



*Sixtieth
Commencement*

*Mount Vernon
Nazarene University*

Summer 2020

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MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE
JULY 25 – 26, 2020

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020

Traditional Program Drive-Up Commencement, by Academic School

9:00 a.m.	Session 1	The School of Nursing and Health Sciences; The School of Christian Ministry
11:00 a.m.	Session 2	The Jetter School of Professional Studies
1:00 p.m.	Session 3	The School of Natural and Social Sciences
3:00 p.m.	Session 4	The School of Arts and Humanities

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

Graduate and Professional Studies Program Drive-Up Commencement

1:00 p.m.	Session 5	Undergraduate Programs
2:30 p.m.	Session 6	Graduate Programs

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer has been contracted. All pictures will be available online for viewing and ordering at www.seavoltstudio.com. Once at the site, please click the link labeled “Log into our store here” at the bottom of the homepage. **Pictures will be online within 72 hours and available until the end of December.** If you have questions about photography, please contact Seavolt’s Studio at 740-397-0541.

VIDEO

An online archive of the services will be available for approximately 8 months at mvnu.tv by clicking the ON DEMAND tab.

MVNU SPORTSWEAR & GIFTS

MVNU gear and diploma frames are available online at <http://cougarcornerstore.com>.

MOUNT VERNON

NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY MISSION

Mount Vernon Nazarene University exists to shape lives through educating the whole person and cultivating Christ-likeness for lifelong learning and service.

UNIVERSITY MISSION CONTEXT

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, established by the Church of the Nazarene, opened its doors in 1968 and serves the denomination's East Central Region. The University offers liberal arts, professional, and graduate programs at its main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, as well as at three regional sites.

MVNU's educational philosophy and purpose are shaped by its Wesleyan-Holiness theological roots, informed by the Bible, focused on Christ-likeness in every aspect of life, and defined by an emphasis on loving God with all of one's heart, mind, soul, and strength, as well as one's neighbor as one's self. Students are nurtured and empowered through caring relationships with faculty, staff, and administrators; challenged to be devoted disciples of Christ; drawn toward discovery of wisdom and truth in every discipline of study; prepared for leadership in various professions; equipped to be lifelong learners; and sent into the world to live out their faith by offering their hearts and lives in service to God and others.

The University is characterized by an engaging environment where diversity is celebrated and differences in ethnicity, denomination, gender, economic level, and stage of spiritual development are embraced. A spirit of worship unifies the academic, social, and spiritual life of the student body, and the community is shaped through shared commitments, values, and experiences that provide the context for transformation in Christ, individually and collectively. Excellence in vocational pursuits and in character development are viewed as an expression of faithful stewardship, and a lifestyle of compassion is demonstrated as the most effective witness to others of God's love. As students become graduates, the character of Mount Vernon Nazarene University continues to identify them as devoted disciples, servant leaders, learning professionals, and loyal alumni.

UNIVERSITY MOTTO

To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve.

UNIVERSITY VISION

To Change the World with the Love of Christ.

2019-2020 SERVICE ABOVE SELF RECIPIENTS

Abby Slingerland and Michael Mohnasky



Abby Slingerland was a servant leader on campus, in the community, and in the church in many ways. She graciously guided the campus through culture and race conversations, both in chapel, at Justice Project events, and in Service Learning Trip Training. Abby served her church through hot meal distribution and service translation. The Mount Vernon community was served by Abby's involvement with the Winter Sanctuary. Abby also served in Serbia, Guyana, and McAllen, Texas. Abby's peers also benefitted from Abby's humble, servant's heart through her work as a tutor, Bible study leader, and treasurer of the Social Justice Club. Thank you, Abby, for your faithful service. We have been blessed by your courageous, humble leadership.



During his time at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Michael served MVNU, his church, and the community in a multitude of ways. Michael served as Student body president and as a Resident Health Assistant. Many students were helped by Michael's service as an academic peer mentor and tutor. He played a vital role in strengthening CoSMO groups, starting and participating in a multitude of groups that served the Mount Vernon community. Michael also served the world by participating in Service Learning Trips to Virginia, Guyana, eSwatini, and Cactus, Texas. Michael has been an advocate for the least of these among us during his time at MVNU and has led others to do the same. We are grateful for your service, Michael.

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020

R. R. HODGES CHAPEL/AUDITORIUM PORTICO

PRESIDENT HENRY W. SPAULDING II, PH.D., PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL

Brass Choir

Trumpet Voluntary, John Stanley
Trumpet Voluntary, Jeremiah Clarke

WELCOME

Henry W. Spaulding II, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

INVOCATION

Rev. Stephanie R. Lobdell, M.Div.
Campus Pastor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Deans of the Schools

- Session 1 Schools of Nursing and Health Sciences and Christian Ministry
Carol J. Dorough, Ed.D. and Douglas J. Van Nest, D.Min.
- Session 2 Jetter School of Professional Studies
Melanie A. Timmerman, J.D.
- Session 3 School of Natural and Social Sciences
LeeAnn H. M. Coutts, Ph.D.
- Session 4 School of Arts and Humanities
Yvonne R. Schultz, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Deans of the Schools

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Henry W. Spaulding II, Ph.D.

