



Bushnell University
Commencement
2024

Saturday, May 11th • Eugene, Oregon

Commencement Program

Processional*

Emily Weinkauff Kidder | *MBA, Instructor of Music*

Faculty Marshals

Nani Skaggs | *Ph.D., Professor of Psychology*

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

Graduate Marshals

Jennifer Little | *M.A., Director of Residence Life & Student Services*

Paul Wright '01 | *M.A., Director of Student Programs*

Invocation*

Gene De Young | *MBA, Vice President for Finance & Operations*

Welcome

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

Scripture Reading

Matt Hogan | *Secretary, Bushnell Board of Trustees*

Commencement Address

Todd Salnas | *Chief Executive, Slocum Orthopedics and Sports Medicine*

Musical Presentation

"Sometimes Love"

Madison Bender '24, Brooklyn Cahoon '24, Amariah Deschenes '25,

Isabella Nunn '27, Jazmyn Paul '26, Karis Price '27,

Stephanie Sterling '25, Mayah Torok '26

accompanied by School of Music & Performing Arts Faculty

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

Doyle Srader | Ph.D., *Professor of Speech & Communication*

Hooding of Master's Degree Recipients

Latrissa Neiworth | Ed.D., *Dean, School of Business, Leadership, and Technology*

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

Closing Remarks

Joseph D. Womack

Alma Mater*

"All Hail to You, Dear Bushnell U"

Jeremiah Reynolds '24, accompanied by Emily Weinkauff Kidder

Benediction*

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

Recessional

Emily Weinkauff Kidder

*Audience please stand

For Your Consideration:

Please be kind and courteous to those around you by not obstructing view of the ceremony with your personal devices.

Please refrain from livestreaming or video calling the ceremony. A high-quality livestream is offered online at: *live.bushnell.edu*.

Thank you.

Commencement Speaker



Todd Salnas

Chief Executive, Slocum Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Todd Salnas has more than 28 years of proven experience in the healthcare industry – most of which have been in leadership positions with a focus on strategy, operational improvement, market share and growth planning, patient experience, and clinical excellence.

Todd currently serves as CEO of Slocum Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, a large rapidly expanding specialty group with a long-standing relationship serving as team doctors for the University of Oregon since 1967. Most recently, Todd served as Chief Executive for the PeaceHealth Oregon Network, a \$1 billion revenue organization serving the healthcare needs of the Mid and Southern Oregon regions. Prior to that, he served as President for St. Joseph's Health System in Sonoma County, California.

Todd is Lean Green Belt-certified. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in health sciences from the University of Arizona, and a dual-degree master's in business administration and health services administration from Arizona State University.

Todd currently lives in Eugene, Oregon with his wife Jenny and three children. In his free time he enjoys attending his children's sporting events, volunteering, reading, hiking, biking and going to live music venues.

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 application 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

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Sr. Principal/Architect, Arbor South Architecture

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Auctioneer

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Retired, CW Walker & Associates

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

President, Bushnell University

Peter Diffenderfer | Ph.D. (non-voting)

Professor of Business

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Gene De Young | MBA

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

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Vice President for University Advancement

Joseph D. Womack '89 | Ed.D.

President

Faculty

Jonathan Alfson, Ph.D.

Paul Allee, Ph.D.

Steve Andes, D.Phil.

Kelly Ballard, D.Min.

Mindi Barta, M.A.

James Berry, M.A.

Ernest Bonat, Ph.D.

Tammy Bovee, M.S.

Jenée Cázares, M.A.

Gene Chin, D.M.A.

Rev. Troy Dean, M.A.

Connie Diffenderfer, M.Phil.

Peter Diffenderfer, Ph.D.

Angela Doty, M.A.

Allyssa Goertzen, M.A.

Robin Hartman, M.L.I.S.

Shelly Hartzell, M.S.M.

Agam Iheanyi-Igwe, Ph.D.

Brian Kaelin, Ed.D.

Roger Kennedy, M.A.

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Joshua Little, M.A.

Harmony McGuire, Ph.D.

Heike McNeil, Ph.D.

Marilyn Montgomery, Ph.D.

Erin Mueller, Ph.D.

Reed Mueller, Ph.D.

Cindy Nees, M.Ed.

Faculty *(cont.)*

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.*

Janet Welch, *MSN*

Marilyn Williams, *Ed.D.*

Connie Wilmarth, *Ph.D.*

Faculty Emeriti

Timothy M. Bergquist, *Ph.D.*

Mick Bollenbaugh, *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.*

Dennis Lindsay, *Dr.Theol.*

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 Reposa
2012	Nani Skaggs	2021	Linda Veltri
2013	Tim Bergquist	2022	AJ Swoboda
2014	Terry O'Casey	2023	Mindi Barta

