



WARTBURG COLLEGE  
COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE





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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SUNDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

TEN-THIRTY IN THE MORNING

ZIMMERMAN FIELD

WALSTON-HOOVER STADIUM

# ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

## Preludial Concert

Recorded by Wartburg College May Term Band  
Various senior student conductors

## \*Academic Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance* ..... Edward Elgar, arr. Foster

Recorded by Wartburg College Concert Bands  
Dr. Craig A. Hancock, Conductor

Kyle Briggs '22, Macebearer

Dr. Christine DeVries and Dr. Todd Reiher, College Marshals

Sheree Covert '80, Registrar

International Students with Flags Representing Countries of the 2020 and 2021 Graduates

Emeriti Faculty, Faculty Members, members of the Class of 2020, the Class of 2021, Platform Party

## \*Invocation and Opening Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Brian A.F. Beckstrom, Dean of Spiritual Life  
and Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair

## Welcome

Mike McCoy, Chair, Wartburg College Board of Regents

## President's Welcome and Charge to the Class of 2021

Dr. Darrel D. Colson, President

## Conferring of Honorary Degree

Presentation of Jack Salzwedel '82 for the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*  
Dr. Fredric Waldstein '74, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Conferring of Degree

President Colson

## Response from the Class of 2021

Ellie Roquet

\*Assembly stands

## Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Conferring of Degrees

President Colson

### \*Wartburg Loyalty Song

College of our brightest days, Unto thee we chant our praise.  
Ne'er thy name shall cease to be a most happy memory.  
Thine the spirit we love best, Finest in the East or West,  
And we sing with loyalty Wartburg College, hail to thee!

### \*Closing Prayer and Blessing

Pastor Beckstrom

### \*Academic Recessional

*Brighton Beach* . . . . . William P. Latham

Recorded by Wartburg College Concert Bands

Dr. Craig A. Hancock, Conductor

## RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FACULTY

Wartburg College, in appreciation and respect, here records the names and years of service of those members of the faculty who are retiring from full-time service to the college and have been awarded emeritus status.

Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing and the  
Carl and Dorothy Hagemann Endowed Professor in Business and Economics (1989-2021)

Yvonne Losch, assistant professor of German (1975-2021)

Lynn Peters, associate professor of social work and the  
O. Jay and Patricia Tomson Distinguished Chair in Social Work (1992-2021)

Dr. Ted Reuter, professor of music (1989-2021)

# HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS

## *HONORIS CAUSA*



JACK SALZWEDEL '82

A native of DeForest, Wis., Jack Salzwedel is a 1982 graduate of Wartburg College and chairman and chief executive officer of American Family Insurance, headquartered in Madison, Wis.

Salzwedel began his career with American Family in 1983 as a claim adjuster. In 1985, he followed in the footsteps of his father, Tom, and became an agent for the company. He then took sales and product line leadership roles at American Family, leading up to his election as chairman and CEO in November 2011.

In his current role, Salzwedel oversees the American Family enterprise of companies, which includes the American Family brand and subsidiaries, CONNECT, Homesite, The General, and Main Street America. In his tenure, the company has transformed, adding new companies and distribution systems to its enterprise, with revenue and assets more than doubling since 2011.

The company also has expanded its commitment to community, establishing a corporate foundation in 2015 and the American Family Institute for Corporate and Social Impact in 2018, as well as hosting one of the top PGA Champions Tour golf tournaments, which has raised more than \$10 million for charity and delivered more than \$70 million in local economic impact in its five-year history. Earlier in 2021, American Family announced its Free to Dream Initiative, a \$105 million commitment to addressing equity gaps in the United States.

He and his wife, Sarah '82, established the Salzwedel Family Foundation and have been leading community supporters to the United Way, American Family Children's Hospital, Bethel Horizons, and other Wisconsin charities. A social media influencer, CEO.com recently named Salzwedel the most engaged Fortune 500 CEO on Twitter. You can follow him at @AmFamJack and read his latest blog posts about leadership, culture, and innovation at [jacksalzwedel.com](http://jacksalzwedel.com).

Salzwedel served on the Wartburg Board of Regents from 2007 to 2016. The Salzwedels established Wartburg's Slife Institute for Social Work Consultation, Research, and Training in 2012. In 2019, they offered a challenge gift in support of the Outdoor Athletic Facilities project; the men's and women's soccer venue is named Salzwedel Field in their honor. Sons Luke '13, Tyler '15, and Sam '23 all played soccer for the Wartburg Knights.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



ELLIE ROQUET

Ellie Roquet, a senior music education major from Johnston, is representing the Class of 2021 as today's Commencement speaker. A Regents Scholar, Roquet earned a 3.95 grade point average and was named the Outstanding Senior in music education.

At Wartburg, Roquet served as co-president of the Wartburg Ambassadors program and was a member of the Wartburg track and field team where she competed in high jump, triple jump, and the javelin. She also participated in the Wartburg Choir, St. Elizabeth's Chorale, and Dance Marathon. An orientation leader, Roquet also worked for four years in the Admissions Office.

She was awarded the Nobility Award, an honor for meaningful and significant contributions to the college and community through vision, action, and diligence.

Following graduation, Roquet will teach general music and choir in the Adel-De Soto-Minburn (ADM) Community School District. She also will be show choir assistant at Waukee High School. She is the daughter of Rick '92 and Michelle Grove '94 Roquet.

# OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AWARDS

The purpose of this award is to recognize high school teachers who have inspired students in Wartburg's graduating class and thereby significantly contributed to the accomplishment of earning a baccalaureate degree from Wartburg College.

The Wartburg Admissions and Scholarship Committee reviewed nominations and selected two teachers. Award recipients receive \$500, and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a rising senior from each recipient's high school. This year marks the 16th year for the award. The honorees were recognized at an event Saturday evening.



***Dain Leytem***, Dubuque Senior High School, Dubuque, Iowa

*Nominated by James Rettenmeier, History major; Business minor; Dubuque, Iowa*

Dain Leytem is in his ninth year as an American government teacher at Dubuque Senior High School. He also teaches Advanced Placement United States government and is the head boys cross country coach. As the adviser to Student Council, Leytem instills and develops leadership skills among student leaders. In 2019 the council was selected to present at the Iowa Student Leadership Conference and in 2020 was recognized with a Meritorious Distinction award. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history education from Loras College in 2007 and a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership from the University of Northern Iowa in 2019.



***Trevor Mickelson***, Waukee High School, Waukee, Iowa

*Nominated by Victoria Richard, Elementary Education and Religion double major; Waukee, Iowa*

Trevor Mickelson teaches European history, recent United States history, and psychology for grades 10-12 at Waukee High School. He is the assistant varsity boys basketball coach and also has served as an adviser for student trips to Washington, D.C.; New York City; and Europe. In the community Mickelson has been a religion course instructor at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines and recently organized a cancer benefit for a close friend. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and mass communication from Iowa State University in 2009 and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Drake University in 2012.



# THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry and dress of Commencement have been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood. Early, it became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of the academic dress. Since the 15th century, both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control, even in its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895. In 1932, the American Council of Education presented a revised code, which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today.

**The Gown:** The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally was worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree, and full bell-double sleeves for the doctor's degree. Bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimming. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

**The Cap:** When Roman law freed slaves, they won the privilege of wearing a cap. Thus, the academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline.

**The Hood:** The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the hood facing denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

Colors associated with the academic disciplines worn by the faculty are as follows:

**White** – English, French, German, Spanish,  
Speech

**Copper** – Economics

**Light Blue** – Education

**Pink** – Music, Music Therapy

**Sage Green** – Physical Education, Fitness  
Management, Exercise Science

**Gold** – Biology, Physics, Chemistry,  
Biochemistry, Mathematics, Computer  
Science, Computer Information  
Systems

**Citron** – History, Political Science, Social  
Work, Sociology, Psychology

**Navy Blue** – Philosophy

**Orange** – Engineering

**Scarlet** – Religion

**Brown** – Art

**Crimson** – Journalism and Communication,  
Electronic Media, Print Media,  
Public Relations

**Lemon** – Library Science

**Drab** – Business Administration, International  
Business, Management, Finance,  
Marketing, Accounting

**Salmon** – Public Health

## Class of 2020

Members of the Class of 2020, who were honored in a virtual ceremony on May 24, 2020,\* were given the opportunity to return this year to experience an in-person Commencement ceremony. Those participating in today's ceremony are:

Michelle Ankrum	Sonja Iverson	Brianna Schares
Brady Arens	Cambria Jacobs	Nickolas Schwake
Garrett Arensdorf	Shahzeb Jadoon	Laura Sinkovitz
Spencer Barton	Katelyn Johnson	Emily Smillie
Jacquelyn Batz	Angela Kragness	Linzy Solberg
Amanda Brainerd	Sierra Mastin	Katelyn Stortz
Jenna Brannaman	Jennifer McLain	Patricia ten Hoeve
Grant Buscherfeld	Jackee Meyer	Deonte Walker
Cameron Corday	Syrena Meyer	William Wallace
Fillonie Debully	Courtney Moser	Yvonne Wamala
Madeline Fletcher	Maria Munguia	Taylor Webb
Jacquelyn Garza	Kellie Nordquist	James Wenman
Benjamin Irr	Olivia Pederson	Jennifer Wiley
Madelyne Iverson	Katherine Quintana	

\*The full program from the Class of 2020 virtual ceremony is available on the College's Commencement website.

## Class of 2021

### *Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education*

#### **Levi John Capesius**

*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Performance

Music Education

Vocal

Algona, Iowa

#### **Abree Catherine Russell**

*Magna Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Music Performance

Music Education

Vocal

Fox Lake, Wisconsin

### *Bachelor of Music*

#### \* **Kelsey Lynne Betterton**

Music Therapy

Vocal

Atkins, Iowa

#### \* **Sarah Jean Braverman**

Music Therapy

Vocal

Windsor Heights, Iowa

#### \* **Greta Elise Christianson**

*Summa Cum Laude*

Regents Scholar

Phi Eta Sigma

Psi Chi

Music Therapy

Bassoon

Shawnee, Kansas

#### \* **Jaclyn Rose Dembouski**

Music Therapy

Flute

St. Paul, Minnesota

#### \* **Julia Sue Evans**

Regents Scholar

Music Therapy

Vocal

Kasson, Minnesota

\* **John Edward Hoehn**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Saxophone  
Waseca, Minnesota

\* **Luis Ramiro Jimenez**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Guitar  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Yukino Kurashina**  
Music Performance  
Vocal  
Nagareyama, Japan  
In Absentia