READING OF THE NAMES

THE CLASS OF 2020

Joseph D. Rinehart, M.A.
*Assistant Professor of Communication,
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ALUMNI RELATIONS WELCOME

Rev. Brad A. Kochis, B.S.
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RINGING OF THE SHAW BELL

RECESSIONAL

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TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ~ SUMMER 2020

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

TAYLOR JAMES DALRYMPLE
Business Administration

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

CALEB JOSEPH ALESHIRE
Music
Cum Laude

CECILY JOY LEETCH
Music
Cum Laude

KATIE L. PIOTEREC
Music

BACHELOR OF ARTS

CALEB JOSEPH ALESHIRE
Religion
Cum Laude

JOHN JACOB MESHACH ALLISON
Religion

PEYTON RILEY ANDERSON
Computer Science

HANNAH ROSE ANGELL
Religion

ELLEN REBECCA BAKER
Intercultural Studies
*Summa Cum Laude ***

OLIVIA LORRAINE BATES
Educational Studies

ABIGAIL NICOLE BECHTOL
Music
Cum Laude

SYDNEY ELLEN BERG
Early Childhood Education

CALEB ELI BICKNELL
Pastoral Ministry

MICHAEL JAMES BISHOP
History

PAYTON EDWARD BOOTH
Business Administration

ABIGAIL MARIE BRENNAN
English

LAURI CATHERINE BRUNING
English
Cum Laude

LILLIAN DARIA BUCKLEY
English
Cum Laude

HOLLY MARIE BURKET
Integrated Language Arts Education
Cum Laude

ZACHARY AUSTIN CADDY
Youth Ministry
Cum Laude

CASSIDY JOYCE CAIN
Educational Studies

JOSEPH CODY CAMPBELL
Political Science

MARIAH MODINE CARPNETER
Psychology

NICHOLAS SCOTT CARPENTER
Graphic Design ♦

DANTE JOHN CHERUBINI, IV
Computer Science

CORALIE JAE CHRISTOPHER
Music
*Magna Cum Laude ***

ANNA ELAINE CHRYSLER
Public Relations

MICHELLE RENEE CLIPPINGER
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude

CARRIE LYNN COCHRAN
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

KIRSTIN NICOLE CORDY
Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

RACHEL LAUREN CORSIGLIA
Psychology
Cum Laude

ELIZABETH ANNE CROSBY
Graphic Design
Magna Cum Laude †

TAYLOR JAMES DALRYMPLE
Music

ALEXIS JUSTINE DAVIS
History/Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

REBECCA LYNN DENMAN
Intervention Specialist/
Early Childhood Education
Summa Cum Laude

MICHAEL ALDEN DICAMILLO
Philosophy/History
Summa Cum Laude

RYAN KENNETH DOVE
Sports Management

BROOKLYN AUDRA DUEWEL
Early Childhood Education

BROOKE SHANNON DUNN
Communication Sciences and
Disorders/Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

KEELY NAVA DYKES
Criminal Justice

CHARISSA RENEE ENGLE
Middle Childhood Education
Cum Laude

SHELBY CRISTINE ERLANDSON
Spanish Education
Cum Laude

BLAKE AARON ESTEP
Business Administration

BROOKE NOEL FERGUSON
History/Spanish
Summa Cum Laude

LAUREN MICHELLE FORNEY
Art
Cum Laude

JOEL CURTIS FOXALL
Spanish Education
Summa Cum Laude †

DALE JOSEPH FRYE
Pastoral Ministry

GUSTAVO FUENTES
Business Administration

EMILY ELIZABETH GARBER
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

KIRSTEN ELIZA GARBER
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude

JENNA DANIELLE GRADY
Spanish
Magna Cum laude

OLIVIA ANN GREENICH
Intercultural Studies
*Summa Cum Laude ***

WESLEY K. GRIFFITH
Business Administration
Cum Laude

NICHOLAS LEE HARMON
Business Administration

ALYSSA ANNE HARRER
Intervention Specialist/
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude

