

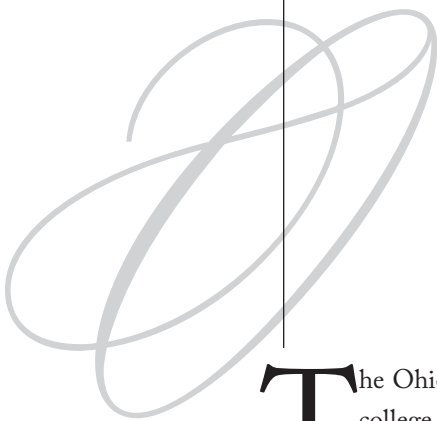
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Summer
Commencement*

**AUGUST 15, 2015
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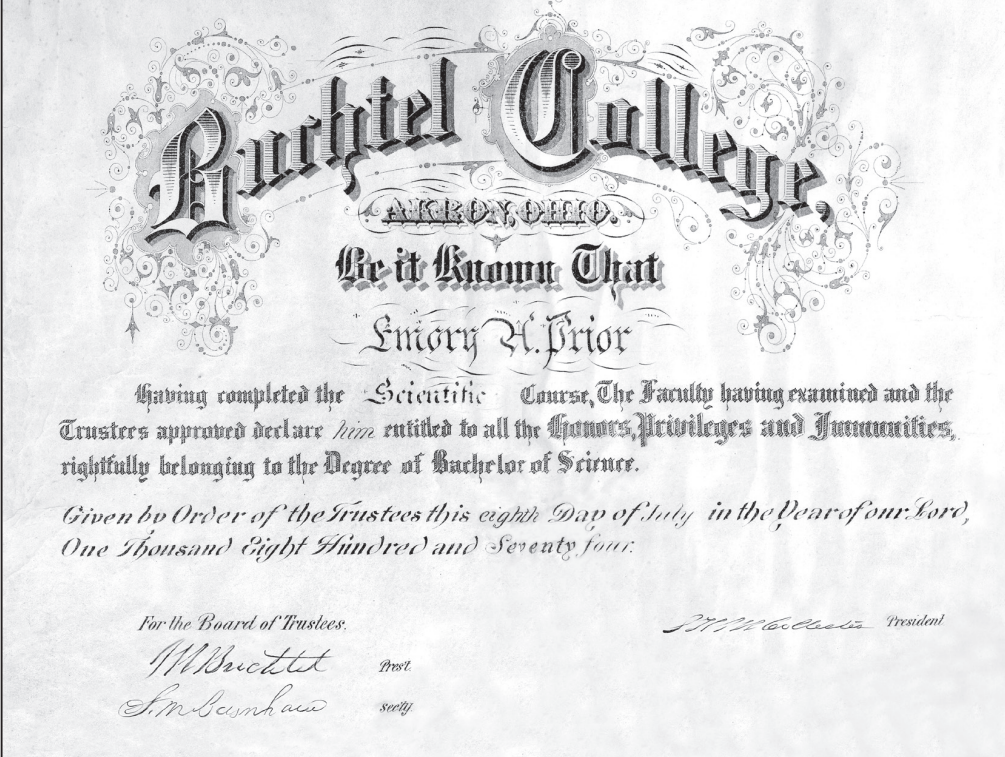


THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON: A PROUD TRADITION

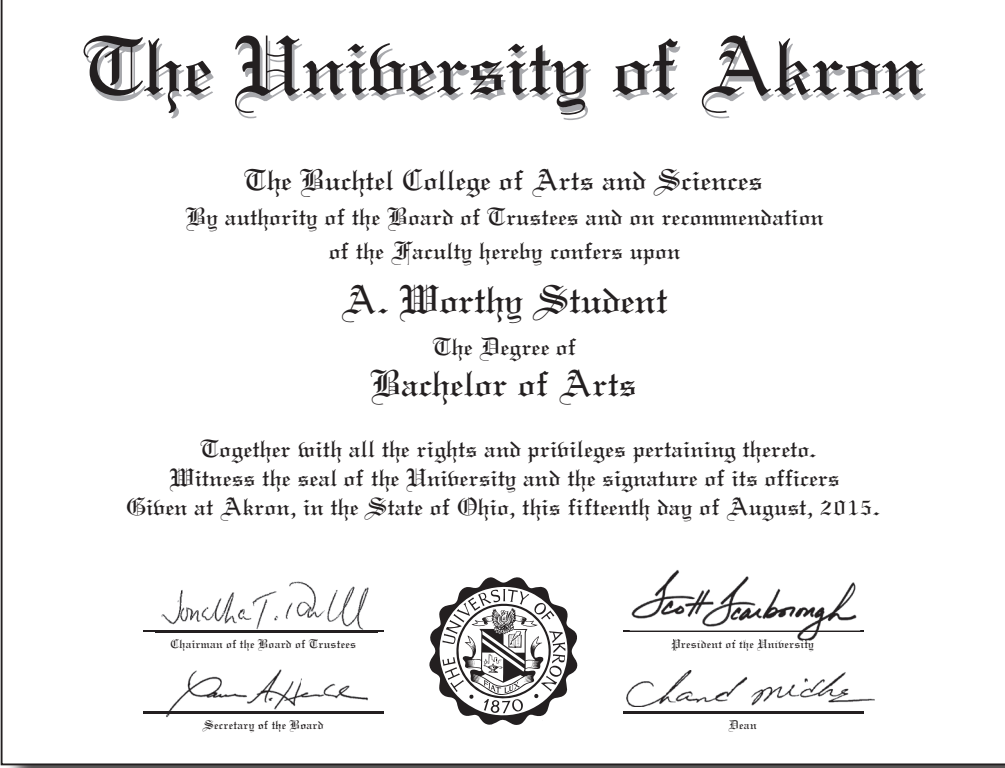


The Ohio Universalist Convention established a small, liberal arts college in Akron in 1870 and named it for one of the city's prominent industrialists, John R. Buchtel. It was Buchtel who led a group of 100 individuals and 13 businesses in a fundraising campaign to build the college. On July 4, 1871, thousands of area citizens turned out to witness the results of that initiative, joining in a great celebration as the cornerstone was laid for a single but impressive structure that constituted Buchtel College. Both a visionary and a pragmatist, Buchtel believed that the vigor of any city is closely tied to the proximity of a high quality institution of higher education. Decades of progress, both for the city and for the college he helped to launch, have proven him right. Today, The University of Akron — Ohio's Polytechnic University is the region's most influential public research university. With nearly 26,000 students and more than 300 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs and options, as well as 20 doctoral degree programs and four law degrees, UA offers career-focused, real-world learning opportunities that define the polytechnic approach to education. From polymers and psychology, to engineering and communications, to business and education, UA brings together diverse backgrounds in ways that provide students with the skills that employers value. Since 1914, the University has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and it is currently classified at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting institution. Today, more than 170,000 of its alumni live and work around the world.

