



TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall Commencement

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

PERSHING ARENA

11:00 A.M.

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

The music for commencement is provided by the Truman Brass Quintet under the direction of Eric Dickson, Associate Professor of Music.
Fanfare from “La Peri” — Paul Dukas, arr. Wayne Barrington
Sonata from “Die Bankelsangerlieder” — Anonymous, ed. Robert King

PROCESSIONAL

United States Army ROTC Color Guard

Grand Marshal
Carolyn Cox

Professor of Health Science

President of the University
Sue Thomas

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Eric Freedman

Commencement Speaker
Laura Brooks

Student Speaker
Michael Owsley

*Bachelor of Science in Political Science & International Relations and
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing*

Board of Governors

Vocal Soloist
Laura Alexander

Bachelor of Music in Music Emphasis Groups

Reader
Julene Ensign
Associate Professor of Exercise Science

Marshal
Kathryn Brammall
Professor of History

Candidates

Master of Science
Master of Arts in Education
Master of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bachelor of Music
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Faculty Honoree

Faculty and Administration

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner — Francis Scott Key, arranged by Arthur Goldstein

Laura Alexander

WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Thomas

GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

President Thomas

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Laura Brooks

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY HONOREE

Provost Freedman and President Thomas

Kenneth N. Carter, Jr.
Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Provost Freedman

STUDENT ADDRESS

Michael Owsley

RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS

Provost Freedman

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Provost Freedman and President Thomas

Julene Ensign

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education
Candidates for the Degree Master of Science

TURNING OF TASSELS AND CLOSING REMARKS

President Thomas

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

arranged by Roger Cody

Laura Alexander

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Quintet No. 1, Mvt. III – Victor Ewald

JUNIOR MARSHALS

The Junior Marshals, robed in white, serve as escorts during the Commencement ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Laura Brooks



Laura Brooks is the co-founder and managing partner of Foundation Collective, a premier consultancy specializing in developing actionable go-to-market and brand strategies to empower brands to establish a solid marketing foundation and efficiently execute their visions. In her capacity at the agency, Brooks serves as a fractional chief marketing officer for a diverse range of clients, and she is an advisor and investor to early-stage consumer packaged goods companies.

As a seasoned marketing professional in the consumer packaged goods industry, Brooks' expertise spans a wide array of leadership, marketing, e-commerce and insights roles, solidifying her reputation as a classically trained marketer. Her career took root at The Clorox Company, where her tenure in a Fortune 500's brand management department laid the groundwork for her subsequent accomplishments with venture-backed companies.

Brooks' passion for working with small, mission-driven companies ignited during her role as director of marketing at Angie's BOOMCHICKAPOP where she spearheaded the brand's inaugural national TV advertising campaign. In part to her work, the company was acquired by ConAgra for \$250 million in 2018. Brooks' track record continued to flourish when she assumed the role of vice president of marketing and e-commerce at Solid Gold Pet. Her strategic vision repositioned the brand, sparking a remarkable business turnaround that culminated in the company's sale to H&H Group in 2020 for \$163 million. This background ultimately led Brooks to embark on the journey of entrepreneurship as co-founder and CEO of Dojo Labs supplements, achieving national distribution with GNC upon launch.

A 2009 graduate of the University, Brooks earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, with concentrations in marketing and management, along with a minor in psychology. Apart from her career, she works with the Women on Boards Project, a non-profit organization with a mission to facilitate the placement of more women in first-time board seats.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Brooks is a true advocate for staying active, both in the gym and amidst the great outdoors and enjoys embarking on adventures with her husband, Justin, their two young boys, Jackson and Grayson, and their beloved Papillon, Vivian.

THE GRADUATES

The Commencement program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of graduates. Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete all requirements by established deadlines.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Kameron Alexander Clark, Art
Melissa Rennee Eaton, Creative Writing
Emmalee Gilliam, Creative Writing
Cortney Goodman, Creative Writing
Ryan William Hays, Creative Writing
Michael Victor Owsley (also BS), Creative Writing
Ashlynn Warren, Art

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Laura Beth Alexander, Music Emphasis Groups (BM)
Alexander Douglas Stoneburner Karst, Music
Emphasis Groups (BM)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Julianne Carol Amato, Nursing
Hannah Kathleen Conboy, Nursing

