



# ROBERTS

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

## 2023 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Adult and Graduate Programs ceremony at 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Undergraduate and B.E.L.L. ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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Saturday, May 13, 2023

**Deana L. Porterfield, President**  
**Presiding**  
**David Basinger, Chief Academic Officer**  
**Assisting**

Prelude Music	Brass Quintet^	
Processional	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> Brass Quintet^	John Stanley (1712-1786) trans. Paul G. Shewan '82
Academic Procession		
Grand Marshal		
Gary L. Raduns, Jr., Professor of Mathematical Sciences		
Faculty Marshals		
Jennifer A. Aube, Professor of Psychology		
Scott Caton '86, Professor of History		
Cheryl Croster, Professor of Nursing		
Rebecca Draper '20, Assistant Professor of Social Work		
Santhiny Rajamohan '94, Associate Professor of Nursing		
Jason Taylor, Dean, School of Natural & Social Sciences		
Welcome		President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees and Invocation		Terry R. Taber, Chair, Board of Trustees
Class Speaker	<i>"How will you answer the call?"</i>	Tyler Elise Heflin '23 Social Work, M.S.W. Adult and Graduate Education ceremony at 9:30 a.m.
Class Speaker	<i>"Ending an Adventure to Continue the Journey"</i>	Ciara Joy Roland '23 Biomedical Science, B.S. Traditional Undergraduate and B.E.L.L. ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
Chorale	<i>Arise, My Soul, Arise</i> The Roberts Chorale Adam Potter, Conductor	Dan Forrest (b.1978)

Scripture Matthew 7:12, Leviticus 19:18, John 13:34-35, and Colossians 3:13. NIV

9:30 a.m. ceremony: Maria Wall '23, Business Management, B.S.

2:00 p.m. ceremony: Elizabeth Potash '23, Psychology, B.S.

Address *What's Your Golden Rule?* Dwight M. (Kip) Palmer  
CEO, The Palmer Family of Companies

Recognition of Honors Chief Academic Officer

President's Citation  
For Academic Achievement Chief Academic Officer

Presentation of the Graduating Class Chief Academic Officer

Charge to Graduates President

Reading of Names Linda Quinlan  
Associate Professor of English

Presentation of Diplomas President  
Chief Academic Officer

Welcome to the Alumni Association Lindsey Mwene '11  
President, Alumni Council

Alma Mater (please stand) Jeffery R. McGhee Mollie S. Staines (former faculty)  
(words on pg. 21) Professor of Vocal Music (1889-1971)  
arr. Timothy Lambert '07

Commissioning & Benediction Prayer Gerald Coleman '02  
Campus Pastor

Recessional *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound* G. F. Handel  
Brass Quintet^ (1685-1759)  
trans. MacKinnon

^Brass Quintet

Paul Shewan '82, Professor of Instrumental Music, trumpet

Owen Davis '21, tuba

Tes Haines '24, trombone

Songyuan Liu '25, horn

Tes Haines '24, trombone

Owen White '24, trumpet

Class of 2023 Verse: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto  
thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV translation

Senior Class Advisor: Celeste Donleavy, Associate Dean of Student Leadership & Engagement  
Arrangements by Commencement Committee

Emily Hagen, Lesa Kohr '03, and Yvonne Strong '91/00, co-chairs

## SPEAKER: DWIGHT M. (KIP) PALMER

CEO, THE PALMER FAMILY OF COMPANIES



Kip Palmer is a native of Rochester, NY, and received his BA from Wittenberg University. Following college, he joined his father in building Rochester-based Palmer Food Services and Syracuse-based G&C Food Distributors.

As a 5th generation CEO of the Palmer Family of Companies, Kip Palmer has become recognized in the Greater Rochester and Syracuse business community as a leader and mentor in the foodservice industry. Under his leadership, the companies thrive and are recognized as frontrunners in independent foodservice, production, and redistribution. Kip's leadership has both continued the legacy of his family and created a sustainable business for the Greater Rochester community.

Kip's innovative spirit and continual drive to serve his employees and community can be seen in his partnerships with local businesses and organizations. He contributes his time and resources to a variety of charitable and business organizations. He loves to see those around him succeed and has been a vocal advocate and active supporter of countless students, young entrepreneurs, and community organizations.

Kip Palmer has been a friend, supporter and Trustee of Roberts Wesleyan University and Northeastern Seminary for 24 years, and served as Board Chair for 7 years. His long term, faithful and generous support of Roberts and Northeastern, including key gifts and pledges for buildings, scholarships and matching challenge funds have helped encourage other donors to give. His generosity and partnership have been multiplied and has helped us to provide our students with a transformational education, fulfilling our mission and causing a ripple effect of hope throughout our community. Kip is married to Amy, has five children and four grandchildren.

