



Bushnell University
Commencement
2023

Saturday, May 13th • Eugene, Oregon

Commencement Program

Processional*

Emily Weinkauff Kidder | MBA, *Adjunct Instructor of Music*

Faculty Marshals

Brian Kaelin | Ed.D., *Professor of Teacher Education*

Tammy Bovee | M.S., *Assistant Professor of Kinesiology*

Student Marshals

Matthew Wilhite '26,

Zoe Tomlin '25

Invocation*

Michael Fuller | M.S., *Vice President for Enrollment*

Welcome

Joseph D. Womack '89 | Ed.D., *President*

Scripture Reading

Kim Williams | *Chair, Bushnell Board of Trustees*

Commencement Address

DeLeesa Meashintubby | *Executive Director, Volunteers in Medicine; Pastor, St. Marks CME Church; Member, Bushnell Board of Trustees*

Musical Presentation

“There was Jesus”

Bushnell Chorale Seniors, featuring

Jaden Brunhaver '23, Taylor Bryant '23, Chase Dean '23,

Samuel Hayter '23, Isaac Johnston '23, and Tyler Powell '23

Awards Presentation

Joseph D. Womack

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Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Reed Mueller | Ph.D., *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Joseph D. Womack

Announcing the Graduates

Rev. A.J. Swoboda | Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies & World Christianity*

Hooding of Master's Degree Recipients

Latrissa Lee Neiworth | Ed.D., *Dean of Business, Leadership, & Technology*

Suzanne Price | M.Ed., *Associate Dean of Education*

Closing Remarks

Joseph D. Womack

Alma Mater*

“All Hail to You, Dear Bushnell U”

Jaden Brunhaver '23, accompanied by Emily Weinkauf Kidder

Benediction

Paul Blezien | Ed.D., *Interim Dean of Students*

Recessional

Emily Weinkauf Kidder

*Audience please stand

Commencement Speaker



DeLeesa Meashintubby

**Executive Director, Volunteers in Medicine
Pastor, St. Mark CME Church
Member of Bushnell's Board of Trustees**

DeLeesa Meashintubby is the executive director of Volunteers in Medicine of Lane County, an organization that provides free, comprehensive health care to low-income, underserved adults. She also serves as the pastor of St. Mark's CME Church. DeLeesa is chair of Sacred Heart Medical Center's Community Health Board and sits on other numerous boards including Bushnell University, Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Cascade Credit Union, Pearl Buck Center, Shelter Care, United Way of Lane County, and Strides for Justice. In 2019 she was named Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the year and was the recipient of the prestigious Eugene's First Citizen Award for 2022. DeLeesa and husband, Norval, are parents to three children, two bonus daughters, and are grandparents to Isaiah, who brings them so much joy.

Bushnell Mission & Vision

Mission

Bushnell University fosters **wisdom, faith and service** through excellent academic programs within a Christ-centered community.

Vision

Bushnell University aspires to be characterized by its commitment to equip students to discover and answer God's call in their lives.

Bushnell University achieves this vision through academic excellence and faithful stewardship in a Christ-centered community that develops purposeful graduates.



Wisdom

Deeper than knowledge, Bushnell students become critical thinkers, equipped with the practical applications needed to reach personal and professional aspirations.

Faith

Central in experience, Bushnell students explore, discover, and grow within the context of a Christ-centered community.

Service

Inspired in purpose and action, Bushnell students seek opportunities for servant leadership in career, family, church, and community.

THE BUSHNELL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

Kim Williams | Chair

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DeLeesa Meashintubby | At Large

Executive Director, Volunteers in Medicine

Pastor, St. Mark CME Church

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Endodontist/Partner, Valley River Endodontics

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Speech Language Pathologist

Tim Haskell '88

CEO, Haskell Valuation

THE BUSHNELL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Co-founder, GloryBee

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Auctioneer

Joseph D. Womack '89 | Ed.D. (non-voting)

President, Bushnell University

James Watson | Ph.D. (non-voting faculty representative)

Assistant Professor of English, Bushnell University

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Paul Blezien | Ed.D

Interim Dean of Students

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Vice President for Finance & Administration

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Vice President for Enrollment

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Vice President for Student Development

Reed Mueller | Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Keith Potter '84 | M.Div., D.D.(hon) '11

Vice President for Advancement

Joseph D. Womack '89 | Ed.D.

