



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

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WINTER COMMENCEMENT

The Fifteenth of December, Two Thousand Twenty Three

10:00 am | 4:00 pm

Henderson Auditorium

EVANS P. WHITAKER, PH.D., PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

THE ACADEMIC CEREMONY

Various academic traditions are observed during the commencement exercises. Most of these traditions have their origin in the pomp and pageantry of the medieval period and reflect the rituals common in churches and royal courts, as well as universities.

THE MACE

In the academic procession, the platform party and the President are led by the macebearer. The mace was originally a weapon, but eventually it became a symbol of the authority of a bishop, king, or a legislative body. In a college or university, it symbolizes the authority given through a charter to a board of trustees and by the board to a president.

The Anderson University mace is topped by a bronze crown and cross which symbolically connect the University with its Christian heritage. Attached to the mace are four medallions. One is the Anderson University seal; another has inscribed the first phrase of the alma mater, "Dear to our hearts is our alma mater;" the third is a quotation by the poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, which reads, "Live pure, speak true, right wrong;" and the last contains an inscription indicating that the mace was presented by the class of 1928 in May 1978. Since that time, it has been carried in commencement ceremonies by the faculty member who has had the longest period of service to the institution.

THE UNIVERSITY BELL

The University Bell is rung to signify the opening and closing of the academic year and to mark formal university celebrations. Fashioned by the renowned Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, which made the Liberty Bell between 1745 and 1752, the University Bell is brass covered in gold gilt. An impression of the University Coat of Arms adorns this important symbol of the institution. The bell tolls eight times in honor of the University's primary stakeholders—alumni; students and their families; South Carolina Baptists; the larger Christian church; donors; administration, faculty and staff; the local community; and society.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS AND AWARDS

† **The Denmark Society Award** is given to members of the graduating class who have exhibited leadership, scholarship, and Christian character and who exemplify the values of Anderson University. The Denmark Society is named for former President of Anderson University, Dr. Annie Dove Denmark. Students selected for membership in this society are wearing honor cords.

Honor Graduates The graduation program designates those graduates of high academic attainment. The Latin phrases identify three levels of achievement based on an academic grade average of 4.0 representing an overall average of A.

Cum Laude
With Praise
3.50 to 3.74

Magna Cum Laude
With Great Praise
3.75 to 3.94

Summa Cum Laude
With Greatest Praise
3.95 to 4.00

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

10:00 am · Friday, December 15th, 2023

- **Prelude: *Praeludium in G, BWV 568***
by Johann Sebastian Bach
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*
- ***Processional: *Trumpet Tune in D***
by David N. Johnson
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*

The audience is requested to stand when the processional begins and remain standing through the Invocation and hymn.
- **Tolling of the University Bell**
Bob L. Hanley, *Professor of English and Macebearer*
- ***Invocation**
Tracy Jessup, *Vice President for Christian Life*
- ***Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful***
Latin Hymn/Wade
Conductor, Seth Killen, *Associate Professor of Music*
- **Welcome**
Evans P. Whitaker, *President*
- **Introduction of Speaker**
President Whitaker
- **Commencement Address**
Paige Ellisor-Catoe, *Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of English*
- **Presentation and Conferring of Honorary Degree**
President Whitaker
- **Recognition of Alex McMinn**
Ryan Neal, *Provost*
- **Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**
Ryan Neal, *Provost*
- **Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas**
President Whitaker
- **Roll Call of Graduates**
Kevin Selman
- **Closing Remarks**
President Whitaker
- ***Centennial Alma Mater: *The Sounds of Anderson***
Johnny Mann (ASCAP)
- ***Benediction**
Elicia Frelix
Assistant Professor of Communications
- ***Audience Standing**

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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Recessional: *Trumpet tune in C*

by David N. Johnson
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*

The audience is requested to remain standing until the mace and all commencement participants have exited the assembly.

***Audience Standing**

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1.

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!
2.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens
of heav’n above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!
3.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee
be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord! AMEN

ALMA MATER

The Sounds of Anderson

The sounds of Anderson live in my heart
Live in my memories, the sounds of joy,
The dreams of Anderson tell tales of tears and
happiness in golden days gone by
Seeds of learning will flourish;
New friends will guide us through the land.
These are the friendships we cherish
touched by God’s almighty hand.
We know we love our alma mater,
We know the joy of life she brings,
Ah but there’s one thing that only God can know:
what Anderson means to me.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Members of the junior class who have grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are asked to serve as marshals.

Alyssa R. Day
Benjamin S. Elson
Hannah K. Norris
Jaida B. Smith
Lily A. Wyatt

ACADEMIC BANNERS

College and school banners signifying each of the academic units of the University precede the faculty in the procession and are displayed on the dais during the ceremony. The primary color of each banner symbolizes the unit discipline. The University crest appears at the center of each banner representing the unity of all disciplines within the University. Academic banners were introduced in 2009 by President Whitaker to honor the faculty and commemorate their commitment to the University. The banners are brought into the commencement court by senior faculty members from each college or school.