ESTHER MARIA HART Public Relations <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **	JACOB ANDREW KYER Criminal Justice	NICHOLAS CHARLES MOSER Business Administration
LORIN JAY HERSHBERGER Computer Science	KEITH MICHAEL LANCE, JR. History	ELISE ANNE MURRAY Art <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
ASHTON BAILEY HINES Intercultural Studies <i>Cum Laude</i>	ALLISON JEAN LANKFORD English/Music <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	MADISON LEE NEAR Early Childhood Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
RACHEL LYNN HORN Integrated Social Studies Education	CECILY JOY LEETCH English <i>Cum Laude</i>	DREW CONNOR NELSON Worship Ministry <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
RILEY JOHN HUGHES Psychology	MICHELLE ANN LEIGHTY Pastoral Ministry	MICHELLE RAE OGDEN Psychology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
EMILY GRACE INGRAM History	JORDAN LEIGH LEWIS Journalism and Media Production	CAYLEE NICOLE OVERLY Intervention Specialist/ Early Childhood Education <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
RICHARD LESTER JOHNS Christian Ministry/Journalism and Media Production <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	JOSHUA ALLEN LONG Art	CALLIE JEAN PALMER Psychology
MADelyn ALENE JOHNSTON Psychology <i>Cum Laude</i>	VINCENT JOHN LOPRINZI Pastoral Ministry	NATHAN SAMUEL PARKER Journalism and Media Production◇
TIM KASPAREK Business Administration/ Sports Management <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	LIBERTY LUTES Art <i>Cum Laude</i>	IOANNIS DANIEL PATTEN Mathematics/Engineering <i>Cum Laude</i>
DALTON ALEXANDER KEETON Christian Ministry	KATELYNN MARIE MABE Graphic Design <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	CASSANDRA LYNN PERKINS Psychology
LOGAN ALAN KINCAID Criminal Justice ★	JAMES TIMOTHY MAHAN Computer Science <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	SARAH ELIZABETH PETHTEL Early Childhood Education <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
BENJAMIN JORDAN KING Music	MEGHAN ELIZABETH LANE MAY Criminal Justice	KATHRYN ELIZABETH PONSART Youth Ministry
ELIZABETH MARIE KING History <i>Cum Laude</i>	KEVIN RICHARD McCLAIN Sports Management	KOURTNEY LYNN PRYSESKI Psychology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
JAKE DEAN KING Middle Childhood Education <i>Cum Laude</i>	MARION FRANCES MCGILL Graphic Design	RACHEL MEGAN PUDERBAUGH Youth Ministry
KAITLYN MARIE KING Psychology	SHAYLA DANIELLE MCGOWAN Psychology	HANNAH MICHELLE RADKE Communication Studies <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
SUMMER McKENZIE KING Spanish Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	TAYLOR RENEE McNICHOLS Psychology	WESLEY CURTIS RENGERT Integrated Social Studies Education <i>Cum Laude</i>
LINDSAY RHYAN KLENZMAN Computer Science <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> †	SHEA DAVID McVANEY Graphic Design	RACHEL MARIA RINEHART Theatre/Journalism and Media Production <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **
DEAN ALAN KLUNZINGER Political Science/History/ Integrated Social Studies Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	CALEB MATTHEW MERENDINO Pastoral Ministry <i>Cum Laude</i>	DOMINQUE NICOLE ROE English <i>Cum Laude</i>
NICHOLAS ALLEN KRANTZ Criminal Justice	JACOB DARRYL MITCHELL Religion	CECILE KAMARIZA RUTHIRIRIZA Political Science <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	SETH ADAM MONK Psychology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
	TREVOR ALAN MONK Sports Management <i>Cum Laude</i>	

MOLLY ELIZABETH SCHEICH Psychology <i>Cum Laude</i> †	SOPHIA GRACE WARNER Psychology/Business Administration <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> †**	CHRISTINA LYNN BAUMANN Marketing
VERONICA ALEXIS SHADE Psychology	MALONE BRANT WEGHORST Political Science ★	AUBREY LANAE BECK Biology
LEAH GRACE SHAFFER Art <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> †	MCKENZIE LAUREN WELLER Psychology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	TARYN D. BENSON Communication Sciences and Disorders <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
DANIEL JAY SHARP Computer Science <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	MARK TYLER WESLEY Journalism and Media Production <i>Cum Laude</i>	SARAH JANE BOUÉ Exercise Science <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
JESSICA RENE SHAW Sports Management/ Business Administration ◇	ANGELICA SUSAN WHITE Communication Studies	JACOB MICHAEL BROWN Engineering <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> †
MALISA MARIE SIMCO History/ Journalism and Media Production <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	ISAAC MATTHEW WHITE Psychology	CLINTON LEE CONNER Management
BETHANY ANN SINNINGSON Psychology/Criminal Justice <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BETHANY LYNN WILLHITE Psychology	DARRYL DANIELS Exercise Science
ZACHARY THOMAS SKIDMORE Computer Science/Business Administration †	REAGAN ELISE WILLIAMS Art <i>Cum Laude</i>	CONNOR RAY DAVIS Biology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
MICHAELA DAWN SNAVELY Early Childhood Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	SARAH JEANETTE WINGERT Integrated Language Arts Education <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> †	DAVID PATRICK DELAHUNTY Engineering
COREY MORGAN SPELLMAN Music Education	JARED SAMUEL WOLFERT Art	MATTHEW WILLIAM DOROW Mathematics <i>Cum Laude</i>
KELLEYANN JOY STACKHOUSE Middle Childhood Education <i>Cum Laude</i> †	TREVIN WOOD Youth Ministry	BROOKE SHANNON DUNN Communication Sciences and Disorders <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
JEFFREY DAVID STANLEY Mathematics	ALEXANDER JAMES WORKMAN Youth Ministry ★	TAGGART A. EDGELL Engineering
DE-ANDRE MICHAEL STEWARD Computer Science	RAY ANDREW WYMER, II Music <i>Cum Laude</i>	DANIELLE MARIE ELLERBROCK Communication Sciences and Disorders <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **
CARRISA KAE SWEETMAN Educational Ministry <i>Cum Laude</i>	NANA AFUA ACQUAH YEBOAH Mathematics	HANNAH ROSE FALKENBERG Biology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **
DARIA MEREDITH SWISHER Journalism and Media Production <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	JAXON MAVERICK YODER Journalism and Media Production	KATHERINE SUSANNE FLYNN Marketing
VICTORIA BLAKE TEAGUE Art	ABIGAIL REBECCA YOUNG Graphic Design <i>Cum Laude</i>	CHLOE ELIZABETH GARRIS Physical Science Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
ELIZABETH ANN TERWILLIGER Music Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	ADAM MITCHELL GRATE Management/Finance
SAMUEL CHRISTOPHER TROYER Computer Science	CALEB SCOTT ADDIS Finance/Marketing	JULIA GRACE GREENICH Management <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
MORIAH EVONNE UMBS Communication Studies	ALYSSA MARIE AGLER Chemistry <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	JEREMY ROBERT GRIMM Engineering
	AUSTIN MICHAEL BAKER Finance	
	RODRIGO DA CRUZ BARAUNA Engineering <i>Cum Laude</i>	

