



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHWESTERN
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Commencement

Fall 2020 Graduates
Friday, December 18, 2020



CLASS VERSE

“AND THE LORD, HE IS THE ONE WHO GOES BEFORE YOU. HE WILL BE WITH YOU,
HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU; DO NOT FEAR NOR BE DISMAYED.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 (NKJV)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Commencement Slideshow Photos & Quotes from the Class of 2020

Welcome Dr. Heather Walker Peterson
Chair, Department of English & Literature

Mr. Mark H. Seignious
Chair, Department of Communication

Greeting Dr. Alan S. Cureton
President

Invocation Dr. George R. Kenworthy Jr.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Choral Selection Northwestern Choir

Jesus, I Adore Thee Mr. Timothy K. Sawyer, conductor
Professor of Music

Thirteenth-century Gregorian chant
Arr. Stephen Caracciolo

Jesus, I adore Thee, Word of truth and grace,
Who in glory shineth light upon our race.
Christ, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed.
Alpha and Omega, Thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern Thee fail;
Faith that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told.
What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light,
Teach me how to love and worship Thee aright.
Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart,
Speaking Thy commandments, telling all Thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace.
Lo, in heaven's glory I see Thee face to face.
Light of endless light Whom heaven and earth adore,
Fill me with Thy radiance, now and evermore.

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Scripture Mr. Justin R. Jeppesen
Director, Spiritual Formation Programs

Graduating Class Speakers Ms. Alycia K. Abler
College of Behavioral & Natural Sciences

Mr. Thomas K. Lor
College of Professional Studies

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Address Mr. Wayne A. Pederson
Executive Liason, Far East Broadcasting Company

Presentation of the Class Dr. Janet B. Sommers
Provost | Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Certificates and Degrees * Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Presentation of the Candidates ♦ Mr. Andrew L. Simpson
Registrar

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Members of the Faculty

Welcome to the Alumni Association Mr. Scott D. Anderson '84
Director of Alumni, Parent & Church Relations

Charge to the Class of 2020 Dr. Alan S. Cureton

Prayer Mr. Timothy K. Sawyer
"A Prayer for All Graduates Facing an Uncertain Future," by Debbie McDaniel

Dismissal Dr. Heather Walker Peterson
Mr. Mark H. Seignious

♦ *All degree candidates are listed in the commencement program.
Some candidates have chosen to be excluded from name reading in the virtual ceremony.
If a student is graduating with multiple majors, his or her name will be read once.*

* *Certificates and degrees are awarded upon successful completion of all certificate
and degree requirements. Listing of student's name in the program
does not guarantee certificate or degree completion or conferral.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

ANIMATION AND ILLUSTRATION

Madeliene M. Dewing
Summa Cum Laude

ART

Ellyn Beth Boland
Summa Cum Laude
Sophia Ruth Christianson
Cum Laude

Breana Rae Hanson
Cum Laude

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Madelyn Elizabeth Harder
Lauren Christine Janowicz
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Karpov

Adam Paxton Smith
Magna Cum Laude
Jillian Margaret Whitford

VISUAL ARTS EDUCATION

Ellyn Beth Boland
Summa Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

David Samuel Knutson

Hannah Kristine Van Beusekom

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Chase Andrew Carlson
Luke Emmanuel Larson

Carson Todd Mithelman ☆
Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Jonah Neil Broberg
Cum Laude

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Olivia Anne Raun ☆
Summa Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE & BIBLE DEGREE

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Benjamin David Aili
Magna Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & LITERATURE

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

COMMUNICATION ARTS/LITERATURE EDUCATION

Danielle Evelyn Patricia
Heiderscheid *

Devin James Kinsella *
Summa Cum Laude
Elise Kathryn Tangquist

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES –
COMMUNICATION ARTS/LITERATURE EDUCATION

Grayce Elizabeth Hoy

ENGLISH

Jonah Neil Broberg
Cum Laude

Sarah Jean Frisk ❖
Magna Cum Laude

Thaxton Richard Alan Gamache * ☆
Christina Noelle Quiner

Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Ruth Sixta *
Magna Cum Laude
Abbey G. Stellingwerff *
Summa Cum Laude
Katherine Grace Yarian

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & RELATED FIELDS

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

HISTORY

Abbey G. Stellingwerff ✱
Summa Cum Laude

POLITICS, HISTORY & ECONOMICS

Emily Marie Burkstrand
Magna Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC & THEATRE

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

MUSIC

Sarah Jean Frisk ✧
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Joshua Hawon Choi
Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE

Grace Ashleigh Friesen

Aimee Rose Klejwa
Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

THEATRE

Hannah Grace Anenson
Megan Kelly Liesmaki
Summa Cum Laude

Joshua Edward McKenna
Amanda Ruth Sixta ✱
Magna Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Abigail Kathryn Meshnick

