



Bushnell University
Commencement
2024

Friday, December 13th • Eugene, Oregon

Commencement Program

Processional*

Kelly Ballard | **D.Min.**, *Associate Dean, Music & Performing Arts*

Faculty Marshals

Brian Kaelin | **Ed.D.**, *Professor of Teacher Education*

Tammy Bovee | **M.S.**, *Assistant Professor of Kinesiology*

Graduate Marshals

Troy Dean | **M.A.**, *Campus Pastor*

Jennifer Little | **M.A.**, *Director of Residence Life & Student Services*

Invocation*

Michael Fuller | **M.S.**, *Vice President for Enrollment*

Welcome

Joseph D. Womack '89 | **Ed.D.**, *President*

Scripture Reading

Kim Williams | *Chair, Bushnell Board of Trustees*

Commencement Address

James E. Womack '63 | **D.Hum.(hon)**, *President Emeritus*

Musical Presentation

Bushnell Chorale

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Reed Mueller | **Ph.D.**, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Joseph D. Womack

Announcing the Graduates

Doyle Srader | Ph.D., *Professor of Speech & Communication*

Hooding of Master's Degree Recipients

Karla Larson | Ph.D., *Dean, College of Health Professions*

Latrissa Lee Neiworth | Ed.D., *Dean, College of Professional Studies*

Closing Remarks

Joseph D. Womack

Alma Mater*

“All Hail to You, Dear Bushnell U”

Amariah Deschenes '25, accompanied by Kelly Ballard

Benediction*

Jocelyn Hubbs | MBA, *Vice President for Student Development*

Recessional

Kelly Ballard

*Audience please stand

For Your Consideration:

Please be kind and courteous to those around you by not obstructing view of the ceremony with your personal devices.

Please refrain from livestreaming or video calling the ceremony. A high-quality livestream is offered online at: live.bushnell.edu.

Thank you.

Commencement Speaker



James E. Womack '63, D.Hum.(hon) President Emeritus

Dr. James E. Womack '63 served as president of Bushnell University from 1986 to 2004, when he retired and was given the title of President Emeritus.

Before returning to Eugene, Jim was a director of development for the Tennyson Center for Children and Families, a treatment center and school for emotionally handicapped youth in Denver.

Jim has been a high school teacher and coach and minister of youth and education for several churches. He served as director of planned giving and basketball coach at Bushnell in the early 1970s.

Jim graduated from Northwest Christian College. He received his master's degree from Central Oklahoma State University and was awarded the doctor of humanities degree by Phillips University.

Jim and his wife, Sharron Kay, previously served as co-pastors at First Christian Church in Springfield and currently pastor at North Bend First Christian Church. They have three sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Bushnell Mission & Vision

Mission

Bushnell University fosters **wisdom, faith, and service** through excellent academic programs within a Christ-centered community.

Vision

Bushnell University aspires to be characterized by its commitment to equip students to discover and answer God's call in their lives.

Bushnell University achieves this vision through academic excellence and faithful stewardship in a Christ-centered community that develops purposeful graduates.



Wisdom

Deeper than knowledge, Bushnell students become critical thinkers, equipped with the practical application needed to reach personal and professional aspirations.

Faith

Central in experience, Bushnell students explore, discover, and grow within the context of a Christ-centered community.

Service

Inspired in purpose and action, Bushnell students seek opportunities for servant leadership in career, family, church, and community.