ALEXANDRA HOPE GROOMS Biology	JAMES TIMOTHY MAHAN Mathematics <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	MADELINE LOVEL QUINN Integrated Mathematics Education <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> **
PAIGE ELISE GUTAI Biology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	SCOTT AARON MAURER Health Sciences	THEODORE HOWARD REED Biology <i>Cum Laude</i>
CEDRIC MATTHEW BENTON HART Management	NATALIE ANN MAXWELL Communication Sciences and Disorders <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BETHANY ANN RICHARDSON Mathematics <i>Cum Laude</i>
KAYLIE ANN HATZEL Biology	CHRISTOPHER LEE MCDANIEL Engineering	KORTNI RICHELLE RICKARDS Biology <i>Cum Laude</i>
AUSTIN JEFFREY WILLIAM HAZEN Engineering ★	AUSTIN SCOTT MILLER Engineering	STEPHANIE DAWN RODEHEAVER Marketing <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER HOLMES Accounting/Finance <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BRENDAN ROBERT MILLER Biology	JACOB WAYNE ROE Biology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
ANTHONY JAMES HOWARD Integrated Mathematics Education ★	KELSI LEE MILLER Biology	MATTHEW COLTON ROLDAN Accounting
KENNEDY HOPE HOWELL Exercise Science	ZACHARY JOEL MILLER Chemistry <i>Cum Laude</i>	DANIELLE JORDAN ROSE Biology †
KARMEN ELAINE HUNTSBERGER Accounting <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	MICHAEL COLE MOHNASKY Biology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	ETHAN CHRISTIAN RUMMEL Health Sciences
JOSEPH JOE Marketing <i>Cum Laude</i>	BRANDON DEAN MOUNT Biology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	MATTHEW PHILIP SALVO Accounting <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
RONALD MICHAEL KAHOUN, JR. Finance	ETHAN JOHN MYERS Biology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **	COURTNEY JORDAN SCOTT Biology
KAYLA ANN VIANA KAUFMAN Engineering/Mathematics <i>Cum Laude</i>	SETH WILLIAM OGDEN Management	BRIANNA JOY SEARLE Biology
MARIAH LYNN KITTELL Biology	DREZDEN LEIGH PALMS Accounting <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	JORDAN BRYAN SEYMOUR Biology ◇
LINDSAY RHYAN KLENZMAN Mathematics <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> †	IOANNIS DANIEL PATTEN Engineering <i>Cum Laude</i>	JACOB CLAY SHARPES Engineering/Mathematics
AMBERLY BETH KNOX Biology <i>Cum Laude</i>	JACOB ANDREW PAUL Biology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	DUSTIN LEE SHENBERGER Engineering <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
JEVON COLLIS KNOX Engineering <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	KATIE L. PIOTEREK Finance	ALEXANDER DAVID SHORT Engineering
SHAWN WILLIAM KUHN Exercise Science	ASHLEY NICOLE POSTLE Accounting/Finance <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	ALEX DAVID STEFANIUK Engineering
SARAH MICAIAH LAIRD Communication Sciences and Disorders <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> **	CALEB SCOTT POTTS Health Sciences	TASIA LEE-ANNE SUSI Chemistry
JAMES SHERMAN LONG Accounting ★	TAYLOR MACENZI PRESTON Finance/Marketing <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> †	KAYLA NICOLE TENNEFOSS Accounting <i>Cum Laude</i>
JACOB DANIEL LOTZ Biology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		BRADY A. THOMPSON Exercise Science

