



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 2023.

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

Thank you for sharing your lives with us. Thank you for becoming engaged and discerning citizens at EMU. We are confident that you will show 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 22,000 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 2023. 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 the first name "Susan" and the last name "Huxman" clearly distinguishable.

Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.
President



UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

Thursday, May 4

Senior Celebration

6 p.m., Martin Chapel

Friday, May 5

Cords of Distinction ceremony

6 p.m., Martin Chapel

Saturday, May 6

Lavender Graduation

11 a.m., University Commons 177

Donning of the Kente ceremony

2 p.m., Lehman Auditorium

Seminary Baccalaureate

4:30 p.m., Martin Chapel

Undergraduate Baccalaureate

7 p.m., Lehman Auditorium

President's Reception for graduates and parents

8:30 p.m., Campus Center Greeting Hall

Sunday, May 7

Commencement

1 p.m., Front Campus

Academic Program Activities

Breakfast for biology and chemistry graduates

Sat., 9 a.m., Parkwoods Pavilion

Brunch for Seminary graduates

Sat., 9 a.m., Seminary Fellowship Area

Nurses' pinning and commissioning

Sat., 11 a.m., Lehman Auditorium

Reception for undergraduate nursing graduates

Sat., 12 p.m., Campus Center Greeting Hall

Counseling graduates' commissioning (by invitation)

Sat., 1 p.m., Martin Chapel

Reception for applied social science graduates

Sat., 3:30 p.m., Discipleship Center

Dinner for business and leadership graduates and parents

Sat., 5:30 p.m., West Dining Room, Northlawn

Breakfast for MSN and DNP graduates

Sun., 10 a.m., Campus Center 105

Brunch for graduate teacher education

Sun., 10 a.m., West Dining Room, Northlawn

Reception for leadership and organizational management graduates

Sun., 11 a.m., Campus Center 226

Celebration for Center for Justice and Peacebuilding graduates

Sun., 3:30 p.m., Martin Chapel

Friday, May 13

Lancaster Commencement Ceremony

7 p.m., Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Leola, Pennsylvania



SEMINARY BACCALAUREATE

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

“Breaking Cycles: Doing a New Thing”

Prelude	Courtney Joyner, M.Div. instructor of worship
Welcome	Daniel J. Ott, Ph.D. dean of the School of Theology, Humanities, and the Performing Arts
Invocation/Call to Worship	Carrie Wenger senior class president
Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” <i>Voices Together</i> 549	Andrea Early, Chad Miller
Scripture reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13	Hailey Holcomb senior class vice president
Hymn: “Gravity of My Love” <i>Voices Together</i> 494	Andrea Early, Chad Miller
Scripture reading: Isaiah 43:18-19	Hailey Holcomb
Introduction of speaker	Jimmy Calhoun senior class secretary
Address: “God’s Shalom Plans”	Andrea Saner, Ph.D. associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew language
Hymn of response: “Christ is Alive and Goes Before Us,” <i>Voices Together</i> 565	Andrea Early
Blessing of graduates	Nancy Heisey, Ph.D. professor emerita Kevin Clark, D.Min. assistant professor of spiritual formation and direction
Commissioning	Sarah Ann Bixler, Ph.D. assistant professor in formation and practical theology, associate dean
Presentation of class gift	Emma Smith Cain senior class treasurer
Closing hymn: “Christ Has No Body Here but Ours” <i>Voices Together</i> 568	Andrea Early, Chad Miller
Benediction	Veva Mumaw seminary campus pastor
Postlude	Courtney Joyner, M.Div.



UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 7 p.m.

