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FORTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF EXERCISES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS HAILE/US BANK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS 10:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC NKU Philharmonic Orchestra Amy Gillingham, director

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NATIONAL ANTHEM Francis Scott Key

Kortney Mills Hannah Shirkey Calvin Horner Tyler Smith 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 Holly Riffe Professor of Social Work Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER Sue Ott Rowlands

Hannah Myers College of Health Professions

INVITATION - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Michael R. McKeown '85 President Elect, NKU Alumni Board of Directors **CHARGE TO GRADUATES** Gerard A. St. Amand Interim President, Northern Kentucky University

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



STUDENT SPEAKER



HANNAH MYERS Nursing College of Health Professions

Hannah is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the College of Health Professions. She is an extremely driven, motivated and compassionate individual who has been very involved on campus during her time at NKU. She has been a member of the Student Nurses' Association, is an ambassador for the College of Health Professions and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Hannah also strives to be very active and present in her community in the

Northern Kentucky area. She is a member of the American Red Cross and also volunteers for the Northern Kentucky Medical Reserve Corps. Hannah works as a highly regarded nurse extern at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where she has further developed her nursing skills and has been selected to serve on several hospital-wide committees. Upon graduation, she has accepted a position at St. Elizabeth in the Medical Intensive Care Unit, where she will start her career as a registered nurse. She looks forward to embracing her career in nursing and one day continuing her education by pursuing a graduate degree here at NKU.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND THE 2017 FRANK SINTON MILBURN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. HOLLY RIFFE *Professor of Social Work*

Dr. Holly Riffe joined the social work faculty at Northern Kentucky University in 2001. She sets the standard for intertwining teaching and research with real needs in our community and beyond. Riffe conducted research in South Africa to understand the intersection of belief systems and local HIV/AIDS prevention technologies. "If we could understand why people were not using prevention techniques, then we could target those specific beliefs and, in turn, save lives," she says. Using those same rigorous research methods, she has conducted health research with the local Latino community, needs assessments with Somali refugees and evaluated risk factors for truancy in children. In each of these endeavors, Riffe integrates NKU students, faculty and community members in the research.

Riffe spearheaded the process for NKU's first MSW program to successfully achieve accreditation from the national Council on Social Work Education. That MSW program now graduates approximately 70 students each year who provide clinical social work services in our region.

As a collaborative partner with students and other faculty from across campus, Riffe codesigned an interdisciplinary minor in social justice, which draws students from a variety of programs across campus. Her Introduction to Social Justice course always exceeds capacity and receives high praise from students. One student commented, "During the hustle and bustle of my final year of nursing school, it is easy to get caught up in the assignments and stress. [This class] has been a wake-up call to what is happening around me. It provides a moment of 'Things are much bigger than this,' and 'There are more important things.' I feel that this class helps me not just with my bachelor's degree—it helps me grow as a person."

Similarly, her class on Compassion, Empathy, and Forgiveness in Social Justice sparks an audience of students to practice compassion and kindness daily while understanding that without that foundation, we, as a community, cannot move forward. A local church sermon used that class as a backdrop to understand how we can each integrate these concepts in our overlapping spiritual and secular lives.

Riffe's drive to support those around her is evident by how she dedicates her time. From working with Somali refugees to engaging the community around the heroin epidemic, community leaders contact her to think through the issues, conduct research and explore policy alternatives. This is how Riffe perceives her role as a metropolitan and regional professor. Walking through a refugee camp holding the hand of a Zimbabwean child or eating dinner with a class of students at a Somali restaurant in Florence, Kentucky, she says: "This is the best work-life I can imagine. I may be the odd one, but I truly enjoy meeting folks and working on projects in our region. I like the problems that make me scratch my head and think about situations like our Boone County librarians, who figured out how to feed kids who hung out at the library while their parents worked."

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

DAWN BALCOM

Improving Access and Service in a Refugee-Centered Medical Home: Comprehensive Care to Address Potential Zika Virus Infection Karen Mutsch, DNP; Rahel Bosson, M.D.

