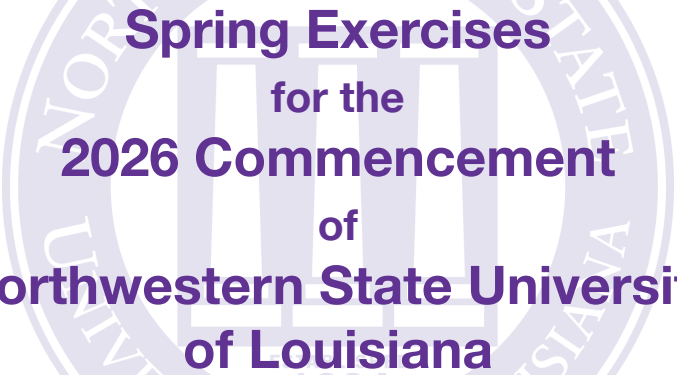




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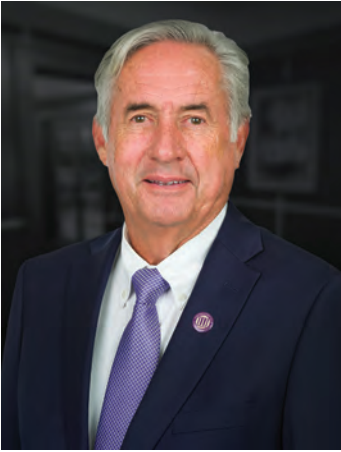
The seal of Northwestern State University of Louisiana is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with three vertical bars. The shield is set against a background of a large, stylized letter 'N'. The outer ring of the seal contains the text 'NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA' at the top and '1884' at the bottom. A small copyright symbol (©) is located at the bottom right of the seal.

Spring Exercises
for the
2026 Commencement
of
Northwestern State University
of Louisiana

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
and
Thursday, May 14, 2026
Prather Coliseum
Natchitoches, Louisiana

TO OUR GUESTS

The faculty and staff of Northwestern State University welcome you to the one hundred forty-first spring commencement exercises. This is a happy occasion, but yet a dignified occasion. It is a time of recognition of the graduates' years of study and is important and meaningful to the graduates and their families, staff, and students of Northwestern State University. Guests and participants are requested to maintain a proper decorum during the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement about the seating area and by withholding applause until the entire class has been graduated. We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of Northwestern State University.



Message from the President

Dear Graduates,

This moment belongs to you. It belongs to the families who sacrificed, the friends who stayed, and the mentors who believed in you long before you believed in yourselves. On behalf of Northwestern State University, I offer my sincerest congratulations to the Spring 2026 graduating class. You have earned every bit of this.

When you walked across this campus for the first time, you stepped into a story that began in 1884. That story has been written by more than 80,000 alumni who came before you: nurses, engineers, teachers, soldiers, and public servants who carried NSU's values into every corner of Louisiana, every state in the nation, and communities across the globe. Today, you add your name to that list, and that is no small thing.

The degree you hold represents years of hard work and commitment. You leave here prepared to strengthen Louisiana's economy, protect our democracy, and serve our nation with purpose. Whether your path leads to a hospital, a classroom, a laboratory, or a stage, you will make a real difference. Healthcare, STEM, education, and the arts depend on people like you, and this country is stronger because of your dedication to those fields.

NSU does not end at graduation. This university is invested in your future throughout your entire career, not just today. NSU students want to hear success stories from graduates like you. Your growth and example will inspire those still finding their way.

Go forth and lead by example with courage.

Steadfast and True,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. Genovese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James T. Genovese
President
Northwestern State University





FACULTY MARSHALS

Wednesday, May 13 10:00 a.m. Dr. Daniel Gordy, Dr. Eddie Horton
Wednesday, May 13 2:00 p.m. Ms. Jessica Despino, Dr. Melissa Rennie
Thursday, May 14 10:00 a.m. Dr. Benjamin Forkner, Dr. Thomas Reynolds

SPRING 2026 COMMISSIONEES

UNITED STATES ARMY

Ethan Alexander Jones
Layla Leigh Theriot
Lawson James Turner

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Brandon Alexander West

STUDENT USHERS

The students leading the candidates into the auditorium represent the Northwestern State University student organizations of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Purple Jacket Club. Both organizations are honorary service groups that are highly selective in nature and provide service to the University in many ways throughout the year. Purple Jackets was originated in 1927; Blue Key was begun at Northwestern State University in 1959. It is a Northwestern tradition for a representative of each of these two organizations to lead each file into the commencement ceremony.

GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state of office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The gonfalons displayed represent the academic areas of Northwestern State University. The colors of the University, purple and white, are joined together in a pattern common to all flags. The top portion is the designated color for each academic area.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

Music is provided by the NSU Brass Quintet, Jack Stanley, Ever Naun Galeas Antunez, Douglas Flores, Francisco Riego, Taylor William Carrell, and percussionist Walker Libbe.

PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION Nilah Pollard
Miss NSU, Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Cadence Carpio
Graduating Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

WELCOME James T. Genovese
President, Northwestern State University

PRESENTATION OF SECOND DIPLOMA TO THE CLASS OF 1976..... Dr. Greg Handel
Executive Vice President and Provost

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES..... Dr. Greg Handel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... James T. Genovese

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy
Dean of the Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Scott Wysong
College of Business and Technology
Bachelor's Degrees

Dr. Neeru Deep
Dean of the Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development
Bachelor's Degrees

U.S. ARMY OATH OF OFFICE..... LTC Tyrek Swaby
Professor of Military Science

U.S. AIR FORCE OATH OF OFFICE..... LTC Justin Reynolds
*Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 305 and
Professor of Aerospace Studies, Louisiana Tech University*

THE ALMA MATER..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"
Dominick Saldivar
Graduating Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

RECESSIONAL..... Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
by Mozart

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 • 2:00 P.M.

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PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION Nilah Pollard
Miss NSU, Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Kathryn Wilkinson
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Sciences

WELCOME James T. Genovese
President, Northwestern State University

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES..... Dr. Greg Handel
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... James T. Genovese

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy
Dean of the Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Aimee Badeaux
Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

THE ALMA MATER..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"
Kathryn Wilkinson
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Sciences

RECESSIONAL..... Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
by Mozart

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

Music is provided by the NSU Brass Quintet,
Jack Stanley, Ever Naun Galeas Antunez, Douglas Flores, Francisco Riego,
Taylor William Carrell, and percussionist Walker Libbe.

PROCESSIONAL.....Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION..... Christian James
Mr. NSU, Graduate School, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Mia Rodriguez
Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Sciences

WELCOME James T. Genovese
President, Northwestern State University

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES..... Dr. Greg Handel
Executive Vice President and Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... James T. Genovese

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy
Dean of the Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Francene J. Lemoine
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

THE ALMA MATER..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"
Kathryn Wilkinson
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Sciences

RECESSIONAL..... Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
by Mozart



HONOR GRADUATES SPRING 2026

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (G.P.A. 4.00 – 3.90)

Emma C. Alleman	Owen Matthew Kern
Hayden L. Baldwin	Kalyssa Santina Mall
Jarod Cole Becton	Callie Elizabeth McDowell
Remi I. Blanchard	Julian Faith Peshoff
Katelyn Elizabeth Bonnette	Abigail Rose Petermann
Brett M. Brady	Brad Christian Powell
Koby Brevelle	Jessica Frost Rigaud
Honor Elizabeth Camus	Christina C. Rowland
Santiago Tobon Cardona	Ava Riley Schorr
Sileena Ann Farrell	Makenzie Scroggs
Victoria I. Fatula	Taylor Ray Shepherd
Josie Mae Fowler	Brennan Chance Smith
Lorelei E. Freling	Presley Ann Smith
Samuel David George	Jessica Elizabeth Spitzer
Kaci Nichole Green	Jacob D. Sullivan
Dustina Sharber Guillot	Sara Elizabeth Surette
Harmony Michele Marsh Head	Abigail Denise Williams
Ella Grace Jensen	Kaitlyn Leigh Williams
Anna Claire Kent	Madeline Joy Ybañez
Evan M. Kern	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (G.P.A. 3.89 – 3.70)