Prelude and Processional	2023 graduates
Presiding	Fred Kniss, Ph.D. provost
Invocation	Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D. president
Hymns	Laura Yoder, Ph.D. professor of nursing
“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee” <i>Voices Together</i> 103	
“Come, Thou Fount” <i>Voices Together</i> 563	
Senior class salutations	Micah Buckwalter and Philip Krabill senior class co-presidents
Presentation of class gift	La`akea Fujita, senior class business manager Olivia Hazelton, senior class secretary
Poetry reading	Jessica Chisolm 2023 graduate
Scripture reading	Maria Esther Showalter, M.A. and Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, M.H.A., J.D., Ph.D. 2023 class advisors
Micah 6:6-8 and Romans 12:9-18	
Address: “Tell Me a Story . . . Your Story”	Daniel Showalter, Ph.D. associate professor of mathematics
Dedication prayer	Daniel J. Ott, Ph.D. dean of the School of Theology, Humanities, and the Performing Arts Tara L. S. Kishbaugh, Ph.D. dean of the School of Sciences, Engineering, Art, and Nursing David R. Brubaker, Ph.D. dean of the School of Social Sciences and Professions
Reflection and ritual	Shannon W. Dycus, M.Div. vice president for student affairs and dean of students
“Longing for Light” <i>Voices Together</i> 715	
Sending blessing	Brian Martin Burkholder, M.Div. university chaplain
Sending music	2023 graduates



THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

*President Susan Schultz Huxman and Jesse Huxman
cordially invite all graduates,
their immediate families and EMU faculty
to a reception in the
Campus Center Greeting Hall
on Saturday, May 6, 2023, 8:30 p.m.*

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS GIFT

*The Undergraduate Class of 2023
raised funds for a future renovation of the cafeteria to improve
hospitality and campus life through the universal language of food!*

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

*Classic Photography and Imaging will provide high quality, professional
photographs of each graduate during the Commencement ceremony. Fol-
lowing Commencement, photos may be viewed and ordered online at www.classic-photo.com. Please contact them directly with any questions. Their
photographers will be in the best position to capture your graduate walking
across the stage; however, if you would like to take your own photo, please
do so quickly, be mindful of others, and stay out of the aisles.*

RESTROOM LOCATIONS

Campus Center, Hartzler Library, University Commons



ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. John R. Lowe is the Joseph Blades Centennial Memorial Professor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. He is a Cherokee Native American tribal member and has Creek and Lenape Native American tribal heritage. He earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree (1981) from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia; a master of science in nursing degree (1986) from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a Ph.D. in nursing (1995) from the University of Miami in Miami, Florida. Dr. Lowe is the first Native American man to both earn a Ph.D. in nursing and to be inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Lowe was named EMU's Alumnus of the Year in 2021.

Dr. Lowe serves as an elected member of the American Academy of Nursing selection committee and is a member of the Advisory Council to the National Institute of Nursing Research. He was recently inducted into the Researcher Hall of Fame of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Dr. Lowe is an alumnus of the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Nurses Association and has served as chair of the National Advisory Council to the MFP.

Co-author of "A Conceptual Framework for Nursing in Native American Culture," Dr. Lowe studies interventions for the prevention and reduction of substance use and other risk behaviors among Native American and Indigenous youth and young adults globally. These studies and other health programs are guided by theoretical frameworks and models developed by Dr. Lowe such as the Cherokee Self-Reliance, Native Self-Reliance and Native-Reliance models.

Dr. Lowe developed the first manualized Talking Circle intervention to reduce substance use and other health risk behaviors among Native American and Indigenous youth in the United States and globally. His research projects have been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, as well as other organizations and foundations such as the Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Johnson & Johnson organization. The Talking Circle intervention has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Programs as a "promising evidence-based program" for the well-being of youth; it was also featured as one of the American Academy of Nursing's "Edge Runners" and most recently in the National Academy of Medicine report, "The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity."

Dr. Lowe has provided health equity and health care service and leadership among underserved populations in countries such as Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Panama, and Tanzania. He developed the first Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity and hosted the first international Indigenous nursing research summit. His work also has been acknowledged through numerous awards including the American Nurses Association Luther Christman Award, Florida Nurses Association Cultural Diversity Award, Great 100 Centennial Research Award, Nursing Educator of the Year Award, Nurse of the Year Award, Lifetime Achievement in Education & Research Award, and the Researcher of the Year at the Professor Rank Award. Dr. Lowe has presented nationally and internationally and has published several articles and books.



UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 1 p.m.

Processional

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

Opening Remarks and Land Acknowledgement *Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.*

Invocation *Shawn Ramer, Ph.D.*
EMU Board of Trustees

Special Music *Afton Rhodes-Lehman, soprano (class of 2024)*
Harold Bailey, piano

“Laurie’s Song” from *The Tender Land* by Aaron Copeland

Graduates’ perspectives *Nardos Haile and Dallas Organek, undergraduate program*
Amarea Witt, master of science in biomedicine program

Address: “Connecting to Your Purpose” *John R. Lowe, Ph.D.*
Joseph Blades Centennial Memorial Professor
University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing

Presentation of graduates:

School of Theology, Humanities, and Performing Arts
Seminary, graduate and undergraduate degrees *Daniel J. Ott, 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.*

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..... *Dienes Gilbert*
parent of Amanda Gilbert

Recessional



LANCASTER COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 12, 2023, 7 p.m.

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
Opening.....	<i>Christine Sharp, Ph.D.</i> <i>executive director</i>
Invocation	<i>Michael Shelley</i> <i>educational technology analyst</i>
Welcome	<i>Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.</i> <i>president</i>
Graduates' perspectives	
Address: "Community Partnerships"	<i>Robert Krasne, J.D.</i> <i>Chair and CEO, Steinman Communications</i> <i>Chair and Publisher, LNP Media Group</i> <i>Publisher, LNP LancasterOnline</i> <i>Co-Chair, The Steinman Foundation</i> <i>Chair, The Lancaster County STEM Alliance</i>
Conferring of degrees	<i>Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.</i>
Presentation of graduates.....	<i>Lisa Sauder, M.S.W.</i> <i>associate registrar</i>
Assisting.....	<i>Christine Sharp, Ph.D.</i> <i>David Martin, Ed.D.</i> <i>director, Lancaster graduate teacher education program</i> <i>John Sibole, B.S.</i> <i>director, aviation program</i>
Commissioning of graduates	<i>Fred Kniss, Ph.D.</i> <i>provost</i>
Alumni welcome	<i>Kirk Shisler</i> <i>vice president for advancement</i>
Commencement blessing.....	<i>David Martin, Ed.D.</i>
Recessional: "Trumpet Tune"	<i>Henry Purcell</i>



SEMINARY AND GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023

Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2023.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS

Seminary Class Officers

Carrie Sue Dengler Wenger, president
Hailey Ann Holcomb, vice president
Emma Smith Cain, treasurer
Jimmy Dean Calhoun, secretary

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Emma Smith Cain Ephrata, PA

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

Nicholas Benjamin Ladd Hesston, KS
Jonathan Andrew Lee Apex, NC
Caleb Eli Schrock-Hurst Harrisonburg, VA

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Jimmy Dean Calhoun Ferrum, VA
Jonathan William Carlson (L) Lancaster, PA
Noah Christian Goss Middletown, VA
Hailey Ann Holcomb Woodbridge, VA
Joseph Gregory Kropff Roanoke, VA
Juan Carlos Malvaez Harrisonburg, VA
Jennifer Lynn Parsons Mechanicsburg, PA
Carrie Sue Dengler Wenger Linville, VA
Derek Wayne Yoder Harrisonburg, VA

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Andrea Joy Early Harrisonburg, VA
General Theological Certificate
Jill K Heine New Holland, PA
Faith-Based Peacebuilding
Keren Louise Kandel Kouts, IN
Faith-Based Peacebuilding
David Mansfield Pottstown, PA
General Theological Certificate
Grant Miller Kalamazoo, MI
Faith-Based Peacebuilding
Graciella Odella Philadelphia, PA
Christian Studies

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, ART, AND NURSING

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is a consortium program between Eastern Mennonite University and Goshen College.

