



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023



WELCOME

Our graduates today join the host of over 11,000 alumni of Trinity Christian College around the world. As recorded in Trinity's mission statement, "We seek to graduate students who are well-equipped to bring the discipline of rigorous academic work into their chosen vocations and the practice of Christ-like service toward others into their personal and public lives." Wherever they are – in education, government, non-profit work, business, church, or at home – Trinity alumni bring to their communities the gifts they have received from a Christian liberal arts education in the Reformed tradition.

Today's commencement ceremony celebrates graduates from our 2022-2023 traditional undergraduate, adult undergraduate, and Master of Arts programs. Trinity graduated its first four-year class in 1971. The adult undergraduate program produced its first graduates in 2000. The first Master of Arts students graduated in 2013.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11 (NRSV)

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Minkyoo Shin, D.M., organ
Affiliated Faculty, Music

WELCOME

Aaron J. Kuecker, Ph.D.
Interim President

GREETING

Cal Tameling '72
Chair, Board of Trustees

INVOCATION

Karen Shruthi Jegadish '23
SGA President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Dr. Kuecker

COMMENCEMENT BLESSINGS

Robert Boomsma, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology

Leah Fulton, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Success

Sharon Robbert, Ph.D.
Professor of Mathematics & Department Chair

HONORS RECOGNITION AND DIVERSITY SCHOLARS RECOGNITION

Rakisha Vinegar, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

FACULTY EMERITATION

Dr. Sharon Robbert
Professor of Mathematics & Department Chair

Jerome Douglas, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Robert Boomsma
Professor of Biology

PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Lenore Knight Johnson
*Associate Professor of Sociology &
Honors Program Director*

Dr. Douglas

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES

Dr. Douglas

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Kuecker

HOODING AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Kuecker

Phillip Powell, Ed.D.
Associate Dean for Graduate Programs

Dr. Douglas

Dr. Vinegar

FIREWORKS

REMARKS TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Kuecker

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin P. Snoek, Ph.D. cand.
Campus Pastor

POSTLUDE

Trinity's Gospel Choir
Directed by Nicole Saint-Victor '15

CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

HOODING OF MASTER OF ARTS CANDIDATES

Sara Baillie-Gorman
Professor of Education, Director of Education Operations

Kara E. Wolff, Ph.D.
*Professor of Counseling, Director of the Graduate Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling,
Chair of the Counseling & Psychology Department Core Counselor Education Faculty*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Jaynn Tobias, M.A.
Registrar

PRE-CEREMONY GREETING

Crystal (Williams) Allen '11
President of the Trinity Christian College Alumni Board

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

As a service to families of graduates, Tom Killoran Photography will take photographs of all graduates as they receive their diplomas; therefore, parents and family members are requested to remain seated throughout the ceremony.

Photos will be available at www.killoranphotography.smugmug.com. Please click on "Trinity Christian College Graduation." No password is required to view the photos. Trinity is providing two complimentary digital images to each of our graduates—one as they cross the stage, and one posed image with their diploma in front of the Trinity backdrop.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR COMMENCEMENT

Whether you are a Trinity grad or celebrating a graduate, we invite you to join the commencement conversation on social media. Throughout the day, be sure to tag Trinity Christian College @trinitytrolls via Instagram in your social media posts.

COMMENCEMENT VIDEO

Please visit our website at trnty.edu/commencement for a link to view the full video of the ceremony.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Immediately following the ceremony, a fireworks display will include loud noises and bright flashes of light. Those with known sensitivity to sound and light may wish to avoid this portion of the ceremony.



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS

PROGRAM

Zugey Arellano
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Chicago, Illinois

Nicole Frances Carella
SPECIAL EDUCATION-BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Orland Park, Illinois

Mary Beth Casarez
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Orland Hills, Illinois

Kyle Joseph Donnelly
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Burr Ridge, Illinois

Riva Evette Edmonds-Bonner
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Dekalb, Illinois

Angela T. Garcia
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Hickory Hills, Illinois

Jeanette Gill-Stevenson
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Homewood, Illinois

Arisa Marie Grevan
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Palos Hills, Illinois

Dara Ife-Marini Herman
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Flossmoor, Illinois

Claire Marie Holewa
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Oak Forest, Illinois

Katherine Anne Johnson
SPECIAL EDUCATION-BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Chicago, Illinois

