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COMMENCEMENT**

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
AUGUST 21, 2021**



The Strategic Vision of Kent State University

Vision

To be a community of change agents whose collective commitment to learning sparks epic thinking, meaningful voice and invaluable outcomes to better our society.

Mission

We transform lives and communities through the power of discovery, learning and creative expression in an inclusive environment.

Core Values

We value:

- A distinctive blend of teaching, research and creative excellence.
- Active inquiry and discovery that expand knowledge and human understanding.
- Life-changing educational experiences for students with wide-ranging talents and aspirations.
- A living-learning environment that creates a genuine sense of place.
- Engagement that inspires positive change.
- Diversity of culture, beliefs, identity and thought.
- Freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas.
- A collaborative community.
- Respect, kindness and purpose in all that we do.



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A Message From the President

Congratulations to the Kent State University Class of 2021. You did it!

You overcame the obstacles of the pandemic. You did not quit. You persevered, you took care of your responsibilities during these, the most trying of times, and you graduated.

Many things about your Kent State experience you will remember, and many you will forget as you make your way through subsequent years and decades. For my part, I have one request – just one ASK of each and every one of you: Remember that FLASHES TAKE CARE OF FLASHES.

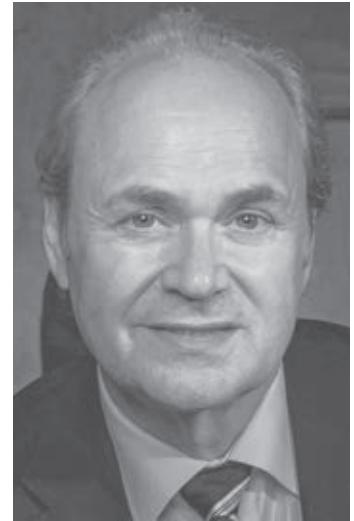
Taking care of each other. That's how you made it to this memorable moment. Taking care of each other, that is how all of us survived the pandemic. Take care of each other – it's a Flashes thing to do.

Congratulations again on this important accomplishment. Please know that the entire campus community is proud of you and continues to cheer for you on your journey beyond Kent State.

Be sure to celebrate sufficiently and be sure to celebrate responsibly.

You earned it.

Flashes Forever!



Sincerely,

Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
President



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Order of Exercises

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY

Manchester Field

August 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Grimm, Ph.D.

Professor and Faculty Senate Chair

NATIONAL ANTHEM

McKayla Ferguson

Glauser School of Music

Accompanied by:

Alena Miskinis, Pianist

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ALMA MATER

McKayla Ferguson
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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

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University Registrar

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR

Announcer:
Eric van Baars



Order of Exercises

ADVANCED DEGREE CEREMONY

Manchester Field
August 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Grimm, Ph.D.
Professor and Faculty Senate Chair

NATIONAL ANTHEM

McKayla Ferguson
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President

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Hugh A. Glauser School of Music String Quartet



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Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
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ALMA MATER

McKayla Ferguson
Glauser School of Music
Accompanied by:
Alena Miskinis, Pianist

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR

Announcer:
Jeff St. Clair

String Quartet:
Margaret Garber
David Mendieta
Valentina Pulido Pardo
José Ramirez



Order of Exercises

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT RECOGNITION

August 21, 2021

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Montria Walker, '19
School of Theatre and Dance

TRUSTEE WELCOME

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OPENING REMARKS

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TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

CLOSING REMARKS

Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
President

ALMA MATER

Montria Walker, '19
School of Theatre and Dance

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Announced in part by:
Eric Mansfield



Cum Laude

Graduation With Honors

Honors are awarded to those students with an average of at least 3.500 to 3.699 on a 4.000 scale. Graduates who achieve Cum Laude have earned blue Institutional honor cords.

