

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016
BB&T ARENA



SPRING COMMENCEMENT

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

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FORTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF EXERCISES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS
10:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Michael Baranowski

President, NKU Faculty Senate Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Francis Scott Key

Kelsey Cummings

Sydney Allen

Kyle Heinrich

Justin Glaser

Students in the Department of Music

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Sue Ott Rowlands

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Sue Ott Rowlands

ADDRESS

The Honorable John Gleeson

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Sue Ott Rowlands

Kadori Ngirabakunzi College of Health Professions

INVITATION - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Jessica E. Johnston '99

Vice President, NKU Alumni Board of Directors

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Geoffrey S. Mearns

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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Dean, College of Health Professions

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

Kevin G. Kirby

Dean, College of Informatics

ALMA MATER

Original lyrics and melody Charles Wiley rev. Carolyn Hagner/harm. Kurt Sander

Kelsey Cummings

Sydney Allen

Kyle Heinrich

Justin Glaser

Students in the Department of Music

CLOSING REMARKS

Sue Ott Rowlands

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

UNIVERSITY HONORS

EMERITUS PROFESSORS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Barbara Arrighi, Professor of Sociology

Dr. Kent Curtis, Professor of Organizational Leadership

Ms. Ana England, Professor of Art

Ms. Sandra Forman, Professor of Theatre

Dr. Barbara Klaw, Professor of French

Dr. George Manning, Professor of Psychological Science

Dr. Ray McNeil, Professor of Physics

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Stephen Walker, Professor of Teacher Education

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

Dr. Russell Proctor II, Professor of Communication

CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

Professor Caryl Yzenbaard, Professor of Law

STUDENT SPEAKER



KADORI NGIRABAKUNZI Nursing College of Health Professions

Kadori Ngirabakunzi was born in Madison, Wisconsin. She was born premature, weighing less than three pounds. Due to her small size, she was named Kadori, which means tiny precious one in her father's native language, Kinyarwanda. Kadori moved to Cincinnati at a young age, and obtained her high school diploma from Woodward High School. After high school, Kadori attended the University of Cincinnati where she majored in chemical technology. While at UC, she became a young mother and realized that she needed to place her college

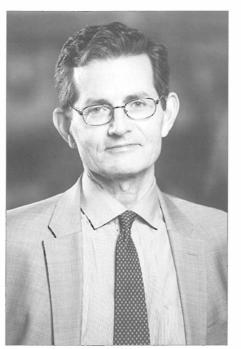
career on hold. Kadori obtained a full-time job as a pharmacy technician to help support her family.

Determined to continue her education and ready for a change, Kadori moved to Lithonia, Georgia, where she attended Clayton State University, majoring in pre-pharmacy. She obtained her Associate of Science degree in Integrative Studies in 2010. That same year, she suffered the loss of her father to pancreatic cancer. Her grandmother also suffered a series of heart attacks and underwent surgery during that same time period. Kadori decided it was important to move back to Cincinnati to be closer to her family. Witnessing the care her loved ones received in the hospital and seeing her sister graduate from nursing school inspired Kadori to pursue her own career in nursing.

In 2013, Kadori was accepted in NKU's nursing program. Despite the many challenges and responsibilities in her life, which included being a single mother of three, no financial assistance, and the need to work a full-time job, she has managed to be successful. Kadori has achieved both Dean's and Scholar list honors while in the nursing program. She was also the recipient of the William K. Schubert Minority Nursing Scholarship from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for 2014-2016 and the Deaconess Association Foundation of Nursing Scholarship in 2015.

During her time at NKU, Kadori has been actively involved in the National Society of Leadership and Success, where she served as the founding president. Additionally she has served in a myriad of roles for the College of Health Professions. These roles include student ambassador for the College of Health Professions (CHP), nurse camp student administrator, and student representative for the 2015 CHP dean search committee. She also served as a transfer student orientation leader for the University. Kadori humbly appreciates all of the opportunities afforded to her while at NKU. Upon graduation, she plans to become a nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center or University Hospital Medical Center. Although Kadori began life as a tiny being, she is determined to leave a big impact in this world with her career and influence in nursing.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



THE HONORABLE JOHN GLEESON

The Honorable John Gleeson was a federal judge for 22 years before joining the firm Debevoise & Plimpton in 2016. His practice focuses on internal investigations, white collar defense, and complex civil litigation.

Prior to joining Debevoise & Plimpton, Judge Gleeson was a United States District Judge in the Eastern District of New York, sitting in Brooklyn. While a judge, Gleeson authored more than 1,500 published opinions including 14 opinions for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, sitting by designation. He also presided over more than 200 civil and criminal jury trials. He was assigned numerous Multidistrict Litigations, including two antitrust class actions against Visa and MasterCard and the Air Cargo antitrust cases. Judge Gleeson served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services for nine years, including three years as Chair. The Committee is responsible for the nearly \$1 billion per year program that provides effective defense counsel to the 80% of federal defendants who cannot afford to retain counsel.

