Wartburg College
Commencement

One Hundred and Seventieth Year

Sunday, the Twenty-Ninth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Two
Ten-Thirty in the Morning
Zimmerman Field
Walston-Hoover Stadium
**Order of Commencement Exercises**

*Academic Processional*

*Pomp and Circumstance* ................................................................. Edward Elgar, arr. Foster

Recorded by Wartburg College Concert Bands
Dr. Craig A. Hancock, Conductor

Nathan Hickox-Young '23, Macebearer
Gordy Field '24 and Ryleigh Parrack '24, Wartburg Flag Carriers
Dr. Christine DeVries and Dr. Todd Reiher, College Marshals
Wartburg College Board of Regents
Wartburg College Vice Presidents
Sheree Covert ’80, Registrar
International Students with Flags Representing Countries of the 2022 Graduates
Sydney Spieker ’25 and Cole Wessling ’24, Processional Ushers
Emeriti Faculty, Faculty Members, the Class of 2022, members of the Class of 1972, Platform Party

*Invocation and Opening Prayer*

The Rev. Halcyon Bjornstad, Interim Dean of Spiritual Life
and Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair

Welcome

Mike McCoy, Chair, Wartburg College Board of Regents

President’s Welcome and Charge to the Class of 2022

Dr. Darrel D. Colson, President

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Presentation of Dr. Anthony Frank ’81 for the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*
Dr. Marilyn Flachman ’60, member, Board of Regents

Presentation of Jack Salzwedel ’82 for the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*
Dr. Fredric Waldstein ’74, Professor Emeritus of Political Science
and former Irving R. Burling Chair in Leadership

Conferring of Degrees
President Colson
Response from the Class of 2022
Danielle Peterson

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
President Colson

*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 Prayer and Blessing
Pastor Bjornstad

*Academic Recessional
Brighton Beach ......................................................... William P. Latham
Recorded by Wartburg College Concert Bands
Dr. Craig A. Hancock, Conductor

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
and have been awarded emeritus status.

Dr. Craig Hancock, Professor of Music and Director of Bands (1995-2022)
Dr. Tony Frank is chancellor of the Colorado State University System, which includes CSU Fort Collins, CSU Pueblo, and CSU Global, along with the emerging CSU Spur campus at the National Western Center in Denver.

Frank earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Wartburg College, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in comparative pathobiology from Purdue University, where he also completed residencies in pathology and toxicology. At Wartburg, he was involved in band and drama. His mother, Elaine Schlesinger Frank, was a 1949 alumna.

In 2008, Frank was named the 14th president of Colorado State University, one of the nation’s leading public land-grant research universities. Prior to that, he served in a number of capacities at CSU, including provost and executive vice president, vice president for research, chairman of the Pathology Department, and associate dean for research in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He served on the faculty at Oregon State University prior to joining the CSU faculty in 1993. In 2015, Frank took on additional duties as chancellor of the Denver-based CSU System. In July 2019, he stepped down as president and moved into the full-time role of chancellor.

Under his guidance, CSU became a founding partner in the creation of the 250-acre National Western Center, a reimagined master-planned campus in an area of Denver that is home to the National Western Stock Show. The center seeks to engage the public in addressing global challenges such as food insecurity, clean water, energy, and climate change. Work is nearing completion on CSU System’s Spur campus, a flagship of the National Western Center focused on experiential education for all ages.

Frank was awarded the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award at Colorado State and Oregon State and was inducted into the Illinois and Colorado 4-H halls of fame. In 2018, the National Western Stock Show named him its Citizen of the West, an award that recognizes those who embody the spirit and determination of the Western pioneer and perpetuate the West’s agriculture heritage and ideals.

Frank and his wife, Dr. Patti Helper, have three daughters.
A native of DeForest, Wisconsin, Jack Salzwedel is chairman of the board of American Family Insurance, headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin.

Salzwedel began his career with American Family in 1983 as a claim adjuster. In 1985, he followed in the footsteps of his father, Tom, and became an agent for the company. He then took sales and product line leadership roles at American Family, leading up to his election as chairman and chief executive officer in November 2011. He retired as CEO in December 2021 but continues to serve as chairman of the board.

In his leadership roles, Salzwedel has supervised the American Family enterprise of companies, which includes the American Family brand and subsidiaries CONNECT, Homesite, The General, and Main Street America. During his tenure, the company has transformed, adding new companies and distribution systems to its enterprise, with revenue and assets more than doubling since 2011.