SPANISH

Alycia Katherine Abler ✧✧
Summa Cum Laude
Abby Marie Athman ✧
Summa Cum Laude

Taylor McKenzie Dardis ✧
Summa Cum Laude
Christina Noelle Quiner
Summa Cum Laude

SPANISH EDUCATION

Vanessa Gonzalez

Ella H. VandenLangenberg

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

BIOCHEMISTRY

Taja Marie Nehotte ✧
Cum Laude

BIOLOGY

Alycia Katherine Abler ✧✧
Summa Cum Laude
Caleb Jeffrey Anderson ✧
Summa Cum Laude
Joshua N. Ashworth
Cum Laude
Zachary James Caldwell

William J. Crandall
Kelly Marie Campbell Medd ✧
Summa Cum Laude
Kelsey Joy Rothermel
Jordan D. Sauve ✧
Summa Cum Laude

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & BUSINESS

Annika Nikol Horning
Summa Cum Laude

Noah Henry Weege
Cum Laude

HEALTH SCIENCES

Bennett Thomas Brausen
Magna Cum Laude

Emily K. Schroeder
Grace Ann Wilson

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING, DATA & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Cassandra Jean Brase
Summa Cum Laude

Anakin Sebastian Oscar Nolette ❖
Summa Cum Laude

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Joshua Basil Ndubisi Cortu
Cline-Cole

Joel David Comfort
Kyle Robert Freed

Anakin Sebastian Oscar Nolette ❖
Summa Cum Laude

Hannah D. Ruple
Magna Cum Laude

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Esme Christine Melander
Cum Laude

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

ENGINEERING

Caden Thomas Hill

DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Erik Charles Nelson

Hannah Elizabeth Nelson

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH & KINESIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

KINESIOLOGY

Nathan Russell Glaubitz
Marcus Richard Scarbrough
Chase Allen Vander Haar

Anna Elizabeth Welch
Summa Cum Laude

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Micah John Bonkoski

Trevor Tor Lundberg

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Alyssa Rose Becklund
Holt William Goodwin

Kyle Thomas Meinke
Magna Cum Laude

PSYCHOLOGY

Garland Rose Irene Douglas *
Summa Cum Laude
Danielle Faith Eury
Cum Laude
Trinity Rose Fish
Megan Kelly Liesmaki
Summa Cum Laude

Jennifer Jeannette Mahlke *
Magna Cum Laude
Mollie Noel Monson
Mariah Faith Mirbel Nelson *
Cum Laude
Natalie Elizabeth Ryan
Rachael Leigh Wagner
Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

ACCOUNTING

Michael Nathan Brown	Paige Elizabeth Moan
Townsend Lawrence Christopher Douglas	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Andrew Jason Mueller
Scott Stanley Kresge	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Alexis Grace Peiffer
Isaac Calvin Miller	Trey Jordan Sandness
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ty Steven Crider	Chad Susumu Wakabayashi
Felipe De Jesus Ramirez	

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Jaden Mitchell Barnes	Kacey Nu Vue
Maxwell E. Barthel	

MARKETING

Taylor Kay Brinkman	Joshua Michael Hillen
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Annette Kristine Triller
Daniel Lee Fenske	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Katherine Jane Van Roekel

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Taylor McKenzie Dardis ❖	Ashley Lynn Vito ❖ ❖
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Andrew Karges Christenson	Brianna Rae Morland
Vanessa Gonzalez	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sophie Adele Gustafson	Emma Elaine Sprehn
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Sonja Elizabeth Hall	Alexa Lee Sprinkel
Abigail Mae Hietala	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Tyler James Lindquist	Daniel Christian Visness ❖❖
Thomas Kennedy Lor *	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Madeline Justine Meier	Kathryn Marie von Edeskuty
Mackenzie Grace Meyers	Bridget Leah Zappe VanLith
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
	Jane Zheng

SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Kaitlyn Suzanne Armstrong	Casandra Sophie Kopischke
Emily Carol Barnier	Tiffani Amber LeRoy
Zachary Lawrence Cameron	Anna Clarice Miller
Hayley Kristine Cermin	<i>Cum Laude</i>
BrookLynn Rose Duggan	Natalie Kay Miller
Karis Janae Fruits	Katie Elizabeth Murphy
Nicole Christine Fuchs	Alaiyah R. Ousley
Lauren Michelle Geurink	Madeline Leona Pearson
Kelsie Joy Grothaus	Amy Marie Rotty
Brooke Elizabeth Hayhoe	Whitney Lee Scherkenbach
Benjamin Joel Heskin	John Paul Spanier
Isabella N. Ijomah	Lindsey Marie Ulrich
Anna Louise Keys	Cindy Maivzoo Vang

