

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2020:

Congratulations on completing your degree from Western Illinois University! We made it through the Fall 2020 semester and have arrived at our Commencement Ceremony. Fittingly, we share this day virtually with you and your family and friends, while we remain committed to providing the best we can under the circumstances. We are happy to celebrate your accomplishments, even as we wish we could be physically together.

As a Western Illinois University graduate, you join an influential group of people who hold a college degree. Western graduates are leaders in industry, world class educators, lawyers and politicians, law enforcement professionals, and many others, serving proudly all over the globe. Your WIU degree provides you the tools to do whatever you can dream, with unlimited opportunities. As you take advantage of your degree, recognize the opportunity that it has created, not only for you personally, not only for your family, but also to make this world a better place because of your efforts.

Since taking over as interim president in July 2019, I have had the honor to meet many Western alumni, and today, you join their ranks. I hope you leave here with great pride and that you remain engaged with us and serve as a role model for future generations of students. We look forward to seeing you back on campus or at University events across the U.S. When you return, reach out to those faculty and staff who were a vital part of your college career. Talk to current students; help us reach future students by volunteering at recruitment events; and share your knowledge and fond memories of your time at WIU with others. The Leatherneck connection runs deep, and you will always be part of our Leatherneck family.

Take pride in your achievements, celebrate your accomplishments, and recognize your tremendous success. Go out and do great things. Congratulations!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Abraham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Martin Abraham
Interim President

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges; the Centennial Honors College; and the General Studies Degree Program select a graduating senior as the college's outstanding student. College Scholars receive a gold medallion on a purple and gold ribbon in recognition of their high achievement.



**Arts and Sciences
Scholar**

Michael Viti (New Cumberland, PA) graduates with a B.S. degree in Chemistry, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. He is also the Chemistry Departmental Scholar.



**Business and
Technology Scholar**

Amy Johnson (Cambridge, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Agriculture, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Agriculture Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Education and
Human Services
Scholar**

Cynthia Peterson-Castro (East Moline, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She is also the School of Education Departmental Scholar.



**Fine Arts and
Communication
Scholar**

Morgan Miller (Geneseo, IL) graduates with a B.M. degree in Music Education, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Music Education Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**General Studies
Scholar**

Amy Everetts (Davenport, IA) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies. She is also the General Studies Departmental Scholar.



**Centennial Honors
College Scholar**

Laura Warner (Sherrard, IL) graduates with a B.F.A. degree in Art, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Art and Design Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.

CENTENNIAL HONORS SCHOLARS

A Centennial Honors Scholar is a student in Western's Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of Honors requirements and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.40. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a light blue ribbon.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARS

Departmental Scholars are the outstanding undergraduate degree candidates in an academic major as determined by the faculty in the major department. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a sapphire blue ribbon.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree, who have earned a minimum 60 semester hours of graded courses at Western, are eligible for graduation with academic distinction. Coursework completed at WIU and all transferable hours are calculated to determine honors. The academic distinction of Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.60-3.74 on a 4.00 scale. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a gold ribbon. The academic distinction of Magna Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.75-3.89. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a purple ribbon. The academic distinction of Summa Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.90 or higher. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a red ribbon.

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

VIRTUAL CONVOCATION WEBSITE

wiu.edu/honors/virtual_convocation

CONVOCATION SPEAKER: MORGAN MILLER
TITLE: “PURPLE, GOLD, OUR COLORS BRAVE”

https://youtu.be/oAG7p_4BOXs

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, December 19, 2020 • 10 a.m. Virtual Ceremony

Processional.....Jazz Studio Orchestra
Dr. John Cooper, Conductor

Welcome..... William T. Clow
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President

National Anthem.....Mark Mixon Jr.
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Music, Class of 2020

Introductions..... Interim Provost Clow

Remarks from Alumni

Video 2: College of Arts and Sciences;

General Studies and Interdisciplinary StudiesChristopher L. Washington, Alumni

Video 3: College of Business and Technology John E. Sanders, Alumni

Video 4: College of Education and Human Services.....Emmerson Buie, Jr., Alumni

Video 5: College of Fine Arts and CommunicationVictoria L. Kappel, Alumni

Remarks to the Graduating ClassDr. Martin Abraham
Interim President

Remarks from Deans/Director

Video 1: School of Graduate Studies..... Dr. Mark Mossman, Director

Video 2: College of Arts and Sciences..... Dr. Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean
General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies.....Ms. Jeanne Stierman, Interim Dean