NICOLE MAE TROGDON
Exercise Science

OLIVIA RAYE VOLLMAR
Biology

REBEKAH LYNN WALCHLE
Accounting
Cum Laude

GARRETT THOMAS LEON WALKER
Exercise Science

KAYLEY CHRISTINA WEBB
Health Sciences

MALONE BRANT WEGHORST
Computer Systems and Network
Engineering ★

CONNOR DOUGLAS WHITAKER
Engineering
Cum Laude

GRACE ELIZABETH WICKS
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

TRENTON LEO WOOD
Engineering

ALAINA KAY WRIGHT
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

SANDRA NANA AKUA KESSEWA ADDO
Nursing

ALLISON PAIGE ALBERT
Nursing
*Summa Cum Laude ***

AMY CLARA BLUMENSHEID
Nursing

BRYANNA LEE BOLHA
Nursing ★

CHEYENNE MIKAYLA CAMPOS
Nursing

ERICA DANIELLE CHARLES
Nursing

MACKENZIE TAYLOR COBURN
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

EMILY NICOLE DICKSON
Nursing

PHOENIX KEELI EMDE
Nursing

ANGELA BROOKE FLACH
Nursing

KARI JO FRANCIS
Nursing

ALEXIS JULIET HANNAH
Nursing

CAROLINE KRISTINA HARING
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

TANNER CODY JENKINS
Nursing

TREVOR WAYNE KINER
Nursing

KELSIE ALEECE KNAPP
Nursing
Cum Laude

ZACHARY DANIEL KUNSELMAN
Nursing
Cum Laude

CHRISTINA LYNN MAHARG
Nursing

KOBE AUSTIN MILLER
Nursing

KRISTI ELIZABETH MILLER
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

KATIE ANNE MOUNTS
Nursing

ABBY TAYLOR MYERS
Nursing

NOAH TIMOTHY NORDQUIST
Nursing
Cum Laude

HARLEY JOANN RICKARDS
Nursing

JAIME ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ
Nursing
Cum Laude

ABIGAIL MCKENZIE ROSE
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

SARA ELIZABETH ROUSH
Nursing

LEAH KATE SUMMERFIELD
Nursing
Summa Cum Laude

LINDSEY NICOLE VANHOOSE
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

HEATHER ELAINE YODER
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

KARA MICHELLE ANDREWS
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

ELIZABETH G. BURGESS
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

CARRIE LYNN COCHRAN
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

MEGAN NICOLE CUEVAS
Social Work
Cum Laude

ISABELLE ROSE DiTULLIO
Social Work
Cum Laude ♦

SARAH ELIZABETH HIGGINS
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

TIFFANY MARIE LAWRENCE
Social Work
Cum Laude

KARMEN NICOLE LINDER
Social Work
Cum Laude

MCKENZIE MARIE LOSEKAMP
Social Work

BREANNA PAIGE MUMMERT
Social Work ♦

ALEXIS SKY MARY PAE
Social Work

LAUREN ELIZABETH SANDERS
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

ABIGAIL RUTH SLINGERLAND
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude †

CRYSTIN LYNETTE SPIKER
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

VICTORIA GRACE STEVENS
Social Work
Summa cum Laude

DESTINI DAWN UNDERWOOD
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

ABIGAIL MARIE YODER
Social Work
Magna Cum Laude

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES COMMENCEMENT

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INVOCATION

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Campus Pastor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Session 5 Undergraduate GPS
Session 6 Graduate GPS

Eric W. Stetler, M.B.A.
*Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies and
Dean of the School of GPS*

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ~ SUMMER 2020

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

LARA K. DALTON
Business
Magna Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

MELISSA ANN BAYLY
General Studies
Cum Laude

JENNA CARR
General Studies
Summa Cum Laude

LETHA COOK
General Studies
Magna Cum Laude

MARALYN EMMERT
General Studies

SARA FIKE
General Studies
Magna Cum Laude

DARLENE HILLBERY
General Studies

RYAN MAURICE JAMES
General Studies

ANDREW J. LATIOLAIS
General Studies
Summa Cum Laude

GINNI L. MAY
General Studies
Cum Laude

KATELYN MERKLE
General Studies

BRITTANY MILLER
General Studies
Magna Cum Laude

SHELBY MORGAN
General Studies
Summa Cum Laude

MARIE A. REISER
General Studies
Summa Cum Laude

SHAUN GARRETT SITES
General Studies
Magna Cum Laude ★

BACHELOR OF ARTS

SARAH E. BOWEN
Leadership

MARLIES ANDREA BUHRER
Early Childhood Education

CYNTHIA DASBACH
Early Childhood Education
Summa Cum Laude

SAMANTHA DAVIS
Leadership
Magna Cum Laude

SARAH A. ELLIOTT
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude

KATHRYN GROSS
Leadership
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HISTORY OF MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Mount Vernon Nazarene College was founded by action of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in 1964, when the Assembly authorized the start of two new liberal arts colleges and a Bible college. The first Board of Trustees, organized in spring 1966, elected Stephen W. Nease as its first president in May 1966, and he served until 1972. In September 1966, the Trustees voted to locate the College in Mount Vernon, Ohio on the Lakeholm farm. The land was purchased with funds raised by public subscription in the Mount Vernon area and deeded to the Board of Trustees as the college site. A charter was received from the State of Ohio in December 1966. The first students, the Pioneer Class, arrived on campus October 12, 1968.

