



DOANE UNIVERSITY

Winter Commencement 2024



College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of Education

WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
DECEMBER 14, 2024 • 1 P.M.



Doctorate of Education
Education Specialist
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Master of Education in School Counseling
Master of Arts in Counseling
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

*The Doane Hymn**.....

Brianna R. Brewer '26
Doane University Concert Band

A hymn of praise we lift to Thee, O God, whom we re-vere. For
5 build on Christ" this mot-to blest, En-graved on Mer-rill's stone, is
Doane, Thy ho-ly gift to us our Al-ma Ma-ter dear. Her walls are fitt-ing
10 writ - ten, too, in ev-ery heart that loy-al beats for Doane. Keep our soul vis-ion,
mon - u-ments to those who reared them there. And strong lives nur-tured
then, O Christ, For aye un-dimmed and free, that we may ho - nor
14 in her halls be - speak their an - swered prayer. "We Thee.
God and Doane by build - ing still on _____

*Closing Reflection**.....

Aztryd A. Lima, BA '22, M.Ed '24

*Recessional**.....

Doane University Concert Band

* PLEASE STAND

The Doane Hymn is a commencement ceremony tradition. Written by Lucy Fiske Medlar, a congregational school teacher and wife of Doane graduate Arthur Medlar (1906), the lyrics express her reflections following a visit to the campus. A 1921 Doane Owl article echoes a line of the hymn, "Her walls are fitting monuments of those that reared them there," recognizing that "those of the past have certainly left their imprint." May our graduates today feel the imprint they leave behind, as they go forth from these walls and grounds.

❁ **REV. JESSIE L. MYLES** ❁

Senior Pastor, No Greater Love Christian Fellowship Church

Jessie L. Myles is from Elm Grove, Louisiana. He attended Grambling State University, graduated with honors, and received a bachelor's and master's degree in Sociology. He attended Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Sociology (ABD). He moved his family to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1983. From 1983 to 1987, he served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. In 1988, Myles was hired as the Multicultural/Urban Education Project Director for the Nebraska Department of Education, Equal Opportunity Education Program, retiring in 2008. After that, he was hired to be the Coordinator of Diversity and At-Risk Programs for the Midwest Equity Center at Kansas State University. At the same time, for several years, he was a part-time employee at Doane University as a Counselor in the Academic Support Center.

Myles has been a keynote speaker and presenter at numerous equity and diversity conferences. He has been recognized, both locally and nationally, for his work in the areas of cultural and racial diversity. He's the proud recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Honor Award which he received from Scott Middle School (Lincoln, Nebraska) in 2006. The award is given to a community member



who exemplifies the vision and leadership skills of Martin Luther King Jr.

Reverend Myles received his ministerial Certificate of Ordination in 1993. He is the founder and Senior Pastor of the No Greater Love Christian Fellowship Church, a non-denominational, culturally diverse congregation, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He is the proud husband of Lillie Myles. They have three married adult sons and nine grandchildren.

DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

Jessica R. Allen-Pickett • Hastings, NE

Dissertation:

Supporting Underserved Populations Through College: A Single Case Study on the Collaborative Partners in Success Program

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Marilyn J. Peterson

Maurtice A. Ivy • Omaha, NE

Dissertation:

Influences Leading Nebraska Female Student-Athletes to Drop out of Sports Prior to High School

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Mark Orsag

Elijah Frederick Knight • Lincoln, NE

Dissertation:

Prevalence of Running-Related Injuries Between NCAA Division I and Community College Women's Cross Country Programs

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jocelyn Schock-King

* Tariq Tahseen Qasim • Lincoln, NE

Dissertation:

Killing Us Softly With Genocide: But We Are Survivors Who Thrive: A Qualitative Case Study of Yazidi Women Aged 25-40 Living in Nebraska

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Karla Cooper

Ross Abraham Ricenbaw • Lincoln, NE

Dissertation:

Leading in the Middle: Exploring the Connection Between Distributed Leadership and the Middle School Concept

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Marilyn J. Peterson

Maysoon Shaheen • Lincoln, NE

Dissertation:

The Experiences of Muslim Women Who Have Immigrated to Nebraska as Adults and Want to Enroll in Graduate Degree Programs

