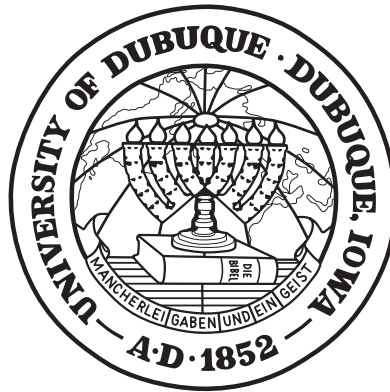


UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE COMMENCEMENT

173rd Year

Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees



APRIL THE TWENTY-SIXTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

1:00 P.M.

Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center, Dubuque, Iowa

The ORDER of EXERCISES

Processional

Charles Barland, DMA, *University Organist and Professor of Music*
Concert Band, Nolan Hauta, DMA, *Director and Associate Professor of Music*
Derek Grant, *Bagpiper*

Call to Order

Debra J. Stork, PhD, *Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Welcome

Travis L. Frampton, PhD, *President of the University*

Invocation

Rev. Beth McCaw, DMin, *Dean of the Seminary and Vice President of the University*

Board of Trustees Greeting

Douglas J. Horstmann (C'75), MBA, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

President Travis L. Frampton

Commencement Address

"The Science of Fulfillment: Why Purpose, Gratitude, and Connection Matter"
Caroline M. Grunenwald (C'08), PhD, *Member, Board of Trustees*

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Adam Hoffman, PhD, *Interim Chair of the Faculty*

Conferral of Honorary Degree

President Travis L. Frampton and Chairman Douglas J. Horstmann

AWARDING *of* DEGREES *in* COURSE

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Interim Vice President Debra J. Stork

Conferral of Degrees

President Travis L. Frampton

Introduction of Graduates

Nelson Edmonds, MS, *Vice President of Student Engagement and Intercollegiate Athletics*

The Degree of Associate of Arts
The Degree of Associate of Science
The Degree of Bachelor of Arts
The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration
The Degree of Bachelor of Science
The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
The Degree of Master in Management
The Degree of Master of Business Administration

Alma Mater

Sung by Members of the Concert Choir
Kristen Eby, MM, *Head of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts,
Director of Choral Activities, and Associate Professor of Music*

Please refer to music at the back of this program.

Benediction and Farewell

President Travis L. Frampton

Recessional

Concert Band
Associate Professor Nolan Hauta

The audience is asked to remain seated until the graduates have left the building.

Platform Party

Travis L. Frampton, PhD, *President of the University*
Douglas J. Horstmann (C'75), MBA, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Debra J. Stork, PhD, *Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Rev. Beth McCaw, DMin, *Dean of the Seminary and Vice President of the University*
Nelson Edmonds, MS, *Vice President of Student Engagement and Intercollegiate Athletics*
Adam Hoffman, PhD, *Interim Chair of the Faculty*
Caroline M. Grunenwald (C'08), PhD, *Member, Board of Trustees*
Dana Rae Yannacci Bullock, LHD, *Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa*

UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT

| UNDERGRADUATE | Degree | Major | Hometown |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Joshua H. Aboagye | Bachelor of Science | Computer Forensics and Security | Ankeny, IA |
| Cooper William Adams | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Woodstock, IL |
| Terra S. Adelmund* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting | Dunkerton, IA |
| Cade William Allgeier | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Rockton, IL |
| Keira Alexandra Alliss** | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Waukeg, IA |
| Thomas Allman* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Meridian, ID |
| Majed Alzahrani | Bachelor of Science | Cybersecurity | Al Baha, Saudi Arabia |
| 2LT Isaac L. Arevalo | Bachelor of Arts | Communication | Fennimore, WI |
| 2LT Ellec Armstead** | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Waukon, IA |
| Brianne Arzbaeher** | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration | Sport Marketing and Management Accounting | Arlington Heights, IL |
| Mitchell M. Ashline* | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Guttenberg, IA |
| Matthew Alonzo Austin | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Chicago, IL |
| Zachary Allan Backus** | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Baxter, IA |
| Abigail Bailey* | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Kingsley, IA |
| Hannah Carla Kim Bauch*** | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Mount Carroll, IL |
| Jlal Rawng Bawla* | Bachelor of Arts | Theology | Urbandale, IA |
| Alexander Richard Bebbler | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Bettendorf, IA |
| Nathan W. Beneke*** | Bachelor of Science | Computer Forensics and Security | Geneseo, IL |
| Kaleb Thomas Beougher | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Sioux City, IA |
| Chetna Marylouise Bhusari | Bachelor of Science | Biology | San Leandro, CA |
| Lillie Bloom | Associate of Science | Associate of Science | Madison, WI |
| Keshauna Nakia Bodley* | Bachelor of Arts | Philosophy and Ethics | Dubuque, IA |
| Jacob Bonnema | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Human Resource Management Business | Carol Stream, IL |
| Grant Edward Bonnet | Bachelor of Arts | Politics Philosophy and Ethics | East Dubuque, IL |
| Gianna Micha'ella Borzileri | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Denver, CO |
| Isaac M. Boyd*** | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | Sitka, AK |
| Dacoda M. Breitsprecker*** | Bachelor of Science | Music Education, K-12 | Galena, IL |
| Ashtyn Gladys Elizabeth Brinker*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Business | Lena, IL |