The first graduates received associate degrees in June 1970. Four succeeding two-year classes received associate degrees through May 1974. In 1972, the University was accredited as an associate degree-conferring institution by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Accreditation was extended in 1974, to include baccalaureate degree programs. In 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009, and 2019, the accreditation was reaffirmed by the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association. The first junior class enrolled in 1974, and the senior class was added in 1975. The first baccalaureate degree was awarded in May 1976. The graduate program began in 1991, with the first class of students in the Master of Ministry program. The first graduate students were graduated in May 1994.

The University began its degree completion program for adult learners in fall 1993. Its first graduates received the Bachelor of Business Administration in spring 1995. The transition to university status was completed in August 2002, when Mount Vernon Nazarene College became Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Today, MVNU offers Graduate and Professional Programs in Mansfield, Mount Vernon, Newark, New Albany, as well as online. Many people have realized the lifelong dream of a college education and/or a graduate degree through these programs.

The Master of Science in Management program began in 2003, and expanded to a Sharonville site in early 2005. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association in 2006. The first MBA degrees were awarded in December 2006.

The University received a Certificate of Authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents in 1969. The current certificate is effective through 2021. The University was elected to membership in the Ohio College Association in 1971. In 1975, the University received accreditation of the Teacher Education Program. The Master of Arts in Education program received approval from the State of Ohio and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and began in fall 1995. The first graduates completed the program in spring 1997.

Dr. John Allan Knight, the second president, served from August 1972 until June 1975. Dr. L. Guy Nees, the third president, served from June 1975 until November 1980. In November 1980, Dr. William J. Prince was elected as the fourth president; he served through July 1989. In July 1989, Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks was elected as the fifth president; he served through January 2007. Dr. Daniel J. Martin was elected as the University's sixth president in November 2006, and began his service in February 2007; he served through June 2012. Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II was elected as the University's seventh president in November 2012.

HISTORY OF THE LAKEHOLM FARM

The Lakeholm Mansion, an original building on the Lakeholm Farm, was built by Columbus Delano, Secretary of the State of the Interior under President Ulysses S. Grant. The home dates back to the post-Civil War era and still contains many of its original rooms. In 1966, the land became property of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, with the mansion serving as offices, meeting rooms, and even classrooms in the early days of the institution. Today, Mount Vernon Nazarene University uses the Lakeholm Building to house administrative offices. University guests often admire the building's beauty, inside and out, and the University takes great pride in keeping the original mansion looking like the historical gem it is.

In November 2004, MVNU was honored to receive an Ohio Historical Marker from the Ohio Historical Society to commemorate the importance of this structure to the University and to the local community. It is placed along State Route 586 in front of the stone gates that flank the house.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT COMMENCEMENT

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher are eligible for graduation with scholastic honors (sometimes known as Latin honors because of the Latin phrases used to denote the level of achievement). Recipients of this recognition wear gold cords. The honors designations are:

<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (with highest praise)	3.90-4.00
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> (with high praise)	3.70-3.89
<i>Cum Laude</i> (with praise)	3.50-3.69

HONORS SCHOLARS

Students who have demonstrated a high level of achievement in high school may be admitted to Mount Vernon Nazarene University's honors program. Students who complete the honors curriculum are designated as Honors Scholars. Recipients of this recognition wear bronze medallions.

ALPHA CHI HONOR SOCIETY

Alpha Chi is a national honor society committed to promoting excellence in undergraduate educational achievement as well as in professional life. Faculty elect juniors and seniors who have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.85. Alpha Chi members wear blue and green honor cords.

NEASE SCHOLARS

The Nease Institute is an endowed University program that promotes persistence, resilience, and educational opportunity. Students who have completed the Nease Institute and demonstrated academic success are designated as Nease Scholars. Recipients of this recognition wear silver medallions.

MILITARY VETERANS

We want to thank and honor all of our students who have served or are currently serving in the United States military. Veterans are wearing a red, white, and blue cord.

FACULTY MARSHALS

The University President, in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, appoints faculty to serve as symbolic leaders of academic ceremonies in the role of faculty marshals. The faculty marshals organize and lead the lines of march for the baccalaureate worship service and commencement ceremonies.

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

The University marshals are elected officers in the Student Government Association. Robed in silver gowns, the University marshals lead the graduates through the academic ceremonies and rites of passage.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

The Service Above Self Award recognizes those graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves in their University career through service to others. These individuals represent the highest ideal of our University motto: "To seek to learn is to seek to serve." The persons chosen are exemplary among the many qualified to receive this award. The faculty elects one male recipient and one female recipient from a list of nominees provided by the schools and the Senior Class.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The modern academic procession reflects traditions inherited from the medieval universities, where a member of the teaching guild was a master and a bachelor was an apprentice. Long robes and warm hoods served to protect scholars from the cold in drafty rooms and corridors. As a token of privilege and responsibility, the master wore a warmer and more distinguished costume than the bachelor, and a doctor might wear a hood lined with fur.

