



Mount Vernon Nazarene University

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MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY MISSION

Mount Vernon Nazarene University exists to shape lives through educating the whole person and cultivating Christ-likeness for lifelong learning and service.

UNIVERSITY MISSION CONTEXT

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, established by the Church of the Nazarene, opened its doors in 1968 and serves the denomination's East Central Region. The University offers liberal arts, professional, and graduate programs at its main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, downtown Mount Vernon, and online.

MVNU's educational philosophy and purpose are shaped by its Wesleyan-Holiness theological roots, informed by the Bible, focused on Christ-likeness in every aspect of life, and defined by an emphasis on loving God with all of one's heart, mind, soul, and strength, as well as one's neighbor as one's self. Students are nurtured and empowered through caring relationships with faculty, staff, and administrators; challenged to be devoted disciples of Christ; drawn toward discovery of wisdom and truth in every discipline of study; prepared for leadership in various professions; equipped to be lifelong learners; and sent into the world to live out their faith by offering their hearts and lives in service to God and others.

The University is characterized by an engaging environment where diversity is celebrated and differences in ethnicity, denomination, gender, economic level, and stage of spiritual development are embraced. A spirit of worship unifies the academic, social, and spiritual life of the student body; and the community is shaped through shared commitments, values, and experiences that provide the context for transformation in Christ, individually and collectively. Excellence in vocational pursuits and in character development are viewed as an expression of faithful stewardship, and a lifestyle of compassion is demonstrated as the most effective witness to others of God's love. As students become graduates, the character of Mount Vernon Nazarene University continues to identify them as devoted disciples, servant leaders, learning professionals, and loyal alumni.

UNIVERSITY MOTTO

To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve

UNIVERSITY VISION

To Change the World with the Love of Christ

Ked A. Frank, M.A. President/Founder Safe Places for Women



Ked and Michelle have been married for 26 years and have three children. Ked has a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University and a religion degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Ked has been involved in anti-trafficking work for the past 18 years. He has started two different organizations and has opened a total of 12 homes across seven states. Currently, Ked serves as the President of Safe Places for Women and is excited about the new work in Colorado in partnership with the Avodah Collective and the Her Campaign.

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. R. R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium President Carson Castleman, Ph.D., Presiding

Delaney Brinkman; Emma More; Brianna Rider

Judy L. Gregg, Ph.D.; John T. Noonan, Ph.D.

Nathaniel Anthony Jamel Coker; Erin King

Colleen S. Bryan, Ph.D.; James D. Dalton, Ed.D.; John J. Donnelly M.F.A.;

Prelude

Rebecca L. Abbott, D.W.S. Organist

Brass Choir John E. Packard, D.A. *Professor of Music, Director*

Brass Choir

*PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary, John Stanley *Trumpet Voluntary*, Jeremiah Clarke

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Flag Bearers: Academic Marshals:

University Marshals:

*WELCOME

*INVOCATION

*UNIVERSITY HYMN

Be Thou My Vision, Traditional Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, thine own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, Bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Carson Castleman, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

> Rev. David Mills, M.Div. Vice President for Spiritual Life and Church Relations

> > Robert D. Tocheff, Ph.D. *Professor Emeritus of Music*

***UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE** II Corinthians 5:14-21 NRSV

Awarding of Honorary Degrees Edward T. Cook Jurisdictional Bishop

Mark R. Ramser President, Ohio Cumberland Gas

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

‡CONFERRING OF DEGREES

THE CLASS OF 2025 Associate of Applied Science Associate of Arts Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Social Work

ALUMNI RELATIONS WELCOME

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

PRESIDENTIAL OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Alma Mater

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

Fanfare from Orfeo, Claudio Monteverdi Trumpet Tune and Air, Henry Purcell

RINGING OF THE SHAW BELL

*Audience stands

#Graduate Presenter: Joseph D. Rinehart, M.A., Assistant Professor of Communication, Director of Broadcasting

JADON A. BIRD Senior Class Ministries Director Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry – Spring 2025

Carson Castleman, Ph.D.

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Ked A. Frank, M.A. President/Founder Safe Places for Women

Colleen R. Derr, Ed.D. Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Carson Castleman, Ph.D.

Cynthia Huff Sizemore, Ph.D. Director of Alumni Relations

Colleen R. Derr, Ed.D.

Rev. David Mills, M.Div.

Carson Castleman, Ph.D.

Robert D. Tocheff, Ph.D.