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| UNDERGRADUATE | Degree | Major | Hometown |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| Kylie Brown*** | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | Galena, IL |
| Abigail Bruce | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | East Troy, WI |
| Eve Ryan Carr** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Chicago, IL |
| Melissa Mary Carter*** | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | Dubuque, IA |
| Kylee Ann Cashman*** | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Fort Madison, IA |
| Kiley Anne Chapman | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Clarence, IA |
| Jamarhe Christopher-Bowen | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing | Evanston, IL |
| Andrew D. Coats*** | Bachelor of Arts | Politics English | Normal, IL |
| Madison Rose Coglianese** | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Mokena, IL |
| Kaylee Diane Coquyt* | Bachelor of Arts | English Communication | Ely, IA |
| Jordyn Eileen Cory*** | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science | Communication Psychology | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Meggan Crampton | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Dubuque, IA |
| Dylan Jacob Croisant | Bachelor of Arts | Communication | Hennepin, IL |
| Aidan Corey Culligan | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing | Eagle, ID |
| Chris Curr*** | Bachelor of Science | Secondary Education - Science Biology | St. Albert, Canada |
| Sasha Rose Daugherty | Bachelor of Science | Psychology | Glen Carbon, IL |
| Tyson Dent | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Memphis, TN |
| Trent Michael DeVries*** | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Roscoe, IL |
| Gabriella DiBrizzi* | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Westchester, IL |
| Delaney Linda Dietz* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Glendora, CA |
| Bennett Hulin Downey | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Hampton, IL |
| Abigale J. Drost | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Oskaloosa, IA |
| Lilly Duff* | Bachelor of Science | Biology Chemistry | Marshalltown, IA |
| Brittany Edgmon*** | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Elk Grove, CA |
| Jacob Edwards | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Neptune, NJ |
| Kacey Jo Eimers*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting | Peosta, IA |
| Samantha Kaitlyn Eldridge* | Bachelor of Science | Psychology | Langdon, Canada |
| Aidan Elfering* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Accounting | Bird Island, MN |

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|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| Brylee Emerson | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Riley J. Engebretsen*** | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science | Music Mathematics | Gillett, WI |
| 2LT Bryton V. Engle** | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Hanover, IL |
| Aiden R. Ennett | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Fayetteville, NC |
| Joseph William Ensley* | Bachelor of Science | Biology Chemistry | Riverside, CA |
| Brendan John Erickson | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Hancock, MI |
| Lisa Michelle Faulkner** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Human Resource Management | Meridian, ID |
| Carson R. Fenske | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Milwaukee, WI |
| Nykka Lou Fernandez* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Grand Forks, ND |
| Riley Fayth Finn* | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | Elizabeth, IL |
| McCormick Flaada** | Bachelor of Science | Environmental Science | Hermantown, MN |
| Zachary Floss*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Business | Orland Park, IL |
| Marcellus Cantrell Flowers | Bachelor of Arts | Communication | Chicago, IL |
| Evan Edward Fridae | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Algonquin, IL |
| JoJo Frost | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Waterloo, IA |
| Kaytelynn Rose Gable*** | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Lena, IL |
| Robert Louis Gaddy* | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Woodstock, IL |
| Leonardo D. Garza | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Melrose Park, IL |
| Cheri Lynne (Kotz) Gibson* | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | East Dubuque, IL |
| Alena Nicole Glad*** | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Chayanne Gonzalez | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing Business | Cary, IL |
| James H. Griffin*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Benjamin S. Gultig | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Littleton, CO |
| Parker Hahne** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Colorado Springs, CO |
| Brooke Frances Hanson*** | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 | Sherrill, IA |
| Samantha Harvell | Bachelor of Science | Secondary Education - Science | Visalia, CA |
| Justin Hausner | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Las Vegas, NV |
| Morgan Hawkins*** | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 Health Education, K-12 | Dubuque, IA |
| Kathryn Hayes*** | Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education | Monroe, WI |

