



# 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

## STUDENT SPEAKERS



JOANNA LONGWE

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.



CHANDLER NJUS

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.

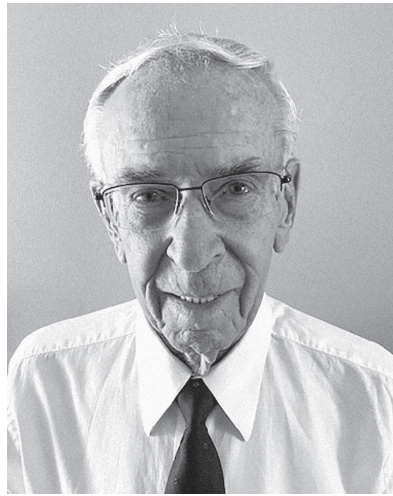
At Wartburg, Njus served as a percussion section leader for the Wind Ensemble, which toured the Midwest in both 2022 and 2023. He also served as treasurer of the college's Drumline and was a member of Ritterchor, a tenor and bass ensemble.

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.

# HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS

## *HONORIS CAUSA*



DR. DUANE KOENIG '53

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 Knightlitters, 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

# Class of 2023

## *Master of Arts in Leadership*

**Felecia Ann Boone**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Caroline Jane Collet**  
Verona, Illinois

**Clay Victor Cook**  
Waverly, Iowa

**Joseph Michael Fangman**  
Madison, Wisconsin  
In Absentia

**Bradley A Fasse**  
Grimes, Iowa

**Jason Fisher**  
Nashua, Iowa  
In Absentia

**Kasandra LeeAnn Grosser**  
Waterloo, Iowa

**Antwon Shairff Pugh Jr.**  
Copley, Ohio

**Jaderial Janelle Staebler**  
Guttenberg, Iowa

**Sara M. Swanson**  
Glenwood, Minnesota

**Audrey Renee  
Timm-Rhinehart**  
Hartford, Wisconsin

**Kayla Nicole Vale**  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Tara Aileen Winter**  
Waverly, Iowa

**Katie Ann Wyman**  
Waverly, Iowa

**Steven Matthew Youde**  
Oak Park, California

## *Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Arts*

**Elizabeth Grace Barrett**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Art  
Jewell, Iowa

## *Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music*

**Olivia Genevieve Ramaekers**  
*Cum Laude*  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Vocal  
Windsor Heights, Iowa

## *Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts*

**Samuel Douglas Bast**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Mathematics  
Waverly, Iowa

**Lucas Donald Huffman**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Business Administration  
Marion, Iowa

**Wyatt John Schmidt**  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Business Administration  
Management  
Preston, Iowa

## *Bachelor of Music Education*

\* **Tessa Christine Burger**  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Music Therapy  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Oregon, Illinois

**Brenna Marie Hamborg**  
*Cum Laude*  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Trumpet  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Carter James Hayden**  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Blairstown, Iowa

**Katelyn Jean Kluver**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Portsmouth, Iowa

**Riordan Diego Lujano**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Washington, Iowa

**Amelia Louise Ouverson**

Music Education  
Vocal  
Mason City, Iowa

**Emily Ann Raab**

*Cum Laude*  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Music Education  
Piano  
Warren, Illinois

**Kathryn Grace Rinnman**

*Cum Laude*  
Music Education  
Clarinet  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**William Porter Rouw**

Music Education  
French Horn  
Springfield, Missouri

**Asher Jaye Schneider**

*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Percussion  
North English, Iowa

**Hayden Michael Stone**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Woodland Park, Colorado

**Kjirsten Anja Zahn**

Music Education  
Vocal  
Farmington Hills, Michigan

## *Bachelor of Music*

\* **Arinda Rae Barthel**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
St. Michael, Minnesota

\* **Eva Pearl Brown**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
San Jose, California

\* **Marina Riley Fredregill**  
*Cum Laude*  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
West Des Moines, Iowa

\* **Josie Marie Hemesath**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Trumpet  
Waterloo, Iowa

\* **Meghan Alice Hicks**  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
St. Stephen, Minnesota

\* **Lauren Elizabeth Holtz**  
*Cum Laude*  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
Algonquin, Illinois

\* **Kaley Bernice Koran**  
*Cum Laude*  
Music Therapy  
Trombone  
Channahon, Illinois

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

\* **Hanna Joy Peterson**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
Chaska, Minnesota