Before his appointment to the bench in 1994, Judge Gleeson was a federal prosecutor in the same courthouse for 10 years. He served as Chief of Appeals, Chief of Special Prosecutions, Chief of Organized Crime, and Chief of the Criminal Division. He personally tried 20 cases to verdict and argued 25 appeals before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Among the numerous high-profile cases he tried, Judge Gleeson was the lead prosecutor in United States v. John Gotti and United States v. Victor Orena. Gotti and Orena were the bosses of the Gambino and Colombo Families of La Cosa Nostra, respectively. Both were convicted of racketeering and murders and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Judge Gleeson received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his service in the Gotti case.

Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, Judge Gleeson was a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore for four years and a law clerk for the Hon. Boyce F. Martin, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Judge Gleeson has also taught law for 27 years. For the past 21 years, he has taught courses in Complex Federal Investigations and Sentencing at New York University School of Law. Prior to that, he taught at Brooklyn Law School and was the John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law. In April 2016, Judge Gleeson received the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law, the highest honor conferred by the University of Virginia.

Judge Gleeson is a member of the American Law Institute, a trustee of the Vera Institute of Justice, a member of the Board of Directors of the NYU Institute of Judicial Administration and a member of the Advisory Board of the Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement at NYU School of Law.

Judge Gleeson's publications include Federal Criminal Practice: A Second Circuit Handbook (15th Edition) (2015); "The Ulysses Cases and What They Say About Lawyers and the Law," James Joyce Quarterly (2015); a chapter titled "Objections" in Winning at Trial: Insights From the Bench and Leading Litigators (2014); "The Sentencing Commission and Prosecutorial Discretion: The Role of Courts in Policing Sentencing Bargains," Hofstra Law Review (2008); "The Road to Booker and Beyond: Constitutional Limits on Sentence Enhancements," Touro Law Review (2006); "Supervising Federal Capital Punishment: Why the Attorney General Should Defer When U.S. Attorneys Recommend Against the Death Penalty," Virginia Law Review (2003); "Supervising Criminal Investigations: The Proper Scope of the Supervisory Power of Federal Judges," Journal of Law and Social Policy (1997); "Sentence Bargaining Under the Guidelines," Federal Sentencing Reporter (1996); and "The Federalization of Organized Crime: The Advantages of Federal Prosecution," Hastings Law Journal (1995).

Judge Gleeson earned his J.D from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1980 and his B.A. from Georgetown University in 1975.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

JAMES AUSTIN BALLARD

Interprofessional Collaboration Among Health Professions Students During the Clinical Years: The Impact of the Hidden Curriculum
James Votruba, Ph.D. and Brandelyn Tosolt, Ph.D.

RONNIE L. GLADDEN

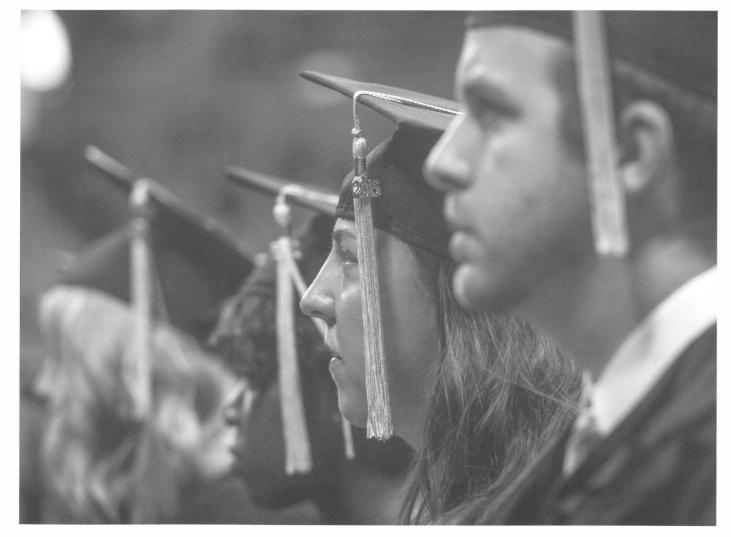
Transgracial Leadership: An Autoethnographic Action Research Study James Koschoreck, Ph.D. and James Allen, Ed.D.

DONNA LYNN SNYDER

Experiences of Families Raising a Child Who is Deafblind and Teacher Response to Those Shared Experiences James Allen, Ed.D. and John Huss, Ed.D.