Eastern Mennonite University conferring degree:

Catherine Ernst-Rittenhouse Rockingham, VA
DNP Project Title: *Improving Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Testing Utilization on a College Campus*

Goshen College conferring degree:

Amy Frazier Milford, IN
DNP Project Title: *Quality Improvement Project to Increase Depression Screening and Referrals*

Rosemary Gathungu Elkhart, IN
DNP Project Title: *Needs Assessment for Barriers to Care for African Americans in Elkhart, Indiana*

Kylee Rohatgi South Bend, IN
DNP Project Title: *Redesigning Nursing Courses: AACN Essentials and Best Teaching Practices in Community Health*
Susan Miller Setiawan Goshen, IN
DNP Project Title: *Mental Wellbeing and Resilience in Nursing Students*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICINE

Austin Lloyd Black Harrisonburg, VA
Alexis Fuentes Thornton, CO
Dean Huber Herndon, VA
Kent Keane Palembang, Indonesia
Destiny B Lyday Columbia, MD
Amarea Yvonne Witt Saint Paul, MN

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Patricia Ann Becker Thompsonstown, PA
Whitney Brown Corrigan Harmony, PA
Nicole Renee Devonshire Ephrata, PA
Lydia Beth Tissue Harnish Lancaster, PA
Magdalene Püdn Hart Harrison Philadelphia, PA
Amy Jo Kinley Airville, PA
Susan Kim Klingaman York, PA
Michele Marie Mercado Mount Laurel, NJ
Gabrielle Marie Miller Waynesboro, VA

(L) EMU at Lancaster



Valerie Rodeffer Martinsburg, WV
Jennifer Sealofer York, PA
Jane M Weigel Lancaster, PA
Diana Kay Zimmerman Baltimore, MD

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Julie A Beaver Red Lion, PA
School Nurse
Erin Marie Davidson (L) Harrisonburg, VA
Trauma and Resilience in Healthcare Settings
Shauna Elizabeth Davis Wyomissing, PA
School Nurse
Janelle Eshleman Grow Lancaster, PA
School Nurse
Margaret Mary Hatta-Geraghty Mastic, NY
School Nurse
Melissa Dawn Jantzi (L) Washington, DC
Trauma and Resilience in Healthcare Settings
Amy Elizabeth Kern (L) Wyomissing, PA
Trauma and Resilience Healthcare Settings
Cynthia Ann King (L) Charlotte, NC
Trauma and Resilience in Healthcare Settings
Brittany Miller Airville, PA
School Nurse
Nicole Monahan Glenshaw, PA
School Nurse
Elise Sauder (L) Charlottesville, VA
Trauma and Resilience in Healthcare Settings
Jennifer Patricia Sleppey Creekside, PA
School Nurse
Renee M Zimmerman Ephrata, PA
School Nurse

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Erin Maureen Campbell Afton, VA
Hyo Jin Chang Namyangju, Republic of Korea
Anne Chaffinch Coyne Selinsgrove, PA
Elizabeth Malinda Eby Goshen, IN
Keren Louise Kandel Kouts, IN
Tarini Nagasaila Suresh Chennai, India
Philip Saturday Quoqui Monrovia, Liberia

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Addison Elizabeth Baugher Harrisonburg, VA
Kimberly A Bloom Lost River, WV
Elizabeth Mary Bordogna Charlottesville, VA

Alyssa Renee Burkholder Dublin, PA
Anna Rose Cahill Staunton, VA
Brittany Mae Centeno Lockport, NY
Coral Elizabeth Collins Stuarts Draft, VA
Kendall Rebekah Crim Winchester, VA
Julie Ann Crouse Shippensburg, PA
Olivia Joelle Dalke Dallas, OR
Gina M Dorn-Niebur Lexington, VA
Kara Holthaus Leesburg, VA
Victoria Anne Tedrow Harrisonburg, VA

