



# *Winter Commencement*

— CELEBRATING 172 YEARS —  
OF CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION

DECEMBER 7, 2023  
SEVIERVILLE CONVENTION CENTER | SEVIERVILLE, TN

*God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness*  
(University Hymn)

God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness, Lord of wisdom yet unknown.  
Grant us strength to match the vision as we come before your throne.

Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do,  
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you!

Stand for truth and cry for justice, share with those who don't belong,  
And remember as you serve them, sing for those who have no song.

Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do,  
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you!

Run with faith and live with honor, bearing witness in His call.  
As disciples, build the future, until Christ is Lord of all.

Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do,  
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you!

Make a joyful celebration. God in Christ has conquered death!  
If you really are a witness, sing until you have no breath.

Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do,  
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you!

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*Alma Mater*

Carson-Newman, how I love you,  
Alma Mater hail;  
Orange and Blue wave high above you  
Through the calm and gale.

Sons and Daughters sing your praises  
And your name adore,  
While each heart your spirit raises;  
Carson-Newman evermore.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Ken L. Jenkins**

*Natural History Photographer, Gatlinburg, TN*

Ken Jenkins grew up in East Tennessee and lives in Gatlinburg, TN with his wife Vicki. He has worked as a natural history photographer for 45 years and operated an 8,000 square- foot gallery at the western entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains for 42 years. His books on wildlife and the outdoors have been distributed nationally and internationally. He has exhibited in galleries across the country including the Officer's Gallery at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He recently presented an exhibition of his work in London at British Airlines' Gallery One after filming a documentary with the BBC in Scotland. He is currently serving as an interim pastor in Greeneville, TN.

# WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Thursday, December 7, 2023 | 10 a.m.

Dr. Charles A. Fowler, Presiding  
*President of the University*

Susan O'Dell Underwood, *Class of 1984*  
*Commencement Marshal*  
*Retired Professor of English*  
*Recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Faculty Award*

◆ **PRELUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*..... arr. Don Marsh  
Carson-Newman University Brass Ensemble  
*Trumpet:* Jeremiah Brooks, Sarah Barber; *Horn:* John Sofield;  
*Trombone:* Noah Hubbard; *Euphonium:* Caitie Hurt; *Tuba:* Dalton Kretschmar  
Conducted by Ashby R. Goldstein, *Assistant Professor of Music*

◆ **PROCESSIONAL**

*Pomp and Circumstance*.....Edward Elgar/arr. Jack Gale  
Brass Ensemble conducted by Ashby R. Goldstein

WELCOME .....Charles A. Fowler

◆ **GOD OF BEAUTY, TRUTH AND GOODNESS** ..... Forbis, Ford, Pethel, Garber  
Led by Mark E. Hussung, *Chair and Professor of Music*

◆ **SCRIPTURE READING**

Proverbs 16:1-3 (NLT)  
Philippians 1:9-11 (NLT)..... Jean-Ann Washam  
*Class of 1990*  
*Mother of graduate Emma Washam*  
*Executive Director of Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies*

◆ **INVOCATION** ..... Jennifer W. Hall  
*Class of 1992*  
*Mother of graduate Nathaniel Hall*  
*Professor of English*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Charles A. Fowler

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Ken L. Jenkins  
*Natural History Photographer, Gatlinburg, TN*

U.S. ARMY OATH OF OFFICE..... Lieutenant Colonel Frances R. Young  
*Class of 2007*  
*Chair and Professor of Military Science*  
  
Second Lieutenant Kyle Nabe

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S ACADEMIC AWARD..... Jeremy J. Buckner  
*Provost*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES..... Jeremy J. Buckner

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES ..... Charles A. Fowler

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS  
& HOODING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS..... Charles A. Fowler  
  
Jeremy J. Buckner  
  
Jessica W. Swiney  
*Registrar*

Academic Deans, Department Chairs, Program Coordinators, and Dissertation Chairs  
  
Frances R. Young

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ..... Charles A. Fowler

CONGRATULATIONS FROM  
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..... Emily Feist  
*Class of 2021*  
*Director of Annual Fund and Alumni Relations*

◆ ALMA MATER .....attr. John L. Campbell  
Led by Mark E. Hussung

◆ BENEDICTION ..... Susan O'Dell Underwood

◆ RECESSIONAL

*Joy to the World*..... G.F. Handel, arr. Chuck Seipp  
Brass Ensemble conducted by Ashby R. Goldstein

◆ Members of the audience are requested to stand as they are able.  
Please remain in place until the platform participants' recessional has been completed.

