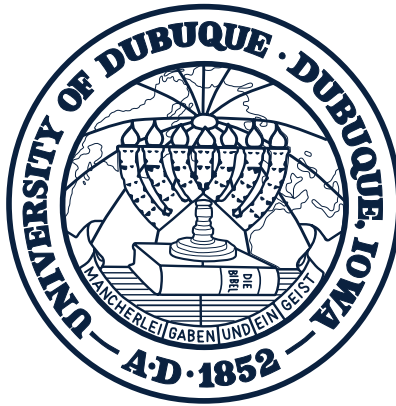


UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE COMMENCEMENT

174th Year

Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees



DECEMBER THE ELEVENTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

3:00 P.M.

*John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center
Dubuque, Iowa*

The ORDER of EXERCISES

Processional

Derek Grant, *Bagpiper*

Charles Barland, DMA, *University Organist and Professor of Music*

Call to Order

Adam R. Hoffman, PhD

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome

Travis L. Frampton, PhD

President of the University

Invocation

Rev. James D. Gunn, DMin

Edwin B. Lindsay Chaplain and Dean of Chapel

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Traditional Hymn/arr. Jay Rouse

Members of the University of Dubuque Choirs

Brady Potts (C'25), *Violin*

Accompanied by Jill Klinebriel, *Adjunct Instructor*

Board of Trustee Greeting

Douglas J. Horstmann (C'75), MBA

Chair, Board of Trustees

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

President Travis L. Frampton

Commencement Address

"Faith in the Journey: Becoming Who You Were Created to Be"

Antonio Mouzon (C'11), ABD

Community Impact and Neighborhood Support Director, City of Dubuque

AWARDING of DEGREES *in* COURSE

Presentation of Candidates and Petition

Vice President Adam R. Hoffman

Conferral of Degrees

President Travis L. Frampton

Introduction of Graduates

Nelson Edmonds, MS

Vice President of Student Engagement and Intercollegiate Athletics

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science

Master in Management
Master of Business Administration

Alma Mater

Sung by the Assembly

(Please refer to music at the back of this program)

1. Awake the dormant voice and sing
Till air is rent and heavens ring,
And echo peals from mount to sea,
Hail! Alma Mater hail to thee.

2. With accent varied swells our song
To thee, thou noble true and strong,
Thy fame rolls on o'er land and sea,
Hail! Alma Mater hail to thee.

3. Thy brow is crowned with heav'nly light,
And truth is resting on thy right;
The nations look, and sigh to thee,
Hail! Alma Mater hail to thee.

4. Forever live, thou nations' guide,
Cross arid wastes or swelling tide,
Our prayers to God shall rise for thee,
Hail! Alma Mater hail to thee.

Farewell and Benediction

President Travis L. Frampton

Recessional

The audience is asked to remain seated during the Recessional

Platform Party

Travis L. Frampton, PhD, *President of the University*
Douglas J. Horstmann (C'75), MBA, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Adam R. Hoffman, PhD, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Nelson Edmonds, MS, *Vice President of Student Engagement and Intercollegiate Athletics*
Rev. James D. Gunn, DMin, *Edwin B. Lindsay Chaplain and Dean of Chapel*
Stowe Kintzinger, PhD, *Assistant Professor of Aviation*
Antonio Mouzon (C'11), ABD, *Community Impact and Neighborhood Support Director, City of Dubuque*