The company also expanded its commitment to community, establishing a corporate foundation in 2015 and the American Family Institute for Corporate and Social Impact in 2018. In 2021, American Family announced its Free to Dream Initiative, a $105 million commitment to addressing equity gaps in the United States.

He and his wife, Sarah ’82, established the Salzwedel Family Foundation and have been leading community supporters of the United Way, American Family Children’s Hospital, Bethel Horizons, and other Wisconsin charities. A social media influencer, CEO.com named Salzwedel the most engaged Fortune 500 CEO on Twitter in 2016.

Salzwedel served on the Wartburg Board of Regents from 2007 to 2016. The Salzwedels established Wartburg’s Slife Institute for Social Work Consultation, Research, and Training in 2012. In 2019, they offered a challenge gift in support of the Outdoor Athletic Facilities project; the men’s and women’s soccer venue is named Salzwedel Field in their honor. Sons Luke ’13, Tyler ’15, and Sam ’23 all played soccer for the Wartburg Knights. In 2021, the Salzwedels made a lead gift to support the renovation of Centennial and Vollmer halls.
Danielle Peterson, a history and American history education major from Watertown, Minnesota, is representing the Class of 2022 as today’s Commencement speaker. A Regents Scholar, Peterson earned a 3.91 grade point average and was named the Outstanding Senior in history. She also earned a teaching endorsement in Spanish for grades 5-12.

At Wartburg, Peterson served as president of the Wind Ensemble as a tuba player. She traveled with the ensemble during May Term to Japan (2019) and throughout the Midwest (2022). She also was vice president of member operations for Wartburg Ambassadors and historian for Phi Eta Sigma honor society. She performed several roles in Wartburg Players theater productions, including The Man from Earth (2018), Rumors (Spring 2019), and Peter/Wendy (Fall 2021). Peterson also worked for four years in the Dining Services Bakery.

She is the recipient of the Wartburg College Concert Bands Spirit of the WCCB Award, an honor bestowed on band members who show dedication and commitment to the organization. Peterson led COVID-19 mitigation efforts within the WCCB during the 2020-21 school year, which allowed ensemble members to remain healthy while rehearsing daily.

Following graduation, Peterson will teach 9-12 grade Spanish at Charles City High School. She is the daughter of Jon and Ruth Peterson.
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 definite 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-double sleeves for the doctor’s degree. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no trimming. For the doctor’s 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 the tassel 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 and Communication, Electronic Media, Print Media, Public Relations  
**Lemon** – Library Science  
**Drab** – Business Administration, International Business, Management, Finance, Marketing, Accounting  
**Salmon** – Public Health
Class of 2022

Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts

Natalie Grace Camp
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Music Therapy
Vocal
Psychology
Newtown, Iowa

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts

Travis Andrew Errthum-Goode
Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Chemistry
Waverly, Iowa

Isaac Evan Lursen
Regents Scholar
Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Business Administration
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Bachelor of Music Education

Grace Ann Becker
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Vocal
Bloomington, Minnesota

Addyson Renee Clark
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Delta Pi
Phi Eta Sigma
Music Education
Music Therapy
Vocal
Allison, Iowa

Kaitlyn Marie Feldman
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Music Therapy
Vocal
Panama, Iowa

Carly Mae Girtz
Summa Cum Laude
Phi Eta Sigma
Music Education
Vocal
Princeton, Minnesota

Natalie Patricia Keenan
Music Education
Vocal
Ogden, Iowa

Jennifer Ann Diemer
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Music Therapy
Piano
Sycamore, Illinois

Jared Robert Knapp
Music Education
Trombone
Humboldt, Iowa

Daniel Joseph Miller
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Music Education
Vocal
Carroll, Iowa

Daniel James Novotney
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Vocal
Waterloo, Iowa

Ethan C.M. Peter
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Music Education
Vocal
Stewartville, Minnesota
Bachelor of Music

* Leah Asia Cam  
  Magna Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Phi Eta Sigma  
  Music Therapy  
  Piano  
  Bondurant, Iowa

* Kathryn Marie Doyle  
  Cum Laude  
  Music Therapy  
  Clarinet  
  Farley, Iowa

* Ericka Breann Frey  
  Regents Scholar  
  Music Therapy  
  Oboe  
  Hickman, Nebraska

* Amanda Johnson  
  Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Music Therapy  
  Vocal  
  Cresco, Iowa

