



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 2024.**

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!

We are especially thankful for the class of 2024. You are a special class. Many of you were first-year students who began your college experience in a pandemic. Many of you did not experience your own high school graduation or prom, or even an in-person campus visit. Your achievements over the past four years are all the more remarkable.

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 2024. 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 2

Senior Celebration

6 p.m., Discipleship Center

### Friday, May 3

Cords of Distinction ceremony

6 p.m., Martin Chapel

### Saturday, May 4

Lavender Graduation

12:30 p.m., University Commons 177

Donning of the Kente Cloth ceremony

3 p.m., Main Stage Theater, University Commons

Undergraduate Baccalaureate

7 p.m., Lehman Auditorium

President's Reception for graduates and families

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

### Sunday, May 5

Commencement

1 p.m., Campus Front Lawn

### Academic Program Activities

Breakfast for biology and chemistry graduates

Sat., 9 a.m., Parkwoods Pavilion

Breakfast for psychology graduates

Sat., 9:30 a.m., Roselawn 306

Reception for applied social science graduates

Sat., 10 a.m., Discipleship Center

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

Seminary graduate recognition and blessing (by invitation)

Sat., 4:30 p.m., Seminary Fellowship Area

Dinner for business and leadership graduates and parents

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

Brunch for MSN and DNP graduates

Sun., 10:30 a.m., Campus Center 105

Celebration for Center for Justice and Peacebuilding graduates

Sun., 4 p.m., Martin Chapel

### Friday, May 10

Lancaster Commencement Ceremony

7 p.m., Forest Hills Mennonite Church  
Leola, Pennsylvania



# UNDERGRADUATE BACCALAUREATE

## Saturday, May 4, 2024, 7 p.m.

|                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Prelude and Processional .....                           | <i>Luke Haynes</i><br><i>2024 graduate</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Presiding .....                                          | <i>Tynisha Willingham, Ph.D.</i><br><i>provost</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Invocation .....                                         | <i>Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.</i><br><i>president</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Hymns .....                                              | <i>Maggie Garber and Thaddeus Jackson</i><br><i>2024 graduates</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| "Hamba Nathi" <i>Voices Together</i> 23                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| "Great is Thy Faithfulness" <i>Voices Together</i> 167   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Senior class salutations .....                           | <i>Hannah Landis and Megan Miller</i><br><i>senior class co-presidents</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Presentation of class gift .....                         | <i>Lizzy Kirkton, senior class business manager</i><br><i>Julie Weaver, senior class secretary</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Poetry reading: "For Your Heart" by Mindy Nolt '01 ..... | <i>Belen Hernandez Rosario</i><br><i>2024 graduate</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Scripture reading.....                                   | <i>Shannon W. Dycus, M.Div. and Chad Gusler, M.F.A</i><br><i>2024 class advisors</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Micah 6:6-8 and Romans 12:9-18                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Address: "Finding and Sustaining Your Purpose" .....     | <i>Maria Esther Showalter, M.A.</i><br><i>instructor of Spanish language &amp; hispanic studies</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dedication prayer.....                                   | <i>Daniel J. Ott, Ph.D.</i><br><i>dean of the School of Theology, Humanities, and the Performing Arts</i><br><i>Tara L. S. Kishbaugh, Ph.D.</i><br><i>dean of the School of Sciences, Engineering, Art, and Nursing</i><br><i>David R. Brubaker, Ph.D.</i><br><i>dean of the School of Social Sciences and Professions</i> |
| Reflection and ritual.....                               | <i>Shannon W. Dycus, M.Div.</i><br><i>vice president for student affairs and dean of students</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| "Justice Flow Down" <i>Voices Together</i> 791           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sending blessing.....                                    | <i>Brian Martin Burkholder, M.Div.</i><br><i>university chaplain</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sending music.....                                       | <i>Luke Haynes</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



## 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 4, 2024, 8:30 p.m.*

## UNDERGRADUATE CLASS GIFT

*The Undergraduate Class of 2024 raised funds  
to add stone pavers around the fire pit on the  
EMU hill, making it a more safe and welcoming environment.  
The class gift is dedicated to Nathan Longenecker,  
a member of EMU's class of 2024 who passed away in 2021.*

*Members of the undergraduate class of 2024 also invite contributions to the  
**Nathan Longenecker Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund.**  
Gifts to this fund will provide need-based  
scholarships to incoming EMU students.*

*Scan to donate:*





## COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

*Classic Photography and Imaging will provide high quality, professional photographs of each graduate during the Commencement ceremony.*

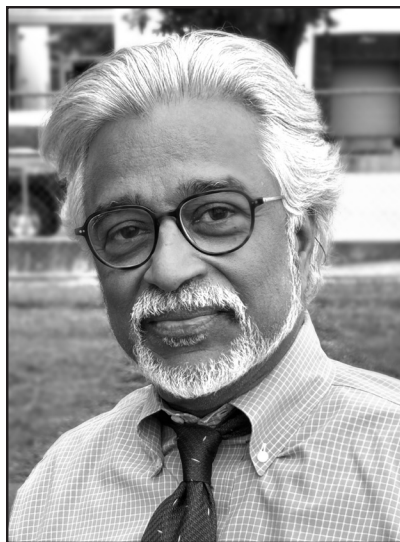
*Following Commencement, photos may be viewed and ordered online at [www.classic-photo.com](http://www.classic-photo.com).*

*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

Mr. Jose Koshy is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite High School (1972). He attended Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) from 1972-1976 before transferring to James Madison University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications. The guidance and mentorship from EMU professors like Dean Ira Miller and Mr. Milo Stahl, who loved and nurtured students from diverse racial backgrounds, faiths and cultures, was foundational for Jose.

