

Prepare for a Life of Significance

Ottawa University®

161st Anniversary
Commencement

2:00 p.m. | May 2, 2026
Fredrikson Chapel | 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

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Fredrikson Chapel
Saturday, May 2, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Tune in D major</i> Kenneth Walker, DMA, organ	Paul Fey (b. 1998)
Processional	March and Improvisation on the OU Alma Mater, <i>My Ottawa</i> Organist Walker	Franklin Johnson (1836-1916)
*Invocation		John Holzhüter, DDiv <i>University Chaplain</i>
Opening Remarks from the Board of Trustees		Janet Kincaid '87 <i>Chair, Ottawa University Board of Trustees</i>
Recognitions and Introductions		Derek Chappell '87, JD <i>Leadership Gift Officer</i>
Special Music	<i>There Will Never Be Another You</i> Jacob Fry '24, <i>piano</i> ; Kenzie Chrisman, <i>bass</i> ; Gerhard Sturm, <i>drums</i> <i>Graduate and Choir Director, and students at the Ottawa, Kansas campus</i>	Harry Warren (1893-1981) Mack Gordon (1904-59)
Special Reading		Paul Nowlin <i>Doctoral Degree Candidate</i>
Remarks from the Campus President		Kevin Maret, DMA <i>Campus President, Professional and Online</i>
Introduction of Speaker		William M. Tsutsui, PhD <i>Chancellor</i> <i>Professor of History</i>
Address	<i>Intersections of Identity</i>	Brendan Johnson, MBA <i>President and CEO, AdventHealth-Ottawa</i>
Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates		Marylou DeWald, PhD <i>Interim Director, Doctor of Business Administration</i> <i>Professor of Business Administration</i>

Order of Ceremonies

Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Mr. Chappell
Presentation of Master Degree Candidates		Amy Hogan, PhD <i>Dean, School of Education</i> <i>Professor of Education</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Mr. Chappell
Academic Honors		President Maret
Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates		Amanda B. Fields, MS <i>Interim Dean, School of Arts and Sciences</i> <i>Assistant Professor of Biology</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Chancellor Tsutsui
Awarding of Diplomas		Mr. Chappell
Alumni Welcome		Shonda Grant, BA '14 <i>Enrollment Manager, PA Program</i>
*Alma Mater	<i>My Ottawa</i> led by Chaplain Holzhter	Franklin Johnson
*Benediction		Chaplain Holzhter
Closing Announcement		Mr. Chappell
Recessional	<i>Choral March</i> Organist Walker <i>(Audience, please be seated during recessional.)</i>	William Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

* Audience is invited to stand.

Chancellor Tsutsui and President Maret invites everyone to a reception in the Scherich Atrium located on the main level of the Gangwish Library.

Graduates will receive a gift at the reception.

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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.

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Steven V. Foulke, BA, MA, PhD, MHL.....	Professor of History
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Faculty — 2025-2026

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Jordie D. Smith, BA, MA, PhD.....	Assistant Professor of Communication
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Kerrie L. Specker, AS, BA, MA, EdD	Assistant Professor of Business
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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.

Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Lynne Claytor
Brandon M. Fritz

Brian M. George
Kai Aries Tillman

Magna Cum Laude

Brylie M. Brincks
Jasmine C. Dupree

Thomas C. Frazier
Brennen Allen Havens

Daniel Willman

Cum Laude

Matthew C. Baughman
Kaylee Bliss
Alex D. Bruening
Annette E. Budimlija
Megan Irene Burns
Jenna Jo Costello
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Brianna R. Schultz
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Master Degree Candidates

Doctor of Business Administration

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Jamie Lynn Fields
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Executive Master of Business Administration

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Chiemela Martina Chimezie
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Shwetha Mithun
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Master of Accountancy

Melissa Ann Havard

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Master of Arts in Counseling

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Ashley Koch
Chantel Melissa Lokers
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Daniel Johnson Page
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Alexis Chanel Frazier

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Master of Arts in Leadership

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Jill Bates

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Cruz M. Whitwell

Karen Woods

Master of Business Administration

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Master of Science in Addiction Counseling

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Jessica R. DeVore
Daniel John Grellinger