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Katherine Najjar

education specialist DEGREE

* Jordan Marie Schliesser Bizal • Lincoln, NE

Brittney Danielle Hodges Bolkovac • Lincoln, NE

Kendra Lee Craven • Alvo, NE

Cassie Marie Grant • Omaha, NE

Morgan Rose Grot • Omaha, NE

Sharla R. Hanzlik • Niobrara, NE

Allyson Jane Judson-Hazlewood • Papillion, NE

Sydney Lea Kobza • Lincoln, NE

Jacqueline Nicole Lucas • Bellevue, NE

Sarah Michelle Nommensen • Omaha, NE

Kala Marie Peyton • Omaha, NE

Brittany Lyn Sidders • Elkhorn, NE

Melissa Lynn Stolley • Papillion, NE

Jacquelyn Anne Vanderloo • Scotia, NE

Stacia Renee Weaver • Beaver City, NE

Zachary Alan Weir • Henderson, NE

master of education IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Lisa Beth Amen • Lincoln, NE

Aaliyah Bass • Herriman, UT

Alexander Boerner • Bellevue, NE

Jazzmyn Ruth Boucher • Lincoln, NE

Emily I. Bretting • Lincoln, NE

Elizabeth Ann Buchholz • Lincoln, NE

Tressa Ann Bull • Burke, SD

Molly E. Carlson • Columbus, NE

Zane Jefferey Cozad • Council Bluffs, IA

Sarah Elizabeth Daly • Sidney, IA

Megan Beth Dimas • Lincoln, NE

Morgan Sentiria Dority • Lincoln, NE

Courtney Kay Edelmaier • Lincoln, NE

Joseph Ryan Frangedakis • Nebraska City, NE

Tyler William Garder • Lincoln, NE

Jane Elizabeth Gentry • Lincoln, NE

Taylor Alexandra Gokie • Reno, NV

Alex Gomez • Omaha, NE

Shelby Graves • Bloomfield, IA

Alexandra Lynn Harsin • Table Rock, NE

Austin Miles Hegert • Lincoln, NE

Caitlin Hoppe • Lincoln, NE

Montana Jimmie Jones • Lincoln, NE

Aztryd Anahi Lima • Crete, NE

Cynthia Fay Losey • Lincoln, NE

Laura Elizabeth Masters • Council Bluffs, IA

Katelyn M. Matejka • Lincoln, NE

Rebecca Marie McClanathan • Omaha, NE

* Kristin Renee McCormick • Bennington, NE

Monica Meusch • Omaha, NE

* Veteran/Active Military

master of education IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (CONT.)

Emily Grace Mersch • Papillion, NE
Lindsay Marie O'Connell • Omaha, NE
Breanna Lea Patsios • Hastings, NE
Trevor Patsios • Kearney, NE
Cicely Jane Pickel • Davey, NE
Jordan Pond • Lincoln, NE

Megan Ann Reed • Lincoln, NE
Evan Randall Root • Lincoln, NE
Annaliese Saathoff • Lincoln, NE
Payton Catherine Schelin • Seattle, WA
Brandie Schoeneck • Fremont, NE
Melisa Schwartz • Gretna, NE

Carrie Danielle Scribnerz • Lincoln, NE
Amanda St. Louis • Staplehurst, NE
Melani Weale • Papillion, NE
Katelynn Jennifer Weinandt • Norfolk, NE
Jordan Renee West • Weeping Water, NE
Brittany Nichole Wilke • Plattsmouth, NE

master of education IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

* Shane Richard Campbell • Plattsmouth, NE
Darin David Cheney • Bennet, NE
Laura Lee Colvin • Omaha, NE
Brandon Michael Fisher • Council Bluffs, IA

Alison Collette Flinn • Hastings, NE
Angie Marie Jennings • Omaha, NE
Molly Meradith • Lincoln, NE
Shaylyn M. Ryan-Wright • Omaha, NE

April D. White • Osceola, NE
Lindsay Mae Willis • Omaha, NE

master of arts IN COUNSELING

Mariam Al-Hachami • Bennet, NE
Brandie Campbell • Lincoln, NE
Bailey Renae Heinen-Colby • Highlands Ranch, CO