ERIC W. STETLER, DBA Vice President for Academic Affairs

Brass Choir

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ~ Spring 2025

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Emma Grace Keyse **Business Administration** Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

DYLAN THOMAS BARBER General Studies Cum Laude

Bryson Scott McVay General Studies

Bridgette Olivia Miller General Studies ◊

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ZACHARY RAINEY ADAIR **Business Administration**

BROOKE ASHLEY ANDERSON Psychology

Cora Quinn Andrews Graphic Design Summa Cum Laude**

MICAH JAMES ANGEL **Business** Administration

ASHLEY LOUISE BEACHY RITTERBECK Psychology

JUDITH REINE BENNETT Music Education Cum Laude †

JADON ANDREW BIRD Christian Ministry

Sommer Madeline Branham Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

Edward Jocko Burcham Emergency Management and Homeland Security

BRIANNA LEE BURKE Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Magna Cum Laude

Ella Brooke Buzzard English Magna Cum Laude

KAIDEN REECE CARPENTER **Business Administration**

MARHIN ELIZABETH CHISMAR Graphic Design Summa Cum Laude

HOPE RILEY CLARK History & Business Administration Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Elizabeth Cook Graphic Design & Art Magna Cum Laude**

[†] Honors Scholar

HAILEY ELIZABETH COREY Christian Ministry & Psychology ♦

Addison Nancy Crace Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

MARGARET ROSE CROOP Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Magna Cum Laude

Logan Kurt Davis Music Magna Cum Laude

Caleb David Dettmer Criminal Justice & Emergency Management and Homeland Security Summa Cum Laude

Tyler Scott Dickerson Emergency Management and Homeland Security Cum Laude

NATALIE FAITH DODGION **Business Administration**

Emily Ann Driver Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

BRYCE JOSEPH FARRELL History Magna Cum Laude ◊

JAMES JASON WAYNE GERKEN Psychology

TIMOTHY STEPHEN GRAY Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

VICTORIA NICOLE GRIFFIN Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) ♦

JANE LOUISE GUM Business Administration \Diamond

RAEGAN ELYSE GURNEY Mathematics Summa Cum Laude

MACEY EILEEN HAINES Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

JADEN RYAN HALDEMAN Criminal Justice

RACHEL BAILEY HAMBRICK Physical Education/Health Education Cum Laude

Amber Grace Hancock Integrated Social Studies Education Magna Cum Laude

** Alpha Chi

Addeline Grace Haring Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

Julia Marie Harrison Education and Social Policy Studies ◊

SAMUEL BLAKE HENTHORN Graphic Design

BLAINE HENRY HERGENROTHER History

Philip Hasen Hinerman Emergency Management and Homeland Security Summa Cum Laude

Nadia Elena Hoffman Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Christine Hoover English & Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude

KARSON BENJAMIN HOWELL Physical Education/Health Education

Chelsea Ann Huffman Secondary Education Cum Laude

Ty Alexander Hutson Christian Ministry Cum Laude ◊

CARTER MATTHEW IONES **Business** Administration

CARTER VAUGHN JONES Sports Management & Psychology

Judah Reeves Keith Communication & Media Magna Cum Laude

Emma Grace Keyse Music Cum Laude

JESSICA M. KYER Business Administration ◊

Ryan Joseph LaAsmar **Business Administration**

LILIAN MARIE LEEPER Integrated Social Studies Education Magna Cum Laude

HANNAH GRACE LESKEY Christian Ministry

Melanie Lynn Leskey History Cum Laude

BRADY JAMES LESTER **Business Administration** Cum Laude

★ Military

Zachary Scott Lester Graphic Design

KRISTEN MIKAYLA LEWIS Visual Arts Education *Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Sarah Long Graphic Design Summa Cum Laude

CAMERON MICHAEL LOZANO Criminal Justice Magna Cum Laude

Еміly Paige Ludwig Psychology Summa Cum Laude †

Dakotah Joseph Marshall Sports Management

DANIEL MARTINEZ CONDADO Business Administration

Емма Grace Mason Psychology Summa Cum Laude

Aron Michael Mazza Business Administration

BRYSON SCOTT MCVAY Business Administration

Roston Taylor Douglass Miller Mathematics *Cum Laude*

MORGAN ELEANOR MILLS Communication & Media

JACKSON SCOTT MOORE Communication & Media

BRYCE STEPHEN MORNINGSTAR Business Administration

LIAM ISAAC MOTTER Middle Childhood Education

Josiah Josh Jason Munro Business Administration

MELODY GRACE NEWSOME Graphic Design *Cum Laude*

BRIELLE JADYN OWENS Visual Arts Education Summa Cum Laude

MOLLIE ANNE PENTZ Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Magna Cum Laude

