Wartburg College
Commencement
One Hundred and Seventy-First Year

Sunday, the Twenty-Eighth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Three
Ten-Thirty in the Morning
Hoover Fieldhouse & Track
Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center
ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

*Academic Processional

Pomp and Circumstance ................................................................. Edward Elgar

Brittney Shipman ’24, Macebearer
Ryleigh Parrack ’24 and Katie Steinlage ’26, Wartburg Flag Carriers
Dr. Christine DeVries and Dr. Todd Reiher, College Marshals
Wartburg College Board of Regents
Wartburg College Vice Presidents
Doug Koschmeder, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
International Students with Flags Representing Countries of the 2023 Graduates
Alexis Larson ’26 and Cole Wessling ’24, Processional Ushers
Emeriti Faculty & Faculty
Master of Arts Candidates & Class of 2023
Members of the Class of 1973
Platform Party

*Invocation and Opening Prayer

The Rev. Halcyon Bjornstad, Interim Dean of Spiritual Life

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

Joanna Longwe
Chandler Njus
Conferring of Honorary Degree
Presentation of Dr. Duane Koenig '53 for the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
Dr. William Waltmann ’56, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

Conferring of Degree
Dr. Rebecca Neiduski, President

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 Neiduski

Charge to the Class of 2023
President Neiduski

*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

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.

Professor Thomas Payne, Professor of Art (1993-2023)

*Assembly stands
Chandler Njus, an elementary education major with endorsements in reading, math, and middle school, is representing the Class of 2023 as one of today's Commencement speakers. He will teach fourth grade at North Fayette Valley Schools in Elgin, Iowa, beginning this fall.

At Wartburg, Njus served as a percussion section leader for the Wind Ensemble, which toured the Midwest in both 2022 and 2023. He also served as treasurer of the college's Drumline and was a member of Ritterchor, a tenor and bass ensemble.

As co-president of the Ambassadors program, he played a vital role in the restructuring of the organization, which provides tours for prospective students and college guests. He also served as the logistics coordinator for Entertainment ToKnight and was a resident assistant, manager of the Castle Connections pre-orientation program, and president of the Kappa Delta Pi honor society.

Originally from Fredericksburg, Iowa, he is the son of Scott and Jess Njus.

Joanna Longwe, a computer science major with a data analytics minor, is representing the Class of 2023 as one of today's Commencement speakers. A Davis United World College Scholar, she has accepted a position as a software developer at VGM Group in Waterloo, Iowa, following graduation.

At Wartburg, Longwe served as a resident assistant in Clinton Hall, vice president of the Chess Club, the social event coordinator for the Scholars Program Council, and the social media coordinator for the African Representative Council.

She also actively participated in the college's Ambassador program, was vice president of the Computer Science Club, and was an active member of Black Student Union and International Club. During her first years at Wartburg, she was a member of Hope Overflow, the college's worship band. She also was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Originally from Nairobi, Kenya, she is the daughter of Delano and Helen Longwe.
Dr. Duane Koenig ’53 has centered his life around two passions: medicine and music.

After leaving Wartburg, Koenig served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, retiring as a Staff Sergeant. He went on to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. Koenig completed his residency at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center in Lincoln.

His career in family medicine and general surgery spanned 35 years of service in Beatrice, Neb., where he enjoyed privileges at St. Elizabeth Hospital and Beatrice Mennonite & Lutheran Hospital, which was later renamed Beatrice Community Hospital. He also saw patients at Beatrice Medical Center and Community Medical Center.

Beginning in 2009, Koenig served as a volunteer physician/surgeon at the Foundation for African Medicine and Education Medical Outpatient Clinic in Karatu, Tanzania. During his 10 years of service, cut short by the pandemic, he spent between three and six months annually in Tanzania, where he treated patients and mentored the clinic’s full-time Tanzanian doctors. His family’s generosity also helped with the construction of the hospital’s first five volunteer bungalows, named Koenig House in their honor.

Despite spending only two years at Wartburg, Koenig left a legacy in the music department. A saxophone player from his high school days, he is credited with initiating Knightliters, the college’s jazz band. As an adult, he continued to pursue his musical interests, singing with a barbershop choir that performs throughout the Midwest. His devotion to the college and his passion for jazz music led to the establishment of the Dr. Duane G. & Violet I. Koenig Endowed Fund for Jazz/Swing. The Koenigs also fund the Dr. Duane G. & Vi Koenig Endowed Scholarship. They are members of the President’s Round Table and the Heritage Society.