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| UNDERGRADUATE | Degree | Major | Hometown |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Karen A. Heiderscheit** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting | Holy Cross, IA |
| Amber Yvonne Heppner | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Bettendorf, IA |
| Joseph C. Herges | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Champaign, IL |
| Breanna Herring* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Human Resource Management | Dubuque, IA |
| Katy Hess** | Bachelor of Science | Environmental Science | Polo, IL |
| Jahaun J. Hicks Reed | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Reno, NV |
| Landon Hill | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Tipton, IA |
| Davin Kauikaleohano Ho | Bachelor of Science | Economics | Honolulu, HI |
| Olivia Hodges* | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Calumet, MI |
| Hannah Hoeger | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing Business | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Charles Holifield | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Evergreen Park, IL |
| Vladimir Daniel Hudson** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Naperville, IL |
| Landon William Hummel | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Solon, IA |
| Autumn Huntington | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Rio Rancho, NM |
| Andrew Hutchinson | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Poplar Grove, IL |
| Shantai Lucille Jackson | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Clinton, IA |
| Parker Camrin James*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Westminster, CA |
| Brinley Jones* | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Waukon, IA |
| Cameron Jones | Bachelor of Arts | Communication | Monument, CO |
| Ava N. Jorin* | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice Sociology | Staten Island, NY |
| Coral Julseth* | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Wisconsin Dells, WI |
| Jennifer Kaas | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Regina Kadima | Bachelor of Arts | Communication | Cape Town, South Africa |
| Donald Ralph Kennedy IV*** | Bachelor of Science | Mathematics | Cincinnati, OH |
| Ryan Kiddle* | Bachelor of Science | Chemistry Biology | Lindenhurst, IL |
| Breann Jean Kieliszewski | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Alpena, MI |
| Abram Ray Kinney | Bachelor of Arts | English | Dubuque, IA |
| Tyler William Klein** | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Hartford, WI |
| Audrey Lynn Kline | Bachelor of Arts | English | La Porte City, IA |
| | Bachelor of Science | Secondary Education – English | |
| Ryan Knudsen | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | East Troy, WI |
| Nathan John Knutson*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Suamico, WI |

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| Jacob D. Konrardy* | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Peosta, IA |
| Kaitlyn Marie Kuhl** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing | Eldridge, IA |
| Joshua Charles Kupetz | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Stow, OH |
| Claire Elizabeth Lahey* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Sherrill, IA |
| Jake Lamberty | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Peoria, AZ |
| Keagan Charles Lamey | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 Health Education, K-12 | Bernard, IA |
| Myles T. Leavy | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Aurora, IL |
| Cecilia Lemery* | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Mount Horeb, WI |
| Samuel O. Lewis IV | Bachelor of Science | Computer Information Systems | Chicago, IL |
| Lauren Livingston | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Human Resource Management Marketing | Galesburg, IL |
| Jacob Matthew Loaiza*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Chicago, IL |
| Austin Legler Lowell*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Union Grove, WI |
| Dominic Lozano | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing | Dixon, IL |
| Robert Thomas Ludescher | Bachelor of Science | Environmental Science | Asbury, IA |
| Samuel Nicholas Joseph Maas | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Bolivar, MO |
| Eric M. Maher*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | McHenry, IL |
| Daniel J. Maller | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Marketing Business | St. Charles, IL |
| Jesse Lloyd Mandoki | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Phoenix, AZ |
| Matthew P. Marchiori*** | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration | Sport Marketing and Management Business | Arlington Heights, IL |
| Anastasia Mazzanti | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Woodstock, IL |
| Michael D. McCutcheon** | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Ladd, IL |
| Deslyn Wilfred Emeric McEwen | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Dubuque, IA |
| Ra'Shawn McGlown | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science | Psychology Biology | Belleville, IL |
| Brendan K. McQuillan | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Marketing Business | Oak Lawn, IL |
| Christian D. Melton | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Lexington, KY |

