



What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?  
– Micah 6:8

## MISSION

**EMU prepares students to serve and lead in a global context.**

Our community of learning integrates Christian faith, academic rigor, artistic creation, and reflective practice informed by the liberal arts, interdisciplinary engagement, and cross-cultural encounter.

## VISION

We will open new pathways of access and achievement for all students who aspire to grow as unifying leaders equipped with intercultural competence, oriented toward peace and justice, and rooted in an active faith modeled on the life and teachings of Jesus.

## VALUES

**EMU's mission and vision are grounded in the enduring biblical values of Christian discipleship, community, service, and peace.**

These values are embodied throughout the university in our distinctive commitment to peacebuilding, social justice, cross-cultural engagement, and sustainability. Rooted in the Anabaptist tradition, we follow Jesus' call to bear witness to truth, serve with compassion, and walk boldly in the way of nonviolence and peace.



Congratulations, Eastern Mennonite University graduates of the Class of 2020.

I welcome you to a great day – your graduation. This is a special occasion to celebrate your significant achievements with family and friends. You are our guests of honor!

What an extraordinarily challenging semester you endured that came with little warning. And yet we discovered imaginative ways to Lead Together. You persisted amidst the distress and disorientation of a global pandemic. You showed strength of character, courage, and creativity. These are powerful life skills that will serve you well wherever you go.

Your milestone achievement amidst a global cataclysmic event will go down in the history books at EMU. The Class of 2020 deserves special recognition as “the resilience class” of our second century!

Thank you for sharing your lives with us at EMU. You have shown the next generation what it means to have been immersed in a rigorous academic environment and a welcoming community that values scholarly excellence, faith formation, and compassionate service.

You now enter a new stage as alumni – joining over 23,000 worldwide. You will continue to be a valued member of the EMU community. Please come back, visit often, and keep us apprised of your lives and the ways you are serving your communities.

As you go forth to new opportunities, I pray that each of you will continue to follow Christ’s call to witness faithfully, serve compassionately, and walk boldly in the way of peace.

Be well, EMU Class of 2020. We are so proud of you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Huxman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "H".

Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.  
President, Eastern Mennonite University



## WALKING CEREMONIES

*Saturday, May 1, 2021*

*9:00 a.m. School of Theology, Humanities, and the Performing Arts*

*11:30 a.m. School of Science, Engineering, Art, and Nursing*

*2:00 p.m. School of Social Sciences and Professions*

*In this pandemic year, Walking Ceremonies provide graduates with an opportunity to be recognized in person for their accomplishments.*

## UNDERGRADUATE CLASS GIFT

*The Undergraduate Class of 2020  
raised funds for The Student Tuition Relief Fund  
and the EMU Black Student Alliance  
to respond to the twin pandemics in 2020.*

## CENTENNIAL CIRCLE

*Eastern Mennonite University's Centennial year (2017-18) celebrated the transforming power of Christian higher education steeped in Anabaptist-Mennonite values through the institution's past, present and future. In recognition of this important moment in the university's history, the circular driveway at the south end of campus adjacent to the Sadie Hartzler Library and Lehman Auditorium has been named "Centennial Circle." This dedicated space expresses the welcoming spirit, commitment to inclusivity, and messages of unity and peace that EMU extends into the next century.*



## ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Dr. Carolyn S. Stauffer** is associate professor of applied social sciences at EMU. One of her life goals, through her work in the field of post-traumatic growth, is to amplify the voices of healing justice. Carolyn's passion for people has taken her to 34 countries across the globe. She has taught at the graduate and undergraduate levels at two higher education institutions on the African continent and holds a doctorate in sociology from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. She lived and worked in Southern Africa (16 years) and the Middle East (17 years). Stauffer has conducted trainings in Asia, the South Pacific, North America, east and central Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean. Stauffer weaves the depth and breadth of these many and varied experiences into her teaching in and out of the classroom.

During her tenure at EMU, Stauffer has served as co-director of the university's biomedicine program as well as taught in CJP's Women's Peacebuilding Leadership Program. The founder of the grant-funded Silent Violence Project, she has collaborated on three other competitive federal and local grants. She has also served on boards working with HIV/AIDS and the local chapter of UNESCO. Stauffer has 20 years of domestic and international practice experience that complement her work in higher education. Stauffer's decade at EMU has afforded her concerted time for listening to, being challenged by, and learning from her students.

