



# *Spring Commencement*

— CELEBRATING 173 YEARS —  
OF CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION

MAY 3, 2024  
BURKE-TARR STADIUM | JEFFERSON CITY, 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!

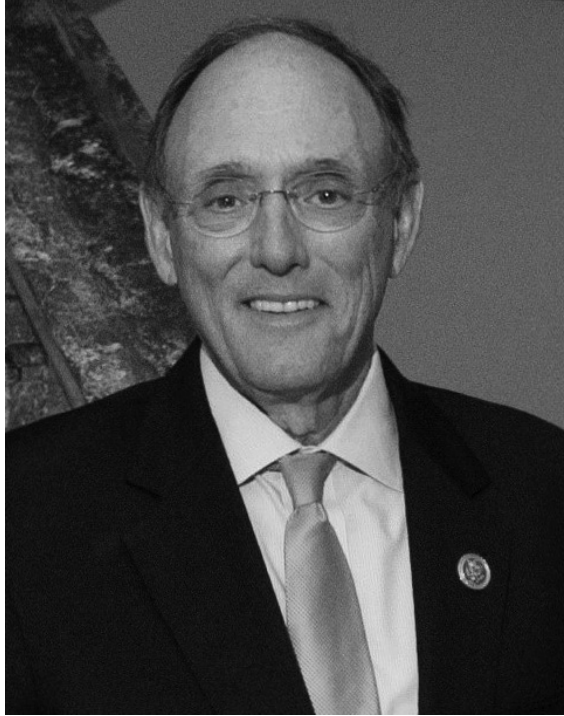
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*Alma Mater*

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.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**The Honorable D. Phil Roe, MD**

*Former United States Representative, Tennessee First District*

A Clarksville native, The Honorable Phil Roe is a graduate of Austin Peay University and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine with a specialty in OBGYN. Following military service, he practiced medicine for 31 years and taught at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. He served as Johnson City mayor and was representative of the First Congressional District in the U.S. Congress. While in Congress, he served on the Veteran Affairs Committee and chaired the Committee in the 115th Congress.

# UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 3, 2024 | 9 a.m.

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

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

## ◆ PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*.....Edward Elgar/arr. Jack Gale  
Carson-Newman University Brass Quintet  
*Trumpet:* R. Jeremiah Brooks & Sarah J. Barber  
*Horn:* John S. Sofield, *Trombone:* J.R. Noah Hubbard  
*Tuba:* Dalton J. Kretschmar  
Conducted by Ashby R. Goldstein, *Assistant Professor of Music*

WELCOME .....Charles A. Fowler

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

## ◆ OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:7-9 (NLT)..... Gloria J. Walker  
*Class of 2016*  
*Vice President for Student Services*

## ◆ NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT)..... Marcus D. Stinnett  
*Class of 1996*  
*Father of David M. Stinnett*  
*Dealer Principal / Owner, Stinnett Chevrolet Buick*  
*and Stinnett Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram*  
*Member, Board of Trustees*

♦ INVOCATION .....F. Clark Denton  
Class of 1992  
Father of Olivia S. Denton  
Financial Services Executive, Denton Financial Group  
Member, Board of Regents  
Former member, Board of Trustees

ROBERT REEDY BRYAN SOCIETY..... Charles A. Fowler  
Jeremy J. Buckner  
Provost

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Daryl L. Brady  
Father of Anna Katherine Brady  
Executive Director, HC\*EXCELL

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... The Honorable D. Phil Roe, MD

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

Second Lieutenant Gabriel Mathis, *Chemical Corps*  
Second Lieutenant Sammi Simpson, *Military Intelligence*  
Second Lieutenant Zachary Sexton, *Military Intelligence*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS .....Jeremy J. Buckner  
*President's Academic Award*  
*W.D. Hudgins Leadership Award*

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

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

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... Charles A. Fowler  
Lieutenant Colonel Frances R. Young  
Academic Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Coordinators

Jessica W. Swiney  
University Registrar

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

CONGRATULATIONS FROM

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..... Robert H. Gay II

*Class of 1972*

*Grandfather of Ella C. Gay*

*Member and former Chair, Board of Trustees*

♦ ALMA MATER ..... attr. John L. Campbell

Led by Mark E. Hussung

♦ BENEDICTION ..... Jennifer W. Hall

*Class of 1992*

*Mother-in-law of Anna Wood Hall*

*Professor of English*

♦ RECESSIONAL

*The Rejoicing from the Royal Fireworks*..... G.F. Handel, arr. Chuck Seipp

*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music* ..... G.F. Handel, arr. Jack Gale

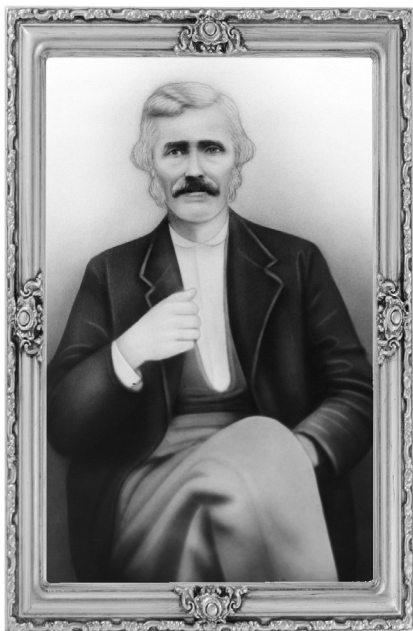
Carson-Newman University Brass Quintet

- ♦ 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 on the field with graduates for pictures and congratulations. Family members are welcome to meet with their loved ones.

