



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 2021.

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 year 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 2021 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 shoulder setbacks and still be 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 2021. We are so proud of you.

Blessings,

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

## UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

### Saturday, April 24

Cords of Distinction ceremony 4:00 p.m., Martin Chapel and online

### Sunday, April 25

Donning of the Kente ceremony 2:00 p.m., Martin Chapel and online

### Friday, April 30

Celebration and commissioning of business and leadership graduates 11:00 a.m., Seminary 123

### Saturday, May 1

Breakfast for biology and chemistry graduates 9:00 a.m., Park Cabin  
Walking Ceremonies 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

Celebration for Seminary graduates 9:00 a.m., Martin Chapel  
Counseling graduates’ commissioning (*by invitation*) 10:00 a.m., The hill outside Discipleship Center  
Nurses’ pinning and commissioning 11:00 a.m., Lehman Auditorium  
Celebration for Center for Justice and Peacebuilding graduates 3:30 p.m., online  
Seminary baccalaureate 4:30 p.m., Martin Chapel and online

### Sunday, May 9

Commencement 1:00 p.m., online

### Friday, May 14

Lancaster Commencement Ceremony 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel, Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania



**SEMINARY BACCALAUREATE**  
 Saturday, May 8, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

“Drawn by Love: Jesus Calls Us”

- Prelude..... Courtney Joyner, M.Div.  
 UMC liaison and instructor
- Welcome.....Suzanne K. Cockley, Ph.D.  
 school of theology, humanities, and the performing arts and seminary dean
- Invocation/Call to worship.....Joanna Friesen  
 2021 graduate
- Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* - UMH #89 ..... Caleb Schrock-Hurst and Perry Blosser
- Scripture reading: John 13:34-35; John 15:9-12; and John 17:25-26 ..... Carrie Moffitt  
 2021 graduate
- Introduction of speaker .....Bob Michalides  
 senior class vice president
- Address: “Of panic and love” ..... Nancy Heisey, Ph.D.  
 professor of biblical studies and associate dean
- Hymn of response: *Will you come and follow me* - STS #39..... Caleb Schrock-Hurst and Perry Blosser
- Anointing and blessing of graduates ..... Andrea Saner, Ph.D., associate professor of Old Testament  
 David Evans, Ph.D., associate professor of history and intercultural studies
- Commissioning..... Kevin Clark, D.Min., assistant professor, seminary campus pastor  
 Sarah Ann Bixler, Ph.D., instructor in formation and practical theology
- Presentation of class gift ..... Mike Evans  
 senior class treasurer
- Closing Hymn: *You Shall Go Out With Joy* - HWB #427 ..... Caleb Schrock-Hurst and Perry Blosser
- Benediction.....Peter Dula, Ph.D.  
 professor of religion and culture
- Postlude: *Come Walk With Us* ..... Courtney Joyner, M.Div.

*Musicians: Caleb Schrock-Hurst, seminary student, and Perry Blosser*  
*ASL Interpreter: Sarah Cowger*

**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 2021 raised funds to renovate the grass-crete walkway between the Library and the University Commons.*

**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

**Mayor Deanna Reed** was sworn into office for Harrisonburg City Council on January 3, 2017, and then selected by her fellow council members as mayor. Becoming mayor of Harrisonburg made her the first African American female mayor in Harrisonburg’s history. In 2019, Mayor Reed was selected by her colleagues to serve a second term as mayor.

Although this is her first public office, she is no stranger to Harrisonburg and its people. Mayor Reed is a native of the city and is a proven leader, impacting the lives of those of all ages.

Mayor Reed currently serves as the program director for On the Road Collaborative, a non-profit youth empowerment organization that serves more than 300 middle school and high school youth annually. On the Road Collaborative helps to set students on the road towards high school, college, and successful careers.

Beyond her leadership and achievements serving the youth, Mayor Reed is a member of Word Ministries Christian Outreach Church. She has served as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for over 32 years and serves on the advisory team for Iota Alpha Chapter of James Madison University. She is currently serving as vice president of the Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter.