Jordan Judith Henkel • Beatrice, NE
Kayla Schlichenmaier • Lincoln, NE
Mary Ellen Shada • Lincoln, NE

Michaela Ronaye Noelle Thompson • Spokane, WA

master of arts IN LEADERSHIP

Adam Conley • Omaha, NE
Jennifer Joy Lytle • Wilber, NE
Camry Nicole Moore • Crete, NE

Annika Jean Pingel • Pella, IA
Debora E. Reiman • Weeping Water, NE
Nyamoch Biel Tap • Gambella, Ethiopia

Kelli Renee Thomsen • Eustis, NE
Fabiola Torres-Dimas • Aguascalientes, Mexico



master of business administration

Jamie Lynn Albers • Lincoln, NE
Ashley Rose Carlson • Columbus, NE
Donald Lee Carpenter • Lincoln, NE
Siteena Ali Ebrahim • Lincoln, NE
Kandace Freeman • Lincoln, NE

Stetson Kyle Fuller • Elkhorn, NE
Gregory Gasowski • New Haven, CT
Hannah Greiman • Omaha, NE
Allison Kay Harless • Lincoln, NE
Byron Lefler • Lincoln, NE

Marcela Martinez • Lincoln, NE
Blake Andrew Peterson • Buhler, KS
Kara Ann Swartz • Valparaiso, NE



master of science IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael J. Coulombe • Coventry, CT

Lindsay Renae Schlote • Lincoln, NE



★ Veteran/Active Military

bachelor of ARTS & *bachelor of* SCIENCE

Bradley Antesberger • North Pole, AK
*Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources
and Environmental Sciences*

◆◆ Amy Bacon • Milford, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies
in Business Administration*

* Allen Michael Bartu • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Substance Use Counseling

Duncan Lloyd Blankenship • Rome, GA
Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Carter Lee Blobaum • Beatrice, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

* Mathew Brown • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Gabriel Anthony Buresh • Norfolk, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Ashleigh Burnett • Lincoln, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies
in Business Administration*

Seth Garrett Christiansen • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

Clayton Michael Cobb • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Computing

Cody Anne Eaton • Gypsum, CO
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Curtis Eickhoff • Battle Creek, NE
Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Kevin Michael Forsythe • Jamestown, ND
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

Cesar Luis Gonzalez Macias •
Manta Manabi, Ecuador
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Mia Pearl Tyquiengco Guerrero •
Colorado Springs, CO
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

Esteban Daniel Gutierrez Kahn •
Panama City, Panama
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Mya Beth Hays • Yutan, NE
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Jastiny Jerchelle Jackson • Omaha, NE
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Seth A. Jackson • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations

Joshua Daniel Johnson • Wilber, NE
*Bachelor of Arts in Organizational
Communication*

◆◆ Blair Nikole Kampovitz • Elm Creek, NE
Bachelor of Arts in English

Isabella Mae Kendle • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations

Karsten Alan Joseph Kern • Sioux Falls, SD
Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Ava M. Kuhl • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Science

◆◆ Tombe Ladu • Lincoln, NE
*Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
and Technology*

Trisha Kay Lamblin • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

◆◆ Sheyanne Skye Laschanzky • Cortland, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design

◆ Nathan Alexander Lendt • Des Moines, IA
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Desiree Tahis Lopez • San Elizario, TX
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Alyssa Victoria Luebke • Boulder, CO
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Ameer Givon Madden • Toronto, Canada
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Kristen Isabelle Malloy • Jourdanton, TX
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

◆◆ Maci DeAnn McCarter • Elm Creek, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Austin Michael Metivier • Worthing, SD
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Brody Mueller • Liberty, MO
Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

Narumi Okayasu • Saitama, Japan
Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication

Shanice Patak • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations

Elijah William Rose • Geneva, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Robin Ranae Shangreaux • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

Nicole Sittner • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations

Dylan Michael Tridle • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Amanda Voborny • Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

Ryan Dean Weiss • Franklin, NE
Bachelor of Arts in Agribusiness

◆◆◆ Summa Cum Laude

◆◆ Magna Cum Laude

◆ Cum Laude

* Veteran/Active Military

◆ Honors Program

The Mace

Representing the authority bestowed upon the president by the Board of Trustees, the mace features a bronze of the university seal atop a four-foot sculpted piece of walnut. The mace is carried by Mark M. Meysenburg, Ph.D., Professor of Computing, and signifies the official opening and closing of the ceremony.