## THE ROBERT REEDY BRYAN SOCIETY AWARD



Established in 2022, the R.R. Bryan Society honors retired faculty, staff and others whose dedicated, selfless service to Carson-Newman University is exceptional, inspirational and meritorious.

Named for Robert Reedy Bryan, who in 1849 joined four other men under an oak tree to discuss the need for a Baptist college in East Tennessee. Their collective vision forever etched them into Carson-Newman lore as “The Oak Tree Five.” Bryan served as primary professor of what began as Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary at one point teaching the entire curriculum. He also served as the second and sixth president, filling the role after the sudden death of one leader and again after the devastation of the Civil War.

It is with great pleasure the University welcomes this class of inductees into the R.R. Bryan Society, each exemplifying the same love, devotion, dedication and service to Carson-Newman as President Bryan.

## ROBERT REEDY BRYAN FELLOWS

2022

VICKIE B. BUTLER

MARK A. HEINRICH

MARY PHIPPS

FRANK H. PINKERTON

JOE BILL SLOAN

2023

T. MAXFIELD BAHNER

JAMES L. BAUMGARDNER

T. EDWARD CARTER

GLADYS S. CLAY

D. ANN JONES

**JEANETTE D. BLAZIER**



Jeanette Blazier is a natural leader and has been ever since she was a biology student at Carson-Newman. The '57 alumna from Hamblen County now resides in Kingsport, where she served as mayor for several years. Her love for Carson-Newman is evident in the many ways she has willingly served when her alma mater turned to her for leadership. From president of C-N's Alumni Association to chair of the University's Board of Trustees, Jeanette has always been willing to accept roles that allow her to be a bridge between a need and a solution. Her work on the Board of Trustees spans several decades. Over the years, the University proved to be the beneficiary of her steadfast leadership, wisdom and passion for the school and its mission.

**REBECCA J. BOATRIGHT**



Becky Boatright's love for Carson-Newman and its community was witnessed in her many years of service to the institution – 36 years to be exact. What began with accepting a job in the University's mailroom, turned into elevated roles critical to the daily operation of the school. From the mailroom, she was asked to serve in accounts payable. Her dedication and attention to detail was evident – and noticed. She was then asked to oversee payroll – a position that led to hundreds of employees relying on her to get paid. Her desire to serve wherever she was needed also led to her becoming C-N's Human Resources coordinator. The common thread throughout her service was a love for people and her devotion to help them regardless of her role.



### **JAMES A. COPPOCK**



Forty years in the classroom is to be commended. But so is humility. Jim Coppock's recognition as a fellow in the Robert Reedy Bryan Society comes with the longtime business professor pointing out that many others could have been named before him. The 1960 alum's tenure at Carson-Newman came with serving two stints at his alma mater. After serving from 1961 to 1964, he left to join IBM. After gaining valuable insight into the world of business and computers, he left Big Blue to return to Mossy Creek, where he stayed until his retirement in 2006. His strategic management class became legendary, and his keen insight was tapped by the University on several occasions including when he was asked to serve on C-N's strategic planning committee.

### **CAREY R. HERRING**



When he was making plans as an incoming Carson-Newman freshman, there is no way Carey Herring could have imagined where his journey would lead. The son of a reporter, studying for a career in journalism made sense. But as often occurs for college students – plans change. His change in direction would eventually benefit hundreds of students and the University. His decision to pursue a degree in mathematics led the '65 alumnus to a brief period in the defense industry before being enticed to return to Carson-Newman to teach in the Math Department. Agreeing to teach for one year, his tenure grew to 44 years of instruction. His C-N career was highlighted with opportunities to serve in a variety of capacities to which he accepted each graciously.

# 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>Britney Alayna Clark</b> , <i>Tazwell, TN</i>	Liberal Arts
<b>Meredith Grace Irick</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Liberal Arts
<b>Noah James Kelley</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Liberal Arts
<b>Serah Kirk</b> , <i>Andersonville, TN</i> ★	Liberal Arts
<b>Jasmine E. Lindsey</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i> ★★★	Liberal Arts
<b>Tegun Spoon</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i> ★★★	Liberal Arts
<b>Ansley Brooke Wyatt</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Liberal Arts

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

<b>Angela R. Wilson</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i> ★	Photography
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## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

<b>Brandon Michael Bennett</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Adisynne Grace Bible</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Holly Anne Butler</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Alayna Grace Corbitt</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Emalee K. Jones</b> , <i>Sneedville, TN</i> ★★★	General Studies
<b>Lillie Kate Jones</b> , <i>Midway, TN</i> ★★	General Studies

<b>Makayla Ann Lyman</b> , <i>Detroit, MI</i>	General Studies
<b>Madison R. Mace</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★	General Studies
<b>Alena Marie Martin</b> , <i>Tullahoma, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Kelsi G. McBee</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	General Studies
<b>Matilyn G. Moorman</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★	General Studies
<b>Layla Ann Marie Pippin</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★	General Studies
<b>Neva Anne Poling</b> , <i>Talbot, TN</i> ★★	General Studies
<b>Caitlin Towanna Quinn</b> , <i>Blaine, TN</i>	General Studies