Koenig and his wife, Vi, have four children.
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

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<td>Tessa Christine Burger</td>
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<td>Lucas Donald Huffman</td>
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Amelia Louise Ouverson
Music Education
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Emily Ann Raab
Cum Laude
Kappa Delta Pi
Music Education
Piano
Warren, Illinois

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Bachelor of Music

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  Vocal
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* Kaley Bernice Koran
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  Trombone
  Channahon, Illinois

* Kaitlyn Sequoia Parks
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  Vocal
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Supply Chain Management  
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Public Relations  
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Actuarial Science  
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Political Science  
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Cresco, Iowa

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Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
New Hampton, Iowa

Panashe Reuben Gambe  
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Biology  
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Elementary Education  
Clear Lake, Iowa

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Multimedia Journalism
DeWitt, Iowa

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Mathematics
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Phi Alpha
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Social Work
Belvidere, Illinois

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Business Administration
Finance
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Religion
Social Work
Montrose, Iowa

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Sociology
Criminology/Criminal Justice
Port Aransas, Texas

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Business Administration
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Marketing
Shell Rock, Iowa

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Regents Scholar
Music
Vocal
Reno, Nevada

Codey Rueben Hicks
Computer Science
Cedar Falls, Iowa

McKenzie Olivia Hinegardner
Business Administration
Management
Marketing
Montour, Iowa
Sailor Lynn Hinegardner  
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Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Management  
Baxter, Iowa

Olivia Grace Hobson  
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Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Shell Rock, Iowa

Cora Rae Holland  
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Regents Scholar  
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Psychology  
Forest City, Iowa

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Business Administration  
Management  
Northfield, Minnesota

David Henry Hollingsworth III  
Health & Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Baltimore, Maryland

Braden M. Holmquist  
Exercise Science  
Waverly, Iowa

Fredrick Tanner Hosch  
Exercise Science  
Epworth, Iowa

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Kappa Delta Pi  
Elementary Education  
Clive, Iowa

Sophia Regina Huntington  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Biochemistry  
Dubuque, Iowa

Sydney Faye Ilg  
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Regents Scholar  
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Biology  
Grimes, Iowa

Milena Iushkova  
*Cum Laude*  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism & Communication  
Organizational & Public Relations  
Graphic Design  
Maykop, Russian Federation

Haley Marie Jacobsen  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Le Roy, Minnesota

Carter Jon Johannnmingmeier  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Charles City, Iowa

Keagan Michael John  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Sport Management  
New Hampton, Iowa

Kai Catherine Johnson  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Amelia Mae Jones  
Religion  
Waverly, Iowa

Donaven James Juarez  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Supply Chain Management  
Davenport, Iowa

Yigit Kacmaz  
Journalism & Communication  
Multimedia Journalism  
Organizational & Public Relations  
Digital Cinema & Production  
Gorukle-Niulufer, Turkey

Lily Ann Kallenbach  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Norwalk, Iowa

Addyson Drew Kaune  
History  
Waterloo, Iowa

Allison Elizabeth Keis  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Clinton, Iowa  
In Absentia

Hunter Robert Kelly  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Fayette, Iowa

Kiana Rae Kies  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Malcom, Iowa

Anzuruni Mmende Kimba  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Rock Island, Illinois

Lincoln John Kleese  
*Cum Laude*  
Exercise Science  
Washington, Iowa

* Caroline Rose Kluesner  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Farley, Iowa

Allegra Marie Knudson  
Biochemistry  
Spanish  
Manly, Iowa

William Dolan Krapfl  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
Ames, Iowa

Jenna Grace Krogulski  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
West Des Moines, Iowa

* Robert Gene Kruse  
Physical Education  
Sugar Grove, Illinois

Miranda Jo Kurtt  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
English  
Waverly, Iowa

Aricka Dyan Lambson  
*Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Waukee, Iowa

*August graduate
Lindsay M. Langford  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Papillion, Nebraska

Abigail Marie LaVelle  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Art  
Graphic Design  
Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Ryin Eleanor Lehmann  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Public Health  
Clermont, Iowa

Mallory Jane Leisure  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biochemistry  
Clear Lake, Iowa

Ikteleleng Phillip Lekhooana  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Management  
Marketing  
Mohales Hoek, Lesotho

Mikayla Lynn Long  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Nevada, Iowa

Joanna Towera Longwe  
Computer Science  
Nairobi, Kenya

Nathan Craig MacDonald  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Valley, Nebraska

Jonah John Macejkovic  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Religion  
Baxter, Minnesota

Jaden Edward Mason  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
Dumont, Iowa