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Professor of Business

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

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President

Faculty

Jonathan Alfson, *Ph.D.*

Paul Allee, *Ph.D.*

Steve Andes, *D.Phil.*

Kelly Ballard, *D.Min.*

James Berry, *Ph.D.*

Tammy Bovee, *M.S.*

Jenée Cázares, *M.A.*

Rev. Troy Dean, *M.A.*

Darlene Dempster, *Ph.D.*

Connie Diffenderfer, *M.Phil.*

Peter Diffenderfer, *Ph.D.*

Angela Doty, *M.A.*

Robin Hartman, *M.L.I.S.*

Shelly Hartzell, *M.S.M.*

Jessica Howell, *DNP*

Agam Iheanyi-Igwe, *Ph.D.*

Susan Inman, *Ed.D.*

Brian Kaelin, *Ed.D.*

Karla Larson, *Ph.D.*

Joshua Little, *M.A.*

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Heike McNeil, *Ph.D.*

Marilyn Montgomery, *Ph.D.*

Erin Mueller, *Ph.D.*

Reed Mueller, *Ph.D.*

Latrissa Lee Neiworth, *Ed.D.*

Nathan Poehlke, *M.M.*

Ray Ricks, *M.Ed.*

Faculty *(cont.)*

Christy Silverthorne, *M.A.*

Nani Skaggs, *Ph.D.*

Doyle Srader, *Ph.D.*

Rev. A.J. Swoboda, *Ph.D.*

Rebecca Tsuchiya, *M.S.*

Janet Welch, *MSN*

Marilyn Williams, *Ed.D.*

Connie Wilmarth, *Ph.D.*

Faculty Emeriti

Timothy M. Bergquist, *Ph.D.*

Mick Bollenbaugh, *Ph.D.*

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Ernest Mathes, *D.Min.*

Margaret Sue Rhee, *M.L.S.*

Song Nai Rhee, *Ph.D., Ph.D.*

Chuck Sturms, *M.A.*

President Emeritus

James E. Womack '63 | *D.Hum.(hon)*

HONORS PROGRAM

SONG NAI RHEE HONORS PROGRAM

The Song Nai Rhee Honors Program enables students to design a customized, demanding route through their field of study, in close collaboration with relevant faculty. In design, not a separate college, Rhee Honors students follow a series of honors contracts that deepen the academic rigor and experience within the assigned course schedule. This experience seeks to foster the sort of intimate collegiality – based in the joy of shared discovery – that has always been the hallmark of an excellent liberal arts education.

HONOR SOCIETIES

SIGMA BETA DELTA

International Honor Society in Business, Management & Administration

Sigma means wisdom, Beta signifies honor, and Delta signifies the pursuit of meaningful aspirations. The honor cords are dark green and gold and are given to graduating students in the top 20% of their class (traditional undergraduate, online and evening, and graduate) with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

ALPHA ALPHA TAU Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

International Honor Society of Nursing

Nursing students who achieve academic excellence in their nursing courses and rank in the top 35% of their graduating class are eligible for membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the Bushnell University's Alpha Alpha Tau Chapter. The honor cords are light purple and white.

SIGMA TAU DELTA

International Honor Society in English

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The international motto is "Sincerity, Truth, Design." The honor cords are cardinal and black and are given to graduating students in the highest 35% of their class with a minimum of a 3.0 or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship.

HONOR SOCIETIES

PI GAMMA MU

International Honor Society in the Social Sciences

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent honor society in the social sciences. Its mission is to encourage and recognize superior scholarship in social science disciplines and to foster cooperation and social service among its members. The honor cords are blue and white.

CHI ALPHA SIGMA

National College Athlete Honor Society

The motto of Chi Alpha Sigma is “Excellence in Athletics and Academics.” Honor cords are black and yellow and inductees must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8, earn a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport, be a Champion of Character, and receive endorsement from his/her head coach.

NU CHI UPSILON *Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota*

International Honor Society in Counseling

The mission of Chi Sigma Iota is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, and excellence in counseling while recognizing high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence. Honor cords are white for virtue and blue for trustworthiness and integrity. Members are students enrolled in a counselor education program leading to a graduate degree who have maintained an overall scholastic GPA of 3.5 while enrolled in the program.



Graduating Class of 2024

- *** summa cum laude 3.90-4.00 GPA
- ** magna cum laude 3.70-3.89 GPA
- * cum laude 3.50-3.69 GPA
- ° Song Nai Rhee Honors Scholar

Degrees are awarded upon completion of all degree requirements. The graduating class roster does not guarantee completion.