CYNETHIA L. BETHEL-JAITEH

Intention to Breastfeed and Intervention Effectiveness in the African American Community Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Chris Poteet, MBA

RUTH MARTIN CARRICO

Improving Access and Service in a Refugee-Centered Medical Home: Use of Emergency Department to Access Care Karen Mutsch, DNP; Rahel Bosson, M.D.

KRISTIN NICOLE CLEPHANE

Parental Perceptions in Teen Health Education: Sexual Health, Healthy Relationships, and Communication Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Maryse Amin, Ph.D.

KATIE MARIE DAVIS

The Role of Recognition and Education of Obese Patients in the Retail Health Setting and the Effect on Dietitian Referrals Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Cathleen McKnight, DNP

KATHLEEN MARIE ENGLISH

Knowledge of Systematic Inflammatory Response Syndrome and Sepsis: A Survey among Emergency Room Nurses in the Acute Care Setting Karen Mutsch, DNP; Sherri Randolph, MSN

SHARI D. GHOLSON

Preparing the Staff Nurse for the Role of Clinical Teaching Partner on a Dedicated Education Unit Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Tracy Phillips, DNP

LINDA SZORCSIK GOSS

Improving Access and Service in a Refugee-Centered Medical Home: Coordinating Care to Facilitate LTBI Treatment Karen Mutsch, DNP; Rahel Bosson, M.D.

AMY M. HIGDON

Nurse Residency Program Evaluation: The Development of Confidence for New Registered Nurses Karen Mutsch, DNP; Debbie Enoch, MSN

NIKKI LEE DAWN HOWARD

Facilitator Role in the Provision of Sexual Health Education for At-Risk High School Students Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Maryse Amin, Ph.D.

ALFREDA JOYCE RHODES-KING

Evaluation of a Public Health Department Project: Effectiveness of Expanded Access to Care for Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Lynne Zajac, Ph.D.; Irma A. Sharp, 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

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Claire Elizabeth Abshire Maria Celine Anderson Emily Jo Atwood Rebecca Lee Beech Callie Elizabeth Beuke Stephanie Elaine Bonfilio Jessica Fay Daugherty Collins Megan Lynn Frade Jacqueline Leigh Reichert Grimes Kelly Haley Kyle Andrew Haverbusch Jenny Lynn Henry Chelsea Marie Meyer Shawn Kerensa Mock Lara Zavalza-Neeson Kelsey Mariah Nickells Jody Marie Petru Sherry L. Powell Michelle L. Rehkamp Paula Andrea Richards Katherine Elizabeth Scherrer Tiffany Elizabeth Scherzinger Danielle Jessica Steele Winnie W. Wei

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Helen Ebere Anyiam Jeanne Carol Carlsen Denis David Ingle Carrie Bowling McCowan Jaime Renee Mendoza Sally Kathleen Miller Kesha Marie Nelson Paul Netzel Nancy Gail Owens Whitnei Latryce Saunders Rebecca Lee Sloan

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- the Emily Rose Greis
- †† Dalton Robert Griffin Alaina Marie Hager
 † Julie Ann Hanrahan
- Amanda Marie Hoffman Keaton Elliott Holbrook
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 - † Amanda Nicole Jones Brooke Rashelle Jump Brian Thomas Kaiser
 - † Laura Lynn Kaufhold Colleen Patricia Kinzeler
 - † Sara Rose Kraus
- †† Heather Megan Liming Kimberly Lynn Maschinot Chelsea Montgomery Mayborg
- † Amanda Rose McIntosh
- † Corie Lynn Miles Christyn Anne Miller Justin Thomas Mohr
- tt Krista Renee Shouse Moss
- ttt Hannah Frances Myers
- †† Gloria Joy Oesting† Tia R. Parks
 - Maria Ann Pohlabeln

- Emily Ann Reis
- † Ashleigh Marie Rhoton Lauren Marie Roberts
- † Korinne Rolf Sandra Michelle Rowe Austin James Schmidt Carly Rae Schorr Keri Lynn Shearer
- † Jenna Sketch Rebecca Smart Jaime Nicole Smith
- ttt Jessica Margaret Steel Andrea Nichole Stein
 - † Ashley Nicole Stelle
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 - † Sarah Taylor Tebelman Mark Anthony Thomas Whitney Lynne Walston
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HAILE/US BANK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