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Jacob L Bradley (L) Lebanon, PA
Nicole Campbell (L) Lancaster, PA
Brittany Nicole Dyer (L) Mount Joy, PA
Audrey Garber (L) Elizabethtown, PA
Ashley Elizabeth Garrison (L) Mount Joy, PA
Meredith Joy Grasser (L) Reading, PA
Brianna Rose Lugibihl (L) Lima, OH
Miranda Elane Lyle Bridgewater, VA
Leesa Mirage McAnally (L) Lancaster, PA
Jennifer Noreen McGowan (L) Lancaster, PA
Ashley Louise Moyer (L) Lancaster, PA
Chardonnay Rain Norris (L) Newport News, VA
Danielle Regina Rafferty (L) Hummelstown, PA
Jasmine Marie Rebuck Sanford, NC
Kimberly Ann Rowe (L) Elizabethtown, PA
Olivia R Sieg Lancaster, PA
Amanda Marie Tyson (L) Denver, PA

MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Shama Perveen Harrisonburg, VA
Mikaela Alexis Brooks Fredericksburg, VA
Kiana Nicole Childress Palmyra, VA
Emerald Elaine Green Vrolijk Bridgewater, VA
Diana Marie Webb Charlottesville, VA

MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Jill Kristine Heine New Holland, PA

MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Crisol González García Cuauhtemoc, Mexico
Haley Morgan Smith Rome, GA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Business Administration is a joint program among Bluffton University, Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University, and Goshen College.



Canadian Mennonite University conferring degree:
Erika Miller Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dilni Prathiraja Kurunegala, Sri Lanka

Eastern Mennonite University conferring degree:
Maria D Martinez Diaz Harrisonburg, VA
Brittany Nichole Williams Bayse, VA

Goshen College conferring degree:
Cynthia Good Kauffman Goshen, IN
Julia Ingram La Grange, IL
Mark Landes Hesston, KS
Aimee Riemke Edwardsburg, MI
Amanda Stats Goshen, IN

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Amy Lee Anderson (L) Puyallup, WA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Andrea R Bachert (L) Manheim, PA
 PK-12 Reading Specialist
Tara Blackburn (L) Lebanon, PA
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments,
 Restorative Justice in Education
Ryan Douglas Brewer Martinsville, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Shane Brubaker Rockingham, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Debra Ann Budiani-Saberi Cabin John, MD
 Conflict Transformation
Ann Cappelli Lancaster, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Catherine Victoria Cramer Westminster, MD
 Restorative Justice in Education
Olivia Martine Crawley Harrisonburg, VA
 Organizational Leadership
Kandace Kautz DaCosta (L) Lancaster, PA
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments
Jennifer Davidson Lexington, VA
 Restorative Justice
Patricia A Donaldson (L) Nashua, NH
 Restorative Justice in Education
Christine Lynn Dubosky Landisville, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Brittany Nicole Dyer (L) Mount Joy, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Rosemary Anne Ehlers Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Tiffany L Eimers Staunton, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education

Amy Eileen Falk (L) Hummelstown, PA
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments
Tori Jasmine Fantasia Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Anthony Grant Fisher Naples, FL
 Conflict Transformation
Audrey Garber (L) Elizabethtown, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Ashley Elizabeth Garrison (L) Mount Joy, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Crisol González García Cuauhtemoc, Mexico
 Conflict Transformation
Alison M Haverty Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Randa M Hendricks Broadway, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Erin Elizabeth Holt Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Paula Holtzinger East Berlin, PA
 Restorative Justice
Sonya Propes Hoover Deerfield, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Muhammad Ishaq Israr Islamabad, Pakistan
 Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship
Bridget Renee Kilczewski (L) Ephrata, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Daniel F Kirwan Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Jasmine Monique Koger Manassas, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Felicia Loughery (L) Lancaster, PA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Brianna Rose Lugibihl (L) Lima, OH
 Restorative Justice in Education
Kayla Rachel Manilow (L) Skokie, IL
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments
Jenny Ann Martinez Santa Barbara, CA
 Restorative Justice
Jennifer Noreen McGowan (L) Lancaster, PA
 PK-12 Reading Specialist
Katherine Stewart McLean Waynesboro, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education
Jennifer Meager (L) Carlisle, PA
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments
Ann L Merced (L) Landisville, PA
 Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments
Helen Odufa Momoh Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice
Brittany Autumn Moore Harrisonburg, VA
 Restorative Justice in Education