# GRADUATES

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## ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY DOCTORATE DEGREES

### **Clinical School Psychology, Psy.D. (Dissertation Titles on page 22)**

Ashley Michelle Cooper  
Jonas Eastman  
Sofia Falco  
Cortney Hoerner  
Jordan M. Hoppes  
Tiarra Mitchell

Zeina Naoum  
Julia Palozzi  
Megan E. Scroger  
Matthew Weinerth  
Ariana Zimmer

## ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

#### **Health Administration, M.S. - Cohort 45**

Karlie Jay Claffey  
Steve Coffey  
Merita Emerllahu  
Mimoza Emerllahu  
Kherie Ernisse  
Shellie Finizio  
Afuevugoghene Avee Igho  
Ja'Nay A. Jones  
Mary C. Lopez  
Sarah R. Magri  
Samantha Ordiway  
Alyssa Briana Powell  
Janice L. Rums smoke  
Jonathan I. Smith

#### **Health Administration, M.S. - Cohort 46**

Christopher G. Ehlers  
Meghan Flanagan  
Julian Moody  
Roshawnda Mundy

#### **Health Administration, M.S. - Cohort 48**

J'Vonna S. Beard  
Robyn M. Carter  
Elizabeth Clement  
Jennifer Jay DeMarco  
Christina Hill  
Brittany Kidder  
Kelvin Peek  
Gabre Potter  
Rachel Elizabeth Pufky  
Monika Shelton  
Julita Smith

#### **Health Administration, M.S.**

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Chan  
Jodi Marie Erler  
Kristen MacKenzie Godshall  
MyHan Le  
Darcy Pautz  
Maryanne Cecilia Sanza  
Shirley Stenabaugh

#### **Public Health, M.S. – MPH2**

Natasha E. Dingle  
Raye McHugh  
Christina Marie Musclow  
Latia Rourk  
Lauren Wiener  
Cassandra J. Wright  
Claire Alessandra Zerbo

#### **Public Health, M.S.**

Briana J. Rivaldo

#### **Strategic Leadership, M.S.**

Colleen Elyse Bauda  
Marc-Anthony Blackburn  
Erica Marie Dayton  
Gina Godlewski  
Ariel Joseph Hays  
David Reid Brigs Jackowski  
Abigail A. Miller  
Amanda R. Morse  
Scott T. Musial  
Leahi Camacho Owens  
April Redford  
Sergio Rosado, Jr.  
Mark Saladzius  
Justine Francesca Sharda  
Ruth Esther Smith

# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

### **Social Work, M.S.W.**

Brianna M. Bowlin  
Shannon Alva Brockway  
Amanda Elizabeth Carson  
June Armelina Cotton  
Ashley Dykstra  
Tyler Elise Heflin  
Haley Starr Hiller  
Matthew Paul Iorio  
Sarah Faith Kemper  
Grete Alexa Kraus  
Kaila Lavett  
Jillian A. LiBritz  
Brianna F. Lippa  
Ashley Main  
Leah J. Manth

Jillian McMahon  
Sara Mele  
Brianna S. Rivers-Brice  
Kaylee Roes  
Vijaya Prema Sahitala  
Naomi Eve Shaw  
Brianna Nicole Sisco  
Paul Stack, III  
Mitchell Derrick Streety  
Shannon Margaret Sullivan  
Kate Travis  
Sarah Marie Wharram  
Shronda Wright  
Brittney Younglove

## DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

### **Adol. Biology & SWD Gen. 7-12, M.Ed.**

Samantha Abbott  
Connor Keihl  
Kayla Malone  
Rebecca Elise Marotta  
Michael McNamara  
Clarissa Anne Steier

Emma Rae Cooke  
Shea Marie DeJohn  
Shay Allen DeRoo  
Molly Diedrich  
Marla Dominicis Garcia  
Lara Ann Giallombardo  
Andrew Habecker  
Brooke Antonique Hayes  
RhondaMarie Jackson  
Amy Jaus-Zissis  
Meghan Kimball  
Katherine Maldonado  
Tanya L. Morris  
Brittany Jennifer New  
Jennifer Rae Oremus  
Sarah Pagano  
Brittany Rheaume  
Riley Sullivan  
Grace Elizabeth Trumbull  
Gabrielle L. Wheeler  
Parrie Wyatt  
Tara Zajack

### **Adol. Chemistry & SWD Gen. 7-12, M.Ed.**

Trista Corey  
Timothy Aaron Kovach

### **Adol. English & SWD Gen. 7-12, M.Ed.**

Michael Steven McCann

### **Adol. Soc.Stu. & SWD Gen. 7-12, M.Ed.**

Christopher J. Taroni  
Grace Elizabeth White

### **Childhood and SWD 1-6, M.Ed.**

Kristi Allen  
Alessandra Amadio  
Rebecca Anderson  
Amanda L. Bach  
Orlando Jacián Boxx  
Madison Dina Bulling  
Carina Chirinko  
Matthew Clement

**Early Childhood &  
Special Education B-2, M.Ed.**

Melissa A. Aust  
Meghan Hoisington  
Brigid R. McClenathan  
Michael Anne Pentz  
Ashley Slaby  
Danielle Nicole Spence