Joel Anderson Pettit Music *Cum Laude*

Alexander James Pittman Christian Ministry *Cum Laude*

Ashley Anne Pittman Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

† Honors Scholar

DREW BROOKS RATCLIFF Middle Childhood Education

BENJAMIN DAVIS REED Integrated Social Studies Education Magna Cum Laude

MIA KATHERINE REID Communication & Media

JOSEPH DOMINIC ROSE Emergency Management and Homeland Security *Cum Laude*

CAITLIN SWEET ROWE Integrated Studies

SARAH BETH SANDERS Business Administration Summa Cum Laude

SYDNEY SANSOM Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5)

Abby Melissa Schmetzer Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) *Magna Cum Laude*

Nathan G. Sharpes Communication & Media ◊

MOLLY ELLEN SHUPERT Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude †

Caiden Thomas Slone Criminal Justice

Dalton James Slone Criminal Justice

GRACIE LYNN SMITH Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Magna Cum Laude

SYDNEY RHEA STANDRIDGE Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5)

REBECCA ANNE STONEMAN Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude †

Brent D. Tharp Christian Ministry

Taylor Danielle Tyler Communication & Media

Anastacia Michele Viau Psychology Summa Cum Laude

RUDDY BOLIVAR VIDAL ITURBIDES Business Administration

NATALIE GRACE WADE Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

EMILY JOY WALKER Physical Education/Health Education Magna Cum Laude MARY GRACE WEISBURN Psychology & Business Administration Summa Cum Laude **

Meghan Renae Wenger Christian Ministry

FAITH OLIVIA WEST Communication & Media *Summa Cum Laude* ★†

Ashleigh Morgan Westervelt Christian Ministry *Cum Laude*

KARLEE LYNN WHITESELL Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude †

Gabriel M. Wolf History

SAMANTHA GRACE WULFF Business Administration *Cum Laude*

Rebekah Michelle Young Graphic Design

CLAYTON JAY ZIMMERLY Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude**

JOANNA MICHELE ZIMMERLY Elementary Education/ Elementary Intervention (P-5) Summa Cum Laude**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

JOHN ANDREW ADAMS Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Sydney Reece Anderson Health Sciences

Morgan Lee Ankenman Management Summa Cum Laude

Gabrielle Johanna Anzalone Biology Summa Cum Laude

BRANDON DAVID BARKMAN Accounting & Finance Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Grace Bash Biology *Magna Cum Laude*

JARIN FRANCIS BERTKE Integrated Mathematics Education *Cum Laude*

Isaac Thomas Bowser Biology Magna Cum Laude

CLAY K. BROWN Biology Summa Cum Laude

Kayley Marie Brunton Marketing Summa Cum Laude

** Alpha Chi

♦ Nease Scholar

Sydney Re Element

Ashley Marie Burgess Biology *Cum Laude*

Merritt Lee Burgholder Accounting & Finance

TRAVIS WILLIAM CALVIN CADLE Engineering Magna Cum Laude

Devon Renee Carpenter Marketing

James Douglas Carpenter Accounting

AUDREY REBECCA COCHRAN Integrated Mathematics Education Summa Cum Laude

Ellyn Marie Coe Marketing *Magna Cum Laude*

COLE PEREZ CUSTODIO Biology Summa Cum Laude

DANIEL JONATHAN DALY Chemistry Summa Cum Laude †**

Mikaja Morita Dart Exercise Science

CARRIE ELIZABETH DAVIS Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Magna Cum Laude

Corey Evan Dick Engineering

Emily Renee Dickson Health Sciences

Maxwell John Martin Donawa Finance *Magna Cum Laude*

Tucker Brett Dougherty Biology *Cum Laude*

Kaden M. Dukette Biology

Avan Demont Dunn Engineering Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Morgan Elliott Management

BROOKE ASHTYN FATZINGER Exercise Science

Alayna Madison Ferrell Marketing *Cum Laude*

Kyler Jace Finnicum Biology Summa Cum Laude

GAVIN MICHAEL FREE Biology

Zachary James Geiser Marketing

[†] Honors Scholar

Milena Havala Gerstein Marketing *Magna Cum Laude*

Jordan D. Gregory Biology *Cum Laude*

LILY RENEE GULLEY Marketing *Cum Laude*

RAEGAN ELYSE GURNEY Engineering Summa Cum Laude

Kole Alexander Hamilton Management ◊

ANDREW KEITH HARDWICK Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Clayton Hare Finance