UNIVERSITY *of* DUBUQUE

WINTER 2025 COMMENCEMENT

UNDERGRADUATE	Degree	Major	Hometown
Enoch Ayi Ajavon	Bachelor of Science	Economics	Iowa City, IA
Leonardo Avila***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Bogotá, Colombia
Melissa S. Baker***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Dubuque, IA
Connor P. Bartosh***	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Cedar Rapids, IA
Cade J. Bastian	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business Marketing	Rockton, IL
Jaelyn M. Blakemore**	Bachelor of Science	Human Health Science	Streator, IL
Kaitlyn E. Brady	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	New Brighton, MN
Za'Cameron L. Brice	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Arlington, TX
Dae'von Elijah Britford	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Columbus, OH
Brady Scott Bruns*	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Brodhead, WI
Shae Kenneth Buskohl*	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Cedar Falls, IA
Alyssa Lorraine Carlin**	Bachelor of Science	Economics	Peosta, IA
Sawyer James Carlson	Bachelor of Science	Physical Education, K-12	Brookfield, WI
Tyraill Dewon Carrethers	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Phoenix, AZ
Callie Causemaker**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Milan, IL
Erin V. Davis	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Cedar Rapids, IA
Kristen Kay Dietz*	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	Dubuque, IA
Mallory Dillon	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Dubuque, IA
Owen Robert Dockendorf**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Cuba City, WI
Keion Lavell Dunlap	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Largo, FL
Landon Dzaboff**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Dubuque, IA
Chryshaun Lee Farran	Bachelor of Science	Digital Art and Design	East Dubuque, IL
Owen Nathaniel Feiner**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Marseilles, IL
Davien Flentroy	Bachelor of Science	Wellness and Exercise Science	Calvert, TX
Sierra S. Gandy***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	McHenry, IL

*Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude ***Summa Cum Laude

UNDERGRADUATE	Degree	Major	Hometown
Jeffrey Thomas Gladwin***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	Dubuque, IA
Sara Elizabeth Hamm	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Manchester, IA
Shane D. Hansen	Bachelor of Science	Aviation Management	Hazel Green, WI
Jacob R. Haynes	Bachelor of Science	Digital Art and Design	Chicago, IL
Myles Gabriel Henderson	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Oak Forest, IL
Erin Hoffmann*	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	DeWitt, IA
Shannon Honn*	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	Fairfax, IA
Tyron Inniss	Bachelor of Arts	Communication	Waukegan, IL
Andre KeiJhuan James	Bachelor of Science	Wellness and Exercise Science	Zellwood, FL
Cliff Janvier	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Evanston, IL
Jamari Jenkins	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Evanston, IL
Sunday John	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Surprise, AZ
Grace Anastatia Kahon***	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Mosinee, WI
Logan Michael Kearns	Bachelor of Arts	Criminal Justice	Montrose, IA
Jacinta Wambui Kimani***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	Iowa City, IA
Dale J. Kjorstad	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Williston, ND
Rebecca Jolene Klemme***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Fort Rucker, AL
Heidi-Jo Lansing***	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Mechanicsville, IA
Matthew M. Less*	Bachelor of Business Administration	Human Resource Management	Dubuque, IA
Aidan Paul Linden*	Bachelor of Science	Mathematics	Sandwich, IL
Ryan Michael Linkie*	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Canton, OH
Draek Lawrence Wasegabo Littler	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration	Sport Marketing and Management Business	Elida, OH
Aiden Michael Lyons**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Fairfield, IA
Paige Michelle Manning**	Bachelor of Science	Biology	Mendota, IL
Jaylin McCants	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Galesburg, IL
Thomas McCreadie	Bachelor of Business Administration	Marketing	Honolulu, HI

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UNDERGRADUATE	Degree	Major	Hometown
Ashlyn Marie McGinnis*	Bachelor of Science	Human Health Science	Muscatine, IA
Stacie J. Merta***	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Cedar Rapids, IA
Jalin Miller	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	St. Petersburg, FL
Aidan P. Nardin	Bachelor of Arts	Communication	Freeport, IL
Gavin Louis Nelson	Bachelor of Science	Aviation Management	Mason City, IA
Tyler Olejniczak*	Bachelor of Arts	Criminal Justice	Milwaukee, WI
Cason Adler Palm*	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Ottumwa, IA
Eli Pannell	Bachelor of Arts	Politics	Fulton, IL
William Bruce Potter	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Cascade, IA
Kiara Renaè Rahmaan*	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Columbus, OH
Erik Alexander Ramirez	Bachelor of Science	Aviation Management	Mundelien, IL
Tristan Kenneth Lee Rees	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Tonica, IL
Bryce Robert Reese**	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Hazel Green, WI
Madelyn Faith Remek**	Bachelor of Business Administration	Accounting	Mansfield, TX
Christine Ripperger***	Bachelor of Science	Mathematics	Dubuque, IA
Kendall Ruden**	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Monticello, IA
Tyler Russell	Bachelor of Science	Biology	Medical Science
Lukas Fjærtøft Sandanger	Bachelor of Science	Aviation Management	Erie, CO
Artiara M. Sanders*	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Larsnes, Norway
Jannah C. Smith*	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education	Cedar Rapids, IA
Shaye Smith**	Bachelor of Business Administration	Business	Des Moines, IA
Megan Olivia Stephan*	Bachelor of Science	Biology	Oswego, IL
Samuel Tyrus Todd	Bachelor of Science	Biology	Huntington, IN
Michael A. Westbrooks	Bachelor of Arts	Politics	St. Louis, MO
Alexandria Whight	Bachelor of Arts	Sport Marketing and Management	Northfield, OH
Channing Lavern Williams III	Bachelor of Arts	English	Las Vegas, NV
Grace Ann Wing**	Bachelor of Arts	Sociology	Richardson, TX
Noah Charles Howard Wiseley**	Bachelor of Science	Biology	Maquoketa, IA
Adam Thomas Woods***	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Erie, IL
Samantha Wubben*	Bachelor of Science	Flight Operations	Lanark, IL
	Bachelor of Arts	English	Fennimore, WI

*Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude ***Summa Cum Laude

GRADUATE	Degree	Specialization	Hometown
Dylan James Anderson	Master of Business Administration	Finance	Twin Lakes, WI
Zarik A. Anderson	Master in Management	Sport Management	Rockwall, TX
Barrett Andrew Bell II	Master of Business Administration	Finance	Galena, IL
Samantha Lynn Bentley	Master of Business Administration	Marketing	Utica, NY
Abigail Berntgen	Master of Business Administration	Leadership	LeClaire, IA
Beth A. Burgmeier	Master in Management	Communication Management	East Dubuque, IL
Aubrey Jane Duncan	Master in Management	Sport Management	Columbus Junction, IA
Rogeria Loreacia Ferguson-Hewing	Master in Management	Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership	Peoria, IL
Natalie J. Fraehlich	Master of Business Administration	Marketing	Dubuque, IA
Daniel Garza Garza	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Dubuque, IA
Breanna Lynn Herring	Master in Management	Communication Management	Dubuque, IA
Christopher Z. Johnson	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Cheltenham, PA
Haley Rose Kacena	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Coralville, IA
Alex Daniel Lozano	Master of Business Administration	General Business	New Orleans, LA
Megan Louise Nugent Mead	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Maquoketa, IA
Rebecca Anne Moos	Master in Management	Communication Management	Cedar Rapids, IA
Kipton Andrew Pedersen	Master of Business Administration	General Business	West Branch, IA
Emma Lynn Powell	Master in Management	General Business Leadership and Workplace Effectiveness	Eldridge, IA
Cameron M. Pratt	Master in Management	Sport Management	Anderson, IN
Joshua Lee Rathje	Master of Business Administration		Grand Mound, IA
Hannah Riley	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Cedar Rapids, IA
Carter Roggensack	Master of Business Administration	Leadership	Osage, IA
Tracy Evelyn Schadle	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Dubuque, IA
Sarah Scott	Master of Business Administration	Finance	Mount Morris, IL
Lacey Raeann Smith	Master of Business Administration	Analytics	Anamosa, IA
Valerie Stecher	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Dubuque, IA
Abigail Lynn Temple	Master of Business Administration	Leadership	Clinton, IA
Valerie Vaage	Master of Business Administration	General Business	Mason City, IA
Miranda Marcelle VanHeuklom	Master of Business Administration	Leadership	Amery, WI
Carver Winter Watson	Master of Business Administration	Analytics	Appleton, WI
Yue Pheng Xiong	Master of Business Administration	Leadership	Stillwater, MN

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Antonio Mouzon (C'11), ABD

*Community Impact and Neighborhood Support Director,
City of Dubuque*

*"Faith in the Journey:
Becoming Who You Were Created to Be"*



Antonio Mouzon's journey to Dubuque, Iowa, from Baumholder, Germany, is a testament to the transformative power of education, resilience, and faith. A first-generation college graduate, he became the first in his family to earn a high school diploma, a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree, breaking through generational barriers with grit and determination. Guided by educators and mentors who saw potential in him long before he saw it in himself, Antonio forged a path defined by purpose and courage. He continues this pursuit today through his doctor of philosophy studies in higher education, focusing on social justice, student success, positive psychology, and leadership development, fields that reflect his commitment to uplifting others.