**Literacy, M.Ed.**

Amane S. Amireh  
Molly E. Anderson  
Allison Rose Brown  
Lisa Ann Brown  
Rachel Mae Daellenbach  
Margaret Gaylord  
Jeronda Lyvette Griffin  
Courtney N. Hall  
Rachel Josephine Howlett  
Sara Kelly  
Chelsea Maxon  
Destiney McCall  
Ashley Lynn Merritt  
Erin Kathleen Ottolini  
Natalie Perkins  
Kelsey Judith Quinlan  
Jocelyn Schifano  
Samantha Sisson

Alyssa Rae Smith  
Emily Tomei  
Elizabeth Volpe

**Special Education, M.Ed.**

Alyssa Boyea  
Brittany Colombo  
Joseph M. Condoluci  
Diana Dalaba  
Makenzie DeSain  
Korey Hagen  
Sarah J. Hill  
Jacob Longwell  
Toni Nicole Mickey  
Lauren Elaine Miller  
Christine J. Moore  
Bailee Nelson  
Lisa M. Ross  
Emily Claire Rowilson  
Carrie Serow  
Sara Soule  
Garrett Charles Sullivan  
Chad Szymkowiak  
Eric Walker  
Emily Rose Weber  
Bailey Morgan Winn  
Alysha Zyglocke-Eadie

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**SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**School Psychology, M.S.**

Amber S. Cooper  
Megan Nicole Cuevas  
Julia R. Detota  
Cara Angela Donaloio  
Ashley Hall  
Tiffany Melendez  
Chelsea Lynn Repard  
Brittani M. M. Scott  
Joseph Ronald Stoj

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### **Nursing Education, M.S. - Cohort 28**

Ellen Lapointe, R.N.  
Benjamin Carl Lindsay, R.N.  
Lynn Ann McNamara, R.N.

### **Nursing Education, M.S. - Cohort 29**

Julie Ann Cyr, R.N.  
Paige Marie Heintzleman, R.N.  
Valerie J. Occhipinti Gurnett, R.N.  
Erica Marie Pragle, R.N.

### **Nursing Leadership and Administration, M.S. - Cohort 29**

Monica Ann Perry-Fitch, R.N.

### **Nursing Leadership and Administration, M.S. - Cohort 30**

Brooke E. Ennis, R.N.  
Danielle C. Fournier, R.N.  
Danita Michele Mann, R.N.  
Megan Renee Van Dorp, R.N.  
Rachel Lynne Wakefield, R.N.

### **Nursing Leadership and Administration, M.S. - Cohort 31**

Juliane Helen Barbato, R.N.  
Katherine Daluz Castro, R.N.  
Mary Kathleen Corey, R.N.  
Jerri Ann Marie Hanel, R.N.  
Knaye M. Holmes, R.N.  
Cenitra Johnson, R.N.  
Kelly Loos, R.N.  
Aisha Mills, R.N.  
Danielle Lee Rowe, R.N.

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## ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY BRIDGE TO EARNING, LEARNING, AND LIVING

Lauren DelGudico  
Caleb Dingus  
Kelsey Evers

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## ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY BACHELOR'S DEGREES

### GENERAL EDUCATION

#### **Cross-Disciplinary Studies, B.S.**

Christopher Adams Jr.  
Madison Balchikonis  
Maria Quatro Bosma  
Emily Bridge  
Michaela Garbato  
Eric James Lewis

Aaryn Massy  
Adrian Yaroslav Mazur  
Morgan Mikaela McCaffrey  
Joanna Shamenda  
Demani Smith  
Christina Ashley Walker



## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

#### **Adolescence Education – Social Studies, B.S.**

Janelle Baker\*

#### **Art Studio, B.S.**

Rebecca Ann Lunden

Charlotte Orgill

Michael Sanders

Jonah Strong

#### **Biblical Studies, B.A.**

Carson R. DiFranco

#### **Digital Media Art, B.S.**

Trinity Rose Allen

Benjamin Michael Johnson

#### **English, B.A.**

Gina E. Falzo

Mono Taccone

#### **History, B.A.**

Richard Wottawa

#### **Philosophy – Religion, B.A.**

Jacob Strong

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

#### **Music, B.A.**

Ethan A. Kane

Sandra Brynn Masters

#### **Music Education K-12, B.S.**

Austin G. Dick

Adoria Figgins

Maria C. Foti

Ruth E. Haldeman Metzler

#### **Music Performance - Instrument, B.S**

Peter Trim

Tong Wu

#### **Music Performance - Piano, B.S**

Susan Elise Dantoni

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

#### **Accounting, B.S.**

Lucas Marshall

Dylan Ruiz

#### **Business Administration, B.S.**

Oliver Ardle

Timothy Bovee

Iree Marie Downey

Daniel Doviak

Matthew Forrest

Grace Arlene Ying Heitzman

Ryan Karker

Ben Luther King Lekeuneu Ngue

Alexander Perez Vega

Joshua Romach

Kaylani Christiana Shaw

Benjamin Smith

Xavier T. Smith

#### **Business Management, B.S.**

Biljana Borozan

Justin Collins

Susan June D'Ambrosio

Rebekah L. Diegelman

Eleni Kiriakidis

Alexander Levi

Janet Mars

Karen McCabe

Gerlander Lynette McCauley

Miles McGregor

Melissa Nicole Morales

Daniel F. Mueller

Sandra P. Russo-Seadeek

Christina Stewart

Lillian Trezise

Brett VanBoden

Marla E. Wall

Ethan J. Young

**Health Administration, B.S.**

Amal Nur Abdi  
 Laura Janine Buckley  
 Alexandra Maria Case  
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Chan  
 Sarah Marie Chiarella  
 Shea M. Coleman  
 Ty-Keeya Evans  
 Elizabeth Ann Freeman  
 Renee M. Hawkes  
 Anastacia L. Hepburn  
 LaTricia Johnson  
 MyHan Le  
 Abby Lopuchowycz  
 Chanel Aaliyah Porcha  
 Chauncey Pringle