Alexis Kelley
SPECIAL EDUCATION-BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Bloomington, Illinois

Jayneisha Joel Marshall
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Chicago, Illinois

Michelle Maus
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Tinley Park, Illinois

Hannah Grace Meyrick
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
GENERAL
Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Kimberly Grace Pearson
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
GENERAL
Lansing, Illinois

Elizabeth Maureen Revis
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Tinley Park, Illinois

Sara Ahmed Saleh
SPECIAL EDUCATION-BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Indian Head Park, Illinois

Alexis Pilapil Trujillo
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
West Covina, California


Elizabeth Marie Woolf
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Orland Park, Illinois

Jessica Zapata
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION--
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
Crestwood, Illinois

BACHELOR OF ARTS


MAJOR, Minor

Angela Abrand
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology, Science
Tinley Park, Illinois

Nicholas Andersen 
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology
New Lenox, Illinois


Fernando Arratia
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
Chicago, Illinois


Kelsey Lyn Baarman 
COMMUNICATION ARTS
Theatre
West Olive, Michigan

Jacob Thomas Baburich 
MATHEMATICS
Computer Science, Science
Palos Hills, Illinois

Samantha Grace Barajas
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PSYCHOLOGY
Lancaster, California

Caitlin Joy Bergsma
HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Marketing
Kentwood, Michigan

Jennifer Anne Bidlo 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Science
Orland Park, Illinois

Michelle Renee Bresnahan 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION,
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Oak Forest, Illinois

Veronica Brito
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology
Cicero, Illinois

Courtney Marie Brown
EDUCATION STUDIES
ESL / Bilingual Education
Hometown, Illinois

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONT.)

MAJOR, Minor

Angie Marina Castro
MUSIC EDUCATION
Education, Music and Worship
Oak Lawn, Illinois

Erik M Cohn
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HISTORY
Elmhurst, Illinois


Evan Josiah Contreras
BIBLICAL STUDIES
Philosophy
Mokena, Illinois

Jacob Andrew Contreras 
PHILOSOPHY
English, Business
Chicago, Illinois

Erica Coss 
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
Education
Berwyn, Illinois


Gia Bella Cozzi
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Biology
Orland Hills, Illinois


Robert Michael Crivokapich Jr.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Education
Bourbonnais, Illinois


Trinity Lynn Curley 
ENGLISH
History, Urban Studies
Streamwood, Illinois

Kara Davis
PSYCHOLOGY
Science
Paw Paw, Michigan


Katherine Grace Drenth
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Science
Phoenix, Arizona

Carlee Faber 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION,
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Psychology
Lansing, Illinois


Jaime Fernandez 
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Education
North Riverside, Illinois

Thomas Casimir Findysz 
BIOLOGY EDUCATION
Education
Worth, Illinois

Nino Franca Carrico 
DIGITAL DESIGN
Communication Arts, Computing
Cabo Frio, Brazil

Christine Giamarusti 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Science
Chicago, Illinois


Elaina Madison Gregory
GRAPHIC DESIGN
Entrepreneurship
Chicago Ridge, Illinois


Joshua Groesser 
ENGLISH EDUCATION
Education
Sauk Village, Illinois


Jenae Angelle Henao
PSYCHOLOGY
Sociology
Chicago, Illinois


Jessica Lynne Henthorn 
PSYCHOLOGY, MUSIC
Mokena, Illinois


Adam Joseph Herron
PSYCHOLOGY
Criminal Justice
Joliet, Illinois

Megan Renee Herron 
PSYCHOLOGY
Sociology
Highland, Indiana


Valerie Marie Hoekstra 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Spanish
Elmhurst, Illinois

Angelina Marie Incavo 
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Education
Wilmington, Illinois


Cassidy Joy James 
STUDIO ART
Psychology
Willowbrook, Illinois

Christiana Boluwatife Jegede 
PHILOSOPHY
Psychology
Avenel, New Jersey

Abigail Jones 
BUSINESS
Pre-Law
Beatrice, Nebraska

Jordan Ashley Jones 
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Science, Psychology
Catlin, Illinois

Janae Carmilisa Jordan
THEOLOGY
English
Plainfield, Illinois


Hailey Paige Jurasz 
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Psychology
Chicago, Illinois

James Edward Kamper
HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Science
Tinley Park, Illinois

Ava Kelly 
COMMUNICATION ARTS
Psychology
Yorkville, Illinois

Andrew Jacob King
BUSINESS COMMUNICATION
Marketing
Orland Park, Illinois

Haley Kits
HISTORY
Education Studies
Orland Park, Illinois


Sarah Elise Kroese 
ENGLISH EDUCATION
Education
Palos Heights, Illinois

Kristopher Lee Lampley
PSYCHOLOGY
Sociology
Chicago, Illinois


CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES


BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONT.)