Antonio currently serves as the community impact and neighborhood support director for the City of Dubuque, where he leads citywide efforts to build a thriving, inclusive, and connected community. His department oversees the Multicultural Family Center, AmeriCorps programs, community engagement initiatives, diversion and prevention services, and neighborhood support, initiatives focused on removing barriers, strengthening civic participation, and ensuring every resident feels they belong. Previously, as executive director of the Multicultural Family Center, he helped transform the center into a vibrant hub for empowerment, leadership development, and cross-cultural connection.

In addition to his work in city government, Antonio has made a lasting impact in higher education, including his role as an instructor of personal empowerment at the University of Dubuque. Here, he helped champion emotional intelligence as a foundational skill for academic success and personal growth, teaching faculty, staff, and students how to lead with confidence, self-awareness, and integrity. His global perspective, shaped by his upbringing as part of a military family in Germany, fuels his belief in the strength of diverse experiences and the importance of building bridges across differences.

Antonio's leadership reflects the spirit of the University of Dubuque's mission, character, servant-leadership, and transformational education. His life's service centers on empowering others to live with purpose and compassion, and his message to today's graduates is simple: your story is powerful, your voice matters, and your journey has the potential to change the world. With resilience, faith, and a willingness to step beyond barriers, each of you can lead lives that inspire hope and create lasting impact.

The ACADEMIC PROCESSION

A colorful aspect of the Commencement Ceremony is the academic procession. Strong traditions govern the use of caps, gowns, and hoods worn by members of the academic community in the formal ceremony today. The academic apparel worn at University of Dubuque's Commencement dates back to the Middle Ages. Then, voluminous gowns were worn to ward off the damp and cold of medieval buildings, with mortarboards used as hats. In later years, lay persons, clergy, and scholars continued to wear the robes for church and academic occasions, with variations in style and color identifying different monastic orders.

Today, from the three items of academic apparel – the cap, gown, and hood – it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer has graduated, the field of learning in which his or her degree was earned, and the level of degree – bachelor's, master's, or doctorate. The institution granting the degree is indicated by the colors of the lining of the hood. The degree is indicated by the width of the velvet trimming, becoming wider from bachelor's to master's to doctorate. The color of the velvet trimming indicates the discipline or field of study.

The academic disciplines of members of the University of Dubuque faculty, trustees, and distinguished guests are represented by the following colors:

Agriculture	<i>Maize</i>	Medicine	<i>Green</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>	Music	<i>Pink</i>
Accountancy, Business	<i>Drab</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Dentistry	<i>Lilac</i>	Oratory	<i>Silver Gray</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>	Pharmacy	<i>Olive Green</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Physical Education	<i>Sage Green</i>
Fine Arts	<i>Brown</i>	Public Administration	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Forestry	<i>Russet</i>	Public Health	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Journalism	<i>Crimson</i>	Science	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
Law	<i>Purple</i>	Social Work	<i>Citron</i>
Library Science	<i>Lemon</i>	Theology	<i>Scarlet</i>
Veterinary Science	<i>Gray</i>		

Gowns

The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. The gown for the doctorate degree has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be velvet of the color distinctive of the discipline to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctorate degree. Gown color may reflect school colors.

Hoods

Length. The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree is three feet, the master's degree is three and one-half feet, and the doctorate degree is four feet.

Trimings. The binding or edging of the hood is velvet, two inches, three inches, and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees, respectively; the color is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains (see listing above).

In the case of the doctor of philosophy degree, the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

Academic Honors

When degrees are announced, some are accompanied by the Latin words *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*. These are traditional distinctions that recognize students who have earned outstanding cumulative grade point averages. The term *summa cum laude* (with highest honor) is reserved for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.9 on a four point scale, *magna cum laude* (with high honor) a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75, and *cum laude* (with honor) a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5.