Following the recessional, faculty members will remain in the exhibit hall  
with graduates for pictures and congratulations. Family members are welcome to  
meet up with their loved ones.

# UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

★— Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.74 GPA    ★★— Magna Cum Laude 3.75 – 3.94 GPA

★★★— Summa Cum Laude 3.95 – 4.00 GPA

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

<b>Alyssa Lynn Abbott</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Christian Ministries
<b>Sarah Elizabeth Norrod</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Liberal Arts
<b>Cordell E. Rivera</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Liberal Arts
<b>Shawn E. West</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i>	Photography

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

<b>Juan Alejandro Bastidas Acero</b> , <i>Greenville, SC</i> ★	Computer Science
<b>Daniel David Bennett</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Computer Science
<b>Mason Alan Bohms</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i>	Computer Science
<b>Zebulun Arnwine</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★	General Studies
<b>Levi D. Burdette</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Taylor E. Dupler</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Markus Dylan McGinnis</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Haylee Elizabeth Norman</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Alayna C. Sneed</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i> ★	General Studies
<b>Jada Rachelle Tims</b> , <i>Jackson, TN</i>	General Studies

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

<b>Acacia D. Evans</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Art-Drawing and Painting
<b>Hope Elisabeth Rathe</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★★	Biology-Health Professions

<b>Christopher Lee Baker</b> , <i>Centralia, MO</i>	Christian Studies
<b>Gage D. Rustin</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Religion
<b>Raylee C. Berry</b> , <i>Duff, TN</i> ★	Communication Studies
<b>Kaitlin Denton</b> , <i>Robbinsville, NC</i> ★	Communication Studies
<b>Justin Skylar Kirby</b> , <i>Jacksboro, TN</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Lee Rose Koza</b> , <i>Marietta, GA</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Kaitlin Alanna Schubert</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Elementary Education-K5 Licensure
<b>Olivia Grace Shelton</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Elementary Education-K5 Licensure
<b>Kate Martinez Santiago</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Elementary Education-Non Licensure
<b>Ashley Martinez Santiago</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★	Elementary Education-Non Licensure
<b>Rhyan Cassaday Baker</b> , <i>Sanford, FL</i> ★★	Liberal Studies
<b>Rebecca Louise Hatchell</b> , <i>New Jersey, NJ</i> ★	History
<b>Alexandria Lynn Lewis</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i> ★	History
<b>Trent J. Lovelace</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★	Political Science
<b>Abigail M. Arnold</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i> ★★	Linguistics and Spanish Corollary
<b>Brionna M. Brown</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Stanley Luttrell III</b> , <i>Flowery Branch, GA</i>	Psychology
<b>Samuel Grey McGinley</b> , <i>Georgetown, SC</i>	Psychology
<b>Kristin Tara Mutterspaugh</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i> ★★	Psychology
<b>Lauren S. Tabor</b> , <i>Crossville, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Reilly R. Vaughn</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Angie Dela Cruz</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★★★	Human Services
<b>Taylor Kaitlynn Warner</b> , <i>Grand Rapids, MI</i>	Human Services
<b>Tyler Michael D'Amico</b> , <i>Waxhaw, NC</i>	Sociology
<b>Ren D. Dyer</b> , <i>Weaverville, NC</i>	Sociology
<b>Michael C. Ross</b> , <i>Kansas City, KS</i>	Sociology
<b>Emma JoAnne Blanken</b> , <i>Russellville, TN</i>	Music

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

**Tyler James Roberts**, *Bonney Lake, WA*

Music Performance-Instrumental

**Jackson Stuart Snell**, *Oak Ridge, TN* ★

Music Education-Instrumental, K-12 Licensure

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Catherine Ann Shilling**, *Maiden, NC*

Business Administration

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Nathan Thomas Harrison**, *Mosheim, TN*

