

December Commencement



Friday, December 12, 2025

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY

The Anne C. Steele Center

DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCEMENT
OF MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY



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The Academic Procession

FACULTY MARSHALS

Dr. Danny Ingold*
Dr. Jim Dooley

FACULTY

PLATFORM PARTY

STUDENT MARSHALS

Dr. Dinah Meyer
Dr. Alistair Hattingh

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

* Senior Marshal
This program is not an official list of graduates.

Commencement Exercises

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Prelude Muskingum Valley Brass

***Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar,
Muskingum Valley Brass

***Academic Procession**

***Welcome** Dr. Susan S. Hasseler
President

***Invocation** Reverend Derek Wadlington
University Chaplain

Remarks President Hasseler

Conferral of Honorary Degree President Hasseler
Cheryl Carpenter ('86)
Chair of Board of Trustees

Commencement Address Dianna L. LeVeck ('86)
*Chief Administrative Officer
at Genesis HealthCare Systems*

Graduate Charge Ashley Chambers ('25)

**Presentation of Candidates for
Graduate Degrees** Dr. Jennifer Dugan
Provost

**Conferral of Graduate Degrees and
Presentation of Diplomas** President Hasseler
Chair Carpenter

Undergraduate Charge Lainey Westfall ('25)

Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees Provost Dugan

**Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees
and Presentation of Diplomas** President Hasseler
Chair Carpenter

**Charge to Graduating Class
from the Faculty** Kristine Pray
Associate Professor of Business

***Alma Mater** Heather Dawson ('26)
Muskingum Valley Brass

All Hail, Muskingum

All hail, Muskingum, glorious Alma Mater,
Thy loyal children come to do thee honor,
Life more abundant thou to us hast given,
Hail, Alma Mater, hail.

Closing Remarks President Hasseler

***Benediction** Chaplain Wadlington

Recessional
Fanfare and Recessional Quintet No. 1, Op. 5,
Victor Ewald, Muskingum Valley Brass

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Candidates For Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Kaylea Nicole Allison
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Columbus, OH*

Jerri Darlene Badgett
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Carroll, OH*

Amanda Beth Bates
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Graysville, OH*

Kaitlynn Brooke Caldwell
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Columbus, OH*

Laura Elaine Dotterer
*Gifted Endorsement
Sardis, OH*

Kristen Chidemo
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Covington, KY*

Katelyn Hilary Gotschall
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Cambridge, OH*

Emily Jane Hockenberry
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Marietta, OH*

Blaine Leo Hoxworth
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Millersburg, OH*

Matthew Kennedy
*Gifted Endorsement
Granville, OH*

Dina C. Kraus
*Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL) Endorsement
Massillon, OH*

Audrey Jane Lewis
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Westerville, OH*

Stephanie Erin McCutcheon
*Reading Endorsement
Marietta, OH*

Brandon S. Norris
*Reading Endorsement
Dublin, OH*

Hallie Marie Reed
*Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL) Endorsement
West Lafayette, OH*

Ashley Marie Roberts
*Gifted Endorsement
Caldwell, OH*

Jennifer Lynn Rozanski
*Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL) Endorsement
Dublin, OH*

Angel Leeann Stoolfire
*Principal Licensure
Alexandria, OH*

Jennifer Lynn Suver
*Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL) Endorsement
Dresden, OH*

Abigail Marie Underwood
*Gifted Endorsement
Grove City, OH*

Courtney Jo Wright
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Circleville, OH*

Hannah Rose Yoder
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Dover, OH*

Mackenzie Faith Zupancic
*K-12 Reading Endorsement
Aurora, OH*

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

George M. Ash
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Richmond, OH*

Reagan Gabrielle Baughman
*Middle Childhood Education: Science/Math
Nashport, OH*

Erica Cordella Lynn Canter
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Cambridge, OH*

Ryan Christopher Cunningham
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Batavia, OH*

Grady Dalzell
*Adolescent to Young Adult Language Arts
Lewis Center, OH*

Jennifer Lynn Dean
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Chesapeake, OH*

Jessica Ann Fox
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Coolville, OH*

Anthony Jordan Hutcheson
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Zanesville, OH*

Shandi Lynn Lanning
*Inclusive Primary Education
Newark, OH*

Christopher Kegan Lanter
*Adolescent to Young Adult Social Studies
Worthington, OH*

Joseph Charles Lough
*Adolescent to Young Adult Mathematics
Granville, OH*

Michelle Leigh Rykowski
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Saint Clairsville, OH*

