

Prepare for a Life of Significance

Ottawa University®

161st Anniversary
Commencement

10:30 a.m. | May 2, 2026
O'Dell Center, Faith Arena | Surprise, Arizona



Mission Statement

Building on its foundation as a Christ-inspired community of grace and open inquiry, Ottawa University prepares professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment, and service to God and humanity.

Ottawa University is an institution of higher learning that is open to the sharing of ideas and dedicated to fostering collaboration and academic development.

As stated in Ottawa University's mission statement, we are a "Christ-inspired community of grace and open inquiry..." Our historical foundation and current structure are rooted in the beliefs of the American Baptists and the same Christian mission of service: "American Baptist congregations are called by God through Jesus Christ to be communities of faith – empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as witnesses and agents of God's love . . . vital in worship; dynamic in proclamation; effective in teaching; loving in fellowship; faithful in stewardship; and compassionate in service."

- Daniel E. Weiss, General Secretary (retired), American Baptist Churches in the USA

This is a calling to something greater than ourselves – not only to serve others, but also to show the power of grace, kindness and courtesy to others without consideration to merit.

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Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> The Hit Crew	Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
*Invocation		Alan Boelter, BA, MEd <i>Campus Pastor</i>
Ceremony Opening by the Board of Trustees		Michael Ruchensky, BA '80, MBA <i>Member, Board of Trustees</i> <i>Chair, OUAZ Board Committee</i>
Welcome from the City of Surprise		Kevin Sartor, BS, MPA <i>Mayor, City of Surprise</i>
Opening Remarks		Dennis J. Tyner, BS, MS, PhD <i>Campus President</i>
Scripture Reading and Remarks	Proverbs 3:3-6	Sophie E. Jackson <i>Bachelor's Degree Candidate</i>
Special Music	<i>Go the Distance</i> Mia Hiniker, <i>OUAZ Theatre</i>	Alan Menken and David Zippel (b. 1949) (b. 1954)
Introduction of Speaker		Campus President Tyner
Address		Scott Phillips, BA, MBA '20 <i>Vice President, Carefree Partners Investments</i> <i>Member, Board of Trustees</i>
Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidates	<i>Doctor of Public Service</i> Bob Wingenroth	Kevin C. Eichner <i>Chancellor Emeritus</i>
The Conferring of Degree		Joann Bangs, BS, MA, PhD <i>Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost</i> <i>Professor of Economics</i>
Awarding of Diploma		Chancellor Emeritus Eichner

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Presentation of Master Degree Candidates	Diann A. DeWitt, BSN, MSN, PhD <i>Faculty President Professor of Nursing</i>
The Conferring of Degrees	Provost Bangs
Awarding of Diplomas	Jeffrey A. Thomas, BA, MA, PsyD <i>Associate Professor of Counseling</i>
Academic Honors	Professor DeWitt
Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates	Professor DeWitt
The Conferring of Degrees	Provost Bangs
Awarding of Diplomas	Professor Thomas
Alumni Welcome	Michael W. Hoover, BS, MBA '20 <i>Assistant Director of Economic Development City of Surprise, Arizona</i>
Closing Remarks	President Tyner
*Benediction	Campus Pastor Boelter
Recessional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> The Hit Crew <i>(Audience, please be seated during recessional.)</i> Elgar

* Audience is invited to stand

Campus President Tyner invites everyone to
a reception immediately following Commencement.

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Bob Wingenroth

Bob Wingenroth's career in public service began in 1980 with the City of Phoenix, where he steadily advanced through financial and administrative roles, ultimately serving as City Auditor and Finance Director. This early foundation established his reputation for fiscal discipline and operational oversight—skills that would define his career.

Wingenroth later held finance leadership positions in the cities of Huntington Beach and Anaheim, California, before being appointed City Manager of Anaheim in 2012 after serving as both Finance Director and Acting City Manager. In Anaheim, he was recognized for his collaborative leadership style and his emphasis on transparency and fiscal responsibility during a complex period for the city, traits that became Wingenroth hallmarks.