White..... College of Arts and Sciences
Brown South Carolina School of the Arts
Light Blue College of Education
Drab College of Business
Bilberry School of Interior Design
Scarlet College of Christian Studies
Midnight Blue..... School of Public Service
and Administration
Sage Green College of Health Professions
Orange College of Engineering

THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

A symbol of the authority and responsibility of the presidency, the Chain of Office is one of the grand traditions of higher education. The Chain seen today was first worn at May Commencement 2008 by President Evans P. Whitaker.

The Chain of Office was a gift from alumni and friends. The Classes of 2007 and 2008 contributed their entire class gifts for this important institutional symbol.

The Chain of Office is a silver and gilt collar that displays emblems of the University. The parallel chains covered in sterling silver are surmounted by alternating University Seals and modified Shields from which hangs a medallion with an impression of the University's Coat of Arms. The Shields, Seals, and Coat of Arms are gilded with 24-karat gold.

The Coat of Arms features the Cross, an oak leaf, and acorn. The Cross is symbolic of the Christ-centered nature of the institution and God as the author and source of all Truth. The oak leaf and acorn are symbols of the sacred six acres on the front of the campus which are adorned by giant oak trees. The oak also signifies strength, courage, stability, wisdom, and endurance. The acorn signifies the potential of all who learn, teach, and serve. An outside band of parallel circles contains the institution's name and its founding date of 1911.

Similar to the Coat of Arms, the University Seal reinforces these themes by adding the Latin words "Humanitatem Per Crucem Alere": Serving Humanity Through the Cross. It makes clear that the foundation of Anderson University is Jesus Christ, whose example we seek to emulate by serving our fellow man.

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Paige Ellisor-Catoe

Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of English

Dr. Paige Ellisor-Catoe serves as an Associate Professor of English at Anderson University. Originally from West Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Ellisor-Catoe joined the Anderson University faculty in 2011. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Religion/Philosophy from Presbyterian College. She continued her studies at the University of Georgia, where she earned her Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in English Literature. Her graduate studies focused on nineteenth-century British literature, with an emphasis on women writers.

Dr. Ellisor-Catoe enjoys teaching a range of courses at AU, including Romantic Literature, Victorian Literature, and Harry Potter. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Ellisor-Catoe has served AU in multiple capacities: she has served as the ENG 101/102 Coordinator since 2016; she was the lead author for the institution's Quality Enhancement Plan, AU PRO; and she has been named a Digital Learning Innovator by the Center for Innovation and Digital Learning. Dr. Ellisor-Catoe also won the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Excellence in Teaching Award in 2020. She is happy to serve as Chair of the Faculty for 2023-2024.

Dr. Ellisor-Catoe is married to John, who is a math teacher at JL Mann High School. They are the proud parents of Mina (12) and Will (8). They are members of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

Alex McMinn

December 2023

At the time of his passing, Michael Alexander McMinn was on track to graduate today. Alex was loved by his family and friends, well-liked by his classmates, and respected by his professors. In November 2023, upon a unanimous vote by the faculty, the Provost recommended, and the President and Board of Trust of Anderson University unanimously approved that Mr. McMinn should posthumously receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Today, we recognize Alex as a graduate and member of the Denmark Society. We are honored to present his diploma to his family.

HONORARY DEGREE

Dean Woods

President of the Foothills Community Foundation

Mr. R. Dean Woods currently serves as the President of the Foothills Community Foundation in Anderson, SC. He stepped into this role in 2017. Prior to this position, Woods served Anderson University for nearly 30 years in the Office of Development completing his tenure in the role of Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He was named Vice President Emeritus at Anderson University in 2016. Mr. Woods is a graduate of Anderson University (Class of 1971) and holds degrees from Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Beyond his formal education, Mr. Woods has completed numerous professional studies opportunities related to charitable giving and philanthropy. His extensive community involvement includes current or previous service as a Board member for several organizations including the Anderson Area YMCA, the United Way of Anderson County, the Anderson County Rotary Club and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Mr. Woods' professional and personal endeavors are animated by his calling to better his community. His desire to improve the well-being of people is evident in all that he does. Woods is an Easley, SC native. However, he has lived in the City of Anderson for the majority of his adult life. He is father to Elisabeth (Liz) Whatley, and his favorite title is grandfather to his three grandchildren.

OUR MISSION AND VALUES

Our Mission

Anderson University is an academic community affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention. It provides a competitive education in the liberal arts, professional, and graduate disciplines, and a co-curricular focus on the development of character, servant leadership, and cultural engagement. This is a diverse community that is intentionally Christ-centered, people-focused, student-oriented, quality-driven, and future-directed.