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|--------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Max Messier | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Wilcox, Canada |
| Mitchell Sikka Metzger** | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 | Clinton, IA |
| Peyton Clare Metzger* | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Clinton, IA |
| Isaac Meyer* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing IDM - Finance | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Benjamin Micheau** | Bachelor of Science | Chemistry | Naperville, IL |
| Dorian Miles | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 | Chicago, IL |
| Isaac Minger** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting | Dubuque, IA |
| Troy Shinichi Mita** | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | San Jose, CA |
| Atanacio Montes Jr. | Associate of Arts | Associate of Arts | Nampa, ID |
| Tyler Moore | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Bettendorf, IA |
| Erin Morahan | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | South Elgin, IL |
| Audrey Irene Morris | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Psychology Nursing | Goose Lake, IA |
| Skylar Marie Mullen* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Bondurant, IA |
| Abigail Therese Nie** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | New Hampton, IA |
| Ryan Norwood | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 Wellness and Exercise Science | Mascoutah, IL |
| Logan Novara | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Berthoud, CO |
| Gage Oien*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Wilton, IA |
| Brady Oleson | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Burlington, IA |
| Micah L. O'Neal | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Forest Park, IL |
| Landen Gregory Othoudt* | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Saint Cloud, MN |
| Grace Ann Pachner*** | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Byron, IL |
| Niki M. Parikh* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Marion, IA |
| Tayden Patterson** | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 | Elizabeth, IL |
| Porfirio Angel Perez | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Danville, IL |
| Madison Petersen | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Muscatine, IA |
| Liberty Rose Plath | Bachelor of Science | Psychology | Crystal, MN |
| Michael Poitry | Bachelor of Arts | Politics | Ankeny, IA |
| Hayden E. Polakowski*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Las Vegas, NV |

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| Drake Matthew Polley | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Marshalltown, IA |
| Casey Popham*** | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Altadena, CA |
| Emma Rose Powers | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Dubuque, IA |
| Braydin Preston* | Bachelor of Science | Computer Information Technology Environmental Science | Lanark, IL |
| Hunter Preston** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Marketing Business | Dubuque, IA |
| Bryce Boyd Radeke** | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Vinton, IA |
| Samuel Hughes Rainer** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Lake in the Hills, IL |
| Quintten Wade Rangel | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Battle Creek, MI |
| Christoffer Råstock*** | Bachelor of Science | Computer Forensics and Security | Gävle, Sweden |
| Aydan Rathsabandith | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Bloomington, MN |
| Hunter Davy Reade | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Channahon, IL |
| Cameron J. Richardson | Bachelor of Science | Computer Information Systems | Chicago, IL |
| Allie Rae Riches** | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Monticello, IA |
| Calvin Richey | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Brentwood, CA |
| Logan Charles Richter*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Cold Spring, MN |
| Crystal L. Ring** | Bachelor of Arts | IDM - Business & Community Administration | Dubuque, IA |
| Azalea Envious-Silhouette Rodriguez | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Aurora, IL |
| Benjamin Ignacio Rodriguez | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Chicago, IL |
| Alexa L. Roeder | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Bellevue, IA |
| Cameron W. Rother* | Bachelor of Arts | Criminal Justice | Rosemount, MN |
| Kolton Rudy | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Forreston, IL |
| Ethan James Ryan | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Las Vegas, NV |
| Michaylah Ryan** | Bachelor of Arts | Psychology | Cary, IL |
| Dereck-Earl D. Saint-Hilaire | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Sunrise, FL |
| Daniel Sandberg*** | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Söderbärke, Sweden |
| Colin Edward Schmit* | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Marshalltown, IA |
| Samantha Grace Scodeller* | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Davenport, IA |
| Wade Davidson Sheets | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Van Wert, OH |
| Thomas J. Shelby | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Madison, WI |
| Hannah M. Shickles*** | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Brodhead, WI |
| Brett M. Shrake | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Moline, IL |