\* **Mackenzie Amanda West**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
Hampshire, Illinois

\* **Samantha Jean Woodworth**  
Music Therapy  
Violin  
Cottage Grove, Minnesota

## *Bachelor of Science*

**Ashley Elizabeth DeLong**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Sigma Pi Sigma  
Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Physics  
Clear Lake, Iowa

\* **Aizik Alvin Hodak**  
Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Manly, Iowa

**Ripken Gehrig Holst**

*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Engineering Science  
Waverly, Iowa

**Tucker Braden Kiley**

Regents Scholar  
Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Dallas Center, Iowa  
In Absentia



**Mahmoud Yassir Abdelmutalab Mohamed Osman**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Engineering  
 Electrical Engineering  
 Khartoum, Sudan

**Trent James Roling**  
 Engineering Science  
 Marion, Iowa

**Michael Andrew Schmitz**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Engineering  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Johnston, Iowa

**Foday Sesay**  
 Engineering  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Freetown, Sierra Leone

**Morgan Scott Shirley-Fairbairn**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Engineering  
 Interdisciplinary  
 Bismarck, North Dakota  
 In Absentia

**Nicholas James TeKippe**  
 Engineering  
 Interdisciplinary  
 New Hampton, Iowa

## *Bachelor of Arts*

**Aloaye Paula Abdul-Saliu**  
 Psychology  
 Lagos, Nigeria

**Houyem Abidi**  
 Graphic Design  
 Business Administration  
 Sousse, Tunisia

**Isabelle Ginger Albers**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Actuarial Science  
 Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

\* **Tonia Ibrahim Abdel Hamid Alderbashi**  
 Computer Science  
 Zarqa, Jordan

**Emma Christine Alpern**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Alpha Chi  
 Alpha Kappa Delta  
 Beta Beta Beta  
 Nu Rho Psi  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Neuroscience  
 Psychology  
 Centennial, Colorado

**María Laura Alvarado Estrada**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Nu Rho Psi  
 Neuroscience  
 Psychology  
 San José, Costa Rica

**Emma Louise Voelzke Ammons**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Elementary Education  
 Monona, Iowa

**Paige Elizabeth Amsberry**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Public Health  
 Waverly, Iowa

**Annika Erin Anderson**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Theta Alpha Kappa  
 Religion  
 New Ulm, Minnesota

**Madelyn Elizabeth Anderson**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Theta Alpha Kappa  
 Religion  
 New Providence, Iowa

**Maia Vivian Augustine**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Psychology  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Jenna Michelle Bachus**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Alpha Kappa Delta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Psi Chi  
 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal Justice

Psychology  
 Solon, Iowa

**Bradley Banks**  
 Fitness Management  
 Stockbridge, Georgia

\* **Raegan Hronek Barrett**  
 Elementary Education  
 Rockwell City, Iowa

**Mehrshad Bashang**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Alpha Kappa Delta  
 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal Justice  
 Psychology  
 Glendale Heights, Illinois

**Abigail Lynn Bechtel**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Alpha Kappa Delta  
 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal Justice  
 Political Science  
 Waverly, Iowa

\* **Grant Lucas Berends**  
 Journalism & Communication  
 Organizational &  
 Public Relations  
 Roland, Iowa

**Katelyn Amber Berglund**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Kappa Delta Pi  
 Physical Education  
 Polk City, Iowa

**Rachel Yuyi Black**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biochemistry  
 Waverly, Iowa

**Lucas Joshua Bloker**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Mathematics  
 Denver, Iowa

**Ella Elizabeth Brase**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Kappa Delta Pi  
 Elementary Education  
 Mount Vernon, Iowa

**Victoria E. Breitbach**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
North Buena Vista, Iowa

**Amber Rose Brewer**  
Regents Scholar  
Psychology  
Business Administration  
Blue Grass, Iowa

**Hannah Christine Bruns**  
*Cum Laude*  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Religion  
Hanlontown, Iowa

**Andrew Thomas Buchheim**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
English  
Political Science  
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

**Kyle Francis Burke**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Chemistry  
New Hampton, Iowa

\* **Akyma TiyAnna Bush**  
Political Science  
San Antonio, Texas

**Carrington Khmaria Bush**  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Psychology  
History  
Eight Mile, Alabama

**Odbayar Buyantogtokh**  
Economics  
Actuarial Science  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**Lauren Elizabeth Calease Fox**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Political Science  
Public Health  
Waverly, Iowa