In 2013, Wingenroth joined the City of Surprise as the chief financial officer and assistant City manager. He went on to serve as the City Manager from 2014 to 2018 and then again from 2021 to 2025. During his time serving as City Manager, Wingenroth led a period of organizational growth and financial strengthening. His leadership contributed to achieving strong credit ratings and long-term fiscal resiliency, reflecting his expertise as a public finance professional.

But Wingenroth was much more than a finance guru. He proved to be an innovator and entrepreneur of the highest order. The Surprise City Council and its Mayor wanted very much to make Surprise a “college” town. As the City Manager, Wingenroth was instrumental in navigating the myriad issues associated with planting a brand new college campus on City ground. While many contributed to the founding and subsequent success of the new campus, it is fair to say that Wingenroth was one of the most instrumental in bringing the shared vision between Surprise and OUAZ to fruition. We would not be here today without his enormous contributions and unflagging support.

In reflecting on the incredible journey that led to the establishment and continued growth of OUAZ, it is impossible to imagine its beginnings—or its unparalleled success—without Wingenroth at the core. His faith in Ottawa University was real; it was lived out day after day, in decisions that carried immense weight, in doors he opened, in obstacles he removed, and in the steady encouragement he offered during moments when the road ahead often felt uncertain. Wingenroth gave more than support—he gave confidence, stability, and a sense that the City leadership truly wanted Ottawa University in Surprise. His fingerprints are on every touchstone of this campus' early life, and his partnership changed the trajectory of the University in ways that will be felt for generations. He truly reflects the best of what we at Ottawa University call “The OU Spirit”.

In 2025, Wingenroth was appointed City Manager of Laguna Hills, California. With more than four decades of public service experience, Wingenroth continues to be an advocate of servant leadership who focuses on empowering employees, promoting collaboration, and fostering a culture of transparency and shared purpose to best serve the community.

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The Ottawa University Crest

The crest of Ottawa University conveys the most important elements of its heritage.

John Tecumseh “Tauy” Jones, a Christian pastor, educator, and interpreter, is credited as one of the original founders of Ottawa University. The dome of Tauy Jones Hall rises above the campus in Ottawa, Kansas, today as it did in the early 1860s.

The cross of Christ infuses every segment of student life; it represents our Christian heritage, our continuing commitment, and the hope for our future.

The star depicts the clarity of the western sky; many of the earlier settlers thought that the North Star could be seen most clearly in the west.

The Book of Knowledge represents both the Bible and the texts of various courses. Through study, truth will set you free: Veritas Vos Liberabit.

The swan is symbolic of the Marais des Cygnes (river of swans) in the vicinity of which the original college campus in Ottawa, Kansas, nestles.

The arrowhead symbolizes our Indian heritage. The University was founded for and by the Ottawa Indians and Kansas Baptists. Members of the Ottawa Tribe may attend the University free of charge as a result of the original agreement signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1865.



Giego

The academic procession is sometimes led by Giego, the University symbol of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma. The spirit of Giego reflects the 157-year relationship between this Ottawa Tribe and Ottawa University. An authentic, handcrafted tribal garment was a gift to the University from the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

The University Maces

Historically, the mace was used by knights as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Since the 14th century, the mace has also been used as a ceremonial symbol of authority. Ottawa University has two maces utilized for ceremonial occasions. The mace is carried by the faculty marshal or special delegate.

The mace utilized in Ottawa, Kansas ceremonies was designed and crafted by local artisan Eldon Rader. The oak wood came from Ward Science Hall at the time of renovation in 1992.

The Surprise Mace, carried by the Mayor of the City of Surprise and utilized in Arizona ceremonies, was designed to feature the established and founding dates for the University and Surprise campus, as well as the founding and incorporation dates for the City of Surprise, while also bearing both entities' logos. It was crafted of oak wood from trees within the Civic Center Plaza Courtyard that is part of the shared campus of the City of Surprise and Ottawa University Arizona.