Olivia Nicole Harris Biology Summa Cum Laude †

Evan James Hodkinson Biology Summa Cum Laude

BROOKE JANINA HOLLOWAY Exercise Science Summa Cum Laude

ZACKARY KARL ALAN HOOP Exercise Science

CHELSEA ANN HUFFMAN Mathematics *Cum Laude*

PHOEBE CHARIS HUPP Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Summa Cum Laude

Aaron Scott Jolly Engineering

Hannah Grace Keiper Biology

TRENTON MICHAEL KONING Finance & Accounting Summa Cum Laude

Preston David Krantz Engineering

Marissa Joy Kunes Chemistry Summa Cum Laude

GINA MEGAN RUPP LAWHON Computer Science *Cum Laude* †

Makayla Reece Long Finance

SARA JANEA MARHEFKA Integrated Mathematics Education & Mathematics Summa Cum Laude † JAYSEN MASATO MATSUMOTO Engineering

CONNOR MICHAEL MCCOY Engineering Magna Cum Laude

Bryant Joseph McKenzie Engineering

Jordan McMahon Accounting

JACKSON RILEY MENTZER Engineering *Cum Laude*

Roston Taylor Douglass Miller Engineering *Cum Laude*

WRYN AISLYNN MILLER Exercise Science *Cum Laude*

Hannah Noel Neal Biology

Abbey Lynn Niemesh Biology Summa Cum Laude

Sydney Parish Integrated Mathematics Education

Емма Grace Phillips Exercise Science

GABRIEL THOMAS PICKERILL Management

Noah Zachariah Pollock Exercise Science ◊

Sausha Joi Rauch Health Sciences

Jeffrey R. S. Redman Engineering

Samuel Ian Reed Computer Science

Ryleigh Nicole Robinson Accounting Magna Cum Laude

Kylie Marie Rohr Marketing Magna Cum Laude

Ethan David Ross Biology

Caio Pedro Carrara Sabbadin Exercise Science Summa Cum Laude

Arely Fernanda Sanchez Enamorado Health Sciences & Exercise Science Magna Cum Laude ◊

Halen Anna Sansom Biology *Cum Laude*

Caleb Benjamin Schall Accounting

** Alpha Chi

♦ Nease Scholar

* Military

Piersen John Schuiling Computer Science *Cum Laude*

TRITON JOHN SCHUSTER Engineering

TAYLOR RUTH SCOWDEN Marketing Summa Cum Laude

EMILY JO SEMLER Health Sciences *Cum Laude*

DIEGO ALEXANDER SHAW Finance Magna Cum Laude

SYDNEY MARIE SHERRIEB Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Magna Cum Laude

ZANE STEVEN SHULTZ Mathematics

JACOB MATTHEW SLOAN Biology

Ashley Rose Smith Accounting & Finance Summa Cum Laude

Hunter James Smith Management

Jesse Russell Smith Accounting Magna Cum Laude

Lysandra Kendall Snouffer Exercise Science *Cum Laude*

Clayton James Stankovich Engineering

CARSON DEAN STEINMETZ Management & Marketing Magna Cum Laude

HANNAH LEIGH SWARTZENTRUBER Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology *Cum Laude*

Mallery Grace Thompson Management Magna Cum Laude Macy A. Thorne Biology Magna Cum Laude

Kaden Andrew Tinner Exercise Science *Cum Laude*

Ellie Marie Tritt Marketing & Finance Summa Cum Laude

Madison Kay Turner Biology Magna Cum Laude

Ezekiel Carl VanArsdalen Biology *Magna Cum Laude*

ROBERT RICHARD VOGELMANN II Health Sciences Magna Cum Laude

WYATT WAGNER Accounting

Marcus Alexander Whaley Biology *Magna Cum Laude*

TIMOTHY EDMUND WILLIAMS Management

MIKAYLA MARIE WILLIAMSON Health Sciences *Cum Laude*

GAGE BRYAN WILSON Health Sciences *Cum Laude*

RACHEL IRENE WILSON Marketing Summa Cum Laude

KIERSTEN ANN WINEY Biology Summa Cum Laude †

Savannah Nicole Zambory Biology

Telma Rebeca Zelaya Valladares Marketing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

BROOKLYN SUMMER BRYANT Nursing *Cum Laude*

RACHEL J BYLER Nursing Magna Cum Laude

Емма Rachelle Dillinger Nursing

BROOKE NICOLE FRAZIER Nursing

TIA MARIE KELLEY Nursing

Olivia Louise Luli Nursing

Lydia Nicole Merioles Nursing

KADENCE MAE POSEY Nursing

Kennady Grace Ruhl Nursing *Cum Laude*

Hayden Michael Salyers Nursing

LILLIAN ROSE STULLER Nursing *Cum Laude*

GRACE MARIE VERMILYA Nursing *Cum Laude*

Leah Marie White Nursing

Cheyanne Journey Williams Nursing

MADDELYN MESCAL WINE Nursing *Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Hannah Louise Goines Social Work *Cum Laude*