MAJOR, Minor


Sophia M Lang 
SPANISH
Education Studies
Palmyra, Nebraska

Julian Alexander Lara
HISTORY EDUCATION,
MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION
Education, Social Science Education
Orland Park, Illinois

Joseph David Lemmenes 
BUSINESS COMMUNICATION
Human Resource Management
Oostburg, Wisconsin


Brittany Licka 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
Bradley, Illinois


Jeffrey Robert Linnert Jr. 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Special Education
Orland Park, Illinois

Emily Mae Long 
SPECIAL EDUCATION,
ENGLISH EDUCATION
Summit, Illinois

Briana Makaela-Lashae Lowe
HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Health Science
Calumet City, Illinois


Gil Nicholas Loza
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Education
Burbank, Illinois

Mariel Elisabeth Martin 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education, ESL / Bilingual Education
West Chicago, Illinois


Margarita Martinez 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
Burbank, Illinois

Mateusz Marusarz
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Education
Oak Lawn, Illinois


Manasse Kabamba Mbuyi
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology
Boise, Idaho

Adilene Medina 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
Chicago, Illinois

Michael Santana Moralez 
CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNICATION ARTS
Portage, Michigan

Benjamin David Morris 
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Psychology
Flossmoor, Illinois

Douglas Allen Edward Moser
COMPUTER SCIENCE
Business
Roanoke, Illinois


Jonah Michael Mudlaff 
STUDIO ART
Art History
Clive, Iowa


Isabelle Neibert 
GRAPHIC DESIGN, ENGLISH
South Holland, Illinois

Trisha Kathleen Noonan
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology, Science
Chicago, Illinois

Erica Katherine Nurczyk
HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Psychology
Shorewood, Illinois

Gracie Ann Olson
THEOLOGY
Science
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Vincent Overway 
COMPUTING
Business
Holland, Michigan

Gerardo Padilla 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
Summit Argo, Illinois

Damon Jay Pater
PHILOSOPHY
Theology
Sioux Falls, South Dakota


Angela Mariah Pearson
PSYCHOLOGY
Criminal Justice
Hartford, Wisconsin

Hailey Vittorio Piorek 
COMMUNICATION ARTS
Digital Design
Tinley Park, Illinois


Elizabeth Lora Pugh
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Special Education
Cary, Illinois


Sofia Grace Radice
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Business, Psychology
West Chicago, Illinois

Genevieve Abigail Reed
ART EDUCATION
Education
Blue Island, Illinois

Anthony Aron Reppmann 
ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY
Spanish
Evergreen Park, Illinois

Emma Jewel Roberts
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology
Huntington Beach, California

Rachel Marie Robinette 
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ESL / Bilingual Education
Yorkville, Illinois

Maya A Robinson 
YOUTH MINISTRY
Theatre
Westchester, Illinois


Jessica Robledo
ENGLISH
Biology
Chicago, Illinois


Breana Lee Rodriguez 
COMMUNICATION ARTS
Graphic Design
Lake in the Hills, Illinois


CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONT.)


MAJOR, Minor

Rosemary Namatovu Scanlon 
SPECIAL EDUCATION,
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Evergreen Park, Illinois


Matthew William Scott 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Education
La Grange, Illinois

Danielle Rose Siwula 
SPECIAL EDUCATION
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Broadview, Illinois

Veronika Sopczak
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HISTORY
Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Jessica Spaeth 
ENGLISH
Psychology
Westchester, Illinois

Kailey Nicole Stariha
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Science
Tinley Park, Illinois


Clarissa Renee Stephen 
PSYCHOLOGY
Sociology
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Tricia Kathryn Sullivan
PSYCHOLOGY
Education Studies
Orland Park, Illinois

Rebecca Elizabeth Sweeney
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Diverse Learners
Orland Park, Illinois

Abigail Grace Sytsma
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology, Science
Orland Park, Illinois

