



WARTBURG COLLEGE
MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP
Hooding Ceremony

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

WARTBURG CHAPEL

MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP HOODING CEREMONY

***Academic Processional**

Welcome

Dr. Michael Gleason

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Irving R. Burling Distinguished Professor
in Leadership, and Director, Institute for Leadership Education

History of Leadership Programs at Wartburg College

Dr. Gleason

Class Speaker

Tara Winter

Hooding of Candidates and Awarding of Diplomas

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Hooding

Dr. Gleason

Dr. Theresa Moore, Assistant Director,
Institute for Leadership Education

Diploma Conferral

Dr. Rebecca Neiduski, President

Doug Koschmeder, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Mike McCoy, Chair, Wartburg Board of Regents

Charge to the Class

President Neiduski

*Blessing

The Rev. Halcyon Bjornstad, Interim Dean of Spiritual Life

*Academic Recessional

Ceremony Music

Dr. Karen Black, College Organist, Cantor,
and Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor in Organ

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

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

HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP AT WARTBURG COLLEGE

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. Consistently the largest minor on campus, approximately 12 percent of undergraduate students are pursuing the minor, and to date, more than 1,200 students have completed the undergraduate leadership program.

High-impact community partnerships have been critical to the leadership education experience. These partnerships have included work with Community Builders, Community Emergency Response Training, and Retrieving Freedom Inc. In 2015, the Baldwin Fellows program was established through a generous gift by Mark and Peggy Baldwin to promote community engagement and leadership development among cohorts of undergraduate students.

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. A portfolio completed throughout the program helps students draw together learning from courses and demonstrate that learning to colleagues and employers.

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

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.

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. The length of the master's degree hood is three and one-half feet and is trimmed with three inches of velvet.

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

WARTBURG COLLEGE

Wartburg 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 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.



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