Jamie Lee Adams
Caytlin Lane Armstrong

Brooke Hannah Baldwin
Ambuj Kartikeya Bansal
Alexis Nicole Black
Madison Chase Boone
Jeffrey Allen Braden
Bartholomew W. Brenneman

Aniara Callipo Fujii Garcia
Samantha Anne Chaloupka
Alison Eleni Christo
Jessica Lauren Cloutier
Kiara Aliyah Coleman

Alexis Anne Davis
Jacob Mark Demaree

Miranda Jean Etheredge
Rhonda A. Ewald

Kaitlyn E. Ford
Joshua Keith Forristal

Hannah Elizabeth Gill
Sarah A. Glista
Sofia Guadalupe Gonzalez Luevano

McKenzie Sue Haidet
Molly Katherine Hamlin
Seth Harbert
Rachel Anne Herman
Taylor Marie Higginbotham
Haley Marie Howard

Morgan Raquel Icenhour
Daniel Oluwaseye Isaac

Jacob William Janiak
Emily A. Johnson

Madeleine Jean Johnson
Wesley Charles Johnson

Jaden Ryan Kandel

Mia Jordan LaCommare
Molly Ann Lewis
Zoe Nicole Lisak
Morgan Olivia Lopez

Katie Lynn Malito
Cameron Avery Marshall
Benjamin A. Mikulik
Ellie Amanda Miller
Denise Mollison
Lynnita M. Moore
Karen Mordarski

Danielle Adilena Negron

Sadie Ann Oswitch

Caroline Peron Sorato
Haley Nicole Pettit
Rachel Marie Piazza
Kristin Michele Priest

Safwan Nafeur Rahman
Kaitlyn JoAnna Redinger
Leeanne M. Ridgley
John Thomas Russo

Emily Victoria Schaffer
Rachel Michel Short
Brianna Sprout

Desiree E. Thomas
Lawenda Dru Tucker

Christian George Vasquez
Jenefer R. Villanueva

Hailey Breanne Weidlich
Alexis Lee Wendt
Joshua Ryan Wortman

Emily S. Yereb
Lexi Marie Yoney

Sarah Elizabeth Zappa



Magna Cum Laude

Graduation With High Honors

High honors are awarded to those students with an average of at least 3.700 to 3.899 on a 4.000 scale. Graduates who achieve Magna Cum Laude have earned gold Institutional honor cords.

Halee Marie Allen

Teya Ballenger

Andrew L. Bennett

Robert A. Buck

Elizabeth S. Burger

Hannah Elizabeth Burkey

Jennifer Elise Cader

Joseph Ronald Calandra

Zachary T. Childs

Brittany Lee Clemens

Coty Lynn Connor

Rebecca Marie Cybulski

Amy K. Dervin

Anna Marie DiBlasio

Racquel I. Dillard

Victoria DiLucia

Abigail Sage Ernst

Drew V. Gilbert

Nicholas Charles Grishaber

Grace Anne Habeck

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Heldreth

Nicole Phillips Isenberg

Amanda Nicole Johnston

Linna Jane Kettering

Rebecca Komar

Christian David Law

Ryan J. Lichtenberger

Ashley Evon Luyster

Joseph Mark Mapel

Laura Alice Marica

Melissa A. Miller

Dawn M. Myers

Julia Clare O'Laughlin

Olorunferanmi Solomon Oni

Allison Anna Porter

Bradley Andrew Randorf

Samantha Roberts

Brianna Marie Schlegel

Rachel A. Scott

Sydnee Anne Shankel

Nicholas J. Shockey

Courtney Malyn Shutt

Robert Charles Silvey

Trey Allen Sommers

Lydia L. Strawn

Christopher B. Sweigert

Rhuna L. Wall

Mitchell Lewis Weisgerber

Carolyn P. Wiersma

Chance Philip Wilging

Madison Vey Williams

Samara L. Wright



Summa Cum Laude

Graduation With Highest Honors

Highest honors are awarded to those students with an average of at least 3.900 on a 4.000 scale. The asterisk (*) indicates those students who have maintained a 4.000 grade point average. Graduates who achieve Summa Cum Laude have earned blue and gold Institutional honor cords.