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

<b>Logan Wyatt Boyd</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i> ★	Art-Graphic Design
<b>MacKenzie Ashley Jordan</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Art-Graphic Design
<b>Shelby Lynn Rednour</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Art-Graphic Design and Drawing/Painting
<b>Halle Lillian Peak</b> , <i>Spring Hill, TN</i> ★★★	Photography and Art
<b>Alexis Kelly Ray</b> , <i>Woodruff, SC</i> ★★	Photography
<b>Ana Gabrielle Wise</b> , <i>Russellville, TN</i>	Photography
<b>Crystal Alvarez Gonzalez</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	Biology
<b>Braxton Jay Chaney</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★★	Biology-Health Professions
<b>Madison Fayth Hinkle</b> , <i>Midway, TN</i>	Biology
<b>Gabriel A. Mathis</b> , <i>Bean Station, TN</i>	Biology-Health Professions
<b>Markus Dylan McGinnis</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Biology-Health Professions
<b>Kennady Alexis Warder</b> , <i>Harrodsburg, KY</i> ★	Biology-Health Professions
<b>Sawyer R. White</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★	Biology-Health Professions
<b>Macy Nichole Goods</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Chemistry
<b>Daniel Franklin Kass</b> , <i>Oak Ridge, TN</i>	Chemistry
<b>Jacob Newton Easterday</b> , <i>Oak Ridge, TN</i>	Biblical Studies

<b>Noah Grant Henleys</b> , <i>Cowan, TN</i>	Christian Studies-Ministry Studies
<b>William Collin Campbell</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN ★</i>	Religion and Psychology
<b>Jacob Clyde Harrell</b> , <i>Erwin, TN</i>	Religion and Psychology
<b>Anna Wood Hall</b> , <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	Religion-Missions
<b>Taylor R. Miller</b> , <i>Church Hill, TN</i>	Religion-Ministry to Children and Youth
<b>Aiden Brazille Tuberville</b> , <i>Jackson, TN ★★</i>	Religion-Missions
<b>Kyla Blakemore</b> , <i>Durban, South Africa ★★</i>	Communication Studies-Marketing
<b>Erin Alivia Chambers</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Ashley Ruth Holland</b> , <i>Sale Creek, TN ★★</i>	Communication Studies-Non-Profit Leadership
<b>Griffith Shawn Hughes</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN ★★</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Ethan James Lawless</b> , <i>Grimesland, NC</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Ana Paola Herrera Malagón</b> , <i>Mérida, México ★★</i>	Communication Studies-Marketing
<b>Nicholas Fette Noble</b> , <i>Morristown, TN ★★</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Caitlin Anne Ridley</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Kaitlyn Marie Snover</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Aliyah B. Trammell</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN ★★</i>	Communication Studies-Marketing
<b>Jonathan Andrew West</b> , <i>Palmetto, FL ★</i>	Communication Studies
<b>Helen Cara Donahue</b> , <i>Madison, AL ★★</i>	Film and Digital Media
<b>William Alexander Kolb</b> , <i>Louisville, KY</i>	Film and Digital Media
<b>Molly Bukiewicz</b> , <i>Beavercreek, OH ★★★</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>SieAnna A. Cameron</b> , <i>Alcoa, TN ★</i>	Elementary Education Non-Licensure
<b>Noel Amanda Criser</b> , <i>West Yarmouth, MA ★★★</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>Johna L. Douglas</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i>	Elementary Education Non-Licensure
<b>Gage S. Elkins</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>Rebecca Blake Martin</b> , <i>Chilhowie, VA ★★★</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>Rebekah G. Moffett</b> , <i>Greenback, TN ★</i>	Elementary Education Non-Licensure
<b>Halle M. Murrell</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure

<b>Sarah Maegan Pippin</b> , <i>Waxhaw, NC</i>	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>Hannah G. Price</b> , <i>Church Hill, TN</i> ★★	Elementary Education with Licensure
<b>Imke Wilhelmina Maria Van Gog</b> , <i>Nederweert, Netherlands</i>	Elementary Education Non-Licensure
<b>Moriah Elizabeth Huss</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i> ★★	English-Creative Writing
<b>Derrick Alexander Huston</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i> ★	English-Literature
<b>Chloe Rebecca Livesay</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	English-Teacher Licensure
<b>Tessa Elizabeth Antol</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	History
<b>Alexis Nicole Christensen</b> , <i>Ooltewah, TN</i>	History-Teacher Licensure
<b>Allina Freya Ferrell</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i> ★	History
<b>Jacob Ethan Greene</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	History-Teacher Licensure
<b>Steven R. Lawson</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	History
<b>Austin J. Ramey</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	History-Teacher Licensure
<b>Richard Burke Rothgeb</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	History
<b>Ashton Brooke Veals</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★	History
<b>William Hunter Carr</b> , <i>Seymour, TN</i> ★★★	Political Science, Philosophy and Spanish Corollary
<b>Zachary T. Sexton</b> , <i>Huntsville, TN</i> ★★	Political Science
<b>Emmalee Mae Beckner</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i> ★	Human Services and Psychology
<b>Tierney Edaynia Bradley</b> , <i>Cherokee, NC</i> ★	Human Services
<b>Amaya Elizabeth Brewer</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i>	Human Services
<b>Frankie Merly Delgado</b> , <i>Deltona, FL</i> ★	Human Services
<b>Savannah Dawn Hamilton</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Human Services
<b>Macy Lee McCarty</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i> ★★	Human Services
<b>Jasmine Leigh Sartin</b> , <i>McMinnville, TN</i>	Human Services
<b>Taylor Kaitlynn Warner</b> , <i>Grand Rapids, MI</i>	Human Services
<b>Makayla Grace Wilkerson</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Human Services
<b>Micah Worthy</b> , <i>Naples, Italy</i>	Human Services