Academic Ritual and Attire

The procedure followed for the awarding of degrees at Ottawa University and most other American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris almost 800 years ago. In those days, the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for educational matters. As the new university developed, he quite naturally claimed authority over curriculum and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of the students.

This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the bishop for their degrees. In today's ceremony, you will see a secularized version of that procedure. The campus executive, a representative of the faculty, certifies that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees. The Chair or representative of the Board of Trustees, who has replaced the bishop as the governing authority, then authorizes the awarding of the degrees.

The caps and gowns worn by the graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. The academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895.

The design of the academic regalia and the colors worn are significant. The gowns differ in design and ornamentation by level of degree. The distinguishing mark of the gown is the sleeve: bachelor—a long pointed sleeve; master—an oblong sleeve open at the wrist; doctor—bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars. The cap is usually a black mortarboard, with the tassel worn over the left front quadrant. Hoods symbolize the particular degree, while colors represent the field of study and awarding institution. The black and gold cord signifies the achievement of academic honors.

How Degrees Are Awarded

The bachelor's degrees are awarded upon successful completion of approximately four years of academic work. Not all of this study needs to be completed in successive years, nor all completed in Ottawa University coursework. Undergraduate studies consist of several distinct and identifiable components. One of these is the Liberal Arts Studies requirement. This refers to work required of all students and provides the distinctive quality appropriate to an Ottawa University degree. A second element is a major focus of study in which the student explores a specific discipline in depth. The third component may consist either of electives taken to broaden the student's perspective on life or it may consist of the pre-professional elements relating to his or her career choice.

The master's degrees are post-baccalaureate degrees and normally require at least one year of full-time study beyond the bachelor's degree. Upon successfully completing all requirements as described, candidates are then voted by the Ottawa University faculty and recommended to the Board of Trustees for conferring the appropriate degree. A representative of the Board of Trustees then confers the degree on the candidates, and the President awards a diploma to each graduate. A representative of the faculty at each campus will present the candidates for conferral of the bachelor's and the master's degrees.

Administration and Faculty — 2024-2025

Administration

Chancellor.....	William M. Tsutsui, AB, MLitt, PhD
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.....	Joann M. Bangs, BS, MA, PhD
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Campus President – Professional and Online.....	Kevin H. Maret, BS, MME, DMA
Interim Dean, School of Arts and Sciences.....	Amanda B. Fields, BA, MS
Dean, Angell Snyder School of Business.....	Joann M. Bangs, BS, MA, PhD
Dean, School of Education.....	Amy S. Hogan, BS, MLA, PhD

Faculty

Usman Anjun, BS, MS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Computer and Data Science
Demelash B. Areda, MFS, MPH, MPV, PhD.....	Associate Professor of Biology
Gayani Balasuriya, BS, MS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Joann M. Bangs, BS, MA, PhD.....	Professor of Economics
Steven R. Boese, BA, MS, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of Biology
Santina Brown, BS, MS, DNP.....	Assistant Professor of Nursing
Karen M. Bryson, BS, MA, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of Psychology and Human Services
Bambi N. Burgard, BS, PhD.....	Professor of Counseling
Ruth L. M. Burkhart, BSN, MA, MSN, DNP.....	Associate Professor of Nursing
Justin R. Clarke, BA, MA, PhD.....	Associate Professor of Philosophy
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Christine D. Currier, BA, MEd.....	Instructor in Psychology
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Yana Dashevsky, BS, NMD.....	Associate Professor of Health Sciences
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Mahesh Ranpati Dewage, BS, MS, MS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Marylou G. DeWald, BA, MBA, DBA, MHL.....	Professor of Business Administration
Diann A. DeWitt, BSN, MSN, PhD.....	Professor of Nursing
Shannon S. Dyer, BA, MS, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of Communication
Amanda B. Fields, BA, MS.....	Assistant Professor of Biology
Steven V. Foulke, BA, MA, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of History
Brianne L. Fulton Miller, BFA, MFA.....	Associate Professor of Art
Alaia U. Galiana-Abal, BA, BS, MA, MS, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of Applied Psychology
Paul S. Ginsberg, BS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Biology
Kimberly S. Hankins, BS, MBA.....	Instructor in Business
Andrew W. Hazucha, BA, MA, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of English
William S. Hesse, AA, BA, MAEd, PhD, PhD+.....	Assistant Professor of Sport Leadership
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Faculty — 2024-2025