President

Faculty

Paul Allee, Ph.D.

Kelly Ballard, D.Min.

Mindi Barta, M.A.

James Berry, M.A.

Melisa Ortiz Berry, Ph.D.

Mick Bollenbaugh, Ph.D.

Ernest Bonat, Ph.D.

Tammy Bovee, M.S.

Jenée Cázares, M.A.

Gene Chin, D.M.A.

Rev. Troy Dean, M.A.

Peter Diffenderfer, Ph.D.

Angela Doty, M.A.

Allyssa Goertzen, M.A.

Robin Hartman, M.L.I.S.

Shelly Hartzell, M.S.M., CPA, CMA

Agam Iheanyi-Igwe, Ph.D.

Stacy January, Ph.D., RN

Brian Kaelin, Ed.D.

Roger Kennedy, M.A.

Katy Lemieux, BSN, RN

Joshua Little, M.A.

Heike McNeil, Ph.D.

Ryan Melton, Ph.D.

Faculty *(cont.)*

Marilyn Montgomery, *Ph.D., NCC*

Erin Mueller, *Ph.D.*

Reed Mueller, *Ph.D.*

Cindy Nees, *M.Ed.*

Latrissa Lee Neiworth, *Ed.D.*

M.Tip Phaovibul, *Ph.D.*

Nathan Poehlke, *M.M.*

Suzanne Price, *M.Ed.*

Ray Ricks, *M.Ed.*

Christy Silverthorne, *M.A.*

Nani Skaggs, *Ph.D.*

Doyle Srader, *Ph.D.*

Rev. A.J. Swoboda, *Ph.D.*

Linda Veltri, *Ph.D., RN*

James Watson, *Ph.D.*

Janet Welch, *MSN, RN*

Connie Wilmarth, *Ph.D.*

Faculty Emeriti

Timothy M. Bergquist, *Ph.D.*

Steven Goetz, *Ph.D.*

John Hakes, *M.A.*

Ronald E. Heine, *Ph.D.*

Michael Kennedy, *D.B.A.*

George Knox, *S.T.D.*

LeRoy L. Lane, *Ph.D.*

Anne Maggs, *MBA*

Ernest Mathes, *D.Min.*

Margaret Sue Rhee, *M.L.S.*

Song Nai Rhee, *Ph.D., Ph.D.*

Chuck Sturms, *M.A.*

President Emeritus

James E. Womack '63 | *D.Hum.(hon)*

Academic Leadership & Awards

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE & CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

The President's Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership was instituted in 2006 as a way to honor not only an excellent teacher, but also one who models the kind of leadership we strive to teach our students.

2006	Mick Bollenbaugh	2015	Connie Wilmarth
2007	Anne Maggs	2016	Brian Kaelin
2008	Jeanie O'Laughlin	2017	Stacey Lewis
2009	Doyle Srader	2018	Kathy D. Owen
2010	Heike McNeil	2019	Doyle Srader
2011	Dave Fenner	2020	Wayne Reposo
2012	Nani Skaggs	2021	Linda Veltri
2013	Tim Bergquist	2022	AJ Swoboda
2014	Terry O'Casey		

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY STAFF PERFORMANCE & CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

The President's Award for Exemplary Staff Performance and Campus Leadership was instituted in 2008 to honor not only an excellent staff member, but also one who models the kind of leadership we strive to teach our students.

