



DOANE UNIVERSITY

Winter Commencement 2023

About Doane University

Founded in 1872 in Crete, Doane University is Nebraska's first and oldest private liberal arts and sciences college. Each year, more than 1,000 undergraduate students from around the nation and world are enrolled at Doane's residential Crete campus, which offers 35 majors and 39 minors.

Doane's non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, and online provide a learning environment for adult students. The Lincoln campus was established in 1981, and the Omaha location in 2014. There are 9 undergraduate degrees, 11 minors, and 9 graduate degrees available.

Doane's mission is to create distinctive educational experiences, rooted in the liberal arts, to prepare our students for careers and lives grounded in inquiry, ethics, and a commitment to lead and serve in the global community.

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College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of Education

WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
DECEMBER 16, 2023 • 1 P.M.



Doctor of Education
Education Specialist
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Master of Education in School Counseling
Master of Arts in Counseling
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Processional*	Doane University Concert Band, <i>Andrew D. Feyes, Ph.D., Director of Instrumental Music</i>
Opening Reflection*	Stephanie Marie Bailey, M.A. '23, Elkhorn, NE
<i>The Star Spangled Banner*</i>	Doane University Concert Band
Introduction of Speaker	Roger A. Hughes, Ph.D. '82, <i>President</i>
Commencement Address: <i>"Defining Vocation"</i>	Kate Bolz, M.S.W., <i>Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy at Cedars Youth Services</i>
Conferral of Graduate Degrees	Roger A. Hughes Lorie L. Cook-Benjamin, Ed.D., <i>Chief Academic Officer</i> Denise C. Ellis, M.S., <i>Registrar</i>

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Timothy J. Frey, Ph.D., *Dean, College of Education*
Catherine L. Sommervold, Ed.D., *Director, Doctorate of Education Program*

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Trudy K. Clark, Ed.D., *Adjunct Professor*
John P. Neal, Ed.D., *Adjunct Professor*

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION and MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Debra S. Stuto, M.Ed., *Director, Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction Program*
Rachel T. Catlett, M.S., *Director, Master of Education in School Counseling Program*

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Courtney R. East, Ph.D., *Director, Master of Arts in Counseling Program*
Arden A. Szepe, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, Master of Arts in Counseling Program*

MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP, MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, and MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Jennifer A. Bossard, Ph.D., *Dean, College of Business*
Amit J. Chauradia, Ph.D., *Chair, Business Department*
Terri A. Deems, Ph.D., *Chair, Instructional Design and Technology Department*

Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees	Roger A. Hughes
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BACHELOR OF ARTS & BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Pedro Maligo, Ph.D., *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

The Doane Hymn*.....

Alexander Brandenburg, '25, Columbus, NE

Doane University Concert Band



❁ KATE BOLZ ❁

Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy at Cedars Youth Services

A proud sixth generation Nebraskan, Kate Bolz grew up on a family farm in Otoe County, Nebraska.

Bolz brings extensive economic and community development experience. Most recently, she served as the State Director for the Nebraska United States Department of Agriculture. She also served as the Mayoral Aide for Economic Development for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, where she focused on workforce training and small business development programs.

Previously, she served as a state senator, leading efforts to invest in higher education and economic development as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee and Chair of the Economic Development Task Force.

In addition to her legislative work, she served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (an association of community-based disability service providers) and as an adjunct professor at Union College.

Bolz earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a master's in social work from the University of Michigan.



❁ NON-RESIDENTIAL STUDENT AWARDS ❁

3.5 GPA Minimum Requirement

<i>Outstanding graduate in Business Administration</i>	Alexus Victoria Folmer
<i>Outstanding graduate in Health Sciences</i>	Cristen Ja'dawn Jackson
<i>Outstanding graduate in Human Relations</i>	Kylie Ann Krivohlavek
<i>Outstanding graduate in Information Systems & Technology</i>	Alexander Lubrano
<i>Outstanding graduate in Liberal Arts</i>	Gehrig Antonino Perez
<i>Outstanding graduate in Organizational Communication</i>	Justin Wayne Anderson
<i>Valedictorian</i>	Alexander Lubrano

doctor OF EDUCATION

Jason Davis • Hastings, NE

Dissertation:

How Women in Community College
Leadership Experience Gender Bias

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Cate Sommervold

Nichlas Hans Dressel • Chadron, NE

Dissertation:

Exploring Motivation to Improve Teacher
Recruitment: A Phenomenological Study
of First and Second-Year Teachers in One
Midwestern State

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Julie Kozisek

Mark Charles Funkey • Hastings, NE

Dissertation:

