



WARTBURG COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR

SUNDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

ONE-THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON

HOOVER FIELDHOUSE & TRACK

WARTBURG-WAVERLY SPORTS & WELLNESS CENTER

Welcome

Michael J. McCoy, Chairman, Wartburg College Board of Regents

President's Welcome and Charge to the Class of 2018

Dr. Darrel D. Colson, President

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Presentation of Dr. Simon Estes for the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*
Dr. Brian Pfaltzgraff, Associate Professor of Music

Conferring of Degree
President Colson

Response from the Class of 2018

Peter Brennan

Outstanding High School Teacher Awards

Presented by
Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, Vice President for Enrollment Management
to
Doug Cole '04, Eaglecrest High School, Centennial, Colorado
Paul Muga '91, Waverly-Shell Rock High School, Waverly, Iowa

Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
Dr. Brian Ernsting, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Dr. Waldstein

Conferring of Degrees
President Colson

*Wartburg Loyalty Song

College of our brightest days, Unto thee we chant our praise.
Ne'er thy name shall cease to be a most happy memory.
Thine the spirit we love best, Finest in the East or West,
And we sing with loyalty Wartburg College, hail to thee!

*Closing Prayer and Blessing

The Rev. Dr. Ramona S. Bouzard, Dean of the Chapel and Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*Academic Recessional

The Golden Vanity Ralph Vaughn Williams/Douglas Wagner

Wartburg College Commencement Band

Dr. Muntefering, Conductor

Please remain in your place until all graduates have recessed.

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.

The Rev. Bonita Bock, Director of Wartburg West and Lecturer in Religion (1991-2018)

The Rev. Dr. Ramona Bouzard, Dean of the Chapel and Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair (1994-2018)

Dr. Josef Breutzmann, Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics (1981-2018)

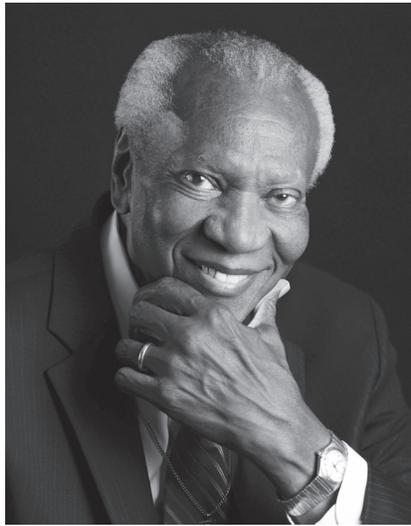
Cliff Brockman, Associate Professor of Journalism & Communication (2006-2018)

The Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, Professor of Religion and Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission (1993-2018)

*Assembly stands

HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS

HONORIS CAUSA



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DR. SIMON ESTES

Simon Estes, a world-renowned bass-baritone and retired Wartburg College faculty member, enjoys a distinguished career that has spanned five decades. His work as an international opera singer, philanthropist, humanitarian, and educator embodies the Wartburg mission of leadership, service, faith, and learning.

An Iowa native, Estes made his professional operatic debut in 1965 at the Deutsche Oper in Berlin, where he sang the role of Ramfis in *Aida*. Since then, he has sung more than 100 roles, a distinction held by few opera singers. Estes has performed for six U.S. presidents, South African leaders Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, and twice for Pope John Paul II.

Estes joined the Wartburg faculty in 2002 as distinguished professor and artist-in-residence. During his 14-year tenure, Estes performed with Wartburg music ensembles and worked with students in master classes and private voice lessons. He also has held faculty positions at five other schools, including The Juilliard School of Music, and taught master classes throughout the United States, Europe, Russia, Africa, and South America.

In addition to education and music pursuits, Estes is passionate about a number of philanthropic endeavors. He has raised scholarship funds through his two foundations and *Roots and Wings* – a 99-county concert tour of Iowa. He also partners with the United Nations Foundation to raise funds to eliminate malaria in Africa, an effort that earned him the United Nations Lifetime Impact Award.