\* **Theresa Rose Scragg**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Piano  
Loveland, Colorado

\* **Autumn Taylor Voyles**  
*Cum Laude*  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

## *Bachelor of Music Education*

**Carlee Ann Bertram**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Trumpet  
Dumont, Iowa

\* **London Elizabeth Dodd**  
Music Therapy  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Janesville, Iowa

\* **Emily Kathleen Duff**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Music Therapy  
Trumpet  
Volga, Iowa

\* **Anna Nicole Galioto**  
*Cum Laude*  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Music Education  
Music Therapy  
French Horn  
West Des Moines, Iowa

\* **Jennifer Jean Greve**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Music Therapy  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Auburn, Iowa

\* **Allison C. Kuehn**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Therapy  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Champlin, Minnesota

**Mallory Jean Laube**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Flute  
Dike, Iowa

\* **Jenna L. McMains**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Music Therapy  
Vocal  
Owatonna, Minnesota

**Andrea Bailey Nitz**  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Violin  
Racine, Wisconsin

**Caitlyn Ann Owen**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Leland, Iowa

\* **Grace Elizabeth Pistek**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Therapy  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Plymouth, Iowa

**Ellie Jacquelyn Roquet**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Music Education  
Vocal  
Johnston, Iowa

**Bethany Mae Zenk**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Music Education  
Clarinet  
New Hampton, Iowa

## *Bachelor of Science*

**Camille Eileen Colen**  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Woodland, California

**Yuma Echikawa**  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Engineering Science  
Kawasaki, Japan

**Jessica Marie Faber**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Clear Lake, Iowa

\* **Gabriel Giwa**  
Engineering Science  
Flossmoor, Illinois

**Luke Gregory Grzech**  
*Cum Laude*  
Engineering Science  
Garner, North Carolina

**Noah Gene Melz**  
Engineering Science  
Buffalo Center, Iowa

**Aaron Michael Mensing**  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Grimes, Iowa

**Marcus Paul Ortiz**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Engineering Science  
Solon, Iowa

**Juana Perez Mandujano**  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Immokalee, Florida

**Caleb Michael Poissant**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Engineering Science  
Farmington, Minnesota

**Jacob Michael Ross**  
*Cum Laude*  
Engineering Science  
Galesburg, Illinois

## *Bachelor of Arts*

\* **Ethan Thomas Adams-Harwell**  
Regents Scholar  
Political Science  
International Relations  
Pearl River, Louisiana

\* **Rebeca Amaro Trevino**  
German Studies  
Guadalupe, Mexico

\* **Erin Justine Anderson**  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal  
Justice  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

\* **Hannah Colleen Arnold**  
Business Administration  
Accounting  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Janelle Kristine Baeskens**  
Psychology  
Upland, California

**Lauren Marie Bahnsen**  
Psychology  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Plano, Texas

**Brenden Lee Baker**  
Elementary Education  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Essence Baker**  
Psychology  
Marion, Iowa

**Emily Lynn Banken**  
Biology  
Secondary Education  
Forest City, Iowa

**Jonathan David Banse**  
Phi Alpha Theta  
English  
History  
Strawberry Point, Iowa

**Matilyn Jeanne Barr**  
*Cum Laude*  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Elementary Education  
Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin

**Riley Scott Barrett**  
Physical Education  
Parkersburg, Iowa

**Alexandra Kaye Bechtel**  
Business Administration  
Management  
Waverly, Iowa

**Haley Beckert**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Public Health  
Waverly, Iowa

**Mackenzie Reese Behney**  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Holt, Missouri

**Gene Anne Adella Berst**  
Psychology  
Waucoma, Iowa

**Andrew Jon Black**  
Elementary Education  
Carlisle, Iowa

\* **Bergan Rae Blommers**

Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Graphic Design  
Art Education  
Manchester, Iowa

**Ryan Matthew Bonthius**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Iowa City, Iowa

\* **Zachary John Brunkhorst**

Journalism and Communication  
Digital Cinema and  
Production  
Waverly, Iowa

**Alexander Schroeder Buchheim**

Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public  
Relations  
Digital Cinema and  
Production  
DeForest, Wisconsin

**Madison Rose Busch**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Mathematics  
Business Administration  
Wonderlake, Illinois

**Alison Michelle Butters**

Spanish  
Business Administration  
Kalona, Iowa

**Leah Rae Campos**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Diamond, Illinois

**Erin Nicole Capper**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Nu Rho Psi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Neuroscience  
Solon, Iowa

**Drew Alexander Carfrae**

Journalism and Communication  
Multimedia Journalism  
Waverly, Iowa

**Oliviya J. Caruthers**

Regents Scholar  
Chemistry  
Davenport, Iowa

**Olivia Esther Cattage**

*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Spanish  
Business Administration  
Rockford, Illinois

**Danai Christiane Chekenya**

Business Administration  
Marketing  
Management  
Rusape, Zimbabwe

**Kate M. Choate**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Psi Chi  
Biochemistry  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Noah Miles Christians**

Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Secondary Education  
Dunkerton, Iowa

**Deirdre Elizabeth Christopher**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Management  
Decorah, Iowa

**Molly Kathryn Close**

Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Polk City, Iowa

**Ally Jane Conrad**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Management  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Rebekah Joyce Corson**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Environmental Science and  
Studies  
Environmental Science  
Durant, Oklahoma