Our Values

Anderson University takes pride in being able to function as a community rather than a conglomerate. Accordingly, we have adopted a set of community values that support our aspiration to fulfill the University's mission and achieve its vision, both of which are considerable aims. Values serve as guiding principles that shape our daily actions. These are dimensions of our community we believe are very important and should be known and understood by everyone within our institution.

OUR VISION, STUDENTS AND CAMPUS

Our Vision

For God and humanity, Anderson University seeks to be an innovative, entrepreneurial, premier comprehensive university where liberal arts, professional studies, and graduate studies thrive within an uplifting, welcoming, and distinctively Christian community of diverse faculty, staff and students dedicated to intellectually rigorous learning, a caring and hospitable campus culture, and personal transformation.

Our Students

We welcome more than 4,000 students from 49 states and 35 different countries and a wide range of denominations. 18% are students of color. Approximately 60% of students live on campus.

Our Campus

Ideally situated on 385 acres in the elegant historical district of Anderson, South Carolina, Anderson University's campus provides a definitively collegiate setting for our students' journeys.

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CENTER FOR CYBERSECURITY

UNDERGRADUATE

† Markel Samuel
Cybersecurity
Irmo, SC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

‡ Abigail Catoe
Cybersecurity and Criminal Justice
CUM LAUDE
Florence, SC

Matthew Saul
Cybersecurity
Aiken, SC

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE

Rahim Jamel Jenkins
Communication
Chesterfield, VA
^ Joshua Padgett
Psychology
Anderson, SC

HONORS PROGRAM

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English
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Pacolet, SC
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Interdisciplinary Studies
Holly Springs, NC
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Biology
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Lyman, SC

Hayden McCoy
Human Development and Family Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Lexington, SC

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Biology
CUM LAUDE
West Columbia, SC

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Political Science
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Pelzer, SC

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Communication
Williamston, SC

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CUM LAUDE
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SUMMA CUM LAUDE
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CUM LAUDE
Lincolnton, NC

βΘ^ Trace Christian Wingard
History
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
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Lucy Grace Burnett
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MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Columbia, SC

Jessica Marie Alvey
Psychology
Ridgeway, SC

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Interdisciplinary Studies
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Biology
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Greenwood, SC

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CUM LAUDE
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Greenville, SC

◆ Grace Matthews
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SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Greensboro, NC

For more information about Academic Honor Societies, please see page 11.

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‡ OMICRON SIGMA SIGMA
ε OMICRON DELTA EPSILON
β PHI ALPHA THETA

Ξ PI SIGMA ALPHA
Σ SIGMA
● SIGMA DELTA PI
⊞ SIGMA TAU DELTA
Θ THETA ALPHA KAPPA
★ MILITARY VETERAN RECOGNITION
^ AUGUST GRADUATE

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

GRADUATE

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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^ Scott Randall Carley	Greenville, SC
^ Emily Elizabeth Chastain	Lexington, SC
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^ Lora Rhyne Corley	Greenville, SC
^ Rossana Cubillan	Greenwood, SC
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^ Marlee Dysart	Anderson, SC
^ Anna Chloe Freeman	Aiken, SC
^ Tyler Weston Graham	Nichols, SC
Eric Hare	Seneca, SC
Matthew Nelson Jones	Pelzer, SC
Kerington Lamb	Easley, SC
Victoria Elizabeth Lauger	North Augusta, SC
^ Alexa Cowan Long	Ninety Six, SC
^ Martha McMinn	Belton, SC
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UNDERGRADUATE

HONORS PROGRAM

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Margaret Allison Warren	Drayton, SC
CUM LAUDE	

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CUM LAUDE	
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CUM LAUDE	

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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Supply Chain Management

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Accounting

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Management

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CUM LAUDE

\wedge Trey Joseph Princiotta Horseheads, NY
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

GRADUATE

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education

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\wedge Braden Sullivan Wilson Belton, SC
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Administration and Supervision

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Instructional Design and Learning Technology

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Instructional Design and Learning Technology

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^ Kirk Marshall Wilkins Ballwin, MO
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^ Rebekah Frisina Williamson Fort Mill, SC
Instructional Design and Learning Technology

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Instructional Design and Learning Technology

UNDERGRADUATE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Secondary English Education 9-12 Certification
CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Elementary Education
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CUM LAUDE

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Elementary Education with add-on in
Early Childhood Education
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Special Education

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Elementary Education

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Elementary Education
CUM LAUDE

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Physical Education

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Elementary Education

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SIGMA

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Ξ PI SIGMA ALPHA

Σ SIGMA

● SIGMA DELTA PI

⊞ SIGMA TAU DELTA

Θ THETA ALPHA
KAPPA

★ MILITARY VETERAN
RECOGNITION

^ AUGUST GRADUATE

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Katelee Callaham Belton, SC
Mathematics and Engineering
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Coulson Wynn Hance Blythewood, SC
Mathematics and Engineering