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GRADUATE CANDIDATE DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Alexandra Leigh Barrett Carlos Lamar Matthews Antoinette Renee Prude Kelsey Sphar Anne Marie Thompson Jarrod Pfeiffer Wesley

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Anthony Carella Qiufan Chen Suhas Cherukuri Constantino Ocha'a Edu Milam David Alexander Fitzer Christine Irene Goodwin Shiva Kumar Gullapalli Ryne M. Heck Viji Jagadeeswari Jason Richard Kelly Andrew Kroner Charvaka Mattaparthy Karthik Palakode Narayanan Yue Qiu Robert C. Schirmann Oren Tzvi Shmoel

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Matthew Denis Beck Cory Bridewell Rasheed Elsaleh Joshua James Frost

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- tt Jordan Bain Mefford Lindeman
- † Jennifer Lipps Maria N. Maddin Tyler A. Maggard Victor Vincent Marqua Billie McDaniel Shae Michael McKee Jacob Mark Mckinney Alex McKenzie Mell
- Benjamin Lawrence Melvin †† Elizabeth Ann Moeller Nicholas Carl Montag James Stanley Morelock
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- James Lingrosso Matthew Michael Litzler Cory Nathan Livingston Michael Carey Lunnemann
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 W. Trent McPheron Thomas Morgan Shawn Murray
 Stacy Lynn Nichols Branden Douglas Purnell Lucas Earl Raley Joshua Rider Esteban Roman
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- † Nolan Patrick Shumaker
- Brandon Clint Shumate † Amanda Lynn Sias Anna Lee Smith
- Eric Wayne Spahr ttt Thomas Andrew Spencer
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- Matthew Charles Stulz Connor Steven Sullivan Thomas William Tibbetts Ian Daniel Tolin † Nicholas Paul Tope
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- † Steven L. Vanallen
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES



STUDENT SPEAKER



CHRISTINA DURSO School Counseling College of Education and Human Services

Christina Durso is a graduate student receiving a Master of Arts in School Counseling from the College of Education and Human Services. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Christina has devoted her life to helping others. In 2014, she spent three months living in El Porvenir, Honduras, volunteering with Honduras Child Alliance. Christina taught English and worked with volunteers from around the globe to support the education and overall health of children in El Porvenir.

Prior to pursuing her master's degree, Christina received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Georgetown College and taught first grade for three years in Kentucky.

As a former recipient of the Women Leading Kentucky Scholarship and the Rachel M. Votruba Endowed School Counseling Scholarship at NKU, Christina has been recognized as a dedicated leader in the field of education and counseling. After graduation, she plans to become a school counselor and obtain her Rank 1 in School Counseling at NKU. Christina hopes to one day pursue a doctorate degree in leadership, where she can utilize her knowledge, experience and skills as a leader in the community. As an advocate for education and mental health, Christina would ultimately like to establish her own non-profit organization that addresses the social, emotional and academic needs of children around the world.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND THE 2017 FRANK SINTON MILBURN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. HOLLY RIFFE *Professor of Social Work*

Dr. Holly Riffe joined the social work faculty at Northern Kentucky University in 2001. She sets the standard for intertwining teaching and research with real needs in our community and beyond. Riffe conducted research in South Africa to understand the intersection of belief systems and local HIV/AIDS prevention technologies. "If we could understand why people were not using prevention techniques, then we could target those specific beliefs and, in turn, save lives," she says. Using those same rigorous research methods, she has conducted health research with the local Latino community, needs assessments with Somali refugees and evaluated risk factors for truancy in children. In each of these endeavors, Riffe integrates NKU students, faculty and community members in the research.

Riffe spearheaded the process for NKU's first MSW program to successfully achieve accreditation from the national Council on Social Work Education. That MSW program now graduates approximately 70 students each year who provide clinical social work services in our region.