Annie M. Mast  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Cresco, Iowa

Riley Katherine Mayer  
Business Administration  
Management  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
In Absentia

Jacob Gregory McBride  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Mason City, Iowa

Patrick Michael McMahon  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Exercise Science  
Lindenhurst, Illinois

Jonathan Patrick McNamara  
History  
American History Education  
Plainfield, Illinois

Carson Marie McSorley  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Supply Chain Management  
New London, Iowa

Grace Adele Meier  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Garnavillo, Iowa

Miguel Angel Mendoza III  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Aurora, Colorado

Brett Anthony Meyer  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Sumner, Iowa

Jennifer Miranda  
Regents Scholar  
Actuarial Science  
Chicago, Illinois

* Hulices Mireles  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Des Moines, Iowa

Naledi Benny Moabelo  
Economics  
Middelburg, South Africa

Sabrina June Moody  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Actuarial Science  
Winfield, Iowa

Abrianna Mary Lou-Rose Moore  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Guttenberg, Iowa

Brayden G. Moore  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Atkins, Iowa

Connor Jonathan Luke Moore  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Political Science  
History  
Boulder, Colorado

James Donald Mossman  
Cum Laude  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism & Communication  
Digital Cinema & Production  
Multimedia Journalism  
Organizational &  
Public Relations  
Winthrop, Iowa

Adijan Muhamedagic  
Psychology  
Waterloo, Iowa

Zane Neal Mulder  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Grimes, Iowa

Patrick John Mulholland  
Cum Laude  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Clinton, Iowa

Jacob Michael Murray  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Economics  
Hudson, Iowa
Andrew Emmanuel Mwesigwa-Wansolo  
Exercise Science  
SeaTac, Washington

Bailey Ann Myers  
Cum Laude  
Elementary Education  
Clarksville, Iowa

Easton David Necker  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
DeWitt, Iowa

Alissa Jo Neubauer  
Regents Scholar  
Graphic Design  
Art  
Swisher, Iowa

Malcolm James Newell  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Economics  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Waverly, Iowa

Isaac Nguyen  
Magna Cum Laude  
Computer Science  
San Diego, California

Samuel Thomas Niichel  
Political Science  
Mathematics  
Charles City, Iowa

Chandler Scott Njus  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Elementary Education  
Fredericksburg, Iowa

Riley Jack Nolan  
Cum Laude  
Exercise Science  
Van Horne, Iowa

Kyle David Oberbroeckling  
Health & Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Davenport, Iowa

Jemima Oluwadunsin Odumnbaku  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Ogun, Nigeria

Drew Alan Olson  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Osage, Iowa

Oluwafeysayo Omotehinwa  
Cum Laude  
Computer Science  
Lagos, Nigeria

Nathan Gregory Onsgard  
History  
Stewartville, Minnesota

Katheryn Rose Opperman  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Marissa Jean Ornelas  
Regents Scholar  
Public Health  
Medical Lake, Washington

Natalie Nicole Paulson  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Neuroscience  
Exercise Science  
Grimes, Iowa

Anika Elizabeth Perry  
Magna Cum Laude  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Elementary Education  
Mount Vernon, Iowa  
In Absentia

Daniel Scott Petersen  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Nykøbing Falster, Denmark

Jane L. Pinkowski  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Spanish  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Alizah Ahmed Qadri  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Plainfield, Illinois

Tumelo Rabale  
Economics  
Computer Information Systems  
Qacha’s Nek, Lesotho

Lea Rappl  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Political Science  
Zagreb, Croatia

Brice Randy Rhodes  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Computer Science  
Des Moines, Iowa

Keegan Nicholas Rich  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Mount Pleasant, Iowa  
In Absentia

Payton Nicole Roberts  
Business Administration  
Accounting  
Marengo, Iowa

Joseline Alejandra Robles Rosales  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Spanish  
Glendale, Arizona

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Psychology  
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Coaching  
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Sport Management  
Peyton, Colorado

Carly Marie Salutric  
Neuroscience  
Psychology  
Lockport, Illinois

Jade Nicole Sands  
Psychology  
Kasson, Minnesota

*August graduate
* Jessica Rose Sarcone  
Public Health  
Des Moines, Iowa

* Abby Lynn Sassman  
Regents Scholar  
Health & Fitness Studies  
Fitness Management  
Business Administration  
Waverly, Iowa

Katie Marilyn Sauerbrei  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Fairbank, Iowa

Luca Nicolas Scheibler  
Summa Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Finance  
International Business  
Sport Management  
Berlin, Germany