**Broden Isaiah Coulter**

Business Administration  
Accounting  
Dike, Iowa

**Jedediah Ethan Crowe**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Actuarial Science  
Ames, Iowa

**Ryan Lee Dalton**

Biology  
Secondary Education  
Southport, North Carolina

**Kylie J. Davis**

Regents Scholar  
Social Work  
St. Charles, Iowa

**Clare Elizabeth Davison**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Accounting  
Carson City, Nevada

**Michael James Dillon**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Political Science  
West Chester, Iowa

**William Cletus Dix**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Accounting  
Shell Rock, Iowa

**Brennen Allen Doebel**

Elementary Education  
Clear Lake, Iowa  
In Absentia

**Payton Nicole Draper**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Waverly, Iowa

**Caitlin Theresea Dreismeier**

*Cum Laude*  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Elementary Education  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Liam Charles Easley**

Journalism and Communication  
Multimedia Journalism  
Wauconda, Illinois

- Freddie Alvin-Donald Eden**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Kappa Mu Epsilon  
 Business Administration  
 Accounting  
 Wesley, Iowa
- \* **Shayna Kay Engelhardt**  
 Mathematics  
 Secondary Education  
 Allison, Iowa
- Kendall Lee Erenberger**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Lambda Pi Eta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Journalism and Communication  
 Organizational and Public  
 Relations  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Luke Donald Everhardt**  
*Cum Laude*  
 International Relations  
 Political Science  
 Waverly, Iowa
- \* **Augustine Ezeogu**  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Mbabane, eSwatini
- Zachary Paul Farner**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Alpha Kappa Delta  
 Psychology  
 Sociology  
 General Sociology  
 Bloomington, Illinois
- Jared Steven Feigenbaum**  
 Social Work  
 Marion, Iowa
- Jordan Lynn Flaherty**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Accounting  
 Business Administration  
 Farmington, Minnesota
- \* **Malachi Joel Gleason**  
 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal  
 Justice  
 Psychology  
 Waverly, Iowa
- Alondra Celeste Gonzalez**  
 Regents Scholar  
 International Relations  
 Philosophy  
 Avondale, Arizona
- Brooke Monique Gonzalez**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Neuroscience  
 Spanish  
 Peoria, Arizona
- \* **Sonam Gurmet**  
 Mathematics  
 Actuarial Science  
 Kargil, India
- Athena Lynn Hansen**  
 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal  
 Justice  
 Austin, Minnesota  
 In Absentia
- Dominic W. Hanson**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Lambda Pi Eta  
 Journalism and Communication  
 Organizational and Public  
 Relations  
 Digital Cinema and  
 Production  
 La Farge, Wisconsin
- Emma Jayne Hanson**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Kappa Delta Pi  
 Elementary Education  
 Clive, Iowa
- Evan Phillip Haskins**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Neuroscience  
 Mason City, Iowa
- Ethan William Hayes**  
*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Exercise Science  
 Cedar Falls, Iowa
- Natalie Marie Henriksen**  
*Cum Laude*  
 English  
 Armstrong, Iowa
- Kendall Ann Hileman**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Accounting  
 Hampton, Illinois
- Wyatt Shayne Hintermeister**  
 Political Science  
 International Relations  
 Toledo, Iowa
- Kyle James Hoffman**  
 Psychology  
 Pequot Lakes, Minnesota
- Nicholas Wayne Hofsommer**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Biochemistry  
 Solon, Iowa
- Mychael Paul Holliday**  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Oxnard, California
- Hunter Joseph Hormann**  
 Business Administration  
 Finance  
 Accounting  
 Mount Vernon, Iowa
- Alexander James Horn**  
 History  
 St. Charles, Missouri
- Brianna Louise Hull**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Kansas City, Missouri
- Katherine Elizabeth Hull**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Lockridge, Iowa
- Emma Lynne Jacobs**  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Fulton, Illinois
- Chase Michael Jamison**  
 Business Administration  
 Supply Chain Management  
 Plainfield, Illinois
- Danielle Faye Johnson**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Sport Management  
 Parkersburg, Iowa

**Grant Axel Johnson**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Montezuma, Iowa

**Zachary Bryan Jones**

Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Tipton, Iowa  
 In Absentia

**Reid A. Kallenbach**

Regents Scholar  
 Biochemistry  
 Norwalk, Iowa

**Ryan Linsey Keel**

Computer Science  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Mbabane, eSwatini

**Brett Ralph Kelting**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Accounting  
 Business Administration  
 Finance  
 Wheatland, Iowa

**Brooke Marie Kirby**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Biochemistry  
 Anamosa, Iowa

**Abigail Danielle Kirchner**

Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Toledo, Iowa

**Olivia Jean Ellen Klaas**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Kappa Delta Pi  
 Kappa Mu Epsilon  
 Elementary Education  
 Ankeny, Iowa

**Matseliso Patricia Koetle**

Business Administration  
 Accounting  
 Hlotse, Lesotho

**\* Mamoon Faysal Koko**

Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal  
 Justice  
 Des Moines, Iowa