The graduates' gowns are complemented by symbols of individual achievement at the University of Dubuque. Among these achievements are those graduating with academic distinction, wearing gold cords; those completing the University's Honors Program, wearing royal blue cords; and those members of the Alpha Chi national honor society, wearing blue and green cords. Graduates of the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps program can be identified by their dress uniforms.

The University of Dubuque has long been a supporter of our veterans and military personnel. In recognition of their military service to the United States of America, the University of Dubuque is proud to honor all veterans and military personnel on graduation day. To recognize their service, our veteran and military graduates have been awarded a red, white, and blue honors cord to wear at the Commencement Ceremony.

Honoris Causa

The tradition of granting a degree *honoris causa* or "for the sake of honor" dates to the Middle Ages when some institutions of higher learning decided to grant honorary degrees to individuals of the community as a mark of honor and respect. In some cases, the degree was clearly used as a reward for granting funds, lands, or other gifts to the community, while in other instances such degrees were awarded for accomplishments. Honorary degrees were also granted posthumously, as they are today. As well, the degree is conferred as a way of honoring a distinguished person's contributions to a specific field or to society in general.*

* Adapted from *an Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide: American Colleges and Universities*, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

HISTORY

The UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

The University of Dubuque's long and distinguished history of leadership, innovation, and change in service to church and world began in 1852 when the Rev. Adrian Van Vliet started to tutor two brothers for the ministry. The Van Vliet School provided spiritual leadership for the burgeoning population of immigrants from Germany on the American frontier.

In 1864, the school was formally named the German Theological School of the Northwest. Six years later, in 1870, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church assumed control of the institution and renamed it the German Theological School of the Presbyterian Church of the Northwest. Over the next 50 years, the institution underwent multiple name changes until June 17, 1920, when a new charter was issued along with the new name of the University of Dubuque.

In 1905, President William O. Ruston and Financial Secretary Cornelius M. Steffens reorganized the institution to expand its curriculum and grant academic degrees. In April 1905, the first four bachelor's degrees from the school were awarded. During this time, Steffens led the charge to relocate campus to its present location on six acres of land along what is now University Avenue. The new campus' first building, later named Steffens Hall, was dedicated in April 1907.

During Steffens's tenure as president from 1908 to 1924, the campus expanded and became co-educational. Generous people who recognized the institution's potential provided funding for the buildings that constituted the core of the campus by 1917: Severance Hall, Steffens Hall, Peters Commons, and McCormick Gymnasium. By 1923, the University of Dubuque became a truly international institution with 96 of the 296 students from Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Barely surviving the Great Depression, the University of Dubuque faced another challenge during World War II. Nearly 500 students and former students joined the military. President Dale D. Welch secured the Navy's V5/V12 program on campus in July 1943 that allowed sailors to take college courses. The program provided resources until the advent of the post-war GI Bill, which revolutionized higher education and society, filling campus with motivated veterans.

President Gaylord M. Couchman led the University of Dubuque in building a modern campus during the 1950s and 1960s. No buildings, except for Van Vliet Hall in 1925 to 1926, had been constructed on campus since 1917. Under Couchman's leadership, Aitchison, Donnell, and Cassat residence halls, Ficke-Laird Library, Goldthorp Science Hall, Smith Hall, and Potterveld Apartments were built while McCormick Gymnasium underwent an addition. The growth in buildings made it possible to increase academic offerings, the endowment, and enrollment.

The 1970s produced a remarkable ecumenical thrust in higher education under the leadership of President Walter F. Peterson. The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Aquinas Institute of Theology, and Wartburg Theological Seminary created an unprecedented threefold seminary consortium. Aquinas became the home for UDTS until 1981 when Aquinas moved to St. Louis, Missouri, thus dissolving the consortium, and UDTS returned to campus.

Although UDTS has seen considerable change over the years, faculty and staff have remained committed to maintaining a tradition of providing strong preparation for pastoral ministry. In 1998, a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment funded a distance education program for lay pastors of the Presbyterian Church. In 2007, UDTS pioneered the first distance learning master of divinity degree in Presbyterian seminaries nationwide. The seminary now offers the master of arts in Christian leadership, master of arts in mission and discipleship, master of divinity, and doctor of ministry, as well as a certificate in Christian leadership for commissioned ruling elders.