Dolores Ann Moore Restorative Justice in Education	Buena Vista, VA	Sean Lee Shifflett Restorative Justice in Education	Waynesboro, VA
Amelia Raine Morrison Conflict Transformation	Harrisonburg, VA	Krista Corbett Smith Restorative Justice in Education	Staunton, VA
Chardonnay Rain Norris (L) Restorative Justice in Education	Newport News, VA	Tyson R Thompson Restorative Justice in Education	Staunton, VA
Kristen Noel O'Neil Restorative Justice in Education	Staunton, VA	Trina Trotter Nussbaum Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship	Harrisonburg, VA
Danielle Hess Peyton Restorative Justice in Education	Harrisonburg, VA	Amanda Marie Tyson (L) PK-12 Reading Specialist, Restorative Justice in Education	Denver, PA
Danielle Regina Rafferty (L) Restorative Justice in Education	Hummelstown, PA	Krista Lynn Williams (L) Teaching English Second Language	Mount Joy, PA
Aleda C Risser (L) Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments	Lancaster, PA	Brock A Wysong Restorative Justice in Education	Bradford, OH
Tammy J Sanford Restorative Justice in Education	Mount Sidney, VA	Amanda J Zepp Restorative Justice in Education	Bridgewater, VA
Marcella K Schreiber (L) Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments	Lancaster, PA		

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2023

Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2023.

Senior Class Officers

Micah Robert Buckwalter, co-president
Philip Thomas Kraybill, co-president
La'akea EthelRose Fujita, treasurer
Olivia Anne Hazelton, secretary

Class Advisors

Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, M.H.A., J.D., Ph.D., professor,
vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion
Maria Esther Showalter, M.A., instructor of language and
literature

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Shelley Beth Antongiorgi Liberal Arts; Minor: Spanish	Lancaster, PA
***Sarah Marie Bascom English, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12	Front Royal, VA
Trey Paul Brookman Liberal Arts	Roanoke, VA
Natallie Cierrah Brown Bible, Religion, and Theology	Bowling Green, VA

Tiffany Denise Carey English	Bedford, VA
Nehemiah Devon Carter English; Minor: Writing Studies	Newport News, VA
Alexandrya Click History	Linville, VA
Mason DenBesten Liberal Arts; Minors: Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Psychology	Woodland Hills, CA
Gemma Duxbury Writing Studies; Minor: Psychology	Indianapolis, VA
Briana Garcia-Sanchez Liberal Arts <i>Cords of Distinction</i>	Abbottstown, PA
Joshua Earl Holloway Liberal Arts	Broadway, VA
Colin Richard Hunsberger History and Social Science	Telford, PA
Kaitlin Ida Johnson Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies; Minor: Psychology	Henrico, VA
***Anyae Jae Kauffman History and Social Science; Minor: Pre-Law	Goshen, IN
***Amanda Kathryn Kibler Music, Education Licensure, PreK-12	Woodstock, VA

**** Summa Cum Laude*

***Magna Cum Laude*

**Cum Laude*



Aaliyah Renee Lawhorne Waynesville, NC
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology

Samantha Michelle Livermore Dunn, NC
Liberal Arts; Minors: Business Administration,
Psychology

Alexa Lorenzana Harrisonburg, VA
History

***Tace Christophe Angell Martin** Eugene, OR
History and Social Science

***Andrew Timothy Nord** Albany, OR
Political Science, Mathematics

David Mack Smith Ruckersville, VA
Liberal Arts; Minors: Business Administration,
Psychology

*****James K Smith** Madison, VA
History

Nathanial Solomon Harrisonburg, VA
Liberal Arts; Minors: Kinesiology and Exercise
Science, Coaching