As a collaborative partner with students and other faculty from across campus, Riffe codesigned an interdisciplinary minor in social justice, which draws students from a variety of programs across campus. Her Introduction to Social Justice course always exceeds capacity and receives high praise from students. One student commented, "During the hustle and bustle of my final year of nursing school, it is easy to get caught up in the assignments and stress. [This class] has been a wake-up call to what is happening around me. It provides a moment of 'Things are much bigger than this,' and 'There are more important things.' I feel that this class helps me not just with my bachelor's degree—it helps me grow as a person."

Similarly, her class on Compassion, Empathy, and Forgiveness in Social Justice sparks an audience of students to practice compassion and kindness daily while understanding that without that foundation, we, as a community, cannot move forward. A local church sermon used that class as a backdrop to understand how we can each integrate these concepts in our overlapping spiritual and secular lives.

Riffe's drive to support those around her is evident by how she dedicates her time. From working with Somali refugees to engaging the community around the heroin epidemic, community leaders contact her to think through the issues, conduct research and explore policy alternatives. This is how Riffe perceives her role as a metropolitan and regional professor. Walking through a refugee camp holding the hand of a Zimbabwean child or eating dinner with a class of students at a Somali restaurant in Florence, Kentucky, she says: "This is the best work-life I can imagine. I may be the odd one, but I truly enjoy meeting folks and working on projects in our region. I like the problems that make me scratch my head and think about situations like our Boone County librarians, who figured out how to feed kids who hung out at the library while their parents worked."

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

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

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The Effect of a Positive Psychology Intervention for Teachers' Professional Development James Votruba, Ph.D. and Brandelyn Tosolt, Ph.D.

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Perceptions of Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Teachers in Kentucky James Allen, Ed.D. and Paul Wirtz, Ph.D.

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International Student Engagement: Best Practices for Support and Integration James Koschoreck, Ph.D. and Paul Wirtz, Ph.D.

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The Military-Civilian Gap on the College Campus Paul Wirtz, Ph.D. and James Koschoreck, Ph.D.

JENNIFER L. WITHROW

A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding Minority Student Engagement with the University through Service Learning Courses Paul Wirtz, Ph.D. and Mark Wasicsko, Ph.D.



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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 seventeenth-century 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 vice-chancellor 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 States.

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)

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 Matthew Zacate 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 colors.

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 59 countries. International flags displayed on stage today represent those countries:

Lebanon Bangladesh Mauritania Benin Mauritius Brazil Mexico Burkina Faso Nepal Cambodia New Zealand Canada Nigeria **Central African** Palestine Republic Papua New Guinea China Peru Colombia Poland Croatia Russia Democratic Republic Saudi Arabia of the Congo Senegal Denmark Sierra Leone Ecuador South Africa Equatorial Guinea South Korea Ethiopia Spain France Sweden Germany Syria Ghana Thailand Guatemala Trinidad and Tobago Honduras Ukraine Hungary United Arab India **Emirates** Ireland United Kingdom Italy United States of Ivory Coast America Japan Venezuela Jordan Vietnam Kenya 7imbabwe Kuwait Latvia

2017 SENIOR CHALLENGE

Northern Kentucky University is pleased to acknowledge the following members of the Class of 2017 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 November 17, 2017. The following gifts were made "In Honor Of" a special person or with a dedicatory message on a brick paver.

TAYLOR E. ALTEVERS

College is a roller coaster of emotions, from the first time you step on campus till the day you walk across that stage to accept your diploma. It hasn't been the easiest, but I wouldn't have changed anything that has happened along the way.

ANNETTE W. BONJOUR

Thank you for all your words of encouragement. It's finally over and I survived!

KELLY C. BURROWS

Thank you to my parents, brother Ryan, grandparents, family, wonderful fiancé Lance, friends and coaches for supporting me throughout my college career! I love you all so much! NORSE UP!

SILVERIO C. CARDOZO

To my wife, family, friends and faculty – thank you for all the unwavering support throughout my academic journey. You are all appreciated. It is because of our combined efforts that I sit here today.

CHAD H. DUNBAR

Thank you Mom and Dad for believing in me. I wouldn't have made it without you. Thank you to my mentors and professors, as well. There are no limits except for those we accept.