Professional Studies

**Diana Louise Herndon**, *New Market, TN*

Professional Studies

**Joshua Eric Hodge**, *Knoxville, TN*

Professional Studies

**Stephen Drake Marcus**, *Knoxville, TN*

Professional Studies

**Mason Joseph Brang**, *Knoxville, TN* ★

Accounting

**Joseph Anthony Dietz**, *Farragut, TN*

Accounting

**Ricardo Trejo**, *Valdosta, GA*

Accounting

**Cazwell B. Anderson**, *Hayesville, NC*

Business Administration

**Tanner W. Atkins**, *White Pine, TN* ★

Business Administration

**Ashton Cooper Bayse**, *Rutledge, TN* ★★ ★

Business Administration

**Grant Elijah Bend**, *Bessemer, AL*

Business Administration - Management

**Skylar Rhea Boshears**, *Campbell County, TN*

Business Administration - Sport Management

**Jackson Myers Bostick**, *Lenoir City, TN* ★

Business Administration

**Nick K. Brenegan**, *Greenville, SC* ★★

Business Administration - Sport Management

**Joshuwa E. Butts**, *Fairburn, GA*

Business Administration - Sport Management

**Jordan Isaiah Caldwell**, *Anniston, AL*

Business Administration - Sport Management

**Ethan T. Haag**, *Jefferson City, TN*

Business Administration - Management

<b>Steven Michael Haremski</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Connor Andrew Hyatt</b> , <i>Bryson City, NC</i>	Business Administration
<b>Caleb Jasiah Keeter</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration - Sport Management
<b>Jacob Andrew Morrison</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Joshua Brian Ott</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration - Marketing
<b>Zachary P. Shaffer</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Justin Mahari Triplet</b> , <i>Lilburn, GA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Benjamin Callis Willcoxon</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Finance/Economics
<b>Jordan L. Reilly</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Management
<b>Daylin Jayvon Hawk</b> , <i>Newport, TN</i>	Marketing
<b>Gary Joel Brackins</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i>	Computer Science-Applied/Management
<b>Emma G. Cobb</b> , <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	Exercise Science
<b>Morgan Joy Stanton</b> , <i>Coral Springs, FL</i> ★★ ★	Exercise Science
<b>John Scott Newman</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Exercise Science With Coaching and Fitness
<b>Brandy Susan Lawson</b> , <i>Rogersville, TN</i> ★★	Integrated Early Childhood Education
<b>Hannah Marie Ogstad</b> , <i>Cullman, AL</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Jonathan Alan Rathman</b> , <i>Soddy Daisy, TN</i>	Physical Education - Non Licensure
<b>Jesse Nelson Chance</b> , <i>Acworth, GA</i>	Youth Athletics and Recreation Management
<b>Nathaniel Wallace Hall</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i> ★★	Physics with Pre-engineering
<b>Aaliyah Jade Mattison</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Special Education 6-12 Licensure
<b>Kelsie RuthAnn Collins</b> , <i>Russellville, TN</i> ★	Special Education K-12 Licensure
<b>Sarah LaShea Rhodes</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i> ★★	Special Education K-12 Licensure
<b>Morgan Grace Webb</b> , <i>White Pine, TN</i> ★★	Special Education K-12 Licensure

## UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION HONORS

Distinctions for excellence in undergraduate university work are awarded at graduation to students who have compiled the following grade averages:

★— Cum Laude	3.50 – 3.74 GPA
★★— Magna Cum Laude	3.75 – 3.94 GPA
★★★— Summa Cum Laude	3.95 – 4.00 GPA

In recognition of superior undergraduate academic performance by a senior, each department designates one major annually as its Outstanding Graduate. The student receives a medallion commemorating the award during the degree presentation.

In another recognition of superior undergraduate academic performance, graduates with a 4.0 grade point average are awarded the President's Academic Achievement Award during the commencement ceremony.

Appearance of the name listed in program does not assure graduation.  
Certification of graduation must come from the University Registrar.