Kamryn Jade Babineaux	Celia Marie Denham
Aurora J. Bauer	Allie Ruth Denton
Melaney Shayne Berry	Katie Belle Dupre
Abigail Alise Bevill	Averie Leanne Duran
Tessa Nicole Blackwell	Devin Trey Ennis
Caroline A. Blanchard	Sophie Elise Fontenet
Sophia Maria Brossett	Christina Lynne Freeman
Vy Ha Bui	Eden Lockett Gilmore
Brendan C. Campbell	John Cason Gray
Cadence Reann Carpio	Jayna Audra-Bethia Hamilton
Shelbey Hope DeLouche	Linda G. Henderson-Qualls



Olivia Diana Horrell
Sarah Grace Jenkins
Kyleb McMahon
Erica Nicole Miller
Kershaun Curtez Napper
Andrew P. Perrilloux
Kwincy Daniel Pierre
Ella Olivia Price
Preston Warren Rasco
Alivia Grace Robertson
Georgia Lea Robinson
Maria-Theresa Ross
Ramiyah K. Rounds
Dominick Hector Saldivar
Kirstyn Gabrielle Smith
Maleah C. Smith
Karly Michelene Stansell

Halie Crista Stevenson
Anna Virginia Stook
Brooke Melayne Straight
Abigail Thomas
Lorien Jeanette Thomas
Landon Thompson
Katarina Nicole Transier-VanGossen
Makenna Shawn Tryon
John Ashton Tucker
Lawson James Turner
Tucker Glenn Vasocu
Silas Isaiah Weaver
Karlea Elizabeth Welch
Gabriele Alilyan Williams
William Cody Wilson
Spencer Kurt Yellott

CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.69 – 3.50)

Alex L. Alston
Eric Carter Appleton
Caleb Joshua Barton
Paige Cathrine Baumgartner
Ashlyn Jaycie Beaubouef
Caleb Ray Billiot
Wendi Noelle Bray
Solon A. Burris
Victoria Aniya Byrd
Victoria M. Byron
Madison Kaye Calamari
Rae Anne Cortez
Maggie Ann Creamer
Brett A. Danzy, Jr.
Abbigail Delanoix
Rebecca Marie Dousay
Don Englade, Jr.
Jaydon Gabriel Evans
Kallie G. Evers

Paula M. Fontenot
Leila Janae Ford
Connor Michael Forestier
Sofia Nahia Garcia
Brandon David Garner
Latifah Herschell Gray
Cesaleigh Marie Hall
Olivia F. Harrison
John-Michael H. Head
Haley M. Henderson
Bryant Christopher Holmes
Jordyn Kai Huckabee
Lolita Hukasian
Shanice Hutson
Maria Isabel Juarez-Rubio
William Callaway Kielwasser
Cole M. Lafleur
Nicholas Marcos LeJander, Jr.
Kaylyn R. Long



Kevin Alejandro Juarez Lopez
Maria Camila Lopez Macias
Tabitha Paige Maddox
Aaron Jade Manasco
Abigail A. Marcum
Tyler Erin Mayers
Lien Cam-Thi McGehee
Diana J. McCabe
Emily G. McGehee
Madysen Eva Morgan
Kylee A. Mott
Alexis Ortega
Lauren Noel Perot
Zackary Racine
Paulette Marie Rambin
Zariah Monique Ray
Cameron Remrey
Matthew Hayden Rieger
Shantae Albertha Romero

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Ashya Danae Salton
Shannon Edward Sampa, Jr.
Monte Claire Singleton
Brian Anthony Sonnier
Mia Nicole Speed
Avary Stutzman
Caitlin Brooke Thetford
Kemariya Danyae Thomas
Andrew Scott Vincik
Kaitlyn O. Waguespack
Ava Elizabeth Ward
Kaitlin Nicole Wathor
Samaya Amari Nicole Wesson
Madison Grace White
Leland Adam Whitten
Mya Nicole Williams
Kirk Marchus Loquias Ybañez