While this is no longer everyday apparel, it is worn on significant academic occasions to symbolize the world of scholarship. In the commencement ceremony the new bachelors are visibly received into the community of scholars, taking their place in the great traditions of academic life.

The dignity and meaning of academic costume are protected by careful regulation. In the United States, nearly all institutions adhere to a national code adopted in 1895 and revised in 1932.

THE CAP: The familiar “mortarboard” is made of black cloth with a tassel and color of the wearer’s “faculty” or discipline. Those who possess a doctoral degree may wear an eight-sided tam provided the institution granting the degree is more than 100 years old. Doctoral tassels are shorter than bachelor’s or master’s and are often gold metallic threads.

THE GOWN: The cut of the gown indicates the wearer’s degree. A bachelor’s wears a simple gown with pointed sleeves; a master’s gown has long, closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist, and a doctor wears a very full gown with billowing bell-shaped sleeves. In addition, the doctor’s gown has velvet panels on the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve, which may be black or the color distinctive of his or her discipline. Presidential gowns typically include an additional velvet panel, a fourth chevron bar on the sleeve, and velvet trim above the bottom hem.

THE HOOD: The color of the velvet border signifies the discipline of the degree, while the color of the interior lining identifies the institution, normally by its school colors. The hood of a bachelor is three feet long; that of a master three and one-half and that of a doctor four feet.

UNIVERSITY SEAL

The seal features three panels bearing symbols significant of university life. The Bible emphasizes the primacy of scripture to learning. The flame captures the essence of the community of faith, the gathering of learners drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit. The cross centrality proclaims the Lordship of Jesus in shaping Christ-likeness. The globe depicts the world to which students are released for lifelong service. The University’s founding date of 1968 and the motto “To seek to learn is to seek to serve” is engraved near the bottom of the seal.

PRESIDENTIAL LAVALIERE

The medallion on the presidential lavalier presents the seal on the front and the flame, representing the Holy Spirit on the reverse. The chain contains links on which the line of presidential succession with the dates of service of each president is engraved.

MACE

Tracing its origin back to medieval times, the mace represents one of the oldest traditions in academia. It symbolizes the academic authority of the University: the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the administration. The Mount Vernon Nazarene University mace bears on one side the university seal, emblematic of the responsibility for leadership of the institution, and on the other the flame, representing the Holy Spirit who is the source of strength and guidance for that role.

SHAW BELL

The bell, originally cast in Cincinnati in about 1882, was bought by Lt. Col. Robert H. Shaw from the Brooktondale Nazarene Campground in upstate New York, transported to Mount Vernon, and donated to the University in the early 1970s. The Shaw Bell, now located in the bell tower on the central campus lawn, tolls at the conclusion of each commencement ceremony and other academic ceremonies.

UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE AND HYMN

INTRODUCTION

The Mount Vernon Nazarene University community extends around the globe into classrooms, pulpits, hospitals, places of business, and human service organizations. Wherever the influence of MVNU extends our vision persists – *To Change the World with the Love of Christ*. This is possible because we draw from the deep wells of Israel and Jesus Christ, as expressed in the mission of the Church. When the University gathers to celebrate, mourn, and dream, we do so in the power of the Holy Spirit to offer a doxology of invitation and praise. While MVNU is a young institution, its roots go to the very creation of the world. The Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the Senior Leadership Team intends to call attention to the deep wells of the Christian tradition by designating a University Scripture passage and a University Hymn. Both will frame Baccalaureate, Commencement, and other University events. The Scripture passage and hymn offer testimony to the faith which runs from the heart of God to our calling to Holiness Higher Education.

UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

The Scripture passage of II Corinthians 5:14-21 comes from the ministry of Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God. While Paul clearly addresses the “church of God which is at Corinth,” he also addresses the Church of our time. According to Paul, “Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all . . .” (v14a). The power of the resurrection makes it possible to live for something bigger than our own agenda. This passage reminds us that the MVNU community is a new creation. We do not wander amid the ashes of civilization; rather, we look to the newness of the resurrection. Because of this, MVNU lives toward reconciliation, and just for this reason, we are ambassadors for Christ to a broken world. While sin, death, and evil surround this campus during dark days and good days, Christ calls us to a ministry of reconciliation. In fact, MVNU believes God makes His appeal through us. The appeal of the everlastingly triune God, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is reconciliation borne of righteousness. The promise of the passage is lived out through the vision to change the world through the love of Christ. John Wesley writes, “This is the word of reconciliation which we preach. This is the foundation which never can be moved. By faith we are built upon this foundation; and this faith also is the gift of God” [*Wesley’s Works*, 1: 119].

The University Scripture passage calls attention to the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition of MVNU. The Church of the Nazarene believes with Paul that righteousness comes through Christ in order to enable us to be ambassadors of heart holiness. Therefore, the ever-flowing love of God embraces the struggles with sin and, in the power of the Spirit, replaces fear and failure with the peace that passes all understanding. As for Paul, so with us, we reach toward a life characterized by reconciling holiness.