Job Satisfaction in Education: A Study
of the Impact of Leadership on
Employee Satisfaction

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Stephen Joel

* Garrett Dean Hall • Lincoln, NE

Dissertation:

Exploring Connections: Impact of
Teacher Education Level on Student
Achievement

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Ronald Bork

Courtney Dawn Porter • Osborne, KS

Dissertation:

Exploring the Relationship Between
Spirituality and Authentic Leadership:
A Quantitative Study

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Frey

education specialist DEGREE

Durkhany Nawabi Bassia • Omaha, NE

Chad Aaron Boyes • Bennington, NE

Miranda Lynn Bright • Lincoln, NE

Meredith Eileen Buckman • Omaha, NE

Cedric W. Cooper • Omaha, NE

Allysa Diehl • Superior, NE

Bradley Scott Dirksen • Lincoln, NE

Angie Janel Eberle • Clarks, NE

Scott D. English • Kearney, NE

Ann Elizabeth Foster • Brady, NE

Matthew Joseph Geerts • Davenport, IA

Tara Rose Gossman • Johnson, NE

Elijah Frederick Knight • Lincoln, NE

Brittney Anne Kuhr • Wahoo, NE

Alyssia Martinez Wilkinson • Bellevue, NE

Jessica J. Prusha • Omaha, NE

Zachary Douglas Simon • Lincoln, NE

Brooke Davis Studt • Omaha, NE

Jamie L. Thavenet • Lincoln, NE

* Ernest William Valentine • David City, NE

master of education IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Adam John Aschenbrenner • Malcolm, NE

Reed Baillie • Lincoln, NE

Kelly Brauch • Lincoln, NE

Tyne Brouillette • Lincoln, NE

Jensyn Dene' Burchett • Lincoln, NE

Cecilia Marie Burda • Lincoln, NE

Bryan D. Carver • Omaha, NE

Jessica Judith Chrastil • Crete, NE

Courtney Cloyed • Omaha, NE

Jason J. Codr • Lincoln, NE

Michael David Coffey • Crete, NE

David Wayne Crabtree • Lincoln, NE

Kayla Jean Daniel • Cherokee, IA

Jacinda Kay Davis • Plattsmouth, NE

Hannah Louise DelaBarre • Lincoln, NE

Faith Elizabeth Deunk • Hastings, NE

Cassa J. Easter • York, NE

Nolan Field • Papillion, NE

Kimberly Fiorelli • Bellevue, NE

Jessica Foote • Lincoln, NE

Michelle Elizabeth Gall • Scribner, NE

MyKinze Rachel Hahn • Lincoln, NE

Taylor Katharine Hank • Lincoln, NE

Kristie Ann Hartman • Milwaukee, WI

Brianna Heideman • Lincoln, NE

Abigail Lynn Heller • Kearney, NE

Claire Elizabeth Holling • Crete, NE

Gannen Kaylor Ingalls • Shelby, NE

Tylyn Layton • Lincoln, NE

Morgan A. Lenigan • Omaha, NE

Brooke Kaye Lingren Vote • Ogden, IA

Jessica Lucero Lopez Franco • Crete, NE

Michael T. Lucas • Waverly, NE

Marissa Kay Maughan • Lincoln, NE

Sheila Mays • Lincoln, NE

Hailey Marie McGruder • Lincoln, NE

* Veteran/Active Military

master of education IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (CONT.)

Taylor Lee McMurray • Adams, NE
Kelsey Elisabeth Mecone • Papillion, NE
Kari Nicole Meister • Gretna, NE
Gabrielle Lynn Menghini • North Platte, NE
Marissa Ann Morrison • Elkhorn, NE
Ryan James Nanny • Hillsboro, TX
Kendra Leigh Nelson • Lincoln, NE
Madisyn Jo Warrelmann Ott • Lincoln, NE
Taylor Perry • Omaha, NE
Lindsey Pinkerton • Lincoln, NE

Sara Alicia Prince • Omaha, NE
Maclain Randazzo • Lincoln, NE
Kristina Darlene Marie Riche • Pleasant Dale, NE
Pamela June Riley • Omaha, NE
Sarah Elise Samson • Fremont, NE
Taylor Schilling • Lincoln, NE
Chelsey Schuessler • Lincoln, NE
Maxwell Lee Sealer • Omaha, NE
Britany Lynn Shaw • Ceresco, NE
Madeline Shomos • Lincoln, NE