FLAG BEARERS:	Delaney Brinkman, Student Government Association Student Body Vice President, 2025-2026 Emma More, Student Government Association Student Body President, 2025-2026 Brianna Rider, Alpha Chi Honor Society Representative, 2024-2025 Nathaniel Anthony Jamel Coker, Student Government Association Director of Community Life, 2025-2026 Erin King, Student Government Association Director of Academic Life, 2025-2026		
UNIVERSITY MARSHALS:			
† Honors Scholar	** Alpha Chi	◊ Nease Scholar	★ Military

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 2:00 p.m. R. R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium President Carson Castleman, Ph.D., Presiding

Prelude

*PROCESSIONAL

Rebecca L. Abbott, D.W.S. Organist

Brass Choir John E. Packard, D.A. *Professor of Music, Director*

Brass Choir

Trumpet Voluntary, John Stanley

Trumpet Voluntary, Jeremiah Clarke

*Academic Procession

Flag Bearers: Academic Marshals:

University Marshals:

*WELCOME

*INVOCATION

*UNIVERSITY HYMN

Be Thou My Vision, Traditional Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, thine own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, Bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Delaney Brinkman; Emma More; Brianna Rider Colleen S. Bryan, Ph.D.; James D. Dalton, Ed.D.; John J. Donnelly M.F.A.; Judy L. Gregg, Ph.D.; John T. Noonan, Ph.D. Nathaniel Anthony Jamel Coker; Erin King

> Carson Castleman, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

> > Rev. David Mills, M.Div. Vice President for Spiritual Life and Church Relations

> > > Robert D. Tocheff, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of Music

^{*}Audience stands

***UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE** II Corinthians 5:14-21 NRSV

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

‡CONFERRING OF DEGREES

THE CLASS OF 2025 Associate of Arts Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration Bachelor of Social Work Master of Arts in Education Master of Business Administration Master of Business Administration/Master of Ministry (Dual Degree) Master of Ministry Master of Science in Management

ALUMNI RELATIONS WELCOME

*Alma Mater

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

Fanfare from Orfeo, Claudio Monteverdi Trumpet Tune and Air, Henry Purcell

RINGING OF THE SHAW BELL

*Audience stands

‡Graduate Presenters: Gina A. Blanchard, Director of the Campus Store, Print Services & Post Office Jose Oommen Kochalummoottil, Ph.D., Professor of Engineering, Engineering Department Chair

Ryan D. Downs Master of Business Administration Spring 2025

CARSON CASTLEMAN, PH.D.

Ked A. Frank, M.A. President/Founder Safe Places for Women

Colleen R. Derr, Ed.D Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Carson Castleman, Ph.D.

Cynthia Huff Sizemore, Ph.D. Director of Alumni Relations

Robert D. Tocheff, Ph.D.

ERIC W. STETLER, DBA Vice President for Academic Affairs

Brass Choir

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ~ SPRING 2025

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Alexander Marcus Amstutz-Wilson General Studies

Амвек М. Carpenter General Studies *Magna Cum Laude*

Kimberly B. Davidson General Studies

KATELYNN DANIELLE EATON General Studies Magna Cum Laude

LINDSEY M. GRIFFITHS General Studies *Cum Laude*

TERRELL B. HOLOMAN General Studies

Amanda Karen Kincaid General Studies

Eric J. Lee General Studies Magna Cum Laude

Емма Grace Lybarger General Studies *Cum Laude*

Еміцу N. McCombs General Studies *Cum Laude*

BAILEY MARIE MORAINE General Studies Magna Cum Laude

Barbara Jean Nicholson General Studies

Maribeth Ann Pozderac General Studies

SHERRY LYNN HOSKINSON-SELFE General Studies Suma Cum Laude

PATRICIA GAIL SELKIRK General Studies

BRITTNEY R SIMONSON General Studies

PAMELA MARIE TITUS General Studies Suma Cum Laude

TAMMY M. TRULOVE General Studies Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mary Catherine Glenn Christian Ministry *Cum Laude*

BROOKELYN NICOLE JOHNSON Christian Ministry *Cum Laude*

Karlee Morgan Knotts Christian Ministry HANNAH YONORA JUNE HOANG Christian Ministry Summa Cum Laude