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

GRADUATE

MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

♣ Morgan Elizabeth Charter Midland, GA

♣ Ashley M. Crafton Harrison, MI

♣ Trinity L. Funk Bluffton, SC

♣ Ashli Nicole Peebles Blythewood, SC

Rylie Sargent Greer, SC

♣ Taylor Elizabeth Sosebee Anderson, SC

UNDERGRADUATE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kylee Lynn Allen Anderson, SC
Criminal Justice

William Timothy Busha, Jr. Central, SC
Criminal Justice
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Savannah Fisher Grantsville, UT
Criminal Justice

Ameliane Breanna Keasler Sunset, SC
Criminal Justice

‡ Shane Austin Parris Mill Spring, NC
Homeland Security and Emergency Service

Derek William Rossodivita Anderson, SC
Homeland Security and Emergency Service

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

- Φ **Alpha Chi** recognizes and promotes academic scholarship and the elements of character that make scholarship effective. Alpha Chi, a general honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines, limits membership to only the top 10% of junior and senior classes. Diploma seals are provided to members of Alpha Chi.
- Ψ **Alpha Psi Omega** is an honor-service organization whose mission is to recognize students who achieve high levels of accomplishment in theatre. In order to be a member, a student must demonstrate outstanding commitment to the Anderson University Playhouse and hold a distinguished academic record. Selection is based not only on achievement, but also on collaborative spirit, maturity, and artistic dedication.
- π **Chi Alpha Sigma** is the National Collegiate Athletic Honor Society. In addition to being a member of an NCAA athletic team, one must achieve a minimum 3.4 cumulative grade point average and be of junior or senior status to be selected for membership.
- ◆ **Gamma Beta Phi Society** is an honor-service organization whose objectives are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects. In order to be a member of Gamma Beta Phi, students must have successfully completed at least 12 semester hours and have a grade point average in the top 20% of their class. Diploma seals are provided to members of Gamma Beta Phi.
- ε **Omicron Delta Epsilon** is an honor society which recognizes the scholastic attainment and outstanding achievements in the area of economics.
- ‡ **Omicron Sigma Sigma**, The Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society, is the most respected organization representing the Homeland Security, Emergency Management, Criminal Justice, Cyber and Information Security, and all Protective Security disciplines. The mission of the Society is to promote critical thinking, high scholarship and professional development; to further enhance the ethical standards of the protective security professions. The OSS is the only honor society to represent the complete homeland security mission, and has been universally recognized as the leading voice in academic and professional recognition in the emerging security sectors. Our motto is *ex scientia pax* which means "out of knowledge comes peace".
- β **Phi Alpha Theta** is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

- Ξ **Pi Sigma Alpha** is the National Political Science Honor Society, the only honor society for college and university students of political and social sciences in the United States. Its purpose is to recognize and promote high academic achievement in the field of political science.
- Σ **Sigma**, the International Honor Society of Nursing, whose mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service is the second largest nursing organization in the world. STTI membership is by invitation and faculty recommendation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship by achieving an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and also being in the top 35% of their nursing class. STTI members wear lavender and white honor cords to designate membership in the organization.
- **Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society (La Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica), was established in 1919, at the University of California Berkeley by a junior undergraduate student named Ruth Helen Barnes. The motto is the Greek phrase "Spanías Didagéi Proágomen" meaning "Let's go forth/continue forth under the teaching/guidance of the Spanish language." Requirements include 18 credit hours of college-level Spanish, which includes 3 hours of Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization, and a minimum 3.0 GPA in all Spanish courses.
- ⊞ **Sigma Tau Delta**, the International English Honor Society, confers distinction for high achievement in English language and literature; its members exhibit exemplary character as well as high standards of academic excellence.
- Θ **Theta Alpha Kappa** is a member society of the Association of College Honor Societies, a related scholarly organization of the American Academy of Religion and an affiliated society of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion. TAK is an honor-service organization that exists to encourage, recognize, and maintain excellence in the fields of theological and religious studies and their diverse applications in our lives and work. Members have completed at least 12 semester hours in Religion courses, maintained a 3.5 average in these Religion courses, and have an overall 3.0 or better grade point average.
- ★ **Military Veteran Recognition** Anderson University recognizes veterans who have made an unwavering commitment to their nation. Red, white, and blue cords are provided to graduates who are veterans of the military and who have earned a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The gowns, hoods, and mortarboards worn by academicians have their origin in the universities of the middle ages. The costumes were fashioned after those worn by the clergy, since the purpose of university education at that time was to prepare individuals for service in the church. As universities became increasingly secular, academic dress became quite diverse; and the symbolism it represented became less clear and consistent. Consequently, in the late nineteenth century, colleges and universities joined to create a code for academic costumes that has generally prevailed in the United States as well as other countries.