2008	Bonnie Temple	2016	Stead Halstead
2009	Steve Poetzi	2017	Brian Mills
2010	Jason Barta	2018	Elyse Crichton
2011	Karen Head	2019	Aaron Pruitt
2012	Jocelyn Hubbs	2020	Wendy Yamada
2013	Kacie Gerdrum	2021	Angela Doty
2014	Oskar Bucher	2022	Emily Johnston
2015	Sarah Freeman		

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Given to the graduating senior who has attained the highest cumulative GPA with at least 61 credit hours having been completed at Bushnell.

1985	Jon Berquist	2006	Kathleen Conley
1986	Tamara Mathes	2007	Cassandra Walz
1987	Vance Kirklin	2008	Lynae Nelson
1988	Vicki Brabham	2009	Steven Kiepert
1989	Diane Hake Lincoln	2010	David Kjosness
1990	Sherry Hart	2011	Casey Elise Murphy
1991	Christine Augustine	2012	Peter J. Norland
1992	Catherine Edmiston	2012	Karly Ann Welty
1993	Jill Delaney	2013	Sierra Willis
1994	Sharon Rimmer	2014	Daniel J. Flagg
1995	Joyce Andrews	2015	Megan Baum
1996	Cara Smith	2016	Emily Kaelin
1997	Sandra Lee	2017	Kelsey Chaloupka
1998	Aaron Pruitt	2017	Michelle Fletcher
1999	Dax Bryant	2017	Lindsey Heikes
2000	Olivia Berkey	2018	Rosa Marie Schmidt
2001	Jennifer Rupert	2019	Britnee Joaquin
2002	Erika Chamberlain	2020	Madeleine Rosebrook
2003	Jana Dobesova	2021	Teresa Branson
2004	Karlene Macaulay	2022	Samantha Mueller
2005	Elisha Lubliner		

Academic Leadership & Awards

KENDALL E. BURKE AWARD

This award, the highest honor bestowed by the University, is determined by vote of the student body and faculty. It is given on the basis of academic achievement, inspiration to students and faculty, high ideals of Christian character and contribution to the mission of the University.

1940	Lavancy Cobbs	1961	Bill Bailey
1941	George Alder	1962	Harriet Atkins
1942	Jesse Johnson	1963	Harold Taylor
1943	Evelyn Helseth	1964	Robert Hutchins
1944	Dick Humphreys	1965	Mary Anne Helseth Parrott
1945	Dallas Meserve	1966	J. Franklin Morse
1946	Herald Haskell	1967	Thomas J. Fort
1947	Clara Rice	1968	Stephen L. Richardson
1948	Betty Burton	1969	Daniel Ray Lawson
1949	Teddy Turner	1970	David C. Helseth
1950	Lucille Parker	1971	Randy Edwards
1951	George Knox	1972	Douglas B. Dornhecker
1952	John Smith	1973	Joe Wittwer
1953	Keith Watkins	1974	Zola Ehlers-Miller
1954	William Mayoh	1975	Douglas B. Skinner
1955	L. Dan Spencer	1976	Delmer L. Harris
1956	Ina Jane Bates	1977	Gregory K. Widener
1957	Marvin Eckfeldt	1978	Kevin Brintnall
1958	Song Nai Rhee	1979	Karen Lorack
1959	Benjamin Lawrence	1980	Rob Martini
1960	Everett LeRoy Lawson		

1981	Tracy Carroll	2002	Eric A. Eide
1982	Colleen Carroll	2003	Sarah Olson
1983	Bonnie Ross	2004	Kyri Anne Watkins
1984	Keith Potter	2005	Kelsey Sutton
1985	Jon Berquist	2006	Matthew Kuhns
1986	Tim Aho	2007	Alan Strutz
1987	Vance Kirklin	2008	Isaiah Bower
1988	Vicki Brabham	2009	Chad DeKay
1989	Jan Jackson	2010	Bethany Howard
1990	Randy Johnson	2011	Britni Steiling
1991	Lee J. Wilhite	2012	Skyler Bascom
1992	Stephen Womack	2013	Preston Carmack
1993	Jill Delaney	2014	Lars Coburn
1994	Daniel Bilderback	2015	Sam Koekoek
1995	Wendy Goughnour	2016	Hans Coburn
1995	Robert Ziehmer	2017	Samara Eilert
1996	Cara Smith	2018	Michael Buss
1997	Julie Dawn Graham	2019	Tomás Carradero
1998	Carrie Sinclair	2020	Kaleb Miles
1999	Becky Samitore	2021	Katia Burke
2000	Jesse Earl Lough	2022	Isabell Webber
2001	Nikolas Lemiere		



