

Prepare for a Life of Significance

Ottawa University®

**161<sup>st</sup>** Anniversary  
Commencement

10:00 a.m. | May 2, 2026

AdventHealth Field at Ottawa University | Ottawa, Kansas



## **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.

# Order of Ceremonies

## 161st Anniversary Commencement

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Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> The Hit Crew	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
*Invocation		John Holzrüter, DDiv <i>University Chaplain</i>
Opening Remarks from the Board of Trustees		Janet Kincaid '87 <i>Chair, Ottawa University Board of Trustees</i>
Welcome from the Chancellor		William M. Tsutsui <i>Chancellor</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>The Lord has Done Great Things</i> Psalm 20:2-3	Riley Isabelle Smith <i>Bachelor's Degree Candidate</i>
Special Music	<i>When You Wish Upon a Star</i> Caden Bradshaw, <i>piano</i> ; Kenzie Chrisman, <i>bass</i> ; Gerhard Sturm, <i>drums</i> <i>Students at the Ottawa, Kansas campus</i>	Leigh Harline (1907-69) Ned Washington (1901-76)
Introduction of Speaker		William M. Tsutsui, PhD <i>Chancellor</i>
Address	<i>Intersections of Identity</i>	Brendan Johnson, MBA <i>President and CEO, AdventHealth-Ottawa</i>
Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidates	<i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i> John Boyd Martin  <i>Master of Humane Letters</i> Peter J. Jacobsen	Chair Kincaid
The Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Chair Kincaid

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Presentation of Master Degree Candidates		Amy Hogan, PhD <i>Dean, School of Education</i>
The Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Derek Chappell '87, JD <i>Leadership Gift Officer</i>
Academic Honors		Kevin Maret, DMA <i>President, Professional and Online Campuses</i>
Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates		Amanda Fields, MS <i>Dean, School of Arts and Sciences</i>
The Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Mr. Chappell
Alumni Welcome		Mr. Chappell
*Alma Mater	<i>My Ottawa</i> led by Riley Isabelle Smith and Kelley Bethell-Smith '99 <i>(Turn to the inside back cover for music and lyrics.)</i>	Franklin Johnson (1836-1916)
*Benediction		Chaplain Holztüter
Closing Announcement		Mr. Chappell
Recessional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> The Hit Crew	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*(Audience, please be seated during recessional.)*

\* Audience is invited to stand

Chancellor Tsutsui invites friends and family to meet the graduates in the south endzone of AdventHealth Field at Ottawa University.

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## **Brendan Johnson**

Brendan Johnson serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of AdventHealth Ottawa, a nonprofit hospital in Ottawa, Kansas. He stepped into this role in January 2025, bringing nearly two decades of experience in healthcare leadership.

In his role, Brendan leads hospital operations, advances patient care services, and supports AdventHealth's mission of delivering whole-person, faith-based care to the community.

Prior to coming to Ottawa, Brendan held a variety of operational and strategic leadership roles. He spent nine years in AdventHealth's Rocky Mountain Region and later served ten years at Adventist HealthCare in Maryland, including serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, where he focused on workforce strategy and leadership development.

Outside of work, Brendan enjoys running, biking, hiking, and speaking about leadership and faith. He also loves sports and a good board game—but of all his hobbies and responsibilities, his favorite is being a dad.

## **John Boyd Martin**

John Boyd Martin is an American portrait artist widely recognized for his extensive body of commissioned work depicting prominent figures in sports, government, academia, and business. Known for his technical precision and ability to capture the character of his subjects, Martin has produced hundreds of portraits and large-scale murals displayed across the United States and internationally.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Kansas, Martin spent many years on the Ottawa University campus where his father Andrew B. Martin served as president. Growing up across the street from campus fostered an early engagement in both academic and artistic environments. An early indication of Martin's artistic talents was fostered when he created pen-and-ink drawings of campus scenes that were used on University Christmas cards.

After graduating from Ottawa High School, he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Kansas. He began his career as an advertising art director and illustrator, eventually winning more than 150 awards for his work.