According to the code, gowns are black and vary in style, depending on the degree. Baccalaureate gowns fall just below the knee. They are worn closed in front, and the sleeves are long and straight. Master's gowns are usually worn open in front and have long pointed sleeves. Doctoral gowns, which may be worn open or closed, are usually ankle length and are adorned with velvet panels in front and three velvet bands on bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet panels and bands may be black or may represent the academic discipline of the doctoral degree. The hoods also vary in size and style, depending on the degree. Hoods are normally trimmed with velvet of the color representing the discipline, while the lining represents the colors of the university awarding the degree. Mortarboards also vary in style. Baccalaureate and master's mortarboards are black with black tassels. Doctoral caps can be the traditional four-pointed mortarboards or four or eight-pointed tams. Doctoral caps normally have gold tassels.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	white
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	drab
Cybersecurity	science gold
Economics	copper
Education	light blue
Engineering	orange
Fine Arts	brown
Interior Design	bilberry
Journalism	crimson
Law	purple
Library Science	lemon
Medicine	green
Music	pink
Nursing	apricot
Philosophy	dark blue
Public Administration	peacock blue
Public Health	salmon pink
Physical Therapy	teal
Science	golden yellow
Social Work	citron
Theology	scarlet

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

4:00 pm · Friday, December 15th, 2023

- **Prelude: *Praeludium in G, BWV 568***
by Johann Sebastian Bach
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*
- ***Processional: *Trumpet Tune in D***
by David N. Johnson
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*

The audience is requested to stand when the processional begins and remain standing through the Invocation and hymn.
- **Tolling of the University Bell**
Bob L. Hanley, *Professor of English and Macebearer*
- ***Invocation**
Tracy Jessup, *Vice President for Christian Life*
- ***Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful***
Latin Hymn/Wade
Conductor, Richard A. Williamson, *Professor of Music*
- **Welcome**
Evans P. Whitaker, *President*
- **Introduction of Speaker**
President Whitaker
- **Commencement Address**
Paige Ellisor-Catoe, *Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of English*
- **Presentation and Conferring of Honorary Degree**
President Whitaker
- **Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**
Ryan Neal, *Provost*
- **Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas**
President Whitaker
- **Roll Call of Graduates**
Kevin Selman
- **Closing Remarks**
President Whitaker
- ***Centennial Alma Mater: *The Sounds of Anderson***
Johnny Mann (ASCAP)
- ***Benediction**
Anthony Caito, *Associate Professor, Leadership and Organizations*

*Audience Standing

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

○ Recessional: *Trumpet tune in C*

by David N. Johnson
Jerrad Fenske, *Organist*

The audience is requested to remain standing until the mace and all commencement participants have exited the assembly.

***Audience Standing**

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. | O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!
2. | Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens
of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!
3. | Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee
be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord! AMEN

ALMA MATER

The Sounds of Anderson

The sounds of Anderson live in my heart
Live in my memories, the sounds of joy,
The dreams of Anderson tell tales of tears and
happiness in golden days gone by
Seeds of learning will flourish;
New friends will guide us through the land.
These are the friendships we cherish
touched by God's almighty hand.
We know we love our alma mater,
We know the joy of life she brings,
Ah but there's one thing that only God can know:
what Anderson means to me.

DR. ANNIE DOVE DENMARK AND THE DENMARK SOCIETY

Dr. Annie Dove Denmark came to Anderson in 1917 as an instructor of piano and harmony. She also took courses here, graduating in 1925. Dr. Denmark served as dean of women from 1925 until 1928.

In 1928, Anderson selected Dr. Denmark to be the next President. She went on to be the longest serving president to date (1928-1953). More significantly, Dr. Denmark was the first female college president in South Carolina.

Assuming Anderson's presidency just before the Great Depression, Dr. Denmark became confronted with a mountain of debt that threatened the institution's existence, but her tenacity and creativity saw Anderson through crisis times.

During a meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Dr. Denmark brought in a wheelbarrow and urged messengers to fill it as a show of support. By the late 1930s, she had the school debt-free and on a more solid financial footing. Under her leadership, Anderson became a co-educational institution.

Part of Dr. Denmark's legacy is creating the honorary Denmark Society. Since 1944, outstanding graduates have been inducted into this select group. Each spring and fall semesters, the faculty and staff of Anderson University are given the opportunity to nominate up to 3 students in the graduating class for the Denmark Society Award. The Denmark Society Award is given to members of the graduating class who embody the University's values of academic excellence, consistent hospitality, outstanding service, and Christian character.

HISTORY

Anderson University traces its origin to one of the first institutions of higher learning for women in the United States. Founded by the Reverend William B. Johnson, a Baptist minister and the first president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Johnson Female Seminary opened in the village of Anderson in 1848.