**Lily Kathryn Campbell**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Supply Chain Management  
Waukee, Iowa

**Lexus Shea Carpenter**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
International Relations  
German  
Political Science  
Waverly, Iowa

**Isiana Dajha Carr-Coleman**  
Regents Scholar  
Computer Science  
Centennial, Colorado

**Katherine Marie Catchpool**  
Biochemistry  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Payton Edward Chapman**  
Exercise Science  
Clive, Iowa

**Aleeya Lorelle Cheney**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

**Olivia Marie Christianson**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Graphic Design  
Art  
Anamosa, Iowa

**Breya Amber Christopher**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Elementary Education  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Lexus Marie Church**  
Regents Scholar  
Psychology  
Spanish  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Catherine Jo Claman**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism & Communication  
Organizational &  
Public Relations  
English  
Ames, Iowa

**Natalie D. Clayberg**  
Social Work  
Pella, Iowa

**Kambrie Elizabeth Clinton**  
Psychology  
Neuroscience  
Denver, Iowa

**Dalton Dean Closson**  
Business Administration  
Management  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Grace Elizabeth Coffman**  
*Cum Laude*  
Phi Alpha Theta  
History  
Public History  
Eldridge, Iowa

**Alexa Marie Collier**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Spanish  
Center Point, Iowa

**Miricle Gabrielle Corbo**  
Psychology  
St. Ansgar, Iowa

**Gabrielle Anna Corday**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
Denver, Iowa

**Derek Matthew Dalen**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Actuarial Science  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Mason City, Iowa

**Braden J. Daniels**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Computer Science  
Political Science  
Norwalk, Iowa

**Cade Anthony Daugherty**  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Bellevue, Iowa  
In Absentia

**Isaac Timothy Davis**  
Biology  
Waterloo, Iowa

- \* **Yohannes Dawit**  
Computer Science  
Graphic Design  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Micah Joe Decker**  
Elementary Education  
Monona, Iowa
- Michaela Ann Dehli**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Chi  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Waukon, Iowa
- Autumn Haylee Derifield**  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Waterloo, Iowa
- Victoria Rose Dietz**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Political Science  
Social Work  
Shafer, Minnesota
- Siwakhile Abethu Dlamini**  
Economics  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Manzini, eSwatini
- Caleb Allen Dodd**  
Physical Education  
Waterloo, Iowa
- Braxton Robert Doebe**  
*Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Clear Lake, Iowa
- Gavin Michael Orion Dooley**  
Health & Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Fairfax, Iowa
- Eric David Frederick Dowe**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Actuarial Science  
Business Administration  
Story City, Iowa
- Dylan James Downing**  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Plainfield, Iowa
- \* **Jordan Thomas Downing**  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Waverly, Iowa
- Maeve Aisling Dunne**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Neuroscience  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Coralville, Iowa
- Kain Izzac Benjamin Eagle**  
Biology  
Denver, Iowa
- Madalyn Ruth Ellingson**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Waukon, Iowa
- Aaron David Eybers**  
Regents Scholar  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Sioux City, Iowa
- Aimen Fatima**  
*Cum Laude*  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Karachi, Pakistan
- Brooklyn Marie Ferrie**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Cresco, Iowa
- Phillip Gordon Field**  
Physics  
Eldridge, Iowa
- Natalie Olivia Flugrad**  
Neuroscience  
Ames, Iowa
- Wyatt Maxwell Folkerts**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Hampton, Iowa
- Chantelle Janae Foster**  
*Cum Laude*  
Psychology  
Montezuma, Iowa
- Olivia Rose Foster**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alpha Chi  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism & Communication  
Organizational &  
Public Relations  
St. Paul, Minnesota
- Trista Rae Foster**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Graphic Design  
Cresco, Iowa
- Brady Wayne Fox**  
Religion  
Kingston, Oklahoma
- Lauren Ann Frerichs**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Business Administration  
Finance  
New Hampton, Iowa
- Panashe Reuben Gambe**  
Individualized: Health and  
Social Studies  
Mbabane, eSwatini
- Rachel Irene Gavin**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Public Health  
Norwalk, Iowa
- Jacob John Georgen**  
Biology  
Manchester, Iowa
- Hunter James Gerhardt**  
Elementary Education  
Clear Lake, Iowa
- Sergio Ismael Gomez Alanis**  
Religion  
Jewell, Iowa