Video 3: College of Business and Technology Dr. Craig Conrad, Interim Dean

Video 4: College of Education and Human Services..... Dr. Francis Godwyll, Dean

Video 5: College of Fine Arts and Communication Dr. William Hoon, Interim Dean

Presentation of Candidates Interim Provost Clow

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Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Degrees.....Interim President Abraham

Graduates Individually Recognized.....Universal Production Music

“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,”

by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployar

Remarks.....Interim President Abraham

Closing Remarks..... Interim Provost Clow

Alma Mater, “Western Loyalty” University Singers Octet 1

MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences

Laura Ballesteros Font

Michael Anthony Viti

College of Business and Technology

Amy Marie Johnson

Nichole Roberts

College of Education and Human Services

Miranda Brant

Jacob D. Viaene

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Morgan Ann-Marie Miller

Lydia Sharon Olson

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER LEE L. BRICE

Western Illinois University History Professor Lee L. Brice is the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Brice joined Western's history faculty in 2003. Throughout his time at WIU, Brice has received numerous honors for his research and academic work. He was selected as a Tytus Fellow at the University of Cincinnati, was elected a Fellow into the American Numismatic Society, named the Gale Distinguished Lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and received the honor of Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in Ancient History at Auckland University in New Zealand and the Elizabeth A. Whitehead Distinguished Professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

Brice has served multiple terms on the Faculty Senate, also serving as secretary. While serving as faculty advisor for the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Omicron-Omicron chapter at WIU, it was designated as an Outstanding Student Organization by the College of Arts and Sciences. Brice was also awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Excellence Award in 2016, for research and scholarly activity, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences 2008 Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching – Mentoring



Undergraduate Research and the Outstanding First Year Experience Teacher Award in 2006. He was co-organizer of the History Faculty Colloquia from 2009-12 and has served on numerous department, college and University committees.

Brice has lectured, delivered keynote addresses and presented papers

at numerous national and international conferences of professional organizations and received several international and WIU internal grants.

He has published six books on ancient warfare and history, has authored and co-authored several book chapters and encyclopedia entries, published numerous articles in professional journals and many book reviews by invitation. Brice is the senior editor of "Research Perspectives in Ancient History," and editor of a peer-reviewed book series, "Warfare in the Ancient Mediterranean: Bill's Companions to the Classical World."

Brice received his bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University; his master's degree in history from the University of Houston and his doctoral degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Dr. Martin Abraham, interim..... President
 Mr. William T. Clow, interim..... Provost and Academic Vice President
 Dr. Teresa Smith, interim Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, CFO
 Mr. John Smith, interim Vice President for Student Services
 Dr. Kristi MindrupAssistant Vice President, Academic Affairs and
 Interim Administrator in Charge, Quad Cities Campus

ACADEMIC DEANS

Dr. Susan Martinelli-Fernandez College of Arts and Sciences
 Dr. Craig Conrad, interim..... College of Business and Technology
 Dr. Francis Godwyll..... College of Education and Human Services
 Dr. William Hoon, interim College of Fine Arts and Communication
 Dr. Lorette Oden, interim..... Centennial Honors College
 Ms. Jeanne Stierman, interim University Libraries

THE WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions, signifying the importance of the event and the confirmation of the academic process.

The University's mace was designed by WIU Department of Art Chair Kat Myers, and crafted by Myers in collaboration with the late Kenneth B. Epperson, Western alumnus and former WIU Admissions' community college director.

The turned walnut shaft is encircled by three engraved sterling silver bands with four pierced sterling silver fins cradling a freely moving gold sphere.



The fins represent Western Illinois University's four core values—Academic Excellence, Educational Opportunity, Personal Growth, and Social Responsibility—positioned as the four directions of the compass. The sphere, representing the student, is held and guided by the fins as it moves to find its place in the world.

The incorporated sphere was formed by raising, a 3,000-year-old metalsmithing process, using steel hammers and forms to shape sheet metal. The sphere is made of 24K gold-plated brass. While the process was chosen as a representation of Western's respect for tradition, the sphere remains mobile, illustrating the University's readiness to adapt as it looks toward an ever-changing future.

ABOUT THE FLAGS

Displayed in the arena are the flags of 15 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Bangladesh, China, Germany, Guinea, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the United States. Western Illinois University was home to students from 47 countries during the Fall 2020 semester.

ABOUT THE GONFALONS

Gonfalons made their inaugural appearance in Western's Fall 2009 Commencement ceremonies. The gonfalons are banners hung from a crossbar on poles, which represent the specific group immediately following the gonfalonier, the person carrying the banner.