Deividas Taras
DIGITAL DESIGN
Computing
Kaunas, Lithuania

Abby Nicole Tillemma 
PSYCHOLOGY
Writing, Theatre
Munster, Indiana

Angel Toscana
BUSINESS COMMUNICATION
Marketing
Mexico City, Mexico

Trevor Nicholas Turco
HISTORY
Criminal Justice, Pre-Law
Montgomery, Texas

Elizabeth Valencia
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ESL / Bilingual Education
Chicago, Illinois

Valerie Devine Wellman 
HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Psychology, Health Education, Health Science
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Miles Theodore Williams
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology, Science
Point Pleasant, West Virginia

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS


MAJOR, Minor


Inglebert Christiansen 
GRAPHIC DESIGN
Art History
Tangerang Selatan Banten, Indonesia

Maura Rebecca Sukamto 
GRAPHIC DESIGN
Marketing
Tangerang Selatan, Indonesia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

MAJOR, MINOR

Noah Douglas Andringa 
ACCOUNTANCY
Finance
South Holland, Illinois

Joshua Paul Bakke 
ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE
New Lenox, Illinois

Brock Anthony Bolser
RECREATION AND SPORT
MANAGEMENT
Wilmington, Illinois

Marisa Corona
ACCOUNTANCY
Posen, Illinois

Erin Curtin
RECREATION AND SPORT
MANAGEMENT
Marketing
Alsip, Illinois

Nathan Deckinga
MARKETING
Tinley Park, Illinois

Mia Abilinda Diaz
BIOLOGY
History
Elgin, Illinois


Jaquiya Ramel Dorsey
PSYCHOLOGY
Harvey, Illinois

Ramiz Fakhoury
MANAGEMENT
Palos Heights, Illinois


Angie Figuereo-Recio
MARKETING
Cicero, Illinois

Sandra Gonzalez 
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Nicolas Adrian Gutierrez
ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
New Lenox, Illinois


Charlotte Elizabeth Hensel* 
COMPUTER SCIENCE
MATHEMATICS (B.A.)
Music
Champlin, Minnesota

Nicole Sherrie Jackson 
PSYCHOLOGY
Homewood, Illinois

Karen Shruthi Jegadish 
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Computer Science, Mathematics
Trichy, India

Brett Thomas Karrels
ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE
Germantown, Wisconsin

The listing of a student's name does not guarantee degree completion. Students are notified of program completion through receipt of their official transcript noting a conferral date.

 Denotes students with undergraduate honors
* Denotes students receiving two degrees

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES


BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONT.)

MAJOR, MINOR

Caleb Eugene Laninga
MARKETING
Holland, Michigan

Edward Marshall Martin
COMPUTER SCIENCE
Plainfield, Illinois

Aidan Monner
COMPUTER SCIENCE
Mathematics
Oak Forest, Illinois

Jared Robert Oates 
FINANCE
Marketing
Peotone, Illinois

Julia Oostema* 
BIOLOGY, ENGLISH (B.A.)
St. John, Indiana


Jacob Peter Ostrowski
FINANCE
Lockport, Illinois

Matthew John Ostrowski
MANAGEMENT
Lockport, Illinois


Noah Pavlovics
MANAGEMENT
Temecula, California


Richelle Perkins
FINANCE
Calumet City, Illinois

Kayli Sierra Radke 
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Theology
Indianapolis, Indiana


Spencer James Rice 
FINANCE
Mokena, Illinois


Nathan John Rogalske 
ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE
Holland, Michigan

Mia Love Salas 
MARKETING,
ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
Communication Arts
Yucaipa, California

Taylor Linn Scanlon 
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,
MARKETING
Accountancy
Orland Park, Illinois

Lamia Michelle Scott
PSYCHOLOGY
Chicago, Illinois

Evan Henry Senti 
BIOLOGY
Escondido, California

Carter Patrick Sheehan 
MARKETING,
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Frankfort, Illinois

Ghada Shurrab
ACCOUNTANCY
Worth, Illinois

Savanna Sierzega
BIOLOGY
Psychology
Orland Park, Illinois

Hunter Christian Slaats 
ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE
Sussex, Wisconsin

Audrey Lynn Stromberg
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Blue Island, Illinois