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS



One of the oldest known diplomas awarded at The University of Akron.



A present-day diploma awarded at The University of Akron.

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SUMMER 2015 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

August 15 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Scott L. Scarborough, *President of The University of Akron, Presiding*

PRELUDE MUSIC	<i>Sonata pian'e forte</i> Giovanni Gabrieli <i>Colonel Bogey March</i> Kenneth J. Alford <i>Blues and Reel</i> Leonard Lebow The University of Akron Brass Choir Tucker Jolly, <i>Conductor</i>
FANFARE	<i>Ceremonial Piece</i> William MacDavis The University of Akron Brass Choir
PROCESSIONAL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> <i>Grand March</i> Giacomo Meyerbeer <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Sir Edward Elgar <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> Jeremiah Clarke The University of Akron Brass Choir
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>(The audience is invited to stand and sing.)</i> Led by Katherine Miller <i>Student, School of Music</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Scott L. Scarborough <i>President, The University of Akron</i>
GREETINGS	Member <i>Board of Trustees</i>
MUSIC	<i>March</i> Leonard Lebow The University of Akron Brass Choir
ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES	Morning Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor ('90, '98) Afternoon State Representative Nicholas J. Celebrezze ('00)
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL	<i>(The audience will remain seated.)</i> Led by Katherine Miller <i>Student, School of Music</i> The University of Akron Brass Choir