***Joseph Myong Whetzel** Broadway, VA
Writing Studies; Minor: Journalism

Imani Alexandra Williams Baltimore, MD
Liberal Arts

Merry Bizuayehu Yirga Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Liberal Arts; Minors: Sociology, Peacebuilding,
Psychology
Cords of Distinction

*****Carrie Marie Yoder** Harrisonburg, VA
History and Social Science, Secondary Education
Licensure, 6-12

Lauren Elizabeth Yutzy Harrisonburg, VA
History and Social Science

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Bryan L Kovach Rutherglen, VA
General Studies

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, ART, AND NURSING

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ruben Avalos Arroyo Mount Jackson, VA
Digital Media and Communication

***Keith Allen Bell** Staunton, VA
Digital Media and Communication; Minors: English,
Journalism

****Rebecca LeAnne Boone** Winchester, VA
Photography

*****Alyssa Rose Breidigan** Douglassville, PA
Photography, Marketing; Minor: Digital
Communication

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Names and degree information have been entered with care. We apologize for any errors or omissions.



WELCOME TO THE EMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to you, the Class of 2023! Today you join thousands of EMU alumni around the world who have been the 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 together. You will not be forgotten. You are forever a Royal alum and we welcome you back to campus anytime!

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





INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AND HISTORY

A central element of EMU's mission is to educate students to live in a global context. EMU's intercultural programs enable students to reflect on their own culture alongside learning about other cultures and developing greater intercultural competence. This learning promotes graduates' success in an increasingly global, interconnected, and culturally diverse world. EMU's unique approach to intercultural learning combines both experiential and academic requirements and allows students to develop critical awareness of themselves, others, and religious dimensions in both global and local contexts. All undergraduate students complete at least eight semester hours of intercultural credit which include classes and an immersion experience. The colorful stoles worn by some students at commencement represent these significant intercultural journeys.

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 understanding of the interdependence of cultures and nations. In all cultures, faith and spiritual awareness is discovered through cultural expression in the arts, music, ritual, and customs. Immersion in another cultural context provides students with the 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.

The first faculty-led, semester-long intercultural group traveled to Switzerland in 1972, but beginning in 1983 EMU instituted the requirement as part of its undergraduate general education program. For 40 years, EMU's intercultural programs have been providing semester and summer experiences to students. Because of its life-transforming potential, and because EMU believes strongly that education should be a life-transforming experience, EMU has made intercultural programs 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 primarily by travel we also learn through campus interpersonal interactions. As we strive to become a thriving intercultural university, several graduate programs also include optional or required intercultural 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. EMU at Lancaster is located in the Greenfield Corporate Center and currently 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 royal blue 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.

Our faculty and staff in the processional also wear academic attire that identifies their degree, discipline and granting institution. 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. The colors representing the disciplines are standardized as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities..... White	Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts Brown	Organizational Leadership... White
Biomedicine Kelly Green	History..... White	PhilosophyDark Blue
Business AdministrationDrab	Interdisciplinary Studies White	Physical Education Sage Green
Conflict Transformation White	LawPurple	Restorative JusticeDark Blue
Counseling and Guidance.Light Blue	Library Science.....Lemon	Social Work..... Citron
Economics..... Copper	Literature White	Science Golden Yellow
Engineering Orange	MusicPink	Theology Scarlet
Education..... Light Blue	Nursing.....Peach	Transformational Leadership...White

ACADEMIC HONORS

Academic Honors are awarded to 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. To qualify for graduation honors, a student must have completed at least 48 (31 for graduates of the Leadership and Organizational Management and Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs) graded semester hours at EMU. The honor and corresponding grade point average are listed as follows:

- ****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

The Cords of Distinction honor 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 motivated 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 implement ideas in a leadership capacity.

To graduate as an Honors student, students must complete the three core Honors courses, be extensively involved in campus activities, and end their career with a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA. To graduate with an Honors minor, students must also complete an extensive project and present it to the wider EMU community.



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