**Management & Social Entrepreneurship, B.S.**

Evani Eckert  
 Sydney Hazel Miller

**Marketing, B.S.**

Georgia Haverlock  
 Paige Elizabeth Mahnke

**Sports Management & Marketing, B.S.**

Joshua Paulino DaSilva  
 Pau Guillem Marzal

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK****DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK****Social Work, B.S.**

Haley Ader  
 Doris T. Chavis  
 Karlee Cousins  
 Katelin Marie Daniel  
 Kimberly Dey  
 Natalie Domina  
 Ashley M. Dooher  
 Shawntye M. Jefferson  
 Mikaela Kaschner

Angel Luis Muniz  
 Rebecca Oldham  
 Ciara M. Ortiz  
 Juliana Rose Perrucci  
 Enrique Ruiz, Jr.  
 Rebecca Sager  
 Jenna Snyder  
 Konstantina Joy Tsoukalas

**DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION****Childhood and Special Education, B.S.**

Jonathon W. Deats  
 Nicole Lynn Kagan  
 Alyssa Grace Liberto  
 Chelsea Lynne Rooker

**English to Speakers of Other Languages, B.S.**

Lauren Alyssa Crooker  
 Ulianna Mazur  
 Grace H. Monteleone  
 Gabrielle Josephine Zweigle

**Pathway to Teaching, B.S. - Cohort 23**

Amanda R. Borrelli  
 Kelsey Bowen  
 Jenna Elizabeth Capuano  
 Andre Sherod Johnson  
 Deja Janae' Johnson  
 Monica Rene Lane  
 Kaitlin Leo  
 Katie Morgan  
 Adriana Maria Mulero Claudio  
 Taylor J. Piccone  
 Gabrielle Poupore  
 Julie A. Slepinski  
 Brittany L. Williams

**Pathway to Teaching, B.S. - Cohort 24**

Kevin Burns  
Erin Hart  
Shay Jumper  
Allison E. Kukupka  
Rachel Christine Potts  
Kristen Welch

**Physical Education, B.S.**

Arianna Carey  
Christopher Hammond  
Andrew Putnam\*

**Pathway to Teaching, B.S. - Cohort 25**

Ryan Abasciano  
Krysta Lee Austin  
Emily Elizabeth Gibbons  
Allison Howard  
Janice Synova Johnson  
Amy B. Mitchell  
Toni Marie Pike  
Mackenzie Marie Ray  
Damian Young

**SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES****DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL  
AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES****Biochemistry, B.S.**

Caitlin Harding  
Casey Logan Webb

**Biology, B.A.**

McKenzi Lewis  
Sarah Marie Reimer  
Grace Willert

**Biology, B.S.**

KayLeen Conklin  
Autumn Marie Dillow  
Olivia Anne Grande  
Gabrielle Elis Morales  
Sarah R. Wilcox

**Biomedical Sciences, B.S.**

Evelyn LoTempio  
Ciara Joy Roland\*  
Hunter Richard Salisbury

**Biomedical Sciences  
and Psychology, B.S.**

Lonnie Pollocks III

**Biomedical Sciences and Spanish, B.S.**

Madison Leslie Harris

**Chemistry, B.S.**

Christopher Mazza  
Gabriel D. Rivers

**Exercise Science, B.S.**

MacKenna Carson  
Desiree Douglas  
Sajad Mustafa  
Dominic Pasquantonio  
Jacob Wilsen

**Forensic Science, B.S.**

Christoffer R. Snel  
Jiehao Xu

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE,  
MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS**

**Computer Science, B.S.**

Aboubakr Gbane  
Sean Geer  
Jared Gibbons  
Vincent Liberto  
Matthew Wurl

**Mathematics, B.S.**

William H. Stowell V

**Mathematics and Music, B.S.**

Matthew Andrew Cole

**Physics, B.S.**

Dylan Kevin Geer  
Fopefoluwa Okuyiga  
Lee Emerson Sortore  
Elijah Velazquez

**Physics and Mathematics, B.S.**

Silvia Peiró Soriano

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**Criminal Justice, B.S.**

Rhiannon Maire Burto  
Amari Diane Grady  
Monasia Aaliya Griffin  
Nakisha A. Mahone  
Gracie M. Meldrim  
Lydia VanLeeuwen  
Marissa L. Whitney  
Jonathan M. Woolston