Estes earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Iowa and has been awarded nine honorary doctorates. He is the recipient of the Iowan Award, the state's highest honor, and the Puccini Foundation's Baccarat Award for achievement in the arts. In 2012 Estes received the Gold Medal of Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, Spain, in recognition of international lifetime achievements.

Estes and his wife, Ovida, are members of the Wartburg President's Round Table. Daughter Tiffany graduated from Wartburg in 2011. He currently resides in Ankeny.

STUDENT SPEAKER



PETER BRENNAN

Peter Brennan, a senior biology major from Indianola, is representing the Class of 2018 as today's Commencement speaker. A Regents Scholar, Brennan earned a 3.98 grade point average and has been initiated into three national honor societies: Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Chi, and Tri Beta.

At Wartburg, Brennan has served as a supplemental course instructor for anatomy and physiology, and student assistant for biology lab and organic chemistry lab and lecture. During the summer of 2016, he conducted research on various species of hot peppers to measure concentration of capsaicin.

Brennan was president of Wartburg Catholic Knights and was a Student Ambassador. He was awarded the Nobility Award, an honor for meaningful and significant contributions to the college and community through vision, action, and diligence. Brennan was also a member of the 2017 Homecoming court.

A volunteer in the Waverly Health Center emergency department, Brennan also worked as a certified nursing assistant at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. Through his home church, he has participated in nine domestic mission trips, working with Hispanic immigrants, Somalian refugees, Native Americans, and the impoverished.

Following graduation, Brennan plans to work at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines while applying for admission into medical school for the fall of 2019. He is the son of Dr. Brian and Anne Brennan.

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AWARDS

The purpose of this award is to recognize high school teachers who have inspired students in Wartburg's graduating class and thereby significantly contributed to the accomplishment of earning a baccalaureate degree from Wartburg College.

The Wartburg Admissions and Scholarship Committee reviewed nominations and selected two teachers to be recognized during Commencement Weekend. Award recipients receive \$500, and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a rising senior from each recipient's high school.



Doug Cole '04, Eaglecrest High School, Centennial, Colorado

Nominated by Naomi Alene, Business Administration-Management/Marketing major, Leadership minor, Aurora, Colorado

Doug Cole is an English teacher and forensics coach at Eaglecrest High School in Centennial, Colorado. He also serves as English Department coordinator, Writing Center director, and Freshmen Seminar coordinator. Cole teaches a variety of courses, including College Preparatory English, Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, Advanced Video Productions, and Documentary and Short Film. He has coached more than 100 state and 30 national forensics qualifiers, three state champions, and one national champion. As a College Board national faculty member, Cole facilitates professional development workshops around the country on Pre-AP course strategies. His work with the Colorado Education Initiative and the Denver Scholarship Foundation aims to increase the number and diversity of students succeeding in AP English Language and Composition courses. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary English education from Wartburg College in 2004 and a master's degree in education from Graceland University in 2009.



Paul Mugan '91, Waverly-Shell Rock High School, Waverly, Iowa

Nominated by Morgan Neuendorf, Engineering Science major, Biology and Mathematics minors, Plainfield, Iowa

Paul Mugan has taught biology for 19 years at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. In addition to teaching biology courses, he has served the district on the technology curriculum and K-12 science curriculum committees and as a Carver reading strategist and E2T2 Program team member. An advocate for e-learning techniques, Mugan has presented at numerous science and education conferences on flipped and blended learning, blended learning and the iPad, paperless classrooms, and gamification of digital field collections. He is a member of the National Association of Biology Teachers and Iowa Academy of Science and volunteers with IOWATER. At Wartburg, Mugan was a captain of the 1989 football team and served as tight ends coach from 2003 to 2013. He currently serves on the Wartburg Alumni Board. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Wartburg in 1991, a master's degree in education from University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2008, and a certificate in e-learning and online teaching from University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2015.