*"Soaring On An Unseen Wind"*  
Bald Eagle

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# GRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<b>Brooklyn Rylee Allison</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Emma Joy Andrews</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Harry Stephen Baggaley</b> , <i>Stoke-On-Trent, England</i>	Business Administration
<b>Christian Javon Bass</b> , <i>Rex, GA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Grayson L. Boyer</b> , <i>Gray, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Treyvon William Anthony Brack</b> , <i>Beckley, WV</i>	Business Administration
<b>Luke Thomas Brenegan</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Addison L. Byrd</b> , <i>Liberty, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Nicholas Daniel Carsh</b> , <i>Newberg, OR</i>	Business Administration
<b>Felipe Alexander Charry Cogollo</b> , <i>Bogota, Colombia</i>	Business Administration
<b>Bryan Christopher</b> , <i>St. Catharines, ON</i>	Business Administration
<b>Javier Crespo Sanchez</b> , <i>Valencia, Spain</i>	Business Administration
<b>Brian Quang Do</b> , <i>Houston, TX</i>	Business Administration
<b>Juan Pablo Miranda Enriquez</b> , <i>Cleveland, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Jacob R. Frazier</b> , <i>Cornettsville, KY</i>	Business Administration
<b>Alex Thomas Green</b> , <i>Columbia, MO</i>	Business Administration
<b>Christian T. Halburnt</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Alexander S. Hodge</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Brooke Swaggerty Huskey</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Joshua L. Jenkins</b> , <i>White Pine, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Mantejvir S. Johal</b> , <i>Springfield, MO</i>	Business Administration

<b>Yi Jong</b> , <i>Taiwan</i>	Business Administration
<b>Katlyn Jean Jordan</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Caylin Breanne Lawrence</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Alexis Lehman</b> , <i>Miami, FL</i>	Business Administration
<b>Ewan Jack Lynch</b> , <i>Bracknell, Berkshire England</i>	Business Administration
<b>Sanne Martinsen</b> , <i>Moelv, Hedmark Norway</i>	Business Administration
<b>Christopher M. Miller</b> , <i>West Columbia, SC</i>	Business Administration
<b>David M. Milton</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Mason Mooney</b> , <i>San Jose, CA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Rintaro Oka</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Shaylie Renee Rutherford</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Eimy J. Quiroz</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Angela Frye Shaffer</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Clayton John Simpson</b> , <i>Erwin, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Morgan Leigh Siwiec</b> , <i>Toms River, NJ</i>	Business Administration
<b>Chase M. Smidt</b> , <i>Columbus, GA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Joshua L. Stansberry</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Matthew Stephan</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Emma Washam</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration

## MASTER OF ARTS

**Merci Elise Rowlett**, *Baxter, TN*

Applied Theology

# MASTER OF EDUCATION

<b>Brooklyn Shelby Baker</b> , <i>Loudon, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Tasha Nenoal Louise Barnett</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jessica Noel Brown</b> , <i>Summertown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Shilante N. Carter</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Sarmanta Mirinda Chase</b> , <i>Oak Grove, KY</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Marcia R. Dalton</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kevin Day</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Joshua Cody Dorwin</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Brittney M. Drinnon</b> , <i>Mooreburg, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Maria D. Ferrell</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Makayla J. Freeman</b> , <i>Blaine, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kathryn Louise Gadd</b> , <i>Whitwell, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Allison L. Gallagher</b> , <i>Friendsville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Nathaniel Lincoln Greer</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Chad Ryan Grubb</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Hunter Chollman Grubb</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Alessia Gupton</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kelly Ann Hill</b> , <i>Farragut, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Chloe Anlyn Hodge</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Anthony Alonzo Hunter Jr.</b> , <i>Duncan, SC</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Adam Hurd</b> , <i>Mascot, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Autumn Hope Jackson</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Rachel Elizabeth Jones</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Suzanne Alexis Judd</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Crystal Lynne King</b> , <i>Kingsport, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction

<b>Mackenzie Anne Kinney</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Joseph Lee</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Amy Joyce Lewis</b> , <i>Soddy Daisy, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Christina Ashley Long</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Dellanira Martinez</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Natalie Rebekah Martinez</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jacob Nicholas McBrayer</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Logan Bryce McCarter</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kristyne Elizabeth Meyers</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kathy Ann Michalec</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Ashley Faith Morrison</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Whitney Elizabeth Nickles</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Sabrina D. Pelfrey</b> , <i>Harriman, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Andrea Denise Powell</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Stefanie Puczek</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jessica Lynn Quaife</b> , <i>Fayetteville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jennifer Burns Quarles</b> , <i>Jasper, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Keeley Paige Quillen</b> , <i>Gate City, VA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Brandon Arthur Roberts</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>DeeDee Robinson</b> , <i>West Memphis, AR</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Josefa Silva Silva</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Ryan Renee Smith</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Genelle Kelley Stone</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kaitlyn Michelle Strange</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>John Henry Thomas</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Brandon Matthew Tuggle</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Lauren McKenzie Tuggle</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction

<b>Brittany Nichole Turner</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Liliya Viktorenko</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Hannah R. Welshan</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Rylie Alexis Werner</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Harry Jack Whitehead</b> , <i>Oxford, England</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Joshua Coy Winn</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kaitlyn Zander</b> , <i>Oak Ridge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Ashlyn Brooke Adams</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Jessica Rose Chamblin</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Ashley Michelle Eden</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>David C. Johnson</b> , <i>Rogersville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Hayley Dawson Lawrence</b> , <i>McMinnville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Maranda Elizabeth Olive</b> , <i>Tullahoma, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Mari-Moriah Javara Pringle</b> , <i>Clarksville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Emma Caroline Wilson</b> , <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Educational Leadership

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

<b>Kristina Porte Aggabao</b> , <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Tanya Marie Archer</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Olivia Caroline Art</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Angela Dawn Ashley</b> , <i>Shelby, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Katherine Carringer Baker</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Brandy ReShea Ball</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Cheryl Ann Bennett</b> , <i>Traverse City, MI</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Ashton Nicole Bierbrauer</b> , <i>Navarre, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Cassie ShyAnne Blackwell</b> , <i>Bristol, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner

<b>Jessica Jean Bonnelly</b> , <i>Holly Springs, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Megan Genevea Bradley</b> , <i>Colfax, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Chelsea Lorinn Bundren</b> , <i>Rogersville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Pauline H. Bushman</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Kateland May Camp</b> , <i>Mt. Pleasant, SC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
<b>Kathryn Leigh Campbell</b> , <i>Beaufort, SC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
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# *Academic Regalia*

## *Cap and Gown*

Faculty and students at commencement participate in a long-standing tradition of wearing academic regalia at graduation. Dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries, the clothing of the scholar was the dress of the cleric. Universities today are generally regarded as formal institutions of learning that have their origins in Medieval Christian tradition. Today, these garments reflect the educational achievement of the wearer as well as the colors of their discipline and school of study.

Observers will note the differences in sleeves and embellishment of the gowns. The baccalaureate gown itself worn by graduating seniors tends to be simple in design. Atop the square mortar board, the undergraduates wear a tassel to their right which is moved upon the completion of the ceremony. Though the gown and cap are modest, baccalaureate candidates may also wear honor cords, stoles, and medals representative of academic or other significant achievement during their undergraduate career.

Gowns for students graduating with master's and doctoral degrees tend to have more ornate construction. Instead of a square mortar board, graduate tams (caps) can be a variety of designs made of the same material as the gown or velvet. The accompanying tassel is worn to the left (the wearer already possessing a bachelor's degree) and in some cases stationary. Additionally, the master's and doctoral gowns differ from the baccalaureate gown with the inclusion of a hood. However, the doctoral hood differs from the master's hood in size being the larger of the two. The doctoral gowns have cuffed sleeves adorned with three velvet chevrons and additional velvet trim down either side the gown's opening. The color of the chevrons and trim reflect the discipline color (see chart below), and the inside of the hood contains the colors of the degree-granting institution. As recipients of the highest honors, doctoral faculty members refrain from wearing additional cords or medals (except the Presidential Medal or the Distinguished Faculty Award medal.)

## *Colors*

Traditionally, the color for all gowns is black. However, degree-granting institutions may select unique colors for the gown and trim.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business and Accountancy	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

## *Ceremonial Banners and Mace*

### *Ceremonial Mace*

Leading the procession of faculty and students, the recipient of Carson-Newman University's Distinguished Faculty Award carries the ceremonial mace. Historically, the mace was a blunt weapon of war made of wood or metal. The ceremonial mace is a symbol of authority and independence of the institution to convene as in a convocation or commencement ceremony. Additionally, it signifies the authority the institution bears to bestow upon the candidates for graduation the various degrees awarded.

### *Gonfalons*

The banners carried and stationed on the stage bear witness to our unique mission as an institution of Christian higher education and represent the division among our various disciplines. School deans carry the school banners that represent the associated schools that govern the various degree programs leading to associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

Atop the three larger gonfalons sits a brass cross. The cross symbolizes the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who ushered in His kingdom through His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection. In Christ we find perfect expression and fulfillment of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness which is our school motto. In the background of each banner, you see the rolling mountains of Appalachia, our region in which we serve, and the year of our beginning, 1851.

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