In the morning ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering and College of Applied Science and Technology.

In the afternoon ceremony, there will be a presentation of degree candidates for the College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Health Professions and Wayne College.



THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	The presentation of candidates for Doctoral Degrees The presentation of candidates for Master's Degrees The presentation of candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees The presentation of candidates for Associate Degrees <i>Two Popular Cuban Themes</i> Leo Brouwer <i>Three Pavanes</i> Luis Milan <i>A Fancy</i> John Dowland <i>Lachrimae Pavane</i> John Dowland <i>Danza Brasileira</i> Jorge Morel <i>Misionera</i> Fernando Bustamente <i>Sonata K. 322</i> Domenico Scarlatti <i>Prelude and Fugue BWV 998</i> J.S. Bach <i>Parazula</i> Celso Machado Jeremy Avalos – Guitar
THE ALMA MATER.	(<i>The audience is invited to stand and sing. See Page 34.</i>) Led by Katherine Miller The University of Akron Brass Choir
WELCOME OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2015	Matthew Akers ('00) <i>Director Alumni Relations and Student Engagement</i>
STUDENT RESPONSE	Morning Erica A. Piper Afternoon Frank A. Laury IV
THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD	The University of Akron Brass Choir
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Scott L. Scarborough
POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL	(<i>The audience will be seated.</i>) <i>Suite</i> by Tylman Susato The University of Akron Brass Choir

*Presentation of candidates is in the order of college founding date.

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ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONIAL CUSTOMS

The ceremonial customs of commencement, rooted in centuries-old tradition, are described below.

Processional

The academic processional is an official prelude to the commencement ceremony. The University marshal leads the procession, bearing the University Mace, which represents the authority of both the University and the state. Following the University marshal are the members of the platform party including trustees, recipient(s) of honorary degrees, and the president of the University who wears a medalion with inscriptions representing the history of the state and the University. Next come the members of the faculty followed by the degree candidates.

The marching order of candidates customarily reflects the historical order in which the various colleges or schools of the University were established. Led by marshals, the candidates for degrees march in with their respective colleges.

Academic Attire

The academic regalia worn at commencement are of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople. When the universities first first arose in the 11th century, "learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps and hoods, thus signifying the distinction between "town" and "gown." As additional universities came into being, professors adopted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

These customs are reflected in today's commencement attire. In Europe, a professor generally

wears the type of garment customary in the university where he or she is lecturing. In the United States, however, professors wear the gown and hood of the university where they earned their highest degree. All commencement ceremony participants at The University of Akron are attired in the appropriate academic apparel. University marshals are distinguished by their blue and gold robes and Elizabethan caps.

Caps and Tassels

The cap, also called the mortarboard, may have been derived from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the scholar's time. In the United States, the cap is usually flat and square in shape. In Europe, one sometimes sees caps of other varieties. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel: associates are often silver in color; bachelor's and master's are black or of a color appropriate to the college from which the candidate is being graduated; and doctor's are usually golden.

Gowns

Originally, the gown may simply have been a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in unheated buildings. The cut or style appears to derive from ecclesiastical attire and most often is black. The associates and bachelor's gowns generally have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's gown more often has long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet

panels and has bell-shaped sleeves adorned with three velvet bars.