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

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

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

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

Colors associated with the academic disciplines are as follows:

White – English, French, German, Spanish,
Speech

Copper – Economics

Light Blue – Education

Pink – Music, Music Therapy

Sage Green – Physical Education, Fitness
Management

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

Citron – History, Political Science, Social Work,
Sociology, Psychology

Navy Blue – Philosophy

Orange – Engineering Science

Scarlet – Religion

Brown – Art

Crimson – Communication Arts, Electronic
Media, Print Media, Public Relations

Lemon – Library Science

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

Purple – Law

Bachelor of Music Degree

* **Emma Christine Evans-Peck**

Summa Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Psi Chi

Music Therapy

Vocal

Geneseo, Illinois

* **Samantha Grace Hallgren**

Magna Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Therapy

Vocal

Arden Hills, Minnesota

* **Elizabeth Ann Johnson**

Regents Scholar

Music Therapy

Vocal

Faith, South Dakota

* **Abigail Morae Schott**

Magna Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Psi Chi

Music Therapy

Vocal

Liberty, Missouri

Ethan John VanderWoude

Music Performance

Vocal

Pipestone, Minnesota

Bachelor of Music Education Degree

Daniel Alejandro Astiazaran Ramos

Regents Scholar

Music Education

Percussion

Phoenix, Arizona

Timothy Tuan Anh Baird

Regents Scholar

Music Education

Vocal

Denver, Colorado

Allison Paige Coe

Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Kappa Delta Pi

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Education

Clarinet

Dixon, Iowa

* **Britni Annique**

Cohen-Wichner

Regents Scholar

Music Therapy

Music Education

Clarinet

Stoughton, Wisconsin

Hailey Justine Franzen

Cum Laude

Kappa Delta Pi

Music Education

Saxophone

Calamus, Iowa

Hannah Marie Grimm

Regents Scholar

Music Education

Vocal

Ely, Iowa

Allison Renae Hesse

Magna Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Kappa Delta Pi

Music Education

Trumpet

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Noah Timothy Hickman

Music Education

Tuba

Sheldon, Iowa

* **Shelby Rose Hormann**

Cum Laude

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Therapy

Music Education

Vocal

Bondurant, Iowa

Laura Ann Klever

Music Education

Vocal

Long Grove, Iowa

Nathan Robert Lange

Cum Laude

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Education

Vocal

Stewartville, Minnesota

Emma Charity Menzel

Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Kappa Delta Pi

Music Education

Flute

Waverly, Iowa

Melissa Jane Meyer

Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Music Education

Piano

Galena, Illinois

* **Andrea Marie Weiss**

Magna Cum Laude

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Therapy

Music Education

Vocal

DeWitt, Iowa

Bachelor of Science

Taha Falah Alazzawi

Engineering Science
Baghdad, Iraq

Riley John Anderson

Summa Cum Laude
Phi Eta Sigma
Engineering Science
West Liberty, Iowa

Anthony Michael Anstoetter

Engineering Science
Farley, Iowa

Austin Bradley Bohling

Engineering Science
Letts, Iowa

Nathan James Brown

Engineering Science
Des Moines, Iowa

Tapiwa Gregory Chimanye

Engineering Science
Economics
Harare, Zimbabwe

Erica Marie Countryman

Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Plainfield, Illinois

Noah Joseph Dahlstrom

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Engineering Science
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Dillon Beau DeMott

Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Gering, Nebraska

Tanner John Eckhart

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Big Lake, Minnesota

Jeremy James Ellerby

Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Marion, Iowa

Emma Caroline Fuhs

Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Chariton, Iowa

Grant Allen Gage

Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Hayk Hakobyan

Engineering Science
Maastricht, Netherlands

Jakob Daniel Hamilton

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Sigma Pi Sigma
Engineering Science
Algona, Iowa

Troy Mitchell Heck

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
West Liberty, Iowa

Clay Michael Henning

Engineering Science
Plymouth, Wisconsin

Collin Michael Jund

Engineering Science
Urbandale, Iowa

Blake Allen Mahoney

Engineering Science
Des Moines, Iowa

Amirhossein Matoufiazar

Engineering Science
Tehran, Iran

Madalynn Eileen McKelvey

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Engineering Science
Ottumwa, Iowa