Their origins date back to medieval Italy, when gonfalons were used to distinguish Italian republics. They have also been used in ecclesiastical processions, as well as in war; and they have evolved into bearing coats of arms for individuals and groups.

Many universities and colleges have adopted the use of gonfalons to enhance the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

Today's processions include gonfalons for Western Illinois University, the School of Graduate Studies, and each of the four academic colleges: Arts and Sciences (white); Business and Technology (royal blue); Education and Human Services (UN blue); and Fine Arts and Communication (spice brown).

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colorful regalia worn by academicians is steeped in tradition, dating back to the ecclesiastical garb of the Middle Ages. Adaptations from ecclesiastical to academic dress began in early European universities, which were founded by the church. University faculty and students wore the adapted robes for distinction and warmth. The University of Cambridge is cited as the first to use the academic gown.

Representatives of American universities met in the early 1890s and agreed upon a standard style of academic attire. The Intercollegiate Code, revised in 1932, and again in 1959, is followed today by American colleges and universities, except for a few schools, which continue to use the styles of England.

Gowns are traditionally black. However, some universities have authorized use of a color symbolic of the institution. Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. Master's and Specialist gowns have long, closed sleeves with an arc near the bottom and an opening for the arm. Doctoral gowns are faced with wide velvet panels and have bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars.

Caps, originally round, are typically square mortarboards. Some universities have adopted a doctor's cap with a soft crown instead of the mortarboard.

ACADEMIC REGALIA (CONTINUED)

At Western, the tassel color of bachelor degree candidates indicates the college or program from which students graduate: College of Arts and Sciences, white for bachelor of arts, gold for bachelor of science, white and gold for bachelor of liberal arts and sciences, and apricot for bachelor of science in nursing; College of Business and Technology, sapphire blue; College of Education and Human Services, light blue for bachelor of science and bachelor of science in education, and citron for bachelor of social work; College of Fine Arts and Communication, brown for bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, and bachelor of science, and pink for bachelor of music; General Studies Degree Program, white for bachelor of arts; and Interdisciplinary Studies, white for bachelor of arts and gold for bachelor of science. Master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels are old gold.

Hoods, which originally were attached to the gown and could be slipped over the head for warmth, are the most colorful articles of specialist, master's, and doctor's clothing. The color of the lining of the hood represents the university awarding the degree. The color of the facing of the hood reflects the academic discipline of the wearer's highest degree. At Western, the colors awarded for doctoral and graduate degrees are: light blue, education doctorate, education specialist, and master of science in education; gold, specialist in school psychology and master of science; sapphire blue, master of accountancy and master of business administration; white, master of arts; white and gold, master of liberal arts and sciences; pink, master of music; and brown, master of fine arts.

Colors which may be seen among the marching faculty and their corresponding fields of study include: brown (fine arts), crimson (journalism), dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), lemon yellow (library science), light blue (education), yellow brown (commerce, business, accountancy), pink (music), purple (law), sage green (physical education), scarlet (theology), gold and white (liberal arts and sciences), and white (arts, letters, humanities).

INFORMATION FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in Commencement if they anticipate completion of requirements for graduation during the fall semester.

The roster of candidates listed in this program is a compilation of those eligible to participate and who have not submitted the Exclusion of Directory Information Form. It should not be construed either as a complete or official list of those who will receive a University degree. Due to printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear, while names of degree candidates may appear even though they have not completed their degree requirements.

Honors distinctions are based on the candidate's academic record at the time of publication.

Diplomas will be mailed approximately eight weeks after Commencement to those who have completed requirements and have no University encumbrances.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Lacey Anderson

“Examining the Impact of School Climate on Academic Achievement in Elementary Schools in Illinois”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Brandi Anderson-Maier

“Balanced Leadership: A Quantitative Study of the Relationship Between Principal Leadership Responsibilities and Collective Teacher Efficacy”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

* Amanda J. Carson

“An Inquiry into Mathematical Methods, Passion, and Mindsets in Elementary Classrooms”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Stuart O. Yager

* Jonathan E. Devereueawax

“Low-Income Students at Rural Community Colleges: An Interpretative Phenomenological Approach”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Tracy L. Davis

Marcie G. Faust

“The Role of Parents in the Continuation of Children’s Instrumental Music Participation”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Michaela Joy Fray