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|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Giovanni Paul Silva | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Thousand Oaks, CA |
| Arwen Mary Sims** | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Deep River, Canada |
| Ethan D. Sinaberg | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Woodbury, MN |
| Nitit Sirirak* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Vivian Louise Sirna* | Bachelor of Arts | Sociology | Davenport, IA |
| Alex Davidson Smith | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Algonquin, IL |
| Jacob Sparber | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Spokane, WA |
| Taylor Sperfslage* | Bachelor of Science | Chemistry | Ackley, IA |
| Wesley Spitzmiller | Bachelor of Science | Mathematics | Saint Charles, MO |
| Valerie Lea Spooner | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Clinton, IA |
| Destry Stevenson | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Rock Springs, WY |
| Grace Lenora Stevenson* | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Plano, IL |
| Melanie Jane Miheve Stilson* | Bachelor of Science | Digital Art and Design | Gurnee, IL |
| Elizabeth Stoffel** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Business | Burlington, WI |
| Ethan Scott Stoker*** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Elburn, IL |
| Bradley Storjohann | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Savanna, IL |
| Ryan Michael Streuli | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Big Bend, WI |
| Ryker Strong | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Rogersville, MO |
| Donal J. Swanson | Bachelor of Science | Aviation Management | Guthrie Center, IA |
| Logan W. Taylor | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Cuba City, WI |
| Amanda M. Terrill** | Bachelor of Science | Psychology | Denver, IA |
| Isabella Anne-Marie Tierney | Bachelor of Science | Physical Education, K-12 Health Education, K-12 | Elk Grove Village, IL |
| YiZhou Tong | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Guangzhou, China |
| Mason Toutges | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Spicer, MN |
| Lisa Tsosie* | Bachelor of Business Administration | Marketing | Indian Wells, AZ |
| Genevieve Barbara Tuffy* | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Barrington, IL |
| Giorgos Vallianatos** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Business | Orland Park, IL |
| Jarumi S. Vazquez Huesca** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Accounting Business | Darlington, WI |
| Samuel Vibrál | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Flower Mound, TX |
| Keren Villalobos Mendoza | Associate of Science | Associate of Science | Phoenix, AZ |

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|--------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Riley Ann Vondrasek* | Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Psychology Nursing | Downers Grove, IL |
| Alexander Daniel Walsh** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Parker, CO |
| Lennon Allen Watkins | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Northfield, MN |
| Kaylee Lynn Weems | Bachelor of Arts | Liberal Studies | Center Point, IA |
| Kaelyn Clara Weigel* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Platteville, WI |
| Hannah Welsh | Bachelor of Science | Psychology | Dubuque, IA |
| Jadyn Werner* | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Manchester, IA |
| Ellen White | Bachelor of Science | Biology | Crystal Lake, IL |
| Nickolas Wieben | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Longville, MN |
| Jonathan Robert Wiggins | Bachelor of Science | Computer Forensics and Security | Lima, OH |
| Jaidyn Kyle Williams* | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Aiden Kaleb Wilson | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Chicago, IL |
| Jerome C. Wilson III | Bachelor of Science | Wellness and Exercise Science | East Peoria, IL |
| Megan I. Wolff | Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Nursing | Stacy, MN |
| Taylor O. Woods | Bachelor of Science | Chemistry | Dubuque, IA |
| Jacob R. Woodward | Bachelor of Arts | Sport Marketing and Management | Dubuque, IA |
| Gavin A. Wooldridge** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Marketing | Lombard, IL |
| Sean Raymond Wright | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Plymouth, MN |
| Brendan Yamanaka | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Centennial, CO |
| Ariel Yu** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Dededo, GU |
| Amber Dawn Zappia*** | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business | Maricopa, AZ |
| Lydia G. Zarling | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations Aviation Management | Racine, WI |
| Sophia F. Zebarth | Bachelor of Science | Mathematics | Dubuque, IA |
| Max Russell Zirngible** | Bachelor of Science | Flight Operations | Owatonna, MN |
| Victoria Zoltowska*** | Bachelor of Science | Human Health Science | Island Lake, IL |