In 1983 he turned his full attention to his first love, portraiture. In his long and distinguished list of commissions, John's work has crossed many professions and includes professional sports greats like Arnold Palmer, Bob Cousy, Len Dawson, and Joe DiMaggio. He has also painted many noted leaders in the corporate world, universities, religion, military, and government. His portraits and murals now hang in more than 75 galleries around the world from California to New York and Japan, and from Cooperstown to the Pentagon. In addition, John has received both local and national recognition for his contributions of art to charitable organizations.

Martin's artwork has been featured on programs for various sporting events, including five World Series, four all-star games, and an NBA all-star game. In addition, Martin has done work for various organizations on an annual basis, including the Ottawa University Braves Athletic Hall of Fame, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, and the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame.

Today, John Boyd Martin remains an influential figure in American portrait painting, with a career spanning several decades and a legacy defined by both artistic excellence and deep personal connections to his subjects.

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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 — 2025-2026

## Administration

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## Faculty

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## Faculty — 2025-2026

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## 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.

### Distinction

Shelby Elizabeth Bearden .....	Exercise Science
Randal Frank Delgado, Jr. ....	Biology
Saraiah A. Ervin .....	Exercise Science
Desiree Jaelyn Marshall-Penny .....	Biology
Emilia R. McFadden .....	Exercise Science
Emma Kate Melvin .....	Exercise Science
Cody L. Presley .....	Exercise Science
Samantha M. Pruett .....	Exercise Science
Tiyani S. Rollins.....	Biology
Riley Isabelle Smith.....	Communication
Jordan H. Trujillo.....	Exercise Science
Justin Harold Weddige.....	Exercise Science

### Summa Cum Laude

Marko de Sá Faria  
GiGi G. Jones  
Camryn LeAnn Lenz  
Kiersten Markos

Cole Daniel McCray  
Elizabeth Pearl Pratt  
Riley Isabelle Smith  
Blake Timothy Venhuizen

Emma Lauren Whelan  
Gavin Andrew White

### Magna Cum Laude

Lanie M. Becker  
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### Cum Laude

Siara Janiece Kanoelani Arrington  
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Liv Mathilda Curving  
Garrett T. Dodd  
Brandon M. Doles  
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Bradley J. Fodor  
Oscar Giorgio  
Ian Trimble Gordy  
Payton Lee Green

Macey Ann Gross  
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Landyn Mikel Tyler  
Diego A. Centella Velasco  
Kyle Wallenberg  
Ju'kanie M. Washington  
Justin Harold Weddige  
Jarmo Dirk Perez Wienese  
Faith Woodruff  
Samantha Young

# Master Degree Candidates

## *Master of Accountancy*

Spencer Hugh Giffin

## *Master of Arts in Education*

Colton Allen Bieker  
Cole Broughton  
Tyler Bryant  
Felicia M. Dixon  
Destiny Liana Escobar  
Cody Johansen

Matthew Jonathan Jones  
Susann N. Kaufmann  
Alyssa N. Linkous  
Gabriel Deshawn McDuffie  
Marcellus Langston Pearson

Kristopher Gregory Kawekuio  
Quidacahy  
Cesar J. Rodriguez  
Randie Rebecca Scoon-Amayo  
Baxter Owen Self

## *Master of Arts in Leadership*

Briana Alexis Bidó

Nicholas N. Boboshko

Stephen P. Wright

## *Master of Business Administration*

Taiwo Emmanuel Amusat  
Keaton R. Banister  
Javier Barroso de Andrés  
David Martínez Bañón  
Leo Betin  
Shevin Anderson Blades  
Rian Boub  
Nataša Božic  
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Patrick Burke  
Brock David Chapman  
Bernardete Vanda Cuamba  
Brenna Lane Diller  
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Isidora Hrnjak  
Catherine Ashley Jonhera  
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Lazar Milovic  
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Nicholas D.H. Sizemore  
Christopher Deonicus Sugianto  
Ariana Sofia Arciniega Tolay  
Landyn Mikel Tyler  
Radaisy Valdez  
Raimundo Cabello Villagran  
Ryan R. Wilwers  
Wenyi Zhang