Upon completion of his studies at JMU, he moved to Houston, Texas, for career opportunities.

For 15 years, Jose held various management positions in the growing telecommunications industry, including at several Fortune 500 companies. As an early investor and officer at Tribocor Technologies, Inc., Jose continues to serve as executive vice president for this company, which was founded 30 years ago by his brother, Philip. Tribocor Technologies is a leading specialty manufacturer for the upstream segment of the energy industry in Houston, Texas.

Jose and his wife Jean '79 live in Houston, Texas, where they are involved in sharing Christ's teachings of peacemaking and nonviolence through community activism and giving. Jose and Jean have three daughters, who live in Texas and California.



# UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

## Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1 p.m.

Processional

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

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

Invocation ..... *Jane Hooper Peifer, M.Div.*  
*vice chair, EMU Board of Trustees*

Special Music ..... *EMU Chamber Singers*

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” by Alice Parker

Graduates’ perspectives ..... *Hebron Mekuria and Ariel Morales Bonilla, undergraduate program*  
*Chidi Ihezuoh, master of arts in church leadership program*

Commencement Address ..... *Jose Koshy, B. A.*  
*executive vice president, Tribocor Technologies, Inc.*

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 ..... *Tynisha Willingham, 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..... *Michelle Dula*  
*parent of Mesa Dula*

Recessional



# LANCASTER COMMENCEMENT

## Friday, May 10, 2024, 7 p.m.

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... | <i>Edward Elgar</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Opening.....                                | <i>Christine Sharp, Ph.D.</i><br><i>executive director</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
| Invocation .....                            | <i>Daniel Lebo, Ph.D.</i><br><i>director, leadership and organizational management</i>                                                                                                                             |
| Welcome .....                               | <i>Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.</i><br><i>president</i>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Graduates' perspectives                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Commencement Address .....                  | <i>Tynisha Willingham, Ph.D.</i><br><i>provost</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Conferring of degrees .....                 | <i>Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Presentation of graduates.....              | <i>Shannon W. Dycus, M.Div.</i><br><i>vice president of student affairs and dean of students</i>                                                                                                                   |
| Assisting.....                              | <i>Christine Sharp, Ph.D.</i><br><i>Daniel Lebo, Ph.D.</i><br><i>David Martin, Ed.D.</i><br><i>director, Lancaster graduate teacher education</i><br><i>John Sibole, B.S.</i><br><i>director, aviation program</i> |
| Commissioning of graduates .....            | <i>Tynisha Willingham, Ph.D.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Commencement blessing.....                  | <i>Shannon W. Dycus, M.Div.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Recessional: "Trumpet Tune" .....           | <i>Henry Purcell</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               |



## SEMINARY AND GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024

*Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2024.*

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

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

**Hilarion Chidi Ihezuoh** Los Angeles, CA  
**David S Mansfield** Pottstown, PA

#### MASTER OF DIVINITY

**Virginia Elizabeth Musselman** Bridgewater, VA

#### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Dwayne Hess** Baltimore, MD  
Christian Studies  
**Todd A Lehman** Hesston, KS  
Faith-Based Peacebuilding

### 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:

**Rachel Ann Griel** State College, PA

DNP Project Title: *An Evidence-Based Practice Change:*

*Care of Middle School Students with Acute Anxiety*

**Lester Clair Griel III** State College, PA

DNP Project Title: *An Evaluation Program for*

*Maintaining Wellness in Family Caregivers of Dementia Patients*

**Tammie Gallahan Rinaldo** Staunton, VA

DNP Project Title: *Introducing a Workbook for Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients*

**Kelly Jean Stephenson** McGaheysville, VA

DNP Project Title: *Improving Emergency Nurse Competency in the Management of Blood Products*

Goshen College conferring degree:

**Beth Miller** Syracuse, IN

DNP Project Title: *Student Success in an Undergraduate Nursing Program*

**Gretchen Sauder**

Goshen, IN

DNP Project Title: *Using an Academic-Practice*

*Partnership to Meet College and Community Health Needs*

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

**Elise Ida LeMelle** Harrisburg, PA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICINE

**Christos Dimitriou** Ashburn, VA

**Jill Isabella Louise Lang** Charlottesville, VA

**Desmone Logan** Chesapeake, VA

**Stephanie Lee McCarthy** Spring, TX

**Hunter Nicole McWilliams** Beverly, WV

**Sharai Lenel Taylor** Pottstown, PA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

**Ryan Douglas Kline** Clover Hill, VA

**Tara Lynn Kuenzli** New Holland, PA

**Karin Theresa Lancelotta** Lititz, PA

**Sara Beth Marion** Denver, PA

**Rachel Sider** Annville, PA

**Teresa Marie Skidmore** Lititz, PA

**Brenda Kaye Sponaule** Linville, VA

**Heidi Lee Stewart** Manheim, PA

**Morgan Elise Williams** Jonestown, PA

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PREMEDICINE

**Amaya Ke'ree Hinds** Salisbury, MD

#### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Jenine Nickel Bisaccio** Denver, PA