Matthew John Stuursma
MARKETING
Orland Park, Illinois


Mohammad Sumaira
ACCOUNTANCY
Chicago, Illinois

Kimberly Dongnaan Swomen
BIOCHEMISTRY &
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Lagos, Nigeria

Noah Wilson Tameling
MANAGEMENT
Oak Brook, Illinois

Matthew William Tamminga 
FINANCE
Ada, Michigan

Lauren Joy TenDolle
ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
Waldo, Wisconsin

Brian Trochuck 
ACCOUNTANCY
Homer Glen, Illinois

Jaed Van Maanen
BIOLOGY
Philosophy
Pella, Iowa


Jordan Veldman 
ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE
Mahomet, Illinois

Marie Weber
ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
Oak Lawn, Illinois

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING


MAJOR, Minor

Mahlet Sirahbizu Akele
NURSING
Science, Psychology
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Farah Kasem Akhras 
NURSING
Science
Burr Ridge, Illinois

Keara Arundel
NURSING
Science
Alsip, Illinois

Felicia Marie Ceh
NURSING
Science
Mokena, Illinois

Corinne Conrad 
NURSING
Science
Oak Lawn, Illinois

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES


BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (CONT.)

MAJOR, Minor


Hannah Larae Dalton
NURSING
Science
Tinley Park, Illinois

Claire Elaine Darby
NURSING
Science
Hudsonville, Michigan

Baradahana Emiliene
NURSING
Science
Rockford, Illinois

McKenzie Jo Gibson 
NURSING
Science
Byron Center, Michigan


Alyssa Janae Horstman
NURSING
Science
Hudsonville, Michigan

Ashley Sue Keen 
NURSING
Science
Byron Center, Michigan

Zuri Sadai Lima
NURSING
Science
Western Springs, Illinois


Alyssa Martin
NURSING
Science
Washington, Illinois


Janna Joan McAndrews
NURSING
Psychology, Science
Wheaton, Illinois

Abigail Hope Moore 
NURSING
Science
Johnstown, Colorado

Caitlin Ann Riedel
NURSING
Science
Evergreen Park, Illinois

Chase William Rozeveld
NURSING
Science
Jenison, Michigan

Thomas Anthony Scatena 
NURSING
Science
Palos Park, Illinois


Brianna Cassidy Uhl 
NURSING
Science, Psychology
Upland, California


Lauren Christine Voss
NURSING
Science, Psychology
Orland Park, Illinois

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

MAJOR, Minor

Madeleine Grace Armstrong
SOCIAL WORK
Fontana, California


Sabina Alianna Balint 
SOCIAL WORK
Psychology
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Kendra Dawn Henry 
SOCIAL WORK
Psychology, Sociology
Gallup, New Mexico


John Patrick Kennedy
SOCIAL WORK
Tinley Park, Illinois

Chloe Elizabeth Kikstra 
SOCIAL WORK,
SPANISH FOR THE PROFESSIONS(B.A.)
Zeeland, Michigan


Emili Ann Kronst
SOCIAL WORK
Bourbonnais, Illinois

Amy Noelle Meyrick 
SOCIAL WORK
Oak Forest, Illinois

Amber Silvia Savage 
SOCIAL WORK, PSYCHOLOGY(B.A.)
Lowell, Indiana

Brandi Jo Snieder 
SOCIAL WORK
Psychology
Boyd, Iowa

Stephanie Torres
SOCIAL WORK
Calumet City, Illinois

Natasha Noel Van Maanen* 
SOCIAL WORK,
SPANISH FOR THE PROFESSIONS(B.A.)
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Nicole Chanel Wideman 
SOCIAL WORK
Chicago, Illinois

COMMENCEMENT BLESSINGS

ROBERT BOOMSMA, PH.D.

Professor of Biology

LEAH FULTON, PH.D.

Vice President for Student Success

SHARON ROBBERT, PH.D.

Professor of Mathematics & Department Chair

This year we have replaced the traditional commencement speaker address with something more attuned to the practices of our community. Led by three faculty and staff members, this community-composed blessing for our graduates is a compilation of the Trinity community's hopes, prayers, and voices, offering goodness to our students as they move forward from their time at Trinity.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The distinctive academic dress worn by the graduates and faculty continues a tradition going back to the earliest universities in Europe in the 12th and 13th centuries. At that time academic gowns were the common form of dress of the scholar, whether teacher or student.

