

HONORING THE OHIO WESLEYAN CLASS OF 2023

The One Hundred and Seventy-Ninth
COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 • 1 P.M.

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PROGRAM

President Rock Jones Presiding

PRELUDE

The Klaxon March (1930)
Henry Fillmore (1881-1956)

OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance (1901)
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

INVOCATION

Dr. Chad Johns '02, B.A., M.Div., D.Min., *University Chaplain*

WELCOME

Dr. Rock Jones, B.A., M.Div., Ph.D., *President*

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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REMARKS BY THE PROVOST

Dr. Karlyn Crowley, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., *Provost*

PRESENTATION OF THE SHERWOOD DODGE SHANKLAND AWARD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TEACHERS

Endowed by the late William H. and Frances Shankland Ryan '29

Dr. Phokeng Motsoasele Dailey, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Dr. Crowley

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP HERBERT WELCH MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARD

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Dr. Shala J. Hankison '95, B.A., M.S., Ph.D.

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PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP HERBERT WELCH AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. S. Christopher Wolverton, B.S., Ph.D.

Dr. Crowley

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Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center
Deputy Market Director, San Antonio Market
20th Chief, U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corps (SP)

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2023 AND
CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES IN COURSE

Dr. Jones,
Dr. Bradley Trees '86, B.A., M.S., Ph.D.,
and Ms. Michele Kibler, B.S., *Registrar*

REMARKS BY THE CLASS OF 2023 REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Reagan Jennings '23, B.A.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Jones

ALMA MATER

Ms. Rachel Madore '24

Ohio Wesleyan! Sweetly and strong.
Rises our hymn of praise for thee alone;
Heaven re-echoes it, loud let it ring,
Ohio Wesleyan! Loyal hearts sing.

Ohio Wesleyan! Proud is thy crown.
Rarest of laurels e'er Vict'ry has known;
Noblest achievements have hallowed thy name,
Ohio Wesleyan! Deathless thy fame.

RECESSIONAL

Sine Nomine (1906)
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble

The audience should remain seated during the ceremony to allow event staff, security, and professional photographers/videographers access to all areas. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until the platform party and faculty have recessed.

**2023 CANDIDATES
FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Lily Michelle Good
Katherine Lillian Lee

Reeve Lynne Metcalf
Hannah Aleigha Nelson
Adrian Yates

**2023 CANDIDATES
FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Gavin Robert Abrams
Hayden Soloman Houpt
Katelyn Leigh Lester

Grace Elaine McCracken
Abigail Faye Stepp
Hannah Noel Watson

**2023 CANDIDATES
FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

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Zainab Asghar
Emily RuthAnn Bode
James Matthew Doerle
Ethan Ross Grimes
Morgan Robert Howe
Kaito Iwasaki

Amber A. Khan*
Brody Adam Leinson
Erin Susan Pohlman
Alexander Christian Reidell
Madeline Shea Russell
Isabel Jane Solowiej
Myles Emerson Steed

**2023 CANDIDATES
FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

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Abigail Jocelyn Adaway
Salman Ahmad
Samuel Foulad Al-Badeh
Noah James Alfalasi
Miranda Rayne Alvord
Allyson Kaye Amstutz
Jeremiah K. Anderson

Alena Marie Arnold
Amna Ashfaq
Muhammad Hassan Askari
Love Jesujuwonlo Ayinde
Cienna Haley Baka
Jacob Andrew Bauer
Leanna Lynn Bauer
Luke Thomas Belinski