PHI KAPPA PHI

The national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was the first to recognize superior scholarship in all fields of study and to take into membership the highest-ranking students from all branches of learning. Since chapters elect no more than the upper ten percent of a graduating class, membership is a distinction unequalled by any other scholarly group. Faculty and students who are members wear the medallion of the Society. Members from this graduating class are:

Spring 2026

Remi I. Blanchard
Anna Kathryn Cox-Vaughn
Eden Lockett Gilmore
Jayna Audra-Bethia Hamilton

Willie Joe Herrington
Roishene Collette Johnson
Lorien Jeanette Thomas



HONORING SECOND DIPLOMA CLASS OF 1976

Sandra Garner Coleman
John Stephen Colwell
Patrick Wayne Douget
Larry Joseph Ehrhardt
Ronnie Evans
Leo Gatson, Jr.
William H. Hochstetler
Burley Johnson, Jr.
Katherine Pierson Lovelace
Susan L. Massia
Angela Maggio Mayeaux
Cecelia Carson Miller
Frances McFarland Morgan

Sally Tanner Namie
Marsha Anne Parham
Gail Sweeney Stephenson
Edward Joseph Thompson
Reneva Carnahan Trahant
Frank Trammel
Joy Rose Thomas Turner
Pamela Walker
Vickie Procell Weeks
James R. Wilson III
Hilton Verrett
Dock Voorhies
Karen Yeomans



CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION GRADUATE DEGREES SPRING 2026

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

MAJOR: ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- ***Elisabeth Chaney Cason**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Faculty Perspectives of the Institutional Review Board Process at a Community College: A Qualitative Exploration*
- ***Kara Lynn Celestine**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Student Perceptions of How Support Services Impact Non-Traditional Student Success at Louisiana Community Colleges*
- Falencia Bias Ezendu**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *What Perceived Barriers Do Adult Secondary Education Students Face at the Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana That Prevent Them from Earning a High School Equivalency Diploma While Enrolled in HiSET Preparation Classes*
- ***Roishene Collette Johnson**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Persistence and Degree Completion Among Single-Mother Learners: A Phenomenological Study of Community College Experiences*
- ***Jennifer Peckmore**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *The Role of Competition and Collaboration in Gamified Computer Science Coding Activities: Impact on Student Motivation, Stress, Engagement, and Satisfaction*
- Mary Helen Simms**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Financial Aid and Student Success: Examining Its Influence on Enrollment and Retention at a Rural Community College*
- Eugenia Jones White**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *The Effects of Culture Shock on International Students While Studying in the United States at a University in Northeast Louisiana*

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREE

Rosalyn Wright Hall, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction

Field Study: *Can a Functional Behavioral Assessment Be Used to Identify and Change a Challenging Behavior to Improve a Kindergarten Student's Successful Classroom Behavior?*

Jessica Nicole Stanford, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction

Field Study: *The Impact of Social Emotional Learning on School-Wide Improvement*

MASTER'S DEGREES SPRING 2026

Stephanie Amanda Adair, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Lane Wade Alford, Master of Arts, Counseling

Matthew Steven Anderson, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Parrel Koontz Appolis, Master of Music, Music

Performance Document: *Blood on the Leaves, Blood at the Root: An Examination of the Effects of Slavery on European and American Classical Music*

Angelle Arceneaux, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Cassandra M. Armstrong, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Lauren Paige Ashcraft**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

***Kenneth R. Austin, Jr.**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Tameka LaShawn Babineaux, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Alexis R. Barker, Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education
Grades PreK-3

Charmon Renel Bates, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Stacey Nicole Batiste, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Joni Heather Hogg Berrios, Master of Arts, Art

Creative Research Project: *Magical Mysteries of Reliquaries and Witches - Magic, Meditation, and Memories*