Parker C Schimmers  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Psi Chi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Neuroscience  
Menasha, Wisconsin

* Silver Daniel Schmitz  
Business Administration  
La Porte City, Iowa

Colin Syharath Schrader  
Regents Scholar  
Exercise Science  
Fairbank, Iowa

Madelyn Grace Schuchmann  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Toddville, Iowa

Audra Jean Schultz  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
North Liberty, Iowa

Ethan Dane Shawgo  
Journalism & Communication  
Digital Cinema & Production  
Multimedia Journalism  
Nevada, Iowa

Ty Elizabeth Shley  
Regents Scholar  
English  
Casey, Iowa

Mikala Serthpphia Sidney  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Ankeny, Iowa

ChyAnne Marie Slick  
Summa Cum Laude  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Religion  
Sumner, Iowa

Luke Allen Smith  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Alburnett, Iowa

Luke William Smith  
Summa Cum Laude  
Elementary Education  
Marshalltown, Iowa

Jenna Elise Smuszkiewicz  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Psi Chi  
Neuroscience  
Belvidere, Illinois

* Lindsey Kay Spolidoro  
Regents Scholar  
Individualized: Biology/Chemistry/Exercise Science  
Spanish  
Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Justin Jeffrey Stammer  
Public Health  
Perry, Iowa

Cassidy Karen Staudt  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Greene, Iowa

Marin M. Stowe  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
La Valle, Wisconsin

Drake Daniel Strnad  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Ankeny, Iowa

Nell Elizabeth Sybesma  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Maquoketa, Iowa

Sanam Tamang  
Business Administration  
Management  
Kathmandu, Nepal

Tsering Tashi  
Magna Cum Laude  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Neuroscience  
Karnataka, India

Zayren Hoomaiauiolana Terukina  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Allison Rae Tomlinson  
Cum Laude  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Nicholas Joseph Tremel  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Newton, Iowa
Graeson Roy Trevino  
Health & Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Williamsburg, Iowa

Peter James Unmacht  
Cum Laude  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Marketing  
Dubuque, Iowa

Nicole Ann Upmeyer  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Marketing  
Dubuque, Iowa

Molly Louise Vittetoe  
Cum Laude  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Art  
Art Education  
West Liberty, Iowa

Thao Phuong Vu  
Magna Cum Laude  
Environmental Science & Studies  
Environmental Science  
Economics  
Thai Nguyen, Vietnam

Vaalik Nicholas Wachmann  
Environmental Science & Studies  
Environmental Studies  
Waverly, Iowa

Brayton Luke Wade  
Magna Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Psi Chi  
Engineering Science  
Psychology  
Wilton, Iowa

Patrick L. Wallace  
Psychology  
Island Lake, Illinois

Olivia Cecile Walsh  
Social Work  
Belgrade, Minnesota

Jayden Kaye Walter  
Graphic Design  
Urbandale, Iowa

Anjela Michiko Waterman  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
McGregor, Iowa

* Daniel B. Webb  
Regents Scholar  
Economics  
Chicago, Illinois

Emma Elizabeth Wehking  
Biology  
Avoca, Minnesota

Timothy Joseph Wengenack  
Magna Cum Laude  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Alpha Chi  
Economics  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Rochester, Minnesota

Brian J. White  
Physical Education  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Jenna Marie White  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism & Communication  
Organizational & Public Relations  
Graphic Design  
Spanish  
Hampton, Iowa

Tyler James Wiebke  
Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Caledonia, Minnesota

Gianna Marie Witmer  
Regents Scholar  
Biological  
Neuroscience  
West Lawn, Pennsylvania

Alexandra Inaïssa  
Eugénie Wonyu  
Summa Cum Laude  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Computer Science  
Rouen, France

Allison Leigh Wood  
Neuroscience  
Readlyn, Iowa

Laurel Mary Woodrum  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Kasson, Minnesota

Alyssa Marie Woodward  
Regents Scholar  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Amana, Iowa

Nancy Wayet  
Manase Zebedayo  
International Relations  
Political Science  
Juba, South Sudan

Chloe Renee Zierke  
Summa Cum Laude  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Norwalk, Iowa

Rylee Jacqueline Zobac  
Cum Laude  
Psychology  
Strawberry Point, Iowa

Taylor Nicole Zumbach  
Exercise Science  
Anamosa, Iowa

*August graduate

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.
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.

History will be made today with conferral of the first graduate degrees at Wartburg. Fifteen Master of Arts in Leadership students have completed the program requirements and will become graduate alumni.