“Leaders as Lead Learners: Is There a Need for Developing, Supporting and Networking Illinois School Leaders Regionally?”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

* Yolanda K. Grandberry Pugh

“Out of School Factors that Impact the Academic Performance of African American Students”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

* Deborah J. Kepple-Mamros

“Generation Z: A Grounded Theory Study of the Factors that Contribute to Student Engagement”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Tracy L. Davis

Margaret A. Lesniak

“Lead and Achieve: A Quantitative Study of Leadership Behaviors and Student Achievement in Illinois High Schools”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

John P. Price

“Intent and Impact: A Case Study Analysis of District Intervention by the State of Illinois in North Chicago and East St. Louis, 2011-2018”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Michael J. Ruff

“The Effects of Five Factors on the Job Satisfaction of Rural Elementary (K-8) Principals”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Anne M. Zahn

“The Impact of Content Allocation Instructional Minutes on Elementary Achievement in Northeastern Illinois”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

* Completed degree requirements Summer 2020

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:

LARGE RIVER ECOSYSTEMS

Dr. Roger C. Viadero, Jr., Director

Michele Marie Rehbein

“Mosquitoes of Wetland and Low Order Streams
in West-Central and North-Central Illinois:

Developing Models Between the Culex Mosquito

vs. Abiotic Factors and Identification of

Mosquito Hosts Through Genetic Sequencing”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Roger C. Viadero, Jr.

Anshu Singh

“Environmental Partitioning of Trace Metals in
the Vicinity of an Iron Foundry Slag Deposit at
Carp Lake, Davenport, Iowa, USA”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Roger C. Viadero, Jr.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

Dr. Marjorie Allison,
Interim Chair

- * Abidemi Bonita Akinbo
- Saleh Mohammed Alshamrani
- * Savannah Dupont
- Francesca Hamm
- Kasandra L. Henshaw
- * Whitney Sullivan
- Alex Weidenhamer

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Samuel K. Thompson, Chair

Dakota Clay Forbis
Sun Geun Sin

HISTORY

Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman,
Interim Chair

- Matthew Paul Bersell
- * Harrison Schulte
- Jillien Anne Zudell

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman, Chair

- * Courtney Dalton
- Nofisat Eletu
- Benjamin Paul Meyers
- Oyindamola Ruth Olawepo
- Katrina Helene Vandeven

SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Tawnya Adkins Covert, Chair

- * Shyan Edwards
- * Ejura Yetunde Salihu
- * Jaelyn Lorraine Smith

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Betsy Perabo,
Interim Director

- * David Vincent Ashby
- * Lamart Hudson

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Dr. Ranessa L. Cooper, Chair

- * Rebecca Bocian
- * Edward Dean Davis
- * Nicholas E. Emory
- * Xiomy Janiria Pinchi Davila
- Olivea M. Mendenhall
- Cassidy R. Miles
- * Ajiboye Arinola Oloke
- * Maria-Jose Romero-Jimenez
- * Rajeev Roy
- Ashley Lynn Stanley
- * Ummay Tamima Tasnim
- Tyler Clayton Thomsen
- * Madeline Grace Tomczak
- * Dominique D. Turney

* Jesse Aaron Williams

* Zachary John Witzel

* Nasser Zbeeb

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- Naif Alwani
- Alexandra Jane Brisbin
- Bethany Ann Esterlen
- Kyle Murphy
- Bishnu Prasad Neupane
- Ifeanyi Francis Offor
- * Elijah Openiyi
- Abdullah Ali A. Rubayyi
- Deanna Valdebenito

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Karen L. Sears, Chair

- * Bradley Aleshire
- An Nguyen Ha Le
- * Erin Leigh Murphy
- * Rachel Doreen Najdek
- * Kyle Reterstoff
- Yashwanth Kumar Reddy
- Sudhini

* Completed degree requirements Summer 2020

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTANCY

Dr. Jessica L. Lin,
Interim Director

* Bryce T. Allison
Alexandra Bledsoe

Mariah Lynne DeArmond

Joshua Charles Franke

Tamera Hudson

* Christopher William Kennedy

Stefanija Micevic

* Dylan Mizaur

* Tolulope Folashade Nathan

Emily Reichert

Mary Ellen Tabin

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tara Feld, *Interim Director*