Morgan Anne Neuendorf

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Engineering Science
Plainfield, Iowa

Ty Duane Putchio

Engineering Science
Dubuque, Iowa
In Absentia

Hunter Riley Sabers

Engineering Science
Rickardsville, Iowa

Cal Garret Tauber

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Dubuque, Iowa

John Michael Tegge

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Engineering Science
Naperville, Illinois

Madison Rachelle Thomas

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Engineering Science
Humboldt, Iowa

Mo Yang

Engineering Science
Manzini, eSwatini

Bachelor of Arts

Naomi Alene

Regents Scholar
Business Administration
Management
Marketing
Aurora, Colorado

Samuel Eugene Ambrose

Physics
Secondary Education
Davenport, Iowa

Tyler James Amick

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Alpha Theta
History
American History Education
World History Education
Austin, Minnesota

Ashley Nicole Anderson

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Nu Rho Psi
Phi Eta Sigma
Neuroscience
Ely, Iowa

Riley John Anderson

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Spanish
West Liberty, Iowa

Adeline Eleanor Angst

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Elementary Education
Pine Island, Minnesota

Mokgari Kgonthe Lindokuhle

Aphane
Beta Beta Beta
Biochemistry
Kwaluseni, eSwatini

Bo Christopher Bader

Business Administration
Marketing
La Porte City, Iowa

Breann Nicole Bader

Business Administration
Management
Sport Management
Marketing
La Porte City, Iowa

Ashlyn Noelle Bagge

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Mathematics
Independence, Iowa

Camille Rene Baker

Psychology
Chicago, Illinois

* **Candace Marie Baker**

Biology
Chicago, Illinois

Hunter Joseph Baldus

Business Administration
Management
Finance
Marketing
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Connor R. Barnard

Fitness Management
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Peri Marie Benna

Elementary Education
Ankeny, Iowa

Jacob Riley Bennett

Music
Vocal
Ellsworth, Iowa

Rebecca Vesti Bennett

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Theta Alpha Kappa
Religion
Denver, Colorado

Michael Lee Benson

Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Graphic Design
Apache Junction, Arizona

* **Amit Prakash Bharam**

Business Administration
Pune, India

Cody Alexander Birely

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Beta Beta Beta
Nu Rho Psi
Phi Eta Sigma
Sigma Delta Pi
Neuroscience
Spanish
Davenport, Iowa

Allison Lynne Birnbaum

Regents Scholar
Biology
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Mitchell James Black

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Business Administration
Sport Management
Marketing
Waterloo, Iowa

Claire Marie Blake

Regents Scholar
Environmental Science and
Studies
Environmental Science
Florence, Oregon

Katherine Joy Bomgaars

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Sigma Delta Pi
Theta Alpha Kappa
Religion
Spanish
Sheldon, Iowa

* **Paul Victor Bossua**

Journalism and Communication
Organizational and Public
Relations
Digital Cinema and
Production
Lagos, Nigeria

Allison Lyn Boyer

Elementary Education
Denmark, Iowa

Nicklaus John Brady

Accounting
Business Administration
Finance
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Brayton Lane Brandt

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Economics
Business Administration
Finance
Center Point, Iowa

Cory James Brannaman

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Business Administration
Finance
Marketing
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Amy Christine Brant

Psychology
Tiffin, Iowa

Alan Robert Brasch

Physical Education
Jesup, Iowa

Peter Charles Brennan

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Beta Beta Beta
Phi Eta Sigma
Biology
Indianola, Iowa

Griffin David Brennecke

Cum Laude
Psychology
Business Administration
Marion, Iowa

Riley Allen Brockway

Physical Education
Postville, Iowa

Samuel Parker Brooks

Summa Cum Laude
Alpha Chi
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Economics
Mathematics
Madison, Wisconsin

Clifton O'Neal Brown

Computer Information Systems
Mims, Florida

Colton Gregory Brown

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Beta Beta Beta
Sigma Delta Pi
Biology
Iowa City, Iowa