Outstanding Seniors

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

Madelyn Anderson — Religion
Andrew Buchheim — English and Political Science
Kyle Burke — Chemistry
Lexus Carpenter — German and International Relations
Breya Christopher — Elementary Education
Ashley DeLong — Engineering Science and Physics
Victoria Dietz — Social Work
Eric Dowe — Actuarial Science
Maeve Dunne — Sociology
Madalyn Ellingson — Accounting
Rachel Gavin — Public Health
Rachel Green — Journalism & Communication
David Guetzlaff — Mathematics
Lauryn Henderson — Graphic Design
Cora Holland — Psychology
Katelyn Kluver — Music Education

Jenna Krogulski — Exercise Science
Connor Moore — History
Patrick Mulholland — Mathematics Education
Malcolm Newell — Economics
Hanna Peterson — Music Therapy
Olivia Phillips — Spanish Education
Jane Pinkowski — Spanish
Olivia Ramaekers — Music Education
Katie Sauerbrei — Business Administration
Eva Schoell — German Studies
Jenna Smuszkiewicz — Neuroscience
Marin Stowe — Biology
Thao Vu — Environmental Science & Studies
Alexandra Wonyu — Computer Science
Laurel Woodrum — Biochemistry
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.
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.

Andrew Buchheim
Victoria Dietz
Genoa Gregg
Owen Grover

David Guetzlaff
Olivia Hobson
Yigit Kacmaz
Kaley Koran

Joanna Longwe
Hanna Peterson
Jane Pinkowski
Audra Schultz

Jenna Smuszkiewicz
Nicole Upmeyer
Laurel Woodrum

Flags for 2023 Commencement

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

Costa Rica
Five horizontal bands of blue, white, red, white, and blue with coat of arms in white elliptical disk

Denmark
Red with a white cross that extends to edges of flag; vertical part of cross is shifted to hoist side

Dominican Republic
Centered white cross over coat of arms divides flag into four rectangles – top are ultramarine blue (hoist side) and vermilion red, and bottom are vermilion red (hoist side) and ultramarine blue

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

France
Three vertical bands of blue, white, and red

Germany
Black, red, and gold horizontal sections

Kenya
Three horizontal bands of black, red, and green; red band is edged in white; large Maasai warrior shield covers crossed spears at center

Lesotho
Three horizontal stripes of blue, white, and green

Mexico
Three vertical bands of green, white, and red with coat of arms centered in white band

Nigeria
Three equal vertical bands of green and white

Pakistan
Green with vertical white band and large white crescent and star
Russian Federation
Three horizontal bands of white, blue, and red

Sierra Leone
Three bands of light green, white, and light blue

South Africa
Horizontal bands of red and blue with a black triangle on left side; central green band splits into horizontal Y bordered by white and gold bands

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

Tibet
Two snow lions hold a flaming blue, white, and orange jewel and a blue and orange t'aijitu on a white mountain with a gold sun rising over it, all over 12 red and blue alternating rays with gold border around upper, lower, and hoist side

Tunisia
Red with white disk in center bearing red crescent nearly encircling red five-pointed star

Turkey
Red with vertical white crescent moon and white five-pointed star

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

Viet Nam
Red field with yellow star at center

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

Albania
Australia
Canada
Congo
China
Croatia
Democratic Republic of Congo
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana
Guatemala
India
Iraq
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Korea, Republic of
Kosovo
Lebanon
Liberia
Maldives
Mongolia
Mozambique
Nepal
Peru
Senegal
Somalia
Syrian Arab Republic
Tanzania, United Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
**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 2023 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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Executive Director
Willis Dady Homeless Services

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Retired Librarian

Barbara Gamem ’98
Rochester, Minn.
Laboratory Services and Partnership Development Director
Mayo Clinic

Rev. Dr. Sherman Hicks
Co-Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force
Chicago, Ill.
Retired ELCA Director

Tammy Jackson ’83
Carol Stream, Ill.
Senior Director
Mission Formation for Global Leadership and Service
ELCA

Rev. Kevin Jones
Mason City
Bishop
Northeastern Iowa Synod-ELCA

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Brookfield, Wis.
Retired Insurance Executive

Liz Mathis
Hiawatha
Retired Community Engagement Officer
Four Oaks

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Alumni Board President
Waverly
Biology Teacher
Waverly-Shell Rock School District

Mike Murphy ’89
Ankeny
Owner
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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 2022-23 enrollment of 1,444 includes students from 38 U.S. states and 55 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, as well as the 25-acre historic core of campus, 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 Slife (formerly 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.

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