theta Alpha Kappa

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in theology and religious studies.

FLAGS FOR 2025 COMMENCEMENT

Flags in the processional represent the countries of students who are participating in today's ceremony.

China

Red with a large yellow five-pointed star and four smaller yellow five-pointed stars

Congo

Three diagonal stripes of green, yellow, and red

Gambia

Three horizontal stripes of red, blue, and green, separated by thin white stripes

India

Three equal horizontal bands of saffron, white, and green with a blue chakra centered in white band

Japan

White with large red disk in center

Jordan

Three horizontal bands of black, white, and green, along with a red triangle on hoist side with white seven-pointed star

Liberia

Red and white horizontal stripes with white star on blue field near upper hoist

Maldives

Red field with green rectangle in center with white crescent

Nigeria

Three equal vertical bands of green and white

Peru

Three vertical stripes in red, white, and red

Somalia

Light blue field with single white five-pointed star in center

South Sudan

Three horizontal stripes of black, red, and green with two narrow white horizontal stripes in between and blue triangle at hoist with five-pointed yellow star

Sudan

Three horizontal bands of red, white, and black with green isosceles triangle based on hoist side

United Nations

Blue with white world map surrounded by olive branches, the symbol for peace

United States of America

Thirteen horizontal red and white stripes with a blue rectangle in upper hoist-side corner with 50 white stars

Other flags on display represent the countries of current and graduating Wartburg students.

Albania Kenya Australia Mexico Cameroon Mozambique Congo, Democratic Nepal Republic of Netherlands Ecuador Pakistan Palestine, State of Egypt El Salvador Philippines eSwatini Portugal Germany Serbia South Africa Ghana Guatemala Tanzania, United Honduras Republic of Thailand Hong Kong Indonesia Uganda Zambia Iraq

Zimbabwe

Kazakhstan

College Mace

The ceremonial mace is a symbol of Wartburg College's history designed by the late Arthur C. Frick, professor emeritus of art.

Like the ancient Roman standard-bearer or the legendary monarch, a mace leads a ceremony with tradition and grandeur. The Wartburg mace stands 80 inches tall and features an ornate cross, signifying Wartburg's heritage as a college of the church. Six smaller crosses projecting from the mace symbolize the six previous locations of the college. The style of the crosses is consistent with Wartburg's German heritage. Orange and black stones incorporated on the main cross and the base represent the official college colors.

The walnut staff features an engraving of the words "Faith and Learning," main elements of the college mission statement. The Martin Luther rose is placed prominently at the center of the main cross as the official seal of the college.

Class of 1975 Reunion

The Wartburg community offers a special welcome to members of the Class of 1975, on campus this weekend to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their commencement. Class members have participated in a variety of reunion activities, including lifelong learning sessions and social gatherings. Some of the class members and spouses who attended the reunion participated in the processional today.

GREENERY

Special thanks to the following firms whose donations provided plants and greenery for today's ceremony: CUSB Bank, Waverly and Shell Rock; Denver Savings Bank, Waverly; Fidelity Bank and Trust; First Bank; and Johnston Financial Services LLC.

UKNIGHT PLEDGE

Many members of the Class of 2025 have signed the UKnight Pledge, signifying their commitment to providing the support needed to further strengthen the Wartburg experience. The pledge reads: "I promise to participate in the life of the College, provide for Wartburg through financial gifts, and promote the College, as I am able, for the remainder of my life."

Sustainable Regalia

Green Weaver caps and gowns worn by today's graduates are made of recycled plastic bottles. Each gown keeps an average of 23 plastic bottles from the landfill.

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Wartburg College

Founded in 1852, Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. Together, we create an inclusive community combining diverse curricular and co-curricular experiences to prepare students to be resilient leaders of positive change through service in a complex world.

Wartburg's nearly 1,500 students, hailing from 38 U.S. states and 39 countries, create a community where each person is known and valued for the unique experiences and identities they bring to the college. Internationally recognized for leadership development, the college was one of only 25 schools to earn a Carnegie Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose, a classification that acknowledges Wartburg's commitment to advancing leadership in pursuit of public goods like justice, equity, diversity, and liberty.

The college offers undergraduate degrees in more than 80 areas of study in the arts and sciences. Our graduates achieve remarkable success after Wartburg, with exceptional placement rates in graduate programs, including an 82 percent placement rate in medical school — more than twice the national average. Those who begin their careers also find success, with new graduates landing meaningful opportunities at prestigious organizations like the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and John Deere. Wartburg offers a Master of Arts in Leadership, a Master of Science in High Performance, and a Master of Science in Sport Science and Data Analytics, and the college will continue to pursue innovative undergraduate and graduate programs aligned with our mission and strengths.

Wartburg's extensive co-curricular offerings include more than 15 music ensembles, 26 Division III athletic teams, and more than 50 student-led organizations. Wartburg's athletic teams are consistently ranked in the top 5 percent nationally, and the college has a 30-year streak of winning at least one individual or team national title. In addition to frequent performances throughout the United States, many of the college's music ensembles perform during the college's Christmas with Wartburg performances, which are viewed by thousands each year. Touring ensembles travel abroad during May Term, frequently visiting Wartburg Castle, the college's namesake in Eisenach, Germany.

Wartburg has a strong alumni base of nearly 25,000 graduates who enrich the life of the college through continued engagement with faculty, staff, and current students and upholding the rich traditions of the college through their participation in events like Homecoming & Family Weekend, UKnight Day, and alumni events around the world.



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