<b>Tyler Louris Bowens</b> , <i>Greenville, SC</i>	Sociology
<b>Kailey Elizabeth Gieger</b> , <i>Clarksville, TN</i>	Sociology-Criminology
<b>Sammi Nahara Simpson</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★	Sociology-Criminology
<b>Jacob Hunter Skelton</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i>	Sociology-Criminology
<b>Jordan Bond Williams</b> , <i>Jackson, TN</i>	Sociology-Criminology
<b>Caroline Delta Harris</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Mathematics and Christian Studies
<b>Harley Ann Canterbury</b> , <i>McAllen, TX</i> ★★	Psychology
<b>Cailee Elaine Dykes</b> , <i>Newport, TN</i>	Applied Psychology
<b>Lauren Allison Eavenson</b> , <i>Bartlett, TN</i> ★★	Psychology and Spanish
<b>Haley Ann Fyffe</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Kiley G. Gambrel</b> , <i>Middlesboro, KY</i>	Psychology
<b>Cassidy Lynn Giles</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Emily Louise Graham</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i> ★	Psychology
<b>Faith McKayla Hernandez</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Jamie Elaine Hoffner</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Meredith Grace Irick</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Amaya Chantel Jackson</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>William S. Johnson</b> , <i>Jacksonville, FL</i>	Psychology
<b>Justice Ella McLaughlin</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★★	Psychology
<b>Autumn Rebecca Roberts</b> , <i>Jamestown, TN</i> ★	Psychology and Theatre
<b>Viola Anna Sagliano</b> , <i>Mascot, TN</i>	Psychology
<b>Colby E. Thomas</b> , <i>La Follette, TN</i> ★★	Psychology and Sociology
<b>Makayla Renee Young</b> , <i>Lexington, KY</i>	Psychology
<b>Abigail Caitlyn Zunk</b> , <i>Salisbury, NC</i> ★★	Psychology
<b>Olivia Jewell Forrest</b> , <i>Calhoun, GA</i>	Linguistics
<b>Uliset Alexander</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Spanish-Professional Track
<b>Zachary Clayton Jarvis Byrd</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i> ★★	Theatre

<b>Eli C. Hancock</b> , <i>Chilhowie, VA</i> ★	Theatre and History
<b>Sarah Grace Triplett</b> , <i>Bristol, TN</i> ★	Theatre
<b>Zachary Michael O'Connor</b> , <i>Strawberry Plains, TN</i>	Music
<b>Joshua Emmanuel Rose</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Music

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

<b>Geoffrey B. Helveston</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Music Education (Vocal)-Teacher Licensure
<b>Caitlin Anne Hurt</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i> ★	Music Education Instrumental-Teacher Licensure

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<b>Dalton W. Conn</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Jordan B. Howerton</b> , <i>Bean Station, TN</i> ★	Business Administration

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

<b>Caitlynne Ruth Ellen Fox</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Professional Studies
<b>Michael C. Ross Sr.</b> , <i>Miami, FL</i>	Professional Studies
<b>Sarah Danielle Wilson</b> , <i>Pigeon Forge, TN</i>	Professional Studies
<b>Jasmin Mercedes Bearden</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Madeline Grace McNeal</b> , <i>Soddy Daisy, TN</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Preston B. Cotter</b> , <i>Thorn Hill, TN</i>	Accounting
<b>Braylan A. Farrow</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	Accounting
<b>NicKolette H. Ferguson</b> , <i>Erwin, TN</i> ★★★	Accounting
<b>Francisco Javier Juarez Rojas</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i>	Accounting and Business Administration

<b>Mandy Allison Lemka</b> , <i>Bean Station, TN</i>	Accounting
<b>Ayden Joseph Matts</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Accounting
<b>Tyler MacKenzie McCloud</b> , <i>Bristol, VA</i>	Accounting
<b>Joseph Bryson Almany</b> , <i>Bristol, VA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Makayla S. Alvey</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Cazwell B. Anderson</b> , <i>Hayesville, NC</i>	Business Administration
<b>Samuel James Astern</b> , <i>Wellington, FL</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Isdry J. Berrocal</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Anna Katherine Brady</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★	Business Administration
<b>Seth A. Cooper</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Ty M. Davidson</b> , <i>Columbia, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Emily Grace Duck</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★★★	Business Administration
<b>Zeke A. Farrell</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i> ★	Business Administration-Management
<b>Camden L. Fritz</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>William Thomas Gaddis</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>KaLynn Renee Graves</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Madilyn Rae Griffin</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★★★	Business Administration
<b>Lars Jasper Hordijk</b> , <i>Dordrecht, Netherlands</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Blake A. Larson</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i> ★	Business Administration
<b>Erie E'tay Lawrence Jr.</b> , <i>Richmond, VA</i>	Business Administration
<b>Tshenolo Sechaba Lemao</b> , <i>Bloemfontein, South Africa</i>	Business Administration
<b>Camden C. Lovin</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★★	Business Administration
<b>Raymond Joel McDevitt</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Myke'Lah Mariah McMiller</b> , <i>Fort Myers, FL</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Madalyn Adair Mee</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Caden Bryan Meeks</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★	Business Administration-Management
<b>Alanis Mendez</b> , <i>Gurnee, IL</i> ★	Business Administration-Marketing