School Nurse

**Jodi Lynn Haberstroh (L)** Columbia, PA

Trauma and Resilience Healthcare Settings

**Chelsea Lauren Lunger (L)** Montrose, PA

Trauma and Resilience Healthcare Settings

**Meghan Meyers** Lancaster, PA

School Nurse

**Jessica Leigh Phillips** New Park, PA

School Nurse

**Candace M Robick** Mars, PA

School Nurse

**Alison Faye Ross** Millerstown, PA

School Nurse

*(L) EMU at Lancaster*



**Holly Lynn Verderame** Oxford, PA  
Trauma and Resilience Healthcare Settings

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Moe Arakawa</b>                  | Tochigi, Japan         |
| <b>Jessica Ann Chisolm</b>          | Collinsville, MS       |
| <b>Zua Zua Companhia</b>            | Beira, Mozambique      |
| <b>Katherine Marian Corbit</b>      | Harrisonburg, VA       |
| <b>Shashi De Silva</b>              | Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka |
| <b>Anna Dovbyk</b>                  | Kyiv, Ukraine          |
| <b>Yolanda Emedi</b>                | Des Moines, IA         |
| <b>Olivia Anne Hazelton</b>         | Philomath, OR          |
| <b>Fatemeh Hosseinzadeh</b>         | Harrisonburg, VA       |
| <b>Khan Muhammad Ishtiaq</b>        | Rockingham, VA         |
| <b>Stella Mbangu Kayenga</b>        | Harrisonburg, VA       |
| <b>Jean de Dieu Felix Kayiranga</b> | Epworth, IA            |
| <b>Philip Thomas Krabill</b>        | Elkhart, IN            |
| <b>David Malual Wuor Kuany</b>      | Juba, South Sudan      |
| <b>Onyx Agath Myanda</b>            | Harrisonburg, VA       |
| <b>Wimarshana Ranasinghe</b>        | Narammala, Sri Lanka   |
| <b>Kory Benjamin Schaeffer</b>      | Harrisonburg, VA       |
| <b>Selena Grace Sherzad</b>         | Harrisonburg, VA       |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Jessica Lynn Albright</b>            | Winchester, VA      |
| <b>Jenna Bryant</b>                     | Harrisonburg, VA    |
| <b>Jessica Lynn Buckwalter</b>          | Yona, Guam          |
| <b>Helen Colleen Cormack</b>            | Dayton, VA          |
| <b>Virginia Harder Enciso</b>           | Bogotá, Colombia    |
| <b>Melissa Kristen Hinton</b>           | Harrisonburg, VA    |
| <b>Sabrina Anne Korrie</b>              | Ashburn, VA         |
| <b>Samuel Larson</b>                    | Winchester, VA      |
| <b>John Lawrence Leonard</b>            | Harrisonburg, VA    |
| <b>Kristan Elaine Looney Livingston</b> | Charlottesville, VA |
| <b>Rebekah Mae Martin</b>               | Waynesboro, VA      |
| <b>Ravyn Jolea Mongold</b>              | Lacey Spring, VA    |
| <b>Kimberly Joy Shank</b>               | Mount Solon, VA     |
| <b>Michael Alan Tavalacci</b>           | Rockingham, VA      |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Amy Lee Anderson (L)</b>            | Puyallup, WA      |
| <b>Karisten Nichole Buckwalter (L)</b> | Lancaster, PA     |
| <b>Melissa Ann Clark (L)</b>           | Elizabethtown, PA |
| <b>Hannah Davidson-Teff</b>            | Virginia, MN      |
| <b>Patricia A Donaldson (L)</b>        | Nashua, NH        |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Deborah Yoder Fair (L)</b>       | Lancaster, PA     |
| <b>Hannah Reed Johnson (L)</b>      | Harrisonburg, VA  |
| <b>Bridget Renee Kilczewski (L)</b> | Ephrata, PA       |
| <b>Julie Jyl Landis (L)</b>         | Greenwood, DE     |
| <b>Felicia Loughery (L)</b>         | Lancaster, PA     |
| <b>Katherine Marie McFalls (L)</b>  | Quarryville, PA   |
| <b>Lydia Joy Pebly</b>              | Harrisburg, PA    |
| <b>Valerie Michelle Richards</b>    | Kyle, SD          |
| <b>Candice Nicole Simpson (L)</b>   | Willow Street, PA |
| <b>Lori Ann Walmer (L)</b>          | Mount Joy, PA     |
| <b>Kimberli Kai Watkins (L)</b>     | New Holland, PA   |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Paula Holtzinger</b> | East Berlin, PA |
| <b>David K Pham</b>     | Westminster, CA |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Justice Kaito Allen</b>     | Waynesboro, VA  |
| <b>Erica Blaire Biller</b>     | New Market, VA  |
| <b>Timothy Lavell Jones Jr</b> | Forestville, MD |
| <b>Amber Elizabeth Rinker</b>  | New Market, VA  |
| <b>Romaine Summers</b>         | Washington, DC  |
| <b>Kayla Joy Surles</b>        | Raleigh, NC     |
| <b>Trevor Dean Swartz</b>      | Peoria, AZ      |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Erin Bruemmer</b>         | Cincinnati, OH   |
| <b>Elham Khairi</b>          | Richmond, VA     |
| <b>Elisabeth Anne Miller</b> | Laramie, WY      |
| <b>Mary R Moll</b>           | White Salmon, WA |