Jon A. Jacobsen, BS, BA, JD.....	Assistant Professor of Business
Peter J. Jacobsen, BS, MA, PhD	Assistant Professor of Economic Education
Melissa R. Jonas, BS, MS	Assistant Professor of Nursing
Megan E. Kelly, BSN, DNP	Assistant Professor of Nursing
T. Kent Kessinger, BA, MA, PhD	Associate Professor of Physical Education
Molly K. Kurtz, BS, MS	Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies
Cynthia N. Lancaster, BS, BSN, MBA, MSN, DNP	Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mahsa Maghsoudi, BA, MS, PhD	Assistant Professor of Counseling
Kevin H. Maret, BS, MME, DMA.....	Associate Professor of Music
Patricia A. Marsh, BS, MS, PhD	Associate Professor of Psychology
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Jack L. McMorris, BS, MBA, MS.....	Assistant Professor of Engineering
Kristen E. Moore, BS, MAEd, MAHR, PhD	Associate Professor of Business
L. Murle Mordy, BA, MA, MPh, PhD, MHL	Professor of Foreign Language
Kent M. Mulkey, BA, MS, PhD	Instructor in Biology
Nikhila, BS, MS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Physics
Karen J. Ohnesorge, BA, BFA, MA, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of English
Andrew C. Potter, BA, MA	Assistant Professor of Communication
Sam C. Potter, BA, MDiv.....	Assistant Professor of Religion
David N. Prihoda, BA, MA.....	Instructor in English
Jennifer R. Raybern, BS, MS, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Physical Education
Clarence C. Rohrbaugh, BS, MS, PhD.....	Associate Professor of Applied Psychology
Susan M. Salahshor, BS, MS, PhD	Associate Professor of Health Sciences
Rachele M.E. Salvini, BA, MA, PhD.....	Visiting Assistant Professor and Director of Writing
Leslie H. Sherlin, BA, MS, PhD	Assistant Professor of Psychology
Michelle S. Simpson, BSEd, MSED	Assistant Professor of Education
Jennifer D. Skouse Voll, BA, MS	Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies
Jordie D. Smith, BA, MA, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Communication
Summer D. Snowden, BS, MS	Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies
Kerrie L. Specker, AS, BA, MA, EdD	Assistant Professor of Business
Tony D. Specker, AS, BS, MBA	Assistant Professor of Business
Amy L. Steinhour, BS, MS	Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies
Marjorie E. Swann, BA, MPhil, DPhil	Professor of English
Daniel A. Thomas, BS, BA, MM.....	Assistant Professor of Music
Jeffrey A. Thomas, BA, MA, PsyD.....	Associate Professor of Counseling
William M. Tsutsui, AB, MLitt, PhD.....	Professor of History
Dennis J. Tyner, BS, MS, PhD	Professor of Electrical Engineering
Carine E. Ullom, BS, MA, EdD	Instructor in Education
Kenneth S. Urakawa, BS, MS, PhD	Assistant Professor of Exercise Science
Joanna L. Walters, BA, MAHR	Instructor in Human Resources
Stephen M. Weiss, BS, MBA, PhD	Associate Professor of Business
Kirk J. Wren, BS, MA	Associate Professor of Physical Education
Samantha A. Young, BSN, MSN, DNP	Assistant Professor of Nursing
Xiaobin Zuo, BE, ME, PhD.....	Associate Professor of Chemistry

Academic Honors

The Meaning of Honors

The Latin designation for honors refers to the medieval origins of academic ceremony: cum laude indicates distinction; magna cum laude, great distinction; and summa cum laude, highest distinction. At Ottawa University, students achieve a 3.5 to 3.799 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) to graduate cum laude. Magna cum laude honors require a 3.8 to 3.899 grade point average. For the highest honors, summa cum laude, students must achieve a 3.9 or higher grade point average. To qualify for honors, students must complete 40 semester credit hours in residence at Ottawa University and be in good standing. Distinction in the comprehensive examination or project will be earned by students as judged by faculty.