**Quinn Stewart Graber***Cum Laude*

English

Luverne, Minnesota

In Absentia

**Rachel Elizabeth Green***Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Lambda Pi Eta

Journalism &amp; Communication

Organizational &amp;

Public Relations

Multimedia Journalism

DeWitt, Iowa

**Genoa Gregg**

Regents Scholar

Biology

Pine City, Minnesota

**Ellison Irene Grell**

Neuroscience

Indianola, Iowa

**Lauren Sibylla Grove**

Psychology

Iowa City, Iowa

**David Allan Guetzlaff***Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Computer Science

Mathematics

Clear Lake, Iowa

**Alyssa Renee Guse***Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Alpha

Spanish

Social Work

Belvidere, Illinois

**Jocelyn Grace Haack***Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Business Administration

Management

Marketing

Carlisle, Iowa

**Blake William Hackman**

Economics

Actuarial Science

Lawler, Iowa

**Henry Jacob Hahn**

Lambda Pi Eta

Journalism &amp; Communication

Organizational &amp;

Public Relations

Digital Cinema &amp; Production

Lamont, Iowa

**Caleb Alan Halleran***Magna Cum Laude*

Exercise Science

Fairfax, Iowa

**Carl Hamilton**

Regents Scholar

Political Science

Mesa, Arizona

**Joshua John Hamlyn**

Lambda Pi Eta

Journalism &amp; Communication

Multimedia Journalism

Sports Media

Waterloo, Iowa

**Kearstin Ann Hansel**

Elementary Education

Edgewood, Iowa

**Hannah Jenn Happ**

Regents Scholar

Biology

Secondary Education

Durant, Iowa

**Caroline Grace Harper**

Regents Scholar

History

Public History

Coralville, Iowa

**Cameron Clifford Haugen***Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Biology

Asbury, Iowa

**Vanessa Marion Hautekeete***Magna Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Individualized: Disability Studies

Norwalk, Iowa

**Harrison Dea Haynes**

Business Administration

Finance

La Motte, Iowa

In Absentia

**Jacob Scott Hayworth***Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Theta Alpha Kappa

Engineering Science

Religion

Bondurant, Iowa

**\* Elijah Mohaupt Hedden**

Business Administration

Finance

Madison, Wisconsin

**Marin Elizabeth Heilskov**

Sociology

General Sociology

Coralville, Iowa

**\* Weston William Helgersen**

Psychology

Elkader, Iowa

**Anna Marie Hemann**

Religion

Social Work

Montrose, Iowa

**Sean Henson**

Sociology

Criminology/Criminal Justice

Port Aransas, Texas

**\* Hidaly Hernandez**

Regents Scholar

Neuroscience

Spanish

Phoenix, Arizona

**Jacob Michael Herrmann**

Business Administration

Management

Marketing

Shell Rock, Iowa

**Nathan Wismer Hickox-Young**

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**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Management  
 Baxter, Iowa

**Olivia Grace Hobson**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Beta Beta Beta  
 Biology  
 Shell Rock, Iowa

**Cora Rae Holland**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Alpha Chi  
 Psychology  
 Forest City, Iowa

**Lily May Hollerung**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Psychology  
 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

**Emma Raye Huisman**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Kappa Delta Pi  
 Elementary Education  
 Clive, Iowa

**Sophia Regina Huntington**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biochemistry  
 Dubuque, Iowa

**Sydney Faye Illg**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Beta Beta Beta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 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 Johanningmeier**

*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-Nilufer, 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  
 Wauke, Iowa

**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

**Iketleng 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**

**Odunmbaku**  
Psi Chi  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Ogun, Nigeria

**Drew Alan Olson**

Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Osage, Iowa

**Oluwafeyisayo 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

**Romely Altagracia**

**Rodriguez Brito**  
Psychology  
Cabarete, Dominican Republic

**Kristian D' Von Rumph**

Health & Fitness Studies  
Coaching  
Portage, Indiana

**Andrew Robert Rush**

Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Peyton, Colorado

**Carly Marie Salutric**

Neuroscience  
Psychology  
Lockport, Illinois

**Jade Nicole Sands**

Psychology  
Kasson, Minnesota



- \* **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 Sheley**  
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  
Phi Eta Sigma  
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  
Biology  
Garner, 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  
Biology  
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

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

## 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 1973 REUNION

The Wartburg community offers a special welcome to members of the Class of 1973, 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 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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# WARTBURG COLLEGE

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.

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