**Haruka Kokubu**

Business Administration  
 International Business  
 Chiba, Japan

**Olivia Camille Kolterman**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Management  
 Hudson, Iowa

**Alex C. Kooker**

Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Iowa City, Iowa

**Joshua Douglas Kreitlow**

Biochemistry  
 Kanawha, Iowa

**Morgan Renee Kupka**

Biology  
 Gladbrook, Iowa

**Kourtney Jena Lashley**

Neuroscience  
 Chicago, Illinois

**Steven Douglass Lawrence**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Sport Management  
 Ames, Iowa

**Zach J. Less**

Business Administration  
 Management  
 Manchester, Iowa

**Riley Jacob Linck Tollefsbol**

Business Administration  
 Finance  
 St. Paul, Minnesota

**Samuel John Lindgren**

Regents Scholar  
 Public Health  
 Denton, Texas

**Christopher Alexander Lucas**

Journalism and Communication  
 Multimedia Journalism  
 Tallahassee, Florida

**Yusra Faiza Malik**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Neuroscience  
 Plainfield, Illinois

**Brian Joseph Mallia**

*Cum Laude*  
 Phi Alpha Theta  
 American History Education  
 World History Education  
 Whittemore, Iowa

**Dikgarebe Vanessa Mamabolo**

Phi Eta Sigma  
 Public Health  
 Gauteng, South Africa

**Balingene Phepha Mamba**

Accounting  
 Business Administration  
 Finance  
 Piggs Peak, eSwatini

**Elizabeth Grace Martin**

*Cum Laude*  
 Elementary Education  
 Norway, Iowa

**Elaina Danae Martz**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Beta Beta Beta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Medical Laboratory Science  
 Iowa City, Iowa

**Curren James Matthias**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Spanish  
 Biology  
 Denver, Iowa

**Nicholas Raymond Meling**

*Cum Laude*  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Le Grand, Iowa

**Haley Rose Meyer**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Management  
 Fayette, Iowa

**Benjamin James Midtgaard**

Business Administration  
 Sport Management  
 Hanlontown, Iowa

**Chiari Miki**

Business Administration  
 Management  
 Tokyo, Japan

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**Karly Snow Miner**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Neuroscience  
 Psychology  
 Van Horne, Iowa

**Alexandria Ann Monahan**

Elementary Education  
 La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Grace Gloria Morningstar**

Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Paige Renee Morrison**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Elementary Education  
 Clarksville, Iowa

**Kate Elizabeth Motzko**

*Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Marketing  
 Management  
 Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Augustin Mucyo**

*Cum Laude*  
 Business Administration  
 Kigali City, Rwanda

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Journalism and Communication  
 Organizational and Public  
 Relations  
 West Union, Iowa

**Veronica Mulovhedzi**

Business Administration  
 Management  
 Finance  
 Johannesburg, South Africa

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Business Administration  
 Alleman, Iowa

**Bailey L. Naig**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Kappa Mu Epsilon  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Actuarial Science  
 Emmetsburg, Iowa

**Ajith S. Nathan**

Regents Scholar  
 Biology  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Rachel Saron Ndjuluwa**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kappa Mu Epsilon  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Mathematics  
 Actuarial Science  
 Ongwediva, Namibia

**Andrew Frederic Newell**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Phi Alpha Theta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 History  
 Waverly, Iowa

**Alexandria Rose Nicolaus**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Nu Rho Psi  
 Neuroscience  
 Allison, Iowa

**Casey Allen Noethe**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Business Administration  
 Finance  
 Accounting  
 Dyersville, Iowa

**Annaka Lynne Noss**

Regents Scholar  
 Psychology  
 Dougherty, Iowa

**Silvia Marie Oakland**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Regents Scholar  
 Lambda Pi Eta  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Journalism and Communication  
 Digital Cinema and  
 Production  
 Organizational and Public  
 Relations  
 Multimedia Journalism  
 Hawkeye, Iowa

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*Cum Laude*  
 Phi Alpha  
 Social Work  
 Pobe, Benin

**Kendra Lyn Offerman**

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 Business Administration  
 Accounting  
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Public Health  
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 Sociology  
 Criminology/Criminal  
 Justice  
 Psychology  
 Littleton, Colorado

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 Biology  
 Crystal, Minnesota

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 Criminology/Criminal  
 Justice  
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 Journalism and Communication  
 Multimedia Journalism  
 Des Plaines, Illinois

**Eryn Kay Perry**

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 Regents Scholar  
 Nu Rho Psi  
 Phi Eta Sigma  
 Computer Science  
 Neuroscience  
 Altoona, Iowa

**Benjamin Wayne Peters**

Regents Scholar  
 Computer Science  
 Storm Lake, Iowa

**Caje Billie Peterson**

Business Administration  
 Walnut, Illinois  
 In Absentia

**Ethan William Pfaltzgraff**

Journalism and Communication  
 Digital Cinema and  
 Production  
 Readlyn, Iowa