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	2023	Sarah Slater

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	2007	Cassandra Walz
1986	Tamara Mathes	2008	Lynae Nelson
1987	Vance Kirklin	2009	Steven Kiepert
1988	Vicki Brabham	2010	David Kjosness
1989	Diane Hake Lincoln	2011	Casey Elise Murphy
1990	Sherry Hart	2012	Peter J. Norland
1991	Christine Augustine	2012	Karly Ann Welty
1992	Catherine Edmiston	2013	Sierra Willis
1993	Jill Delaney	2014	Daniel J. Flagg
1994	Sharon Rimmer	2015	Megan Baum
1995	Joyce Andrews	2016	Emily Kaelin
1996	Cara Smith	2017	Kelsey Chaloupka
1997	Sandra Lee	2017	Michelle Fletcher
1998	Aaron Pruitt	2017	Lindsey Heikes
1999	Dax Bryant	2018	Rosa Marie Schmidt
2000	Olivia Berkey	2019	Britnee Joaquin
2001	Jennifer Rupert	2020	Madeleine Rosebrook
2002	Erika Chamberlain	2021	Teresa Branson
2003	Jana Dobesova	2022	Samantha Mueller
2004	Karlene Macaulay	2023	Rebecca Kuskie
2005	Elisha Lubliner	2023	Aspen Slifka
2006	Kathleen Conley		

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 Koekkoek
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	2023	Preston Ferry

HONORS PROGRAM

SONG NAI RHEE HONORS PROGRAM

The Song Nai Rhee Honors Program enables students 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.

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.



Graduating Class of 2024

*** 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

Leah Anderson ***

Sophia Choat **

Gabriel Charles Fatooh

Justin Heintz

Kalani Kay Miller *** °

Benjamin Randol *** °

Brooke Christine Silvernail ***

Emmett Stevens **

Niamhie Taylor-Hughes

Livia Tjoelker

Zoe Tomlin

Amanda Lisette Torres-Sanchez

Bachelor of Science

Madison Bender ***

Tiffany Billington

Bre'Azia Bourq

Maylee Ann Breiholz ***

Brooklyn Elise Cahoon

Kyle Casperson **

Sophia Lynn Castillo

Teja Nichole Christman **

Olivia Madeline Clark

Carissa Rose Cole **

Cade Avery Crist *

Alsea Rose Diffenderfer **

Tierra Dumlao

Lindsey Marie Estes *

Alyssa Ku'uileialoha Mia Ferreira

Ethan Kainoa Ferry

Miranda Fetters *

Jackson Albert Findlay *

Zachary Dallas Flanders

Daniel Edward Furman *

DeLisa Gardner

Molly Lee Haley ***

Jadeya Leeann Hayes **

Mackenzie Hunton ***

Sierra Janikowski **

America Brooke Jeffreys ***

Shijo Yohannan John **

Mathew Knotts

Suzana Krstic

Kennedy Elain Larson **

Taylor Mitchell Lind

Caden Long

Liliana Lopez Diaz *

Hannah Naomi Love

Adrienne Michelle Mai ***

Jesse E. Masters

Elizabeth Mathis ***

Roslyn Haley McLellan

Victoria Lea Messer

Patryce Miller *

Alyssa Mirabile

Samuel A. Morehouse **

Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Luis Ramon Morgado	Brooke Christine Silvernail ***
Taylor Christine Morgan	Emma Skaggs
Grace Morris **	Madison Nicole Steelman **
Tommy J. Mull, Jr. **	John R. Stephens **
Jackson Muramoto	Jake Edward Stoner
Joshua Neal ***	Hannah Tennant **
Nathania Ortega ***	Christian Ariel Velazquez-Hernandez
Mayah Elizabeth Pappas ***	Isabel Gabriela Verduzco
Ethan James Paulson	Jennifer Marie Violette ***
Alexander Petshow **	Stacey Wagner **
Benjamin Randol *** °	Reagan Elizabeth Walker ***
Jeremiah Michael Reynolds	Faith Renee Wayman *
Trevon Richmond	Douglas R. Wilder III **
Justin Chance Rogers **	Eryn G. Wilder **
Christopher Rosebrook *	McKayla Williams **
Adam Sabatino	Jordan Wilson **
Rachel Schuck	Jessica Grace Woods ** °
Kell Schwerts ***	Taiga Yamane

Graduate Certificate

Keenan Maurice Evans	Curtis James Norris, Jr.
Rachel Dawn Harrenstein	Aspen Slifka
Bryanna Harris	Eduardo Steiger
Joshua Line	

Master of Arts

Nathalie Graziella Aguirre	Manisha Casey
Mckenna Rae Brady	Dezire Cavitta
Tanya Brady	Alexander Clarke

Master of Arts (cont.)

Lantz Cline

Jennifer Ann Coats

Nikola Chanel Douglas-Tavani

Julian Downey

Miguel Garcia

Tracie Joy Gonyea

Cody Gray

Kristine Adaila Herring

Ben Larson

Alexandra N. Locati

Jordan Magill

Shaun McDaniel

Rocco B. Motlagh

Jordyn Ramos

Marcus Ray Reed

Courtney Ann Michelle Roberts

Janet Rodriguez

Jonathan Shaw

Shayla Shropshire

Samantha Marie Silver

David L. Snook

Todd William Wellman

Master of Business Administration

Tiffany Ann Boss

Preston Kaleo Ferry

Jamison R. Hanson

Colton B. Martin

Halle Kathrina Neumann

Leslie Nicole Reynaga

Master of Education

McKenzie M. Ourada

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 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 (golden yellow), 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 2024



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