Tisha Marie Simpson • Bellevue, NE
Bailey Sloup • Columbus, NE
Marisa Leigh Springman • Lincoln, NE
Brooklyn Nicole Stara • Lincoln, NE
Jillian Nicole Stark • Lincoln, NE
Kalli-Ann Namie Takafuji • Honolulu, HI
Alexa Thielen • Omaha, NE
Mary Ellin Wilhelm • Omaha, NE
Bridgette Marie Willey • Omaha, NE
Rebecca Wilson • Council Bluffs, IA

master of education IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Elizabeth A. Bohrer • Springfield, NE
Taylre Marie Estrada • Omaha, NE
Samantha Mykal Fitzgerald • Cedar Bluffs, NE
Emma Virginia George • Lincoln, NE
Natalie Ruth Husmann • Chapman, NE

Ronica Richelle Lien • Omaha, NE
Mikayla Rae Nelson • Lincoln, NE
Emily Ann Rakowsky • Omaha, NE
Jennifer L. Redden • DeSoto, KS
Shaima Hassan Shakir • Lincoln, NE

Ashlee Slade • Lincoln, NE
Heather Ann Stahr • Waco, NE
Jaidin Jean Stonacek • Lincoln, NE
Kelsey Jo Vnoucek • Geneva, NE

master of arts IN COUNSELING

* Siobhan P. Allen • Lincoln, NE
Martha G. Balderas • Lincoln, NE
Paola A. Carrillo-Lazalde • Grand Island, NE

* Steven Jon Fankhauser • Kearney, NE
Shelby Ingersoll • Lincoln, NE
Danette R. Novotny • Lincoln, NE

Ashley Romero • Bellevue, NE
Veronica Santillan • Lincoln, NE
Kayla Marie Wilson • Ozark, MO

master of arts IN LEADERSHIP

Stephanie Marie Bailey • Elkhorn, NE
William P. Barrett • Lincoln, NE

Debra Ann Buehler • Sterling, NE
Camila L. Da Silva Leite • Sao Paulo, Brazil

Kelly Holsteen-Chapman • Lincoln, NE
Nina Catherine Theiler • Omaha, NE

master of business administration

Nicholas Armentrout • Lincoln, NE
Kelsey Lynn Bernhardt • Thornton, CO
Tara Culver • Waverly, NE
Douglas Eicher • Elkhorn, NE
Eman M. Elshaikh • San Diego, CA
Michael Eugene James • Lincoln, NE
Jessica Lynn Jasnoch • Grand Island, NE

MyRranda Marie Kendle • Lincoln, NE
Kendra Kinney • Ankeny, IA
*Nicholis Markham • Omaha, NE
Augustine Francis Milanzi • Blantyre, Malawi
Luis Kedir Moreno Moya • Hialeah, FL
*John J. Mueggenberg • Omaha, NE
Rennes A. Nassrat • Lincoln, NE

Jodie Lynn Persson • West Point, NE
Jonathan D. Rehor • Rapid City, SD
Stacy Daniel Ritchie • Grand Island, NE
Peter V. Rossow • North Tonawanda, NY
Henrique Dielle Sakoda • Sao Paulo, Brazil
Amanda Thunker • Hastings, NE
Reynaldo Axel Villafuerte Ruiz • Crete, NE

master of science IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Whitney Lee-Schwandt Fritzingler • Lincoln, NE

* Veteran/Active Military

bachelor of ARTS & bachelor of SCIENCE

- ♦♦ Justin Wayne Anderson • Lincoln, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Organizational
Communication and Liberal Arts Studies*
- Hannah Kaylee Baesler • Thornton, CO
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- ♦ Samuel Eli Banzhaf • Overton, NE
Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science
- Donat Beke • Algyo, Hungary
Bachelor of Science in Engineering
- Paul Lynn Blomstedt • Ralston, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- Nicholas Scott Borges • North Platte, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- Ethan Coleman • Benson, AZ
Bachelor of Science in Engineering
- ♦ Abbigail Marie Egenberger • Gretna, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
- Tursaikhan Enkhbold • Arlington, VA
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
- Alexus Victoria Folmer • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- Shanyun Lucille Gappa • Ashton, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- William Grixby • Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Science in Engineering
- Thomas Dale Heavey • Overland Park, KS
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- Luke Thomas Henriksen • Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts Studies
- Savannah Maria-Luz Householder •
Bellevue, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Media Communication
- *Cristen Ja'dawn Jackson • Monticello, GA
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
- Victoria Kennen • Queens, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- Kylie Ann Krivohlavek • Seward, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations
- Brehan Michael Lambert • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Media Communication
- ♦♦♦ *Alexander Lubrano • Grand Island, NE
*Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
& Technology*
- ♦ Jamie McGuire • Gretna, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- Dylan Walker McNeil • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies
- ♦♦♦ Amy Mews • Inwood, IA
*Bachelor of Science in Information Systems &
Technology*
- Jason James O'Flaherty • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
- ♦Braden Jeffrey Olson • Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Economics
- Daniel Ortiz Adame • Crete, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and
Health Education*
- Andrew Paquette • Beatrice, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and
Health Education*
- Luke Theodore Partridge • Wahoo, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- ♦♦♦ *Gehrig Antonino Perez • Hollywood, FL
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- Samuel Ramirez De La Torre •
Guadalajara, Mexico
Bachelor of Arts in History
- Payton Catherine Schelin • Bonney Lake, WA
Bachelor of Science in Science
- K. K. Snoke • Elmwood, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies
- Sarah Kristine Stanek • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations
- Nyamoch Biel Tap • Gambella, Ethiopia
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations
- Jacob Neil Williams • Kansas City, MO
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