- Jacqueline Anne Polglaze**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Janesville, Wisconsin
- Amanda C. Porras**  
Regents Scholar  
Psychology  
Charlotte, Iowa
- Sydney Ross Powers**  
Business Administration  
Supply Chain Management  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- \* **Gerren Anthony Prince**  
Exercise Science  
Tucson, Arizona
- Aurion T. Redding**  
Religion  
Public Health  
Cedar Falls, Iowa
- James Andrew Rettenmeier**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
History  
Dubuque, Iowa
- Alexandria Nicole Retz**  
Psychology  
Runnells, Iowa
- Lydia Grace Revier**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Graphic Design  
International Relations  
Owatonna, Minnesota
- Eric Charles Richard**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
West Des Moines, Iowa
- Victoria Oleen Richard**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Religion  
Elementary Education  
Waukee, Iowa
- Karysa Jolyn Richards**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Accounting  
Maquoketa, Iowa
- Parker William Ridge**  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Megan Jenene Ritter**  
Neuroscience  
Newton, Iowa
- Mackenzie Elizabeth Roberts**  
*Cum Laude*  
Biology  
Cedar Falls, Iowa
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Harwood Heights, Illinois
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Elementary Education  
Ames, Iowa
- Sydney Lewis Rottinghaus**  
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Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Exercise Science  
Business Administration  
Mason City, Iowa
- Kyle William Ruckman**  
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Justice  
Psychology  
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Waddell, Arizona
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English  
Secondary Education  
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- Lilly Anna Sauer**  
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Phi Alpha  
Social Work  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Jacqueline Kate Scharf**  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Bridget Sue Schaufenbuel**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Fredericksburg, Iowa
- \* **Blake Andrew Schneider**  
Social Work  
Foley, Alabama
- Matthew Patrick Schneider**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Marketing  
Iowa City, Iowa
- Nicole Joyce Schneider**  
Regents Scholar  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education  
Oakdale, Minnesota
- Elizabeth Kay Schweizer**  
*Cum Laude*  
Social Work  
Greene, Iowa
- Andrew Clayton Seemann**  
Computer Science  
Spirit Lake, Iowa
- Thabiso Gerard Setefane**  
*Cum Laude*  
Computer Science  
Mafeteng, Lesotho
- Alexis Kathleen Shaffer**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Neuroscience  
Psychology  
Coralville, Iowa

\*August graduate

- Kaci Lynn Sherwood**  
Business Administration  
Milo, Iowa
- Sadie Elizabeth Short**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
English  
Secondary Education  
Dodge Center, Minnesota
- Natalie Elizabeth Shroyer**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Sociology  
General Sociology  
Owatonna, Minnesota
- Lindsey Sierra Marie Simkins**  
Elementary Education  
Aplington, Iowa
- \* **Anshika Singh**  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Digital Cinema and Production  
Katti, Nepal
- Maxwell John Smith Drahos**  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Ellen Marie Sneller**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Nu Rho Psi  
Neuroscience  
Ames, Iowa
- Noah Griffith Solheim**  
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Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Computer Science  
Waverly, Iowa
- Hannah Mae Sprague**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Sigma Delta Pi  
English  
Spanish  
Mounds View, Minnesota
- Jaderial Janelle Staebler**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Guttenberg, Iowa
- Elizabeth Anna Stange**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
English  
Secondary Education  
Rockwell City, Iowa
- Jennifer Kay Steen**  
Elementary Education  
Webster, Iowa
- Nathan Mitchell Stephany**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Multimedia Journalism  
Digital Cinema and Production  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Huxley, Iowa
- Madison Jay Stirling**  
*Cum Laude*  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Theta Alpha Kappa  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Psychology  
Clarksville, Iowa
- Madison Ann Stoaks**  
*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
Clive, Iowa
- Brittany Mary Evelyn Strause**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Social Work  
Plano, Illinois
- Kimberley Erica Strobel**  
Political Science  
International Relations  
Owatonna, Minnesota
- Courtney Louise Stucker**  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Organizational and Public Relations  
Danville, Iowa
- Ryan Christopher Stulken**  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Management  
Walford, Iowa
- \* **Obvious Chipochangu Svosve**  
Computer Science  
Harare, Zimbabwe
- Jessica Kang Sydnes**  
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Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Psi Chi  
Social Work  
Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Madison Lynn TeKippe**  
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Phi Eta Sigma  
Biochemistry  
Neuroscience  
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Social Work  
Waverly, Iowa
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Biochemistry  
Spanish  
Marion, Iowa
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Public Health  
Harare, Zimbabwe

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Regents Scholar  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Elementary Education  
Eldora, Iowa

**Carly R. VanKeulen**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Kaitlyn Marie Volesky**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Sport Management  
Mount Vernon, Iowa

**Brooklyn Tracy Waller**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Biology  
Maquoketa, Iowa  
In Absentia

**Spencer Richard Warehime**

*Cum Laude*  
History  
Gowrie, Iowa

**Sydney Marcella Warner**

Regents Scholar  
Music  
Saxophone  
Kenyon, Minnesota  
In Absentia

**Darian Marie Wegner**

Biology  
New Hampton, Iowa

**Jadyn Marie Wellik**

Biology  
Forest City, Iowa

\* **Samantha Kay Wieland**

Religion  
Waverly, Iowa

**Emma Jean Williams**

*Cum Laude*  
Graphic Design  
Art  
Osage, Iowa

**Lauren Gina Wisdom**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Journalism and Communication  
Multimedia Journalism  
Organizational and Public  
Relations  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Londyn Carol Witmer**

*Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Beta Beta Beta  
Biology  
Spanish  
West Lawn, Pennsylvania

**Hannah Beth Witte**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Business Administration  
Marketing  
Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

**Gavin Lane Woods**

*Magna Cum Laude*  
Business Administration  
Finance  
Management  
Accounting  
Creston, Iowa