## *Master of Science in Applied Psychology*

Kimberly Andrea Ibarra  
Nicole Miele

Mateo Felipe Ortega Orquera  
Devin Schneider

Arnold Wilhelm Signell

# Bachelor Degree Candidates

## ***Bachelor of Arts***

Dashonta Addison

- *Exercise Science*

Jaron J. Alf

- *Exercise Science*

Mariam Alli-Balogun

- *Communication*

Martín L. Basso Azcuénaga

- *Exercise Science*

Shelby Bearden

- *Exercise Science*

Lanie M. Becker

- *Elementary Education*

Thomas Bloomfield

- *Communication*
- *Sport Leadership*

Nathan Levi Britton

- *Physical Education*

Ashton T. Buckalew

- *Sport Leadership*

Timothy T. Burke III

- *Exercise Science*

Ainsley M. Charest

- *Elementary Education*

Jordan A. Clay

- *Exercise Science*

Eddie Daniel, Jr.

- *Sport Leadership*

Grace K. Davis

- *Physical Education*

Emily Michelle DeVault

- *Applied Psychology*

Brandon M. Doles

- *Exercise Science*

Tatiana N. Dos Santos Pérez

- *Communication*

Tyler E. Duncan

- *Accounting*

Frederick W Elftmann

- *Exercise Science*

Teagan M. Flynn

- *Exercise Science*

Jeremy B. Freeman, Jr.

- *Sport Leadership*

Alexander Galvan

- *Sport Leadership*

Alexandra R. Genty

- *Marketing*

Carter B. Genzen

- *Communication*

Isaac Edward Gibson

- *Exercise Science*

Oscar Giorgio

- *Exercise Science*

Si' Naya T. Glover

- *Applied Psychology*

Payton Lee Green

- *Physical Education*

Preston Greenwood

- *Physical Education*

Marcus R. Grist

- *Sport Leadership*

Macey Ann Gross

- *Art*

Derrick J. Hajka

- *Sport Leadership*

Donovan Henry

- *Sport Leadership*

Madison N. Holcomb

- *Biology*

Cynthia Homs

- *Applied Psychology*

Adelynn J. Howat

- *Physical Education*

Hope Aaliyah Humes

- *Elementary Education*

Andrew W. Hunter

- *Sport Leadership*

Sean Hurst

- *Applied Psychology*

Kennard A. Issac, Jr.