**Criminal Justice and Spanish, B.S.**

Morgan Lillian Harris

**Homeland Security &  
Applied Intelligence, B.S.**

Jeremy Michael Audin  
Carly Eliza Behr  
Samuel Carducci  
Kyle Richard Douglas

Jacob Christopher Giocondo  
Alexis Haley Grant  
Kiara Yvette Harris  
Jason Nau  
Morgan Marie Razzano  
Madelyn Amelia Recchie  
Michael K. Tebyrtse  
Emily Tudor

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**Psychology, B.A.**

Erin Davis  
Renee Elizabeth Hickey  
Nicholas Johnson  
Sydney Painting  
Grant Perkins  
Raven Phelps  
Elizabeth Lynne Potash  
Riley James Schmeer  
Jade Elizabeth Staton  
Alanha Nicolette Taylor

**Psychology and Criminal Justice, B.A.**

Jennifer L. Zambuto

**Psychology, B.S.**

Aseelah Muhdar Abdulrahman  
Heidi Elizabeth Bertram  
Sarah Kathleen Carlton  
Amanda Jordan  
Emily Jean Purcell  
Jack R. Saia, Jr.

**Psychology and Chemistry, B.S.**

Khue Thi Mai Nguyen

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### **Nursing, B.S.**

Abigail Zita Adams  
Sarah Ahmed  
Victoria Judith Bisciotti  
Melissa Bukhari, R.N.  
Mackenzie Chandler  
Ciersyn Wysh Clardie  
Shandrell Dawson, R.N.  
Joy Dickerson  
Larisa Duganhodzic, R.N.  
Erin Marguerite Faso  
Frank Fullone  
Leah R. Grabowski  
Kyecia Cherrelle Green, R.N.  
Kari Holbrook, R.N.  
Tanya May Jennings, R.N.  
LaToya M. Johnson, R.N.  
Quinn Keller  
Hannah Grace Lum  
Leah Rose Matthews  
Elizabeth May Amina McGarvey\*  
Madeline Marie Meaker  
Melanie D. Mitchell, R.N.  
Jasmine Newton  
Chloe Grace Nichols  
Gabriel Nowak  
Bailey Oldham  
Carrie Ribbing

Gabrielle Faith Rowley  
Emma Jane Sedia  
Macie Silver  
Daniel Devon Skerritt  
Sara Grace Tomei  
Caitlin Ann Tucker  
Sarah Ann Valincourt  
Sareena Vassell  
Christine J. Vicens, R.N.  
Jacinta Vondell, R.N.  
LeeAnn Marie Krueger Weeden

### **Nursing, B.S. - Cohort 144**

Connie Marie Eddy, R.N.  
Pamela Jeannette Nollie, R.N.

### **Nursing, B.S. - Cohort 146**

Shalonda McClain, R.N.  
Althea Mt. Pleasant, R.N.  
Nicole Zavaski, R.N.

### **Nursing, B.S. - Cohort 147**

Janmarie A. Hauer, R.N.  
Toni G. Martin, R.N.  
Frederick Mbuyee, R.N.  
Julie Anne McCallops, R.N.  
Takisha Robinson-Cleveland, R.N.

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## ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### **Arts and Culture, A.S.**

Sabrina Salah Ashkar  
Tarra Alexandra Breedy  
Brittany Bumbarger  
Domenick L. Cecconi  
Alisha A. Chatman  
Alyssa Colon  
Mirjana Cooper  
Towanna Y. Engram

Vidalina Figueroa  
Alicia Louise Hull  
Christopher Daniel Kasperkoski  
Gina Pereira  
Joyce Prescott  
Diane D. Torcello  
Lisa A. Wansea

*\*Members of the Class of 2023 Council*

*Note: Listing of student's name does not guarantee degree completion*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### **President's Citation for Academic Achievement**

Matthew Andrew Cole

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Samuel Mark Carducci  
Arianna Carey  
Sarah Kathleen Carlton  
Susan Elise Dantoni  
Carson R. DiFranco  
Autumn Marie Dillow  
Jared Gibbons  
Caitlin Harding  
Georgia Haverlock  
Alyssa Grace Liberto  
Sandra Brynn Masters  
Sydney Hazel Miller  
Jason Nau  
Emily Jean Purcell  
Sarah Marie Reimer  
Jack R. Saia, Jr.  
Michael Sanders  
Jonathan M. Woolston  
Jennifer L. Zambuto

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Trinity Rose Allen  
Jeremy Michael Audin  
Carly Eliza Behr  
Rhiannon Maire Burto  
KayLeen Conklin  
Lauren Alyssa Crooker  
Maria C. Foti  
Olivia Anne Grande  
Pau Guillem Marzal  
Ruth E. Haldeman Metzler  
Morgan Lillian Harris  
Renee Elizabeth Hickey  
Nicole Lynn Kagan  
Rebecca Ann Lunden  
Christopher Mazza  
Elizabeth May Amina McGarvey  
Charlotte Orgill  
Silvia Peiro Soriano  
Elizabeth Lynne Potash  
Andrew Putnam  
Hunter Richard Salisbury  
Riley James Schmeer  
Christoffer R. Snel  
Lee Emerson Sortore  
Jade Elizabeth Staton