* Kaitlyn Sequoia Parks  
  Regents Scholar  
  Music Therapy  
  Vocal  
  San Antonio, Texas

* Danae A. Taylor  
  Cum Laude  
  Music Therapy  
  Vocal  
  Ossian, Iowa

Bachelor of Science

Dylan Daniel Berg  
Engineering Science  
Carlisle, Iowa

Blake Michael Crawford  
Engineering  
  Interdisciplinary  
  Bancroft, Iowa

Benjamin Dale Dekruyf  
Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Engineering Science  
  Urbandale, Iowa

Jenna Josephine Levine  
Summa Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Engineering Science  
  Dekalb, Illinois

Adam M. Sacia  
Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Engineering  
  Interdisciplinary  
  Eldridge, Iowa

Eric Michael Seebeck  
Summa Cum Laude  
  Regents Scholar  
  Engineering Science  
  Colfax, Iowa

Noah Robert Worthington  
  Regents Scholar  
  Engineering Science  
  Physics  
  Des Moines, Iowa

Mary Elizabeth Yotter  
Magna Cum Laude  
  Phi Eta Sigma  
  Engineering Science  
  Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Bachelor of Applied Science

Luke Christopher Schmidt  
Cum Laude  
  Library Technology  
  Waverly, Iowa

*August graduate
Bachelor of Arts

Max Garrison Aalbers
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Exercise Science
Hampton, Iowa

Elsa Lauren Abrahamson
Magna Cum Laude
Psi Chi
Business Administration
Management
Van Meter, Iowa

Lura Ajdini
Magna Cum Laude
Lambda Pi Eta
Graphic Design
Journalism and Communication
Digital Cinema and Production
Prishtina, Kosovo

Lindsay Marie Aldinger
Regents Scholar
Biology
Spanish
Iowa Falls, Iowa

Ali Ali
Regents Scholar
Biology
Iowa City, Iowa

Rocio Amaro Marquez
Cum Laude
Beta Beta Beta
Biochemistry
Andujar, Spain

Conner J. Ambrosy
Regents Scholar
Phi Alpha Theta
Religion
History
Long Grove, Iowa

Hannah Marie Anderson
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Business Administration
Sport Management
Marketing
Forest City, Iowa

Lucas Tyler Lawless Anderson
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Phi Eta Sigma
Elementary Education
St. Lucas, Iowa

Brandi Burds Antonio
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Exercise Science
Deerfield Beach, Florida

Theo Arthur Arndt
Business Administration
Marketing
Management
Charles City, Iowa

Britton Tyler Avery
Lambda Pi Eta
Journalism and Communication
Organizational and Public Relations
Story City, Iowa

Eli Ray Barrett
Cum Laude
Physical Education
Parkersburg, Iowa
In Absentia

Blake Allen Bauer
Physical Education
Milo, Iowa

Dana Lynn Baumann
Regents Scholar
Biology
Emmons, Minnesota

Sidney Callon Baumgartner
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Delta Pi
Phi Eta Sigma
Elementary Education
Le Mars, Iowa

Ethan Cole Beck
Elementary Education
Story City, Iowa

Omar Sayo Begic
Business Administration
Sport Management
Supply Chain Management
Waterloo, Iowa

Carsen R. Bellis
Cum Laude
Business Administration
Sport Management
Marketing
Dubuque, Iowa

Cassie Louise Benge
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Psi Chi
Psychology
Spanish
Music
Trumpet
West Des Moines, Iowa

Emma Christine Bermond
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Delta Pi
English
Secondary Education
Kansas City, Missouri

Brandon Elijah Juan Antonio Bloebaum
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Actuarial Science
Kent, Ohio

Nicholas Joseph Bockenstedt
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Biology
Manchester, Iowa

Hannah Marie Boecker
Individualized: Human Services and Community Advocacy
Newton, Iowa

Kayla Ann Boeke
Journalism and Communication
Organizational and Public Relations
Zimmerman, Minnesota

Tia Jo Bohlen
Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Psi Chi
Public Health
Business Administration
Wapello, Iowa

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Business Administration
Sport Management
New Vienna, Iowa
Briana Jo Agan Borchert  
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Regents Scholar  
Graphic Design  
Art  
Knoxville, Iowa

Steve Brian Borneman  
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Accounting  
Business Administration  
Grimes, Iowa

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Social Work  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Management  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Fredericksburg, Iowa