Beau Branson Bevan, Master of Science, Homeland Security

Tonconia Marie Blow, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Hadiatou Bojang**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- ***Logan Wyatt Boline**, Master of Arts, Art
Creative Research Project: *I Don't Wanna 4get but It's Killing Me 2 Remember: Post-Contemporary Surrealism and the Self and the Gun and the Crowd and You and Me*
- ***Logan Anthony Bordelon**, Master of Arts, English
- Brandice Breanna Bowers**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Alyssa Womack Boyte**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education
Grades PreK-3
- Bethany Mitchell Braddock**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Wendi Noelle Bray**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems
- Cecilla Brown**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Madison Grace Brown**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Melissa Ewuraba Brown**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kolbe Micheal Burrell**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Aimee Roszell Butler**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Sydni Rae Callahan**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Erin Patricia Calvin**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Angela Christine Cameron**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Taylor William Carrell**, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *Rediscovering the Music of Rule Beasley; Biographical Information, Analyses, and Performance Suggestions for Concerto for Tuba and Band and Quintet for Brass*
- April Lashae Chafford-Scott**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kymberlee Antyra Chenier**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education
Grades 6-12
- Jolie Erin Chevalier**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Wendi Butler Chevalier**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Lillie Catherine Christaw**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *Hesitancy to Utilize Mental Health Services in the African American Community*
- ***Kelly Ann Christy**, Master of Arts, English
- Michel'le Untay Coleman**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kendall Makayla Collins**, Master of Arts, Counseling
- Tyler Joseph Corwin**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems
- ***Micheal Louise Cox**, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

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- *Anna Kathryn Cox-Vaughn**, Master of Arts, English
- Joseph B. Craighead**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development
Master's Thesis: *Emotional Intelligence in College Athletes*
- Valerie Devillier**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- *Christopher Mark Doney**, Master of Arts, English
Master's Thesis: *The Expansion of English Language in the Linguistic Landscape of Tajikistan: The Case of Dushanbe*
- Mary Elisa Doney**, Master of Arts, English
Master's Thesis: *Student Self-Efficacy in Completing a Short-Term, Non-Credit, Job-Focused Training Program in Rural Central Louisiana*
- Carla Patress Drain**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jennifer Jackson Drygas**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Dyana Denise Edwards**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Abigail Gottschalk Erwin**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education
Grades 6-12
- Sharde Renee Evans**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Bryce Edward Fink**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- *Holly Amanda Ford**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jennifer Renee Forshag**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Lakeshia D. Francis**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Zach Freihofer**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Kyrsten Adair Freyou**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Susan Pesnell Gaines**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Sarita Kathayat Ghimire**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Christopher Deshawn Gistarb**, Master of Science, Health and Human
Performance
- *Meagan Marie Gonzalez**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Breanna Renee Guidry**, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction
- Iesha Marie Harris**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kari Alayna Harris**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- *Willie Joe Herrington**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- *Hayden Michael Hirons**, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *Improvising the Cadenza: A Modern Approach to a Lost Art*
- *Amanda Michelle Hobart**, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Cymone Shemari Hoffman, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *Cooperation in the Aftermath: Black People's Perceptions Following the 2024 U.S. Election*

Lynette A. Howard, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Timmia Elizabeth Humphrey, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Caprice Joseph Hutton**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education

Katie J. Ingle, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Keevahn J. Jackson, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems

Lawanda L. Jefferson, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Sheryl Sherrette Jeter, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Jalivia Kristina Johnson, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *Divided Minds, Devoted Hearts: The Psychological Impact of Cognitive Dissonance on Christian Young Adults*

***Michael Seth Johnson**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Parrell Ke'Wun Johnson, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Ashley Nicole Joiner, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Laura Cannon Jorgensen**, Master of Arts, English

Madison Nicole Kach, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Travis Ryan Kach, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Clarissa Keller**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education

Sandra Danielle Kimble, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Kirsten Noelle Knobloch, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *The Influence of Academic Perfectionism and Generational Status on the Self-Esteem of College Students*