Summa Cum Laude

Alexis H. Cassidy
Cheyenne Rayne Cordova
Allahmerah El Housani-Knight
Jack David Gazdacka
Sophie E. Jackson
Daria Kowalik

Isaac Aguilar McIntosh
Christian T. Moser
Ana Newcomb
Liam Padden
Nikola Rusinová
Xavier Duray Santacasa

Sydney S. Seavert
Kendall L.R. See
Bryn Taylor
Monica Alexandra Zepeda

Magna Cum Laude

Giulia Aldi
Raina Stakland Beck
Kennedy Cheyenne Berry
Michael K. Bowie
Matthew Alike Carter
Briana A. Torres Echevarria
Joel K. Esparza
Caprice Valentina Garcia

Jonathan Garcia
Theresa Harris
Kaitlyn N. Janzen
Leah John
Michael J. Kulek
Daniel Angel Mendez
Diego Andres Quinonez
Maddisen Ann Rook

Michele L. Schwanz
Vanessa Elaine Shields
Reegan J. Shoquist
Jaskaran Singh
Peter A. Toma

Cum Laude

Amy Aguilar-Santana
Samantha A. Baer
Kaden Markus Boyle
Michael Kingsley Brown
Brittany C. Brunet
Mario J. Montes Castillo
Zen Tristan Kael Courtois
Jennifer M. Dean
Nikole Deck
Mae Dieguez
Aydan M. Edwards
Jesus Alejandro Ellin, Jr.
Hannah Paige Emery
Julian Evans
Brittlyn A. Flink
Kaleb Carter Fritz

Alexx Andrea Gallardo
Anja Noelle Hansen
Kaylee A. Harvey
Lillian J. Hempel
Masen Hofmann
Jan Labonté
Tamás Misky
Ryan E. Montoya
Alexis V. Munoz
Jaden Nelson
Nicholas Shane Newson
Nate Allen Nix
Jessica Michele Pearce
Amey Rainaud-Hinds
Claudia Reyes
Dominic Y. Reyes

Hailey Reynolds
Noemi Marisela Sanchez
Katelyn M. Sandoval
Wyatt Micheal Scanlon
Cassidy G. Shaffer
Serena Simms
Savannah Starr Sutton
Jenisa E. Swinbourne
Tysho Sunhawk Tano
Allen D. Thompson
Konstantinos Tsantsarakis
Dayzee Kauimaikalani Wong
Emmett D. Woodland
Luka Wouters

Master Degree Candidates

Education Specialist in School Psychology

Alicia Linelle Clark
Deborah Cox
Maribel Rodriguez Guy
Kevin Michael Henkel

Ashley Neitzel
Jennifer Megan Lynn Penrod
Jaleesa Rene Roberson
Dena Strickland

Aushona A'aliyah Tabb
Gayle Elizabeth Wilson

Executive Master of Business Administration

Oluwadamilola Adeola Adegun
Alaa Salamah S. Alharbi
Tavleen Kaur Allagh
Blessing O. Anthony-Uzor
Mary Beulah Medari Arogyam
Gulce Balkabagi
Venkata Satya Sai Raj Kumar
Bandikatla
Inderjit Basran
Dzianis Beliauski
Jahnvi Chetan Bhagat
Clinton Dankwah Boakye
Eunice A. Bugyei
Heather Villegas Cacatian
Yian Kie Chao
En-Ping Chen
Glory Tendai Chilonga
Onyinye E. Chukwura
Supriyaa Damodaraswamy
Jessica Lauresta Delgado
Deepika Devaraj
Lyubomira S. Dimitrova
Ibrahim Khaled Alstouhy Elsayed
Mohamed Fareed