Thaddaeus Josiah States Christian Ministry

JENNIFER KRISTEN WICKSTRUM Christian Ministry Summa Cum Laude

CHRISTY S. ANTHONY Elementary Education (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

Makayla Marie Chamberlin Elementary Education (P-5) *Magna Cum Laude*

Амвек Lynn Hescht Elementary Education (P-5)

JODI MAE McChesney Elementary Education (P-5) *Suma Cum Laude*

TESSA ROSHELLE MOWRY Elementary Education (P-5) *Magna cum Laude*

SARA ELIZABETH MYERS Elementary Education (P-5) *Cum Laude*

Amanda Ryan Oberlander Elementary Education (P-5) Suma Cum Laude

LAURA BETH PERRY Elementary Education (P-5) *Suma Cum Laude*

PETER PFAFFENBERGER Elementary Education (P-5) Summa Cum Laude

SARAH ELIZABETH POTES Emergency Management and Homeland Security *Cum Laude*

Tish Denlinger Leadership

Аму Nicole Parsell Leadership *Suma Cum Laude*

Jordan D. Snelling Leadership

KAYLA NICOLE SNODGRASS Public Administration *Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

JERICKA JOYCE BARNETT Business Administration

BETHANY JO BAUER Business Administration

REBECCA RUTH BROOKMAN Business Administration *Cum Laude*

★ Military

Corey L. Hitchman Business Administration *Cum Laude*★

KATHRYN J. MCCLUNG Business Administration

Erica J. Mulholland Business Administration

MICHAEL E. PORTER JR Business Administration Magna Cum Laude

STEPHANIE ANN MARIE STACKLIN Business Administration

Thaddaeus Josiah States Business Administration

CRYSTAL LYNN SWANGO Business Administration

KATHERINE GRACE WEAKLEY Business Administration Summa Cum Laude

Angela M. Shank Business Administration *Magna Cum Laude*

Benjamin R. Pook Human Resource Management

WENDY MARIE MARCUM Human Resource Management *Cum Laude*

Catherine Elizabeth Neal Management

Dana Marie Ralston Management *Cum Laude*

Ben T. Rufener Management *Cum Laude*

ZOE CLAIRE CREEK-MCNICHOLS Marketing Magna Cum Laude

Kerry A. Nafzger Marketing

Gracie Elizabeth Savage Marketing

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Jordan E. Beckner Social Work

Chloe Elizabeth Conn Social Work Summa Cum Laude

Samantha Anne Davis Social Work Suma Cum Laude

Melissa Elizabeth Dolin Social Work *Cum Laude*

** Alpha Chi

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Taylor Nicole Dotson Social Work *Cum Laude*

Tracy Jean Franko Social Work *Magna Cum Laude*

BRITTANY R FUNCHES Social Work Suma Cum Laude**

Crystal L. Furman Social Work Suma Cum Laude

Amanda M. Gibson Social Work

Jennifer A. Hatunoglu Social Work

Sarah J. Johnson Social Work

Adonna M. Jones Social Work *Magna Cum Laude*

Joy M. Kirby Social Work Suma Cum Laude

Angela Dawn Leightey Social Work

LORETTA L. MEANS Social Work Suma Cum Laude

KATHRYN ALEXIS MOSCARELL-VALENTINE Social Work

Matthew S. Swigert Social Work

Audree Marie Townsend Social Work Magna Cum Laude

Rевекан E. Withrow Social Work

BROOKE ASHTON WOODRUM Social Work Magna Cum Laude

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

MAKENZIE ELIZABETH ARNOLD Education Theory and Practice

KATIE M. BALL Intervention Specialist

Heidi Bumgarner Foos Intervention Specialist

NADIA WYNETTA GRAY Intervention Specialist

Емма Leigh Hayford Intervention Specialist

Alissa Kay Hinkens Intervention Specialist

RACHEL FRANCES MAE KENNEDY Intervention Specialist

SARAH ELIZABETH KUTSCHER Intervention Specialist ANDREW RAY MAPLE Intervention Specialist