Ethan Joseph Andaloro

Brylee Ann White

Mikayla L. Bailey

Lauren N. Whitten*

Alison Faye Barnes

Dana Ashlyn Williams

Autumn Marie Browning

Maxwell Patrick Calhoun

Daniel Dean Craver

Courtney Nicole Eaton

Blake O. Eisnaugle

Gabriella Elmira Galonski

Mikayla Alexandria Garofalo*

Emily Nicole Greff

Taylor Madison Haag*

Derrick Charles Hemming

Chloe E. Holm

Jessica Nichole Housel

Brooke Anne Hunter

Laura Jones

Jacob W. Joy

Gage Nicolas Koontz

Maureen Shaughnessy Mackar*

Macy Ann McClure

Sarah E. Roberts

Tommy N. Sayarath

Hannah Taylor Simmons

Elizabeth Marie Snider

Claire Elizabeth Stone

Delaney C. Thomas*

Lorenzo Toscano



With Distinction

Candidates for associate degrees who demonstrate high levels of scholarship through their coursework will graduate "With Distinction." The designation "With Distinction" is awarded when students achieve a minimum 3.500 GPA for all undergraduate coursework at Kent State University. Graduates who achieve With Distinction have earned white Institutional honor cords.

Carissa Lynn Casto-Leglise
Thomas Anthony Costello
Anita Lynn Cusick

Morgan Vaughn Diefenderfer

Desiray Marie Fish

Alexis Rose Gilbert

Katelinn Kaye King
Brandy Krannich

Isaac Reese

Giuseppe Micheal Sabatino

Mallory Ullom

Casey Ann Vaudrin

Karly Shianne Wireman
Marissa Joy Wise



The Honors College

Alison J. Smith, Ph.D., Dean

Students in the Honors College, having completed a senior honors project or thesis in their major field and having evidenced exceptional academic performance, have fulfilled requirements for graduation with University, General or Departmental Honors.

University Honors

Gage N. Koontz, Geography

Thesis Title: "Down With Templetown:
The Understanding and Classification
of American Studentification"

Advisor: David Kaplan



The Honors College

Alison J. Smith, Ph.D., Dean

Honors students who have met grade and course requirements graduate as Honors College Scholars.

College of Applied and Technical Studies

Alex V. Weaver

College of the Arts

Amanda N. Johnston

Dana A. Williams

College of Arts and Sciences

Maxwell P. Calhoun

Chloe E. Holm

Jacob W. Janiak

Camille E. Michael

Elizabeth J. Oney

Robert C. Silvey

Carolyn P. Wiersma

College of Business Administration

Lydia L. Strawn

College of Communication and Information

Madeleine J. Johnson

College of Nursing

Emma N. Kantorak



The Honors College

Alison J. Smith, Ph.D., Dean

PHI BETA KAPPA

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society, was founded in 1776 by students at the College of William & Mary who recognized the importance of a liberal education as the foundation of participation in a democratic society. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes students who have achieved excellence in all aspects of their education, and who have a strong background in the liberal arts and sciences, mathematics and a foreign language. Fewer than 1% of students across the nation are elected to Phi Beta Kappa annually. The Kent State University chapter was established in 1976, and each year the Phi Beta Kappa faculty members elect juniors and seniors who have met the high standards of excellence of the society.

Membership degree candidates include:

Chloe E. Holm

Gage N. Koontz



College of Aeronautics and Engineering

Christina L. Bloebaum, Ph.D., Dean

Master of Engineering Technology

Pooyan Mirjalili

Ryan Matthew Pentz
Nicholas Philip Proietto

Olivia Marie Semon
Justin Allen Sherrill

Master of Science

Michael Coleal

Chance Philip Wilging
Laura Marie Wilson

Derrek Butler Dunn

Wesley Street Johnson

Phillip Merrill Krumm

Nathan Jared Poole

Sarah Kaye Riggs

Bachelor of Science

Ala Marwan I. Abuawf
Ahmed Naji Albloschi
Saad Saeed S. Alghamdi
Yousef Hamed M. Aljohani
Hassan Qassim Almahdood

Aaron Frederick Boso
Bartholomew W. Brenneman

Joseph Ronald Calandra
Nathan Richard Cash
John A. Chell

Robert Stephen Drum

Amber Nicole Fetter

Maxine Marie Gibson

Daniel Oluwaseye Isaac

Martice A. Johnson
Diego Robert Johnston

Frank Anthony Lanning IV

Jeffrey Austin May
Joshua John McCue



College of Applied and Technical Studies

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Bachelor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Technology

