

Pfeiffer

UNIVERSITY



Commencement Exercises

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

NORTH LAWN
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PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

2024 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Scott W. Bullard, Ph.D., President, Presiding



Prelude

Hugh M. Stuart
“A Hymn for Band”
Claude T. Smith
“Stone Mountain Overture”

* Processional

Sir Edward Elgar
Pomp and Circumstance

* Invocation

Rev. Marcia H. Mynatt
Interim University Chaplain

Welcome

Dr. Scott W. Bullard
President

Welcome from the Board of Trustees

Mr. Matthew P. Moeller
Chair, Board of Trustees

Musical Selection

Claude T. Smith
“America the Beautiful”
Pfeiffer University Wind Ensemble and Friends
Tim Hedrick, Director
Chris Taylor—Flute Soloist '24

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

President Bullard

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Susanna L. Baxter
President, LaGrange College

Recognition of Senior Scholastic Achievement

Dr. Daniel S. Mynatt
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

* Pfeiffer University Alma Mater

Dr. Richard Brewer

Hail, Alma Mater! All Hail to thee!
It's Pfeiffer University, in the land of the free.
Everlasting friendships found will ever remain.
Our loyalty reigns evermore. All Hail! All Hail!

Hail, Alma Mater! All Hail to thee!
The ringing chimes and chapel spire for all they inspire.
Black and gold our colors wave forever on high.
And Pfeiffer University, All Hail! All Hail!

*Benediction

Rev. Mynatt

*Recessional

Joseph Earp
"Ever The Rambling Winds"

* The audience will please rise

Participation in the commencement ceremony is not official verification of graduation requirements. Likewise, the appearance of an individual's name in the program does not constitute acknowledgement that all degree requirements have been completed. The official status for the conferral of all degrees is maintained by the Registrar's Office.

2024 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Cody John Acosta
Burlington, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Daijah Lynn Diamond Alexander
Concord, NC
B.S. Psychology

Charai Latriece Armstrong
Kannapolis, NC
B.A. Psychology
B.S. Criminal Justice

Michael Armstrong, Jr.
Concord, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Thomas Page Ashby
Spartanburg, SC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Mikael Aune
Oslo, Norway
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Janice Grace Aviles
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Biology

Julia Barbato †
Loxahatchee, FL
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Tyree Barnes
Thomasville, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Cassie Barnes
Concord, NC
B.A. Studio Art
B.A. Educational Studies

Taylor K Bearden
Wadesboro, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Jahmik Bell
Durham, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Laura Bellorin
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Austin Bevington Blight
New London, NC
B.S. Accounting

Rachel C. Blue
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Psychology

Alexis Alicia Bobbitt
Roanoke Rapids, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Kennise St. Barbara Brown
Greensboro, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services
B.A. Communication

Allison Cheree Burrage
Richfield, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Jackie Burris
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Biology

Rashamel Butler
Guyton, GA
B.S. Counseling & Human Services

Jordan Byrd
Mebane, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Hailee NiCole Cagle †
Seagrove, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Ashley Danielle Cody
Richfield, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

William S. Cole
Waxhaw, NC
B.A. Environmental Studies

Jonathan Thomas Conway
Lexington, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Kayla Diana Gordillo Cordero
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Ariel Coughenour
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Psychology

Sydney Louise Couick
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Ivey Dawn Cox
Lumberton, NC
B.A. Communication

Hunter Wayne Critchley
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Stephanie Dawn Critchley
Salisbury, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Myles Davis
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Communication

Skylar Olivia Davis
Cary, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Janie Karen Decker
Waxhaw, NC
B.A. Strategic Communications &
Social Media

Jarius Dickerson
Monroe, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Sterling Angelica Espada
Gastonia, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Lawson Eudy
Stanfield, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Nasya Evans
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B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Ruth Caroline Fallen †
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Elementary Education
B.A. Special Education

Zachary Ryan Ferrell
Apex, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Josiah Jose Foster
Durham, NC
B.A. Psychology

Quintin Graham Foster
Lexington, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Shannon Marie Gallant
Harrisburg, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Jackson Galloway
Frederick, MD
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Alex Garrido
Spain
B.S. Biology

Kimberly Gomez
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Psychology

Aniston Tinley Greene
Randleman, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Sydney Hall
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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Kylie Nicole Hathcock
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Isaiah Hayes
High Point, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Caitlin Abigale Hayes †
East Bend, NC
B.A. Psychology
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Mattie Hinson
Norwood, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Arianna Holt
Concord, NC
B.A. Visual Communication

Marina Mae Hooker
New London, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Madalyn Faith Howard
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B.A. Elementary Education