Today, our graduates and faculty wear regalia that represent their various academic achievements. The baccalaureate gown has pointed sleeves. The master's gown has long, hanging sleeves and is worn with a short hood on the back. The doctoral gown is black or a color representing the doctoral institution; it has bell-shaped sleeves with velvet trim and is worn with a long hood on the back. Either a mortar-board cap or soft cap may be worn.

Faculty regalia vary according to the degree achieved and the institution granting the degree. The inner, satin trim of the hood represents the school colors of the institution that conferred the degree, while the outer, velvet trim identifies the scholar's field of study. For example, the velvet trim for the degree of Master of Arts is white, representing arts and humanities. In the case of the Ph.D. degree, the dark blue color represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy. The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Apricot – Nursing

Brown – Fine Arts

Crimson – Communication

Dark Blue – Philosophy

Drab – Business

Golden Yellow – Science (natural and social)

Lemon – Library Science

Light Blue – Education

Pink – Music

Purple – Law

Sage Green – Health Science, Physical Education

Salmon – Public Health

Scarlet – Theology

White – Arts and Humanities

HONORS

HONORS CORDS AND MEDALLIONS

Some graduates wear long, gold cords around their necks; these symbolize the academic honors they have achieved. All graduates, as well as a number of the faculty who are Trinity alumni, wear medallions bearing the seal of Trinity Christian College. These medallions are gifts from the Trinity Alumni Association.

Academic achievement upon completion of an undergraduate degree program is recognized at graduation and on the final transcript in the following categories. To qualify for one of these honors, the graduating student must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours at Trinity.

Graduating with honors GPA of 3.500 to 3.699

Graduating with high honors GPA of 3.700 to 3.849

Graduating with highest honors GPA of 3.850 or higher

To qualify for this honor, the graduating adult undergraduate student must have completed the full course of study (at least 36 hours).

Graduating with distinction GPA of 3.500 or higher

For the commencement ceremony, the GPA used to determine those graduating with honors does not include grades from the spring semester. Once final grades have been processed, appropriate honors will be awarded for graduates who have achieved the required GPA.

THE HONORS PIN

Graduates from Trinity's Honors Program wear a bronze medallion pin with a red ribbon. This pin acknowledges and celebrates completion of the curricular requirements, as well as participation in the co-curricular offerings, of Trinity's Honors Program, an alternative learning community providing intellectual challenge and support for academically gifted students who take delight in learning and discovery inside and outside of the classroom.

THE DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PATCH

Diversity leaders wear the ShowUp patch to celebrate their participation in the Diversity Scholars Program. This program recognizes and celebrates efforts of academic excellence with participation in campus wide inclusion and advocacy. The essential characteristics of the ShowUp logo connect scholars to Trinity's commitment to diversity, and the posture empowers students to develop a Christ-like understanding of diversity not only in regard to our racial, ethnic, and cultural demographics but also in regard to acceptance, appreciation, honor, and equality within our campus climate.

THE NURSING PIN

B.S.N. graduates wear the nursing pin of Trinity Christian College. This pin is an adaptation of the College seal and is symbolic of nursing as Christ-like service to others. The circle represents a commitment to the health care needs of the whole person; the cross indicates Christ, the great Healer; the lamp symbolizes illumination gained through education; and the Bible, God's Word, provides guidance in our personal and professional lives.

THE SOCIAL WORK CORD

B.S.W. graduates wear blue and gold cords to signify their induction into the Phi Alpha National Honor Society. Students in Phi Alpha meet both academic and service excellence standards.