* in absentia

Ethan Brett Berkovitz
Isabela Moreira Bernstein
Abigail Rose Biddle
Charis Elizabeth Blake
Emma Kiersten Elizabeth Bradley
Kolby Bramblett Brock
Ethan Matthew Brooker
Sophia Kay Bulander
Eric Matthew Burns
Makayla Nicole Burzynski
Cameron David Bush
Bo Worth Buttermore
Audrey Grace Calvin
Lynette Rene Camerlin
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John Patrick Catanzarite
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Madison Irene Deckop
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Anna Leigh Edmiston
Grace Catherine Egan
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Olivia Caitlin Fietzer
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Jared Diedrich Friesen
Madeline Claire Fujimura
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David Adam Gale
Andrew James Gallogly
Isabella Hernandez Geiler
Ethan Kyle Gilmour
Cristian Uriel Gomez
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Maximos Dominick Goulakos
Felicity Denae Grant
Taryn Suzanne Graves-Rogers
Margaret Adams Grote
Olivia Charlotte Guenzel
Chiranjeev Anurakhta Gunawardena
Tsotne Gvasalia Jr.
Morgan Renae Haas
Margaret Alana Haines
Brooke Lisa Marie Hall
Sarah Kay Hanley
Veronica Lucy Hardman
Denis Aubrey Harkin
William Christopher Harr
Megan Lynn Hatfield
Morgan Nicole Hatfield
Izabella Rosemarie Campos Hintzman*
Jordan Elizabeth Holton
Peyton Sierra Howell
Jordan Victoria Howlett
Carianne Janay Hutchison
Lailabano Ibrahim
Clark Daniel Iorio
Grace Elizabeth Ison
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Alyssa Kathryn Kassebaum
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Samuel David Kennedy
William Theodore Kennedy
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Gavin Edward Krska
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Alexis Yracheta
Emma Janina Zajac
Sara Estela Meyer Zendlovitz

* in absentia

2023 SHERWOOD DODGE SHANKLAND AWARD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TEACHERS

DR. PHOKENG MOTSOASELE DAILEY

Assistant Professor and Chair of the Department of Journalism & Communication

Since coming to OWU, **Dr. Phokeng Dailey** has distinguished herself in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service and has truly made our campus a better place. Her knowledge of the field of health communication is demonstrated by her scholarly work on public health messaging as it pertains to racial identity. She had an integral role in the development of the Communication major and more recently our new Public Health major.

Dr. Dailey has played a crucial role in creating a culture of belonging on our campus and is especially passionate about creating pathways for historically minoritized students to fully engage in every aspect of their undergraduate education. She co-leads a travel learning course in Southern Africa, OWU's Summer Bridge Program, and co-created the now annual Global Majority Block Party. Her students describe her as someone who challenges them to think deeply and engage in critical thinking and as a person who will ask more of them because she knows what they are capable of.

In 2022, she was awarded the Bishop Francis Kearns Award for outstanding scholarship, service, and leadership. She is truly an inspiring educator who reflects the values espoused by Ohio Wesleyan University.

2023 BISHOP HERBERT WELCH MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARD

DR. SHALA J. HANKISON

Associate Professor of the Department of Biological Sciences

Students describe **Dr. Shala Hankison** as passionate and engaging and appreciate her ability to blend scientific principles with applied concepts and the liberal arts.

Dr. Hankison is passionate about research and involving students in the scientific process. Her research explores the role of animal behavior as an evolutionary force, particularly in fishes. She focuses on how mating behaviors shape population divergence and speciation. Since returning to OWU in 2009 (she is a Class of 1995 alumna), Dr. Hankison has published multiple scientific papers, many of them with student co-authors, and enjoys working with students through independent studies and the Summer Science Research Program. She also supervises students through internships at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Ohio Wildlife Center, and Humane Society of Delaware County.

Dr. Hankison has led travel-learning trips to Tanzania and the Galapagos Islands. She serves in leadership roles for the scientific honor society Sigma Xi and the Animal Behavior Society, and has received funding to support peer mentorship in STEM from the American Association of University Women.

2023 WELCH AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

DR. S. CHRISTOPHER WOLVERTON

Professor and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. Chris Wolverton is an internationally recognized scientist who has built his research program around teaching Ohio Wesleyan students how to practice science for themselves. Students comment that he makes lectures engaging and easy to understand, and that he is always willing to take extra time to explain something if they are confused.

Wolverton has been the principal investigator on two research grants from NASA since 2015 to study how plants perceive gravity, one of which was focused on designing and carrying out several months of experiments on the International Space Station. More than 60 different students have collaborated in this work through tutorials, independent studies, and summer research positions.

He has published 16 papers since coming to OWU, many of which include student co-authors. His scholarship has been noted beyond OWU as well. For the past two years, he has served as co-chair of the Biological Sciences Panel of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Decadal Survey on Biological and Physical Sciences Research in Space. He was awarded the NASA Ames Research Center Honor Award and has chaired and served on numerous grant review panels. He is an accomplished classroom teacher, inspiring research mentor, highly productive scholar, and generous colleague.