Halee Marie Allen

Robert A. Buck III

Brittany Nicole Christmas

Jocelyn Renee DuPonty

Sarah A. Glista

Kimberlyn R. Kascsak

Erica Machan
Makayla Mast

Adela Pearcy

Trey Allen Sommers
Allison Christine Sunderman

Bachelor of Science

Amy K. Dervin

Elizabeth Nicole Wassel
Alex Virginia Weaver

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Andrew Arnst

Derrick Charles Hemming

Joseph Mark Mapel
Dawn M. Myers

Brandon Lee Rotolo

Nicholas J. Shockey
Zachary David Stehura

Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies

Jonathan David Brown

Christy L. Carpenter
Ashley Marie Collins
Shelby Crow

Austin James Fossesca

Joseph Ethan Haynes

Kyle Kitchen

Maureen Shaughnessy Mackar
Alivia McGonnell
Dominique C. Mills

William Judson Nash

Sarah E. Roberts

Constance L. Sott

Associate of Applied Business

Julianna Louise Brewer

Thomas Anthony Costello

Desiray Marie Fish

Erik David Hartman
John Daniel Hollar
Skylyn Joy Hooks

Michael John McArdle Jr.
Endy De Jesus Monjaraz

Mitchell A. Niemi-Kibler

Tori Hunter Rawson
Garrett Jay Rodes

Marc A. Simcak

Tammy J. Vendeland

TShawn Lee Williams

Casey Jean Zeigler

Associate of Applied Science

Melissa A. Anderson

Brooke Danielle Bachtold
Drew Michael Brown
Laura Burrell

Andrew Howard Catlin
Anita Lynn Cusick

Alexcis Taylor Dansby
Zackary Day
Cassandra M. Domer
Christopher Allen Draper
Tana Elizabeth Drennan
Adam Michael Drugovich

Susan R. Engeman
Jennifer L. Evans

Ryan Fox
Aleisha Dawn Freeland

Matalie Marie Gonzales

Askalemariam H. Hadgu
Andrea Harris
Brianna Marie Hawkins
Jadon Reece Hostetler

Trey James Koermer
Brandy Krannich

Alexis Jordan Lake
Raven Laniece Lowe

Requetta Monea Merritt
Hallie Chantal Miller
Jackie Elaine Moehring
Timiya A. Moore



Christian I. Newsome
Niraidy Nieves
Madison Noble

Jennifer M. O'Brien
Oluwatoyin Josephine Obe

Isaac Reese
Brittany Renfrow
Carin Rachael Ruckman

Maureen Adele Shields
Savannah Lynn Shugars
Spenser Sninchak
Latoya Shane'e Stringer
Eric R. Swansiger

Kali Matina Tangelakis
Diana Colene Taylor
Hannah M. Thomas
Sarah Jane Tome

Mallory Ullom

Lindsay Vandever

Paige Janel Withorn
Haley Wolf

Associate of Arts

Dalea Janine Austin

William Baldwin
Emily Danielle Bernstein
Jessica Marie Birney

Kyle A. Calabrese
Keith Castillo
Carissa Lynn Casto
Abagayle Jolee Collins
Jaclyn Coyle

Morgan Vaughn Diefenderfer
Kathleen M. Dieter
Marco Anthony DiVincenzo

Jaclyn Marie Eagle

Kellie N. Flesher

Ryan Allen Gavorcik

Jessica Nichole Housel

Muhammed R. Ismail

Katelin Kaye King

Connor Johnathon Lorenz

Kayla D. Maloof
Mary Grace Masters
Lauren Olivia May
Hannah L. Maynard
Hannah Marie Moledor
Kyle James Murgatroyd

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Allison Nicole Norris

Ashley Elizabeth Paterson

Jiryes Rafidi
Jenna Nicole Ronshak

Alexa Michelle Schwerha
Eviana Marie Strauss

Jordan Lee Troutman

Marilou Elizabeth Vassar

Madelyn Rose Wells
Aaron M. Wiebe
Karly Shianne Wireman
Marissa Joy Wise
Kenneth Gordon Woodring