THE PSYCHOLOGY PIN

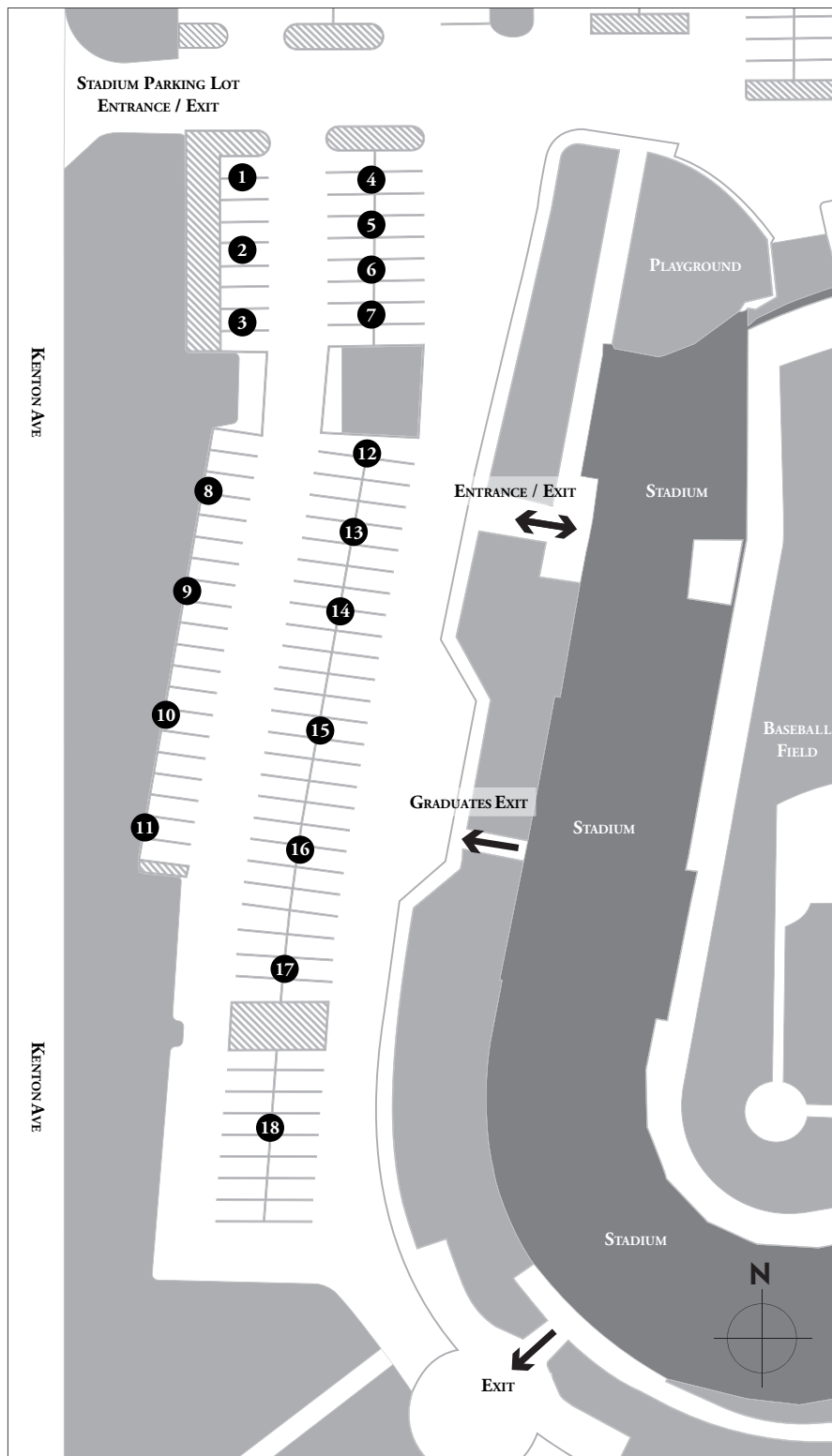
Undergraduate majors in psychology who have earned a cumulative GPA in the top 35% of their class compared with their classmates across the college are inducted in Psi Chi, an international honor society whose purpose is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. Psi Chi represents the two Greek words, "Psyche" and "Cheires." "Psyche" suggests "mind" as well as scholarship and enrichment of the mind. "Cheires" stands for fellowship and research.. Students in Psi Chi may wear a silver lapel pin on blue enamel.

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the achievements of a distinguished professor who has shown evidence of excellence in teaching or scholarship in work that advances the mission of the College.

MAJOR FAREWELL DIAGRAM - OZINGA STADIUM PARKING LOT

MAP



KEY

ARTS & HUMANITIES

- 1 Communication Arts
- 2 Art & Design
- 3 Literature & Languages
- 4 Music
- 5 History
- 6 Theology & Christian Ministry
- 7 Philosophy

NATURAL & APPLIED SCIENCES

- 8 Nursing
- 9 Physical Education & Recreation & Kinesiology (PERK)
- 10 Biology/Biochemistry
- 11 Computing/Computer Science
- 12 Mathematics

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- 13 Criminal Justice
- 14 Speech-Language Pathology
- 15 Social Work
- 16 Psychology
- 17 Education
- 18 Business



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