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kent Allsberry, Biology
Hailey Shane MacKenna Alvis, Modern Language
Drew William Arends, Interdisciplinary Studies
Jaymison Boeker, History
Delany Borella, Art
Samuel Becket Clark, Psychology
Taylor Ann Clayton, Communication Disorders
Alexis Gayle Cook, Communication and Sociology/
Anthropology
Fatoumata Moctar Coulibaly, Business Administration
Stephen B. Dixon, Political Science & International
Relations
Morgan Eastin, English
Amanda Egbert, Business Administration
Rachel Gaworski, Business Administration
William Harrison Gibson, Business Administration
Bryce A. Goodall, History
Lucah Jeanette-Marie Gordon, Political Science &
International Relations
Keridan Marie Gossrau, Communication Disorders
Edward August James Hahn, Communication

Andrew Hilliard, English
Zixian Jiang, English
Isabelle Juan, English
Kenneth Michael Keefer, English
Samuel Timothy Lock, Business Administration
Sarah Anatasia Macomber, Modern Language
Elias Mains, Art
Nardos Zerihun Mengesha, Business Administration
Jenna Lynn Minor (also BS), English
Alyse Nicole Nguyen, Communication
Jessica Rene Norman, English
Emily Danielle O'Leary, Communication
Sinclair Phyllis Osterhaus, Biology
Cory Price, Communication
Miranda Scheel, Communication Disorders and
Modern Language
Samuel Scherff, English
Siara Lynn Schweiger, Mathematics
Alyssa Michele Shellabarger, English
Austin James Sopko, Communication
Dakota B. Spicer, Business Administration
Veronica Maire Stockton, Sociology/Anthropology
Jonathan Richard Sullins, English
Kaylee Swanson, English
Megan Travis, English
Molly L. Wease, Biology
Alyssa Lynn Wippler, Sociology/Anthropology
Zirui Xie, English
Keer Zeng, Economics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mohammed Abdiqebir, Computer Science
Amr Ahmed, Justice Systems
Cüneyt Aksoy, Computer Science
Jonna Kay Albright, Justice Systems
Austin Edward William Allen, Justice Systems
Sydnie Alise Andell, Biology
Alyssa M. Anders, Biology
Saul Armendariz Lobera, Biology
Hildana Assefa, Computer Science
Xin Bai, Accounting
Matthew Bateson, Economics and Political Science
Juliet S. Bauta Motty, Accounting
Jayden Leigh Bell, History
Shikha Bhattarai, Statistics