Bailey Renee Brown  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Davenport, Iowa

Carlye Jae Brown  
Magna Cum Laude  
Elementary Education  
Davenport, Iowa

Landon Joseph Buckridge  
Elementary Education  
Edgerton, Minnesota

Madalynn Irene Burke  
Social Work  
Manchester, Iowa

Bryce Charles Butler  
Cum Laude  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Neuroscience  
Mason City, Iowa

* Sarah Kay Campbell  
Elementary Education  
Waverly, Iowa

Chelsea Ann Capper  
Cum Laude  
Biology  
Exercise Science  
Clarksville, Iowa

Robert Clark Casey  
Religion  
Newnan, Georgia

Katriela Milena Caspari  
Summa Cum Laude  
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Chemistry  
Biochemistry  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lauren Nicole Caugh  
Environmental Science and Studies  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cameron James Christopher  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Hudson, Iowa

Lindsey Clausen  
Regents Scholar  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Liam Patrick Conroy  
Cum Laude  
English  
Mount Vernon, Iowa  
In Absentia

Nelson Alan Cook  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Leah Marie Crock  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Mechanicsville, Iowa

Skylar Grace Cunningham  
Magna Cum Laude  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Digital Cinema and Production  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Perry, Iowa

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Regents Scholar  
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Management  
Marketing  
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Art  
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Collin James Day  
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Exercise Science  
West Des Moines, Iowa

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Schererville, Indiana

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Sport Management  
Marketing  
Forest City, Iowa

Kara Taylor Dobbs  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Westminster, Colorado

Spencer Douglas Dodgen  
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Biochemistry  
Neuroscience  
Story City, Iowa

Leah Violet Doherty  
Social Work  
St. Michael, Barbados

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Sociology  
General Sociology  
Psychology  
Maputo, Mozambique

Cole James Duncalf  
Phi Alpha Theta  
History  
American History Education  
World History Education  
Long Grove, Iowa

Katie Viola Duncan  
Phi Alpha Theta  
History  
American History Education  
World History Education  
Long Grove, Iowa

Kevin Alexander Duque  
Phi Alpha Theta  
History  
American History Education  
World History Education  
Long Grove, Iowa

Matthew Anthony Egts  
Phi Alpha Theta  
History  
American History Education  
World History Education  
Long Grove, Iowa

Alexis Kathryn Ehrlich  
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Biology  
Storm Lake, Iowa

Dylan Clay Erdelt  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Storm Lake, Iowa

Kellie Rose Escovy  
Religion  
Katy, Texas

Dantiana Rubi Fernandez  
Neuroscience  
Marshalltown, Iowa

Eleanor Jane Fiedler  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Wabasha, Minnesota

Tessa Jo Fields  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Accounting  
Lowden, Iowa

Katelyn Diane Finnegan  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Otho, Iowa

Madison Marie Fleming  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Central City, Iowa

Alisha Jo Ford  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Grinnell, Iowa

Jared Kenneth Frana  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Decorah, Iowa

Benjamin Richard Frazee  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Ames, Iowa

Madison Michelle Freeland  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Accounting  
Holy Cross, Iowa

Brady Scott Fritz  
Neuroscience  
San Clemente, California

Aaron Scott Frohner  
Neuroscience  
San Clemente, California

Morgan Lynn Funke  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Accounting  
Dyersville, Iowa

Daniel Gahn Martinez  
Neuroscience  
Psychology  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Jacqueline Elizabeth Ganshirt  
Neuroscience  
Exercise Science  
Dubuque, Iowa

Caylee Jo Garcia  
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Biology  
Grimes, Iowa

Mitchell Joseph Gehling  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Dyersville, Iowa

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Ginindza  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Psychology  
Organizational and Public Relations  
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Jace Curran Glenn  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Dysart, Iowa

Max Steven Goodhue  
Cum Laude  
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Exercise Science  
Carlisle, Iowa

Dylan John Gotto  
Fitness Management  
Peosta, Iowa
Alexis Nicole Green  
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Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Brianna Greiskalns  
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Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Oakdale, Minnesota

Ellison Irene Grell  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Indianola, Iowa

Breeyn Nicole Gryp  
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Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
North Liberty, Iowa

Lauren Marie Haertjens  
Regents Scholar  
Spanish  
Davenport, Iowa

Kourtney Elayne Harris  
*Cum Laude  
Social Work  
Richmond, Ohio

Kaleb Michael Hartman  
*Cum Laude  
Health and Fitness Studies  
Fitness Management  
Clinton, Iowa