Hoods

A triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, the hood is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted. Recipients of the doctor of philosophy degree wear royal blue hoods, and their caps feature golden tassels. Those who have earned the doctor of education degree wear light blue hoods and tassels.

Colors

The various colleges and academic disciplines of The University of Akron are represented by the following hood and tassel colors:

Black	Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor's
Drab	Business
Gold	Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Green	Health Professions
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Purple	Law
Silver	Applied Science and Technolgy and Wayne College Associate's
White	Arts and Sciences

Banners

The impressive backdrop for the ceremony consists of the banners of the nine colleges and the Graduate School. Each banner bears the name and founding date of the college it represents. Banners were first instituted at The University of Akron in the spring of 1995.

The University Seal and the Presidential Medallion

A seal is an emblem, symbol or word that certifies or authenticates a document. The use of official seals dates back to the Norman Conquest in 1066. During the next century, seals were used throughout England to authenticate documents. Persons of rank had unique seals befitting their status. Most seals were circular or oval-shaped with heraldic designs embossed on their faces.

The use of seals became part of academic tradition in the medieval university and continues to the present. The University of Akron, for example, displays its seal on diplomas presented to its graduates.

The coat of arms shown on the University's seal includes an open book and quill, representative of the University's original liberal arts curriculum. A lamp of learning shown against a city skyline depicts the University's metropolitan setting. Three diagonal bars represent the private, municipal and state stages of the University's history. The phoenix, a mythical bird that is consumed by fire and rises from its ashes to achieve greater glory, is a tribute to the University's rebirth following the devastating fire of 1899. The seal also displays the original Buchtel College motto, *Fiat Lux* (let there be light).

The Presidential Medallion was presented by the Alumni Association in 1970, commemorating the University's centennial. The medallion is a symbol of the authority of the president, as bestowed by the Board of Trustees, that traditionally is worn by the president on important ceremonial occasions.



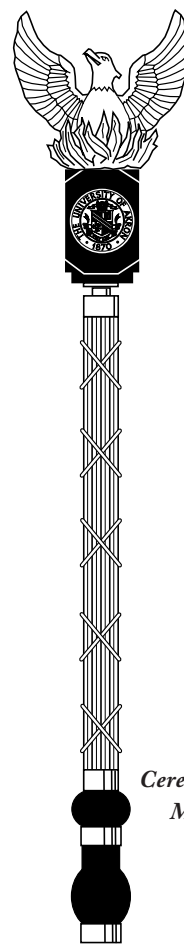
University Seal

The Ceremonial Mace

The Ceremonial Mace was presented to The University of Akron by the Alumni Association on Founders Day 1970, in recognition of the University's founding 100 years earlier as Buchtel College.

Since ancient times, maces have been symbols of authority for many academic and governmental bodies. The University of Akron's Ceremonial Mace is carried by the University marshal at all formal academic occasions.

The most distinguishing feature of the Ceremonial Mace is the aforementioned rising phoenix, an apt symbol for the University, which was rebuilt, through the generous support of alumni and the community, from the ashes of Buchtel College after it burned down in 1899.



Ceremonial Mace

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees

Jonathan T. Pavloff
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Vice Chair

Roland H. Bauer, J.D. ('09*)
Vice Chair

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Olivia P. Demas, J.D. ('91, '95)

Ralph J. Palmisano, J.D. ('70)

Warren L. Woolford ('74)

Richard W. Pogue, J.D. ('04*)
Chair Emeritus

**Honorary Doctorate*

Student Trustees

Garrett E. Dowd

Matthew R. Hull

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Officers of the Board

Paul A. Herold ('78, '99)

Secretary of the Board

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Ted A. Mallo, J.D. ('67, '68, '72)

Assistant Secretary of the Board

Vice President and General Counsel

UNIVERSITY OFFICERS & DEANS

Officers

Scott L. Scarborough
President

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Vice President and General Counsel

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Administration and
Chief Financial Officer*