CORI L. FLATT

I never said it would be easy. I only said it would be worth it.

MEGAN D. FRAUSTO

Thank you to everyone at NKU for making it feel like home from day one. NORSE UP!!!!!

ELIZABETH A. GAUCK

Thanks to my amazing mom and dad (Geoia and Rob), my COI dean's family, my Advancement family and everyone in English and Library informatics for supporting me, loving me and being my best friends! Love you all!

CONNOR GEROME

I would like to thank my family for their undying love, advice, understanding, teaching and especially their patience; my grandparents Ed and Marge Devany, as well as my Uncle Russ, I owe them my life and they are my world. Thank you so much.

LINDA K. GOSS

Thank you to my professors for your patience. Giant thank you to my cohorts in crime Ruth, Dawn and Rahe!! Lastly, a big hug and kiss to my children, Jordan & Clinton, for their support. I love you!

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HANNAH I. HARDING

Write the vision and make it plain. For a man without

vision accompanies others, and fulfills nothing. Prayers, persistence and perseverance is the secret. Thank you mom for believing in me. Thank you Suzy for always encouraging me. I made it!

LESHAI L. HINDERER

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RUTH HORSTMAN

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I would like to thank my parents, family, fiancé and friends for their endless love & support throughout this journey. I especially would like to honor my grandparents, Harry & Ginny Beck. They have shown me what it means to be truly humble and kind.

JENNIFER M. JOHNSON

Go forth and make this world new.

MICHELLE L. JOHNSON

Family & friends, I am not sure there are words to express how much your love, support and sacrifices have meant to me over the past several years! Without you all there is no way I could say "I did it"! Love you big bunches!!

ALLISON N. KELLEY

Thanks for the wisdom.

DANIELA N. LARISON

Reach for your dreams! Nothing is impossible.

MASON LYKINS

A special thanks to Dr. Morteza Sadat-Hossieny through my whole Engineering studies and my parents, Dale and Diane Lykins. Thanks also to Dr. Maurcio Torres, Dr. Seyed Allameh, and my TKE brothers for their professional leadership.

SHELLIE R. MASSEY

Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire! I am grateful for my professors. Thanks to my classmates the "GG's", and others who have supported me throughout this journey. Grad school here I come!

TONYA R. MOHNEN

The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams. Today I am living my dream. I couldn't do this without the love and support of my family. Thank you.

EMILY R. OSTERHOLZ

Thanks to my family and friends for their love and support.

DENISE D. PEASLEE

Much love and gratitude to my husband, Doug, for making this possible; to my daughters, Katie and Megan, for their support; and to my parents, Kitty and Dan, for giving me the drive to achieve this goal. I love you all!

MICHAEL W. PHILLIPS

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ANTOINETTE R. PRUDE

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CHRIS M. ROBINSON

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AMANDA SAWYERS

Anything is possible with hard work and a little support. I couldn't have done this without the support of my family, especially my husband, Christopher. Thank you!

HANNAH SHEPHERD

Hannah, as you set out to make your mark on the world remember to always give grace, love and laughter to everyone God places in your path. Love Dad, Mom and Jacob

HANNAH J. SHIRKEY

Thanks Mom and Dad :)

MORGAN W. SROUFE

As I begin a new chapter in my life today, I would like to say thank you to my family, friends and co-workers for continuously supporting and guiding me along this journey. And to my role model watching over me ... Grandpa, this one is for you!

AMBER K. STALLINGS

Thank you to my lovely family for pushing me to the finish line! I love you all, so much!

AMBER L. THOERNER

Cindy Mentrup, we did it!! I am so proud to be graduating alongside my little sister!

THOMAS A. TREVOR

Congratulations to all graduates.

JILL V. WAGNER

Thank you Mom, Dad, Craig and Zach! I couldn't have done it without all your love and support!

JOSH L. WHITEHEAD

To my family and friends, thank you for the support over the last 5 years. Amy, we did it. Thank you for pushing me to finish, I love you. Mom, I wish you could be here. I miss you and love you!

ANNA M. YOCKEY

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