♦♦♦ Summa Cum Laude

♦♦ Magna Cum Laude

♦ Cum Laude

* Veteran/Active Military

♦ Honors Program

The Mace

Representing the authority bestowed upon the president by the Board of Trustees, the mace features a bronze of the university seal atop a four-foot sculpted piece of walnut. The mace is carried by Kimberly A. Jarvis, Ph.D., Professor of History, and signifies the official opening and closing of the ceremony.



Marshals

Marshals lead the processional and recessional, and direct the logistics of the ceremony.

Faculty marshals are Timothy G. Hill, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, and Robin J. McKercher, M.F.A., Co-Director of Theatre. Junior marshals are members of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honorary: Tiffany Carnahan, Fremont, NE; Payton Cooley, Elkhorn, NE; Veronica Reynolds, Beatrice, NE; Molly Staples, Broken Bow, NE; and Elly Weimer, Sidney, NE.



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Honor Cords

Medallions are worn by students graduating from the Honors Program, orange cords are worn by students graduating with honors, and National Honor Society memberships are signified by colored honor cords:

Alpha Kappa DeltaTeal <i>Sociology</i>
Alpha Lambda DeltaWhite, gold, and red <i>Academic</i>
Alpha Psi OmegaMidnight blue and amber <i>Theatre</i>
Beta Beta BetaRed and green <i>Biology</i>
Cardinal KeyCrimson and gold <i>Service</i>
Delta Mu DeltaPurple and gold <i>Accounting/business</i>
Delta Phi AlphaBlack, gold, and red <i>German</i>
Kappa Alpha OmicronForest green and snow white <i>Environmental science</i>
Omicron Delta KappaSky blue and silver <i>Leadership</i>
Phi Alpha ThetaRed and light blue <i>History</i>
Phi Sigma IotaPurple and white <i>All languages</i>
Pi Kappa DeltaSilver and red <i>Forensics</i>
Pi Lambda ThetaGold <i>Education</i>
Pi Sigma AlphaRed, white, and black <i>Political science</i>
Janice Hadfield Scholar LeaderWhite <i>Non-Residential students</i>
Psi ChiPlatinum and dark blue <i>Psychology</i>
Sigma Delta PiRed and gold <i>Spanish</i>
Sigma Tau DeltaRed and black <i>English</i>
Veteran & Active MilitaryRed, white, and blue

Doane University Banner

The Doane University banner bears the seal created by Thomas Doane, Esq. and David Brainerd Perry, the first president of the college. The woman (science) trims the lamp of knowledge to light the book (Bible).

The star and cross are Christian symbols indicating Doane's Congregational heritage. Science faces west to signify westward movement of learning. The triangle denotes strength through three aspects of life: spiritual, physical, and intellectual.

Hoods & Gowns

Academic regalia lends dignity and pageantry to commencement, and reveals academic achievements through styles of gowns and hoods in various colors.

Doctor of EducationBlue
Education SpecialistBlue
Master of EducationBlue
Master of Arts in CounselingWhite
Master of Arts in LeadershipWhite
Master of Arts in ManagementWhite
Master of Business AdministrationDrab
Master of Science in Instructional Design and TechnologyGold

In academia, different styles of gowns, hoods and colors reveal significant academic achievements among students and distinguish degree levels.

The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has crescent-shaped sleeves descending from the elbows. The doctor's robe has very full sleeves with three horizontal bars of velvet on each sleeve and two vertical velvet bars down the middle of the front.

Hoods are the most significant conveyors of degree identification. The master's hood is pointed, and the doctor's hood is rounded at the bottom. The hoods have velvet borders and are lined in silk or satin in the official color of the institution that conferred the degree. The color of the velvet border represents the discipline.



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