Haiheng Fu
Sai Varun Gadewar
Ziwei Guo
Alexander Kenji Höhe
Sheshgiri Inkuti
Juliet Chinwe Irogbele
Yurika Jain
Chang Yeon Jang
Bhavika Surendra Keswani
Karuna Laggeri
Jung Eun Lee
Yutong Li
Sishi Lin
Carolyne N. Malingu
Uchenna M. Mbama
Mary Nduta Mwangi
Oluwafemi E. Omole
Mary Chidinma Onyarin
Sandeep Kumar Pallerla
Disha Panchal
Klaudia Paradi
Jaimin Jatinkumar Patel
Lakshmi Priya Vadivel Pounraj
Dhanush Prabakaran

Aljaz Praznik
Rashmi Chennagiri Ramesh
Dreneke Rolle
Ahmed Sami
Ansu Mathai Samuel
Apoorva Singh
Urjasvit Anurag Sinha
Sanjana Srinivasan
Rohit Bupathy Sudan
Philip Takyi
Tobina Thomas
Hui Ti
Diksha Tomar
Aditee Verma
Yichen Wang
Yunjia Wang
Aileen Cheong Xin Wei
Qian Wu
Peilin Yang
Johannes Harinata Yoshari
Ningyuan Zhang
Zijian Zhu
Sidra Zia

Master of Accountancy

Zachary W. Fernau

Pablo Andres Hernandez, Jr.

Master Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Counseling

Lydia Z. Sanabria Alexander
Curtis Anderson
Afaf Attlassy
María del Carmen Ballón
Rachel R. Bilski
Lauren Brands
Heather D. Burns
Janemarie Caswell
Alexyss R. Cerecerez
Emilie Marie Cork
Cali Crismon
Carisa Crismon
Rifat Asil Daoud
John E. Dendy

Kristina L. DePalma
Collette Davis Evans
Jonathan Jowell Fox
Shika Gaines
Brooke A. Garcia
Leanna C. Gendot
Chip Reardon Herro
Danielle A. Heyer
Collin N. Hill
Rachel S. Hixon
Amy Lynn Irons
Allison K. Johnson
Matthew William Keltner
Ashley Michelle Kempka

Julia E. Mata
Peyton Elizabeth McCormick
Samantha Lynn Nixon
R. Rebecca O'Brien
Yezenia Mari Ocampo
Michelle N. Ochoa-Etheridge
Heath Richard Pyle
David L. Scanes
Taylor Schirmacher
Kayla Schulz
Natalie V. Stangle

Master of Arts in Education

Katherine Alvarado
Ashanti E. Boateng
Ruth Kumari Brown
Stephanie Cervantes
Jessica Lee Chesley
Kyle J. Coburn
Amy Marie Corona
Jamie Desorbo

Jordan Trenell Dixon
Monica Joy Helseth
Gracie Ann Johnson
Tyana Lara
Ashley Lewis
Jamie Marisol Martinez
Flora Morales Gamez
Kelly Rowan

Andrea D. Simmons
Kelan Siner
Mitchella Stevens
Sarah E. Thiem
Edgar Uriarte
Roberto Valadez Armendariz
Delia Berenice Valdez
Emily Denise Zerbe

Master of Arts in Human Resources

Katherine Frayre Busani

Antonia Kostoff

Akela Patterson

Master of Arts in Leadership

McKay Bundy
Josiah Moses Dominguez
Anthony Eugene Echols
Alyce Katelyn Hancock

Joshua D. Hart
Jesus M Holguin, Jr.
Rachel Jean Hughes
Samuel Lachot

Melinda Lela Lertzman
Colin McClure
Edward John Overton III
Carlo D. Lorente Zarate

Master Degree Candidates

Master of Business Administration

Zachary Michael Aird
Mateo Daniel Alicea
Kaitlin Brown
Giovanni Frank Santos Cantu
Yusef El Desoky
James A. Hamill
Brandon E. Johnson
Jacob Scott Johnson