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| GRADUATE | Degree / Field Major | Hometown |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Jaylen Christopher Bell | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Chicago, IL |
| Noah Henry Francis Bullock | Master in Management - Sport Management | Dubuque, IA |
| Jacob Ryan Cekander | Master in Management - Sport Management | Chula Vista, CA |
| Caitlin Cecelia Daniels | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Dubuque, IA |
| Deven G. Dettloff | Master in Management - Sport Management | Carol Stream, IL |
| Sandy Chung Dremmel | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Saigon, Vietnam |
| Jessica Lee Ehrmann | Master of Business Administration | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Jordan L. Elliott | Master in Management - Sport Management | West Des Moines, IA |
| Michael Patrick Friend Jr. | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Dubuque, IA |
| Jordan Gregory Goldstein | Master in Management - Sport Management | Huntley, IL |
| Stone Gorman | Master in Management - Sport Management | Oswego, IL |
| Angella Marie Hannan | Master of Business Administration | Dubuque, IA |
| Joshua Nicholas Kaiser Husemann | Master in Management - Sport Management | Dubuque, IA |
| Keith Duane Keahna | Master in Management - Sport Management | Tama, IA |
| Tiffani Cheryl King | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Boise, ID |
| Andrea 'Andi' Losey | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Blackwater, AZ |
| Kaitlin Martin | Master in Management - Communication Management | DeWitt, IA |
| Jonathan Mayer | Master in Management - Aviation Leadership | Whitewater, WI |
| Sarah Lynn Moir | Master in Management - Sport Management | Winnipeg, Canada |
| Sarah Parker | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Pisgah Forest, NC |
| Otis Leevee Patterson Jr. | Master in Management - Sport Management | Chicago, IL |
| Lincoln John Potter | Master in Management - Sport Management | Adelaide, Australia |
| Odelma Diana Randall | Master of Business Administration | Marion, IA |
| Alexander Renken | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Lincoln, NE |
| Autumn Lynne Riedel | Master in Management - Sport Management | Buffalo, NY |
| Dimitri Samusev | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Silver Spring, MD |
| Philip Schader | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Klagenfurt, Austria |
| Hannah Schadle | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Dubuque, IA |
| William Walter Schweiss | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Taylor Ridge, IL |
| Chase Michael Stuver | Master in Management - Sport Management | Clear Lake, IA |
| Jatika Lashay Sykes | Master of Business Administration - General Business | Chicago, IL |
| Elizabeth Anne Tharp | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Maquoketa, IA |
| Jennie L. White | Master in Management - Communication Management Master of Business Administration - General Business | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Kaitlyn N. Wilder | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Dunkerton, IA |
| Kayla Winandy | Master of Business Administration | Peosta, IA |
| Joseph Russell Wohlers | Master in Management - Organizational Diversity and Inclusion Leadership | Beebeetown, IA |
| Aidan Robert Wood | Master in Management - Sport Management | Cedar Rapids, IA |
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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Dana Rae Yannacci Bullock, LHD

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*



Dana Rae Yannacci Bullock graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor's degree in history. She began her career as a grants manager in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Washington School of Medicine. In 1996, she relocated to Dubuque with her husband, Jeffrey, who became the University's 11th President, where she continued her work in grants management with the City of Dubuque.

After Noah, Luke, and Seth were born, Dana began her vocation as an engaged volunteer in the community, with her sons' schools, and at the University of Dubuque. She also became a passionate advocate for children with learning and brain health challenges in the school district. Her commitment extended to organizations such as Hillcrest Family Services and Stonehill Communities.

Dana's most dedicated professional work and service was focused on the University of Dubuque and its *Mission*. From 1998 to 2024, she served as the University of Dubuque's First Lady—the longest in the institution's history. As an integral person in campus life, she welcomed hundreds of students, faculty, staff, trustees, dignitaries, and guests to campus and into her home.

Dana served on many University committees and invested countless hours in establishing McCormick House, the University's guest home, and the renovation and expansion of two residences of the President, the first on Overview Court and, most recently, the newest residence on Fremont Avenue.