Herbert Brown III

Social Work
Chicago, Illinois

Maria Rose Brown

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Beta Beta Beta
Nu Rho Psi
Psi Chi
Neuroscience
Psychology
Peosta, Iowa

Corbin John Brungard

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Business Administration
Marketing
Parkersburg, Iowa

Miranda Elaine Buchholz

Regents Scholar
Beta Beta Beta
Neuroscience
Waterloo, Iowa

Elizabeth Jeannette Buckwalter

Political Science
Morrison, Illinois

Nicole RaeAnn Burgin

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Phi Eta Sigma
Sigma Delta Pi
Biology
Oelwein, Iowa

Megan Elizabeth Burke

Communication Arts
Organizational and Public
Relations
Glendale, Arizona

Grace Corryn Byram

Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration
Marketing
Management
Pella, Iowa

Emily Ann Capper

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Alpha Chi
Beta Beta Beta
Nu Rho Psi
Phi Eta Sigma
Neuroscience
Solon, Iowa

Madeline Margaret Carlsen

Magna Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Biology
Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Madelyn Jane Carlson

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
Sigma Delta Pi
Spanish
Peace and Justice Studies
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Emily Rose Carroll

Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Kappa Delta Pi
Phi Eta Sigma
Elementary Education
Marble Rock, Iowa

Joseph Alex Chamberlain

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Mathematics
Computer Science
Johnsburg, Illinois

Emily May Christianson

Psychology
Anamosa, Iowa

Alyssa Marie Christopher

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Delta Pi
Elementary Education
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Allison Paige Coe

Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Kappa Delta Pi
Phi Eta Sigma
Music
Clarinet
Dixon, Iowa

Benjamin Louis Coleman

Spanish
Sociology
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Janaé Dechelle Conley

Business Administration
Sport Management
Marketing
Harker Heights, Texas

Colten Chad Connelly

Cum Laude
 Regents Scholar
 Business Administration
 Finance
 Management
 Guttenberg, Iowa

Jason Louis Costabile

Cum Laude
 Regents Scholar
 Phi Eta Sigma
 Music
 Percussion
 Arlington Heights, Illinois

Elizabeth Lynn Crow

Magna Cum Laude
 Fitness Management
 North Liberty, Iowa

Benjamin Alton Cuvelier

Magna Cum Laude
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 Beta Beta Beta
 Biology
 New Hartford, Iowa

Ashley Marie Dahl

Cum Laude
 Business Administration
 Marketing
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Emily Claire DeBoer

Summa Cum Laude
 Regents Scholar
 Alpha Chi
 Phi Eta Sigma
 Accounting
 Business Administration
 Finance
 Wauke, Iowa

Diane Delgado

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 Neuroscience
 Phoenix, Arizona

Eric Joseph DeVos

Political Science
 Waverly, Iowa

Levi Joseph Dolphin

Business Administration
 Marketing
 Cascade, Iowa

Elizabeth Ann Duehr

Biology
 Dubuque, Iowa

*** Stephanie Michele Dunbar**

Regents Scholar
 History
 Clare, Iowa

Alyssa Arelene Edwards

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 Music
 Clarinet
 Journalism and Communication
 Organizational and Public
 Relations
 Kingston, Illinois

Johanna Christine Ender

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 Alpha Chi
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 Mathematics
 Actuarial Science
 Lake City, Minnesota

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Biochemistry
 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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 Business Administration
 Finance
 Management
 Accounting
 Kissimmee, Florida

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 Forest City, Iowa

Bryce Edward Evans

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 Ankeny, Iowa

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Biology
 Solon, Iowa

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 Relations
 Barrington, Illinois

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 Management
 Finance
 Coggon, Iowa

Kyle Allen Fank

Physical Education
 Independence, Iowa

Courtney Lynn Fasbender

Cum Laude
 Regents Scholar
 Mathematics
 Secondary Education
 Hastings, Minnesota