Max Hudson Schafer
*Adolescent to Young Adult Social Studies
Lore City, OH*

Ryan Michael Sronce
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Wintersville, OH*

Brian Evin Stotts
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Logan, OH*

Megan Ann Sullivan
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Columbus, OH*

Bennett David Triplett
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Groveport, OH*

Reagan Caroline Triplett
*Adolescent to Young Adult Language Arts
New Philadelphia, OH*

Raterious M. Walker
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Columbus, OH*

Marija A. Whetstone
*Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
Uhrichsville, OH*

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Justin M. Adams
New Concord, OH

Austin Thomas Lemmon
Zanesville, OH

Mark David Spillman
Zanesville, OH

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Chelsea Marie Alaksa
Amherst, OH

Eunice A. Jurcich
O Fallon, IL

Taylor Makenzie Beasley
Centerville, OH

Danielle Cathleene Kiel
Doylestown, OH

Crystal R. Bischoff
Cardington, OH

William S. McKisson Jr.
Sylvania, OH

Erin Monique Clausnitzer
Columbus, OH

Kirsten Michelle Millis
Norwalk, OH

Melanie Terese Clevinger
Olmsted Falls, OH

Stephanie Alyssa-Michael Mort
St. Charles, MO

Jessica M. Collins
Osage City, KS

Kristen L. Payton
Springfield, OH

LaTrell T. Davis
Zanesville, OH

Pamela Peric
Mentor, OH

Joshua David Ehrichs
Aurora, CO

Katie Lynn Richards
Ashland, OH

Jillian Foltz
Canton, OH

Michaela Lee Ruark
Beavercreek, OH

Natalie Christine Fruhwirth
Dayton, OH

Beth Lynn Sines
West Portsmouth, OH

Abigail R. Graves
Guilford, IN

Mary K. Tidd
Lima, OH

Sarah E. Ginnetti
Boardman, OH

Xia Vang
Fresno, CA

Kristal Louise Hamilton
Chillicothe, OH

Marilyn Elizabeth Wells
Lisbon, OH

Emma Sydney Jones
Bradenton, FL

Michaela Lauren Winterscheidt
Hiawatha, KS

MASTER OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Justin A. Brown
Marion, OH

Ashley Lauren Chambers
Marietta, OH

Ashli Taylor Bryan
Lanham, MD

Jordan K. Knepper
Jackson Center, OH

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashton Cecille Anderson
*Primary And Special Education
Orient, OH*

Sydnee Jane Duskey
*Inclusive Primary Education
Beverly, OH*

Morgan Michelle Atkinson
*Inclusive Primary Education
Cambridge, OH*

Eva Finni
*History, English
Cincinnati, OH*

Mackenzie Jaine Atkinson
*Inclusive Primary Education
Cambridge, OH*

Jakob Philip Frueh
*Business Management
Nashport, OH*

Sydney Jordan Belville
*Computer Science, Digital Media Design
Rushville, OH*

Rachel L. Gill
*Primary Education
Newark, OH*

Reilly Buss
*Primary Education
Columbus, OH*

Jacob A. Gulu
*Business Management
Campbell, OH*

Kaylea Marie Cook
*Early Childhood Education
New Lexington, OH*

Laken Elaine Hayhurst-Gill
*Early Childhood Education
Zanesville, OH*

Kylie Ann Daugherty
*Health and Fitness
Cambridge, OH*

Lauren Maria Hertle
*Sports Administration,
Sports Communication
Stow, OH*

James Hunter Dickson
*Sport Management
Cincinnati, OH*

Haley Marie Horvath
*Health Administration, Health and Fitness
New Concord, OH*

Dejon E. Donnell
*Accounting
Columbus, OH*

Karissa Marie Humphrey
*Global Studies, Spanish
New Concord, OH*

Luke Joseph Dunlap
*Religion
Byesville, OH*

Travanti Keitt
*Health and Fitness
Deerfield Beach, FL*

Oriana E. Krieg
Art
Zanesville, OH

Andrew J. Laplante
*Accounting, Business Management,
Marketing, Economics*
Cambridge, OH

Crystal Dawn Lovell
Inclusive Primary Education
Millersburg, OH

Kolby Michael Masloski
Primary and Special Education
West Lafayette, OH

Morgan Kainoa McKenna
Criminal Justice
Tamuning, Guam

Owen Lyle Meacham
Sport Management
Painesville, OH

Alyyah Michele Mills
Communication Studies
New Concord, OH

Dalton Michael Patterson
Sport Management, Sports Communication
West Lafayette, OH