KIMBERLY ANN VISSE

Closing the Gap: Impact of Instruction on Students Not Ready for Kindergarten John Huss, Ed.D. and James Allen, Ed.D.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Jessica Leann Steinhauer

Kenneth Robert Taylor

Julia Elizabeth Webb

John Justin Ziggas III

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GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Sara Jane Clifford Jeremy Ryan Sharfe Alison Yvonne Trotter Jacqueline Renee Zwick

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Tiffany Marie Bryant Natalie Maria Hoffman Anna C. Muirheid Meagan Deneen Parker Derek Todd Stegner Hayley E. Wright Brandi Paige Yeager

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Alia Suada Abdullah Amineh Belal Abu-Rimileh Rebecca Susan Allen Karrah Nicole Berry Kristie Blanchet Peter Ryan Boudreau Nycole Kapryce Brundidge Karen Ann Carlson Aries Ariante Coleman Barbara Ann Cowan Kamon Ashley Cucchiara Joanna Janell Davis Kiara Chare deWeaver Leann Elizabeth Duty Nathan Carl Elliott Amy Michelle Forsee Emily Fumarola Sujata Ghate Sakina Joanna Grome Jessica Danielle Hickey Taylor Renae Hughes Carly Hamilton lames Robert P. Jaspers Brittney Ashlynn Kane Sophie Rose Kroner Abagaile Jeanne Long Carlos Antonio Lopez De Victoria

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† Rachel Marie Marcum

† Hannah Elyse Martin Megan Nicole McClanahan

† Casev Rose McMillan

ttt Erin Elizabeth McNamara † Carmen Alexandra Meadows

tt Regina Michelle Owens

ttt Annalissa Kay Purdum

† Stephanie Ann Reis

† Skyla Faith Robbins

ttt Adam W. Roland † Tayloir Rose

Susan Sieverman Sandfoss

† Alexandria Nicole Sanislow Kyrsten Larae Saylor Kristen Noelle Smith Shelby Smith Adam Lee Stegemiller

††† Caroline Michelle Storer

ttt Amanda Kay Warren

† Ana Cristina Weickert Meaghan Elizabeth White

tt Molly Elizabeth Williams

†† Emily Michelle Wright

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES SHEP PROGRAM

The Supported Higher Education Project (SHEP) is a federally funded transition program with the goal of providing college access to students of all abilities and creating inclusive campus communities across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The students who graduate from this program earn College of Career Certificates for their meaningful contributions to the campus

Lindsey Nicole Allen Paige Noll

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES STUDENT AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Samantha Reynolds

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

Tyler Scroggins **Emily Westerling**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN P-12 EDUCATION

Courtney Rehkamp

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION Beau Gergel

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kirsten Straley Ellen Reinhart

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Celeste Black

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ATHLETIC TRAINING Melody Stewart

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Kendra Higgins

EXERCISE SCIENCE Brady Holmer

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN SOCIAL WORK Adam Roland

KATIE HENRY LEADERSHIP AWARD Rachel Marcum

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS

University Honors Scholars complete 21 credit hours of interdisciplinary seminars including an independent capstone project under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Brady Holmer Lauren Koop Emma Lawson

CHI SIGMA IOTA

International Honor Society of Professional Counselina Kasie Ashton Amanda Knochelman **Emily Park** Hayley Wright Brandi Paige Yeager

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National Social Work Honor Society Balynnda Barrett Katĺvn Bell

Andrew Boiman Alexandra Colemenn Toni Cooper

Kelley Garvey Jessica Geiman Carlie Groneck Karly Holcombe Nichole Hutchinson Shayna James Jordyn Johnson Rachel Marcum Carmen Meadows Regina Owens Stephanie Reis Skyla Robbins Tayloir Rose Susan Sandfoss Shelby Smith Caroline Storer Amanda Warren Meaghan White

Shelby Davis

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

GREGORY SCOTT BURCHETT

Effect of an Educational Program on Knowledge of Healthcare Providers Toward Members of the LGB Community Denise Robinson, Ph.D.; Derek Penwell, Ph.D.; and Brandelyn Tosolt, Ph.D.

LISA MARIE KNAPP

Perceptions And Factors That Influence Pediatric Nurses To Promote Parent Participation Jayne Lancaster, DNP; Gannon Tagher, Ed.D.; and Susan Allen, Ph.D.

KRISTEN ANN MCCOY

The Effects of Metacognition Principles On Self-Efficacy and Test-Anxiety Jayne Lancaster, DNP; Erin Robinson, Ed.D.; and Connie Rose, DNP

TRISHAL. WENDLING

Transitioning Novice Nurse Practitioners into Practice through a Blended Mentoring Program Karen Mutsch, DNP; Adrianne Lane, Ed.D.; and Anne Longo, Ph.D.