Quinn Hyer
Fayetteville, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Paige Rae Jackson
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Payton Kay Jackson
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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Alana Star Jordan
Concord, NC
B.A. English

Benjamin Joseph Sifferlin Judge
New London, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Kalaya La'shea Kenley
Denton, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Madison Bailey Korel
Florence, SC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Sierra Leeann Lambert
Statesville, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Chloe Rose Larios
Faith, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing
B.A. Psychology

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B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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B.A. Educational Studies
B.A. Psychology

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B.A. Visual Communication

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B.S. Criminal Justice

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Richfield, NC
B.A. Psychology

Madison Anne Lynthacum
Mount Gilead, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Kendall Matthews
Montgomery, AL
B.A. Communication

Alexandria Lahrue Louise McClain
Landis, NC
B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

Ellie Elizabeth McHone †
Lowgap, NC
B.A. Communication
B.A. Music

Carter John Merrill
Dallas, NC
B.S. Biology

Niyin Jahei Miller
Statesville, NC
B.A. History

Virginia Alyson Moore
Graham, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Reaghan Moore
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

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B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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Mooresville, NC
B.S. Biology

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B.A. Counseling & Human Services

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B.S. Health & Physical Education

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B.S. Health & Physical Education

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B.S. Health & Exercise Science

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B.A. Studio Art

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B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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B.S. Criminal Justice

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B.A. Communications

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B.S. Computer Information Systems

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B.S. Criminal Justice

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B.A. Psychology

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B.A. Counseling & Human Services

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B.S. Business Management &
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B.A. Educational Studies

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B.A. Visual Communication

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Matthews, NC
B.S. Mathematical Sciences

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B.S. Criminal Justice

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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

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B.A. Elementary Education
B.A. Special Education

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B.S. Criminal Justice

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Denton, NC
B.A. Psychology

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Chester, SC
B.A. Business Management &
Leadership

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Concord, NC
B.A. Psychology

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B.S. Biology

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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

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B.S. Physical & Health Education

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B.A. Counseling & Human Services
B.A. Psychology

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B.A. Educational Studies

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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

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B.A. English

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B.S. Chemistry

Jerry Franklin Tesh
Lexington, NC
B.A. Sport Management

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B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

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B.S. Accounting
B.S. Criminal Justice

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B.A. Educational Studies

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B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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Pageland, SC
B.S. Accounting

Katelyn Brooke Willard
Liberty, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Nathan Woodhill
Hewitt, TX
B.A. Sport Management

Jayla Young
Charlotte, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

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DR. MARK MCCALLUM

ASSOCIATE FACULTY MARSHAL

Dr. Deborah Burris

FACULTY MARSHALS

Dr. Marc Bartholdi
Dr. David Cartrette
Dr. Edward Royston

STUDENT MARSHALS

Amanda Finch, Chief Marshal
Mary Bowers
Alyssa Broaddus
Emma Chopko
Marisa Elbertson
Cameron Evans
Lillyan Floyd
Kaylee Ollis
Kaidyn Waggoner
Gretchen Wolpert

† *Undergraduate Honors Program*

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COLOR GUARD

Jackson Bradsher - Crucifer
Juan Cabrera
Natasha Feaster
Briana Hanson
Sara Martin

ORDER OF THE SUNDIAL

Thomas Ashby
Kennise Brown
Ruth Fallen
Mattie Hinson
Madalyn Howard
Chloe Larios
Emily Ruppe
Emma Shumate-Sutphin
Chris Taylor

FRANCIS SCHOLARS

Jahmik Bell
Rachel Blue
Kennise Brown
Ruth Fallen
Emily Ruppe
Travis Shuffler

*Gold cord denotes honor graduates. Purple cord denotes Order of the Sundial.
Gold and blue cords denote Phi Delta Sigma. Medallion denotes student leaders.*

Note: Due to this program's publication deadline, the list of degree candidates reflects information available prior to the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

2024 GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Shrija Acharya
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Nicolette Jane Adrian
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Frederica Agbejule §
Knightdale, NC
Master of Health Administration

Dillon Robert Alcorn
Raleigh, NC
Master of Business Administration

Natalie Allison
Cleveland, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Emily Susannah Philipps Baker
Durham, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Lauren Baron
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Sabrina Bologna
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Chanelle Brusseau
Mint Hill, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Reece Olivia Bumgarner
Hickory, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Lauren Jensen Burns
New Bern, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Jonathan Chin
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

LaQuita C. Chisolm
Clayton, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Julianna Cohen
Norwood, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Emily Anne Crease
Huntersville, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Emily Elizabeth Dickinson
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Blair Grace Dixon
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration/
Business Administration