COLIN PATRICK McCort Intervention Specialist

SHELBY NICOLE PASSET Intervention Specialist

KENNETH MORRIS POLAND Intervention Specialist

JANE RAMIREZ Intervention Specialist

McKenzie Elise Simmons Intervention Specialist

Heather L. Stewart Intervention Specialist

Samuel Clark Swanger Intervention Specialist

DEVON ALEXANDER WIPPEL Intervention Specialist

Амвеr Nicole Arnold Professional Educator Licensure

BETHANY B. BOLENDER Professional Educator Licensure

LYNDSAY MARIA FIKE Professional Educator Licensure

DINA RAI HAMMOND Professional Educator Licensure

ASHTYN ROSE PHLIPOT Professional Educator Licensure

NADIA RENAE REED Professional Educator Licensure

KAYLEE MARIA RICHARDS Professional Educator Licensure

MALLORY ELYSE ROGERS Professional Educator Licensure

Alivia Nicole Salyer Professional Educator Licensure

RONALD PATRICK STUMP Professional Educator Licensure

GINGER LOUISE TREPANIER Professional Educator Licensure

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UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE AND HYMN

INTRODUCTION

The Mount Vernon Nazarene University community extends around the globe into classrooms, pulpits, hospitals, places of business, and human service organizations. Wherever the influence of MVNU extends, our vision persists – *To Change the World with the Love of Christ.* This is possible because we draw from the deep wells of Israel and Jesus Christ as expressed in the mission of the Church. When the University gathers to celebrate, mourn, and dream, we do so in the power of the Holy Spirit to offer a doxology of invitation and praise. While MVNU is a young institution, its roots go to the very creation of the world. The Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President's Cabinet intends to call attention to the deep wells of the Christian tradition by designating a University Scripture passage and a University hymn. Both will frame Baccalaureate, Commencement, and other University events. The Scripture passage and hymn offer testimony to the faith which runs from the heart of God to our calling to Holiness Higher Education.

UNIVERSITY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

The Scripture passage of II Corinthians 5:14-21 comes from the ministry of Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God. While Paul clearly addresses the "church of God which is at Corinth", he also addresses the Church of our time. According to Paul, "the love of Christ controls us because we are convinced that one has died for all . . . (v14a). The power of the resurrection makes it possible to live for something bigger than our own agenda. This passage reminds us that the MVNU community is a new creation. We do not wander amid the ashes of civilization; rather we look to the newness of the resurrection. Because of this, MVNU lives toward reconciliation, and just for this reason, we are ambassadors for Christ to a broken world. While sin, death, and evil surround this campus, during dark days and good days Christ calls us to a ministry of reconciliation. In fact, MVNU believes God makes his appeal through us. The appeal of the everlastingly triune God, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is reconciliation borne of righteousness. The promise of the passage is lived out through the vision to change the world through the love of Christ. John Wesley writes, "This is the word of reconciliation which we preach. This is the foundation which never can be moved. By faith we are built upon this foundation; and this faith also is the gift of God" [Wesley's Works, 1:119].

The University Scripture Passage calls attention to the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition of MVNU. The Church of the Nazarene believes with Paul that righteousness comes through Christ in order to enable us to be ambassadors of heart holiness. Therefore, the ever-flowing love of God embraces the struggles with sin and in the power of the Spirit replaces fear and failure with the peace which passes all understanding. As for Paul, so with us, we reach toward a life characterized by reconciling holiness.

UNIVERSITY HYMN

As we gather for various important events on campus, music and singing carry great significance in the life of the community. In those moments we will sing *Be Thou My Vision*. The very vision of a God who became like us so that we might become like him helps to frame our understanding. The Christ who hangs on the cross between earth and heaven utters words of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation. We become ambassadors of this message through Christ. The hymn also affirms, "Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise . . . High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art." This hymn addresses God who is Wisdom, Word, Shield, Sword, Dignity, Shelter, and Tower. The humble babe in a manger suffers death on a cross to rise victoriously. Paul proclaims, "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2: 9-11). The University Hymn reminds our community that our vision of a Christ-formed God expresses the fullness of what we intend to be in faithfulness to our mission. MVNU reaches toward a broken world with the prayer, "Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all."

The Christian tradition is populated by men and women who wrote, served, preached, and sang the vision of God. The thread of holy diligence blesses the church toward the mission of evangelism, worship, and education. What the church believes, teaches, and confesses compels this institution to sing the praises of God. MVNU exists in the vision of a holy God who loves everlastingly. Nothing we will ever do can rise higher than the God who is "heart of [our] own heart."

The words of *Be Thou My Vision* dating to the eighth century if not the fourth century, express a deep faith. The words of the hymn express a deep desire to share the good news of the gospel by Irish missionaries and indeed the entire church. Singing *Be Thou My Vision* causes the lives of this community to be intertwined with the richness of our common and historic faith. When this hymn is sung, it effectively links passionate faith with the mind illuminated by the vision of God.

Memory and Mission define the sentiments of the University Scripture passage and University Hymn. The purpose of both is to frame the good work of MVNU to engage the mind and heart in the grand purpose of education in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition.