Cassidy Rachel Phillips
Digital Media Design
Akron, OH

Brent Michael Poland
Animal Studies
Cambridge, OH

Samuel Ayden Pollock
Media Production
New Concord, OH

Maggie M. Presnell
Child and Family Studies
Pleasant City, OH

Mason Collier Purvis
Health and Fitness
Millersport, OH

Jennifer Mae Rayner
Inclusive Primary Education
Blue Rock, OH

Cliff J. Reynolds
Special Education
Dublin, OH

James Nathaniel Salchli
Economics, Business Management
Bowling Green, KY

Jade Mikala Shepard Lafferty
Communication Studies
Lore City, OH

Claire Morgan Smith
Inclusive Primary Education
New Concord, OH

Madison Nachole Smitley
Public Health Studies
Dover, OH

Caleb Andrew Sparks-Matthews
Sport Management
Cincinnati, OH

Carlee J. Stiles
Child and Family Studies
Bethesda, OH

Katie Marie Tidwell
Primary Education
Waynesburg, OH

Lainey Michelle Westfall
Communication Studies
Granville, OH

Tayler Leigh Ann Wolford
Primary Education
Dresden, OH

Madison Taylor Yenke
Health Administration, Public Health Studies
Cincinnati, OH

Addie Nicole Young
Music Education
Malta, OH

Zoey Lynn Zeman
Accounting, Business Management
Frazeysburg, OH

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ashley N. Barton
Thornville, OH

Taryn Desiree Sanders
Roseville, OH

Haley N. Devolld
Sarahsville, OH

Alyssa Renae Harper
Byesville, OH

Brailey Rae Ann Harris
Zanesville, OH

Alizabeth Lude
Bridgeport, OH

Jessica A. Lunsford
Newcomerstown, OH

Alyssa L. Merriman
New Concord, OH

Taylor Noelle Johnson
Byesville, OH

Daniel J. Painter
Marietta, OH

Josecler Steffen Powell
Athens, OH

Delaney Mishelle Zimmerman
Zanesville, OH

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alexis M. Barnett
Psychology
Zanesville, OH

Emely Hernandez Berkemal
Medical Laboratory Studies
Dublin, OH

Iain Niles Bonner
Healthcare Management
Lewis Center, OH

Sandra V. Brannon
Medical Laboratory Studies
Reedsville, OH

Ella Marie Brothers
Psychology
Lancaster, OH

Landon W. Burley
*Medical Laboratory Studies,
Healthcare Management*
Wooster, OH

Veronica S. Duesenberry
Healthcare Management, Health Science
New Concord, OH

Nathan S. Farmer
Computer Science
Bellaire, OH

Jacquelynn Jane Ford
Medical Laboratory Studies
East Canton, OH

Emma M. Johnson
Exercise Science
Norwich, OH

Christopher Lawrence Lacy
Medical Laboratory Studies
Vienna, WV

Jessie L. Meredith
Medical Laboratory Studies
Hopedale, OH

Taylor CarolAnn Metz
Chemistry
Hicksville, OH

Darick Jace Miller
Conservation Science
Carrollton, OH

Hodan Abdi Muhumed
Medical Laboratory Studies
Gahanna, OH

Robert John Myers
Medical Laboratory Studies
Rawson, OH

Alyssa M. Northrup
Biology
Zanesville, OH

Samuel T. Semir
Medical Laboratory Studies
Pickerington, OH

Michael R. Shull
Medical Laboratory Studies
Canton, OH

Caleb Mason Simpson
Computer Science, Digital Media Design
Richwood, OH

Jessica N. Smith
Medical Laboratory Studies
Parkersburg, WV

Gage Harryson Summers
Chemistry
Coshocton, OH

Brooke Alison Thomas
Medical Laboratory Studies
Empire, OH

Averi Lee Wallace
Exercise Science
Uhrichsville, OH

Cheyenne Dawn Williamson
Medical Laboratory Studies
Bucyrus, OH

Sarah Lynn Zane
Medical Laboratory Studies
Canton, OH

Graduation Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

*Conferred at graduation to those with a cumulative minimum
grade point average of 3.8.*