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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

2023 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DEYDRE SMYTH TEYHEN '93 PT, DPT, PH.D., FAPTA

In 1993, Deydre Smyth Teyhen was sitting among a sea of Ohio Wesleyan University seniors awaiting her turn to walk across the graduation stage, claim her diploma, and begin her next adventure.

Three decades later, Brigadier General Teyhen returns to her alma mater to give the keynote address at Ohio Wesleyan's 179th commencement ceremony, inspiring the OWU Class of 2023 to forge their own paths and make their own marks in the world.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Teyhen earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sports Science. She has since earned her Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from the U.S. Army-Baylor University, her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biomechanics from the University of Texas, her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Baylor University, and her Master's Degree in Strategic Studies, with honors, from the U.S. Army War College. In 2022, she was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association, the association's highest member honor.

Teyhen has used her considerable education to build a military career focused on improving the delivery of healthcare, holistic health, and readiness (public health, musculoskeletal medicine, behavioral health, resiliency, imaging, and technology). Her research has resulted in more than 225 peer-reviewed publications, editorials, book chapters, and published abstracts.

"Ohio Wesleyan provided the foundation for me to be able to spread my wings after I graduated," Teyhen said when she spoke at the 2022 Women of Ohio Wesleyan (WOW) leadership conference. "As an undergraduate, we learn those skills of how to ask critical questions, we learn the skills of problem-solving, we learn how to communicate those things, we learn how to connect with others."

Teyhen currently serves as commanding general of Brooke Army Medical Center, located on the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She also is the deputy market director for the San Antonio market and the 20th chief of the U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corps.

During the pandemic, Teyhen served as the Department of Defense Lead of Therapeutics for Operation Warp Speed at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as the Commander for Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the Department of Defense's largest biomedical research facility.

In recognition of her work, Teyhen's key military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Medical Department Order of Military Medical Merit, the Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator, and the U.S. Army War College Commandant's Award for Distinction in Research.

PARENT DONOR LIST

Thank you to the parents of seniors who made a contribution to the Ohio Wesleyan Annual Giving Programs
in the 2022-2023 academic year. (Gifts received as of May 1, 2023)

Mr. Robert Abrams '90 and Ms. Cathy Swain-Abrams

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OWU SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

Conductor, Dr. Christopher Lizak, BM, MM, DMA

FLUTE

Paige Lucas '24
Haleigh Stover '25
Brooke Fogt '26
Lillyonna Wazny '25

CLARINET

Hannah Barenthin '24
Aubrey Gerhardt '24
Gabrielle Magid '24
Meghan Means '25

BASS CLARINET

Brooke Lenigan '24
Nicholas Stockton '26

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Aaron Gonzales '26
Juliana Kifus '26

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Holly Robinson '26

TRUMPET

Jack Falko '24
Brian Harrington '25
Logan Page '24
Jenna Wilcox '25

HORN

Gabbi Michaud '25
Morgan Vaughn '26

TROMBONE

Raphael Petit-Frere '25
Rene Villanueva-Henkle '26

EUPHONIUM

Ellie Dodds '25
Delia Misterka '26

TUBA

Emily White

PERCUSSION

Jack Gabrielli '26
Grace Martin '25
Jack Miller '26
Samuel Roberts '26
Mathieu Schoener '26

PIANO

Yumee Kim

NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

The history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra to wear gowns. In England during the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still a question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. Gowns may have been considered necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars. Hoods may have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. The cap was displaced by a headdress similar to ones now recognized as “academic.”

European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. However, when American colleges and universities desired to adopt a system of academic apparel a half-century ago, they worked out a system that all might follow. The code for academic costumes now in effect was approved by the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959. The following information is taken from that code.*

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, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the sleeve’s oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. It may be worn open or closed. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no trimming, but the doctor’s may be faced on the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. If color is used, it is the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains, and it matches the edging or binding of the hood. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different subjects are as follows:

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

HOODS. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is a color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

CAPS. Mortarboards are generally worn as part of the academic costume. The long tassel fastened to the middle point of the cap’s top is either black or the color appropriate to the subject. It is customary for degree candidates to wear the tassel on the right side before degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left when the degrees are awarded. This custom is in some respects a substitute for the individual hooding.