Deans

Chand K. Midha
*Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
(Executive) and
Graduate School (Interim)*

Ravi Krovi
College of Business Administration

Susan G. Clark ('05)
College of Education (Interim)

Rex D. Ramsier ('87, '89)
College of Engineering (Interim)

David Gordon
College of Health Professions

Eric J. Amis
*College of Polymer Science and
Polymer Engineering*

Lakeesha K. Ransom
Honors College

Matthew J. Wilson
School of Law

Todd A. Rickel
*College of Applied Science
and Technology (Executive) and
Wayne College*

Phyllis G. O'Connor ('76)
University Libraries (Interim)

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

August 15, 2015
Morning

Marshal

Cheryl Slusarczyk

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Kathryn Vasko

Faculty Marshal

James McHugh

Assistant Marshals

Christina Bloniarz
Curtis Clemons
Lawrence Gilpatric
Galen Karriker
William Landis
Joseph Li Vecchi
Marcia Main
Thomas Neal
John Reeves
Neil Sapienza
John Senko
Denise Testa
Gang Zhao

August 15, 2015
Afternoon

Marshal

Lisa Lenhart

Associate Marshals

Donald Appleby
Patricia Eaglewolf
Mary Myers

Faculty Marshal

William McHenry

Assistant Marshals

Kelly Chaff
Sherry Gamble
Marlene Huff
Kristine Kraft
Anne Jorgensen
Richard Maringer
Deborah Owens
Debbie Ricks
Nancy Roadruck
Hak Joon Song
Becky Thomas
Michele Thornton
Kelly Wade

UNIVERSITY ORATORS

The names of candidates for degrees will be read by:

Morning

Laurie S. Thorpe
Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management

Christine R. Curry
Director, Development

Afternoon

David A. Harris
Academic Encourager, Student Success

John C. Lanshe
*Associate Director, Center for Academic Advising
and Student Success*

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UNIVERSITY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Morning

Guy Bordo
Homero Castaneda-Lopez
George Chase
H. Mike Cheung
Jae-Won Choi
Kathleen Clark
Michael Collard
Raymond Cox III
Enoch Damson
Janette Dill
Sasa Dordevic
Shirong Du
Mark Fridline
Lesley Gordon
Sadhan Jana
Abraham Joy
Lu-Kwang Ju
Thomas Kellar
R. Scott Lillard
Amy Milsted
Francisco Moore
Michael Nelson
Donald Ott
Dee Dee Pitts
Robert Pope
Coleen Pugh
Judit Puskas
Linda Saliga
Larry Shubat
Suzette Speight
Junliang Tao
Claire Tessier
David Tokar
Eric Wasserman
Wiley Youngs
Shannon Zentall
Lan Zhang

Afternoon

Bhanu Balasubramnian
Andrew Bernat
Rebecca Bidinotto
Jill Bisco
Marcus Braga-Alves
Jeong Hoon Choi
Terry Daugherty
Federico DeGregorio
Michelle Dumpe
Michele Enlow
Amber Ferris
Gary Holliday
Todd Houston
Karin Jordan
Heather Katafiasz
Linda McArcle
Annette Mitzel
Debmalya Mukherjee
Rikki Patton
Victor Pinheiro
Brian Radesic
Tracy Riley
John Roncone II
Linda Shanks
Suzette Speight
Andrew Thomas
Ingrid Weigold

UNIVERSITY INTERPRETER

The commencement ceremonies will be interpreted by:

Lori Palmer

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor will address the candidates for the morning ceremony.

MARY TAYLOR

Mary Taylor was sworn in as Ohio's 65th Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2011, the same day Ohio Governor John R. Kasich named her to lead Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) to reform Ohio's regulatory policies, as well as to serve as director of the Ohio Department of Insurance. Through these two assignments, Taylor has been committed to making Ohio a jobs- and business-friendly state. On January 12, 2015, Kasich and Taylor were sworn in to their second term in office.