Recently, Mayor Reed was recognized by the Virginia Library of Congress as one of the Strong Men and Strong Women of Virginia History. She was featured in *Essence* magazine in the top 100 WOKE list. She was recognized by Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Commonwealth Attorney Marsha Garst as Citizen of the Year in 2015. She is also an honorary member of the American Association of University Women.

In addition to her mayoral role, she serves on the Advisory Board for Civic Engagement, the Social Services Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. She is also the council representative to the Virginia Municipal League, sitting on the legislative and human development and education committees.

Mayor Reed is a member of Eastern Mennonite University’s Board of Trustees.

## UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 1 p.m.

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

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

Graduates’ perspectives ..... *Akiel Baker and Hannah Nichols, undergraduate program*  
*Carmen Miller, master of divinity program*

Address: “*Seize the Initiative, For you have been called for such a time as this*” ..... *Mayor Deanna Reed*  
*City of Harrisonburg, VA*  
*member, board of trustees*

### Presentation of graduates:

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

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

School of Social Sciences and Professions  
Graduate and undergraduate degrees ..... *David R. Brubaker, Ph.D.*  
*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..... *Lonnie Yoder, Ph.D.*  
*professor of pastoral care and counseling*

## LANCASTER COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 14, 2021, 7 p.m.

Prelude and Processional ..... *Julian Harnish, pianist*

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

Invocation ..... *Misty Wintsch, M.A.*  
*adjunct faculty, pastor, and EMU alumna*

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

Graduates' perspectives ..... *Bernice Reynolds, bachelor of science in nursing*  
*Nate Thorne, bachelor of science in leadership and organizational management*  
*Maggie Friedrich, master of arts in education*

Address ..... *Jess King, M.B.A.*  
*chief of staff, City of Lancaster, PA and EMU alumna*

Conferring of degrees ..... *Mary Krahn Jensen, Ed.D.*  
*associate provost*

Presentation of graduates:

Graduate degrees ..... *David Martin, Ed.D.*  
*associate director, graduate teacher education programs*

Undergraduate degrees ..... *LeaAnn VanBuskirk, M.S.N., R.N.*  
*director, healthcare programs*  
*Mary Krahn Jensen, Ed.D.*  
*associate provost, LOM director*

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

Commencement blessing..... *Mary Krahn Jensen, Ed.D.*  
*associate provost*

Recessional and Postlude ..... *Julian Harnish, pianist*



## SEMINARY AND GRADUATE CLASS OF 2021

Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2021.

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

#### Seminary Class Officers

Carmen Lenae Miller, president  
Robert Francis Michalides, vice president  
William Michael Evans, treasurer  
MaryBeth Heatwole Moore, secretary

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Mark Ashe Stancil Stephens City, VA

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

William Cary Jones Broadway, VA  
Joel Horst Nofziger Ephrata, PA

#### MASTER OF DIVINITY

Amber D Baker Morgantown, WV  
Ryan William Cobb Lancaster, PA  
William Michael Evans Lignum, VA  
Joanna Elizabeth Friesen Harrisonburg, VA  
Paul Simms Merchant Lexington, VA  
Robert Francis Michalides Lynchburg, VA  
Carmen Lenae Miller Rockingham, VA  
Carrie Denise Moffitt Staunton, VA  
MaryBeth Heatwole Moore Harrisonburg, VA  
Dawn R Reidy Bunker Hill, WV  
Emily Susanna Tolbert North Dinwiddie, VA  
Lori Witmer Newville, PA

#### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Shirley LaVerne Steward-Jones Harrisonburg, VA  
Christian Studies

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

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Dianne Renae Hannak New Freedom, PA  
DNP Project Title: Trauma Informed Care in School Health