Irma Amirah Bien-Aime, Health Science
 Justin Thomas Bonds, Chemistry
 Andrew Shelby Alexander Breedlove, Computer Science
 Jacob Aaron Capps, History
 Jesse Lee Cash, Psychology
 Ruonan Chang, Economics
 Teagan Charles, Health Science
 Catherine Elizabeth Clark, Psychology
 Mallory Renee Compas, Psychology
 Carl Ian Conant, Business Administration
 Olivia Constance Coon, Sociology/Anthropology
 Benjamin F. Cramer, Physics
 Tate Crane, Accounting and Business Administration
 Katherine Paige Crumpecker, Business Administration
 Reagan Elizabeth Damron, Health Science
 Ian Pierce Dawkins, Psychology
 Paxton Michael Dempsay, Mathematics
 Madison Catherine Devlin, Exercise Science
 Blaine Ryan DeVold, Exercise Science
 Matthew James Dochterman, Exercise Science
 Kiersten Marie Dooley, Accounting and Business Administration
 Nellea Christine Dovin, Biology
 Madison Easley, Psychology
 Hannah Elizabeth Effland, Psychology
 Matthew Scott Eisenreich, Mathematics and Statistics
 Gabriella Rose Engemann, Accounting
 Isabel Sara Fultz, Justice Systems
 Jaden Galang, Communication Disorders
 Daniel David Joseph Gernander, Statistics
 Emmanuella Ewenam Goe, Physics
 Madison Sydney Hadley, Exercise Science
 Nolan Hair, Exercise Science
 Elizabeth Ann Hamlin, Agricultural Science
 Conner Harrison, Business Administration and Accounting
 Taylor Nicole Henness, Psychology
 Abygale Lee Higgins, Psychology
 Riley Elizabeth Holzmeier, Justice Systems
 Mason Thomas Huddleston, Agricultural Science
 Kaeli Lynn Hutson, Communication Disorders
 Alivia Jacquot, Communication Disorders
 Matthew Channer Johnson, Liberal Studies
 Katelyn Juskiv, Exercise Science
 Breanna Kalesh, Criminal Justice Studies and Psychology
 Joelle Kantayya, Communication Disorders
 Kana Gebrekidan Kassa, Biology
 Emma Rose Klaas, Biology
 Jackson Knust, Business Administration
 Juyoung Ko, Biology
 Norah Amber Kovac, Psychology
 Shiyu Liao, Economics
 Cheryl Lin, Biology
 Garrett Linn, Mathematics
 Andrew Thomas Lipe, Exercise Science
 Carter George Lowe, Computer Science
 DeAndre L. Malone Jr., Agricultural Science
 Justin Ridge Maloney, Exercise Science
 Joseph Mark Manganiello, Business Administration
 Laura Isabella Marks, Criminal Justice Studies
 Benjamin Massenberg, Accounting
 Bradley McCollum, Exercise Science
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth McDaniel, Biology and Agricultural Science
 Molly Ann McGurn, Psychology
 Colleen McNamara, Communication Disorders
 Jenna Lynn Minor (also BA), Psychology
 Mary Katherine Mueller, Psychology
 Kaeden Grace Noland, Communication Disorders
 Gabriel O'Donnell, Computer Science
 Holly Claire Olson, Agricultural Science
 Maxwell Opper, Computer Science
 William Seth Overall, Psychology
 Michael Victor Owsley (also BFA), Political Science & International Relations
 Lauren Akina Peck, Music Business
 Brent Perry, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Jordan Plassmeyer, Accounting
 Olivia G. Pursley, Communication Disorders
 Natalie Record, Exercise Science
 Anna Renee Rhein, Communication Disorders
 Allison Nicole Roberts, Biology
 Brett Alexander Manchester Rog, Exercise Science
 Clare Schickler, Psychology
 Justin Schneider, Computer Science
 Abigail Elizabeth Schooley, Psychology
 Raistlyn Kaylyn Kiiri Sevits, Agricultural Science
 Samuel James Shaffer, Agricultural Science
 Isabella Renee Slunaker, Mathematics
 Caitlyn M. Smith, Psychology
 Henry Smith, Accounting
 Cody Alexander Speh, Computer Science
 Madison Rae Stogsdill, Exercise Science
 Jessica Stratman, Communication Disorders
 Rylie Elisabeth Struckmann, Psychology
 Serena A. Taylor, Justice Systems
 Ellen Grace TenEyck, Health Science
 Benner Thomas, Exercise Science
 Peter Thullen, Physics
 Kelly Genevieve Tobin, Agricultural Science
 Laura Toenjes, Exercise Science
 Siqi Tong, Accounting
 Allie Jo Unruh, Agricultural Science
 Madelyn Ann Wahby, Exercise Science
 Victoria Lynn Wahoski, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Tyler Brett Webb, Exercise Science
Nicholas G. Wheatley, Biology
Daniel White, Sociology/Anthropology
Jessica Willhoite, Sociology/Anthropology
Nicole Lynn Willis, Exercise Science
Brandon Edward Winston, Business Administration

Isabella Rose Wirthlin, Sociology/Anthropology
Parker W. Wolgast, Exercise Science
Xian Wu, Computer Science
Nicole Renee Yowell, Communication Disorders
Xinran Yu, Accounting
Fengfan Zhang, Accounting

MASTER OF ARTS

Megan Bonham-Smith, Leadership
Kaleb Collier, Gifted Education
Natalie Ruth Fatka, Leadership
Virginia Grace Christie Ford, School Counseling
Brianna Mackenzie Forney, Mental Health Counseling
Mary Kathleen Haas, Mental Health Counseling
Kacie Dyan Henson, Mental Health Counseling
Rebecca Jean Hutchison, Mental Health Counseling
Bridget Kathleen Kelly, Gifted Education
Savannah Krichau, English
Robert Scott Myers II, Leadership
Payton Elizabeth Ness, School Counseling
Amy Rose Puzniak, English
Carissa Riney, Communication Disorders
Kimberly Shepherd, Mental Health Counseling
Abigail Paige Sokeland, School Counseling
Natalie Jean Summers, Communication Disorders
Shaun Elizabeth Turner, School Counseling
Zachary Thomas Zerwig, Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Abigail Ann Bidwell, Elementary Education
Jared Hagemeyer, History/Social Science Education
Savannah Lee Mauck, Elementary Education
Rebecca Rose Rosenow, Elementary Education
Vivian Scott, Music Education
Yang Sun, Elementary Education
Teagan Sarah Wilson, Elementary Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brianna Nichelle Carter, Data Science & Analytic
Storytelling
Jessica Droege, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling
Madison Fitzgerald-Ingerman, Data Science &
Analytic Storytelling
Jerry Lin, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling
Madison Nicole Nguyen, Data Science & Analytic
Storytelling
Spencer Donald Ratermann, Data Science & Analytic
Storytelling
Elizabeth Scholl, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling
Mark Van Coutren, Data Science & Analytic
Storytelling