Eric Avila

* Ishita Bag

* Elie Baliss

James Ballentine

* Niels R. Bordes

Kamal Bouzegou

* Andrew Bruce

Michael Joseph Button

Erin Dowell

Michaela Justinne Eagen

Christian A. Gaines

Eric J. Gaul

* Zachary Brian Glisan

Melissa A. Gottwalt

Kiri Rachel Gray

Kerstin Nicole Guimon

Kelsey N. Lillion

* Jennifer Anne McGuire

* Brett Cortney Nielsen

* Sergio Ortega

* Marcus Pickett

Krystal J. Robinson

* Matthew Michael Romkey

Kyle Sanft

Michael La Rae Sartorius

* Brandon Jordan Schmidgall

Jason Kenneth Vander Laan

* Johan Pascal Cyriaque Vernet

Jennifer L. Westerlund

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Interim Director

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* Md Asraful Islam Khan

Nalini Mallela

* Tolulope Olupona

Signa Rogers

* Emmanuel Sanchez Tovar

* Mariela Antonia Trevino

Kavya Davuluri

Pragna Sahithi Garnini

Bruce Russell Gordon

Pooja Kilaru

Praneeth Koluguru

Mohammed Alamin

Abdelhafeez Mohammed

Venkata Siva Teja Prasanth

Nune

Sai Vineeth Polineni

Satish Reddy Pullaiahgari Bala

Venkat Rasagna Ravvaarapu

Vinay Rudrangi

Gregory R. Sabo

Lakshmi Venkata Maurya Sakala

Ganesh Varala

Saikomali Vijayagiri

Shyan Rochell Edwards

* Marquis Sims-McCoy

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ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Rafael Obregon,

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Sai Kiran Badugu

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MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS Kabine Gnalén Kaba
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James Abiodun Ajayi
Geraldine E. Guarín

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES EDUCATION SPECIALIST

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Beau Buchs
Jennifer M. Lindsay
*David Bryan Ptak

MASTER OF ARTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Jill Joline Myers, Director

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Bradley Carl Block
Kiley Amber Dix
Karl Preston Germany Jr.
*Kevin D. Harrington
Derek William Hyrkas

Karin Kragenbrink
*NaToshia M. LeShoure
*Charles J. Leyden
*Chelsea Marcene McCoy
Darrell Ayandia McCree
Lasbat Odunsi
*Inés Palmiero Herrera
Amanda Marie Petersen
*Kyleigh Madison Price
Rodolfo Rodriguez

Rachel Elizabeth Scott
Bethany Smith

PUBLIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Jill Joline Myers, Director

Joshua Ray Ferrari
Daniel Kerney
Lawrence James Albert Walls

MASTER OF SCIENCE

HEALTH SCIENCES
Dr. Lorette S. Oden, Chair

Damilola Ayomide Agboola
Ibiyinka Amokeodo
*Alyssa Lynn Detrick
*Joseph Jeremias Fonseca-Islas
*Nneka Felicia Ibeh
Maria Star King
*Benjamin Ndibeshe
Esther Oyinlola Ogunrinde
Alice Oloo
Marisol Vega

KINESIOLOGY
Dr. Renee L. Polubinsky, Chair

*Skylar Marie Beard
Jessica R. Dieringer
*Alexander Hafemann
Viktoria Ramkvist
*Mason Douglas Reed
*Rohit Saluja

*David Brodwyn
*John Finegan
*Haily M. Hinson
*Jamila Jenkins
*Brady Kyle Long
EmiLee Ann Novak
Sadie Parker
Katie Van Sloten
Courtney R. Wagner

RECREATION, PARK AND
TOURISM ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Michael D. Lukkarinen,
Interim Chair

Paul R. Briney

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MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Dr. Renee L. Polubinsky, Chair

Tyler Johnson
* Nathan Oquendo

Ashley Anne Dumler
Imani Johnson

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

COUNSELING
Dr. Holly J. Nikels, Chair

Shyanne Nachole Thomas
Christa Ann Welch

Jennifer J. Pinkston
Dail E. Rice
Stacy M. Rohm

* Laura J. Bragg

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

* Emily Schrock
* Elizabeth Anne Seals
* Melanie M. Selmi
Jodi Sierra
* Justin R. Stevenson
Cami Jo Tapscott
* Nathan Vandermyde
Lauren Wilcoxon

CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION
Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Anna Beth Anderson
* Brock Bainter
Mollie A. Baner
* Lauren Alyssa Bentzinger
* Kathryn Blakeslee
* Kara Kaye Bumsted
* Jenah Marie Burkitt
Colleen Marie Callahan
Melissa Davidson

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES
Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

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Hannah Allison
Tyler Allison
Amanda M. Anderson
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