Carolyn is married to Dr. Carl Stauffer, and together they have had the privilege of sharing life with their children. Carolyn is fluent in Hebrew; loves dance, music, and art; and enjoys all things creative, imaginative, and off the beaten track.



# UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

## Saturday, May 8, 2021, 1 p.m

Presiding ..... *Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.*  
*president*

Invocation ..... *Manuel Nuñez, M.B.A.*  
*chair, board of trustees*

Graduates' perspectives ..... *Ariel Barbosa and Abigail Shelly, undergraduate program*  
*Pam Dressler, doctor of nursing practice program*  
*Nathaniel Ressler, master of divinity program*

Address: "#LiveCriticalHope" ..... *Carolyn S. Stauffer, Ph.D.*  
*associate professor of applied social sciences*

### Presentation of graduates:

School of Theology, Humanities, and Performing Arts ..... *Suzanne K. Cockley, Ph.D.*  
Seminary, graduate and undergraduate degrees *dean*

School of Sciences, Engineering, Art, and Nursing ..... *Tara L. S. Kishbaugh, Ph.D.*  
Graduate and undergraduate degrees *dean*

School of Social Sciences and Professions ..... *David R. Brubaker, Ph.D.*  
Graduate and undergraduate degrees *dean*

Conferring of degrees ..... *Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.*

### Recognition of graduates

Commissioning of graduates ..... *Fred Kniss, Ph.D.*  
*provost*

Graduates, today we send you, as God's Spirit calls, to serve and lead wherever your paths may take you in this wide world.

Go as one of us, extending the mission of our university into a world crying out for peace and justice.

Bear witness to truth, serve with compassion, and walk boldly in the way of nonviolence and peace.

In our community of learning, you have acquired new knowledge, values and skills. Use them to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Go, receiving and sharing the good news of love, grace, healing, and hope with all you meet along the way. Our prayers go with you. May God bless each of you with courage, wisdom, and joy for your journey.

Commencement blessing ..... *Kevin Longenecker*  
*parent of Collin Longenecker and member, board of trustees*



**LANCASTER COMMENCEMENT**  
held virtually on  
Friday, May 8, 2020, 7 p.m.

Processional.....*Pomp and Circumstance*  
*Elgar*

Opening.....*Mary Krahn Jensen, Ed.D.*  
*associate provost*

Invocation.....*Anne Kaufman Weaver, M.S.W., M.Div.*  
*member, board of trustees*

Welcome.....*Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.*  
*president*

Graduates' perspectives.....*Linda Huyard, bachelor of science in nursing*  
*Barbara Swinsburg, master of arts in education*  
*LOM Cohort 1, bachelor of science in leadership and organizational management*

Address: "Global Connections".....*Linda Witmer, M.P.H., M.Div.*  
*director, RN to BSN program*

Conferring of degrees.....*Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.*

Presentation of graduates.....*Mary Krahn Jensen, Ed.D.*  
*associate provost*

Commencement blessing.....*David Martin, Ed.D.*  
*associate director, graduate teacher education programs*



## SEMINARY AND GRADUATE CLASS OF 2020

### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS

#### Seminary Class Officers

Nathanael Don Ressler, president  
John David Kenney, vice president  
David Rodney Gaylor Jr, treasurer  
Audrey Alanna McGuinn, secretary

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

<b>David L Gochbauer (L)</b>	Conestoga, PA
<b>Audrey Alanna McGuinn</b>	High View, WV
<b>Thobekile Ncube</b>	Mount Joy, PA
<b>Joseph Lee Ropp</b>	Broadway, VA
<b>Ryan Lee Scarberry</b>	Waynesboro, VA

#### MASTER OF DIVINITY

<b>Nathan Ray Epling</b>	Petersburg, WV
<b>Lawrence Richard Friedland</b>	Staunton, VA
<b>David Rodney Gaylor Jr</b>	Bassett, VA
<b>John David Kenney</b>	Waynesboro, VA
<b>Karyn F Nancarvis (L)</b>	Lititz, PA
<b>Virginia Rae</b>	Rileyville, VA
<b>Nathanael Don Ressler</b>	Mount Vernon, IL
<b>Adam Stultz</b>	Roanoke, VA

### SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, ART, AND NURSING

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

**Mary Kathryn Bowser** Greenville, SC  
DNP Project Title: A Nurse-Driven Evidence-Based

Change Project to Quantify Blood Loss at Birth

**Joan Gibson Deal** Lynchburg, VA  
DNP Project Title: Addressing the Hospital Immobility  
Epidemic

**Pamela J Dressler** Stuarts Draft, VA  
DNP Project Title: Readiness and Resistance,  
Building a Culture of Evidence-Based Practice in  
Nursing

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

<b>Jillian Marie Carpenter</b>	Bridgewater, VA
<b>Sreeneetha Devineni</b>	Harrisonburg, VA

<b>Dustin Quinton Leonard</b>	Hampton, VA
<b>Tiffany Ayesha Withers</b>	Harrisonburg, VA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICINE

<b>Adeola Ojuolape Adesuyi</b>	Colonial Heights, VA
<b>Donatine Kwesi Oduam Afful</b>	Lexington, VA
<b>Heidi Ingrid Byron</b>	Nashville, TN
<b>Hosam Hadid</b>	Orland Park, IL
<b>Alexus Briana Holbert</b>	Wyomissing, PA
<b>Anna Elaine Jemi-Alade</b>	Moseley, VA
<b>Cyndra Tamara Jones</b>	Palmyra, VA
<b>Bowen Lian</b>	Boyd's, MD
<b>Claire Maureen Reilly</b>	Springfield, VA
<b>Krystalee Pamela Revanna</b>	Mechanicsville, VA
<b>Nathan Ropelewski</b>	Richmond, VA
<b>Kayla Ann Sledzinski</b>	Harrison Township, MI
<b>Michelle Leigh Van Horn</b>	Gainesville, VA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

<b>Tara Blackburn</b>	Lebanon, PA
<b>Kimberly Ann Braun</b>	Mountville, PA
<b>Karissa Marie Davis</b>	Reinholds, PA
<b>Stephanie Jane Fisher</b>	Lebanon Church, VA
<b>Luella Marie Kauffman Glanzer</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Marlene Gradel</b>	Willow Grove, PA
<b>Rachel Ann Griel</b>	State College, PA
<b>Brandy Lynn Jenkins</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Maria Angeline Lantz</b>	Broadway, VA
<b>Emily Bansner Linn</b>	Linden, PA
<b>Jennifer E Manero</b>	Dushore, PA
<b>Lauren Alexis Miller</b>	Warwick, PA
<b>Alison Parks Okerlund</b>	Charlottesville, VA
<b>Amie Lynn Shellenberger</b>	Columbia, PA
<b>Keri Jane Weaver</b>	Lancaster, PA

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<b>Evelin Gonzalez Espinoza</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>David Michael Meehan</b>	Virginia Beach, VA
<b>Fred Ouma Okello</b>	Hornstown, VA
<b>Amy Renae Nissley Stauffer</b>	Hesston, KS
<b>Andrew Augsburg Yoder</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>David E Yutz</b>	Timberville, VA



## COLLABORATIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Collaborative MBA is a joint program among Bluffton University, Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University, and Goshen College.

Bluffton University issuing degree:

<b>Dean Edward Altstaetter</b>	Ada, OH
<b>Amanda Michelle Davis</b>	Bluffton, OH
<b>Madalyn Ann Metzger</b>	Bristol, IN

Canadian Mennonite University issuing degree:

<b>Tomisin T Bolorunduro</b>	Winnipeg, Manitoba
<b>Helen Janzen</b>	Cambridge, Ontario
<b>Yixiao Zhang</b>	China

Goshen College issuing degree:

<b>Leanne K Farmwald</b>	Elkhart, IN
<b>Tracy A Fox</b>	Culver, IN
<b>Bradley D Graber</b>	Goshen, IN
<b>Tony R Hartman</b>	Elkhart, IN
<b>Caleb Mann Longenecker Fox</b>	Goshen, IN
<b>Maggie Lynne Okponobi</b>	Goshen, IN
<b>Andrew Moody O'Sullivan</b>	Topeka, IN
<b>Robert Douglas Steury</b>	Goshen, IN

## MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

<b>Pablo Elenga Akindoa</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Muhammad Akram</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Perna Barua</b>	Assam, India
<b>Twinkle Alngag Bautista</b>	Tabuk, Philippines
<b>Kirby Eva Broadnax</b>	Cleveland, OH
<b>Hannah Mae Kunde</b>	Seattle, WA
<b>Laura Yasmiene Mabrouk</b>	Minneapolis, MN
<b>Rodrigue Shindano Makelele</b>	Goma, The Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Nyiringabo David Mazimpaka</b>	Goma, The Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Oscar Nceba Siwali</b>	Cape Town, South Africa

## MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

<b>Alyssa Onika Beepath</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Heather Marie Gardner</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Sarah Vaughan Hagenbuch</b>	Lexington, VA
<b>Benjamin William Harris III</b>	Chesterfield, VA
<b>Taylor Lynn Henry</b>	Front Royal, VA
<b>Jacqueline Meaghan Hieber</b>	Bridgewater, VA
<b>Lanz Travers Hubbard</b>	Earlsville, VA
<b>Kristen Hintze Inouye</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Kimberly Lauren Johnson</b>	Broadway, VA

<b>Robert Clay Lacy</b>	Charlottesville, VA
<b>Brooklyn Faith Morris</b>	Stuarts Draft, VA
<b>Candy Darlene Morris</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Elizabeth Gabrielle Resto</b>	Broadway, VA
<b>Julio Manuel Reyes Flores</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Erika Da'Jahnea Robinson</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Garrett Gibson Serrels</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Jordan Faith Shover</b>	Staunton, VA
<b>Bryanna Taylor Sniadecki</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Taylor Lynn Weir</b>	Winchester, VA

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

<b>Shelan Ameen</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Kimberlee Ann Barlow (L)</b>	Myerstown, PA
<b>Steven Andrew Brenner (L)</b>	Landisville, PA
<b>Lindsay Brooke Carson (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Katherine Maria Cruz Rodriguez (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Jennifer Lynn Esbenshade (L)</b>	New Holland, PA
<b>Susan Elizabeth Hertzog (L)</b>	Ephrata, PA
<b>Kirsten Kelley Hoover (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Mara Mack Kennedy</b>	Charlottesville, VA
<b>Laura Beth McGurn</b>	Afton, VA
<b>Stephanie Denise Meyer (L)</b>	Willow Street, PA
<b>Jill Patrice Milton (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Heidi Suzanne Morgan (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA
<b>Courtney Marie Rafter (L)</b>	Parquesburg, PA
<b>Barbara Beatrice Swinsburg (L)</b>	Lancaster, PA

## MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

<b>Scott Douglas Eyre</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Jasmine Faith Johnson</b>	Staunton, VA

## MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

<b>Deborah Luella Andrus-Lokrantz</b>	Fredericksburg, VA
<b>Sherise Rochelle Gibson</b>	Waynesboro, VA
<b>Carol Raegan Harouff</b>	Waynesboro, VA
<b>Maria Fernanda Hernandez</b>	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
<b>Tracey Myers May</b>	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Maha Y A Mehanna</b>	Gaza, Palestine

## MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

<b>Dawn Elizabeth Curtis-Thames</b>	Dallas, TX
<b>Rhoda Marie Miller</b>	Keezletown, VA
<b>Julian Harry Ward</b>	St. Andrews, Manitoba

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

<b>Krista L Andes (L)</b>	Ephrata, PA
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Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments

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**Brandon Lee Caricofe** Grottoes, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Krystie Everhart (L)** Willow Street, PA  
Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Shinwon Jung** Pocheon, Republic of Korea  
Conflict Transformation  
**Katharine Bennett Kasabo (L)** Marietta, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Crystal Joy Martinez Bergey** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Laura Beth McGurn** Afton, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Maha Y. A. Mehanna** Gaza, Palestine  
Restorative Justice  
**Kathy Ann Nonthakan (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Reading Specialist  
**Kimberly Hutchens Price** Lacey Spring, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Lee Anh Purnhagen** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Crystal Lynn Roach-Wescott** Grottoes, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Leda M Werner** Harrisonburg, VA  
Transformative Leadership  
**Sylvia Jean Whitney** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

## UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2020

### Senior Class Officers

Sophia Janette Hartman, co-president  
Luke Samuel Hertzler, co-president  
Abigail Joy Shelly, secretary  
Emily Kay Hostetler, business manager

### Class Advisors

Deanna Durham, M.S.W., assistant professor of social work and sociology  
Mark Metzler Sawin, Ph.D., professor of history and director of honors program

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**\*\*Ariel Valéria Barbosa** Arlington, VA  
Bible, Religion, and Theology, Sociology; Minors: Honors, Interfaith Studies  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**\*\*Erin Elizabeth Beidler** Randolph Center, VT  
History; Minors: Pre-Law, Political Science  
**\*Victoria Ruth Billups** Charlottesville, VA  
History & Social Science, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12  
**Yoel De Jesus Bobadilla** Lancaster, PA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**Ian Rohrer Bomberger** Goshen, IN  
Liberal Arts

**Sergio Maverick Canales Galeas** Elkton, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Leadership  
**\*\*\*Robert David Chaplin Jr.** Buena Vista, VA  
Music, Education Licensure, PreK-12  
**\*\*Lydia Kate Chappell Deckert** North Newton, KS  
English; Minor: Honors  
**Casandra Jade Coleman** Rockaway, NJ  
Liberal Arts  
**Diana Sarai Crespín-Gomez** Woodbridge, VA  
Liberal Arts, Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies  
**\*Anastasia Aleksandra Dronov** Harrisonburg, VA  
Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies  
**\*\*Kara Blaine Durren** Hayes, VA  
History & Social Science, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12; Minor: Political Studies  
**\*\*\*Megan Laurel Good** Harrisonburg, VA  
Writing Studies; Minors: English, Spanish  
**Heidi Louise Grossnickle** Chester, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**\*\*\*Lydia Brubaker Haggard** Norristown, PA  
Biblical Studies; Minors: Honors, Biology  
**\*\*Joseph Aaron Harder** Bridgewater, VA  
Music: Interdisciplinary Studies  
**\*Amanda Paige Hergenrather** Sterling, VA  
Writing Studies; Minor: History  
**\*Casey Brunk Hertzler** Harrisonburg, VA  
History; Minor: Psychology  
**\*\*\*Luke Samuel Hertzler** Harrisonburg, VA  
Bible, Religion, and Theology  
**\*\*\*Amber Nicole Hooper** Mechanicsville, VA  
Theater; Minor: Art

*\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude*

*\*\* Magna Cum Laude*

*\* Cum Laude*



**Emma Kay Hoover** New Carlisle, OH  
History & Social Science, Secondary Education  
Licensure, 6-12; Minor: Political Studies

**Gena Marie Laramy** Hermitage, TN  
Liberal Arts

**\*\*\*Gwen Mackenzie Mallow** Quicksburg, VA  
English

**\*\*Elizabeth Ruth Marin** Harrisonburg, VA  
Theater, Education Licensure, PreK-12

**\*\*\*Anali North Martin** Cary, NC  
English, Writing Studies

**Adam Bradley Moyer** Broadway, VA  
Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies; Minors:  
Journalism, Political Studies

**\*\*\*Jonathan Victor Nielsen** Bakersfield, CA  
Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies; Minor: Biology

**\*\*\*Elizabeth J Nisly** Bluffton, OH  
Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies, Writing Studies

**Nathaniel Abram Nissley** Elizabethtown, PA  
Congregational & Youth Ministries; Minors:  
Sociology, Peacebuilding

**Justin Lenard Odom** Williamsburg, VA  
Biblical Studies, Political Science; Minor: Music  
*Cords of Distinction*

**\*\*\*Abigail Joy Shelly** Collinsville, MS  
Liberal Arts, Teaching Endorsement in ESL, PreK-12;  
Minor: TESOL  
*Cords of Distinction*

**Seth Jaron Weaver** Brownstown, PA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Biology

**Clarkson Coltrane Wolfe** Staunton, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology

**\*Mathew Richard Zimmerman** Spotsylvania, VA  
History & Social Science, Secondary Education  
Licensure, 6-12; Minors: Political Studies, Coaching