Joshua Raymond Feirer

Sociology
 General Sociology
 Janesville, Wisconsin

Brenda Reneé Fields

Sociology
 General Sociology
 Chicago, Illinois

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Regents Scholar
 Accounting
 Business Administration
 Dubuque, Iowa

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 Phi Eta Sigma
 Communication Arts
 Organizational and Public
 Relations
 Denver, Iowa

Mara Gail Forsyth

Magna Cum Laude
 Elementary Education
 Charles City, Iowa

Nathan Neb Frana

Computer Science
 Decorah, Iowa

Laura Mae Franzmeier

Regents Scholar
 Elementary Education
 Clarion, Iowa

Tyler Gage French

Regents Scholar
 Lambda Pi Eta
 Phi Eta Sigma
 Journalism and Communication
 Multimedia Journalism
 Norwalk, Iowa

*August graduate

Emma Lauryn Friedly*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Alpha Chi

Beta Beta Beta

Biology

Waterloo, Iowa

Brittney Ann Fuller*Magna Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Beta Beta Beta

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Phi Eta Sigma

Sigma Delta Pi

Biochemistry

Independence, Iowa

Elle Joann Gadiant*Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Environmental Science and
Studies

Environmental Science

Business Administration

Cascade, Iowa

Luis Edward Galle*Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Accounting

Business Administration

Finance

Montrose, Iowa

Farai Gandiya

Computer Science

Harare, Zimbabwe

Caleb Doyle Geer

Regents Scholar

Computer Information Systems

Plainfield, Iowa

Grant Martin Gingerich*Magna Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Beta Beta Beta

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Biology

Sherrard, Illinois

Maria E. González Álvarez

Social Work

Waterloo, Iowa

Trenton Michael Gosnell

Business Administration

Finance

Nichols, Iowa

Taylor Lien Gottschalk

Elementary Education

Waterloo, Iowa

Sarah Margaret Grabowski

Elementary Education

Plainfield, Illinois

Travone Jarques Gray

Social Work

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Kierra Joy Green*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Elementary Education

Hampton, Iowa

Ariana Elizabeth**Gremmels Olson***Magna Cum Laude*

Phi Alpha

Social Work

Waverly, Iowa

Garrett J. Grisman*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Business Administration

Sport Management

Accounting

Iowa City, Iowa

Bryan Alexander Grubb

Regents Scholar

Sociology

Criminology/Criminal

Justice

Des Moines, Iowa

Amanda Christine Guertler*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Alpha Chi

Phi Eta Sigma

French and Francophone Studies

Business Administration

Arlington Heights, Illinois

Saeed T. Halim

Spanish

Kansas City, Missouri

Parker William Robert**Hammel***Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Accounting

Business Administration

Dubuque, Iowa

Caleb Michael Hanson

Biology

Clarion, Iowa

Isaac Hatangimana

Economics

Business Administration

Finance

International Business

Rumonge, Burundi

Abbie Kristine Hauptert

Elementary Education

Huxley, Iowa

Kennedy Caitlynn Haut*Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Alpha

Social Work

Plainfield, Iowa

Blake Joseph Havran

Business Administration

Finance

Montezuma, Iowa

Samuel Casey Heimer

Business Administration

Management

St. Ansgar, Iowa

Erin Marie Henderson*Magna Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

German Studies

Business Administration

Edina, Minnesota

Sawyer D. Herman

Business Administration

Management

Marketing

Monticello, Iowa

Alyssa Ann Hewitt*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Alpha Chi

Lambda Pi Eta

Communication Arts

Organizational and Public

Relations

Clive, Iowa

Katie Eleanora Hilmer*Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Accounting