The DNP program builds upon the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (2006). The focus of the DNP program is on evidence-based practice which reflects application of credible research findings, such as these listed above, for nurse administrators, educators, and practitioners.



COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The following degrees will be awarded provided all requirements have been met. Honors symbols legend on page 26.

GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Anne Marie Auberger Kara Palmer Bender Christy Renee Bowling Sarah M. Branam Christina Gamache Brierley Michelle Lee Buckley Alissa Marie Chase Cindy Marie Childress Alison Renea Claunch Andrea L. Cline Shari Lynn Cooper Kelli Amber Curry Susan Dunn-Fangman Marcia Lynn Endres Tiffany Lynn Fielding Rachel Christina Fischer Jeanette M. P. Harris Tracy Michelle Herzog Diane Marie Hoover Ruth Gail Huffman Isabella I. Isbell Amy Marie Klink Sherri Denise Lee Jennifer Lemaster Amanda Nicole Little Melissa Ann Lorenz Katie Marie Marker Amanda Gay Marshall Kate Elizabeth McFarland Carrie Marie Myers Linda Akosua Opokua Kathryn Perkins Jamie Danielle Raglin Amy Rennekamp Alisha Renea Risen Kimberly A. Robards Lauren Michelle Smallwood Elinor L. Smith Megan Ann Smith Brittany Leigh Sorrell Dianna Lynn Vice Patricia Weinstein Katy Marie Wilder Cayse Ann Wright Bethany Diane Yager Houze Sarah Jane Zoz

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- ††† Caitlyn Elizabeth Ellen Buckley Terri A. Conley Kelsey Coots Kourtney Mae Dees
- †† Shelby Rose Firestine Benjamin William Gerrein Sean Gillund
- † Karissa Jo Greenhill Lori E. Hacker
- † Gina Lynn Harris Erica Adele Herald
- †† Kea Elizabeth Hogg Heather Nicole Jenkins Sheena Kambule Elisa Dawn Kinmon Leah Nicole Koo
- †† Kori Marie Krumpelman Seulgi Lee Lauren M. Lesage Connor Lyle Laura Jane McGrath

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- Mackenzie Lynne Schabell

 Htt Melisa Sue Schaffer
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- †† Paul D. Sublett
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- † Tammy Lynn Werner † Kim Ruth Wolfe
- †† Amanda Nicole Woods

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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 † Caitlin Brooke Allen
 Cassandra Brooke Amato
- †† Kyle Bailey Jessica Ann Bowen
- †† Kiley Buring
- ††† Joshua A. Caldwell ††† Lydia Rene Clark
- † Anna Bernice Deborde Daryl Damion Demoss
- † Susan Kay Dodge
- ††† Jessica Leigh Doloresco † Bailey Nicole Dwyer
- Samantha Leigh Farrell
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- † Tyler David Grome Lauren Elizabeth Gross
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- † Kaitlyn Brianna Hooper Kyle Joseph Kathman

- † Lindsay Taylor Liming
- † Melanie Lýnn Lybrook ††† Adrianne Marie Mavs
- ### Adrianne Marie Mays Brielle Kaylee McMullen Alison Rose Miller Shawna Marie Mulligan Kadori Ngirabakunzi Brandi Janea Oliver Dylan Joe Pater Maranda Lakay Phelps
 - † Morgan Lyn Pittman
- † Chelsea Porter
- †† Nathan Reardon Matthew Lucas Reilly
- †† Eleanor Francesca Seta † Caitlin Marie Smith
- † Kassadi J. Snoke
- † Stacy Stamatakos
- ¥†† Lauren Elizabeth Tobler Darron Wayne Turner
- † Kaylyn Anne Von Korff Brittany Nicole Walls Megan Susanne Ward
- †† Alexandra Michelle Wiesner Shelbi Lynn Williamson Cedric Barrett Wright

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENT AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

MSN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD: NURSE PRACTITIONER

Michelle Marowitz

MSN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD: NURSING EDUCATION

Christina Brierley

MSN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD Cindy Childress

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OUTSTANDING DNP STUDENTS

Lisa Knapp Donna Ricketts

RN TO BSN EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Grace A. Angel

RN TO BSN EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Sabrena Bedwell Stefanie Clark Wendy Montanez Ashley Marthaler

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING CARING SPIRIT AWARD

Kadori Ngirabakunzi

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Josh Caldwell

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Susan Kay Dodge
Jessica Leigh Doloresco
Elizabeth E. Foltz
Adrianne Marie Mays
Kadori Ngirabakunzi
Chelsea Porter
Nathan Matthew Reardon
Eleanor Francesca Seta
Kassadi J. Snoke
Lauren Elizabeth Tobler
Alexandra Michelle Wiesner



COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

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GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Andrea Wilcox Brooks Kendra LeeAnn Conley Brian Alexander Embry Arielle Miranda Goldberg Jonathan Allen Lehn Kevin Gregory Ward

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INFORMATICS

Assem A. Alyomny James Frederick Daniels

Julia Ann Kostecka Jonathan Craig Miller LaTosha Lyne Posey Maranda Russell Jennifer Lynn Sorensen

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Massoud Ali Abdalhadi Jeffrey Ross Brown Huyen Le Thanh Do Andrew Patrick Greely

Arnold L. Pennington Leslie Sturgeon

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Kevin Michael Niemiller Sidi Mohamed Sidiva

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS

Heather Nicole Baer Michelle Evelyn Bandaru Rebecca Ann Bessenbach

Ashok Bhatta Marie E. Cunningham Bradley Scott Eilerman Angela Katherine Gerrein Kelly Ann Goldman JoAnn Hoskins Stacey L. Marovich Lauren Marisa Rilev Timothy James Ross, Jr. Joshua Todd Turpin Abednego Nzioka Vundi

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- †† Lilly Kate Cook Kenzie Fulton Criswell Carrie Crotzer
- † Maurene Taylor Daniels Nicole Lynae Ehme Alexandra Eilers
- Miranda Eisenschmidt † Shawn Christopher Faller Andrew Rosquelle Faul Andrew Jacob Fausz John Fitzgibbons Flaherty Emily Clare Parrigan Alexander Robert Joseph Fricke
- † Adam Shane Froehlich Alyssa Noelle Furnier Matthew Donald Gahris
- ††† Nathan Douglas Garbig Abby Rene Green Megan Gregory Nicole Griffith Laura Michele Hahn Angelina Harlow

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- Ally M. Jasper Hannah Elizabeth Jones †† Kyle James Joyce
- Joshua James Kellinghaus tt Elizabeth Katherine Kibler Brooke Kassidy Kirkland
- Kelly Elise Klein Chelsea Margaret Lambert † Jessica Page Lambrinides
- Zachary William Lawrence † Jillian Nicole Lay Timothy Ryan Lefevers Justin Duane Lewis
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- Emma Miner Kelvin Joel Moiica Stephanie Jeanette Moore Tyler Robert Mowery Brian David Murray
- tt Brandon Allen Neidenbach Brandon Michael Nelson Christopher Pierre Nerone Martin Vincent Nienaber Tyler Nimeskern

Nycea Foree Queen Patterson † James Martin Macosko Payton Clark Edward Pence Luis A. Perez Thy Lam Hoang Pham Luke Charley Prather

- Daniel Joseph Prindle †† Jaclyn Alexis Quinn Kelli Reddina Christian Max Reyes Morgan Brittany Robinson Rhesa Jo Rogers
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Michael Baranowski President, NKU Faculty Senate **Grand Marshal**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

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Regan Forman '93

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RECESSIONAL MUSIC

STUDENT SPEAKER



DANIEL GINN Organizational Leadership

Daniel Ginn is the Outstanding Senior of the Organizational Leadership program here at Northern Kentucky University, and is graduating Cum Laude with an Honors Distinction. During his time at NKU, he has taken on many opportunities and been fully immersed in student life. He has been involved with the Presidential Ambassadors as President and Event Coordinator, has led leadership retreats through Northern Kentucky Leadership Institute, is a Founding College of Arts and Sciences Father of his fraternity on campus, Alpha Sigma Phi, and has led the chapter as

President and Membership Education Director. Beyond that, Daniel has served as an Orientation Leader welcoming thousands of students onto campus, and has been very involved with LGBTQ Programs and Services since its inception and has served as an Ambassador to the office.

Since the beginning, Daniel has been motivated by the opportunity to share his love of NKU, inspire others through his story, and positively impact the lives around him. From giving campus tours to planning retreats to serving on committees, Daniel has dedicated his collegiate career to giving back to prospective and current students. This drive has led Daniel to find his passion in working with students, and has given him the opportunity to travel to different states and countries with the focus of growing as an individual and leader. From being named Outstanding Freshman in 2013 to being selected as Norse Legacy this year, Daniel has made a lasting impact on our campus and community.

As his undergraduate career comes to a close, Daniel will be serving his alma mater once more by joining the NKU Housing team this summer as the ACUHO-I Intern. In the fall, Daniel will begin his journey at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and work towards earning his master degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. Daniel plans to work in university settings throughout his career in order to help support and motivate college students during their transformational journey.