<b>Tyler H. Michael</b> , <i>Apopka, FL</i> ★★	Business Administration-Sport Management and Finance/Economics
<b>Steven Albert Mills</b> , <i>Dickson, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Clay Andrew Murrell</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Jaxton Benjamin Orr</b> , <i>Fort Wayne, IN</i>	Business Administration-Marketing
<b>Jelan A. Pearson</b> , <i>Ellenwood, GA</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Cole Bradley Rankin</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Business Administration
<b>Summer Idaho Reeves</b> , <i>Maidstone, England</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Julia Speiser</b> , <i>Klagenfurt, Carinthia Austria</i> ★★★	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Luke Edward Stock</b> , <i>London, England</i>	Business Administration
<b>Nyana Jhonae Whitelaw</b> , <i>Brownsville, TN</i>	Business Administration-Marketing
<b>Hunter Christian Williams</b> , <i>Roanoke, VA</i>	Business Administration-Management
<b>Jordun Tru'maine Wilson</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Kailey E. Wilson</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Jaheim Malik Wilson</b> , <i>Mount Vernon, GA</i>	Business Administration-Sport Management
<b>Christian Michael Henry</b> , <i>Talbott, TN</i>	Finance/Economics
<b>Jackson Davis Martin</b> , <i>Ringgold, GA</i>	Finance/Economics
<b>Benaiah David McDowell</b> , <i>Greenville, SC</i> ★★	Finance/Economics
<b>Marinus Willem Johannes Michaël Van Dalen</b> , <i>Gorinchem, South-Holland</i> ★	Finance/Economics
<b>Dalton Baird McLain</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Management
<b>David M. Stinnett</b> , <i>Newport, TN</i>	Management
<b>McKenna Rae Hall</b> , <i>Bristol, WI</i> ★	Marketing
<b>Antonia Sanint Luna</b> , <i>Bogotá D. C., Colombia</i> ★★	Marketing and Management
<b>Shemar Patten</b> , <i>Portmore, Jamaica</i>	Marketing
<b>Chase Matthew-Hess Billings</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Sport Management
<b>Michael J. Davis</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Sport Management and Marketing
<b>Antonio Xavier Farinella</b> , <i>Farragut, TN</i>	Sport Management

<b>Trey James Miller</b> , <i>Rocky Point, NY</i>	Sport Management
<b>Ethan Dale Patch</b> , <i>Whitehall, NY</i>	Sport Management
<b>Aidan Powter</b> , <i>Sydney, New South Wales</i>	Sport Management
<b>Azia Abdullah Al-Ghamdi</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★	Biochemistry
<b>Savannah Marie Fields</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i> ★★	Biochemistry
<b>Ella C. Gay</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Biochemistry
<b>Ethan S. McFarlane</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★★	Biochemistry
<b>Parker Alexander Moore</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Biochemistry
<b>Grace Reichter</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Biochemistry
<b>Jessica M. Burgess</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★★	Chemistry-Professional Track
<b>Brittany Shaye Hartsock</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i> ★★★	Biology
<b>Madeline Raine</b> , <i>Bury, Lancashire United Kingdom</i> ★★	Biology
<b>Chloe Faith Caylor</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Child and Family Studies
<b>Maci E. Lindner</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★	Child and Family Studies
<b>Macey Elizabeth Hughes</b> , <i>Corryton, TN</i> ★	Child and Family Studies-Early Childhood Education
<b>Angel M. Bowers</b> , <i>Madisonville, TN</i> ★	Family and Consumer Sciences
<b>Craten Gail Childress</b> , <i>Cumming, GA</i>	Family and Consumer Sciences
<b>Kassandra L. Adkins</b> , <i>Corryton, TN</i> ★★	Foods, Nutrition, and Dietetics
<b>Faith M. Banner</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Interior Design
<b>Hannah Gail Carr</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i> ★★★	Interior Design
<b>Kylie Grace Cutcher</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Interior Design
<b>Whitley Alexandra Dukart</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Interior Design
<b>Savannah Raye Reedy</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Interior Design
<b>Elizabeth Danielle Sinnock</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Interior Design
<b>Matthew Carter Campbell</b> , <i>Mount Juliet, TN</i> ★	Computer Science-Applied/Management
<b>Christian Michael Erwin</b> , <i>Clover, SC</i> ★	Computer Science-Applied/Management
<b>Sarah R. Hotz</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i> ★★	Computer Science-Applied/Management