Cierra Stevie Kiser
Brayden James Marcum
Marcus Martin
Maria Juarez Mendoza
Sidney M. Parmer
Travon Riley, Sr.
Joesette Enriquez Frausto Rivero
Michael Brandon Robbins

Cassidy G. Shaffer
Jesse Torres
David Van Buren, Jr.
Mattea S. Wilson
Yihua Zhou
Michael Zimmerman

Master of Science in Addiction Counseling

John Michael Hall

Master of Science in Nursing

Jung Eun Lee

Luminita Paravat

Tuesday Marie Waldon

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Arts

Amy Aguilar-Santana

- *Psychology*

Giulia Aldi

- *Psychology*

Damon Christy Alexander

- *Sport Leadership*

Ashley Marie Allen

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Jordan McCray Anderson

- *Exercise Science*

Kianna Marie Arthur

- *Psychology*

Jose J. Ayala IV

- *Exercise Science*

Anthony Bagnoli-Ochoa

- *Business Administration*

Hunter D. Barnes

- *Psychology*

Raina Stakland Beck

- *Secondary Education - Music Instrumental*

Kennedy Cheyenne Berry

- *Sport Leadership*

Julian R. Bishop

- *Exercise Science*

Maya Mikelle Blake

- *Psychology*

Michael K. Bowie

- *Exercise Science*

Kaden Markus Boyle

- *Exercise Science*

Baylee Bracher

- *Communication*
- *Psychology*

Gabrielle Catherine Brozovic

- *Sport Leadership*

Chase Brushe

- *Sport Leadership*

Kimberly Amber Bryant

- *Psychology*

Maliki J. Campbell

- *Exercise Science*

Isaiah Emerson Carter

- *Communication*

Matthew Alike Carter

- *Exercise Science*

Alexis H. Cassidy

- *Communication*

Victor A. Chakwakwama

- *Communication*

Luisayde Chavez

- *Psychology*

Mallory A. Clark

- *Psychology*

Cheyenne Rayne Cordova

- *Elementary Education*

Zen Tristan Kael Courtois

- *Sport Leadership*

Justin E. Cuellar

- *Human and Social Services*

Eliana J. Dean

- *Psychology*

Jennifer M. Dean

- *Human and Social Services*

Micah I. Del Rio

- *Sport Leadership*

William Paul Dotson

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Alma Mater

My Ottawa

The phrase "fair scenes of field and sky" in the second stanza was suggested by the state seal of Kansas, which shows a wide expanse of prairie and hill. Above this is a cluster of stars, displaying the extraordinary brilliance of the Kansas night skies.

The same suggestions are found in the seventh line of the third stanza: "Long as a night-star glows."

The "Swan-stream" is the Marais des Cygnes, which flows through the City of Ottawa.

The wild sunflower is characteristic of Kansas, precisely as the goldenrod is of New England.

Alma Mater - My Ottawa

Franklin Johnson/Cramer

1. Sweet al - ma ma - ter, As thou hast cher - ished me,
2. Sweet al - ma ma - ter, A - round and o'er thee lie
3. Sweet al - ma ma - ter, Long may thy halls a - bide
4. Sweet al - ma ma - ter, The God thou dost a - dore

So will I cher - ish thee, My Ot - ta - wa;
Fair scenes of field and sky, My Ot - ta - wa;
A - mid these mead - ows wide, My Ot - ta - wa;
In - crease thee more and more, My Ot - ta - wa;

Thanks chief - ly for thy care To make all learn - ing fair
But thou art fair - er far To me, thy child, than are
Long as the Swan-stream flows, Long as the sun - flower blows,
May thou - sands to thee flow, And thou - sands from thee go

With light of Psalm and prayer, My Ot - ta - wa.
The smiles of earth or star, My Ot - ta - wa.
Long as a night-star glows, My Ot - ta - wa.
To heal earth's sin and woe, My Ot - ta - wa.

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