Jonathan Lowell Harrup
Catherine Irby
James A. Montgomery

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Shawna L. Sokol

Master of Science in Nursing

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Taiwo Fatimah Are
Rakshya Bista
Reshma Budhathoki
Santoshi Chhantyal
Sushma Chhun
Vanessa Zvikomborero Chonyera
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Rose U. Kalu
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Ireen Likuwenu
Rakshya Nepali
Larisha Neupane
Praise Osagioduwa Okunbor
Eugenie-Rose Panafieu

Trinh Thi Viet Pham
Sabita Pun
Sandhya Rasaili
Ivy Rono
Sakeena Sultana
Sangsang Sun
Sarah Syiem
Anh N.Q. Tran
Grace Umoru
Jacqueline Vick
Juanita Young

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Bachelor of Arts

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- *Psychology*

Kendra Mercedes Aracena

- *Health Care Management-Non-Clinical*

Tichele D. Bedell

- *Human and Social Services*

Kaylee Bliss

- *Elementary Education*

Brittany M. Brown

- *Mathematics*

Alex D. Bruening

- *Psychology*

Annette E. Budimlija

- *Secondary Education - Mathematics*

Megan Irene Burns

- *Secondary Education - History*

Jill Carlson

- *Accounting*

Cherish Soojin Cho

- *Human and Social Services*

Avrie Payton Christiansen

- *Elementary Education*

Amanda Lynne Claytor

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Jenai Collins

- *Psychology*

Nikki Lynn Connon

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Tonya M. Cook

- *Human Resources*

Sage Cooper

- *History*

Zydnia Corchado-Reyes

- *Psychology*

Jenna Jo Costello

- *Psychology*

Breanna Mersadies Nichole Crawford

- *Elementary Education*

Aaron B. Cure

- *Psychology*

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- *Secondary Education - History*

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- *Secondary Education - History*

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- *Secondary Education - English*

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- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Cinthia Itzel Enriquez

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

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- *English*

Christopher B. Ford

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Rebekah Lynn Foster

- *Human and Social Services*

Maggie R. Francis

- *English*

Thomas C. Frazier

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Jill Marie Friedrichs

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Brandon M. Fritz

- *History*

Jarett Gage

- *Sport Leadership*

Kaitlyn D. Gaines

- *Leadership and Management*

Codi Garvey

- *Human Resources*

Brian M. George

- *Leadership and Management*

Barbara M. Gilliland

- *Psychology*

Kaitlyn Ryan Greve

- *Health Care Management-Non-Clinical*

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- *Human and Social Services*
- *Psychology*

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- *Secondary Education - History*

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- *Psychology*

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- *Elementary Education Studies*

Alexis McNabb

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Jaycee Lynn Moore

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- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

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- *Leadership and Management*

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- *Accounting*

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- *Business Economics*

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- *Communication*

Ariell Brienne Nierenberg

- *Addiction Counseling*

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- *Psychology*

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- *Psychology*

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- *Psychology*

Leah Stine

- *Psychology*

Angelica Leigh Storms

- *Psychology*

Wyatt Earl Streich

- *Health Care Management-Clinical*

Grant Nicholas Thelen

- *Accounting*

Kai Aries Tillman

- *Human Resources*

Tyrone Sylvester Toliver

- *Psychology*

Dakota L.A. Tooley

- *English*
- *Human and Social Services*

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Van Tiffany Tran

- *Accounting*

Brianna Lynn Tuma

- *Secondary Education -
Mathematics*

Emily R. Vehrs

- *Human and Social Services*

Sadie Isabelle Ward

- *Communication*
- *Psychology*

Nikia Lacole Wilkins

- *Human Resources*

Amber Rose Williams

- *Health Care Management-
Clinical*

Leigh Ann Williams

- *Communication*

Daniel Willman

- *Health Care Management-
Clinical*

Hannah M. Young

- *Psychology*

Christina Carol Zellner

- *Accounting*

Kourosch Zia

- *Health Care Management-
Clinical*

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science

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- *Business Administration*

Matthew C. Baughman

- *Biology*

Hailey Binkley

- *Business Administration*
- *Human and Social Services*

Nicholas G. Bock

- *Finance*

Steven A. Boldridge

- *Management of Information Systems*

Kristen L. Coburn

- *Finance*

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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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