Matthew Skyler LaCaze, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

***Jaclyn Kristine Lambright**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12

Olivia Paige Lanclos, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Andrea Lynn Laudun, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Alexis Harris Leslie, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Walker Logan Libbe, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *Analysis and Performance Considerations for Joseph Schwantner's Velocities*

Mikaylah Lynn Littleton, Master of Arts, Counseling

Jordan Logan, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- Lashae' D. Lucas**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kevin D. Magee**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- ***Brittany Lashonda Malbrough**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Melissa Ellis Maltese**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education
Grades 6-12
- ***Tonya Dawn Masson**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Taylor Marie Maust**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *College Preparation Programs Impact on Academic Self-Efficacy for Low-Income Students*
- Naydu Daza Maya**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Camille Lynette Mayfield**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Tiffany Brown Mills**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Atouria Renee Mitchell**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Justin Marquel Morehead**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Chelsea Crum Morris**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Tiffany Kimberlyn Murray**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Tracy Ann Murray**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Charles Etienne Myers**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Kyler Khang Nguyen**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems
- Dione Laura Neba Ngwen**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Gabrielle Metoyer Northern**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Kathlyn Rivers Pennington**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Hannah E. Peppers**, Master of Arts, Counseling
- Kyle H. Perkins**, Master of Arts, Art
Creative Research Project: *Through a Mosaic of Time: Film and the Power of Abstraction*
- Tara Christine Perkins**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Andrew Paul Perrilloux**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems
Master's Thesis: *Games as a Service and the Exploitation of Dark Patterns*
- Anri Jenil Pfister**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Monica Roberts Pippin**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education
Grades 6-12
- Sha'Darius Plummer**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Danielle Lashay Potter**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- Emiley Paige Pratt**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Adam Zachary Rinaudo**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Elizabeth Renee Rios**, Master of Arts, Counseling
- ***Brendan Kyle Ritter**, Master of Arts, Art
Creative Research Project: *Wearable Art within Science Fiction Media*
- Mercedez Abigail Rodriguez-Collier**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Laura Flores Rogers**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development
- Christina C. Rowland**, Master of Arts, Art
Creative Research Project: *Representation in Animation and Astrology*
- Laila Salas**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *An Analysis of Test Anxiety, Extrinsic Motivation, and Gender in Predicting Academic Performance Among College Students*
- Macey Sanaie**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Rebecca Lyn Savoy**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Kassandra Edith Schoen**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Breah Lynn Seazer**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Tyjianna Terea Sherman**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Raynell S. Shield**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- ***Gracie C. Simonton**, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction
- Adam Smith**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *The Effects of Perceived Expectations and Academic Pressures on Children of Educators*
- Chiquita Stevenson**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education
- ***Jill Juneau Tassin**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Jeri Pepper Thiels**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- ***Rhett Joseph Dillon Thiels**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education
Grades 6-12
- ***Steven Turner**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- ***Tucker Wyatt Uebersax**, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *Of Wands and Tin Whistles: The Cinematic Flute in John Williams and Howard Shore*
- ***Sabrina Elizabeth Valentine**, Master of Arts, English
- Macy P. Vascocu**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *The Effects of Social Media Use and Personality Traits on Moral Development*
- Payten John Vidourek**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

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- Dana A. Wainwright**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *The Influence of Romantic Rejection and Online Misogyny on College Men's Perception of Women*
- Mary Elizabeth Walters**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Marie Matirne Ward**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Ciji Nannette West**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Walter Westrick**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Samuel Coty Whitaker**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Nakayla Michelle Kim White**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *Being "Gifted" and "Talented": The Intrinsic Significance of Labeling Gifted and Talented High School Students*
- *Kathryn Grace Wilkinson**, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson: A Synthesis of Emily Dickinson's Poetry and Aaron Copland's Music*
- Janice Marie Williams**, Master of Arts, Counseling
- Theresa Williams**, Master of Arts, English
- Bailey Christina Willis**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Seth B. Wimberly**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Master's Thesis: *The Experience of Masculinity within College-Aged Males Raised in Protestant Christianity*
- *Victor Anselmo Mata Zepeda**, Master of Music, Music
Performance Document: *The Influences of Romanticism, Impressionism, and Latin American Folklore on Manuel M. Ponce's Sonata for Cello and Piano*