Daniel would like to thank the NKU community for all the love and support they have poured into him over the years, as each one has empowered him to become who he is today.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



REGAN FORMAN '93 Vice President of Creative Strategy. Nickelodeon/MTV Networks

Regan Forman joined Nickelodeon/MTV Networks as Vice President, Creative Strategy in May 2013. In her role, she is responsible for providing leadership and creative direction on all consumer products brand strategies. Forman's primary focus is to lead and oversee the creative team with a primary focus on Editorial as it relates to design. Whether it be Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtle action figures or SpongeBob SquarePants tees, she is accountable for ensuring the story is being extended into the physical world for all ages

Forman began her career working in the film industry both in front of the camera (acting in small roles on TV & in films such as American Gothic, Just Shoot Me, Enough, Grey's Anatomy) as well as behind the camera working in casting and producing (Andersonville, Wild

Things, Mystery Alaska, and countless YouTube videos). Forman joined Disney/Pixar in Los Angeles to lead Creative Operations for the consumer products division, specifically filmed entertainment and focused primarily on Toys product development. In 2007, she was appointed to lead all product development and marketing operations for Disney and Pixar filmed entertainment. Most recently, Forman was Senior Manager, Global Creative and Franchise Marketing for Disney and Pixar animation properties, supporting creative operations for all global licensing, retail, marketing and product development.

Forman is an NKU graduate with a degree in Theater Arts. Currently, she lives just outside New York City with her husband, Oded Gross and two children.

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Amy Lee Fightmaster Deborah E. Hampton Anne Therese Herbert Gillian S. Marksberry Amanda M. Stegall Lauren Amanda Marie Stodola Vosler Scott Taylor McKenna Rose Warfel

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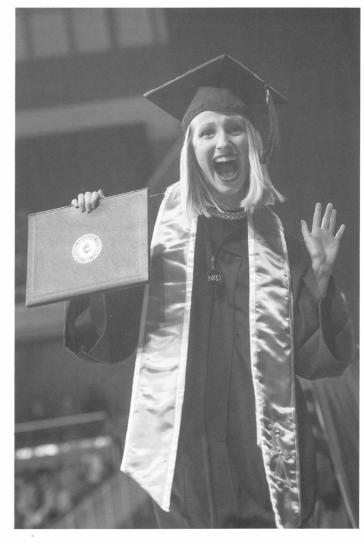
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement exercises today at Northern Kentucky University give special attention to the pageantry of the ceremony. The counterpart of this pageantry is enacted each year on campuses all over the world. It is the solemn climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study and preparation for increased responsibility.

HISTORY OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still unknown whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until they were superseded by skull caps. These were themselves displaced by a headdress somewhat like those now recognized as "academic." Both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control to the extent of minor details and have repeatedly issued revised regulations governing it. In seventeenthcentury Oxford it was prescribed that any tailor who departed from the authorized design "by a nail's breadth" in the making of any article of collegiate costume was to be punished by the vicechancellor of the university.

European institutions continue to show a great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, while American colleges and universities have adopted, through the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume and the American Council of Education, a standard code of dress for academic ceremony. Created in 1902, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume serves as a source of information and guidance in such matters and, through occasional review by the American Council of Education, these standards have been adopted and followed by hundreds of colleges and universities in the United

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edgings of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the colleges and degrees at NKU are as follows:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in English (white)

Master of Arts in Integrative Studies (white)

Master of Arts in Public History (white)

Master of Public Administration (peacock blue)

Master of Science in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (old gold)

HAILE/US BANK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (DRAB)

Master of Accountancy

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Executive Leadership and Organizational Change

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Master of Arts in Education (light blue)

Master of Arts in School Counseling (light blue)

Master of Arts in Teaching (light blue)

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (light blue)

Master of Social Work (citron)

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (light blue)

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS (COPPER)

Master of Arts in Communication

Master of Science in Business Informatics

Master of Science in Computer Information Technology

Master of Science in Computer Science

Master of Science in Health Informatics

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Master of Science in Health Sciences (sage green)

Master of Science in Nursing (apricot)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (apricot)

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HONORS SYMBOLS

††† SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.90 to 4.00 are graduated Summa Cum Laude.

†† MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.75 to 3.899 are graduated Magna Cum Laude.

† CUM LAUDE

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.7499 are graduated Cum Laude.

*** WITH HIGH DISTINCTION

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.80 to 4.00 are graduated With High Distinction.

** WITH DISTINCTION

Students who attain a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.799 are graduated With Distinction.

† Bachelor degree honor * Associate degree honor

¥ ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY CONTINUED

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Today, all candidates for degrees and those who hold degrees, including college officials, faculty, and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional cap and gown. The formal color for most caps and gowns is black. However, holders of different degrees wear distinctive tassels on their caps (called mortarboards). Hoods of various hues drape down the back of the gowns. Recipients of the associate and bachelor degrees at Northern Kentucky University wear black gowns and black tassels; recipients of the master and doctoral degrees wear black gowns and tassels that correspond to the color of their particular discipline; and recipients of the degree of Juris Doctor wear black gowns and purple tassels.