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICINE

Josephine Awotoye Brooklyn Park, MN  
Mecca Baker Alexandria, VA

Luz Thalia Contreras McGaheysville, VA  
Cesar Corona Gutierrez Fishersville, VA  
Jessica Ann Hindle Springfield, VA  
Carmen Rain Meacham Cartersville, VA  
Jennifer Rojas Wilmington, DE  
Jessica E Saunders Philadelphia, PA  
Sukriti Singh Silwal Chantilly, VA  
Kristen Anne Snow McGaheysville, VA  
Gene Bernadine St.Val Jr Eden, MD  
Benjamin Wright Norfolk, VA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Elizabeth Ann Alderfer Harrisonburg, VA  
Marcus Brent Almarode Waynesboro, VA  
Devon Knott Bloxson Earlysville, VA  
Beth Maye Boyd Red Lion, PA  
Giles Gregory Eanes Harrisonburg, VA  
Jennifer Lee Ferber York, PA  
Betsy Ann Heck Fleetwood, PA  
Melissa Anne Kelly Quakertown, PA  
Amy E Kern Wyomissing, PA  
Sarah Kunjam Virginia Beach, VA  
Jennifer Stevenson Little Wyomissing, PA  
Debra Miles Winchester, VA  
Stephanie Ann Miller Ephrata, PA  
Heather J Miller Delta, PA  
Crystal M Perez Alburtis, PA  
Tammie Lynn Rinaldo Staunton, VA  
Kellie Ann Saccomandi Glen Mills, PA  
Chloe Elizabeth Smith York, PA  
Jennifer Logan Weeber Mount Joy, PA  
Shaina Marie Whitecavage Ringtown, PA  
Jillian Renee Wright McClure, PA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PREMEDICINE

Kaitlyn Michelle Bridgeforth Suffolk, VA

#### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Nancy Shull Becker (L) Elizabethtown, PA  
Trauma & Resilience Healthcare Settings  
Serena Lynne Cappellano Lancaster, PA  
School Nurse  
Melissa Coble State College, PA  
School Nurse  
Janice George New York, NY  
Biomedicine

Theresa Gerrity (L) Baltimore, MD  
Trauma & Resilience Healthcare Settings  
Sharon Ruth Mullin Strasburg, PA  
School Nurse  
Misty Dawn Ward (L) Rockingham, VA  
Trauma & Resilience Healthcare Settings  
Morgan Elise Williams Jonestown, PA  
School Nurse  
Diana Kay Zimmerman (L) Baltimore, MD  
Trauma & Resilience Healthcare Settings

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

James Justin Carey Leesburg, VA  
Mark Evan Frey Chicago, IL

#### 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:

Sara Marie Alvarez Waugh Goshen, IN

Canadian Mennonite University issuing degree:

Stephanie Halligan Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Bui Thi Oanh Ha Noi, Vietnam  
Zainab Odeh Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Norlan Page Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Ololade Tunji-Abimbola Lagos State, Nigeria  
Nnaemeka Ugochukwu Wogu Lagos, Nigeria

Goshen College issuing degree:

Gretchen Etta Geyer Columbus, OH  
Margaret Braun Zapata Arlington Heights, IL

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Lindsay Alice Acker Buffalo, NY  
Rabab Hammoodi Hasan Harrisonburg, VA  
David Taylor Heiliger Columbia, MD  
James William Herman Honolulu, HI  
Sophia Hutchison Traverse City, MI  
Marisabel Kubiak Poolesville, MD  
Nicole Marie Litwiller Harrisonburg, VA  
Jacob Cyrus Mack-Boll Whitesburg, KY  
Robin Tabbiner McLamb Roanoke, VA

Helen Odufa Momoh Harrisonburg, VA  
Olivia Paul Baint, Haiti  
Emily Elizabeth Powell Harrisonburg, VA  
Timothy Scott Rasmussen Las Vegas, NV  
Angela Marie Walker Amity, OR  
Aminata Wallet Mohamed Bamako, Mali

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Mary Rebekah Cox Staunton, VA  
Katelyn Gypsy Dolieslager Waynesboro, VA  
Melissa Lynn Fisher Harrisonburg, VA  
Renee McDaniel Flowers Front Royal, VA  
Richard Evan Grosse Geneva, IL  
Rebecca Lee Hardesty Broadway, VA  
Jamie Lynn Jackson Grottoes, VA  
Michaela Dawn Liskey Grottoes, VA  
Valerie Marisa Meza-Cooper Woodstock, VA  
Angelina Michelle Pardini Harrisonburg, VA  
Theresa Ann Patsalos Harrisonburg, VA  
Dianne Bowman Preece Buchanan, VA  
Deveney Elizabeth Quinney Front Royal, VA  
John Anthony Sgroi Harrisonburg, VA  
Samuel Ellis Swartzendruber Kalona, IA  
Shakeerah Sykes Harrisonburg, VA