Adopted March 4, 2011 Board of Trustees



PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATES

As your time at Mount Vernon Nazarene University ends, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you on this incredible milestone in your life. Graduating from college is a significant achievement, and I want you to know how proud we all are of your hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

But beyond the academic accomplishments, there is something even more remarkable about your journey at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. We trust that through the classroom and extracurricular activities, you have witnessed our commitment to your spiritual growth and desire to see you succeed at every level in your college experience.

In a world that often challenges and questions faith, we encourage you to stand firm in your beliefs. Our prayer is that you have deepened your understanding of God's word, cultivated a personal relationship with Him, and seek to live out your faith in practical ways.

As you step into the next chapter of your life, remember the importance of your faith. Your time at Mount Vernon Nazarene University has equipped you with knowledge, skills, and experiences, but it is your faith that will sustain you through the ups and downs that lie ahead. Embrace the challenges, celebrate the victories, and trust in God's guidance every step of the way.

As you enter the professional world or pursue further education, let your faith shine brightly. Be a light in the darkness, a beacon of hope, and a source of encouragement to those you encounter. Let your actions reflect your faith, and your words be filled with grace and love.

Know that you are not alone on this journey. The Mount Vernon Nazarene University community is here to support you, to pray for you, and to cheer you on from afar. Stay connected with your alma mater, for you will always be a cherished part of the MVNU family.

Congratulations once again, dear graduates. May God's blessings be upon you as you confidently step into the future, knowing that your faith will guide you every step of the way. May you lean into Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human matters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

In His Service,

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Carson Castleman, Ph.D. President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Congratulations on your graduation! What an exciting day for you and your family. Completing an MVNU degree is a testimony of your fortitude, sacrifice, and significance. Well done!

The time has come to begin a fresh new chapter in life as you go forth with your acquired knowledge, passion, and purpose. You may be leaving school, but you will never leave the experiences and memories of MVNU. So go in peace, live with purpose, and engage the world with the love of Christ. And always remember and embrace our motto, To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve.

Further, we want to welcome you to the MVNU Alumni family! We very much want to stay connected with you in the years to come. Through the MVNU Alumni Association, you have the opportunity to connect with other alums, and stay in touch with the exciting events happening at the University. I invite you and encourage you to get involved in our Association at your earliest opportunity by attending local and regional events, sharing your updates with us, and engaging in the life of this very special place. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

God bless you richly, Dr. Cynthia Huff Sizemore Director of Alumni Relations

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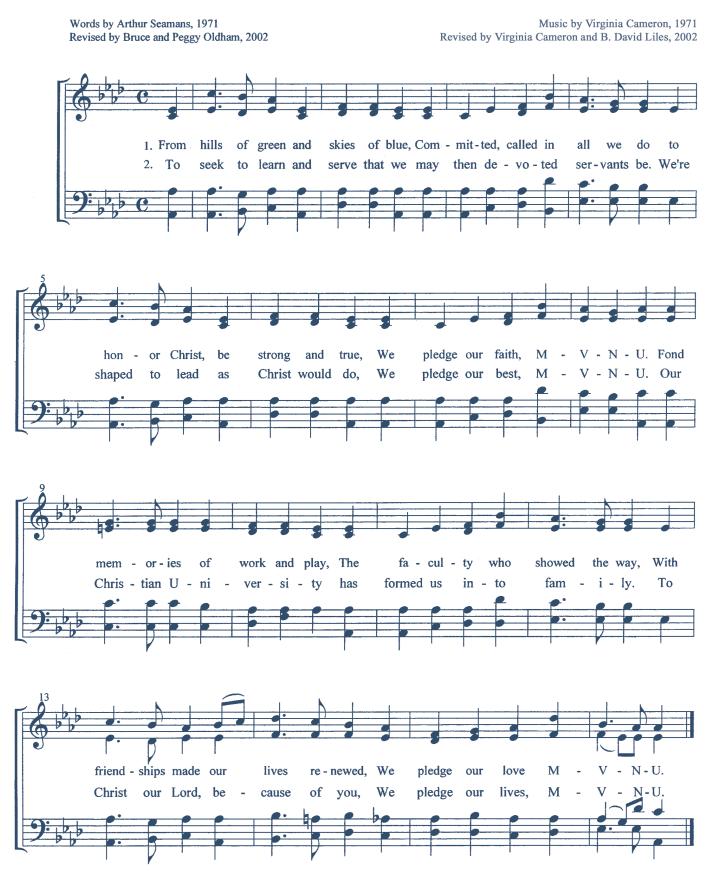
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