

Pfeiffer

UNIVERSITY



Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Front Lawn

Pfeiffer University
Misenheimer, NC

PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

2023 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Scott W. Bullard, Ph.D., President, Presiding



Prelude

* Processional

Sir Edward Elgar
Pomp and Circumstance
Arranged by Ian Deterling

* Invocation

Rev. Maegan Habich
University Chaplain and Director of Church Relations

Welcome

Scott W. Bullard, Ph.D.
President

Musical Selection

Robert W. Smith
"A Mother's Hymn"
Pfeiffer University Wind Ensemble
Tim Hedrick, Director
Mila Rutter '23, Trumpet Soloist

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

President Bullard

Commencement Keynote Address

L. Allen Dobson, Jr., MD.

Recognition of Senior Scholastic Achievement

Dr. Daniel Mynatt
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of the Pearle Walton Fisher Citizenship Award

Dr. Mynatt

Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

* Pfeiffer University Alma Mater

Dr. Richard Brewer

Hail, Alma Mater! All Hail to thee!
It's Pfeiffer University, in the land of the free.
Everlasting friendships found will ever remain.
Our loyalty reigns evermore. All Hail! All Hail!

Hail, Alma Mater! All Hail to thee!
The ringing chimes and chapel spire for all they inspire.
Black and gold our colors wave forever on high.
And Pfeiffer University, All Hail! All Hail!

*Benediction

Rev. Habich

*Recessional

William Owens
Flourishes!

* The audience will please rise

Participation in the commencement ceremony is not official verification of graduation requirements. Likewise, the appearance of an individual's name in the program does not constitute acknowledgement that all degree requirements have been completed. The official status for the conferral of all degrees is maintained by the Registrar's Office.

2023 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Harold Abarca, Jr.
Indian Trail, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Tamara Nicole Adams
Kings Mtn, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Savannah Brea Arstark
Mt. Pleasant, NC
B.A. Communication
B.A. Visual Communication

Katelyn Anne Barfield
Asheboro, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Amanda Morgan Battaile
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Biology
B.S. Chemistry

Tiajuana Sherelle Bennett
Greensboro, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Kayla Brooke Blankenship †
Asheboro, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Camryn Lamora Bowler
York, SC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Jakyla Oshanay Boyd
Kannapolis, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Adam William Bridgeman
Spartanburg, SC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Drew Alexander Brightman †
York, SC
B.A. History

Taylor Lynnette Brigman
China Grove, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Tasker Jacque Brown
Powell, OH
B.A. Communication
B.A. Visual Communication

Jacob Cory Brown
Winston Salem, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

D'Andre Emmanuel Bryant
Concord, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Nathan Robert Callahan
Lincolnton, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Adison Nicole Campbell
Norwood, NC
B.S. Environmental Science

Haley Alexis Cannon
Kannapolis, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Joshua Dillon Capps
Monroe, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Anna Elaine Cheek
Rockwell, NC
B.A. Religion & Practical Theology
B.A. Visual Communication

Yovani Chinos-Flores
Monroe, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Nicholas Robert Cole
Rural Hall, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Ericka Nicole Coone
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Psychology

Valery Cruz
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Biology

Victoria Cyr
Harrisburg, NC
B.A. Psychology

Samuel McLain Daigle
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Tanisha Kara Dailey
Burlington, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Jacob Richard Dinnan
Bluffton, SC
B.S. Accounting

Peter James Donahue
Apex, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Jessica Elizabeth Donaldson
Richfield, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Zoe Grace Earnhardt
Concord, NC
B.A. Religion & Practical Theology

Elizabeth Delana Efird
Oakboro, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Katie Nicole Efird †
Denton, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Alayna Alexandria Eure
Cornelius, NC
B.A. English

Cody Edward Evans †
Seagrove, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Nu-Kwan Dashon Fair
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Biology

Nathan Graham Falls
Marion, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Lucie Lynn Featherstone †
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Environmental Science

Kelly Anne Fried
King, NC
B.A. English
B.A. Communication

Martim Bento Galvao
Portugal
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Isamar Del Carmen Garcia
Asheboro, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Megan Ann Gerdeman
Salisbury, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Delaney Alexxis Geygan
Waxhaw, NC
B.A. Psychology

