



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

WELCOMECharles 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

♦ INVOCATIONJennifer 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 MATERattr. 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

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

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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

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

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

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

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

MASTER OF ARTS

Merci Elise Rowlett , <i>Baxter, TN</i>	Applied Theology
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

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

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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

Jessica Jean Bonnelly , <i>Holly Springs, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Megan Genevea Bradley , <i>Colfax, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Chelsea Lorinn Bundren , <i>Rogersville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Pauline H. Bushman , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kateland May Camp , <i>Mt. Pleasant, SC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kathryn Leigh Campbell , <i>Beaufort, SC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Brett Allen Carter , <i>Damascus, VA</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Dena Stansberry Charles , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Martha Diane Chu , <i>Columbia, SC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Lauren Elizabeth Condon , <i>Jacksonville, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Paige Elizabeth Cooper , <i>Fort Belvoir, VA</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Meghan Prevette Crater , <i>Pineville, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Heidi Nicole Critchfield , <i>Unionville, VA</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Trudy Ella Crowe , <i>Charlotte, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kerri Lynn Czaja , <i>Charlotte, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Melissa Ann Decker , <i>Alger, OH</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Erin Marie Dunagan , <i>Louisville, KY</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Robert Eugene Dykes , <i>Jacksonville, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Matthew Ebbighausen , <i>Waterbury Center, VT</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Judilynn Ferlow , <i>New Milford, CT</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Taylor Alis Fromholz , <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Jessica L. Gates , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kayla Brooke Geisler , <i>Piney Flats, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Ryan J. Harper-Gampp , <i>Raleigh, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Brigitte MaCayla Height , <i>Jacksonville, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Amber Sara Hopkins , <i>Wasilla, AK</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Amy M. Hotchkiss , <i>Lenoir City, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner

Lindsey Shea Jenkins , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Sarah Christine Kinsley , <i>Bent Mountain, VA</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Lindsay Walker Knox , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Janet Mary Mathews , <i>Fairview, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Mark Daniel McAfee , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Thomas Chad McDannel , <i>Seminole, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Tori Renee Newman , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
April Dawn Osborne , <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelli K. Overturf , <i>St. Augustine, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kimberly Ann Owens , <i>Elizabethton, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Jaycie Williams Pate , <i>Mocksville, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Radha Piyush Patel , <i>Cary, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Maricela Regina Pattain , <i>Sanford, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Joyce Ruth Ramirez , <i>Belen, NM</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Alison Kinslow Ray , <i>Gulf Breeze, FL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Ann Ritchie , <i>Pontotoc, MS</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Tara Marie Roberts , <i>McMinnville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Arian Minton Robinson , <i>Lexington, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Hillary Rae Robinson , <i>Salisbury, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Sherry Lynn Rogers , <i>Marion, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Manuel Alberto Rojas , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Randa Khalid Salem , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Veronica Lynn Sanderson , <i>Beloit, WI</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Sara Beth Seider , <i>Glen Carbon, IL</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Jeanette Moss Slater , <i>Ammon, ID</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner
Emily Brooke Tipton , <i>Burnsville, NC</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Katelyn Brooke Rippy, *Concord, NC*
Nancy Suzanne Walker, *Roswell, NM*
Jenny Mooring Wiggins, *Pikeville, NC*
Kelly Mileham Wiggins, *Jackson, TN*

Family Nurse Practitioner
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MASTER OF SCIENCE COUNSELING

Sydney Alexandra Basler, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Keleigh Engle, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Riya Jain, *Mumbai, Maharashtra India*

Clinical Mental Health

Lauren A. James, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Ben King, *Jefferson City, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Alycia Marjorie Lollar, *Greeneville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Hannah Noel Price, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Haley Brooke Raper, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Abigail Maxine Thompson, *Knoxville, TN*

Clinical Mental Health

Rebecca Rose Gomez, *Knoxville, TN*

Professional School Counseling

Marissa Grace Holland, *Morristown, TN*

Professional School Counseling

Erika Alejandra Jerezano, *White Pine, TN*

Professional School Counseling

Lucy A. Lakins, *Morristown, TN*

Professional School Counseling

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Kristen Nicole Behof, *Hendersonville, TN*

Educational Leadership

Kateria R. Bogans, *Hoschton, GA*

Educational Leadership

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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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