Jacob Strong  
Alanha Nicolette Taylor  
Michael K. Tebyrtse  
Sara Grace Tomei  
Emily Tudor  
Tong Wu  
Gabrielle Josephine Zweigle

### **Cum Laude**

Abigail Zita Adams  
Janelle Baker  
Heidi Elizabeth Bertram  
Victoria Judith Bisciotti  
Emily Bridge  
Joshua Paulino DaSilva  
Erin Davis  
Austin G. Dick  
Kyle Richard Douglas  
Erin Marguerite Faso  
Michaela Garbato  
Leah R. Grabowski  
Amari Diane Grady  
Alexis Haley Grant  
Monasia Aaliya Griffin  
Madison Leslie Harris  
Kiara Y. Harris  
Benjamin Michael Johnson  
McKenzi Lewis  
Vincent Liberto  
Evelyn LoTempio  
Madeline Marie Meaker  
Grace H. Monteleone  
Gabrielle Elis Morales  
Khue Thi Mai Nguyen  
Dominic Pasquantonio  
Morgan Marie Razzano  
Madelyn Amelia Recchie  
Ciara Joy Roland  
Joshua Romach  
Chelsea Lynne Rooker  
Dylan Ruiz  
Xavier T. Smith  
Jonah Strong  
Konstantina Joy Tsoukalas  
Caitlin Ann Tucker  
Sareena Vassell  
Elijah Velazquez  
Casey Logan Webb  
LeeAnn Marie Krueger Weeden  
Marissa L. Whitney

**Honorable Mention**

Iree Marie Downey  
Jacob Christopher Giocondo  
Morgan Mikaela McCaffrey

**Alpha Kappa Sigma****Honor Society**

Sarah Kathleen Carlton  
Matthew Andrew Cole  
KayLeen Conklin  
Susan Elise Dantoni  
Carson R. DiFranco  
Autumn Marie Dillow  
Jared Gibbons  
Olivia Anne Grande  
Caitlin Harding  
Georgia Haverlock  
Alyssa Liberto  
Sandra Brynn Masters  
Elizabeth May Amina McGarvey  
Gabrielle Elis Morales  
Charlotte Orgill  
Dominic Pasquantonio  
Silvia Peiro Soriano  
Elizabeth Lynne Potash  
Emily Jean Purcell  
Ciara Joy Roland  
Jack R. Saia, Jr.  
Michael Sanders  
Christoffer R. Snel  
Lee Emerson Sortore  
Sara Grace Tomei  
Jonathan M. Woolston  
Jennifer L. Zambuto

**Alpha Sigma Lambda****Honor Society**

Ryan Abasciano  
Biljana Borozan  
Alexandra Maria Case  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Chan  
Sarah Marie Chiarella  
Justin Collins  
Susan June D'Ambrosio  
Rebekah Diegelman  
Renee M. Hawkes  
Eleni Kiriakidis  
Alexander Levi  
Abby Lopuchowycz

Sandra P. Russo-Seadeek  
Lillian Trezise  
Brett VanBoden  
Maria E. Wall  
Ethan J. Young

**Kappa Delta Pi****Honor Society**

Melissa Aust  
Janelle Baker  
Amanda R. Borrelli  
Lara Giallombardo  
Erin Hart  
Allison Kukuvka  
Monica Rene Lane  
Amy Mitchell  
Grace H. Monteleone  
Jennifer Oremus  
Rachel Christine Potts  
Chelsea Rooker  
Clarissa Steier  
Damian Young

**Phi Alpha Honor Society**

Karlee Cousins  
Kimberly Dey

**Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society**

Matthew Cole  
Dylan Geer  
Silvia Perio Soriano  
Lee Emerson Sortore  
Elijah Velazquez

**Sigma Theta Tau****International Honor Society**

Juliane Helen Barbato, R.N.  
Victoria Judith Bisciotti  
Erin Marguerite Faso  
Leah R. Grabowski  
Elizabeth May Amina McGarvey  
Madeline Marie Meaker  
Althea Mt. Pleasant, R.N.  
Sara Grace Tomei  
Caitlin Ann Tucker  
LeeAnn Marie Krueger Weeden  
Nicole Zavaski, R.N.

### **Global Honors Program Graduates**

The Global Honors Program, a two-year program for freshman and sophomores, consists of five core general education courses that focus on Global Studies and culminates in a three-week on-location course in Brazil. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 during their time in the program. Participants who have successfully completed the program receive an honors diploma and are identified by a white stole.

Jeremy Michael Audin  
Matthew Andrew Cole  
KayLeen Conklin  
Autumn Marie Dillow  
Olivia Anne Grande  
Caitlin Harding  
Alyssa Grace Liberto  
Madeline Marie Meaker  
Khue Thi Mai Nguyen  
Elizabeth Lynne Potash  
Emily Jean Purcell

Andrew Putnam  
Sarah Marie Reimer  
Ciara Joy Roland  
Jack R. Saia, Jr.  
Hunter Richard Salisbury  
William H. Stowell V  
Konstantina Joy Tsoukalas  
Caitlin Ann Tucker  
Grace Willert  
Jacob Wilsen  
Kaycee Yvonne Viator

### **Academic Research & Leadership Honors Program Graduates**

The Academic Research and Leadership Honors Program, a two-year program for juniors and seniors, consists of three core general education courses that focus on leadership. Additionally, students work with faculty and community mentors and the program culminates in an independent research project. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 during their time in the program. Participants who have successfully completed the program receive an honors diploma and are identified by a white stole.