Forced to close during the Civil War, in time a new generation carried on what had been begun at that institution. A group of public-spirited citizens, desiring to have an institution of higher learning in Anderson, offered 32 acres of land and \$100,000 to the South Carolina Baptist Convention at its meeting in 1910. The Convention nominated a group of trustees, and Anderson College was granted a charter in 1911 by the South Carolina General Assembly. In 1912, the college opened its doors and operated as a four-year college for women until 1930. In 1929, the South Carolina Baptist Convention approved the institution's transition to a junior college, the first in the state. The College became a coeducational institution in 1930.

In December 1989, the Board of Trust voted to return the College to its status as a four-year institution, beginning with the fall semester of 1991, and the first graduate program began in 2004. A year later, the Board of Trust voted to assume university status to better reflect the quality, breadth, and maturity of the academic program and the entire institution.

Thus, on January 1, 2006, Anderson College officially became Anderson University.

Today, Anderson University boasts a lively campus atmosphere with dozens of organizations ranging from Baptist student groups to academic and service organizations. The University competes in NCAA Division II athletics and currently has teams in a variety of sports, including men's and women's basketball; men's and women's golf; men's and women's soccer; men's and women's tennis; baseball; volleyball; softball; cross country; and men's and women's track and field. Always a regional leader in NCAA Division II, Trojan Athletics has taken a quantum leap forward in recent years. In 2021, men's lacrosse became the 19th athletic program, which will be followed in 2023 with women's lacrosse and, in 2024, football. Major construction is ongoing to modernize the Anderson University Athletic Campus to accommodate the unprecedented growth that represents a new era in Trojan Athletics history.

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Paige Ellisor-Catoe

Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of English

Dr. Paige Ellisor-Catoe serves as an Associate Professor of English at Anderson University. Originally from West Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Ellisor-Catoe joined the Anderson University faculty in 2011. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Religion/Philosophy from Presbyterian College. She continued her studies at the University of Georgia, where she earned her Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in English Literature. Her graduate studies focused on nineteenth-century British literature, with an emphasis on women writers.

Dr. Ellisor-Catoe enjoys teaching a range of courses at AU, including Romantic Literature, Victorian Literature, and Harry Potter. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Ellisor-Catoe has served AU in multiple capacities: she has served as the ENG 101/102 Coordinator since 2016; she was the lead author for the institution's Quality Enhancement Plan, AU PRO; and she has been named a Digital Learning Innovator by the Center for Innovation and Digital Learning. Dr. Ellisor-Catoe also won the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Excellence in Teaching Award in 2020. She is happy to serve as Chair of the Faculty for 2023-2024.

Dr. Ellisor-Catoe is married to John, who is a math teacher at JL Mann High School. They are the proud parents of Mina (12) and Will (8). They are members of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

HONORARY DEGREE

Carol E. Burdette

Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Anderson County

Carol is a Pendleton native who has lived in Anderson County her entire life, attending Anderson County public schools, and receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Wesleyan University in 1982. She has been involved with community organizations as a volunteer or staff member for over 35 years. For 22 of those years, Carol served in elected office in the Town of Pendleton as a council member from 1987 – 1997 and mayor from 1997 – 2009. Burdette has been the Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Anderson County since 2002 after serving as a volunteer with the organization for 13 years.

Among many of her volunteer positions, Carol served as Board Chair of the Anderson Area YMCA, Chair of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Chair of the South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations. She is a past president of the Rotary Club of Anderson and a Rotary Past District Governor. Carol was President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina and Chair of Ten at The Top. Recently, she completed 11 years on the Board of the Anderson Oconee Mental Health Board and a 12-year term on the Board of Trustees of Spartanburg Methodist College. Currently, she is serving on the Board of Visitors of Anderson University, Board President of AdvanceSC, and is Chair-Elect of CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust).

Carol is a member of Pendleton United Methodist Church where she is serving as Stewardship Chair and has served as Lay Leader as well as member of the Council of Stewards and Board of Trustees.

She has been honored with many awards including but not limited to the Pointing the Way Award, the Leadership Anderson Alumni Award, and 2014 Economic Development Ambassador for Anderson County by Governor Nikki Haley. She was named as one of the 15 over 50 by the Independent Mail and Non-Profit Director of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. In 2020, Carol was named one of the 25 Most Influential Women of the Upstate by the GSA Business Report and most recently received the Order of the Palmetto, which is South Carolina's highest civilian award.

HISTORY

Today, Anderson University is among the fastest growing private universities in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Education and the Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac. Enrollment has grown more than 100 percent since 2002 and now numbers more than 4,000 students.

Increased enrollment only tells part of the story, however; the reason for it is Anderson's reputation as a premier institution of higher learning and status among the best regional universities in the South as recognized by both *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*. *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* ranks Anderson University #25 among all universities in the United States (both public and private) for "Best Student Engagement;" and Anderson University is one of fewer than 50 colleges or universities in the United States recognized as an Apple Distinguished School—a distinction AU has received four consecutive times. Finally, Anderson University is on the honor roll of the prestigious Great Colleges to Work For program.