Associate of Science

Taylor Paige Adams
Melissa A. Anderson

Alexandria Marie Begeot
Alexander Michael Benson
Marsha Bowens
Robert James Boyd III

Rachel M. Cardaman
Amelia Rose Carson
Cristina Nicole Colon
Kylee Ann Culp

Dawn D. Dankovich
Ashley Lee Dawson
Caleigh Desko
Brennem Alexander Duff

Jett Hinton Frazier
Charielle Caprise Freeman

Michael Gallagher
Daniel Phillip Gardner II
Haley Jade Garner
Brooke Alexandra Giebel
Alexis Rose Gilbert
Kailey Jo Gilland
Krystina Graham
Eric M. Grantonic

Kailey Lynn Helbig
Paige E. Henson
Briana Elizabeth Horvath
Jaimee Allison Hunter

Carley Marie Kerkhoven
James Arthur King
Megan Leann King
Judith Diana Koerner
Sarrah Elizabeth Kroesen
Olivia Nicole Kurtz

Chelsea Rae Landry
Drew Anne LeBoeuf

Thomas James Marquardt
Clara E. Mast
Makayla Mast
Jared Hanson McClellan
Ethan Tyler McCloskey
Riley Emma Meese
Abby M. Mizener
Sadie-Mae F. Montgomery
Jered Edward Moran
Isaac Anthony Morgan
Carly Christine Mustake
Samantha Lynn Myer

Zachary David Newberger
Machael Lynn Norris

Joan Marie Oster

Rutvi P. Patel
Renden A. Peery
Sarah Beth Piscopo

Autumn Caitlyn Retherford
Lindsee Pearl Ries
Erika Mae Roberts
Emily A. Rogers



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Hannah Elinor Sanchez
Brittany Marie Saunders
Colby Reed Schlabach
BreAnna Mayrie Schwartz
James Daniel Scott
Mary Christine Sestokas
Nikolajus Georg Shukaitis
Abigail Ruth Siers
Jackson Paul Simpson
Brianna Elise Specht
Carly A. Stone
Rebekah Colleen Sullivan

Kali Marie Todich
Melody Christine Troyer

Casey Ann Vaudrin
Madison Anne Velka

Samantha Ann Waldron
Stefanie Marie Walker
Jacquelyn Sierra Warner
Rachel Marie Warren
Sabrina Nicole Wilke
Bailey Rachelle Wilson

**Associate of
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Deborah Kay Hutchison



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Shelby Catherine Dolan

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Maura Catherine Flaherty

Alexander Edward Gabler

Niles Thomas Hand

Amanda R. Harrer

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Kailey Paradie Kaparakos

Alex B. Kolb

Cory James Krivanek

Trent A. Krzysiak

Amber Nicole Kustaborder

Jordan Glen Latta

Reis Edwin Petrovich

Zachary Richard Petrus

David Resnik

Cory Steven Risola

Quinn Connor Shewbridge

Kristyn N. Svetlak

Leo Trista

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Bachelor of Science

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Ismaeil Esam Jan

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Ethan Cooper Moore

Michael J. Schirripa

Arthur P. Schuessler IV



College of the Arts

Diane Helfers Petrella, D.M.A., Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

MUSIC EDUCATION

Rachael Lynn Fleischaker

Dissertation Title: "Culturally Responsive Music Education: Conceptual and Practical Approaches of Elementary General Music Teachers"
Dissertation Director: Craig Resta

Master of Arts

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Anuthep Meelertsom

Yuan Ni

Haochen Qin

Paisley Rae Stovall

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Heeju Noe

Mathilda Ann Savocchia

Yee Lin Elaine Yuen

Master of Fine Arts

Yee Lin Elaine Yuen

Master of Music

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Brittanie N. Byahatti

Shenna Cherie Caravella

LeNora Marie Emanuelson

Zachary Alan Fitzgerald

Mabel Cherise Higgins
Corey Robert Hill
Annece Marie Holts
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Meng Zhao

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Genevieve Dorothy Thurman
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Morgan M. Reece
Katelyn Christine Rossello

Shannon M. Welsh

Bachelor of Science

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Kayla M. Antenuce

Acacia Lee Ann Baecker-Mullins
Asia Elizabeth Basham



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Dana Ashlyn Williams
Madison Vey Williams