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Alexandra Cindy Angela</b>         | Philadelphia, PA |
| <b>Rebecca Sue Gochnauer</b>          | Lancaster, PA    |
| <b>Saskia Bory Keeley</b>             | New York, NY     |
| <b>Luke Basinger Mullet Litwiller</b> | Harrisonburg, VA |
| <b>Sharon McKenna</b>                 | Atlanta, GA      |
| <b>Amber Nicole Oda</b>               | Fort Wayne, IN   |
| <b>Joshua Max Sperry</b>              | Berkeley, CA     |
| <b>DeMointé Wesley</b>                | Houston, TX      |

### 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:

**Lara McCabe** Winnipeg, Manitoba  
**Ting Ting** Singapore  
**Kevin Turner** Winnipeg, Manitoba

Eastern Mennonite University conferring degree:

**Laura Audrey Descher** Williamsburg, VA  
**Casie Margarita Yoder** Brandon, VT

Goshen College conferring degree:

**Daniel Boling** Goshen, IN  
**Alan Caton** Middlebury, IN  
**Minda Clemens** Goshen, IN  
**Felipe Merino** Goshen, IN  
**Matt Wimmer** Goshen, IN

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Jessica Barcaro (L)** Mountville, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Evan Kristofer Bates (L)** Aurora, CO  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Jamie I Berryhill (L)** Palmyra, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Tina Boyer (L)** Doylestown, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Abigail Anne Brestensky (L)** Mount Joy, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Christine Marie Brown (L)** Plymouth Meeting, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Margaret Brubaker (L)** Rockingham, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Debra Angelique Elizabetta Budiani-Saberi** Cabin John, MD

Restorative Justice

**Amanda Evelyn Capriotti (L)** Rohrerstown, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Katerini Louise Carpenter** Waynesboro, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Cameron Dail Carter** Ashland, VA  
Conflict Transformation  
**Katie I Castillo** Rockingham, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Melissa Ann Clark (L)** Elizabethtown, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Jane Elizabeth Cocker** Gaithersburg, MD  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Candice Comp (L)** Enola, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Holly Criniti (L)** Ephrata, PA  
PK-12 Reading Specialist

**Anna Maria DePaul (L)** Erie, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Erin May Thompson Deprez (L)** Hollis, ME  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Gregory Marshall Dietz II (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Emily Forry (L)** Lititz, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Eyerusalem Gebremeskel Korra** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Restorative Justice

**Leigh Anne Geib (L)** Lebanon, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Mandee Michele Hatcher (L)** Columbia, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Rodney L Hess (L)** Elizabethtown, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Jennifer Anne Huffman** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Timothy Lavell Jones Jr** Forestville, MD  
Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship

**Stella Mbangi Kayenga** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice

**Ashley Lynn Kreider (L)** Landisville, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Julie Jyl Landis (L)** Greenwood, DE  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Kristen S Long (L)** Churchville, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Jena Mable (L)** Mohnton, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Kayla Whedbee May** Rockingham, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Mary McGarvey (L)** East Petersburg, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Alayne Marie Milton** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Brighid Shena O'Shaughnessy** Oak Park, IL  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Ashley Oleksa (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

**Wendy Kay Pendleton** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Wimarshana Ranasinghe** Narammala, Sri Lanka  
Restorative Justice

**Vanessa G Redmond** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Elizabeth May Rich** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education

**Stefanie Roberto (L)** Elizabethtown, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments



**Ashley Switzer Ross** Bridgewater, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Melissa Shaak (L)** York, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Cathy Kay Smeltzer Erb** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Christina Thew (L)** Cove, OR  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Lori Ann Walmer (L)** Mount Joy, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Ayla Marie West (L)** Millersville, PA  
Restorative Justice in Education, Trauma and Resilience  
in Educational Environments

**Katrina Joanne Martin Yoder** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Sarah Young (L)** Lititz, PA  
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments  
**Alexandria Danica Yrungaray** Salt Lake City, UT  
Restorative Justice in Education  
**Winifred Huimin Yu** Harrisonburg, VA  
Restorative Justice in Education  
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Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments

## UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2024

*Graduates listed below have completed or will complete degree requirements by December 2024.*

### Senior Class Officers

Hannah Fransen Landis, co-president  
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### Class Advisors