CSI reviews Ohio's regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules that stand in the way of job creation. Both CSI and the Department of Insurance present unique challenges, but Taylor is no stranger to taking on tough assignments.

In 2006, Taylor was the first certified public accountant to be elected to serve as auditor of state, and she transformed the office into a nationally recognized, 21st-century government auditing firm. The National White Collar Crime Center praised Taylor for her excellence in fighting and preventing fraud, and for recovering millions in misspent tax dollars. The Ohio Society of CPAs called Taylor one of their "most influential" members.

Elected to the state legislature in 2002, and re-elected in 2004, Taylor was instrumental in passing Ohio's 2005 tax reform package that reduced personal income taxes by 21 percent. The measure also eliminated the tangible personal property tax, the corporate franchise tax and the inventory tax imposed on businesses. She was a member of the House Finance, Ways and Means, and Education committees and was recognized by the United Conservatives of Ohio as a "Watchdog of the Treasury." The National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest small-business group, also named Taylor a "Guardian of Small Business" for her outstanding voting record on behalf of Ohio's small-business owners.

Taylor earned both a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in taxation from The University of Akron. She began her career in 1990 with Deloitte and Touche, one of the "big four" national accounting firms. She joined the Akron firm of Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company in 1994, where she served as director of the firm's tax department and senior manager of the employee benefits practice.

She's been called an expert on state budget issues by the Columbus Dispatch, and her hometown newspaper, the Suburbanite, identified her as one of Summit County's "most influential women."

Taylor is a lifelong resident of northeast Ohio, where she lives with her husband, Don, and their sons, Michael and Joe.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

State Representative Nicholas J. Celebrezze will address the candidates for the afternoon ceremony.

NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE

Nicholas J. Celebrezze is the assistant minority leader of the Ohio House of Representatives, representing District 15. He was elected in 2015, having become a member of the Ohio General Assembly in 2012. Public service has long been a passion for him, beginning with his position as a Cuyahoga County probation officer in 2000. In 2004, he became an assistant county prosecutor, spending the early days of his career handling criminal cases ranging from aggravated murder, theft and crimes of violence to prosecuting child support violators and crimes against families.

In 2006, he formed a small, family-owned law firm, focusing his practice primarily on family law issues ranging from divorce, dissolution of marriage, child custody, visitation, child support, spousal support, defense of domestic violence victims and the division of marital estates. Celebrezze was elected a City of Parma councilman in 2006, serving until 2012. He was a member of the Ohio Institution Inspection Committee from 2013 to 2015, ensuring that our state's prison and rehabilitation system exceeded national standards. Named in 2013 as a Fellow of the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership through the Council of State Governments, he was one of only three Ohioans to garner this recognition.

Celebrezze is also active throughout the northeast Ohio community as a member of the Parma Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Justinian Forum. He is the elected chairman of Partizan Akron Sports Club, which encourages sportsmanship and public service throughout northeast Ohio. He was elected by the citizens of Parma to serve on the Parma City Charter Commission in 2003. He has since proudly donated his time every year to the Parma Animal Shelter Adopt-a-thon.

In September 2011, he was named the official color commentator for local television high school soccer matches for PAC-TV. In 2015, he was appointed as a commissioner on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

Celebrezze graduated cum laude from The University of Akron, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science, interning through the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics during his undergraduate career. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

This year Celebrezze joined McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., L.P.A. as an attorney of counsel in the family law, and sports and entertainment divisions, and he was selected as a Super Lawyer Rising Star of Family Law in Ohio.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Graduation With Distinction

To graduate with distinction, students must have maintained specified levels of academic achievement directly related to quality points earned for all undergraduate courses taken. The maximum quality point ratio possible is 4.00.

To qualify for these honors distinctions, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree, having earned a minimum of 60 credits at The University of Akron; or an associate degree, having completed a minimum of 30 credits at The University of Akron.

The honors levels for each group are described as follows.