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Undergraduate students receiving a baccalaureate degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or above will have the degree conferred with honors. Honor graduates will wear special insignia during commencement. University Honors are awarded based on the following overall grade point averages:

Summa Cum Laude

3.90 - 4.0 GPA

Morgan Eastin
Hannah Elizabeth Effland
Keridan Marie Gossrau
Katelyn Juskiv
Joelle Kantayya
Norah Amber Kovac
Shiyu Liao
Colleen McNamara
Natalie Record
Anna Renee Rhein
Brett Alexander Manchester Rog
Miranda Scheel
Alyssa Michele Shellabarger
Madelyn Ann Wahby
Molly L. Wease

Magna Cum Laude

3.75 - 3.89 GPA

Mohammed Abdikebir
Laura Beth Alexander
Taylor Ann Clayton
Hannah Kathleen Conboy
Tate Crane
Kiersten Marie Dooley

Amanda Egbert
Matthew Scott Eisenreich
Emmalee Gilliam
Emmanuella Ewenam Goe
Cortney Goodman
Ryan William Hays
Zixian Jiang
Cheryl Lin
Molly Ann McGurn
Lauren Akina Peck
Jonathan Richard Sullins
Laura Toenjes
Isabella Rose Wirthlin
Zirui Xie
Nicole Renee Yowell

Cum Laude

3.50 - 3.74 GPA

Hailey Shane MacKenna Alvis
Sydnie Alise Andell
Drew William Arends
Hildana Assefa
Shikha Bhattarai
Justin Thomas Bonds
Delany Borella
Reagan Elizabeth Damron
Blaine Ryan DeVold

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Emma Rose Klaas
Juyoung Ko
Garrett Linn
Sarah Anatasia Macomber
Kaitlyn Elizabeth McDaniel
Kaeden Grace Noland
Jessica Norman
Gabriel O'Donnell
Sinclair Phyllis Osterhaus
Allison Nicole Roberts
Abigail Elizabeth Schooley
Raistlyn Kaylyn Kiiri Sevits
Samuel James Shaffer
Kaylee Swanson
Ellen Grace TenEyck
Peter Thullen
Megan Travis
Xian Wu
Xinran Yu

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Departmental honors in the major are available in several disciplines for outstanding majors who have achieved distinction as determined by measures specific to the Departmental Honors Program. Students meeting the requirements for Departmental Honors will have their transcripts annotated.

Agricultural Science

Kaitlyn Elizabeth McDaniel

Communication Disorders

Jaden Galang
Keridan Marie Gossrau
Joelle Kantayya
Colleen McNamara
Anna Renee Rhein
Miranda Scheel
Nicole Renee Yowell

Criminal Justice Studies

Breanna Kalesh

Economics

Shiyu Liao

English

Morgan Eastin
Zixian Jiang
Isabelle Juan
Alyssa Michele Shellabarger
Jonathan Richard Sullins
Kaylee Swanson
Zirui Xie

Exercise Science

Katelyn Juskiv

Modern Language

Miranda Scheel

Music Business

Lauren Akina Peck

Music with Emphasis Groups

Laura Beth Alexander

Psychology

Norah Amber Kovac
Abigail Elizabeth Schooley

Sociology/Anthropology

Isabella Rose Wirthlin

MESSAGE TO NEW ALUMNI

Congratulations! Today marks the completion of a truly impressive achievement. You have grown as a person, not only through your academic program but also in your relationships with friends and classmates you met at Truman and in the community. You are leaving Truman a different person than when you started, and you should be proud of the hard work that has brought you to this point. Your liberal arts and science education has prepared you well for the opportunities ahead.

While today marks a completion, it is also a new beginning. Today, you become an alum and join the ranks of nearly 66,000 proud Bulldogs worldwide. You are part of a special community of people who shared the Truman experience. We are Bulldogs Forever. On behalf of the Truman Alumni Association, welcome to the community!

The Truman Alumni Association is dedicated to helping alumni connect to one another, creating meaningful ways to connect you back to Truman and championing the Truman spirit across our networks around the world. Led by alumni just like you who volunteer their time, we sponsor networking opportunities, philanthropic events, social outings and Homecoming activities to stay connected. Much like your experience as a student was made better by your friends and classmates, the Alumni Association is stronger when people from all walks of life come together. We welcome you to come check us out and help bring what only you can bring to the table. To learn more about virtual or in-person events to connect to other alumni, you can connect with us on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and online at truman.edu/alumni.