**Kelly Ann Worm-Beneke**

Regents Scholar  
Biology  
Princeton, Minnesota

**Tyler John Yoerger**

Business Administration  
North Liberty, Iowa

**Allison Ann Yuska**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Alpha  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Social Work  
Toledo, Iowa

**Lauren Ashley Yuska**

*Summa Cum Laude*  
Regents Scholar  
Phi Eta Sigma  
English  
Toledo, Iowa

**Hazkett Jarlenne Zeledon**

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Alpha Kappa Delta  
Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal  
Justice  
Individualized: Cultural  
Anthropology  
Storm Lake, Iowa

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Sociology  
Criminology/Criminal  
Justice  
Psychology  
Waterloo, Iowa

**Mcebo John Zwane**

Business Administration  
Marketing  
Mbabane, eSwatini

*Cum Laude* (3.50-3.69 GPA) *Magna Cum Laude* (3.70-3.84 GPA) *Summa Cum Laude* (3.85-4.00 GPA)

Students awarded Summa Cum Laude academic honors received gold cords. Students recognized by their honor society, based on cumulative grade point average and active membership, received other cords.

Regents Scholar signifies students who have received Regents Scholarships all four years.

Regents and Presidential Scholars received medals in recognition of this honor.

*As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of degree and award recipients is tentative; the college reserves the right to withdraw or add names and make any other necessary changes.*

## OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Departments may select outstanding seniors by major based on excellent academic record and exemplary service and leadership.

Haley Beckert – Public Health	Bailey Naig – Actuarial Science
Bergan Blommers – Art	Rachel Ndjuluwa – Mathematics
Ryan Bonthius – Biology	Andrew Newell – History
Sarah Briggs – Elementary Education	Eryn Perry – Computer Science
Levi Capesius – Music	Lydia Revier – International Relations
Erin Capper – Neuroscience	Victoria Richard – Religion
Oliviya Caruthers – Chemistry	Ellie Roquet – Music Education
Greta Christianson – Music Therapy	Sydney Rottinghaus – Exercise Science
Rebekah Corson – Environmental Science & Studies	Bridget Schaufenbuel – Mathematics Education
Emily Duff – Music Education/Music Therapy	Sadie Short – English Education
Freddie Eden – Accounting	Natalie Shroyer – Sociology
Luke Everhardt – Political Science	Hannah Sprague – Spanish
Jessica Faber – Engineering Science	Courtney Stucker – Journalism & Communication
Jordan Flaherty – Business Administration	Emma Williams – Graphic Design
Brooke Kirby – Biochemistry	Allison Yuska – Social Work
Brian Mallia – History Secondary Education	

## SCHOLARS PROGRAM GRADUATES

The Scholars Program is Wartburg's academic honors program. It strives to enrich Scholars' Wartburg careers, emphasizing growth through deeper academic challenges and learning opportunities: meaningful service activities, coursework, research, and other creative endeavors, culminating in a final thesis. The program is dedicated to improving Scholars' academic and life skills so that they learn to think more independently and critically while incorporating multiple disciplines and perspectives. Students wearing green and gold cords have successfully completed the program. Special congratulations to the Scholars Class of 2021, each of whom earned the highest honor in their major.

Ryan Bonthius  
Rebekah Corson

Freddie Eden  
Eryn Perry

Lydia Revier  
Bridget Schaufenbuel

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## **Alpha Chi**

Promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students in all disciplines and honors those who achieve such distinction.

## **Alpha Kappa Delta**

Promotes excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology and the research of social problems.

## **Beta Beta Beta**

Improves the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extends the boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

## **Delta Mu Delta**

Promotes higher scholarship in training for business and recognizes and rewards business administration students who have distinguished themselves scholastically.

## **Kappa Delta Pi**

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in education.

## **Kappa Mu Epsilon**

Promotes interest of mathematics among undergraduate students.

## **Lambda Pi Eta**

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in communication arts and promotes philanthropic work.

## **Nu Rho Psi**

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in neuroscience and promotes interest therein.

## **Phi Alpha**

Fosters high standard of training for social workers and recognizes excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

## **Phi Alpha Theta**

Promotes the study of history through encouragement of research, teaching, publication, and intellectual and social exchange.

## **Phi Eta Sigma**

Encourages and rewards academic excellence among first-year students in institutions of higher learning.

## **Pi Gamma Mu**

Encourages the study of the social sciences and recognizes outstanding achievement.

## **Psi Chi**

Encourages, stimulates, and maintains excellence in scholarship and advances the science of psychology.

## **Sigma Delta Pi**

Recognizes excellence in the study of the Spanish language, civilization, and literature.

## **Sigma Pi Sigma**

Recognizes scholarship in physics and promotes philanthropic work.

## **Theta Alpha Kappa**

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in theology and religious studies.