Sarah Kathleen Carlton  
Autumn Marie Dillow  
Olivia Anne Grande  
Caitlin Harding  
Madeline Marie Meaker

Gabrielle Elis Morales  
Khue Thi Mai Nguyen  
Sarah Marie Reimer  
Ciara Joy Roland  
Silvia Peiró Soriano

### **International Graduates**

The flags on the rear of the platform represent the countries from which our international graduates come. This is an honor to welcome students from around the world to Roberts Wesleyan University.

Australia                  Spain  
Canada                      United Kingdom  
China                         Vietnam  
Panama  
South Africa



### **Highest Honors – Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs**

Ryan Abasciano	LaToya M. Johnson
Amanda R. Borrelli	Eleni Kiriakidis
Melissa Bukhari	MyHan Le
Alexandra Maria Case	Alexander Levi
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Chan	Althea Mt. Pleasant
Susan June D'Ambrosio	Gabrielle Poupore
Rebekah L. Diegelman	Mackenzie Marie Ray
Connie Marie Eddy	Sandra P. Russo-Seadeek
Kyecia Cherrelle Green	Lillian Trezise
Erin Hart	Jacinta Vondell
Kari Holbrook	Ethan J. Young
Tanya May Jennings	Nicole Zavaski

### **High Honors – Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs**

Biljana Borozan	Julie Anne McCallops
Kelsey Bowen	Shalonda McClain
Karlee Cousins	Taylor J. Piccone
Shandrell Dawson	Rachel Christine Potts
Kimberly Dey	Rebecca Sager
Larisa Duganhodzic	Julie A. Slepinski
Renee M. Hawkes	Brett VanBoden
Allison Howard	Christine J. Vicens
Monica Rene Lane	Marla E. Wall
Kaitlin Leo	

### **Rochester Area Colleges' Outstanding Adult Student Award**

Amane S. Amireh  
Monica Rene Lane  
Maryanne Cecilia Sanza

### **GRADUATION HONORS**

President's Citation - Upon recommendation of Awards and Honors Committee, the senior(s) with the highest academic average throughout four years at Roberts Wesleyan University.

#### **Bachelor's Traditional Programs:**

Summa Cum Laude -	Grade point average – 3.9000 to 4.0000
Magna Cum Laude -	Grade point average – 3.7000 to 3.8999
Cum Laude -	Grade point average – 3.5000 to 3.6999
Honorable Mention -	Traditional undergraduate students who have met scholarship but have not met residency requirements.

#### **Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs:**

Highest Honors -	Grade point average – 3.9500 to 4.0000
High Honors -	Grade point average – 3.8500 to 3.9499

*Honors computed March 2023*

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

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The caps and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm. Today, their function is ceremonial.

The gowns for the bachelor's degree, earned after undergraduate study, have a long, pleated front and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

Gowns for the master's degree, earned by post-graduate work, are similar to the gowns for the bachelor's degree, but the very long sleeve is square and closed at the end.

Gowns for the doctor's degree are distinguished by velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves and broad velvet panels down the front and around the neck. This velvet trimming may either be black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Caps may be of serge, broadcloth, or (for the doctor's outfit only) velvet. The tassel of the doctor's cap is usually of gold bullion.

It is the hood that gives the color and real meaning of the academic costume. A black shell, of varying sizes for the three degrees and of material to match the gown, is silk lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of the proper width to indicate the degree. The color of the velvet signifies the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

Arts & Humanities.....	White	Medicine.....	Green
Business.....	Olive Drab	Music.....	Pink
Communication.....	Crimson	Nursing.....	Apricot
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Engineering.....	Orange	Psychology.....	Antique Gold
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Science.....	Yellow
Laws.....	Purple	Social Work.....	Citron
Library Science.....	Lemon	Theology.....	Scarlet

Graduates from the Honors Program wear white stoles. Graduates receiving the academic honors Honorable Mention, Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude are given honor cords identifying the particular honor as follows:

Honorable Mention.....	one white cord
Cum Laude (with Distinction).....	one red cord
Magna Cum Laude (with Great Distinction).....	one gold cord
Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Distinction).....	one red/gold cord

Undergraduates in the Nursing R.N. to B.S. Program, the Pathway to Teaching Program, the Organizational Management Program, and the B.S. in Health Administration Program receiving academic honors are identified as follows:

High Honors.....	one red cord
Highest Honors.....	one gold cord

## **ALMA MATER**

### **Verse 1**

For over a full century all glorious and grand,  
Our Alma Mater now has stood - an honor to our land;  
Amidst her fields of waving grain, her fruit trees loaded down,  
She stands a noble monument of glory and renown.

