

Pfeiffer
UNIVERSITY



Commencement Exercises

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

GARFIELD DAVID MERNER CENTER FOR
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MISENHEIMER, NC

PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

2023 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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



Prelude

* Processional

Sir Edward Elgar
Pomp and Circumstance
The Pfeiffer Wind Ensemble
Thomas Hahn, Bagpipes

* Invocation

Rev. Marcy Mynatt
Interim University Chaplain

Welcome

Scott W. Bullard, Ph.D.
President

Welcome from the Board of Trustees

Mr. Matthew P. Moeller
Chair, Board of Trustees

Musical Selection

Until We Sing Again
Natalie Whisnant '23
Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, Piano

Greg Gilpin

Introduction of Keynote Speakers

President Bullard

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Jerry E. McGee
President Emeritus of Wingate University

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. Mynatt

Recessional

Robert Longfield
Three Ayres From Gloucester, 1st Movement
The Pfeiffer Wind Ensemble

* 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.

Live stream the ceremony at pfeiffer.edu/live

2023 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Daniella Balducci
Monroe, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Amarius L. Barnes
Weldon, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Taylor K. Bearden
Wadesboro, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Andrew Quinn Becraft
Mooresville, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Marya Regina Butler
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

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

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

Cierra Damia Clyburn
Winston-Salem, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Banks Patrick Connolly
Spartanburg, SC
B.A. Sport Management

Abria Marissa Currie
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Health Administration

Keeley Shea Darbutt
Gold Hill, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Kendra Nicole Davis
Randleman, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

Brandon Lamar Duncan
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Alyssa Grace Hagler
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Rachel Ann Hogan
Asheboro, NC
B.A. Communication

Kyleaf Marcelle Holland
High Point, NC
B.A. English

Nigel Marsalis Johnson
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Elizabeth Hope Jones
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Special Education
B.A. Elementary Education

Kendall Jones
Huntersville, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Kaitlyn Marie Kilts
Stoneville, NC
B.S. Health & Exercise Science

Christian McSwain Saunders
Candor, NC
B.S. Nursing

Samaria Rynique Lilly
Albemarle, NC
B.A. Counseling & Human Services

Jazmyne Lorin Scercy
China Grove, NC
B.A. Psychology

William Anthony Little
Albemarle, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Jesse Suzanne Sherrill
Hickory, NC
B.A. Visual Communications

Halie Dawn Maness
Star, NC
B.A. Psychology

Kaylee Madison Short
Hamlet, NC
B.S. Nursing

Madison Lindsay Maness
Robbins, NC
B.S. Nursing

Angelica Isabel Sifuentes Flores
Salisbury, NC
B.A. Elementary Education

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

Cody Stevenson
Sherrills Ford, NC
B.S. Health & Physical Education

Dustin Anthony Morgan
Stanfield, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Charles Eric Thomas
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Sport Management

Deivory Perry
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Criminal Justice

Aaliyah Andrea Thomas
Pawleys Island, SC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

Benedikt Mika Pfeiffer
Misenheimer, NC
B.A. Sport Management

James Nyepan Verdier, III
Charlotte, NC
B.S. Business Management &
Leadership

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

Natalie Katharine Whisnant
Kannapolis, NC
B.A. Music

Dallas Lee Whitney
Misenheimer, NC
B.A. Educational Studies

Nayla-C'Amaree Veroniq Williams
Charlotte, NC
B.A. Music



FACULTY MARSHAL

DR. MARK MCCALLUM

STUDENT MARSHALS

Courtney Renee Queen - Chief Marshal
Danielle Marie Balducci
Hailee NiCole Cagle
Kendra Nicole Davis
Dante' Jerckivon Irby
Paige Rae Jackson
Ellie Elizabeth McHone
Jack Lee Rummage

COLOR GUARD

Kennise Brown - Crucifer
Briana Hanson
Madison Lynthacum
Kaylee Ollis
Joshua Turner



*Gold cord denotes honor graduate.
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 Fall 2023 semester.

2023 GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Peter Kwame Agbewali
Concord, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Kaley Almond
Knightsdale, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Ruby Chloe Anderson
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Meredith Applegate
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Emily Ann Beck J
Apex, NC
Master of Health Administration

Ajahna Bellamy
Winston Salem, NC
Master of Business Administration

Rhonda Flemming Belton
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Sarah Joy Benson
Kernersville, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Joshua Phillip Bigby
Sneads Ferry, NC
Master of Business Administration

Juwan La'Rue Blanton
Forest City, NC
Master of Business Administration

Lani Kathryn Page Boneau
Sneads Ferry, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Daniel Russell Booker
Pinehurst, TX
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Grant Bureson
Salisbury, MD
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

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

Lariza Maria Velazquez Castro
Charlotte, NC
Master of Business Administration

David Alexander Chavarria
Franklinville, NC
Master of Business Administration

Tevin Jaquan Colson
New London, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Madeline Cook
Carthage, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Deja Aliza Monique Dildy
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Kenneth D. Drysdale
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Kathleen Lloyd Ellison
Greensboro, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Kayla Fant
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Kyle A. Fisher §
High Point, NC
Master of Health Administration

Carrie Olivia Foster
Troutman, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Jared Garson Fulker
Denver, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Mackenzie C. Gibbon
Cary, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Lexi Shea Gordon
 Mooresville, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Jessica Graham Green
Sylva, NC
Masters of Practical Theology