*An “Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide,” *American Universities and Colleges*, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL OF OFFICE AND THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSITY HANDBELL

The Seal of Office worn by Dr. Jones was designed by Mr. Reveley G. Beattie, a former trustee, and a member of the jewelry firm that made it. The seal symbolizes administrative responsibility and is suspended from a chain, the links of which are copied from a chain-mail surplice. A laurel wreath, ancient symbol of a chief executive, surrounds a replica of the official seal of the University and is quartered by keystones, representing the broad divisions of a liberal arts education. Two medallions are set in the chain above the presidential seal, one of which carries a replica of the tower of University Hall, surrounded by the motto: "Christ the Chief Cornerstone." The other seal is a reproduction of the globe with the inscription: "Serving All Mankind Worldwide."

The Commencement ceremonies will conclude with the ringing of the handbell first used in 1842 to call classes to order. It was presented to the University in 1941 by Nicholas Jones, grandson of the original owner, on the 100th anniversary of Founders' Day. It will also be used as a part of the opening Convocation in August.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT COMMENCEMENT

Ohio Wesleyan has several professional photographers and videographers in place at Commencement. Please remain in your seats during the ceremony to allow the professionals access to all areas. Family photos can be taken before and after the ceremony.

A professional photographer from Graduation Foto® will take a color photograph as Dr. Jones presents the diploma to each graduating senior. Each graduate will receive a photo proof approximately one week after Commencement, and may order prints directly with the studio or through GraduationFoto.com. There is no obligation to purchase prints, and graduates pay no charge unless prints are ordered.

Diplomas will be presented in alphabetical order as the names are listed in the Commencement program.

SPECIAL THANKS

FACULTY MARSHALS

Bradley R. Trees '86, B.A., M.S., Ph.D., *Head Marshal*
Patricia DeMarco B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Shala J. Hankison '95, B.A., M.S., Ph.D.
Nathan Amador Rowley, B.S., M.Sc., Ph.D.

STUDENT MARSHALS

Maya Burlingame '26
Allie Otworth '24

NAME READERS

Megan Ellis '05, B.A., M.Ed.
Chad Johns '02, B.A., M.Div., D.Min.
Doug Zipp, B.S., M.S.

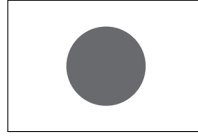
Family and friends are invited to share photos, videos, and other Commencement-related well wishes by tagging social media posts with **#OWUgrad** and **@ohiowesleyan**.

NATIONAL FLAGS

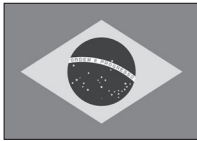
During Commencement, Ohio Wesleyan proudly displays the flags of every country represented by our graduating seniors. This year, we are displaying the following flags:



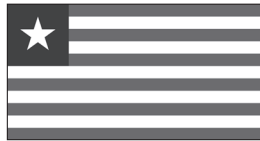
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Japan



Brazil



Liberia



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Mexico



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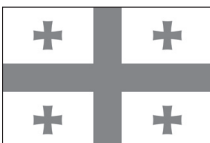
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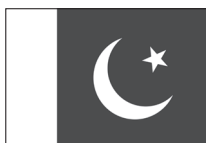
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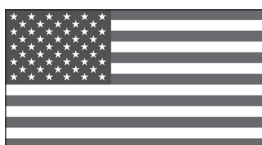
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The United States of America

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

Public safety officers and credentialed event staff are on the grounds to answer your questions and assist you with directions.

If you need medical assistance, EMS personnel are stationed adjacent to Selby Stadium.

Lost-and-found inquiries should be directed to any public safety officer.

If the Commencement ceremony is moved to the Gordon Field House due to inclement weather, the ceremony will also be simulcast live in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

On-campus wifi access is available to Commencement guests using BishopGuest, username: **wifiguest**, and password: **welcome2owu**.

Video of the ceremony also is being streamed to the Web and will be archived there to allow our graduates to share this special day with family and friends who are not able to attend. **owu.edu/commencement**

In observance of the formality of this occasion, please turn off all cell phones or silence the ringers prior to the beginning of the ceremony.



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to the
OHIO WESLEYAN
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