Jonathan Gonzalez
Asheboro, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Sierra Bree Gordon
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Kathryn Marie Guimond
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Sean Michael Gundacker
Waxhaw, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Dymond Patrice Haith
Burlington, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Alyson Michele Hanlon †
Summerfield, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Elise Cristine Hanna
Henderson, NV
B.S. Criminal Justice

Joshua Cole Hartsell †
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Biology

Amy Thompson Haynes
China Grove, NC
B.A. English Education

Autumn Dawn Hazelwood
Thomasville, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Gracey Faith Helton
Denton, NC
B.A. Psychology

Alyson Lauren Hilburn
Trinity, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Ruth Elizabeth Hill
Monroe, NC
B.S. Biology

Jameson Tucker Hill
Victor, NY
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Nyah Elizabeth Hines
Westminster, MD
B.S. Criminal Justice
B.A. Communication

Caleb Drew Hogan
Denton, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Sandra Wilson Holshouser
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Madison Rose Honeycutt
Arroyo Grande, CA
B.A. Visual Communication

Melissa Butler Hoover
Concord, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Elithe M Hudson
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Makayla Denise Hunt
Asheboro, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Dante' Jerckivon Irby
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Jairo Erick Jaimes
Asheboro, NC
B.S. Accounting

Kellie Nicole Lendsey Johnson
Norwood, NC
B.S. Biology

Jordan Skylar Johnson
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Morganne Elyse Jordan
Kannapolis, NC
B.A. Psychology
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Stephanie Rebecca Juarez
Ramseur, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Kayla Leann Kellam
Lexington, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services
B.A. Communication

Cory Thomas Lackey
North Wilkesboro, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Colby Alexander Lamm
Monroe, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Jacob Michael Landis
Gastonia, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Carlee Rae Lowry
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Carla Morris Lynthacum
Troy, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Miriam Lousie Macklin
Spartanburg, SC
B.A. Psychology

Michael Sidney Malone
Concord, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Margarita Itzel Mancilla
North Charleston, SC
B.A. Communication

TaMesha Chareece Manning
Edenton, NC
B.A. Psychology

Alex Manuel Martinez Valles
Burlington, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Dylan Mankin Masters
Mooresville, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Amber Shenese Maxwell
Hope Mill, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Kristen Gloria McConnell
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Music

Darcy McFayden
Hope Mill, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Nicholas Eugene Mendoza-Soriano
Concord, NC
B.A. History

Jacob William Miller
Reidsville, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Jamya Maleah Mitchell
Concord, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Christian Bruce Moon
Asheboro, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Alexis Jade Murriel
Gastonia, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Hailey Brook Myers
Winston Salem, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

January T'Ara Nelson
Thomasville, NC
B.S. Environmental Science

Nakeem Lawrenson Nicholas
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Jonathan David Null †
Richfield, NC
B.S. Environmental Science

Landon Christina Orrand †
Baxter, TN
B.A. Communication
B.A. Educational Studies
B.A. Studio Art
B.A. Visual Communication

Owen Nathaniel Overcash
Salisbury, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Brittany Nicole Owens
Richlands, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice
B.A. Psychology

Zackary Joseph Pagan
Bracey, VA
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Brady Melton Parker
Oakboro, NC
B.A. Communication

Taylor Nicole Parrish †
Rockingham, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Louisa-Kathleen Elizabeth Parrish
Denton, NC
B.A. English

Allie Marie Perdue
Trinity, NC
B.A. History

Courtney Lee Perry †
Stanfield, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Bryce Daniel Pickard
Burlington, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Brianna Michelle Pierce
Lexington, NC
B.A. Psychology
B.A. Criminal Justice

Hannah Ruth Potter
Jacksonville, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Ashleigh Malea Prestwood †
Lenoir, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Cortney Renee Queen
Albemarle, NC
B.A. English Education

Mahogany Nicole Reyes
Pawling, NY
B.S. Accounting

Kara Ly-Ann Robertson †
Madison, TN
B.S. Biology
B.A. English

Jeremy Dennis Rodriguez
Spencer, NC
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Deshona Rogers
Hookerton, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Ranasia A Rumley
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Jack Lee Rummage †
Richfield, NC
B.S. Biology