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As of 2020, all of Northwestern State University's baccalaureate programs have implemented *Learning for Life*, the University's Quality Enhancement Plan. *Learning for Life* is dedicated to ensuring all baccalaureate programs conclude with meaningful capstone experiences that prepare graduates for careers and graduate study. Congratulations to all of Northwestern's graduates who took part in *Learning for Life* this semester.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN, REGALIA, and the MACE

The President's Chain holds the seal of the University, which is cast in bronze. Around the black satin ribbon holding the seal are engraved platelets bearing the name of a former president of Northwestern and the years he served. Chains of similar design have been worn for centuries during ceremonies at universities. This chain is unique in recognizing the leaders who have served Northwestern while most others are original works of art.

The President's Chain was presented to the University by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to commemorate the University's commitment to academic excellence for 125 years.

The President's Regalia was designed by the Student Government Association on behalf of the student body and symbolizes the mutual trust, respect, and collaboration between the students and the University administration.

Academic regalia dates back to the Medieval universities of Europe and is based on clerical robes worn at that time. The President's Regalia is comprised of a purple robe and hood with velvet panels and bars with white piping in the University's colors. The front panels are emblazoned with the seal of the University, and the four bars on the sleeves are exclusive to the regalia of the President.

The Mace is crafted from dark walnut and silver-plated solid bronze. It bears the seal of the University and features details of oak and pine. The Mace is topped by a silver fleur-de-lis finial, symbolizing the French heritage of the area and is encircled by the original Latin motto of the school, "Educatio Adulescentis Est Civitatis Salus (The Education of the Youth is the Salvation of the State)."

The Mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

The commencement ceremonial occasions begin with the entrance of the University Mace, carried by the Mace Bearer, President of the University's Faculty Senate. The ceremonial Mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the University.

Mace Bearer

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COMMENCEMENT COMMENTARY

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to Medieval times and the Renaissance when teachers and students in European universities wore caps, gowns, and hoods. The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of dress and strict rules for its design. In the United States, most institutions have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Although the wearing of academic regalia in this country is now limited to formal occasions, the attire may be considered the mark of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of academic achievement.

Holders of the associate, bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees wear purple gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor's gowns were made of serge or worsted and the master's gowns were made of serge, worsted, or silk; but now synthetic fabrics are also used. The master's and specialist's gowns are distinguished by their long pointed sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or wrist.

The doctor's gown is made of silk and may be in a color other than black. It has rounded, open sleeves, and the trimming includes velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet on the sleeves. The velvet may be black or the color appropriate to the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel, the color of which indicates the academic discipline of the degree, is fastened and hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors and presidents of institutions may wear tassels of gold thread.

At Northwestern State University, students earning bachelor's, master's and specialist's degrees wear purple and white tassels and students earning associate degrees wear purple tassels. The hoods of the candidates for advanced Northwestern State University degrees are lined with the colors of the University, purple and white. The colors of the edging of hoods and tassels of the mortarboards are representative of the degree as follows:

Allied Health/Radiologic Sciences	Hunter Green
Art.....	Brown
Business.....	Drab
English.....	White
Education	Light Blue
Health and Human Performance.....	Gold
Homeland Security.....	Peacock
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Psychology.....	Gold
Social Work	Gold

Commencement is the most important event of the academic year on a university campus. On that occasion, the faculty traditionally recognizes the graduating class by marching in procession attired in the regalia appropriate to their degrees and the institutions where they were earned. Position in the faculty columns is determined by academic rank; persons of higher rank process first.

The column is led by two marshals wearing regalia in the colors of Northwestern State University. The marshals are chosen by their faculty colleagues on the basis of distinguished service and achievement.

Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
We know not where our paths may go,
But, thou'll uphold us still we know,
Unchanging thou, 'mid changes vast,
Unswerved from ideals of the past,
Steadfast and true, our watchword e'er shall be—
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!