Known for her deep faith, perseverance, and compassionate spirit, Dana has been a steadfast partner to Jeffrey and a devoted mother to her three sons. She has left a lasting imprint on the University of Dubuque and the wider community.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Caroline M. Grunenwald (C'08), PhD

Member of the Board of Trustees

*"The Science of Fulfillment:
Why Purpose, Gratitude, and Connection Matter"*



Caroline M. Grunenwald, PhD, is an assistant professor of biology at the University of Missouri, where she leads a research program focused on host-microbe interactions and bacterial stress responses. Her research is focused on defining how bacterial pathogens sense and respond to changes in the environment during infection, promoting evasion of the immune system and resistance to antibiotics, and aims to inform the development of novel treatment strategies and therapeutics against antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

A native of Merrill, Wisconsin, Grunenwald attended the University of Dubuque from 2004 to 2008, where she majored in biology and environmental science. While attending UD, Grunenwald was a researcher in the lab of Rasika Mudalige-Jayawickrama, PhD, professor of plant biology, and the 2008 recipient of the Department of Natural and Applied Sciences Robert M. Miller Excellence in Biology Award. Grunenwald was active across campus, including singing and touring with the UD Concert Choir, serving on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and participating in intramural sports. As a member of the UD women's cross country and track and field teams, she earned All-Conference and Academic All-Conference honors. She still holds the school record in the 1000m.

After receiving her bachelor of science degree, Grunenwald pursued a master of science in microbiology at Idaho State University and then a doctor of philosophy in microbiology from the University of Tennessee. Her doctor of philosophy dissertation focused on the eco-epidemiology of parasites in wildlife, for which she received several honors including the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society Award of Merit for Excellence in Agricultural Research and the Dr. John C. New Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Health or Epidemiological Research. She then went on to complete postdoctoral fellowships at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, and was an American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in Madison, Wisconsin. She has authored numerous research publications, and book chapters, as well as served as an invited speaker at national and international scientific conferences. Her research has contributed to advancing the field of infectious diseases by revealing how the bacterial pathogen *Staphylococcus aureus* shifts its cellular physiology in response to changes in nutrient availability and antibiotic treatment.

In addition to her research career, Grunenwald is committed to mentoring and championing the next generation of students, fostering an inclusive and collaborative learning environment. She strives to help all students, regardless of major, connect scientific concepts to their everyday lives and to uphold the philosophy that science is for everyone. She currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in microbiology at the University of Missouri and serves on the Graduate Education Committee in the Division of Biological Sciences. She has completed specialized training in inclusive mentorship through the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER) and actively engages in professional service and outreach as a member of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and the University of Dubuque Board of Trustees.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Grunenwald is a dedicated wife to Nick Grunenwald and mother to Ella, Cade, and Cora. She is also an avid runner who regularly trains for endurance events and enjoys gardening as a means of cultivating both resilience and balance.

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 the 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:

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| 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.

Trimming. 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) is a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75, and cum laude (with honor) is 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 Army ROTC-Eagle Company 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, 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 1925-1926, 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 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 Initiative.

Since Bullock became president, the University of Dubuque has grown its campus footprint in the most extensive transformation of the university's history. 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 Jack and Barbara 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 of 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, Tempe, Arizona, in 2017, and Meridian, Idaho, in 2020. 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. Most recently in December 2024, in recognition of a \$60 million gift from John (DHL'17) and Alice (DHL'17) Butler, the University announced it would move forward with the required approvals and programmatic accreditation process to open a four-year medical school. The proposed John and Alice Butler College of Osteopathic Medicine will be the first new medical school in Iowa in over 125 years.

In spring 2024, President Bullock stepped away from the presidency after 25 years of service. Shortly thereafter, the University of Dubuque Board of Trustees appointed Travis L. Frampton as the University's 12th president. Frampton had served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas, since July 2019. He also was Schreiner's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges liaison as well as Schreiner's Title IX coordinator. Frampton's appointment began June 1, 2024.

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 and HISTORY of the ALMA MATER 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 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 Bernal, a former University student, and its music composed by Mark James, a former faculty member. Vicente Bernal was born in New Mexico and attended a mission school near his home and then a Presbyterian school in Albuquerque for advanced studies. 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 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!