Shannon W Dycus, M.Div., vice president of student  
affairs and dean of students  
Chad Gusler, M.F.A., associate professor of language  
and literature

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Andrea Zoé Acevedo Cardona** Harrisonburg, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minors: Spanish, Biology  
**Rebecca Helena Arias** Springfield, VA  
Political Science  
\*\*\***Hannah Landes Beck** Linville, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Neuroscience  
*Cords of Distinction*  
\***Antonia Marie Beitzel** Harrisonburg, VA  
History  
**Benjamin Prescott Childers** Chesterfield, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minors: Marketing, Psychology  
**Gelila Dibekulu** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Political Science; Minor: Pre-Law

**Jessamine Joana Domingo** Harrisonburg, VA  
Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies  
\*\*\***Thomas Jacob Erickson** New Carlisle, OH  
History and Social Science, Photography  
\*\*\***Laurel Janneke Evans** Marion, IL  
Bible, Religion, and Theology; Minors: Biology,  
Honors  
\*\***Maggie E Garber** Broadway, VA  
Music and Peacebuilding  
\***Indigo N Gott** Bluffton, OH  
Music: Interdisciplinary Studies, Social Work  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Julien Allen Hagerman** Stephenson, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Recreation and Sport  
Management  
\*\*\***Luke Wilson Haynes** Staunton, VA  
Music: Performance  
\***Judith Frances Lina Hoffman** Woodstock, VA  
Music, Education Licensure, PreK-12  
\***Meadow Ley Kirkdorffer** Harrisonburg, VA  
Political Science; Minors: Music, Community  
Organizing and Development  
\*\*\***Hannah Fransen Landis** Sellersville, PA  
Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies, Writing  
Studies; Minors: Theater, Honors  
\*\*\***Maria Luz Menjivar** Silver Spring, MD  
Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies,  
Peacebuilding  
\*\***Ariel Morales Bonilla** Richmond, VA  
Political Science, History; Minor: Spanish  
*Cords of Distinction*

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\*\* *Magna Cum Laude*

\* *Cum Laude*



**Makayla Rae Morris** Stanardsville, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**Riley Aracely Quezada** Mount Jackson, VA  
Music, Education Licensure, PreK-12  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Madilyn Grace Regula** Winchester, VA  
Liberal Arts  
**Margaret Jane Schrag** Harleysville, PA  
Political Science; Minors: Community Organizing  
and Development, Sociology  
**August James Spencer Sharp** Woodstock, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**\*Sophia Elizabeth Ann-Marie Sherrill** Goshen, IN  
History, Political Science; Minor: Pre-Law  
**Savannah Joy Smith** Key West, FL  
History; Minor: Writing Studies  
**Sierra Strong** Ruckersville, VA  
Liberal Arts; Minor: Psychology  
**\*Will Stutzman** Denver, CO  
Music: Interdisciplinary Studies; Minor: Business  
Administration  
**\*\*\*Lucy Mae Unzicker** Benson, IL  
Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies, Education  
Licensure, PreK-12  
**Madison Jade Voight** Elkton, VA  
Liberal Arts  
**Jack Thomas VonGunten** Goshen, IN  
Liberal Arts  
**David J Ward** Gloucester, VA  
Liberal Arts

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

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Justin Kelvin Aggrey** Culpeper, VA  
Digital Media and Communication  
**\*Valentina Barahona** Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Digital Media and Communication, Marketing  
**Bryce Emerson Huffman** Fairfield, VA  
Computer Science  
**\*\*Afton Elisabeth Rhodes-Lehman** Dayton, VA  
Art; Minor: Music  
**Zavion Foster Taylor** Newport News, VA  
Computer Science

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**\*Noel Abeje** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Computer Science; Minor: Data Analytics

**Antonio Morgan Bagby Jr** Urbanna, VA  
Environmental Science  
**\*Michael Betre** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Computer Science  
**Maria Alexis Bettilyon** Ashburn, VA  
Mathematics, Secondary Education Licensure, 6-12;  
Minor: Spanish  
**\*\*\*Lane Martin Burkholder** Harrisonburg, VA  
Mathematics; Minors: Actuarial Science, Computer  
Science, Data Analytics  
**\*\*\*Hayley Nicole Collins** Prince George, VA  
Psychology  
**\*\*\*Laura Ellen Craft** Staunton, VA  
Chemistry, Environmental Science; Minor: Biology  
**Ming Laurent Daliege** Harrisonburg, VA  
Psychology  
**Bethel Debebe** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Biology; Minors: Business Administration,  
Psychology  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Hannah Irene Dellinger** Maurertown, VA  
Biology; Minor: Psychology  
**Asmait Embaye** Bridgewater, VA  
Psychology; Minor: Leadership  
**Marcos Pradales Gail** Madrid, Spain  
Computer Science; Minors: Mathematics, Data  
Analytics  
**\*Vanessa Eunice Gardiner** Springfield, VA  
Environmental Science  
**Riley Luke Gonzalez** Penn Laird, VA  
Engineering  
**\*\*Samantha Taylor Hensley** Elkton, VA  
Psychology; Minors: Neuroscience, Leadership  
**Luz Belen Hernandez Rosario** Harrisonburg, VA  
Biology; Minor: Chemistry  
*Cords of Distinction*  
**Jacob Thomas Kennedy Hess** Harrisonburg, VA  
Engineering  
**See Hla** Lancaster, PA  
Engineering  
**Elizabeth Hoffman** Akron, PA  
Computer Science; Minors: Business Administration,  
Marketing  
**Elizabeth Patricia Horn** Dover, DE  
Psychology  
**\*\*\*Anika Longacre Hurst** Lancaster, PA  
Environmental Science; Minors: Spanish, Biology,  
Environmental Justice  
**\*\*John Aaron Jantzen** Newton, KS  
Biology; Minor: Neuroscience