The community of Anderson, having given birth to the University, has nurtured and supported the institution throughout its history. In turn, the University has provided intellectual, cultural, and recreational opportunities for the citizens of the Anderson area and has made a significant contribution to the economy of Anderson County. The estimated economic impact of Anderson University to the local economy has been estimated to be more than \$300 million annually. In addition, Anderson students perform more than 15,000 hours of community service in the area each year.

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS

GRADUATE

Coleman F. Smoak, Jr. Laurens, SC
Leadership

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sharon LaJoyce Black Chesterfield, SC
Leadership

Katherine Anne M. Smith Amherst, MA
Leadership

Jennifer R. Suber Williamston, SC
Leadership

COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

GRADUATE

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Shaun Thomas Daley Gainesville, GA
21st Century Ministry

James Hilton Thompson Greenville, SC
21st Century Ministry

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Kelsie Nicole Badura Seneca, SC

Richard Austin Gardner Mooresville, NC

Grayson Powell Hill Greenwood, SC

^ Tanner Hugh Howard Kannapolis, NC

^ Caleb Mitchell Little Florence, SC

Alexis Nicole O'Berg Boiling Springs, SC

Eliana Rivas Irmo, SC

John Lewis Staggs Roland Fountain Inn, SC

Malachi Brayden Wilson Honea Path, SC

MASTER OF MINISTRY

Reche' Y. Ballenger Spartanburg, SC

Samuel Raucei Dunedin, FL

Philip C. Rutledge Anderson, SC

MASTER OF MINISTRY MANAGEMENT

Kevin Lee Belt Greenville, SC

UNDERGRADUATE

HONORS PROGRAM

†Θ Sarah Spencer Watts Smyrna, SC
BACHELOR OF ARTS
Christian Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Θ Karsen Barnett Anderson, SC
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jada Burns Lexington, SC
Christian Studies

†Θ Drew Correll Blountville, TN
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Θ Samuel Davidson Johnson City, TN
Christian Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Malcolm Fary Anderson, SC
Christian Studies

Θ Kira Gunderson Leola, PA
Christian Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Θ Baylee Alexis Holder Central, SC
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

†Θ Genevieve Grace Jones Waxhaw, NC
Christian Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

†Θ Sadler Clay Jones Anderson, SC
Christian Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

†Θ Atyona Lambright Easley, SC
Christian Studies
CUM LAUDE

Θ Lucas E. Lyons Mountville, SC
Christian Studies

Tyler Miller Laurens, SC
Christian Studies

Θ Sarah Kelsey Mueller West Union, SC
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Θ James Christian Rankin Williamston, SC
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Audrey Roache Pelzer, SC
Christian Studies
CUM LAUDE

Θ Emma Rogers Fountain Inn, SC
Christian Studies

Θ Rachel Stephens Irmo, SC
Christian Studies
CUM LAUDE

βΘ^ Trace Christian Wingard Cayce, SC
Christian Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

John Michel Borycki Seneca, SC

Courtney Sierra McElveen Florence, SC

William Evans Phillips, Jr. Anderson, SC

Jordan Alyssa Wright Cheraw, SC

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

GRADUATE

	Chely McKoy	Swansea, SC	Jordan Grice	Inman, SC
			<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	
	Hannah Marie Murry	Anderson, SC	Shelia Renae Harris	Laurens, SC
			<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE	Charles Jesse Perkins	Taylors, SC	Tammy Michelle Henson	Toccoa, GA
^ Mariah E. Cina		Monroe, NC	<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	Marcus Plott			
^ Stephanie DeeAnn Edgar	Kameron Noah Reynolds	Cherryville, NC	Kendreea Hodges	Kankakee, IL
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>			<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	
^ Joy Ose Ilabor	Brook Shelton	Anderson, SC	Shelcey Hussey	Miami, FL
<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>			<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	
^ Morgan Elizabeth Lynch	Amanda Smith	Greenville, SC		
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Michael James Spaulding	Nebraska City, NE	* Stephanie Ezimma Igboanugo	Richmond, TX
^ Bailee McCarley	Jared Thompson	Manning, SC	<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
<i>Advanced Practice</i>				
^ Amanda Lynne Mitchell	Hannah Maurice Weaver	Lake City, SC	Ginger Kamdar	Greenville, SC
<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>			<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
^ Alexis Kenyatta Robinson	Tealia Jane Webster	Seneca, SC	Dorota Ketch	West Chester, PA
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>			<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
	Kailee Glover Wood	Lancaster, SC		