Mila Lee Rutter
Gold Hill, NC
B.S. Environmental Science

Magdalena Marika Salemno
Myrtle Beach, SC
B.S. Biology

Angel Madeline Sanchez
Jacksonville, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice
B.A. Psychology

Carlos Felipe Santiago
Cutler Bay, FL
B.S. Computer Information Systems

Jaden William Sherrill †
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Dashaniq Cierra Sidbury
Hampstead, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Katelyn Sierra Sifford †
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Special Education

Ezekiel Dean Sigmon
Connelly Springs, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Caitlin Lynn Singleton
Troy, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Rmondrah Layette Singleton
Moncks Corner, SC
B.A. Educational Studies

Savannah Michelle Sipe
Concord, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Grant Wilson Smith
Mt. Gilead, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Smith
Harrisburg, NC
B.A. Sacred Music

Reagan Elizabeth Wyatt
Stoneville, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Mary Heather Stewart
Norwood, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Aaliyah Hasannah Stokelin
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Kira Brooke Suttles
Morganton, NC
B.S. Business Management & Leadership

Aaron Neil Teodorovici
Salisbury, NC
B.S.N. - B.S. in Nursing

Denaria Patrice Treadwell
Winston Salem, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Shelby Saleen Vest
Randleman, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Matthew Thor Waddell
Thomasville, NC
B.A. Psychology
B.A. Counseling & Human Services
B.A. Religion & Practical Theology

Zylah Grace Walker
Lenoir, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Kyndell Paige Warren
Lenoir, NC
B.S. Biology

Crystany Nekiya White
Conover, NC
B.S. Biology

Ray Andrew Williamson
Mt. Gilead, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Christal Morgan Wilson
Gastonia, NC
B.S. Health Administration

CHIEF FACULTY MARSHAL

DR. MARK MCCALLUM

ASSOCIATE FACULTY MARSHAL

DR. DAWN LUCAS

FACUTLY MARSHALS

Dr. Marc Bartholdi
Dr. David Cartrette
Dr. Edward Royston

STUDENT MARSHALS

Jessica Leshko, Chief Marshall
Cody Acosta
Daniella Balducci
Cassie Barns
Shannon Gallant
Madalyn Howard
Alana Jordan
Ellie McHone
Jordan Pendergraft

† *Undergraduate Honors Program*

Live stream the ceremony at pfeiffer.edu/live

COLOR GUARD

Ruth Fallen - Crucifer
Kennise Brown
Madison Korel
Emma Shumate-Sutphin
Kayla Tyson

ORDER OF THE SUNDIAL

Drew Brightman
Taylor Brigman
Anna Cheek
Sam Daigle
Lucie Featherstone
Alyson Hanlon
Joshua Hartsell
Nyah Hines
Elithe Hudson
Landon Orrand
Kara Robertson
Kira Suttles

FRANCIS SCHOLARS

Drew Brightman
Anna Cheek
Lucie Featherstone
Nyah Hines
Landon Orrand
Matthew Waddell

*Gold cord denotes honor graduates. Purple cord denotes Order of the Sundial.
Medallion denotes student leaders.*

Note: Due to this program's publication deadline, the list of degree candidates reflects information available prior to the end of the Spring 2023 semester.

2023 GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Franco Abad
Kannapolis, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Jessica Nicole Allen
Oakboro, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Skye Alexandria Anderson
Chesapeake, VA
Master of Business Administration

Christopher David Bigness
Colfax, NC
Master of Health Administration

Kylee Marie Black
Garrison, ND
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Emylee Morgan Brown
Mooresville, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Chayse Bryant
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Brooke Jenna Cahn
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Keyshawn Elliot Ness Campbell
New Bern, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Madeline Grace Campbell
Hickory, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Cassie Lee Chandler
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Thomas Steven Christy
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Jatana S. Cloud
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

David Cole
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Raymond E. Cooper, III
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Raymond Luke Cox
Winston Salem, NC
Master of Business Administration

Monnie Jordan Davey
Albemarle, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Alyson Davis-Eudy
Niceville, FL
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Boris LaMarr DeShazo
Roxboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Jessica M. Donoho
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Cayci Elizabeth Eaton
Harrisburg, NC
Master of Business Administration