\*\*\***Jalen Jones** Richmond, VA  
Biology

\*\*\***Abigail Kaufman** St. Louis, MO  
Biology; Minors: Psychology, Chemistry

**Christopher S Kibler** Broadway, VA  
Psychology

\*\***Catherine Elizabeth Kirby** Round Hill, VA  
Environmental Science; Minor: Biology

**Ross L Kirkdorffer** Harrisonburg, VA  
Psychology

\*\***Sophia M Kirkton** Goshen, IN  
Psychology, Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies

\*\*\***Joel Kornhaus** Fredericksburg, OH  
Engineering

\*\*\***Katherine Kayin Landis** Sellersville, PA  
Psychology; Minors: Neuroscience, Biology, Honors

\***Sean McClary** Lancaster, PA  
Computer Science, Mathematics

\***Hebron Mekuria** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Engineering, Computer Science; Minors: Data Analytics, Honors

\*\*\***Megan Jean Miller** Millersburg, OH  
Biology; Minor: Psychology

\***Sarah Moore** Weyers Cave, VA  
Psychology; Minor: Peacebuilding  
*Cords of Distinction*

\*\***Aaron Moyer** Broadway, VA  
Biology; Minor: Art

**Tyler Joseph Eric Oaks** Newport News, VA  
Psychology

**Levi Andrew Peachey-Stoner** Hesston, KS  
Engineering

\*\*\***Evelyn Frances Shenk** Paonia, CO  
Environmental Science; Minors: Environmental Justice, Peacebuilding

**Seth James Strong** Fairfax, VA  
Psychology

\*\***Julie Marie Weaver** Harrisonburg, VA  
Biology; Minors: Spanish, Chemistry

**Kenneth Caleb Wesbey** Louisa, VA  
Biology; Minor: Chemistry

\***Cedon Edward Yoder** Hesston, KS  
Engineering

\***Nathaniel Gates Yoder** Wooster, OH  
Engineering

\*\*\***Samuel Brian Yoder** Apple Creek, OH  
Psychology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

\*\*\***Abigail Grant Aleshevich** Fishersville, VA  
Nursing

\***Nelya Antoniuk** Sacramento, VA  
Nursing

\***Cassidy Annette Armstrong** Culpeper, VA  
Nursing

**Hailee Claire Batteen** Hampton, VA  
Nursing

\***Olivia Jae Bower** West Augusta, VA  
Nursing

**Elizabeth Anne Campbell** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

\*\***Abby Marie Clayton** McGaheysville, VA  
Nursing

**Bay Lillian Cohen** Fredericksburg, VA  
Nursing

**Hollie Lynn Creasey** Huddleston, VA  
Nursing

\***Jessamine Joana Domingo** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