Trey Oliver Heffner  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Bloomington, Illinois

Matthew Mackenzie Heinzman  
Health and Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Royal Oak, Michigan  
In Absentia

Ryley Thomas Helle  
*Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Worthington, Iowa

Jordan Jonelle Henderson  
*Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Urbandale, Iowa

Justin Jon Henry  
*Magnae Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Political Science  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Foley, Minnesota

Theo Jay Herbst-Ulmer  
Regents Scholar  
Music  
Vocal  
Algona, Iowa

Madison Elizabeth Hiestand  
*Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Plainfield, Illinois

Kennedy Ann Hiles  
*Cum Laude  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Spanish  
Religion  
Ogden, Iowa

Katie Ann Hirv  
*Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Lambda Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Rockford, Iowa

Austin William Hobbs  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Management  
Story City, Iowa

Lydia Grace Hobby  
Elementary Education  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Michael W. Hoelzer  
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Regents Scholar  
Computer Information Systems  
St. Louis, Missouri

Andrew Lester Hoffman  
Physical Education  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
In Absentia

Tanner Jacob Holden  
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Environmental Science  
Waterloo, Iowa

Halley Louise Holm  
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Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Oregon, Illinois

Makayla Rosemary Holub  
Psychology  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Clarksville, Iowa

Spencer Lowell Indreilie  
Accounting  
Albert Lea, Minnesota

Parker Douglas Ingamells  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Hudson, Iowa

Ambriel Rose Jacobs  
*Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Winona, Minnesota

Brenna Elizabeth Jacobs  
*Cum Laude  
Biology  
St. Ansgar, Iowa

Sam Dalton Joerger  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Supply Chain Management  
Management  
Denver, Iowa

Andrew James Johll  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Marketing  
Dubuque, Iowa

Parker Mason Juhl  
Computer Information Systems  
Latimer, Iowa  
In Absentia

*August graduate
Brooke Anne Keith  
Biochemistry  
Mason City, Iowa

Alexander Joseph Keninger  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Computer Information Systems  
Business Administration  
Management  
Ankeny, Iowa

Marley Rae Kiewiet  
Cum Laude  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Dike, Iowa

Darren Thomas Kilpatrick  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biochemistry  
Computer Science  
Fairfax, Iowa

Greysen Kristian Kincaid  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biological Science  
English  
Dubuque, Iowa

Somchit Kittisak  
Graphic Design  
Business Administration  
Luang Prabang, Laos

Ireland Grace Knapper  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Clinton, Iowa

Hana Carmin Koenigfeld  
Regents Scholar  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Psychology  
Charles City, Iowa

Austin James Koopmann  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Mathematics  
Actuarial Science  
Dyersville, Iowa

Payton Michelle Kuhlemeier  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Rockwell, Iowa

Brady Payton Kyner  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Carlisle, Iowa

Amber Kay Laube  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Spanish  
Holland, Iowa

Julie Ann Lenth  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Spanish  
Secondary Education  
Luana, Iowa

Kyaw Zaw Lin  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Hpa-an, Myanmar

Caleb Lee Lines  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Nashua, Iowa

Samuel Richard Lorimer  
History  
American History Education  
World History Education  
Springville, Iowa  
In Absentia

Kathryn Olivia Luers  
Regents Scholar  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Middletown, Iowa

Samuel Cooper Madson  
Magna Cum Laude  
Graphic Design  
Omaha, Nebraska  
In Absentia

Mildred Kefentse Letang  
Psychology  
International Relations  
Kanye, Botswana

Kirsten Wei-Lin Mahoney  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Urbandale, Iowa

Leticia Milla Maia Da Silva  
Music  
Church Music  
Vocal  
Religion  
Curitiba, Brazil

McKenna Rae Major  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Marshalltown, Iowa

Claire Nichole Marsh  
Business Administration  
Management  
Waverly, Iowa

Amber Lee Martenson  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Art Education  
Gilman, Iowa

Hope Elizabeth Mather  
Cum Laude  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Multimedia Journalism  
Edgewood, Iowa

Kendall Katelin Mayne  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Art  
Farley, Iowa

Jaylen Denese McBride  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Psychology  
Chicago, Illinois
Jensen Nicole McClure  
*Alpha Kappa Delta*  
Psychology  
Boone, Iowa