- *Exercise Science*

Caleb Kessinger

- *Sport Leadership*

Josh R. King

- *Business Economics*

Jonathan Christian Knapp

- *Exercise Science*

Macy Michalski Layne

- *Applied Psychology*

Norah Langston

- *Art*

# Bachelor Degree Candidates

Brittan Jeane Louise Lee

- *Exercise Science*

Camryn LeAnn Lenz

- *Sport Leadership*

Aaron J. Lewis

- *Sport Leadership*

Keavian L. Long

- *Communication*

Kiersten Markos

- *Exercise Science*

Rich Cory Augustin Martelly

- *Sport Leadership*

Kendall Rae Martin

- *Biology*

Angelique Martinez

- *Secondary Education - Biology*

Devin J. Mauter

- *Exercise Science*

Cole Daniel McCray

- *Philosophy, Politics and Economics*

Emilia R. McFadden

- *Exercise Science*

Zoie Leni Means-Thomas

- *Marketing*

Emma Kate Melvin

- *Exercise Science*

Clayton Jeffery Merritt

- *Exercise Science*

Lily Naomi Meyer

- *Exercise Science*

Dominic J. Minjares

- *Accounting*

Mariah N. Mosqueda

- *Elementary Education*

Miles J. Myers

- *Communication*

Slobodan Novicevic

- *Sport Leadership*

Rivkah M. Oberg

- *Applied Psychology*

Christian Isaiah Obregon

- *Exercise Science*

Cennet Oruc

- *Exercise Science*

Isabella Rae Pagliei

- *Exercise Science*

Kaitlyn M. Pfarr

- *Elementary Education*

Paige Stephanie-Rose Phillips

- *Secondary Education - Mathematics*

Dajia Elexia Shebrew Powell

- *Art*

Owen Michael Powers

- *Exercise Science*

Cody L. Presley

- *Exercise Science*

Justin E. Preston

- *Business Economics*

Tre Preston

- *Marketing*

Samantha M. Pruett

- *Exercise Science*

Mya Elizabeth Quinn

- *Applied Psychology*
- *Sport Leadership*

Jonathan Reyes

- *Secondary Education - History*

Andre Coleman Reynolds, Jr.

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- *Biology*

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Jenessa Ross

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Livia Swift

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Landyn Mikel Tyler

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Blake Timothy Venhuizen

- *Christian Studies and Ministry*

Amber L. Wagner

- *Applied Psychology*
- *Sport Leadership*

Kyle Wallenberg

- *Exercise Science*

Ju'kanie M. Washington

- *Applied Psychology*
- *Sport Leadership*

Justin Harold Weddige

- *Exercise Science*

Emma Lauren Whelan

- *Communication*

Micah Willis

- *Marketing*

Joshua D. Winkle

- *Sport Leadership*

Kevin Winscot

- *Sport Leadership*

Faith Woodruff

- *Business Economics*

John M. Wyatt

- *Management of Information Systems*

Samantha Young

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Lazar Basekic

- *Business Administration*

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- *Business Economics*
- *Finance*

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- *Sport Leadership*

Haylee Busch

- *Engineering*

Kylee L. Busch

- *Biology*

Nicolo Cinelli

- *Business Administration*

Julio C. Coronado-Mascorro

- *Applied Psychology*

Valentin Jean Corriger

- *Business Economics*
- *Finance*

Liv Mathilda Curving

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- *Business Administration*

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- *Applied Psychology*

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- *Biology*

Jermel J. Dickens

- *Biology*

Baylee Lynn Dillard

- *Biology*

Garrett T. Dodd

- *Finance*

Alonso Basauri Elizalde

- *Business Administration*

Saraiah A. Ervin

- *Exercise Science*

Josiah F. Farias

- *Applied Psychology*

Athens N. Fawkes

- *Applied Psychology*

Benito G. Florencio

- *Business Administration*

Bradley J. Fodor

- *Applied Psychology*

Dylan Marcus Garcia

- *Business Administration*

Bryant C. Graham

- *Business Administration*

Caden J. Gray

- *Business Administration*
- *Finance*

Brett H. HincK

- *Exercise Science*

Lillian M. Holden

- *Biology*

Dell-Rio DaShun Johnson III

- *Computer Science Technology*

Kobe Mykel Johnson

- *Business Administration*

GiGi G. Jones

- *Business Administration*

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- *Business Administration*

Abigail Lee

- *Applied Psychology*

Aileen Mae Lester

- *Biology*

Olivia Lewis

- *Applied Psychology*

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- *Biology*

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- *Business Administration*

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- *Finance*

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- *Exercise Science*

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- *Mathematics*

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- *Management of Information Systems*
- *Sport Leadership*

Faith V. Ruoff

- *Biology*

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- *Applied Psychology*

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Thomas D. Sober

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- *Business Administration*

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- *Applied Psychology*

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- *Biology*

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- *Exercise Science*

Jared W. Turner

- *Applied Psychology*

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- *Business Administration*

Carley Donielle Wagner

- *Exercise Science*

Anthony M. Weaver

- *Engineering*

Dylan Brodie Weidl

- *Business Administration*

Gavin Andrew White

- *Applied Psychology*

Kayla Whiteaker

- *Applied Psychology*

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- *Business Administration*
- *Marketing*

Parker Caleb Williams

- *Business Administration*

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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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