Sarah Elizabeth Zappa

Ryley Cain
Alexis Nicole Chatman

Victoria DiLucia

Alexandra Violet Epp

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Sarah A. Hall

Taylor Nicole Ikner
Allison L. Inge
Nicole Phillips Isenberg

Amanda Nicole Johnston
Amber M. Jones

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Sara G. Kossler

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Dissertation Director: John Hoornbeek

Juan Carlos Barrera Gutierrez

Dissertation Title: "Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (Tips), Duration of Procedural Time and Correlation With Early Morbidity and Mortality"
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Commissioning of Officers for the Armed Forces

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant
in the Armed Forces of the United States

UNITED STATES ARMY

Christopher J. Harris

Chelsea Alexis Petzker



Summary of Candidates for Degrees Kent State University Summer 2021

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate of Applied Business	15
Associate of Applied Science	51
Associate of Arts	39
Associate of Science	81
Associate of Technical Studies	2

BACHELOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Applied Horticulture	0
Bachelor of Arts	136
Bachelor of Business Administration	89
Bachelor of Fine Arts	7
Bachelor of Integrative Studies	30
Bachelor of Music	0
Bachelor of Radiology and Imaging Sciences	11
Bachelor of Science	210
Bachelor of Science in Education	3
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	8
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	143
Bachelor of Science in Public Health	25
Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies	13



GRADUATE DEGREES

Doctor of Audiology	0
Doctor of Nursing Practice	1
Doctor of Philosophy	60
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	0
Educational Specialist	1
Master of Architecture	32
Master of Arts	60
Master of Arts in Economics	1
Master of Arts in Teaching	1
Master of Business Administration	20
Master of Digital Sciences	1
Master of Education	59
Master of Engineering Technology	1
Master of Fashion Industry Studies	3
Master of Fine Arts	3
Master of Geographic Information Science	7
Master of Health Care Design	0
Master of Landscape Architecture	0
Master of Liberal Studies	2
Master of Library and Information Science	34



Master of Music	35
Master of Public Administration	10
Master of Public Health	26
Master of Science	57
Master of Science in Accounting	0
Master of Science in Nursing	3
Master of Technology	0
Master of Urban Design	0

SUMMARY

Associate	188
Bachelor	675
Master	355
Educational Specialist	1
Doctorate	61
Total	1,280



Academic Attire

Identification of the hood and robe as academic apparel is believed to have originated at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the 12th and 13th centuries. The hoods are a carry-over from the times when monks, who operated those universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter. The robe is an adaptation of the shoulder cape also worn by those same monks while collecting alms.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754, with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, a commission of university officials adopted a universal code

of design and color for the academic garb. This code has undergone several revisions in subsequent years, with most recent modifications accepted in 1960.

Styling of the robes varies for the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The width of sleeve borders and length of the hood increase with each advanced degree.

In the hoods, the color of the velvet border indicates the type of degree held, while the lining designates the official colors of the institution granting it.

A distinguishing color table for academic attire:

College of Aeronautics and Engineering	Orange
College of Applied and Technical Studies	
Agribusiness	Maize
Associate	Black
Engineering	Orange
Horticulture, Science	Golden Yellow
Music Technology	Pink
Radiology	Maroon
Technical and Applied Science	Drab
College of Architecture and Environmental Design	Blue Violet
College of the Arts	
Arts, Fine Arts, Science	Brown
Music	Pink
College of Arts and Sciences	
Arts	White
Fine Arts	Brown
Science	Golden Yellow
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
College of Business Administration	Drab
College of Communication and Information	
Arts, Fine Arts, Science	Crimson
Library Science	Lemon
College of Education, Health and Human Services	Light Blue
Audiology	Green
College of Nursing	Apricot
College of Podiatric Medicine	Green
College of Public Health	Salmon



The Mace

The mace carried by the macebearer in the academic processional symbolizes authority. The macebearer carries a mace created and crafted by alumnus Michael V. Jaszczak, '98. Jaszczak created the mace based upon the input of a committee charged with the task of bringing forth a new design utilizing the resources and wealth of talent available in Kent State's School of Art.