Bachelor of Arts

Caleb Christian Burke **

Patricia Dexter

Victor Hesser *

Spencer Hoffman

Luke Miller

Juda Ortega ***

Ryan J. Pierce ** °

Hannah Eastman ***

Bryn Nefret Taylor **

Bachelor of Science

Rachael Page Anderson

Kaleb Anundi

Alicia Marie Bales

Lindsee Lee Bertoch

Nolan Lee Steven Burke *

Miko Hans Burkholder

Dylan Carson

Shelby Nicole Carter

Olivia Madeline Clark

Michele Cobarrubias

Kaitlin Cook **

Joelle Nicole Corzine ***

Elizabeth Currier

Trevon Decker

Benjamin S. Dixson *

Shaelynn Dawn Eames

Skyler Anne Fitzpatrick

Hannah J. Flier

Gina S. Gervase

Cameron J. Goertzen *

Alec Gums

Tatum Tiyana

Aiaho'iikapualaha'olehiwahiwamaikalani
Guzman

Melissa Anne Sullivan Hall

Uamili Lezlie-Michaela Hayashida

Elizabeth Nicole Hillier

Brittani Nicole Hirsch ***

Jodi Denise Hisey

Halliday Nadine Hubbard

Mikel Alexander Jacobo **

Abigail Nicole Jessing

Mikinzie J. Kelley

Jonathan Finn Kemper

Ushna Khan *

Micaela Klaus

Colby Knutzen

Chloe Elizabeth Kurahara ***

Bethany LaFon

Rachel Ruth Brocker Langford

Rebecca Lazar

Peter James Leighton

Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Kelsey LeRoy Gomez ***

Patryce Miller *

Devri Lynn Molony

Kyla Rain Nettles

Cameron Octon

Magnolia Bell Pickens

Katherine Prickett

Daniel Lee Mills

Liliana Ramirez Olguin

Trevon Richmond

Paige Marie Rigilano

Kyle Nicole Artine Rivera

Brianna Loraine Robbins

Jonathan Roberts-Stark **

Alyssa Michelle Rocha

Dakota Brook Rundell

Adam Sabatino

Kell Schwerts **

Connor Patrick Slack *

Miranda Thiesmeyer

Jordan Unicume

Cole B. Vamos

Breauna Van Dyke

Jennifer Marie Violette

Nicole Vorce

Megan Anne Wagner

Abigail Wammock

Myriah Leigh Wetmore

Sawyer Weybright ***

Rachael LaVena Whiteberg *

Carrie J. Wilson

Kayla Ruth Wise

Madison Wright

Nargiza Zhumanazarova ***

Master of Arts

Amanda Akins

Chaniya Allen

Alexis Angeles

William Barber

Melissa Bradshaw

Arjuna Chotu

Elise Ann Colasurdo

Jennifer Crystal Cort

Amber Michelle Cripe

Mitchell Davis

Cale Alexander Day

Matthew H. Dodd

Eli J. Fields Sr.

Esmeralda Flores

Zach Fuller

Megan Griffin Gardner

Kathleen R. Gilbert

Tawnie Goetz-Kennedy

Chelsea Justine Gregory

Abigail Griego

Master of Arts (cont.)

Dana Rose Gunderson

Jacqueline Harmon

Isaiah Hart

Michael Hartsfield

Gretchen L. Hill

Mindy Anne Holden

Matthew Michael Hubbs

Haleigh G. Lopes

Hilary Caitlin Lord

Clarissa Damaris Lundin

Dariano Joseph Mancuso

Madison Mehlbrech

Courtney Neigh

Jonathan Rambousek

Brooke Rane

Grace Hoover

Angie Renich

Peyton Noelle Ritchie

Nicole Romero

Steven Schlabach

Zachary Glenn Schwartz Webster

Stefanie N.R. Scott

Jonathan Shaw

Michaela Brynn Skye

Verenise Valentin

Mackenzie Williams

James Rhee Womack

Master of Business Administration

Kyle Aure

Esgar Garcia Avila

Courtney Nicole Isom

Jude Claudette Jesiah

Melva Gayle Mackey

Faith Rita Palmer

Kaden Sand

Ency Soto Jacobo

ACADEMIC REGALIA

THE CAP

The academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. While usually shaped like a mortar board, some caps are made of round, soft velvet material. The tassel may be black or colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

THE GOWN

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing. It is usually made of black material. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long pouch-like sleeves which reputedly were once used to carry books and food. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

THE COLORS

The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows: Arts & Letters (white), Business (drab), Education (light blue), Fine Arts (brown), Law (purple), Library Science (lemon), Music (pink), Nursing (apricot), Philosophy (dark blue), Science (golden yellow), Speech (silver gray), Social Work (citron), Theology (scarlet).

THE HOOD

The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

Bushnell Alma Mater

Verse 1

*All Hail to you, dear Bushnell U,
Hail Alma Mater brave and true.
We pledge our best, our all to you,
Of loyalty and youth.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Verse 2

*May future years add to your fame,
May great and glorious be your name;
We'll praise you e'er with loud acclaim,
Dear Alma Mater fair.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Verse 3

*O Lord of all, your truth we hold,
to all the world it must be told.
Our Alma Mater makes us bold.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

Chorus

*The Blue and Gold float proudly o'er
best college on Pacific shore,
Each year we love you more and more.
Hail dear old Bushnell U.*

| Original words written by
| Grace Paul Hendricks & Kenneth Hendricks
| Music written by Mary E. Stevens



Congratulations, Class of 2024



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