During the 1980s, the University of Dubuque once again underwent multiple changes. Steffens Hall, the original building on campus, was razed, and Blades Hall was constructed. Arches and pillars from Steffens Hall were saved to create Steffens Colonnade – a piece of history that welcomes visitors to campus along University Avenue. During this same time period, the addition of Stoltz Sports Center on McCormick Gymnasium doubled the size of the indoor athletic facility.

In June 1998, Jeffrey F. Bullock became the eleventh president of the University of Dubuque. Under his leadership and with guidance from the *Mission, Vision, Action Plan*, adopted by the Board of Trustees, the University of Dubuque continues to provide leadership, innovation, and change in the church and society. Multiple initiatives and programs support that service including Apex: Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, the John and Alice Butler Summer Research Fellowship, the Joseph and Linda Chlapaty Summer Research Fellowship, and the Wendt Character Center.

During the Bullock presidency, the University extensively grew its campus footprint. In 1998, the Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap Technology Center was dedicated. Three years later, in 2001, the Charles C. Myers Library was dedicated with construction of the second floor being completed the following year. Also in 2001, Seminary Village was constructed on South Campus to provide housing for seminary students and their families.

In 2004, South Campus – the most significant land use development on campus since Steffens Hall was constructed in the early 1900s – was dedicated. South Campus anchors the University of Dubuque along Highway 20 and, at the time of its dedication, included Seminary Village, Alumni Walkway, Conlon Colonnade, University Park Village, University Park Drive, and Oyen Field.

Over the next few years, Cassat, Donnell, and Aitchison residence halls were renovated and multiple buildings were dedicated: Charles and Romona Myers Center, University Science Center, Goldthorp Hall, Mary Chlapaty Hall, and Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center.

Campus growth continued through the new decade. Mercer-Birmingham Hall was dedicated in 2011, and Heritage Center held an Opening Night Celebration featuring the Columbus (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra and the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra in 2013. One year later, Chlapaty Hall and the Veterans Memorial Training Center were opened. In 2015, the dining hall in Peters Commons was renovated and renamed the Barbara and Jack Smeltzer Dining Hall. Also in 2015, the Sergeant Jeffrey B. Dodge Veterans Center was dedicated to invest in student veterans. The addition of Linda Chlapaty Hall on the University Science Center and Debra Runkle Center were dedicated in 2016. The following year, the Dan W. Runkle Baseball Field was dedicated. In 2018, a weight training facility at the Veterans Memorial Training Center opened and the renovation of the Quad was completed. Wallace Common and the Babka Aviation Learning Center were dedicated in 2019.

Two major campus projects were dedicated fall 2020. The Smeltzer-Kelly Student Health Center provides students with a first point of access for outpatient and preventative medical care services for physical and brain health as well as referral services to medical facilities for more serious ailments. The Peter and Susan Smith Welcome Center includes an interpretive welcome area, a multicultural student center, classrooms, and office space for the Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement.

In May 2021, the University officially dedicated the John and Alice Butler Pipe Organ in Heritage Center. The pipe organ has expanded students' musical horizons and enhanced campus events.

Thanks to investors, 121 acres of unglaciated land about 20 miles from campus was purchased after the previous property owners, Mari and Gary Wolter, proposed UID become stewards the land. The Wolters had partnered with the Department of Natural and Applied Sciences for a decade on a variety of research projects and educational activities. The property's official name became the Wolter Woods and Prairies Environmental Stewardship and Retreat Center.

In summer 2022, the first complete renovation of Van Vliet Hall in nearly 100 years was completed. Severance Hall underwent a similar renovation that was completed fall 2023, and Aitchison Residence Hall received a new roof and brick and stone exterior. Grace Plaza, completed fall 2022, created an open and flexible pedestrian-friendly space connecting the upper and lower portions of campus.

Growth also occurred in academic offerings. In 2009, the Learning Institute for Fulfillment and Engagement (LIFE) enrolled its first students. The program offers accelerated bachelor's and master's degrees for adult learners. LIFE expanded to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 2013. In 2016, the University of Dubuque welcomed its inaugural class of students in the master of science in physician assistant studies program. Additionally, the University of Dubuque launched a new master in management program in 2018 designed to help graduate students develop an understanding of management practices and leadership skills in an organization.