Brooke Talbott McCoy  
*Elementary Education*  
Ottumwa, Iowa

Magdaline Rose McDonald  
Spanish  
English  
Chisago City, Minnesota

Abigail Ann McGrane  
*Elementary Education*  
Manchester, Iowa

Riley Eugene McIntyre  
*Cum Laude*  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Business Administration  
Davenport, Iowa

Jared Evan McLey  
Religion  
Waverly, Iowa

Bo Michael McMahon  
*Cum Laude*  
Economics  
Business Administration  
Denver, Iowa

Irelynn Rose McMurphy  
*Cum Laude*  
Spanish  
Harlan, Iowa

*Jomarre Kabain McNair*  
Individualized: Community Wellness and Health Coaching  
Joliet, Illinois

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English  
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Organizational and Public Relations  
Sports Media  
Monona, Iowa

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Business Administration  
Finance  
Marketing  
Sumner, Iowa

Kaylee Elizabeth Michael  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Charles City, Iowa

Jay Douglas Mixdorf  
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Ankeny, Iowa

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Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Hugo, Minnesota

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Biology  
Mason City, Iowa

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*Magna Cum Laude*  
English  
Graphic Design  
Muscatine, Iowa

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Phi Eta Sigma  
Music  
French Horn  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

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Business Administration  
Marketing  
Management  
Tama, Iowa

Benjamin Alexander Nichols  
Business Administration  
Aledo, Illinois

Taylan Jonet Olson  
Regents Scholar  
Social Work  
Des Moines, Iowa

Soh Onodera  
*Cum Laude*  
*Alpha Kappa Delta*  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Tokyo, Japan

Anthony E. Onyia  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Computer Information Systems  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Frank Antwi Opoku  
Computer Information Systems  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Hailey Rachelle Osburn  
Biology  
Ankeny, Iowa

Madison Marie Overmann  
*Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Management  
Waverly, Iowa

Landen Stewart Pace  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
Keystone, Iowa

Saima Perveen  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Richmond, Virginia

Danielle Marie-Clare Peterson  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
History  
American History Education  
Watertown, Minnesota

Samuel R. Pinkowski  
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Regents Scholar  
Biology  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Annabella Marie Place  
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Elementary Education  
Denver, Iowa

Elijah Lee Price  
Social Work  
Grimes, Iowa

*August graduate*
Lorna Jo Puhl  
* Magna Cum Laude  
* Regents Scholar  
* Alpha Kappa Delta  
* Psi Chi  
* Psychology  
* Sociology  
  ** General Sociology  
  Council Bluffs, Iowa  

Ashley Anne Quintana  
* Summa Cum Laude  
* Regents Scholar  
* Beta Beta Beta  
* Phi Eta Sigma  
* Biology  
* Denver, Colorado  

* Braeden Donald Radke  
  ** History  
  ** Public History  
  Princeton, Minnesota  

Jack Allen Radke  
* Regents Scholar  
* Mathematics  
* Princeton, Minnesota  

Eric Scott Recker  
* Magna Cum Laude  
* Regents Scholar  
* Alpha Kappa Delta  
* Sociology  
  ** Criminology/Criminal Justice  
  Business Administration  
  Dyersville, Iowa  

Lauren M. Reicks  
* Exercise Science  
* Cresco, Iowa  

Kayla Marie Reisch  
* Cum Laude  
* Regents Scholar  
* Biology  
* Kenosha, Wisconsin  

Audrey Elise Revier  
* Regents Scholar  
* Biology  
* Sociology  
  ** General Sociology  
  Owatonna, Minnesota  

Flademir Luis Ribeiro Mendes Mota  
* Art  
* Dili, Timor-Leste  

Elizabeth Viola Ricke  
* Magna Cum Laude  
* Elementary Education  
* Fonda, Iowa  

Payton Michael Rochford  
* Summa Cum Laude  
* Regents Scholar  
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  ** Management  
  ** Manchester, Iowa  

Lucas Mitchell Schedel  
* Psychology  
* Bolingbrook, Illinois  

* Michael Paul Schilling  
  ** Business Administration  
  ** Marketing  
  ** Supply Chain Management  
  ** Coralville, Iowa  

Jordon David Schletty  
* Cum Laude  
* Business Administration  
* Sport Management  
* West St. Paul, Minnesota  

* Morgan Leigh Schlichting  
  ** Music  
  ** Vocal  
  ** Belmond, Iowa  

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* Regents Scholar  
* Kappa Delta Pi  
* Phi Eta Sigma  
* Elementary Education  
* Lowden, Iowa  