Graduating Class of 2023

*** summa cum laude 3.90-4.00 GPA

** magna cum laude 3.70-3.89 GPA

* cum laude 3.50-3.69 GPA

° Song Nai Rhee Honors Scholar

Degrees are awarded upon completion of all degree requirements. The graduating class roster does not guarantee completion.

Bachelor of Arts

Braden Scott Abbott ***
Autumn Mana'olana Arcangel *
Grace Marie Brown **
Taylor Raelynn Bryant *
Mason William Delamarter *
Michael David Frank **
Samuel Luke Hayter

Isaac Johnston **
Tyler Charles King ***
Annalee McIntosh **
Kalina Mae Rojas
Celsie Marie Smith ***
Bethany Lorraine Taylor
Madisen Maray Trueblood

Bachelor of Science

Krystal Akagi *
Kyle John Aure, Jr.
Olivia Bailon *
Brittany Bolding
Cynthia Marie Boldt
Lucas Bowser *
Jaden Elise Brunhaver
Kailana Michelle Burden
Faith Burgardt
Jaron Lee Carter
Madison Taylor Clark ***
Dakota Dean
Kemy Deschamps
Hannah Elizabeth Duncan **
Sarah Solomon Estifanos
Preston Kaleo Ferry *
Zach Fuller
Haley Hanson
Jamison R. Hanson *** °
Paul Hayter *
Alexis Nila-Whitney Heenan **

Trenton Michael Hough
Matthew Michael Hubbs
Elisabeth Jarvis
Payton Johanna Jones ***
Kaylen Elizabeth-Carmen
Kamelamela **
Rebecca Marie Kuskie ***
Grace Larkin **
Chelsea Jane Lay
Hannah Lemly *
Jacob N. Lilley **
Andrew Lindley ***
Kilano Halfmoon Loyd
Taylor Matychuck
Michael J. Mazzei **
Aneykah Quinn McCall
Emily McDonald
Carissa Navarro **
Halle K. Neumann ***
Madeleine Katherine O'Brien
Juan M. Palacios-Vargas