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Ashlee Adams (L) York, PA  
John R Dunegan Macon, GA  
Margaret Elizabeth Friedrich (L) Ambler, PA  
Janice Marie Greenleaf (L) Elizabethtown, PA  
Cheryl Lynn Klopp (L) Lancaster, PA  
Douglas A Knepp (L) Cleona, PA  
Lindsay Marie Knepp (L) Cleona, PA  
Kristine Louise Long Harrisonburg, VA  
David Holsinger Shenk Harrisonburg, VA  
Melissa Sue Svensson (L) Lancaster, PA

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Jamie Lynn Jackson Grottoes, VA  
Lindy Marie Magness Harrisonburg, VA

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Ellen Katherine Braun Waynesboro, VA  
Braydon Peron Hoover Dayton, VA  
Andrew Justin Parlier Waynesboro, VA  
James E Ramsey III Harrisonburg, VA  
Morgan Leigh Smith Millsboro, DE  
Elijah Cain Sumpter Charlottesville, VA

(L) EMU at Lancaster

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

\*\*Magna Cum Laude

\*Cum Laude

**MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

**Margaret Grace Rake** Sherman, TX  
**Paul Richmond Reeser** Tucker, GA

**MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Makayla Anne Fulmer** Harrisonburg, VA  
**Sidney Marie Morgan** Vancouver, WA

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

**Muhammad Akram** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Nonprofit Leadership & Social Entrepreneurship  
**Lisa Grace Ashworth (L)** Chestermere, AB  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Kara Elizabeth Baxter (L)** Palmyra, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Jacqueline Annette Benton (L)** Smithsburg, MD  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Jason Robert Bingaman (L)** Mount Joy, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Crystal Lynn Dorman (L)** Lemont, IL  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Robert Christopher Fennimore (L)** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Leslie Eileen Freeman (L)** Wrightsville, PA  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Margaret Elizabeth Friedrich (L)** Ambler, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Kimberly Sue Godush** Saint Joseph, MI  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Corinne Gunter** Noblesville, IN  
 Conflict Transformation  
**Jennifer Lynn Harrington (L)** Ephrata, PA  
 Reading Specialist

**Ilinisa Rose Hendrickson** Berkeley, CA  
 Restorative Justice  
**Zachary Reid Johnson** East Boston, MA  
 Conflict Transformation  
**Andrea Nicole King** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Amy Kathryn Leed (L)** Millersville, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Megan Rene' Marker** Dayton, VA  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Miranda McClellan (L)** Stevens, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Laura Beth McGurn** Afton, VA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Maha Y A Mehanna** Gaza, Palestine  
 Business Administration  
**Jeffrey Alan Mumaw** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Virginia Kay Munns** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Restorative Justice in Education  
**Eric Paul** Holualoa, HI  
 Conflict Transformation  
**Lori Ann Paules (L)** Lancaster, PA  
 Reading Specialist  
**Adelyn Reah Pawlik (L)** Lancaster, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Laura Irene Rakoczy (L)** Landisville, PA  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Erin Michelle Settle (L)** Lancaster, PA  
 Reading Specialist  
**Lisa M Sihler (L)** Pittsford, VT  
 Trauma & Resilience in Educational Environments