As you join other Truman alumni, we believe your experience will be similar to ours and you will find amazing Bulldogs around the world who are here to help one another.

Congratulations and good luck, and stay #TRUMANSTRONG! We can't wait to hear what comes next!

Bulldog Forever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Hart ('84)
President

Alumni Association Board of Directors

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

THE UNIVERSITY

In 1867, Joseph Baldwin returned to Missouri from Indiana, looking for a location to open a school to educate teachers. On September 2, 1867, Baldwin opened the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College in Kirksville. In 1870, Baldwin's school became the First District Normal School of Missouri, the first in the state's new normal school system, dedicated to the education of teachers for the public schools.

At the close of the 1869-70 academic year, the Normal School graduated its first class of 15 men. The Commencement program was held in the auditorium of the Cumberland Academy building on Friday, June 24, 1870. President Joseph Baldwin preached the sermon and T. A. Parker, state superintendent of schools, delivered the address.

Today, Missouri's statewide public liberal arts and sciences university celebrates its Fall Commencement with approximately 220 bachelor's and master's degree graduates. Although the people, the campus, the mission, and the name of the University have changed during the last 156 years, the traditions of the commencement ceremony have remained intact.

THE DRESS

The academic costume worn today is the dress of the medieval secular clergy with a few alterations introduced by 16th century Protestant reformers. The intellectual revival of the 12th century gave impetus to the founding of the European universities. Students in these institutions were clerks; thus, they wore the dress of the secular clergy. In the 16th century, Protestant reformers, who associated academic habits with popery, adopted more civilian gowns.

The oldest article of academic wear was the robe, which was a loose gown. The habit, a tunic with short, wide sleeves, was worn over the robe. A hood lined with fur or inexpensive skins could be gathered around the neck or pulled up on the head as a turban. Finally, there were three kinds of caps worn: the round cap, reserved for doctoral dignity; a round cap with strings tied under the chin, worn by jurists; and the square cap. Universities such as Oxford made the square cap official; however, secular universities adopted the Tudor bonnet still worn by doctors of law, medicine and music.

American academic costume was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns, three styles of hoods and two kinds of cap tassels. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation. The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings about halfway down for the hands. The doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors, such as Harvard's crimson and Yale's deep blue. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

The doctor's hood is the longest and fullest among the degrees. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme: white, the arts; gold-yellow, science; purple, law; apricot, nursing; green, medicine; sapphire, business administration; lemon, librarianship; scarlet, theology; and dark blue, philosophy.

The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Truman's masters graduates, for example, wear a purple and white-lined hood. The faculty at Truman State University represent doctoral-granting institutions around the world. A few of their hood colors are the blue and white of Duke, the orange and black of Princeton, the crimson of Harvard, and the scarlet of Oxford.

The candidates for graduation wear black caps to which are attached tassels of colors illustrative of their degrees:

White: Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Accountancy, Master of Science,
Master of Arts in Education, Master of Athletic Training

Brown: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Yellow-Gold: Bachelor of Science

Apricot: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Pink: Bachelor of Music, Master of Music

The medallions worn by some of the undergraduate degree candidates signify the designation of "honor graduate." There are three levels of honors based on a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA): a bronze medallion on a white ribbon signifies Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74; a silver medallion on a purple ribbon signifies Magna Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.75 to 3.89; and a gold medallion on a purple and white ribbon signifies Summa Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.90 to 4.00. Final honors will be determined after all grades have been received and may be adjusted from those awarded for Commencement.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The procession is led by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal carries the University Mace which symbolizes the academic corporate body of scholars possessing its own jurisdiction and legally constituted authority. The mace, made of Missouri black walnut and decorated with purple and white tassels, is topped with the University seal. Following the Grand Marshal are the platform guests dressed in doctoral robes with hoods featuring the purple and white colors of the University. Following the Marshal are the degree candidates aligned according to the degrees granted. The University faculty are brightly attired in the academic dress of their degree-granting institutions.

Junior marshals appear throughout the procession dressed in white robes and caps. They are Truman students who help form the procession and seat the commencement participants.

COMMENCEMENT PREPARATIONS

Special recognition goes to the following for commencement preparations and arrangements:

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Graduate Studies Office
Health and Exercise Sciences
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Information Technology Services
Music Department

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Publications
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Sodexo
Student Access and Disability
 Services Office
Student Union