### **Refrain**

Then to Roberts Wesleyan College, we render our best praise,  
To our fair school of learning, our glad voices we now raise;  
In this land of light and knowledge with which we all are blest,  
'Midst so many Alma Maters, our dear Roberts is the best!

### **Verse 2**

And so for Roberts firm and strong, with loyalty we stand,  
A host of zealous students, from all parts of our fair land;  
With energy and deeds of right and every skill we know,  
We'll work for her; we'll pray for her, that she may always grow.

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### **Supporting the Students of Roberts Wesleyan University**

Roberts Wesleyan University is grateful for the generous contributions made by friends, parents, and alumni, as well as local and national foundations and corporations. Gifts and grants to the University support student scholarships. Every gift, no matter the size, is vital to enhancing Roberts' commitment to excellence in scholarship, spiritual formation, and service. For information on making a gift, please contact the Advancement Office at 585.594.6500, or visit our University website at [www.roberts.edu](http://www.roberts.edu) and click on Giving. Thank you!

## **Clinical School Psychology, Psy.D. Dissertation Titles**

### **Ashley Michelle Cooper**

*OCD Loves Company: A Case Study Analysis of Acceptance and Accommodation Training for People Who Love People with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder*

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*Evaluating the Quantitative Impact of Integrated Co-Teaching on Junior High Student Growth with Consideration of Teacher Perspectives*

### **Sofia Falco**

*An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of the Lived Experiences of Seeking Equity Educational Diversity (SEED) Leaders*

### **Cortney Hoerner**

*Relationship Between Perceived Teacher Burnout and District Provided Supports*

### **Jordan M. Hoppes**

*An Alternative View of Gender Differences in Revenge*

### **Tiarra Mitchell**

*Examining the Effectiveness of an Undergraduate Peer Mentorship Program for Racially and Ethnically Diverse Students*

### **Zeina Naoum**

*Antiracist Curriculum Training and Peer Coaching: An Investigation of Teacher Leaders of Color*

### **Julia Palozzi**

*Psychosocial Factors of Recovery in Child Survivors of Trafficking in Persons*

### **Megan E. Scroger**

*Online Sexual Exploitation of Children Survivors' Functioning After Reintegration in the Philippines*

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*Experiences of Posttraumatic Growth During Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories: An Existential Phenomenological Study*

### **Ariana Zimmer**

*The Impact of ACT Group Therapy on Quality of Life and Life Satisfaction for LGBTQ+ Adults in a Rural Clinic Setting: A Pilot Study of ACT for Identity Exploration*

## **THE MACE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION**

The University Mace and Presidential Medallion were created by Willard (Bud) Peterson, Roberts Wesleyan University Associate Professor of Art from 1983 to 1997.

The University Mace represents the investment of authority of Roberts Wesleyan University. The head of the Mace represents the cross of Jesus Christ and is made of sterling silver connected by pieces of cherry wood taken from trees on the campus. Set in the cross is an open book, representing the truth of the Holy Scriptures and the foundation of knowledge.

Within the open book is a single, large white stone representing the Lord Jesus Christ, surrounded by twelve red stones that represent the twelve disciples as Christians redeemed by His blood. These stones are set in gold denoting the work of God in the lives of His servants. The setting is made in the pattern of a cathedral rose window representing the Church and its history.

The whole head of the Mace is defined by a circular surrounding plate of silver which represents the world in which Roberts Wesleyan University is placed. This is mounted on a cherry wood handle, the top of which suggests the form of a dove (the Holy Spirit) with the University seal inlaid in silver at the front.

The Presidential Medallion is an interpretation of the official University Seal. The sterling silver medallion is worn by the University President at academic ceremonies including Convocation and Commencement.

## **THE PULPIT**

The antique pulpit is a donation from the Albion Free Methodist Church, the first in the Free Methodist denomination. Dedicated as part of the church building on May 18, 1860, the pulpit has been in use since the earliest days of our founder, the Rev. B.T. Roberts, and his colleagues in Free Methodist ministry. The pulpit has been used for the Inauguration of President Deana L. Porterfield and for each Commencement as a symbol of our rich heritage and commitment to the ideals of B.T. Roberts.

## **THE ARCH**

The original Arch was a gift of the Chesbrough Seminary Class of 1926. It stood south of Roberts Memorial Hall, near Buffalo Road, over the sidewalk that led into campus. The Arch was taken down in 1965 when the new sanctuary of Pearce Memorial Church was constructed. In 1974, portions of the original were used to rebuild the Arch, which was placed near the southwest corner of Roberts Hall. It stood over the sidewalk that led from campus to the entry of Pearce Church. Again it was taken down in 2001, when the church classrooms were added and the driveway was redesigned. Today the University Arch stands between Miner Hall and the B. Thomas Golisano Library, and contains masonry work from the previous arches, with a new base to match the stone work of the Library. The replica used for the Commencement ceremony was created in 2016 by Roberts Wesleyan University Staff member Jim Price (CLC Technical Director, 1996-2017) for the 150th Historical Display. It is used during Freshman Orientation to symbolize the students' entrance to our community, and again at Commencement as our graduates go forth to impact our world.

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