**Alfred Ronnie Derricott Jr** Ruther Glen, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minors: Criminology and Restorative Justice, Sociology  
**\*\*\*James Carolus Dunmore** Queen, PA  
 Liberal Arts  
**Amy Taylor Goodman** Forest, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minors: Psychology, Coaching  
**Aaron N Horst** Landisville, PA  
 Bible, Religion, and Theology, Recreation Leadership & Sport Studies; Minor: Coaching  
**Earnest Kiah** Portsmouth, VA  
 Music: Performance  
**\*\*\*Kiara Marie Kiah** Portsmouth, GA  
 Music: Performance, Social Work  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Hannah Nicole Marston** Mount Jackson, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minor: English  
**Karina Miakota Meza** Weyers Cave, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minor: Human Resource Management  
**\*\*\*Elizabeth Kate Miller** Pettisville, OH  
 Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies  
**Joshua Nikolaj Overacker** Mount Crawford, VA  
 Music, Education Licensure, PreK-12  
**Brenlee Dalton Reedy** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**\*\*\*Michael Alan Tavalacci** Rockingham, VA  
 Liberal Arts  
**Ryan Patrick Tierney** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Liberal Arts  
**Victoria Lee Wigley** Elkton, VA  
 Liberal Arts; Minors: Coaching, Kinesiology & Exercise Science  
**Michael Anthony Williams** Richmond, VA  
 Liberal Arts  
**Rebecca B Yugga** Rockingham, VA  
 Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies; Minor: Psychology  
**\*\*Thoreau Joseph Zehr** Pittsburgh, PA  
 Writing Studies; Minors: Honors, Bible & Religion

**Troy Lee Hodge** Staunton, VA  
 Computer Science; Minor: Psychology  
**Michaela Elizabeth Lane** Felton, DE  
 Photography  
**Lie Theophilia Putri Lienardy** Semarang, Indonesia  
 Photography; Minor: Music  
**\*\*\*Kirstin Taylor Meza** Corpus Christi, TX  
 Photography  
**\*\*\*Ambrose Monahan** Midlothian, VA  
 Art, Bible, Religion, and Theology; Minor: Honors  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Jared Oyer** Hubbard, OR  
 Digital Media and Communication; Minor: Photography  
**Mandy Elizabeth Puffenbarger** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Digital Media and Communication  
**Christopher Richard Runion** Broadway, VA  
 Digital Media

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Haley Ann Barnes** Bassett, VA  
 Biology; Minor: Psychology  
**Ethan Beiler** Cochranville, PA  
 Engineering; Minors: Business Administration, Music  
**Rachael Renae Brenneman** Rockingham, VA  
 Biology, Environmental Sustainability (Env Sci concen.); Minor: Honors  
**Chelsea S Brubaker** Ephrata, PA  
 Biology  
**Cameron Lee Byer** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Mathematics, Computer Science  
**\*\*Anna Rose Cahill** Staunton, VA  
 Psychology, Writing Studies; Minor: English  
**\*\*\*Silas Jacob Clymer** Collinsville, MS  
 Mathematics, Computer Science; Minors: Honors, Music  
**Patricha Daley (L)** Lebanon, PA  
 Nursing  
**Olivia Joelle Dalke** Dallas, OR  
 Psychology  
**Katelyn Michele Dean** Broadway, VA  
 Biology; Minor: Criminology and Restorative Justice  
**\*Maya Katherine Dula** Lancaster, PA  
 Biology  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Carlos Andres Flores-Melgar** Woodbridge, VA  
 Computer Science  
**\*Brandon John Higgins** Culpeper, VA  
 Psychology  
*Cords of Distinction*

**UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2021**

*Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2021.*

**Senior Class Officers**

Akiel K Baker, co-president  
 Hannah Nichols, co-president  
 Amanda Lynn Jasper, secretary  
 Elizabeth Kate Miller, business manager

**Class Advisors**

Katherine Evans, Ph.D., associate professor of special education  
 Zachary Yoder, Ph.D., assistant provost

**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS****BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Folasade Arasanyin** Harrisonburg, VA  
 Music: Interdisciplinary Studies  
**\*\*\*Megan Elise Breidigan** Douglassville, PA  
 English, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12; Minor: Psychology

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, ART, AND NURSING****BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Shay Driver Smiley** Mount Solon, VA  
 Art, Education Licensure, PreK-12  
**Christopher Edward Fenn** Glen Allen, VA  
 Computer Science  
**Stephanie Gilbertson** Manassas, VA  
 Digital Media, Communication