Those wearing academic costumes wear caps in the academic processions and throughout the ceremony. Men may remove their caps during prayer or at other specified times.

Members of the University governing body are entitled to wear doctoral gowns. The Regents regalia is a gold gown with three black chevrons and trim and an eight-sided tam with gold tassel. This attire is distinctive of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University.

INTERNATIONAL SASHES

Different flags are displayed on colorful sashes worn by international students and those students who studied abroad during their time at NKU. The sashes display the flag or emblem commemorating a student's favorite study abroad location or the original country of birth or citizenship of an international student.

HONORS CORDS

The gold and white Honors Cords worn by bachelor degree graduates signify that they have achieved at least a 3.5 cumulative overall grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for their academic careers. The black and white Honors Cords are worn by those associate degree graduates with at least a 3.5 cumulative overall grade-point average.

Purple and silver cords are worn by members of the Norse Leadership Society, a board of student leaders who plan leadership and personal development opportunities for the campus and students in the community. Membership is limited to students who have demonstrated leadership ability on the campus and in the community and who have maintained a required cumulative grade-point average.

GRAND MARSHAL

The Grand Marshal is the President of the Faculty Senate, or his/her designate, and represents the faculty. President Michael Baranowski holds this honor today.

STUDENT MARSHALS

The students in gold gowns are Student Marshals. They have been selected on the basis of outstanding records of scholastic achievement.

PRESIDENTIAL AMBASSADORS

Student ushers are Presidential Ambassadors. They are selected on the basis of their records of scholastic achievement and their ability to serve the University.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace, which traces its roots to medieval weaponry, has become a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the eleventh century. Today, the University's Grand Marshal carries the mace to indicate the solemnity of the occasion and the confirmation of the academic process.

Northern Kentucky University's mace is rich in symbolism. The spiral base, made of walnut-stained mahogany, suggests growth, evolution and higher achievement. The gold-leaf flame, inspired by NKU's official seal, the lamp of learning, symbolizes eternal light and learning. The gold and white braided cords flowing from the base of the flame represent purity as well as Northern's school

The mace was presented as a gift to the University from the Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Inc. It was designed by Kari Messner '91 and was sculpted by local artist Jack True.

THE DISPLAY OF INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Northern Kentucky University is proud of its diverse student body including students representing 49 countries. International flags displayed on stage today represent those countries:

Libya Antiqua Australia Mali Bangladesh Mauretania Benin Mexico Brazil Morocco Cambodia Nepal Canada Netherlands

China Nigeria Congo **Palestine**

Croatia Papua New Guinea El Salvador Romania

Equatorial Guinea Russia France Saudi Arabia Germany Senegal South Africa Ghana

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United Kingdom Japan Jordan United States of America Venezuela

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2016 SENIOR CHALLENGE

Northern Kentucky University is pleased to acknowledge the following members of the Class of 2016 who contributed to the NKU Senior Challenge. Their gifts will directly benefit future Northern Kentucky University students. The university wishes to thank them for making a difference in the lives of their fellow students. The list below reflects gifts received up to April 20, 2016. The following gifts were made "In Honor Of" a special person or with a dedicatory message on a brick paver.

LINDSEY ALLEN

Congratulations! We are so proud of you, Lindsey! We love you! Love Mom, Dad, and family.

LAUREN BAXTER

Mom & Dad thank you for pushing me to reach my dreams. Ella & Peter, best siblings I could have asked for. Isaac, I love you, fiancé. Melissa & Ron showed me a second family. Family, thank you for endless support. Pop, I miss you.

ANGEL CARRIER

Mom, Dad, Clarence, and my boys - I couldn't have done this without you! Thank you all for your support and patience. I know we struggled at times but the end is finally here. I graduated! I love you all!

GREGORY L. CHEROK

Thank you to all of my family and friends who helped me reach this goal after so many years of hard work. It has finally paid off!

NINA CRAYON

There will be obstacles. There will be mistakes. There will be doubters, but with hard work, there are no limits. My family is my motivation and I thank you all for that.

JENNIFER FRICKE

Thanks to my wonderful family for believing in me! I am blessed to have you in my life! Thank you to NKU's Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership for your support and encouragement!

KARISSA HICKS

I couldn't have done this without the love and support from my family. Special thanks to someone who believed in me when I didn't believe in myself, and talked me into not giving up! To my kids, Micah and Khloe, this is for you!

LINDSEY HOMAN

Thank you to my parents for encouraging me to follow my dreams. I couldn't have done it without your constant support and guidance! We did it and I love you!