Baccalaureate Honors Designation

Summa Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

Magna Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

Cum Laude—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

Associate Honors Designation

With Highest Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.80 to 4.00

With High Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.60 to 3.79

With Distinction—
quality point ratio of 3.40 to 3.59

University Scholars

University Scholars have completed the graduation requirements of their baccalaureate majors and of the Honors College with cumulative quality point ratios of at least 3.40. The Honors College encourages and assists exceptionally talented students to achieve high distinction in academic work from freshman through senior levels and fosters respect and appreciation for superior intellectual achievement. University Scholars have completed honors courses, an honors colloquium sequence and individually designed senior honors projects.

Palvir K. Baadh
Nicholas B. Bordo
Lowell T. Boyd III
Duncan A. Campbell
Katie M. Constantine
Katie Ellen Fleck
Daniel J. Giorgio
Zachary E. Hier
Sarah E. Loeser
Tyler S. Mashek
Jaehla M. Meacham
Neil K. Mehta
Nicholas J. Muffet
Amanda M. Palecek
Ryan W. Pearce
Aaron M. Shaum
John E. Smith
Jonah M. Spoerndle
Katie L. Wojciechowski

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

August 15, 2015
Morning

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Founded 1870

Executive Dean Chand Midha

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ahlam A. Alalwiat

Chemistry

BS, Colleges of Science for Girls,
Saudi Arabia; MS, Western Illinois
University; MS, The University of
Akron

Dissertation: "Mass Spectrometry
Methods for the Analysis of
Biodegradable Hybrid Materials"

Adviser: Dr. Chrys Wesdemotis

Alissa M. Banyasz

Counseling Psychology

BA, Ashland University;
MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Predicting Religious
Ethnocentrism of Christians
Towards Non-Christians: Testing
a More Comprehensive Model"

Adviser: Dr. David Tokar

Peter B. Barr

Sociology

BA, MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Neighborhood
Context and Mental Health Over
the Early Life"

Advisers: Dr. Matthew T. Lee and
Dr. Adrienne Frech

Justin S. Brantner

Integrated Bioscience

BAE, MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Microbial
Treatment Strategies: An
Integrative Approach"

Adviser: Dr. Amy Milsted

Caroline M. Davis

Chemistry

BS, Walsh University;
MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Investigation and
Characterization of Protein-
Ligand Interactions"

Adviser: Dr. Thomas C. Leeper

Nicholas A. Johnson

Chemistry

BA, Skidmore College

Dissertation: "Phosphazenes:
From Polymers to Superbases"

Adviser: Dr. Claire A. Tessier

Nicole L. Johnson-Quay

Counseling Psychology

BS, John Carroll University;
MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Measuring Rape
Culture with College Students and
Its Role in Bystander Intervention"

Adviser: Dr. Dawn M. Johnson

Andrew F. Lam

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

BA, MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Influencing
Interviewer Perceptions in an
Employment Interview: An
Examination of the Impact of
Interviewer-Applicant Regulatory
Focus Congruence"

Adviser: Dr. Dennis Doverspike

Kasey D. Lansberry

Sociology

BA, Baldwin Wallace College;
MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "The Intersection
of Gender, Race, and Place in
Welfare Participation and Labor
Market Discrimination: A
Comparative Analysis of Welfare-
to-Work Programs"

Advisers: Dr. Tiffany Taylor and
Dr. Kathryn Feltey

Hope Michelle Moore

Urban Studies and Public Affairs

BGS, Youngstown State University;
MA, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "An Examination of
Civic Engagement Among Former
Offenders and the Relationship of
Social Capital and Trust in Civic
Institutions Post-Release"

Adviser: Dr. Raymond W. Cox III

Patrick O. Wagers

Chemistry

BS, MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "Synthesis,
Characterization, and Biological
Activity of Mono- and
Bisimidazolium Salts"