# FLAGS FOR 2021 COMMENCEMENT

*Flags in the processional represent the countries of students who are participating in today's ceremony.*

## **Benin**

Green vertical band with yellow and red horizontal bands

## **eSwatini**

Three horizontal bands of blue, red, and blue with red band edged in yellow and centered black and white shield

## **India**

Three horizontal bands of saffron, white, and green, with blue chakra centered in white band

## **Japan**

White with large red disk in center

## **Lesotho**

Three horizontal stripes of blue, white, and green

## **Malaysia**

Fourteen horizontal stripes of red and white; blue rectangle bears yellow crescent and yellow 14-pointed star

## **Mexico**

Three vertical bands of green, white, and red with coat of arms centered in white band

## **Namibia**

Blue triangle in upper corner with gold sun and twelve rays; green lower triangle and white-edged red diagonal band

## **Nepal**

Two blue-banded crimson triangles with white crescent moon with eight rays on upper pendant; white 12-rayed sun on lower pendant

## **Pakistan**

Green with vertical white band and large white crescent and star

## **South Africa**

Horizontal bands of red and blue with a black triangle on left side; central green band splits into horizontal Y bordered by white and gold bands

## **United Kingdom**

Red on white cross with white diagonal cross on blue and red diagonal cross on white

## **United Nations**

Blue with white world map surrounded by olive branches, the symbol for peace

### United States of America

Thirteen horizontal red and white strips with a blue rectangle in upper hoist-side corner with 50 white stars

### Zimbabwe

Seven horizontal bands of green, yellow, red, black, red, yellow, and green; white triangle with yellow Zimbabwe bird superimposed on red five-pointed star

*Other flags on display represent the countries of current Wartburg students.*

Barbados	El Salvador	Mozambique	Trinidad and Tobago
Bosnia and Herzegovina	France	Myanmar	Tunisia
Botswana	Germany	Nigeria	Turkey
Brazil	Ghana	Romania	Uruguay
Burundi	Guatemala	Russian Federation	Zambia
Cambodia	Israel	Rwanda	
Cameroon	Jamaica	Senegal	
China, People's Republic of	Jordan	Sierra Leone	
Costa Rica	Kenya	South Sudan	
Croatia	Korea, Republic of	Spain	
Denmark	Kosovo	Sudan	
Dominican Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Syrian Arab Republic	
East Timor	Lebanon	Tajikistan	
Ecuador	Liberia	Tanzania, United Republic of	
		Tibet	

## COLLEGE MACE

The ceremonial mace is a symbol of Wartburg College's history designed by Arthur C. Frick, professor emeritus of art.

Like the ancient Roman standard bearer or the legendary monarch, a mace leads a ceremony with tradition and grandeur. The Wartburg mace stands 80 inches tall and features an ornate cross, signifying Wartburg's heritage as a college of the church. Six smaller crosses projecting from the mace symbolize the six previous locations of the college. The style of the crosses is consistent with Wartburg's German heritage. Orange and black stones incorporated on the main cross and the base represent the official college colors.

The walnut staff features an engraving of the words "Faith and Learning," main elements of the college mission statement. The Martin Luther rose is placed prominently at the center of the main cross as the official seal of the college.

## FLOWERS

Special thanks to the following firms whose donations provided flowers for today's ceremony: Fidelity Bank and Trust, First Bank, Security State Bank, and Johnston Financial Services, LLC.

## UKNIGHT PLEDGE

Many members of the Class of 2021 have signed the UKnight Pledge, signifying their commitment to providing the support needed to further strengthen the Wartburg experience. The pledge reads: "I promise to participate in the life of the College, provide for Wartburg through financial gifts, and promote the College, as I am able, for the remainder of my life."

## SUSTAINABLE REGALIA

Green Weaver® caps and gowns worn by today's graduates are made of recycled plastic bottles. Each gown keeps an average of 23 plastic bottles from the landfill.



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Eatonton, Ga.

Consultant

# WARTBURG COLLEGE

Wartburg College traces its roots to 1852, when Pastor Wilhelm Löhe of Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, sent Georg Grossmann and five students to found a teacher-training school for German immigrants in Saginaw, Mich. The college moved several times before making its permanent home in Waverly in 1935.

The college is named after the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany. A center of art and culture during the Middle Ages, the castle was home to St. Elizabeth in the 13th century and a refuge for Martin Luther during the stormy days of the 16th-century Reformation. The castle is a frequent destination for students and alumni, and a formal agreement between the college and the Wartburg Castle Foundation provides ongoing academic and cultural exchanges between Eisenach and the Wartburg campus. Waverly and Eisenach are Sister Cities, further strengthening the bonds between the two communities.

Wartburg's 2020-21 enrollment of 1,564 includes students from 38 U.S. states and a record 61 countries. Dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service, the college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations within an environment of strong personal support.

Community engagement has become nationally and internationally recognized as a hallmark of the Wartburg experience. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognizes Wartburg among colleges that foster experiential learning and community engagement. Wartburg was the first private college in Iowa, and the ninth in the nation, to earn a Gold rating from the Association of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Wartburg is listed in *U.S. News and World Report's* edition of *America's Best Colleges* and *The Princeton Review's* ranking of *Best Midwestern Colleges*. Its 118-acre campus includes more than 30 buildings. Old Main, built in 1880 and renovated in 1986, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The newest facilities include the McCoy Living & Learning Center, which was dedicated in October 2016, and the Meyer Strength & Conditioning Annex, which was completed in 2021.

The McCoy Living & Learning Center encompasses the renovated Clinton Hall, a residence hall built in 1957, and an east-side addition that features a faculty apartment. The project includes the addition of air conditioning, new windows, and improved bathrooms, laundry facilities, and common spaces. The annex, a two-story addition to the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, features 17 weight platforms and expanded areas for strength and conditioning activities. Wartburg also is the first NCAA Division III school to utilize the EliteForm motion capture system throughout its weight room, allowing for unique student-faculty research opportunities and better leveraging of the connections between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

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