JULIE McKENDRY

In memory of my Aunt "Nisi" Denise Leon and my Uncle Paul McKendry. You will never be forgotten. Love from the McKendrys.

KADORI NGIRABAKUNZI

Thank you Kaiya, DJ, and Kayla for being mommy's motivation when I felt like I couldn't keep going and to Uncle Dan/family, Erin, Kesha, and Amber for believing in me! I couldn't have done this without the love and support from all of you!

ASHLEY NIECE

Special thanks to Makoto Nakamura for my passion for Japan, and to my grandparents for always believing in me!

KELLY O'BRIEN

Thank you for all you have done to help me through the last four years. Because of you I never doubted the completion of this program. Looking forward to a very successful future.

LAUREN RILEY

Thanks to everyone for all your support! I couldn't have done it without you!

ALLISON STEFFEN

"Family: They drive you crazy, they drive you nuts, they drive you looney, BUT they drive you." Thank you family for everything you have done for me! You mean the word to me and I couldn't have done it without you! I LOVE YOU!

BROOKE TALLEY

Dr. Gisélle Loriot-Raymer: Thank you for everything you've done for me. Your guidance and support will stay with me long after graduation. Bisous!

AMANDA WARREN

Thank you Mom, Dad, Brittany, Ryan & Bryan for supporting me through my degree. Thank you for always pushing me and being there for me! I love you guys and couldn't have made it without you! Love, Amanda

ZOE J. WELCH

NKU is a special place and I feel so lucky to be a part of its history. Thank you to my family, partner, friends, TPA, University Housing, faculty, and staff for supporting me and making this my home. I can't wait to become a graduate student here!

MARGARET WHEATLEY

Thanks to my wonderful family for believing in me! I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life. Also, thank you to the faculty and staff of NKU's Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership for your encouragement!

CORY WRIGHT

Mom, Dad, Chris - You're the best examples of dedication. I know no other way to achieve goals because of your stories. Pap and Grandma - I love you. I cannot put in words how grateful and proud I am to call you my grandparents.



UNIVERSITY AWARDS



REGENTS' AWARD Alma Oñate

The Regents' Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within the University community and who has an emphasis on continuation of studies at the graduate level. A minimum grade-point average of 3.3 is required. The student may show evidence of the intent

to pursue further educational opportunities. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents. This year's recipient is Alma Oñate, Chemistry.



PAUL J. SIPES AWARD Kathryn Sills

The Paul J. Sipes Award is presented to an outstanding senior student who displays (through documentation provided by the nominator and nominee) the personal qualities of honesty, character, and industry and who has actively participated in community affairs. The person will also be strong academically and, although

a specific grade-point average is not required, the individual's academic record should be given equal weight along with the listed personal qualities and community involvement. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Alumni Association. This year's recipient is Kathryn Sills, International Studies.



UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD Justin Wynne

The University Service Award is given to a senior student who has provided outstanding service to the University through: (1) student involvement in such areas as sports, fraternity/sorority affiliations, intramurals, student government, student organizations, the Northerner, etc.; (2) student

involvement in civic organizations or agencies such as Easter Seals, Redwood School, Boys Club, YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Welcome House, etc.; and (3) academic achievement such as student publications, student presentations, grade-point average, etc. While a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 is required, the individual's academic record should be given equal weight with student involvement in both university and community activities. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Alumni Association. This year's recipient is Justin Wynne, Journalism and International Studies.



EXCELSIOR AWARD AJ Ryan

The Excelsior Award is presented to an outstanding senior student who has overcome great obstacles to achieve his/her academic pursuits. These obstacles may be physical, emotional, financial, age-related, etc. A minimum grade-point average of 3.0 is required. This award will be presented upon completion of

degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. This year's recipient is AJ Ryan, Media Informatics.



FACULTY SENATE AWARD Travis Schuyler

The Faculty Senate Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated exceptional skills and productivity in an independent study project. An independent study project is defined as a faculty-supervised research or scholarly work which has as its goal the publication, presentation, and/or exhibition

of results. The project should be conducted outside of a formal classroom and last at least one semester, preferably longer. This award will be presented upon completion of degree requirements. This award is sponsored by the Faculty Senate. This year's recipient is Travis Schuyler, Chemistry.



NKU FOUNDATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDNatalia Weekly

The NKU Foundation Student Leadership Award is given to a student leader who has provided outstanding service to the University through student government or another significant student leadership role. Although a specific grade point average is not required, the individual should be strong

academically, as their academic record will be considered. Sponsored by the NKU Foundation, this award was created to honor Cliff Borland, John Brooking and Henry "Bud" Pogue for their leadership roles in creating the Foundation and for their many years of service to the Foundation and the University. This year's recipient is Natalia Weekly, Counseling and Human Services and Organizational Leadership.

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