Hettie Jane Eason §
Dunn, NC
Master of Health Administration

Amber Dawn Edwards
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Zachary Ryan Ferrell
Apex, NC
Master of Business Administration

Brendan Freeman
Cottleville, MO
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Beatrice M. Germinario
Charlotte, NC
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family
Therapy

Clarisse Velasquez Gomez
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Courtney Marie Grooms
Aberdeen, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Cheryl Denene Grover
Charlotte, NC
Master of Business Administration

Kristina Marie Hardin §
Durham, NC
Master of Health Administration

Cias Dale Hawkins
Pfafftown, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Martha McDowell Hayes
Winston-Salem, NC
Master of Arts in Practical Theology

Hannah Joy Hering
Clayton, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Addisen Bost Higgins
Kannapolis, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Avery Leroy Hill §
Youngsville, NC
Master of Health Administration

Meghan Elizabeth Horsey
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Gabrielle N. Howlett
Mocksville, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Chelsea Carol Hoyle
Pineville, NC
Master of Health Administration

Jordan Shea Hunt
Lexington, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Paige Rae Jackson
Salisbury, NC
Master of Business Administration

Tyeshia Wilson Jackson
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Ruhi Jawanda
Mint Hill, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Jennifer Nguyen Le
Salisbury, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Jared Thomas Light
High Point, NC
Master of Business Administration

Matthew Thomas Long
Cape Carteret, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Ashlyn Tyller Lowder
Kannapolis, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Jody M. Lowder §
New London, NC
Master of Health Administration

Meghan Rose MacDonald
Durham, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Madison Mancino
Huntersville, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

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Master of Health Administration

Meghan Rose MacDonald
Durham, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Madison Mancino
Huntersville, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Justin N. McGrath
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Brittany Grindstaff Morris
Davidson, NC
Master of Art in Practical Theology

Daniel Jesus Morton
Stanfield, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Michelle Nguyen
Harrisburg, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Samantha Pcola
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Sydney Nicole Pierce
Garner, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Elizabeth Robinson
Newton, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Merrick Elizabeth Rogers
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Britney Gail Sansom
Salisbury, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Adriana Irina Savescu
Arden, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Olivia Noelle Scott
Fort Worth, TX
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Zhian Arif Selevany
Albemarle, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Krishna Shah
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Taylor Michelle Smith
Greensboro, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Tanner William Stalun
Huntersville, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Danielle Swan-Anson
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Mesha Tallent Tester §
Jamestown, NC
Master of Health Administration/
Business Administration

Carly Tew
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Joshua Alan Troxell
Winston Salem, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Trevina Washington-Nixon
Monroe, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

Taylor Leigh Wilson
Salisbury, NC
Master of Science in Physician Assistant
Studies

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The formal academic dress worn today originated more than 600 years ago. The apparel has changed little in appearance but has taken on a significant role in identifying the degree and alma mater of its wearer.

Gowns for those with bachelor's degrees have pointed sleeves; those with master's degrees wear oblong sleeves and holders of doctoral degrees wear bell-shaped sleeves. Doctoral gowns have velvet facing on the front and three velvet stripes on each side. Hoods indicate the colors of the institution from which the degree was received and the color of the hood's border represents the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. Some of the more common ones are listed below:

Arts & Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business/Accounting.....	Olive Brown
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts & Architecture.....	Brown
Health Administration.....	Salmon
Communications/Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	Slate Blue
Physician Assistant.....	Kelly Green
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet

The standard academic cap is appropriately known as a mortarboard. Faculty members holding master's or doctoral degrees may opt for a velvet tam.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. SUSANNA BAXTER

President, LaGrange College



Dr. Susanna Baxter stepped into her role as the 26th president of LaGrange College in July 2020.

She is a summa cum laude graduate of Pfeiffer College with a degree in Christian education and religion. She holds a master's in education in general administrative leadership and a doctorate in higher education leadership and policy from Vanderbilt University.

Since arriving in LaGrange, Dr. Baxter has led the creation of both strategic and master plans for the college, and spearheaded technology and learning-environment improvements to five academic buildings. The college has added two new women's sports—flag football and golf—and begun international enrollment partnerships in India, South Korea and beyond. She also has guided the addition of several academic offerings, including an undergraduate program in aviation, two master's degrees—in computer science and higher education—and the college's first doctoral degree, an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Committed to service, Dr. Baxter is a member of the United Way of West Georgia Board; the University Senate of the United Methodist Church; the North American Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges and Universities Board; and the Troup Strategy Center Board.

A lifelong United Methodist, Dr. Baxter is a frequent teacher of adult Sunday School classes. She is married to Mark Huffman, and they have two sons.