\*\*\* *Summa Cum Laude*

\*\* *Magna Cum Laude*

\* *Cum Laude*

(L) *EMU at Lancaster*



**Lindsey Noel Histan** Charlottesville, VA  
Psychology; Minors: Art, Criminology and Restorative Justice

**Liliana Elena Holcombe** Moseley, VA  
Mathematics

**Hannah Elizabeth Johnson** Staunton, VA  
Mathematics

**Terry Lee Jones Jr** Palmyra, VA  
Computer Science

**\*\*\*Skylar Marie List** Arlington, VA  
Biology

**Donaldo Lleshi** Lezhë, Albania  
Biology  
*Cords of Distinction*

**Sarah Marmet (L)** Marshall, VA  
Nursing

**Douglas Phillip Nester** Bluffton, OH  
Engineering

**\*Adam Michael Peachey** Lititz, PA  
Biology; Minors: Honors, Spanish

**Reuben Joseph Peachey-Stoner** Hesston, KS  
Chemistry; Minors: Peacebuilding, Honors

**Johnny Gabriel Prioleau** Chesterfield, VA  
Computer Science

**\*\*Alexandra Grace Raber** Dalton, OH  
Biology; Minor: Chemistry

**Jakiran Richardson** Virginia Beach, VA  
Biology  
*Cords of Distinction*

**\*\*\*Karissa May Sauder** Harrisonburg, VA  
Engineering

**\*\*Rachel Marie Sauder** Lyndhurst, VA  
Mathematics, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12

**Kayley Marynn Scottlind** Salem, OR  
Biology, Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies

**\*\*\*Addison Kendall Shenk** Harrisonburg, VA  
Biology; Minors: Psychology, Chemistry

**Hannah Kristina Sipe** McGaheysville, VA  
Biology

**Fibi Oumarou Souleymane** Niamey, Nigeria  
Psychology, Liberal Arts; Minors: Biology, Humanitarian Action Leadership and Youth Ministry

**Christian Eugene Stutzman** Sugarcreek, OH  
Computer Science; Minor: Digital Communication

**\*Matthew Scott Troyer** Berlin, OH  
Biochemistry

**Tessa Waidelich** Pettisville, OH  
Computer Science

**\*\*\*Austin G Yoder** Leola, PA  
Biology; Minor: Psychology

**Aaron Michael Zimmerman** Archbold, OH  
Engineering

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**Robin Marie Adams (L)** Mountville, PA  
Nursing

**Stephanie Jo Barner (L)** Elizabethtown, PA  
Nursing

**Jeremy Jay Brenneman** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

**\*Grace Brooks** Waynesboro, VA  
Nursing

**\*Sarah Margaret Brown** Waynesboro, VA  
Nursing

**Jennifer Leigh Cloud (L)** Lebanon Church, VA  
Nursing

**\*Logan Connor Courtney** Warrenton, VA  
Nursing

**\*Victoria Christine Demme** Earlysville, VA  
Nursing

**Jennifer Kaye Dettinger (L)** Red Lion, PA  
Nursing

**Lindsey Catherine Ellinger** Augusta Springs, VA  
Nursing

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## WELCOME TO THE EMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to you, the graduating class of 2021, and welcome to the Eastern Mennonite University Alumni Association! Today, you join the thousands of EMU alumni around the world who have been the recipients of an education at Eastern Mennonite University. The world will, in turn, benefit from what you have learned at EMU. You have been challenged in mind, nurtured in spirit, and broadened in perspective. Having refined your skills, go now from this place and 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	Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts .... Brown	Organizational Leadership... White
Biomedicine ..... Kelly Green	History..... White	Philosophy .....Dark Blue
Business Administration .....Drab	Interdisciplinary Studies ..... White	Physical Education ..... Sage Green
Conflict Transformation ..... White	Law .....Purple	Restorative Justice .....Dark Blue
Counseling and Guidance.Light Blue	Library Science.....Lemon	Social Work..... Citron
Economics..... Copper	Literature ..... White	Science ..... Golden Yellow
Engineering ..... Orange	Music .....Pink	Theology ..... Scarlet
Education..... Light Blue	Nursing..... Peach	Transformational Leadership.. White

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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