Bachelor of Science *(cont.)*

Faith R. Palmer *

Karina Phifer

Sarah Phillips

Rebecca Jolene Potts

Tyler Kae Powell **

Bailee Irene Reed **

Leslie Nicole Reynaga

Peyton Ritchie ***

Isaiah Christian Robles

Adrianna Marie Rusk ***

Kaden Sand

Caleb John Schorr

David Schwartz

Hannah Lynn Shepherd **

Matthew Vance Shepherd

Aspen Slifka ***

Harmony Stevens ***

Caden Reece Stubbs

Chloe Sweeney **

Jenna Marie Ulery **

Dakota Underwood

Jenae Marie Usselman ***

Kristin Michelle Vincent **

Dejah Wallot

Joseph R. Washburn *

Courtney Weinberger ***

Akiva Gavin Wickramaratna

Ralph Merton Wood

Bryana Kilinoe Sachiko

Yoshida

Evan Thomas Zuvich

Master of Arts

Awbrie Rose Ammons-Jackson

Clarrissa C. Anderson

Marcus Scott Baxter

Rebecca Anne Critchett

Jesse Kaula Eriksen

Rochelle Farris

Allyssa R. Goertzen

Anie Makyadath Helbling

Meghan Elizabeth Holsapple

William Andrew Jones

Avery Elizabeth Keller

Christina M. Linville

Ariaunna Locke

Ava Mickola

Brooke Taylor Molina

Wendi L. Nyquist

Margaret O'Brien

Rachel Louise Parac

Sarah Reinecker

Sarah B. Rooks

Kendra L. Stenlund

Melissa Marie Stock

Kacey Tallman-Anderson

McKenzie Vogel

Anna Aarons Wellman

Master of Business Administration

Johnathan Allen Boggs

Ariel Camacho Perman

John David Schiffer

Caleb Watson

Shelly A. Williams

Marina Kathy Withrow

Master of Education

Makenna Northern

Master of Science

Rachel Aleena Ochoa

Graduate Certificate

Rachaell Gabrielle

Kacie Kennett

Joana Munson

Adrienne Jerrene Sampson

HONOR SOCIETIES

SIGMA BETA DELTA

International Honor Society in Business, Management & Administration

Sigma means wisdom, Beta signifies honor, and Delta signifies the pursuit of meaningful aspirations. The honor cords are dark green and gold and are given to graduating students in the top 20% of their class (traditional undergraduate, online and evening, and graduate) with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

ALPHA ALPHA TAU *Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau* *International Honor Society of Nursing*

Nursing students who achieve academic excellence in their nursing courses and rank in the top 35% of their graduating class are eligible for membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the Bushnell University's Alpha Alpha Tau Chapter. The honor cords are light purple and white.

SIGMA TAU DELTA

International Honor Society in English

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The international motto is "Sincerity, Truth, Design." The honor cords are cardinal and black and are given to graduating students in the highest 35% of their class with a minimum of a 3.0 or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship.

HONOR SOCIETIES

PI GAMMA MU

International Honor Society in the Social Sciences

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent honor society in the social sciences. Its mission is to encourage and recognize superior scholarship in social science disciplines and to foster cooperation and social service among its members. The honor cords are blue and white.

CHI ALPHA SIGMA

National College Athlete Honor Society

The motto of Chi Alpha Sigma is “Excellence in Athletics and Academics.” Honor cords are black and yellow and inductees must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8, earn a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport, be a Champion of Character, and receive endorsement from his/her head coach.

NU CHI UPSILON *Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota*

International Honor Society in Counseling

The mission of Chi Sigma Iota is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, and excellence in counseling while recognizing high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence. Honor cords are white for virtue and blue for trustworthiness and integrity. Members are students enrolled in a counselor education program leading to a graduate degree who have maintained an overall scholastic GPA of 3.5 while enrolled in the program.

HONORS PROGRAM

SONG NAI RHEE HONORS PROGRAM

The Song Nai Rhee Honors Program enables student to design a customized, demanding route through their field of study, in close collaboration with relevant faculty. In design, not a separate college, Rhee Honors students follow a series of honors contracts that deepen the academic rigor and experience within the assigned course schedule. This experience seeks to foster the sort of intimate collegiality – based in the joy of shared discovery – that has always been the hallmark of an excellent liberal arts education.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

THE CAP

The academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. While usually shaped like a mortar board, some caps are made of a round, soft velvet material. The tassel may be black or colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

THE GOWN

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been 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. It is usually made of black material. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long pouch-like sleeves which reputedly were once used to carry books and food. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

THE COLORS

The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows: Arts & Letters (white), Business (drab), Education (light blue), Fine Arts (brown), Law (purple), Library Science (lemon), Music (pink), Nursing (apricot), Philosophy (dark blue), Science (peacock blue), Speech (silver gray), Social Work (citron), Theology (scarlet).

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 facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

Bushnell Alma Mater

Verse 1

*All Hail to you, dear Bushnell U,
Hail Alma Mater brave and true.
We pledge our best, our all to you,
Of loyalty and youth.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Verse 2

*May future years add to your fame,
May great and glorious be your name;
We'll praise you e'er with loud acclaim,
Dear Alma Mater fair.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Verse 3

*O Lord of all, your truth we hold,
to all the world it must be told.
Our Alma Mater makes us bold.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

| Original words written by
| Grace Paul Hendricks & Kenneth Hendricks
| Music written by Mary E. Stevens



Congratulations, Class of 2023



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