Hanna Elizabeth Schmitt  
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Finance  
Nashua, Iowa

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Management  
Finance  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

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Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Victorville, California

Emme Mikkel Stockwell  
Social Work  
Cumming, Iowa

Alexander F. Stone  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Abby Madelyn Strong  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Grand Mound, Iowa

Emma Nicole Strong  
Magna Cum Laude  
Exercise Science  
Bloomfield, Colorado

Abigail Celeste Thier  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Psi Chi  
Exercise Science  
Waverly, Iowa

Jonah Michael Thomas  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biochemistry  
Plymouth, Minnesota

Lauren Daleigh Trewin  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Sheffield, Iowa

Raeleigh Taylor Tripp  
Music  
Cello  
DeWitt, Iowa

* Trevon Aaron Trotter  
Engineering Science  
Lexington, Kentucky

Mya Jo Ulrich  
Summa Cum Laude  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Neuroscience  
Waseca, Minnesota

Kwaje Mercy William Umba  
Public Health  
Social Work  
Juba, South Sudan

Kelly Uwanjye  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Actuarial Science  
Kigali, Rwanda

Lacey Jean Van Dyke  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Waterloo, Iowa

Jasmine Diane Vandermark  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
English  
Des Moines, Iowa

Jack Michael Veber  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Marketing  
Elkhart, Iowa

Shaila Citally Vera  
Spanish  
Business Administration  
Chicago, Illinois

Tristan Joseph Voelker  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Manchester, Iowa

Harvey-Eric Waligo  
Cum Laude  
Economics  
Computer Information Systems  
Mbabane, eSwatini

Aidan Alexander Weber  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
Phoenix, Arizona

Benjamin Joseph Weepie  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Environmental Science and Studies  
Environmental Science  
Fairbank, Iowa

Della Mae Whittaker  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Jayme Marie Willemssen  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Waverly, Iowa

Erin L. Wood  
Social Work  
Vinton, Iowa

Kobe Emmerson Woods  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Mishawaka, Indiana

*August graduate
Dalton Joseph Woodyard
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Exercise Science
Janesville, Iowa

Dallas Emery Wright
Accounting
Business Administration
Finance
Carlisle, Iowa

Maecie Layne Wright
Regents Scholar
Public Health
Douglas, Wyoming

Jordan Mitchell Yessak
Business Administration
Sport Management
Marketing
Vinton, Iowa

Blake Irvin Zimmerman
Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Biology
Biochemistry
Cedar Falls, Iowa

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.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

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

Cassie Benge – Spanish
Emma Bermond – English Education
Brandon Bloebaum – Actuarial Science
Nicholas Bockenstedt – Biology
Briana Borchert – Art
Kayla Britt – Mathematics Education
Leah Cam – Music Therapy
Addyson Clark – Music Education/Music Therapy
Leah Crock – Accounting
Travis Errthum – Chemistry
Katie Finnegan – Biochemistry
Madison Freeland – Journalism & Communication
Max Goodhue – Exercise Science
Lexi Groe – Public Health
Justin Henry – Political Science
Kennedy Hiles – Religion
Halley Holm – Social Work

Alex Keninger – Computer Information Systems
Austin Koopmann – Mathematics
Julie Lenth – Spanish Education
Amber Martenson – Art Education
Bo McMahon – Economics
Grant Meth – Physical Education
Daniel Miller – Music Education
Moriah Morter – English and Graphic Design
Ridley Mullenbach – Music
Danielle Peterson – History
Payton Rochford – Sociology
Grace Roseen – Psychology
Andrea Salow – Business Administration
Makayla Schluter – Elementary Education
Misha Seebeck – Engineering Science
Mya Ulrich – Neuroscience
Ben Weepie – Environmental Science & Studies
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 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.
Scholars Program Graduates

The Scholars Program is Wartburg’s academic honors program. It strives to enrich Scholars’ Wartburg careers, emphasizing growth through deeper academic challenges, meaningful service activities, coursework, research, and other creative endeavors, culminating in a final thesis. The program is dedicated to improving Scholars’ academic and life skills so they learn to think more independently and critically while incorporating multiple disciplines and perspectives. Students wearing green and gold cords have successfully completed the program.