**Gillian Kate Line-Luttrell**, *Knoxville, TN* ★

Computer Science-Applied/Management  
and Business Administration

**Amanda B. Chadwell**, *Knoxville, TN* ★

Exercise Science

**Gavin James Clevenger**, *Knoxville, TN*

Exercise Science-Medical Emphasis

**Corey Deangelo Climpson**, *Jonesboro, GA*

Exercise Science

**James Joseph Denten**, *Mount Prospect, IL*

Exercise Science

**Melanie M. Fleischer**, *Maryville, TN*

Exercise Science

**Luke Thomas Goforth**, *Blacksburg, VA*

Exercise Science

**Hunter Alan Harritan**, *Huntersville, NC* ★

Exercise Science

**Abigail K. Jackson**, *Knoxville, TN* ★

Exercise Science

**Carson Yates Jones**, *Southaven, MS*

Exercise Science

**Tristan Jaquann King**, *Knoxville, TN*

Exercise Science

**James Edward Little**, *Anderson, SC* ★★

Exercise Science

**Jacorey Malik Long**, *Atlanta, GA*

Exercise Science

**Lauren Olivia Millsaps**, *Sweetwater, TN* ★★★

Exercise Science

**Graycie Rose Miracle**, *Kodak, TN* ★★★

Exercise Science

**Langdon Ryan Potts**, *Jefferson City, TN*

Exercise Science

**Noah R. Pridmore**, *Ooltewah, TN*

Exercise Science

**Ian Trey Robinson**, *Bean Station, TN* ★★★

Exercise Science

**Nolan H. Rogers**, *Dandridge, TN*

Exercise Science

**Alejandro Santiago**, *Morristown, TN*

Exercise Science

**Colt Michael Sinor**, *Chattanooga, TN* ★

Exercise Science

**Katherine A. Smock**, *Kodak, TN* ★★

Exercise Science

**Sierra D. Still**, *Julian, NC* ★

Exercise Science

**Megan Leigh Summers**, *Oak Ridge, TN* ★

Exercise Science

**Alice Louise Thomas**, *Pontypridd, United Kingdom* ★

Exercise Science

**Anna C. Tudor**, *Murfreesboro, TN* ★★★

Exercise Science

<b>Sarah Elizabeth Wells</b> , <i>Jonesborough, TN</i> ★★	Exercise Science
<b>Bailey Ann Chickering Whitworth</b> , <i>Powder Springs, GA</i>	Exercise Science
<b>Fortune Casinova Woods</b> , <i>Hammond, IN</i>	Exercise Science
<b>Jacob Bryce Wright</b> , <i>Ringgold, GA</i>	Exercise Science
<b>Joy-Elizabeth Kidd</b> , <i>Marietta, GA</i>	Human Exceptionalities
<b>Kennadi Hallie King</b> , <i>Marietta, GA</i> ★	Human Exceptionalities
<b>Sylvia Grace Burroughs</b> , <i>Hendersonville, NC</i> ★	Special Education-Teacher Licensure
<b>Sarah LaShea Rhodes</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i> ★★	Special Education-Teacher Licensure
<b>Major Ty'lin Williams</b> , <i>Fort Myers, FL</i>	Physical Education
<b>Christopher Tanner Woods</b> , <i>Piedmont, TN</i>	Physical Education
<b>Christian J. Jones</b> , <i>Valdosta, GA</i>	Youth Athletics & Recreational Management

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

<b>Carlee H. Allbaugh</b> , <i>Tallahassee, FL</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Nelson Atandi</b> , <i>North Bergen, NJ</i>	Nursing
<b>Emma R. Bailey</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Lexiss Layne Bowen</b> , <i>Dandridge, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Katherine Finley Brown</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Raymond Martinus Jan Brugmans</b> , <i>Rijsoord, Netherlands</i>	Nursing
<b>Rodney Clark Jr.</b> , <i>Jackson, MS</i>	Nursing
<b>Olivia Suzanne Denton</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Madison Paige Dockery</b> , <i>Newport, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Hope Alynn Doyle</b> , <i>Harrison, OH</i>	Nursing
<b>Alexandra Ayala Garcia</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Emma Elizabeth Gurley</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Leah E. Hensley</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Abbey Carsyn Hodge</b> , <i>Blaine, TN</i>	Nursing

<b>Maranda Renee Kirkland</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Keri Anne Kittleson</b> , <i>Granbury, TX</i>	Nursing
<b>German Lemus Guzman</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i> ★★★	Nursing and Spanish
<b>Kenzie B. McGhee</b> , <i>New Market, TN</i> ★★	Nursing
<b>Anslee G. McGlocklin</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i> ★★	Nursing
<b>Camille Rose Memmott</b> , <i>Roseville, CA</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Riley Elizabeth Menees</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Cameron Alexis Mincey</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Abigail Grace Orillion</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★★	Nursing
<b>Dehlia Sharon Pessemier</b> , <i>Sherwood, OR</i>	Nursing
<b>Luis Fernando Ramirez Jorge</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Marlee R. Simmons</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Macie Alese Smith</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Destinee J. Spradlin</b> , <i>Oneida, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Macy Elizabeth Springfield</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Tiffany Jean Taggart</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i> ★	Nursing
<b>Lindsey Brooke Taylor</b> , <i>Maryville, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Skylor Myshell Weaver</b> , <i>Katy, TX</i> ★★	Nursing
<b>Kailey A. White</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Rebekah Elizabeth Williams</b> , <i>Louisville, TN</i>	Nursing
<b>Abbigale Zander</b> , <i>Baneberry, TN</i>	Nursing

## 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.

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

## HONORS CLASS OF 2024, SENIOR THESES

- Emmalee M. Beckner**      Campus Minority Confessions: A Self-Esteem and Experiences Study  
*Advisor: Dr. April K. Dye*
- Angel M. Bowers**      The Inclusive Event Planning Workshop: A Social Innovation Project and Management  
*Advisor: Dr. Amber N. Roth*
- Helen C. Donahue**      Space Pastor  
*Advisor: Dr. Jerod R. Hollyfield*
- Lauren A. Eavenson**      The Moderating Effect of Minority Community Membership on the Relationship between Social Media Use and Mental Health Outcomes  
*Advisor: Dr. Stephanie N. Welsh*
- MacKenzie A. Jordan**      Procreate Animation: A Guide to the Personalization of Procreate  
*Advisor: Professor Julie L. Rabun*
- Abigail G. Orillion**      Caregiver Burden: An Evaluation of Current Support Systems and Information Available to Caretakers of Parents Suffering from Various Forms of Early Onset and Early Stage Dementia  
*Advisor: Dr. Gregory A. Casalenuovo*
- Clara G. Reichter**      Efforts to Identify New Inhibitors of the Antibacterial Target LpxC  
*Advisor: Dr. Richard C. Thompson*



... HE CROWNS YOU  
WITH FAITHFUL LOVE  
AND COMPASSION.  
HE SATISFIES YOU  
WITH GOOD THINGS,  
YOUR YOUTH IS  
RENEWED LIKE  
THE EAGLE.  
- PSALM 103: 4-5

WITH GRATITUDE TO  
THE SPIRIT OF GOD,  
THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO DWELLS IN US.



## GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**David A. Ogle**

*Five Oaks Development | Five Oaks/Ogle, Inc.  
Member, Board of Regents  
Former Chair, Board of Trustees*

A member of Carson-Newman's Board of Regents, Dr. David Ogle is a real estate developer from Gatlinburg, where generations of his family have called home. He is founder of Five Oaks Development Group. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2009 and 2013 to 2019 and as Chair in 2008. He also chaired Carson-Newman's Presidential Search committees that brought 22nd president Dr. J. Randall O'Brien in 2008 and 23rd president Dr. Charles A. Fowler to Mossy Creek in 2019. In 2010, C-N presented him with an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

# GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 3, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

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

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

◆ PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*.....Edward Elgar/arr. Jack Gale  
Carson-Newman University Brass Quintet  
*Trumpet:* R. Jeremiah Brooks & Sarah J. Barber  
*Horn:* John S. Sofield, *Trombone:* J.R. Noah Hubbard  
*Tuba:* Dalton J. Kretschmar  
Conducted by Ashby R. Goldstein, *Assistant Professor of Music*

WELCOME .....Charles A. Fowler

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

◆ OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:7-9 (NLT).....Gloria J. Walker  
*Class of 2016*  
*Vice President for Student Services*

◆ NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT).....Tori H. Knight  
*Associate Provost*

◆ INVOCATION .....Robert L. Key  
*Class of 2012 and 2013*  
*Vice President for Business and Financial Services*

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....David A. Ogle  
*Five Oaks Development | Five Oaks/Ogle, Inc.*  
*Member, Board of Regents*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES..... Jeremy J. Buckner  
*Provost*

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

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

HOODING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS ..... Charles A. Fowler

Jeremy J. Buckner

Jessica W. Swiney  
*University Registrar*

Dissertation Chairs

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

CONGRATULATIONS FROM

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..... Christopher J. Epling  
*Class of 1993*  
*Father of Daniel C. Epling*  
*Dean of College of Professional Studies*

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

◆ BENEDICTION ..... Jonathan D. Akin  
*Vice President for Church Relations & Campus Ministries*

◆ RECESSIONAL

*The Rejoicing from the Royal Fireworks*..... G.F. Handel, arr. Chuck Seipp  
*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music* ..... G.F. Handel, arr. Jack Gale  
Carson-Newman University Brass Quintet

- ◆ Members of the audience are requested to stand as they are able.  
Please remain in place until the Recessional has been completed.

# MASTERS OF ARTS

**Robert William Hodge III**, *Luttrell, TN*

Applied Theology

**Paul L. Sandoval**, *Harriman, TN*

Applied Theology

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Akins Victor Awoye Emmanuel**, *Ondo State, Nigeria*

Business Administration

**Melody R. Basinger**, *Morristown, TN*

Business Administration

**Benjamin Thomas Beeker**, *Hendersonville, NC*

Business Administration

**Troy Jake Bolton**, *Louisville, TN*

Business Administration

**Brent W. Borden**, *Corryton, TN*

Business Administration

**Caleb Anthony Bridgewater**, *Charlotte, NC*

Business Administration

**Johnathon Spencer Bright**, *Iron Station, NC*

Business Administration

**Nastascha Brittz**, *Morristown, TN*

Business Administration

**Caryn E. Burkhart**, *Birmingham, AL*

Business Administration

**Carol Leigh Bush**, *Knoxville, TN*

Business Administration

**Brittney Alexandria Canty**, *Powder Springs, GA*

Business Administration

**Anita Chornei**, *Jefferson City, TN*

Business Administration

**Erin Elise Edwards**, *Midlothian, VA*

Business Administration

**Alyssa Love Estrada**, *Knoxville, TN*

Business Administration

**Emily Louise Feist**, *Chattanooga, TN*

Business Administration

**Taylor Nicole French**, *New Market, TN*

Business Administration

**Matthew Theodore George**, *Rochdale, United Kingdom*

Business Administration

**Truth Sierra Hafey**, *Grand Junction, CO*

Business Administration

**Timothy Haywood**, *Johnson City, TN*

Business Administration

**Rachel Nicole Hickey**, *Jefferson City, TN*

Business Administration

<b>Carmen Elizabeth Holt</b> , <i>Lawrenceburg, KY</i>	Business Administration
<b>Willem Kruijk</b> , <i>Kessel, Limburg Netherlands</i>	Business Administration
<b>Brooke Matyasovsky</b> , <i>Orange, CT</i>	Business Administration
<b>Brandon J. McGill</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Matthew Knight Meschendorf</b> , <i>Powell, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Justin B. Mize</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Chad Norfleet</b> , <i>Lincolnton, NC</i>	Business Administration
<b>Bryan Lamont Payne</b> , <i>Memphis, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Laurelyn Ruth Ponder</b> , <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Chrisman Elizabeth Rand</b> , <i>Charleston, SC</i>	Business Administration
<b>Richelle Ranney</b> , <i>Churubusco, IN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Jarius K. Satterfield</b> , <i>Clarksville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Joe Nelson Smith Jr</b> , <i>Joelton, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Luke J. Smith</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>William Harrison Travis</b> , <i>Soddy Daisy, TN</i>	Business Administration
<b>Braelyn Grace Wykle</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Business Administration

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

<b>Jueun Im</b> , <i>Jeonju, South Korea</i>	English As a Second Language
<b>Yang Wang</b> , <i>Beijing, China</i>	English As a Second Language
<b>Andrew C. Traffanstedt</b> , <i>Homewood, AL</i>	Curriculum and Instruction