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

**Arnold Musembi Muthoki** Nairobi, Kenya  
General Studies

**Walter Michael Samayoa** Chesterfield, VA  
General Studies

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, ART, AND NURSING

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Vivian J Aleman** Harrisonburg, VA  
Computer Science

**Sultan Mohammed Alsulaiman** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
Digital Media

**Kiana Nicole Childress** Palmyra, VA  
Communication, Photography

**Sako Haji** Harrisonburg, VA  
Computer Science; Minor: Spanish

**Bryan Luna** Harrisonburg, VA  
Digital Media

**Kiontay S Reynolds** King George, VA  
Computer Science

**Stephen Sheppard** Sterling, VA  
Digital Media; Minor: Business Administration

**Emily Irene Young** Fredericksburg, VA  
Digital Media, Marketing

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**\*\*Hirut Ejerso Amante (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Nursing

**Joshua Lee Ayers** Lexington, VA  
Computer Science

**\*Miriam Beck** Woodstock, VT  
Nursing

**Jared Douglas Bergman** Dayton, VA  
Biology; Minor: Chemistry

**Jacy Lynn Bernheiser (L)** Reinholds, PA  
Nursing

**\*Savannah Rae Bontrager** Milford, NE  
Biology, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12

**\*Elliot Robert Bancroft Bowen** Canton, OH  
Environmental Sustainability (Env Sci concen.);  
Minor: Biology

**Danielle Alissa Brenneman (L)** Willow Street, PA  
Nursing

**Hannah Bucklin (L)** Fleetwood, PA  
Nursing

**Chrissy Leigh Ann Burchette** Ruckersville, VA  
Nursing

**Serena Lynne Cappellano (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Nursing

**Austin Taylor Carroll** Chester, VA  
Psychology; Minor: Sociology

**Amy Erin Caton (L)** Charlottesville, VA  
Nursing

**Valerie M Choi (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Nursing

**\*\*Alexandra Paige Coffey** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

**Skylar Renee Colvin** Madison, VA  
Environmental Sustainability (Env Sci concen.);  
Minor: Biology

**Kristina Eileen Comoh (L)** Sinking Spring, PA  
Nursing

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<b>**Thomas S Cunningham (L)</b> Nursing	Elizabethtown, PA	<b>**Linda Marion Howie Huyard (L)</b> Nursing	Leola, PA
<b>Emily Lam Davis</b> Psychology; Minor: Neuroscience	Broadway, VA	<b>Rongela Vattie Jefferson</b> Psychology	Powhatan, VA
<b>Shayla Courtney Lynn Dixon (L)</b> Nursing	Parkesburg, PA	<b>***Kathryn Jae Kauffman</b> Psychology	Goshen, IN
<b>***Joy Regina Driver</b> Nursing	Rockingham, VA	<b>*Kimberle K Keener (L)</b> Nursing	East Petersburg, PA
<b>*Anastasia Aleksandra Dronov</b> Biology	Harrisonburg, VA	<b>***Andrew Michael King</b> Psychology, Sociology	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>John Lewis Dudley Jr</b> Environmental Sustainability (Env Sci concen.); Minor: Criminology and Restorative Justice	Raphine, VA	<b>Melissa Marie Kinkaid</b> Biology; Minors: Chemistry, Neuroscience	Archbold, OH
<b>Adrienne Jean Edwards (L)</b> Nursing	Ruckersville, VA	<b>Faethor Justice Kiser</b> Clinical Lab Science	Stuarts Draft, VA
<b>***Jenna Marie Emswiler</b> Nursing	Linville, VA	<b>*Jeannine L Kreider (L)</b> Nursing	Quarryville, PA
<b>***Austin Michael Engle</b> Engineering, Computer Science; Minors: Honors, Physics	Harrisonburg, VA	<b>***Leah Catherine Lapp</b> Biology, Chemistry; Minor: Music	Lowville, NY
<b>Angie Lynn Evans (L)</b> Nursing	Lancaster, PA	<b>*Kayla Marie Leaman</b> Mathematics, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12; Minor: Honors	Rockingham, VA
<b>Emilio R Fajardo</b> Biology, Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies	Harrisonburg, VA	<b>Marcia Gail Leatherman (L)</b> Nursing	Harrisburg, PA
<b>*Maia Suzanne Garber</b> Psychology	Lancaster, PA	<b>***Caroline Elizabeth Lehman</b> Biology; Minor: Chemistry	Dover, OH
<b>**Caroline Elise Gehman</b> Psychology; Minor: Sociology	Broadway, VA	<b>Eva Anna Lenker (L)</b> Nursing	Lancaster, PA
<b>Barbara Lynn Giblin (L)</b> Nursing	Mount Joy, PA	<b>**Jenna Marie Lile</b> Psychology; Minor: Art	Lancaster, PA
<b>***Darren Chad Good</b> Computer Science, Mathematics	Harrisonburg, VA	<b>*Collin Benjamin Longenecker</b> Engineering	Harrisonburg, VA
<b>Aaron Chad Gusler</b> Nursing	Harrisonburg, VA	<b>*Julia Hoover Martin (L)</b> Nursing	Akron, PA
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## WELCOME TO THE EMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to you, the Class of 2020! Last year, you joined the thousands of EMU alumni around the world who have been recipients of an education at Eastern Mennonite University. As an EMU student, you were challenged in mind, nurtured in spirit, and broadened in perspective. The world has, in turn, benefited from what you have learned at EMU. May you continue to share your knowledge and gifts with those around you to the glory of God.