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Flags for 2022 Commencement

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

**Barbados**
Three vertical bands of blue, gold, and blue with head of black trident centered on gold band

**Botswana**
Sky blue field cut horizontally in center by black stripe with thin white frame

**Brazil**
Green rectangle-shaped base overlaid with yellow rhombus and blue circle in middle

**Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**
Red field with black isosceles triangle on hoist side bearing white five-pointed star in center superimposed on larger yellow triangle that extends to center of flag

**eSwatini**
Three horizontal bands of blue, red, and blue with red band edged in yellow and centered black and white shield

**India**
Three horizontal bands of saffron, white, and green, with blue chakra centered in white band

**Japan**
White with large red disk in center

**Kosovo**
Blue field with yellow silhouette map in center and arc of six white stars above map

**Lao People’s Democratic Republic**
Dark blue with red edges and white moon in middle
Mozambique
Horizontal stripes of green, black, and yellow separated by two narrow white stripes; red hoist triangle bears yellow star and other symbols

Myanmar
Three horizontal stripes of yellow, green, and red with five-pointed white star in middle

Rwanda
Three horizontal bands of blue, yellow, and green with yellow sun in upper fly-side corner

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

Spain
Horizontal stripes of red and yellow with off-center coat of arms

Tajikistan
Horizontal stripes of red, white, and green with central gold crown

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

United States of America
Thirteen horizontal red and white strips with a blue rectangle in upper hoist-side corner with 50 white stars

Uruguay
Five white stripes and four blue stripes arranged horizontally with white canton bearing a golden “Sun of May”

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

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burundi
Cambodia
Canada
Congo, The Democratic Republic of
Congo
China
Costa Rica
Croatia
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
France
Gambia
Germany
Ghana
Guatemala
Israel
Jordan
Kenya
Korea, Republic of
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Maldives
Mexico
Nepal
Nigeria
Pakistan
Peru
Russia Federation
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tanzania
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom
Viet Nam
Zambia
Zimbabwe
**College Mace**

The ceremonial mace is a symbol of Wartburg College’s history designed by 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 1972 Reunion**

The Wartburg community offers a special welcome to members of the Class of 1972, 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.

**Flowers**

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

**UKnight Pledge**

Many members of the Class of 2022 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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2021-22

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Carol Stream, Ill.
Senior Director, Mission Formation for Global Leadership and Service, ELCA

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Bishop, Northeastern Iowa Synod-ELCA

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Hiawatha
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Wartburg College traces its roots to 1852, when Pastor Wilhelm Löhe of Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, sent Georg Grossmann and five students to found a teacher-training school for German immigrants in Saginaw, Mich. The college moved several times before making its permanent home in Waverly in 1935.

The college is named after the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany. A center of art and culture during the Middle Ages, the castle was home to St. Elizabeth in the 13th century and was a refuge for Martin Luther during the stormy days of the 16th-century Reformation. The castle is a frequent destination for students and alumni, and a formal agreement between the college and the Wartburg Castle Foundation provides ongoing academic and cultural exchanges between Eisenach and the Wartburg campus. Waverly and Eisenach are Sister Cities, further strengthening the bonds between the two communities.

Wartburg’s 2021-22 enrollment of 1,543 includes students from 36 U.S. states and a record 66 countries. Dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service, the college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations within an environment of strong personal support.

Community engagement has become nationally and internationally recognized as a hallmark of the Wartburg experience. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognizes Wartburg among colleges that foster experiential learning and community engagement. Wartburg was the first private college in Iowa, and the ninth in the nation, to earn a Gold rating from the Association of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Wartburg is listed in U.S. News and World Report’s edition of America’s Best Colleges and The Princeton Review’s ranking of Best Midwestern Colleges. Its 118-acre campus includes more than 30 buildings. Old Main, built in 1880 and renovated in 1986, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The newest facilities include the McCoy Living & Learning Center, which was dedicated in October 2016, and the Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex, which was completed in 2021. The McCoy Living & Learning Center encompasses the renovated Clinton Hall, a residence hall built in 1957, and an east-side addition that features a faculty apartment. The annex, a two-story addition to the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, features 17 weight platforms and expanded areas for strength and conditioning activities.

The College currently is renovating Centennial and Vollmer halls, which were constructed about 70 years ago. The $11 million project features a new HVAC system that will allow for air conditioning in individual rooms, new restroom and shower facilities, a new fire sprinkler system, and an electrical and plumbing overhaul. An elevator and rooms that combine individual sleeping spaces with bathrooms will make the building more accessible for all.

Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.