Morgan Atkinson

Ashley Barton

Sydney Belville

Sandra Brannon

Landon Burley

Kaylea Cook

Luke Dunlap

Eva Finni

Rachel Gill

Laken Hayhurst-Gill

Lauren Hertle

Alizabath Lude

Hodan Muhumed

Robert Myers

Josecler Powell

James Salchli

Jade Shepard Lafferty

Averi Wallace

Lainey Westfall

Addie Young

Zoey Zeman

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*Conferred at graduation to those with a cumulative minimum
grade point average of 3.6.*

Mackenzie Atkinson

Emely Berkemal

Sydnee Duskey

Kolby Masloski

Owen Meacham

Jessie Meredith

Michael Shull

Caleb Simpson

Claire Smith

Katie Tidwell

Tayler Wolford

Delaney Zimmerman

CUM LAUDE

*Conferred at graduation to those with a cumulative minimum
grade point average of 3.4.*

Alexis Barnett

Alyssa Harper

Oriana Krieg

Jessica Lunsford

Alyssa Merriman

Brent Poland

Jessica Smith

Madison Smitley

Gage Summers

Cheyenne Williamson

Madison Yenke

VALEDICTORIAN

Eva Finni

Rachel Gill

Alizabath Lude

Josecler Powell

Final graduation honors will be determined after final grades have been recorded.

Commencement Speaker

DIANNA LEVECK '86



Dianna (Mitchell) LeVeck '86 is a distinguished leader whose career in healthcare administration spans nearly four decades. Currently serving as Chief Administrative Officer at Genesis HealthCare System, Dianna has dedicated 38 years to advancing the mission and values of her organization and broader healthcare community. Dianna's journey began at Good Samaritan Medical Center, where her commitment to excellence

and compassionate care quickly set her apart. In 1997, she was selected as the inaugural Director of Human Resources for Genesis HealthCare System, following the pivotal affiliation of the Bethesda Care System and Good Samaritan. In this role, Dianna led transformative efforts that supported nearly 2,000 employees through significant cultural and employment transitions, fostering a resilient and inclusive workplace culture.

As a senior executive, Dianna oversees a broad portfolio of system-level operations including human resources, support services, mission and spiritual care, lean six sigma, facilities, space planning, Genesis Outpatient Pharmacies, Genesis Children's Center, and Genesis Community Ambulance. Her expertise in organizational management, employee relations, leadership training and coaching, and change management has been instrumental in driving operational excellence and innovation across the health system.

Dianna is recognized as a mission-driven leader, recognized by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity for her loyalty, dedication, and commitment to the mission of sponsored ministries. Her leadership style is rooted in empathy, collaboration, and a deep sense of purpose, inspiring those around her to strive for continuous improvement and compassionate service.

A lifelong learner, Dianna earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communications from Muskingum and holds a master's degree in human resources management. She is nationally certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources, reflecting her commitment to professional growth and excellence in her field.

Beyond her professional achievements, Dianna is engaged in her local community. She and her husband, Andrew, reside in Zanesville, Ohio where they actively participate in community events and fundraising activities while also finding time to travel whenever possible.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The wearing of academic regalia is a tradition of very long standing. The practice dates to the earliest European universities, perhaps originating as much from the practical concern for warmth in notoriously chilly facilities as from the desire to recognize and celebrate the teacher and holder of an advanced degree.

The level of the degree can be distinguished by the style of the gown. Gowns for all graduates are usually black. While undergraduate gowns may all seem the same, at the graduate level regalia tell a rich story of the graduate's academic journey. In American usage, the colors of the trim on the gown and the color of the hood indicate school and discipline: white for Arts and Letters, dark blue for Philosophy, golden yellow for Science, light blue for Education, scarlet for Theology, sage green for Physical Education, copper for Economics, and pink for Music.

HONOR CORDS

Honor cords identify graduates who have achieved special recognition for academic excellence. Graduates wear honor cords to signify their initiation into one of Muskingum University's honor societies and/or their achievement of President's List, Dean's List, or Academic Merit honors.

ABOUT MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1837 in New Concord, Ohio, Muskingum University is a comprehensive university grounded in a strong liberal arts tradition. The University educates the whole person for the whole world, impacting the lives of its students, its region, the nation, and beyond.

Muskingum offers more than 60 undergraduate majors which prepare students for the professional workforce and advanced studies; the Muskingum Adult Program, offering online degree completion programs; several master's degree programs; a doctorate degree program; and workforce development partnerships with business and industry.

Muskingum's excellence is measured by its alumni, who have served as corporate CEOs, media figures, scientists, educators, health professionals, civic leaders, neighbors, and friends. For more information, visit muskingum.edu.

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