As a student and as a class, you were a very important part of EMU, sharing your unique gifts and enriching the campus community. You will not be forgotten. As an alum, you will always be connected to EMU.

Receive the benediction of the Apostle Paul from II Corinthians 13:14:

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.*

On behalf of the EMU Alumni Association,  
Jennifer North Bauman, director of alumni and parent engagement







## CROSS-CULTURAL PROGRAM AND HISTORY

As part of EMU's vision to explore and learn the ways God is active in our world and in different cultures, EMU's cross-cultural equips students with intercultural competence in order to become successful in their work and lives. All undergraduate students complete nine semester hours of cross-cultural credit which include designate classes and an immersion experience. The cross-cultural program has been providing semester and summer experiences to students for 38 years. EMU's unique approach to intercultural learning combines didactic and experiential requirements to allow students to develop critical awareness of themselves, others, and God in a global and local context.

The interactive forces which shape any society—religious, economic, social, artistic, geographic, historical—provide the materials for study and living in another setting. Students are asked to demonstrate their global awareness and document their understanding of the interdependence of cultures and nations. The colorful stoles worn by some students at commencement represent these significant cross-cultural experiences. In all cultures, religion expresses the transcendence of the divine and provides a moral context for daily life. Faith is discovered through cultural expression in the arts, music, ritual and customs. Living in another cultural context provides students with opportunity to reflect on their own faith experience in light of diverse religious beliefs and experiences, and where Christianity is present, to encounter another Christian community, discovering the relevance of the person and life of Jesus in that setting.

To understand and value one's own culture alongside the culture of another is important in EMU's Core Curriculum. The world in which we live, rapidly changing and increasingly smaller, calls for people who have learned truths and commonalities which lie beyond the boundaries of each culture.

The first faculty-led, semester-long cross-cultural group traveled to Switzerland in 1972, but it was not until 1983 that EMU instituted the requirement as part of its undergraduate general education program. Interest in other cultures developed as many Mennonites returned from alternative military service overseas during and after World War II. As a result, many realized that their cross-cultural service had transformed and educated them in profound ways. Because of this life-transforming potential, and because EMU believes strongly that education should be a life-transforming experience, EMU has made the cross-cultural program the keystone of the EMU Core Curriculum. In the years since 1983, the campus has become increasingly diverse with many cultures represented within the student body. What we once learned only by travel we also learn in on campus interactions. As we strive to become a thriving intercultural university, several graduate programs also include optional or required cross-cultural experiences.

## EMU AT LANCASTER

Eastern Mennonite University established an extension site in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1987. What began as a mechanism to provide non-credit pastoral training has evolved into a site that offers four degree-granting programs, each addressing specific workforce and applied liberal arts needs in the region. Program areas include: nursing, graduate teacher education, leadership and organizational management, and aviation. Located in the Greenfield Corporate Center, EMU at Lancaster current serves nearly 500 adult learners and is a teaching center of Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Lancaster students are designated with an (L) beside their name.



## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

Academic celebrations such as today’s commencement began in medieval Europe, where institutions of higher learning were customarily operated by monastic orders. In the late 19th century, American colleges and universities began the practice of wearing academic attire in order to lend color to academic festivals.

EMU undergraduate degree recipients wear a simple royal blue gown and mortarboard; master’s degree recipients wear a black gown with pointed sleeves slit at the elbow. Doctoral degree recipients wear a royal blue doctoral gown with velvet trim. The border coloring of the master’s and doctor’s hoods indicates the discipline in which the degree was awarded. For EMU graduate degrees these include white for conflict transformation, light blue for counseling and education, drab for business administration, kelly green for biomedicine, peach for nursing, dark blue for restorative justice, and white for interdisciplinary studies and organizational leadership.

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Education.....	Light Blue	Nursing.....	Peach
Biomedicine .....	Kelly Green	Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts ....	Brown	Organizational Leadership...	White
Business Administration .....	Drab	History.....	White	Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Conflict Transformation .....	White	Interdisciplinary Studies .....	White	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Counseling and Guidance .....	Light Blue	Law .....	Purple	Restorative Justice .....	Dark Blue
Economics.....	Copper	Library Science.....	Lemon	Social Work.....	Citron
Engineering .....	Orange	Literature .....	White	Science .....	Golden Yellow
		Music .....	Pink	Theology .....	Scarlet

The doctor’s gown features wide velvet lapels, either black or the color of the scholar’s specialization. Three velvet chevrons adorn the full, bell-shaped sleeves. The color of the larger and more heavily decorated hood, worn around the neck and draping down the back, indicates the scholar’s discipline. The satin lining conveys the official colors of the institution awarding the degree.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Academic Honors are awarded to traditional baccalaureate degree students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or above (A = 4.0) and with no grade lower than a “C-” at EMU. A student who receives a grade below C- in one course may retain eligibility for honors by repeating the course at EMU and earning a grade of C- or higher.

Academic Honors are also awarded to Adult Degree Completion Program graduates who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or above with no grade lower than a “C-” while pursuing a degree from the adult degree completion program. To qualify for graduation honors, a student must have completed at least 31 graded semester hours at EMU.

\*\*\**Summa Cum Laude* ~ 3.90 - 4.00 GPA

\*\**Magna Cum Laude* ~ 3.80 - 3.89 GPA

\**Cum Laude* ~ 3.60 - 3.79 GPA



## CORDS OF DISTINCTION

Cords of Distinction has its origins in what is presently Multicultural Student Services. Ten students nominated by faculty, staff, students or administrators for this honor wear the blue and gold “Cords of Distinction.” During their academic careers they have consistently demonstrated a positive effect on the internal community (EMU and students), the external community (Harrisonburg and beyond), with particular emphasis on service to marginalized communities. In addition, they are in good standing academically and socially. Blue represents the strength of conviction that one person can help to create a better institution or community. It also symbolizes the willingness and openness to share thoughts and ideas. Gold represents the love of spirit and yearning towards creating a better university environment or community in which all may take part.

## HONORS PROGRAM

EMU Honors is designed to provide academically gifted students with greater opportunities for challenge and growth, and to help students:

- Develop the ability to examine ideas as human constructs made to bring order to chaos and sense to life, and the ability to respectfully and systematically wrestle with ideas, even those fundamental to core beliefs
- Develop the ability to read and use the wide variety of “texts” that derive from, and drive, the ideas formed by human experience
- Develop tools to remain healthy and balanced amidst the process of exploring the big ideas that guide society and culture, and the ability to contextualize one’s own story amidst the Biblical understandings of the wider Anabaptist and Christian traditions
- Develop the ability to formulate, critique and begin to implement ideas in a leadership capacity

To graduate with an honors minor, students must complete a curriculum that includes specially designed introductory, colloquium, and worldview courses; an enhanced language component; a more intensive liberal arts core; and a capstone project. Students must also graduate with a minimum 3.6 cumulative GPA.



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