**Sydney Paige Emswiler** Rockingham, VA  
Nursing

**Aiden Lee Finn** Warrenton, VA  
Nursing

\*\***Rebecca Lynn Geiser** Middletown, VA  
Nursing

**Anna Marie Goff** Waynesboro, VA  
Nursing

**Alyssa Goodloe** Timberville, VA  
Nursing

\*\*\***Lauren D Hall** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

\***Nutifafa Havi** Virginia Beach, VA  
Nursing

**Emma Alexandra Hitt** Luray, VA  
Nursing

\***Haley Renee Holland** Providence Forge, VA  
Nursing

**Brooklynn Hull** Doe Hill, VA  
Nursing

\*\***Kara Janae Kornhaus** Fredericksburg, OH  
Nursing

**Abraham Milia Kutingala** Grovetown, GA  
Nursing

**Anna Kutsyi** Harrisonburg, VA  
Nursing

**Maria Rizel LaBossiere** Rockingham, VA  
Nursing

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| <b>*Ashley Nicole Mellinger</b><br>Nursing; Minor: Spanish<br><i>Cords of Distinction</i> | Harleysville, PA   |
| <b>*Kaitlyn D Minga</b><br>Nursing                                                        | Smithfield, VA     |
| <b>***Chloe Athena Moker</b><br>Nursing                                                   | New Kent, VA       |
| <b>Hailee Gabrielle Napier</b><br>Nursing                                                 | Ruckersville, VA   |
| <b>***Hannah Taylor O'Connell</b><br>Nursing                                              | West Hartford, CT  |
| <b>***Sarah Eileen Pereverzoff</b><br>Nursing; Minor: Psychology                          | Akron, PA          |
| <b>***Claiborne Faith Poston</b><br>Nursing                                               | Midlothian, VA     |
| <b>*Kylie Heatwole Reedy</b><br>Nursing                                                   | Singers Glen, VA   |
| <b>*Maddi Paige Rittenhouse</b><br>Nursing                                                | Center Valley, PA  |
| <b>**Mackenzie Daniel Ritter</b><br>Nursing                                               | Lyndhurst, VA      |
| <b>***Madison Grace Robertson</b><br>Nursing                                              | Port Republic, VA  |
| <b>Lidia Robles</b><br>Nursing                                                            | Grottoes, VA       |
| <b>**Yasmin Lizeth Rodriguez</b><br>Nursing                                               | Harrisonburg, VA   |
| <b>Isaac Peter Metzler Sawin</b><br>Nursing                                               | Harrisonburg, VA   |
| <b>Jada Leigh Schutt</b><br>Nursing                                                       | Stanley, VA        |
| <b>*Madelyn Caroline See</b><br>Nursing                                                   | Stephens City, VA  |
| <b>*Hailey Ilene Smith</b><br>Nursing                                                     | Stafford, VA       |
| <b>*Imogen Malika Tomlin Stephens</b><br>Nursing                                          | Waynesboro, VA     |
| <b>**Kendall Michelle Stettler</b><br>Nursing                                             | Powhatan, VA       |
| <b>*Reagan Elizabeth Stone</b><br>Nursing                                                 | Mount Crawford, VA |
| <b>Caroline Nicole Stringer</b><br>Nursing                                                | Kents Store, VA    |
| <b>ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE</b>                                                               |                    |
| <b>Jack Thomas Von Gunten</b><br>Health Science                                           | Goshen, IN         |

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

|                                                                                                       |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Brianna Lee Allen</b><br>Social Work; Minor: Psychology                                            | Weyers Cave, VA    |
| <b>**Tatiana LaReina Ayala</b><br>Social Work; Minors: Sociology, Criminology and Restorative Justice | Stafford, VA       |
| <b>Carsen Brake</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management; Minor: Coaching                               | Troutville, VA     |
| <b>DaiJordan Brown</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management; Minor: Coaching                            | Reva, VA           |
| <b>Shania Marie Coleman</b><br>Liberal Arts, Elementary Education Licensure, PreK-6                   | Stanardsville, VA  |
| <b>***Rileyanne Taylor Collins</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management                                 | Prince George, VA  |
| <b>Alaina Grace Fiden</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management; Minor: Coaching                         | Chesapeake, VA     |
| <b>Kai Franklin</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management; Minors: Business Administration, Coaching     | Elkton, VA         |
| <b>*Alexander Cole Gulisano</b><br>Liberal Arts, Elementary Education Licensure, PreK-6               | Chesapeake, VA     |
| <b>***Lyndsay Joy Harris</b><br>Liberal Arts, Elementary Education Licensure, PreK-6                  | Stuarts Draft, VA  |
| <b>Rubi Nicole Long</b><br>Social Work<br><i>Cords of Distinction</i>                                 | Washington, DC     |
| <b>***Lys Nolt</b><br>Peacebuilding                                                                   | Harrisonburg, VA   |
| <b>Rachael Naema Saeli</b><br>Social Work<br><i>Cords of Distinction</i>                              | Baltimore, MD      |
| <b>*Sarah B Shank</b><br>Social Work; Minor: Psychology                                               | New Paris, IN      |
| <b>Lillian Madison Simpson</b><br>Social Work                                                         | Limerick, PA       |
| <b>*Lucas Eric Sorensen</b><br>Sociology; Minor: Criminology and Restorative Justice                  | Springfield, VA    |
| <b>Haweni Bezabih Tolosa</b><br>Social Work; Minor: Psychology                                        | Bishoftu, Ethiopia |
| <b>Leah Marie Walker</b><br>Sociology; Minor: Psychology                                              | Midlothian, VA     |
| <b>Madelyn Jane Wood</b><br>Liberal Arts, Elementary Education Licensure, PreK-6                      | Lowesville, VA     |
| <b>Mya Michelle Wright</b><br>Recreation and Sport Management; Minor: Coaching                        | Palmyra, VA        |



## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Business Administration, Business Analytics; Minor:  
Accounting

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Leadership and Organizational Management

**Bryan Cole Bashinski** Goochland, VA  
Marketing; Minors: Business Administration,  
Recreation and Sport Management

**\*Ian Keith Calhoun (L)** Bethlehem, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Micaiah Coleman** Montross, VA  
Business Administration, Business Analytics; Minor:  
Data Analytics

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Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**\*Nicholas J DAmico (L)** Harrisburg, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**\*James DiSantis (L)** Downingtown, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**\*\*\*Mesa Andrew Dula** Lancaster, PA  
Accounting, Business Administration

**Kurtis Robert Easton (L)** Westfield, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**Elijah John Elkins (L)** Lititz, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

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Business Administration, Accounting, Business  
Analytics; Minor: Data Analytics

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Leadership and Organizational Management