Adviser: Dr. Wiley J. Youngs

Ashley R. Wain

Integrated Bioscience

BS, Kent State University;
MS, MSE, The University of Akron

Dissertation: "An Integrated View
of Metazoan Evolution"

Adviser: Dr. Francisco Moore

College of Engineering

Founded 1914

Interim Dean Rex D. Ramsier

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Felix C. Blebo

Engineering – Civil

BS, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana;
MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Damage-Free Seismic-Resistant Self-Centering Friction-Damped Braced Frames with Buckling-Restrained Columns”

Adviser: Dr. David A. Roke

Yajie Chen

Engineering – Chemical

BS, Tianjin University, China

Dissertation: “Sulfate Reducing Bacteria-Induced Corrosion on Carbon Steel”

Adviser: Dr. Lu-Kwang Ju

Mustafa Umut Culcuoglu

Engineering – Mechanical

BS, University of Gaziantep, Turkey;
MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Reengineering Community Based Chronic Care Delivery Systems: Theory and Applications”

Adviser: Dr. Shengyong Wang

William A. Holik

Engineering – Civil

BS, MS, The University of Akron

Dissertation: “Winter Operations Optimization and Asset Management for the State of Ohio”

Adviser: Dr. William Schneider

Ahmad I. Karayan

Engineering – Chemical

BE, University of Indonesia;
ME, Chonnam National University, South Korea

Dissertation: “Exfoliation Corrosion Susceptibility and Mechanisms of AL-LI 2060 Aluminum Lithium Alloy in Acidic Media”

Adviser: Dr. Homero Castaneda

Farid Khalil Arya

Engineering – Civil

BS, Urmia University, Iran;
MS, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran

Dissertation: “Temporal and Spatial Dependence Analysis of Water Quality Time Series”

Adviser: Dr. Lan Zhang

Cong Li

Engineering – Chemical

BS, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China

Dissertation: “Development of Multiple Processes to Cultivate Phagotrophic Algae with Wastewater Organics and Waste Activated Sludge”

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THE ALMA MATER

Close be-side Cuya - ho-ga's wa-ters, Stream of am-ber hue,

O'er old Buch-tel Sum-mit's glo-ry Waves the gold and blue.

Chorus

Hail we Ak-ron! Sound her prais-es, Speed them on the gale,

Ev - er stand our Al-ma Ma-ter, Ak - ron hail, all hail!

The Alma Mater for The University of Akron was written by the Rev. Augustus B. Church, who was the last Universalist clergy to serve as president of Buchtel College (1901–1912). He was also the first person to assume the board responsibilities of chief executive officer. In fact, Church served both as president and as a trustee of the institution — as well as pastor of the First Universalist Church of Akron. Dr. Church understood the importance of higher education as a means to improve society, and he worked diligently on projects to successfully link the educational efforts of Buchtel College with the needs of a growing city. During his presidency, Buchtel College offered the world's first courses in rubber chemistry (1909).

THE AKRON BLUE AND GOLD

We cheer the Ak - ron Blue and Gold, We
 cheer as the co - lours un - fold We pledge a - new,
 we're all for you, as the team goes crash - ing
 through FIGHT! FIGHT! We cheer the Ak - ron war - riors bold,
 For a fight that's a sight to be - hold So we stand
 up, and cheer and shout for the Ak - ron Blue and Gold. *fine*
 Zzzip! _____ Zip go the Zip - pers
 Zzzip! _____ Zip go the Zip - pers Ak - ron U,
 Gold and Blue All for you and the Zip - pers too! *D.C. al fine*

The University of Akron's fight song, "The Akron Blue and Gold," was written in 1939 by Fred Waring, nationally known composer and leader of the wildly popular band, "Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians." In response to a request from the University's student newspaper, Waring wrote "a distinctive song" for The University of Akron. "The Akron Blue and Gold" premiered over his NBC hookup on November 17, 1939, and has been used as the University's fight song ever since.

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