Dysart, Iowa

- Jacob Thomas Hodge**
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration
Management
Dubuque, Iowa
- Nicholas Alan Hoftender**
Fitness Management
Dubuque, Iowa
- Jake Thomas Hogan**
Psychology
Gilbertville, Iowa
In Absentia
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Elementary Education
Toledo, Iowa
- Jacob Nolan Holub**
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Williamsburg, Iowa
- Zachary Alan Hovick**
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Business Administration
Finance
Roland, Iowa
- Gabrielle Rene Hunt**
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Psychology
Sociology
Freeport, Illinois
- * **Cody Daniel Hyler**
Biology
Des Moines, Iowa
- Amy Ann Isvik**
Summa Cum Laude
Regents Scholar
Alpha Chi
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Phi Eta Sigma
Mathematics
Computer Science
Jewell, Iowa
- * **Karl Alexander Jaeschke**
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Management
Bettendorf, Iowa
- Alyssa Lynn Jenkins**
Elementary Education
Austin, Minnesota
- Jordan David Johnson**
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Biology
Owatonna, Minnesota
- Michelle Joy Johnson**
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Phi Eta Sigma
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Organizational and Public
Relations
Maplewood, Minnesota
- Nicole Rebecca Johnson**
Psychology
Sociology
General Sociology
Toledo, Iowa
- Michael Tyler Johnsrud**
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Biology
Orono, Minnesota
- Aryn Tyler Jones**
Beta Beta Beta
Neuroscience
Marion, Iowa
- * **Jasmyne K. Jones**
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Relations
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Sophia Ardelle Jones**
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Marion, Iowa
- * **Alviann Rosezata Jordan**
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Christ Church, Barbados
- Mitchell James Jordan**
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- Sara Lynn Jorgensen**
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Vinton, Iowa
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Aplington, Iowa
- Kosamu Kasonso**
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- Jocelyn Mae Keller**
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Waterloo, Iowa

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Phi Eta Sigma
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Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

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Vocal
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Physical Education
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Rockford, Iowa

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Conrad, Iowa

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Elementary Education
Bloomington, Minnesota

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Davenport, Iowa

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Salina, Kansas

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Spanish
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Sport Management
Management
Marketing
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Phi Eta Sigma
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Multimedia Journalism
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Marion, Iowa

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Criminology/Criminal
Justice
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Hudson, Wisconsin

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Management
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American History Education
La Porte City, Iowa

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Phi Eta Sigma
Neuroscience
Bettendorf, Iowa

Benjamin Philip Weber

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Hopkinton, Iowa

Collin Nicholas Werkman

Psychology
Waverly, Iowa

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Marketing
Management
Nashua, Iowa

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Management
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Regents Scholar
Phi Eta Sigma
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Atkins, Iowa

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Psi Chi
Sigma Delta Pi
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La Crescent, Minnesota

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Urbandale, Iowa

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Finance
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Elementary Education
Coggon, 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 wearing gold cords have been awarded *Summa Cum Laude* academic honors. Students wearing other cords have received special recognition by their honor society, based on cumulative grade point average and active membership.

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

Students wearing medals were named Regents or Presidential Scholars upon entrance to Wartburg.

As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of degree and award recipients is tentative; the college reserves the right to withdraw or add names and make any other necessary changes.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

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

Tyler Amick – American History Education
Ashley Anderson – Neuroscience
Rebecca Bennett – Religion
Cory Brannaman – Business Administration
Brayton Brandt – Economics
Madelyn Carlson – Peace and Justice Studies
Emily Carroll – Elementary Education
Elizabeth Crow – Fitness Management
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Studies
Samantha Hallgren – Bachelor of Music
Education/Music Therapy
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Erin Henderson – German Studies
Allison Hesse – Bachelor of Music
Alyssa Hewitt – Journalism & Communication

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Madeline Kemp – Public Health
Samantha Kopf – Sociology*
Michelle Lackner – Social Work
Annie Lammers – Computer Information Systems
Trevor Larson – Physical Education
Allison Maybee – International Relations
Dakota Moore – History
Suusen Ng Wan Jiun – Art
Rachel Pape – English
Rachel Pape – Spanish
Benjamin Pollack – World History Education
Kyra Saragaglia – Mathematics Education
Mitchell Schertz – English Education
Thomas Schiffer – Actuarial Science
Cassandra Smith – Biology
Makenzie Thorson – Graphic Design
Lola Vafaeva – Political Science

**December 2017 graduate*

SCHOLARS PROGRAM GRADUATES

The Wartburg Scholars Program is an honors program that facilitates the pursuit of academia and strives for the growth of the scholar through enriching academic challenges and learning opportunities. These opportunities include meaningful service activities, coursework, research, and other creative endeavors throughout their academic career. The program is dedicated to improving scholars' academic and life skills to better prepare them to think more independently and critically while incorporating all disciplines into their intellectual thinking. Students wearing green and gold cords have successfully completed the program.