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND BIBLE DEGREE

Moriah Esther Alger
Natasha Emily Buck
Hakim Myles Daniels
Jason William Fincel
Summa Cum Laude
Julia Elizabeth Fryc
Alexis Joy Hilgendorf
Amy Karpov
Samantha Rae Kleven
Summa Cum Laude

Anna Elizabeth Lange
Magna Cum Laude
Daneen Milena Maretski
Samantha Mpaulo
Emma Pankan
Jayden Frank Peterman
Hans Rolseth
Amanda Singh
Priyanka Ashwina Streblow
Vanessa Vil

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Laura Rose Toppin
Magna Cum Laude

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES & SPANISH

Abby Marie Athman ❖
Summa Cum Laude

MINISTRY

Austin James Pavelka
Christopher L. Pomeroy

Solana J. Toben

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Celiena Elizabeth Davis

Mariah Jane Goepfinger
Cum Laude

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Jared William Darula ❖
Magna Cum Laude
Isaac Gordon Karpenske

Matthias James Moore
Jared Michael Ruwe
Teng Yang

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Nicole Amber Moses
Magna Cum Laude



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are pleased to introduce our commencement speaker, Wayne Pederson. University of Northwestern has been a significant part of Wayne's life for more than 30 years, dating back to 1967, when he launched his radio career as a KTIS announcer.

Wayne was a long-time afternoon host for KTIS and several programs on the SkyLight Network. He served as KTIS manager for 13 years and as executive director of the SkyLight Network. In 1997, Wayne began his role as executive vice president for Northwestern Radio.

After leaving Northwestern in 2002, he held leadership positions in several ministries, including National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), Christian Music Broadcasters, and Mission America Coalition.

In 2004, Wayne joined Moody Bible Institute in Chicago as Manager of WMBI and later vice president of broadcasting for Moody's 37 stations and the Moody Network.

While at Moody, Wayne served on the board of HCJB Global and eventually was called to serve as president/CEO of HCJB Global until his retirement in 2016.

Wayne is currently executive liaison for Far East Broadcasting Company and serves on several boards, including NRB and Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). He is consultant and spokesperson for several international ministries.

Wayne has two married daughters, Christy and Michelle, both graduates of Northwestern, and nine grandchildren. Wayne and his wife, Willi, reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He says, "The lessons learned during my years at Northwestern Media have been foundational to a lifelong ministry career in Christian media. I'm so grateful for Northwestern."



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EAGLE SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

Eagle Scholars graduates have completed all requirements for the Northwestern honors program, including taking honors courses, completing honors papers and projects, and attending various honors seminars. We consider these Eagle Scholars to be a testimony to the Christian call to excellence in scholarly achievement.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION HONORS

Honors recognition for graduates is based on cumulative grade point average (GPA) and University of Northwestern credits earned (minimum of 60). Honors recognition is given according to the following scale:

Summa Cum Laude	3.90–4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.75–3.89
Cum Laude	3.65–3.74

The cumulative GPA used in the graduation honors scale is based on all letter-graded University of Northwestern credits earned at the time of degree completion. This includes work taken in all academic programs of the university.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 60 semester credits at University of Northwestern to be eligible for honors recognition listed in the above scale. Transfer students with 30–59 Northwestern credits with a Northwestern cumulative GPA of at least 3.90 will be recognized as graduating "With Distinction."

Final graduation honors listed on the transcript depend on the cumulative GPA at the end of the semester when degree requirements are satisfied.

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL BANNERS

During the ceremony, department/school banners will be electronically displayed featuring a variety of colors and symbols. These banners were created by Mr. John Printy, Assistant Professor of Art & Design, along with some of his design students.

Each department's/school's mission is interpreted in symbolic logos, which may be used in other Northwestern promotional literature.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The wearing of bright, colorful hoods and somber gowns at academic functions of colleges and universities likely began in the twelfth century when universities were taking form under the jurisdiction of the church. Most of those studying were clerks in holy orders, monks, or priests. They wore a cloak or habit to which was attached a cowl or hood, which was used to warm their tonsured heads or thrown back in mild weather. Sometimes it served the purpose of holding food or the alms that were dropped in by passersby. As the years passed it came to be the symbolic garb of the college and university world. Styles and colors varied greatly in Europe, but by the late 1800s colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code of academic garb that is still in use today.

Bachelor	2-inch border
<i>Sleeves long and pointed, hoods pointed, 3 feet long.</i>	
Master	3-inch border
<i>Sleeves oblong and very long, slit halfway up for arms, hoods pointed, 3½ feet long.</i>	
Doctor	5-inch border
<i>Very full sleeves with three velvet bands, hoods 4 feet long, rounded at bottom.</i>	

The color of the hood indicates the department or field in which the degree was given.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Laws	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Grey
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychology	Royal Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology, Ministry	Scarlet

The inside colors of the hoods represent the colors of the university or college granting the degree.