The central motif of the university seal retains the sun of the state seal, signifying state ownership, and is symbolic of the light of knowledge and wisdom. The shield suggests the geographic shape of Ohio. The bird, which symbolizes leadership, is the chimney swift, a species that colonizes on campus and seems to be in constant flight. The university colors of blue and gold are incorporated in the enameled piece, which is set on top of a walnut pole. The mace rests in a walnut stand crafted by David Dalton, Ph.D., who taught for many years in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.



The Gonfalons

Gonfalons are long ceremonial flags or banners suspended from a crossbar. The use of ceremonial banners dates back to the 1500s. Italian towns, for example, each have a gonfalon, which is the official emblem of the town, showing its coat of arms.

Each of the college gonfalons is emblazoned with the Kent State seal on an academic color of one of the college's disciplines, established by academic protocol.



The President's Medallion

The president's medallion symbolizes the responsibility in the Office of the President. Its central motif is the university seal, which retains the sun of the state seal, signifying state ownership, and is symbolic of the light of knowledge and wisdom. The shield suggests the geographic shape of Ohio. The bird, which symbolizes leadership, is the chimney swift.





ABOUT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Kent State University is one of the largest university systems in the nation, yet one of the closest families in the world. We embrace diversity and the culture it creates – promoting visionary ideas and bold thinking. From this environment, our students draw strength and support to stand for what matters and to take meaningful action for change.

More than 100 years after William S. Kent donated his valuable farmland so the state could build a teacher-training school for the area, Kent State is one of Ohio's leading public universities and a major educational, economic and cultural resource far beyond the Northeast Ohio region it has served since its founding as Kent State Normal School in 1910.

Today, poised to play a leading role in 21st century education, Kent State is one of 91 public doctoral universities with high research activity, as categorized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Kent State is the highest-ranking public university in Northern Ohio on the Top Public Schools and Best National Universities lists by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2021.

With eight campuses spanning Northeast Ohio, a College of Podiatric Medicine, the Twinsburg Academic Center and academic sites in major world cities such as Florence, Geneva and New York, Kent State illuminates the way as a world-class institution. Its programs and partnerships boldly expand the boundaries of knowledge for faculty engaged in research and collaboration, and for students receiving life-changing experiences in experiential and study-away programs.

The student body comprises more than 36,000 students, including more than 1,300 international students from nearly 100 countries. The university earns worldwide recognition for its optimum balance of more than 340 undergraduate programs of study and nearly 200 master's and doctoral programs of study.

The addition of new teaching and learning environments, from the sciences to the arts, and the development of exciting new academic programs characterize Kent State's focus on transformational educational experiences. The university is accelerating its strategic investment in established areas of research expertise, including environmental science, population health, global understanding and materials sciences. Building upon its historic and foundational research in liquid crystals, Kent State's

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Kent State recognizes its place in history with the May 4 Visitors Center and annual May 4 Commemoration, which pay homage to the seminal events of May 4, 1970, on the university's Kent Campus. The center and annual observances honor those who lost their lives, those who were wounded and those who survived.

World-renowned, nationally ranked and regionally vital, Kent State proudly serves higher education and the world with graduates who are finding their purpose and making a difference with their contributions.

While some people measure both history and success by tangibles, a Kent State professor emeritus suggests considering timeless intangibles that "can be measured by the lump in your throat ... by walking tall." On a sun-drenched July day in 1914, Kent State's first graduation class of 34 members walked tall. They led the way for the many hundreds of thousands of Kent State alumni who live and work around the world. Proudly joining their ranks are today's newest members of the Kent State family on this glorious day of celebration.

For more information about Kent State, visit www.kent.edu.



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Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater

Words by E. Turner Stump | Music by Dwight Steere

*From the beauty land Ohio comes a universal praise,
'Tis the song of Alma Mater that her sons and daughters raise,
'Tis a Hail to Kent forever,
on the Cuyahoga shore,
Now we join the loving thousands as they sing it o'er and o'er.*

*Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater
O, how beautiful thou art,
High enthroned upon the hilltop,
Reigning over ev-ry heart.*