In 2024, Travis L. Frampton became the University's twelfth president, following Bullock's 25 plus years of transformative leadership. Continuing the work of his predecessors, Frampton initiated significant advancements in his first year, including the process of establishing the John and Alice Butler College of Osteopathic Medicine (proposed, applicant seeking accreditation), a major expansion of the aviation program and the Edward Babka Aviation Learning Center, and the construction of the 75,000-square-foot Chlapaty Center for Innovation.

As the University continues to grow, we remember and honor those who have committed themselves in service to the University's *Mission* of shaping lives of exceptional ability, worth, and purpose. Today we highlight our newest graduates who have pursued their educational dreams, and we welcome them to the University's alumni family – committed to serving the Church and the World with (Various Gifts and One Spirit).

The SEAL of the UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

The Great Seal of the University of Dubuque, embossed on the program cover, reflects the Christian identity of the University that has been at the center of its educational mission since the University's founding by Rev. Adrian Van Vliet in 1852.

The German phrase found in the lower portion of the seal comes from I Corinthians 12:4, "Various gifts, and one Spirit." The phrase speaks to the divergent talents and backgrounds that students, faculty, and staff bring to the University community, but whose work is guided by one Spirit.

The German Bible is a reminder of the University's German and Judeo-Christian roots. The seven-branched candelabra atop the Bible symbolizes both the light of God manifest in learning – that all truth is God's truth – and the knowledge that comes to students through study.

The globe underscores the University's worldwide educational mission – bringing students from various international locations to the campus for undergraduate and graduate study as well as periodically offering graduate programs abroad. Also, it lays stress on the University's commitment to service across the nation and around the world. While the University's identity and heritage is clearly Christian, the University of Dubuque welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds to join this learning community.

The HISTORY *of the* UNIVERSITY *of* DUBUQUE ALMA MATER

For a few years out of a student's life, the University of Dubuque campus is his or her college, seminary, or graduate school home. The term "alma mater" translates from Latin as "fostering mother," a reference to the campus as home. Unlike other school songs, such as spirit or fight songs, alma maters are considered to be anthems of the academy. Many alma maters have borrowed their melodies from other sources. Far Above Cayuga's Waters is Cornell University's alma mater and one of the best-known alma mater melodies. This melody is based on the folk song, *Annie Lisle*. The Austrian national anthem melody has been used for an alma mater. Even the Christmas melody *O Tannenbaum* has been used.

We are fortunate at the University of Dubuque to have an original alma mater with its text written by Vicente J. Bernal, a former University student, and its music composed by Mark James, a former faculty member. Vicente J. Bernal was born in New Mexico and attended a mission school near his home and then a Presbyterian school for advanced studies in Albuquerque. He then decided to begin preparation for ministry, enrolled in Dubuque Academy that eventually became University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS), and planned to complete his degree in 1916. During his student years, he was a campus leader and a prolific writer. Tragically, Vicente J. Bernal was stricken with a fatal disease and died in 1915. He left behind many published works, including the words he wrote for the alma mater. A member of the University music faculty, Mark James, set Bernal's text to music, and it is their collaborative work we sing today.

ALMA MATER

Words by Vicente J. Bernal (Ex'1916)

Music by Mark C. James

A wake the dor - mant voice and sing Till
ac - cent va - ried swells our song To
brow is crowned with heav'n - ly light, And
ev - er live, thou na - tions' guide, 'Cross

air is rent and heav - ens ring, And ech - o peals from
thee, thou no - ble true and strong, Thy fame rolls on o'er
truth is rest - ing on thy right; The na - tions look, and
ar - id waste, or swell - ing tide, Our prayers to God shall

mount to sea, Hail Al - ma Ma - ter hail to thee! With
land and sea, Hail Al - ma Ma - ter hail to thee! Thy
sigh to thee, Hail Al - ma Ma - ter hail to thee! For -
rise for thee, Hail Al - ma Ma - ter hail to thee!