Marshals

Marshals lead the processional and recessional, and direct the logistics of the ceremony.

Faculty marshals are Timothy G. Hill, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, and Alec J. Engebretson, Ph.D, Professor of Computing.

Junior marshals are members of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society, and include:

Devin E. Avedissian '26, Temecula, CA; Morgan J. Craig '25, Seward, NE;
Julia G. Harlow '26, Denver, CO; Britney K. Hoffman '25, Basehor, KS;
and Cierra K. Schwarzkopf '25, Scottsbluff, NE.



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Honor Cords

Medallions are worn by students graduating from the Honors Program, orange cords are worn by students graduating with honors, and National Honor Society memberships are signified by colored honor cords:

Alpha Kappa DeltaTeal <i>Sociology</i>
Alpha Lambda DeltaWhite, gold, and red <i>Academic</i>
Alpha Psi OmegaMidnight blue and amber <i>Theatre</i>
Beta Beta BetaRed and green <i>Biology</i>
Cardinal KeyCrimson and gold <i>Service</i>
Delta Mu DeltaPurple and gold <i>Accounting/business</i>
Delta Phi AlphaBlack, gold, and red <i>German</i>
Kappa Alpha OmicronForest green and snow white <i>Environmental science</i>
Omicron Delta KappaSky blue and silver <i>Leadership</i>
Phi Alpha ThetaRed and light blue <i>History</i>
Phi Sigma IotaPurple and white <i>All languages</i>
Pi Kappa DeltaSilver and red <i>Forensics</i>
Pi Lambda ThetaGold <i>Education</i>
Pi Sigma AlphaRed, white, and black <i>Political science</i>
Janice Hadfield Scholar LeaderWhite <i>Non-Residential students</i>
Psi ChiPlatinum and dark blue <i>Psychology</i>
Sigma Delta PiRed and gold <i>Spanish</i>
Sigma Tau DeltaRed and black <i>English</i>
Veteran & Active MilitaryRed, white, and blue

Doane University Banner

The Doane University banner bears the seal created by Thomas Doane, Esq. and David Brainerd Perry, the first president of the college. The woman (science) trims the lamp of knowledge to light the book (Bible).

The star and cross are Christian symbols indicating Doane's Congregational heritage. Science faces west to signify westward movement of learning. The triangle denotes strength through three aspects of life: spiritual, physical, and intellectual.

Hoods & Gowns

Academic regalia lends dignity and pageantry to commencement, and reveals academic achievements through styles of gowns and hoods in various colors.

Doctor of EducationBlue
Education SpecialistBlue
Master of EducationBlue
Master of Arts in CounselingWhite
Master of Arts in LeadershipWhite
Master of Business AdministrationDrab
Master of Science in Instructional Design and TechnologyGold

In academia, different styles of gowns, hoods and colors reveal significant academic achievements among students and distinguish degree levels.

The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has crescent-shaped sleeves descending from the elbows. The doctor's robe has very full sleeves with three horizontal bars of velvet on each sleeve and two vertical velvet bars down the middle of the front.

Hoods are the most significant conveyors of degree identification. The master's hood is pointed, and the doctor's hood is rounded at the bottom. The hoods have velvet borders and are lined in silk or satin in the official color of the institution that conferred the degree. The color of the velvet border represents the discipline.

About Doane University

Founded in 1872 in Crete, Doane University is Nebraska's first and oldest private liberal arts and sciences college. Each year, approximately 1,000 undergraduate students from around the nation and world are enrolled at Doane's residential Crete campus, which offers 35 majors and 39 minors.

Doane's non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, and online provide a learning environment for adult students. The Lincoln campus was established in 1981, and the Omaha location in 2014. There are 9 undergraduate degrees, 11 minors, and 9 graduate degrees available.

Doane's mission is to create distinctive educational experiences, immersed in the liberal arts, to prepare our students for careers and lives grounded in inquiry, ethics, and a commitment to lead and serve in the global community.

Many of today's graduates were recipients of scholarships made possible by the Doane Fund. Consider supporting the programs and students at Doane with a gift to the Doane Fund today.



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