UNIVERSITY HYMN

As we gather for various important events on campus, music and singing carry great significance in the life of the community. In those moments, we will sing *Be Thou My Vision*. The very vision of a God who became like us so that we might become like Him helps to frame our understanding. The Christ who hangs on the cross between earth and heaven utters words of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation. We become ambassadors of this message through Christ. The hymn also affirms, “Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise . . . High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.” This hymn addresses God who is Wisdom, Word, Shield, Sword, Dignity, Shelter, and Tower. The humble babe in a manger suffers death on a Cross to rise victoriously. Paul proclaims, “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11). The University Hymn reminds our community that our vision of a Christ-formed God expresses the fullness of what we intend to be in faithfulness to our mission. MVNU reaches toward a broken world with the prayer, “Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.”

The Christian tradition is populated by men and women who wrote, served, preached, and sang the vision of God. The thread of holy diligence blesses the Church toward the mission of evangelism, worship, and education. What the Church believes, teaches, and confesses compels this institution to sing the praises of God. MVNU exists in the vision of a holy God who loves everlastingly. Nothing we will ever do can rise higher than the God who is “heart of our own heart.”

The words of *Be Thou My Vision* dating as far back as the eighth-century, if not the fourth-century, express a deep faith. The words of the hymn express a deep desire to share the good news of the gospel by Irish missionaries, and indeed, the entire Church. Singing *Be Thou My Vision* causes the lives of this community to be intertwined with the richness of our common and historic faith. When this hymn is sung, it effectively links passionate faith with the mind illuminated by the vision of God.

Memory and Mission define the sentiments of the University Scripture passage and University Hymn. The purpose of both is to frame the good work of MVNU to engage the mind and heart in the grand purpose of education in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition.

Adopted March 4, 2011
Board of Trustees



PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATES

Think back to the day you first started classes. Remember the joy, tears, anxiety, faith, and hope over the years. Little did any of us know that we would finish under the cloud of COVID-19. These final days of your academic program have demanded much of you and the University, but we have made it together. Congratulations!

Faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees are proud to welcome you back to campus so your accomplishment and our pride might be evident. Many will celebrate with you—parents, grandparents, siblings, pastors, teachers, and friends. Take a moment to thank those who have supported you on this journey. Let me encourage you to seek out a professor or two to acknowledge their influence in your life. This is a day of celebration, but it is much more.

It is my hope that your education at MVNU has been about Christian vocation. We intentionally framed your education with a vision for life and service defined by the Christian faith. It is a sufficient vision of the reality of God for all of life. Isaiah 44:8 elicits a similar vision,

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

These ancient verses point to a very present reality—God is faithful. He offers us guidance and resources to live fearlessly in the world. God and the faith that testifies to Him can never be casual in your life, work, or your family. Allow the God of the universe to guide your decisions.

Many challenges confront those who graduate today. There will always be a temptation to react instead of understanding or mistake the loudest voice for truth, but your education goes deeper and reaches further. Walk from this campus with the confidence borne of a transformed mind and a heart enlivened by grace. May the words of Paul point you to the resources of faith, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:1-2). It is my hope that you will choose to be a servant of this truth by becoming a point of transformation wherever you serve.

We are proud of your accomplishment. We eagerly anticipate the days ahead as your faith engages the problems of our world in the sure confidence of a transformed heart and mind. May you continue to seek wisdom in all that you do. To God be the glory!


Henry W. Spaulding II, Ph.D.
President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Congratulations on completing your degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University! An accomplishment of this magnitude carries with it a testimony of fortitude, sacrifice and significance.

Welcome to the Alumni family of Mount Vernon Nazarene University! The future has become the present, and we look forward to staying connected with you in the coming years. Please visit the Alumni website at www.mvnu.edu/alumni to stay informed of upcoming alumni events, update your contact information, and share special updates about your life.

The time has now come to turn the page and begin a new chapter with acquired knowledge, passion, and purpose. As you leave the sacred soil of MVNU, may you go in peace, live with purpose, and engage the world with the love Christ. May you remember and embrace our motto, *To Seek To Learn Is To Seek To Serve*.

Rev. Brad A. Kochis, B.S.
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Mount Vernon Nazarene University ALMA MATER

Words by Arthur Seamans, 1971
Revised by Bruce and Peggy Oldham, 2002

Music by Virginia Cameron, 1971
Revised by Virginia Cameron and B. David Liles, 2002

1. From hills of green and skies of blue, Com - mit - ted, called in all we do to
2. To seek to learn and serve that we may then de - vo - ted ser - vants be. We're

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hon - or Christ, be strong and true, We pledge our faith, M - V - N - U. Fond
shaped to lead as Christ would do, We pledge our best, M - V - N - U. Our

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mem - or - ies of work and play, The fa - cul - ty who showed the way, With
Chris - tian U - ni - ver - si - ty has formed us in - to fam - i - ly. To

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friend - ships made our lives re - newed, We pledge our love M - V - N - U.
Christ our Lord, be - cause of you, We pledge our lives, M - V - N - U.

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