**Bryce Ashton Graf** Stafford Courthouse, VA  
Business Analytics; Minors: Computer Science,  
Coaching, Data Analytics

**Kenton Alec Grello (L)** East Greenville, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**\*Davis Reed Hadly Jr (L)** West Grove, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Jared Edward Hankins (L)** Lititz, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Matthew Charles Harding** Keysville, VA  
Business Administration; Minor: Marketing

**MacKenzie Jane Harrison (L)** Oxford, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Skylar Elaine Hashbarger (L)** Dallastown, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Naaman L Hedge (L)** Mount Joy, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

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Accounting, Spanish Language & Hispanic Studies

**Grace Malia Hunsberger** Hesston, KS  
Business Administration

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Health and Physical Education, Education Licensure,  
PreK-12; Minors: Kinesiology and Exercise Science,  
Coaching

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Business Administration; Minor: Leadership

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Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**Elizabeth Longacre** Quakertown, PA  
Business Administration; Minor: Accounting

**Ashley Lynn Maldonado** Warrenton, VA  
Business Administration

**Joshua R Maloney** Stafford, VA  
Business Analytics; Minor: Data Analytics

**Manuela Marin Rivera** Pereira, Colombia  
Business Administration; Minor: Leadership

**Eugene R Martin (L)** Manheim, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**Agustina Martinez-Pandolfi (L)** Harrisonburg, VA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**Logan James Mason** Rocky Mount, VA  
Business Administration

**Sean Dylan Mays** Forest, VA  
Business Administration; Minor: Marketing

**\*Dylan Skye Miller (L)** Halifax, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**\*Mariah Kay Miller** Goshen, IN  
Marketing; Minors: Digital Communication,  
Photography

**\*Samr Younan Morcos (L)** Harrisburg, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management Aviation

**\*\*Nathan Oostland** Goshen, IN  
Marketing; Minors: Digital Communication,  
Recreation and Sport Management

**Sue Painter (L)** Luray, VA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**\*\*Travis Jacob Pence (L)** Woodstock, VA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

**Max Anthony Polio** Stephens City, VA  
Business Administration

**\*Owen Clay Reich (L)** New Holland, PA  
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**Elizabeth Rylee Rhodes** Hayes, VA  
Business Administration; Minor: Marketing

**Michael Rice (L)** Grantville, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management

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*\*\*Magna Cum Laude*

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Leadership and Organizational Management  
**Kassidy Secrist** Draper, VA  
Health and Physical Education, Education Licensure,  
PreK-12; Minor: Kinesiology and Exercise Science  
**Olivia Mae Siejak (L)** Lancaster, PA  
Leadership and Organizational Management  
**Ethan Spraker** Roanoke, VA  
Marketing, Business Administration  
**Walter Deon Spurlock** Chester, VA  
Business Analytics; Minor: Accounting  
**Cooper Dean Thomas** Warsaw, VA  
Business Administration

**Colin Patrick Troilo** Leesburg, VA  
Business Administration; Minor: Recreation and  
Sport Management  
**Cole Nicholas Wallace** Mechanicsville, VA  
Business Administration  
**Blanche Marie Wetzel (L)** Harrisonburg, VA  
Leadership and Organizational Management  
**Dawson Woodruff** Flint Hill, VA  
Health and Physical Education, Education Licensure,  
PreK-12; Minor: Coaching  
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Business Administration; Minor: Marketing  
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Marketing; Minor: Accounting

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## WELCOME TO THE EMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

You join a **community of tens of thousands of alumni** who sat right where you are sitting today and are now impacting those around them in positive and meaningful ways.

I believe that the educational experience at EMU is second to none and that we need more EMU-trained graduates to help address the crises in our world today; we need more people who are interculturally-competent, oriented toward peace and justice and who approach life through a lens of faith. For EMU graduates, values of community, service, peacebuilding and stewardship are not just mere words—**they are actions**. These values infuse our entire curriculum such that our engineers are agents of social as well as structural change, our nurses treat the spirit as well as the body, our teachers educate their youth to be empathetic global citizens, and our business leaders conduct themselves in the spirit of Micah 6:8 “to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”

You have been holistically and uniquely prepared to become the unifying leaders our world so desperately needs, who through word and deed exemplify what it truly means to live into our university tagline, **Lead Together**.

...And we cannot wait to see what you do next!

**On behalf of the EMU Alumni Association,**  
Braydon P. Hoover '11, M.A. '21  
associate vice president for advancement





## 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 instructional site in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1987. What began as an avenue to provide non-credit pastoral training has evolved into a site that offers degree-granting programs, including an associate of arts degree in business administration, bachelor of science degrees in leadership and organizational management (LOM) and LOM with a concentration in aviation, and graduate programs in organizational leadership and teacher education. EMU at Lancaster has workforce and professional development opportunities, including a Certified Nursing Assistant program and leadership development training programs. Beginning July 1, 2024, EMU at Lancaster will be located in a new state-of-the-art building owned and operated by Listrak, Inc. in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Lancaster graduates 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, scarlet for theology, 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 doctoral 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                    | 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 |

## 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

The EMU Honors Program 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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