Paige Lee Evans
Pompano Beach, FL
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Kaitlyn Randolph Gossard
Mint Hill, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Alexandria Ashley Griesser
Oxford, MI
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Taylor Eli Hatley
Albemarle, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Citlaly Hernandez
Newton, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Thomas David Hill
Lexington, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Elithe M. Hudson
Norwood, NC
Master of Business Administration

Alicia K. Hughes
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Shannon Celine Hunt
Rowland, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Taylor Lauren Huynh
Lexington, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Jayson Francis Jaquish
Albemarle, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Noah Robert Jarrett
Lexington, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Angela Kuriakose
Pineville, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Andrea Ruth Lavigne-Hagen
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Lynn Nguyen Le
Mint Hill, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Nicholas Donald Lerner
Manorville, NY
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Kaitlin Marie Lewis
Cary, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Candace Locklear
Belews Creek, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Lavender Saphina Love
Bennettsville, SC
Master of Arts in Marriage and
Family Therapy

Amilda Medina
Houston, TX
Master of Health Administration

Diana Churchman Mitchell
Cary, NC
Master of Health Administration/Science
in Leadership

Angel Davetta Moore
Kannapolis, NC
Master of Business Administration

Brianna Idalis Morales
Hickory, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Carly Natsis
Greensboro, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Benjamin Aaron Paul
Oxford, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Daunte Shaunri Scott
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Financial
Fraud Investigations

La'Keisha Shaw
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Lauren Elizabeth Smedley
Denton, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Madison Brewer Steigerwalt
Harrisburg, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Matthew Joseph Stevens
Louisburg, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Whitney N. Swofford
Mt. Pleasant, NC
Master of Health Administration

Mary Crawford Tanner
Goldsboro, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Christen Stacy Tatum
Oak Ridge, NC
Master of Health Administration/Science
in Leadership

Cassandra Lisa Terry
Durham, NC
Master of Health Administration

Amanda Brooke Todd
Salisbury, NC
Master of Health Administration

Brooke Watson-Summerour
Charlotte, NC
Master of Practical Theology

Madison Riddle West
Mocksville, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Mackenzie Leigh Williamson
Orlando, FL
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

Rae'Dawn Emonni Woodberry
Winston Salem, NC
Master of Health Administration

Emylee Morgan Wright
 Mooresville, NC
Master of Science in Physician
Assistant Studies

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The formal academic dress worn today originated more than 600 years ago. The apparel has changed little in appearance but has taken on a significant role in identifying the degree and alma mater of its wearer.

Gowns for those with bachelor's degrees have pointed sleeves; those with master's degrees wear oblong sleeves and holders of doctoral degrees wear bell-shaped sleeves. Doctoral gowns have velvet facing on the front and three velvet stripes on each side. Hoods indicate the colors of the institution from which the degree was received and the color of the hood's border represents the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. Some of the more common ones are listed below:

Arts & Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business/Accounting.....	Olive Brown
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts & Architecture.....	Brown
Health Administration.....	Salmon
Communications/Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	Slate Blue
Physician Assistant.....	Kelly Green
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet

The standard academic cap is appropriately known as a mortarboard. Faculty members holding master's or doctoral degrees may opt for a velvet tam.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

L. ALLEN DOBSON, JR., MD, FAAFP



L. Allen Dobson Jr., M.D. is a native of North Carolina and longtime resident of Mount Pleasant. He is currently the editor in chief of Medical Economics and retired President and CEO of Community Care of NC Inc., in Raleigh. He received his undergraduate education at North Carolina State University. He attended medical school at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University and completed his residency in family medicine at East Carolina University. He was the founding partner of Cabarrus Family Medicine and the founder and director of Cabarrus Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr Dobson holds a faculty appointment of clinical professor of family medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Dobson has been actively involved in health policy on the state and national level and was a visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution. He was an early leader and developer of the national recognized “Community Care of North Carolina” program. This program received the 2007 Annie E Casey award for Innovations in Government, presented by Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. He is formerly the Assistant Secretary of Health for the NC Department of Health and Human Services and the State Medicaid Director.