Joslyn Jovel Zsanae Haddock
Norwalk, CT
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Camden T Hartsell
Lexington, NC
Master of Business Administration

Grant James Hinson
Biscoe, NC
Master of Arts in Teaching

Deandra Holloway
Georgetown, SC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Cierra Tenae Hoover
Hickory, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Lauren Grace-Weisensel Jackson
Rockwell, NC
Master of Business Administration

Tanner Matthew Jackson
Rockwell, NC
Master of Business Administration

Kristen Nicole Jackson
Marshville, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Emalie Jackson
Spartanburg, SC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Landon Jennings
Columbia, SC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Katherine Mishell Jofre
Pittsboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Daniel Joseph Jones
Asheboro, NC
Master of Arts in Teaching

Mitchell Lee King §
Smithfield, NC
Master of Health Administration

Madison Grace Lankford
Greensboro, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Shawanna Denhisa Long
Albemarle, NC
Master of Arts in Teaching

Ryan W. Lundvall
Houston, TX
Master of Science in Leadership

Lequetta J. Lunsford §
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Raniya Martin-Davis §
Passaic, NJ
Master of Health Administration

Kyonna Martin McClaney
Kannapolis, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Martha McDowell
Winston Salem, NC
Masters of Practical Theology

Mary Elizabeth McFadden
Rockhil, SC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Michiko McIntyre
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Francis Mensah
Charlotte, NC
Master of Health Administration

Alexis Mikulewich
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Jennifer Miller
Rockwell, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Abraham Koiyansuku Morlu
Willow Spring, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Austin Tyler Morton
Fleming Island, FL
Master of Science in Leadership

Daijah Duvonne Norris
Suffolk, VA
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Maurice Lamont Owens
Havelock, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Jayson Fernando Perez De Paz
Siler City, NC
Master of Health Administration

Pedro Pinassi
Charlotte, NC
Master of Business Administration

Brandi Pinnell
Morrisville, NC
Master of Health Administration

Precious Melindo Powell
Charlotte, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Michael Justin Queen §
Greensboro, NC
Master of Health Administration

Brittnie Nikkole Rathke
Salisbury, NC
Master of Science in Financial Fraud
Investigations

Curtis Reeder
Monroe, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Keith Iziah Riley
Elfland, NC
Master of Business Administration

Ayesha Saunders
Pineville, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Nicole Harriet Scardilli
Brick, NJ
Master of Business Administration

Alexis Celena Seagraves
Greensboro, NC
Master of Business Administration

Corey Thomas Shea
Charlotte, NC
Master of Business Administration

Abigail Marie Smedek
Holly Springs, NC
Master of Health Administration

Patrick James Smith
Salisbury, NC
Master of Science in Leadership

Julia Anne Wray
Apex, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Sierra Curl Smith
Ramseur, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Addison Lenelle York
Olin, NC
Master of Business Administration

Rachel Strom
Salisbury, MD
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Jason William Taylor
Greer, SC
Master of Health Administration

Aaliyah Andrea Thomas
Pawleys Island, SC
Master of Business Administration

Ashton Taylor Thompson
Angier, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Alexandria Tiffany
New Milford, PA
Master of Health Administration

Michael David Turner
Columbia, MD
Master of Science in Leadership

Shalonda Danielle Wilkins
North Chesterfield, VA
Master of Science in Leadership

Kassie Anne Williams
 Mooresville, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

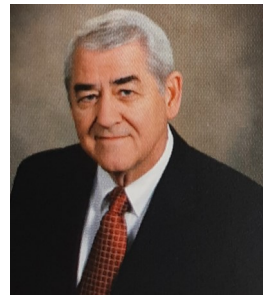
Amani Symone Windsor
Monroe, NC
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Morgan Nicole Winter
Wichita, KS
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. JERRY E. MCGEE

President Emeritus of Wingate University
and Special Assistant to the President, Pfeiffer University



Dr. Jerry E. McGee, a native of Rockingham, North Carolina, received his undergraduate degree from East Carolina University. He also holds a master's degree from Appalachian State University and a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. McGee enjoyed much success during his 41 years in higher education, securing more than \$350 million in gifts and grants for scholarships, endowments, and campus development.

Dr. McGee's service as Vice President of Gardner-Webb University, Meredith College, and Furman University prepared him well for the position of President of Wingate University, which he assumed in 1992. Under his visionary leadership, Wingate University gained routine recognition as one of the best small universities in the South and the premier small private university in North Carolina.

Throughout his presidency at Wingate, Dr. McGee implemented various initiatives, such as developing graduate programs, achieving University status, launching a School of Pharmacy, tripling enrollment, and adding 37 new campus facilities. As a result of his leadership, the institution became a doctoral-granting university. Dr. McGee's tenure spanned many years, culminating in his retirement in 2015, making him the most extended-serving college or university president in the Carolinas. In recognition of his contributions, he was bestowed the title of President Emeritus upon retirement.

Dr. McGee's illustrious career has earned him a place in several prominent halls of fame, including the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame and various education and business halls of fame. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's most prestigious civilian award, was bestowed upon him for his exceptional service to the state.

Dr. McGee has two sons: Ryan, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, a senior writer and television host for ESPN, and Sam, a graduate of Wake Forest University and Yale Law School, a practicing attorney. He is a proud grandparent to Tara, Hannah, and Brooks McGee. Dr. McGee was previously married to Hannah Covington McGee for 33 years until her passing in 1999 and later remarried to Marcella McInnis in 2009.

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.