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

<b>Amanda Lynne Amos</b> , <i>Athens, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
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<b>Anna Marie Behrends</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Jonathan Gregory Berry</b> , <i>Hixson, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Lindsay Taylor Blanken</b> , <i>Bean Station, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Lauren Olivia Boles</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Morgan Michelle Brady</b> , <i>Big Stone Gap, VA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Connor T. Briscoe</b> , <i>Rutledge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kathleen D. Byrd</b> , <i>Gallatin, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Melissa Renee Campbell</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Madison Quinn Carey</b> , <i>Charlevoix, MI</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Ali Haven Carroll</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Sydney Arlene Chipley</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Melody Joy Cox</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Abby Stooksbury Dalton</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Donte' D'Allen Demonbreum</b> , <i>Springfield, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Jordan Lindsee Dison</b> , <i>Jonesborough, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Karen Marlene Donehew</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Abigail Leigh Douglas</b> , <i>Oak Ridge, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Derek R. Driskill</b> , <i>Newport, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Tyler Aaron Earley</b> , <i>Greeneville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Blakely Jordan Ellenburg</b> , <i>Lafayette, GA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Maysi B. Ellison</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Daniel C. Eppling</b> , <i>Lula, GA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Katlin Nicole Evans</b> , <i>Ringgold, GA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Taylor D. Fagan</b> , <i>Kodak, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>McKennah Moran Francis</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jerra G. Frost</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction

<b>James M. Gaines</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Marcus Giles</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Samantha Elizabeth Goad</b> , <i>Charlotte, NC</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Crystal Lee Hildreth</b> , <i>McDonough, GA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Mark Alan Hogan</b> , <i>Olive Branch, MS</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Hannah L. Holland</b> , <i>Soddy Daisy, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Logan Holler</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Kevin John Ickles</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Zachary Dakota Johns</b> , <i>Bean Station, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Addison Riley Jones</b> , <i>Morristown, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Haley Jordan</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jonathan Luke Justus</b> , <i>Sevierville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Troy James Kalle</b> , <i>Port Orange, FL</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Connie Anne Lambdin</b> , <i>Duff, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Alexis Leanna Lane</b> , <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Alison Paige Lawson</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Christopher Hunter Ledbetter</b> , <i>Shelbyville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
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<b>Shelby Livingston</b> , <i>Lynchburg, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
<b>Kristen Lynn Long</b> , <i>Grottoes, VA</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Carissa Faith Lowe</b> , <i>Oneida, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Iliana Michelle Martinez</b> , <i>Thompsons Station, TN</i>	Educational Leadership
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<b>Andrew Kyle Nester</b> , <i>Jefferson City, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Jasmine Nicole Riggins</b> , <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	Curriculum and Instruction

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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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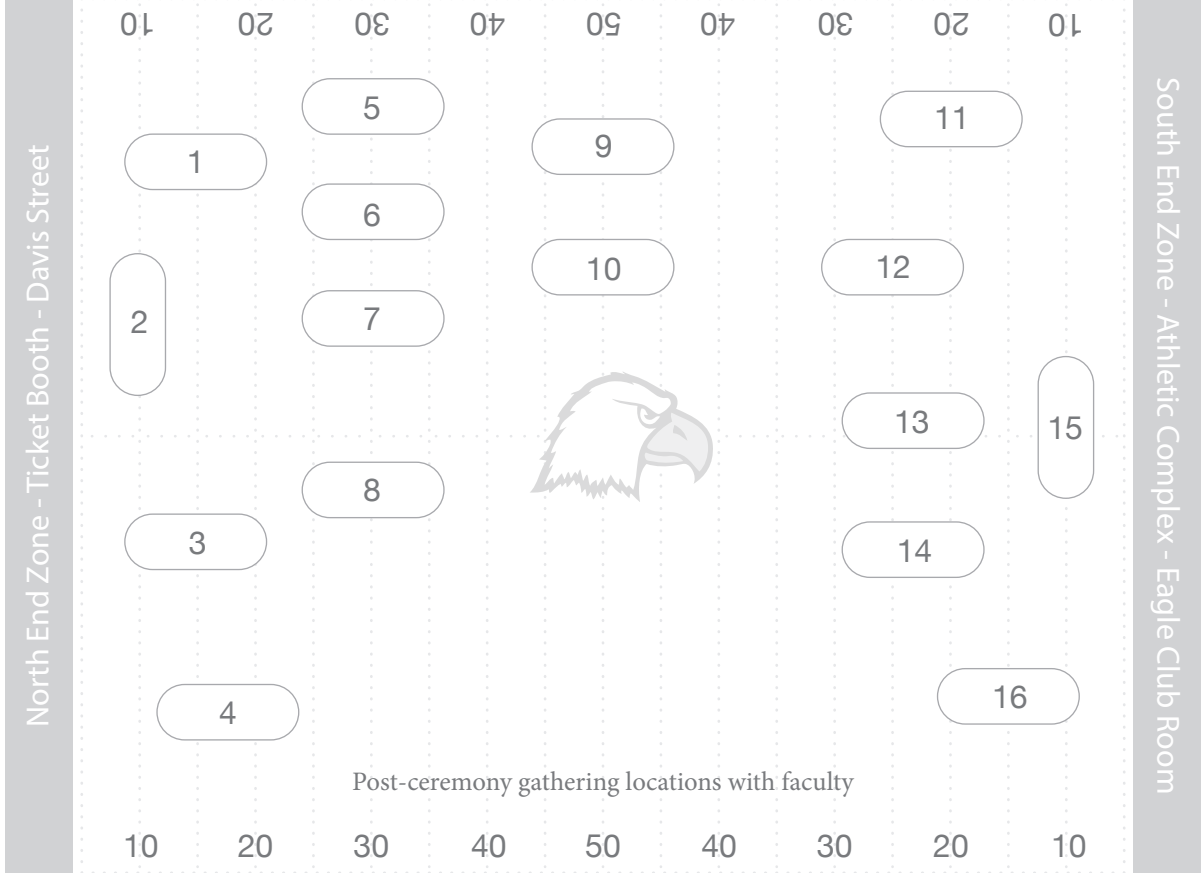
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