Ashley Anderson
Mokgari Aphané
Molly Astarita*
Ashlyn Bagge
Cody Birely

Elle Gadiant
Amy Isvik
Michael Johnsrud
Samantha Kopf*
Stephen Klaassen

Stephen Marak
Madalynn McKelvey
Rachel Pape
Karolina Paulsen*
Natalie Peyton

Cheyenne Saddler
Cassandra Smith
Amanda Wright

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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.

FLAGS FOR 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Flags in the processional represent the countries of students who are graduating today.

Armenia

Three equal horizontal bands of red, blue, and orange

Barbados

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

Burundi

Divided by a white diagonal cross into red and green panels with a white disk superimposed at the center bearing three red six-pointed stars outlined in green arranged in a triangular design

China

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

Costa Rica

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

eSwatini

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

India

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

Iran

Three equal horizontal bands of green, white, and red with national emblem in red centered in white band; ALLAH AKBAR in Arabic repeated 11 times along top and bottom edges

Iraq

Three equal horizontal bands of red, white, and black with the Takbir meaning "God is Great" in green Arabic script centered in white band

Lesotho

Three horizontal stripes of blue, white, and green

Malaysia

Fourteen equal horizontal stripes of red alternating with white; blue rectangle bears a yellow crescent and a yellow 14-pointed star

Mexico

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

Nigeria

Three equal vertical bands of green and white

Thailand

Five horizontal bands of red, white, blue, white, and red

United Nations

White UN emblem on a blue background

United States of America

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

Uzbekistan

Three horizontal bands of blue, white, and green separated by red fimbriations with a white crescent moon and 12 white stars

Zambia

Green field with panel of three vertical bands of red, black, and orange below soaring eagle on outer edge

Zimbabwe

Seven equal horizontal bands of green, yellow, red, black, red, yellow and green with white triangle and yellow bird on red star near hoist

Other flags on display represent the countries of current Wartburg students, plus the United Nations flag.

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|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Belize | Ecuador | Lao People's | Rwanda |
| Benin | Ethiopia | Democratic | Saudi Arabia |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | France | Republic | Sierra Leone |
| Botswana | Haiti | Lebanon | South Africa |
| Brazil | Honduras | Mongolia | Uganda |
| Cambodia | Japan | Myanmar | United Kingdom |
| Cameroon | Kenya | Namibia | Vietnam |
| Congo | Korea, Republic of | Nepal | |
| East Timor | Kosovo | Pakistan | |

COLLEGE MACE

Leading the academic procession today is a ceremonial mace, 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.

THE CLASS OF 1968

The Wartburg community offers a special welcome to members of the Class of 1968, 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: First National Bank of Waverly, Security State Bank of Waverly and Shell Rock, and Johnston Financial Services, LLC – John Johnston and Dane Johnston.

UKNIGHT PLEDGE

Many members of the Class of 2018 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."

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE

Many seniors have carried on a graduation tradition by signing a pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility. The pledge reads: "I pledge to take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work."

SUSTAINABILITY AT WARTBURG

GreenWeaver® caps and gowns worn by today's graduates are made of recycled plastic bottles. Each gown keeps an average of 23 plastic bottles from winding up in a 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 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 2017-18 enrollment of 1,527 includes students from 30 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, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The newest facilities include the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center (The W), the Science Center, and Saemann Student Center.

The Clinton Hall renovation and expansion project was completed in September 2016. It includes the addition of air conditioning, new windows, and improved bathrooms, laundry facilities, and common spaces. A new east-side addition expands the living and learning environment and includes a faculty apartment.

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