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Amanda Acone	Greenville, SC	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING		
		Rebecca Angell	Simpsonville, SC	Ivy Linger
		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
Allison Andres	Millville, NJ	Σ Jennifer Arnett	Anderson, SC	Madison Livesay
		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Noah Calvert	Fountain Inn, SC	Anna Bennett	Beaufort, SC	Daima Morales
Colton Cantley	Vincent, OH	<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
Katherine Scout Clark	Greenville, SC	Christine Bowie	Aiken, SC	Σ Laura Perkins Morrison
		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Tiffany Cooley	Fairburn, GA	Σ Jodi Bryson	Anderson, SC	Paule Nguendang
Gina Vitali Cox	Columbia, SC	<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
Cassidy Dailey	Abbeville, SC	Adrian Caughman	Leesville, SC	Erica Noone
		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Ally Futrell	Spartanburg, SC	David Creamer	Anderson, SC	Michael Norton
Katlin Goude	Beaufort, SC	<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
Hannah Hill	Greenville, SC	Erin Pruitt Drennon	Seneca, SC	Madelyn Grace Salem
		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
Anne Katherine Hodge	Inman, SC	Karly Brianna Garmon	Pendleton, SC	Σ Haley Shealy
Katelyn J. Jolley	West Columbia, SC	<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Karilee Grace Knipp	Olive Hill, KY	Σ Heather Rochele Arakayla Gilliam		Abigail Shipman
		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
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Hannah Elizabeth Martin	Roanoke, VA	Jennifer Greggs	Oklahoma City, OK	<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>
		<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Josh Woodland Midvale, UT
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UNDERGRADUATE

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kristie Leigh Norman Powdersville, SC
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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CUM LAUDE

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Kinesiology
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Lauren Doughty Easley, SC
Kinesiology
CUM LAUDE

^ Carlos Alejandro Hernandez Buford, GA
Kinesiology

Stephen Michael Hickman Charleston, SC
Kinesiology

π Sadie Kluner Venice, FL
Kinesiology
CUM LAUDE

Logan Christopher Magera Greer, SC
Kinesiology

Katherine Pettinato Fountain Inn, SC
Kinesiology
CUM LAUDE

π Luke Poole Greenwood, SC
Kinesiology
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Caitlin Roberts Anderson, SC
Kinesiology

Preston David Wyatt Simpsonville, SC
Kinesiology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Fiona Amaker Moncks Corner, SC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

William Matthew Baldwin Pendleton, SC
CUM LAUDE

Emmie Marie Baston Elberton, GA

† Brayden Baucom Summerville, SC

Kathryn Freeborn Beherns Anderson, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

^ Kevin Bikas Easley, SC
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Anna Bishop Columbia, SC
CUM LAUDE

† Kerigan Leigh Bryant Piedmont, SC
CUM LAUDE

Mary Allison Chin Columbia, SC
CUM LAUDE

Alexis Crawford Anderson, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Julianna Faith Dellinger Easley, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

† Jacob T. Goin Greer, SC

Carissa Kaylynn Goodell Piedmont, SC
CUM LAUDE

Jacob Guthrie Anderson, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Taylor Hardie Mukilteo, WA

★ Alexandru Ivanov Hickory, NC

Courtney Paige James Piedmont, SC

Σ Kasey Ellen Jones Lexington, SC
CUM LAUDE

Caitlyn Towle Lameira Simpsonville, SC
CUM LAUDE

Taylor Savoy Loehr Inman, SC
CUM LAUDE

Kaylee Lott Cocoa, FL
CUM LAUDE

Hannah-Grace Oxar Lowe
SUMMA CUM LAUDE North Miami, FL

Σ Kinsley Mabrey Ware Shoals, SC
CUM LAUDE

Jade Nicolette Morabito Simpsonville, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Patrick Owen Murry Anderson, SC

Makayla Marie Owen Waxhaw, NC
CUM LAUDE

Andrew Ryan Palmer Hartwell, GA
CUM LAUDE

Marcelo A. Torres Paredes Flushing, NY

Shayne Sison North Charleston, SC
CUM LAUDE

Jonathan J. Smith Anderson, SC

Hannah Michelle Splawn Greer, SC

Johanna Vita Honea Path, SC
CUM LAUDE

Savannah Marie Whetzel
Moncks Corner, SC

Σ Sarah Williams Anderson, SC
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Krystal Young Anderson, SC

† Leyla Ziolkowski Chapin, SC

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

GRADUATE

MASTER OF MUSIC IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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Patricia Antonio Rock Hill, SC

♣ Charla Carter Coffin Rock Hill, SC

Clay Reid Fissel Chattanooga, TN

Joseph Shannon Hoover Greenville, SC

♣ Stacie Parkins Cookeville, TN

Kendall Sorrow Demorest, GA

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Dance

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

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Art Education K-12 Certification

Jenith Mark Israel Chembur, Mumbai
Music

Sarah Mansfield Six Mile, SC
Art

†♦ Karissa Jenae McKnight Anderson, SC
Music

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Maegan Olyvia Mosher Columbus, OH
Theatre

Lindsey Paige Williams Simpsonville, SC
Art

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Robert Liam Joseph Brenzel San Antonio, TX
Musical Theatre
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Steven Hernandez Piedmont, SC
Theatre

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

† Cason D. Pyrtle Reidsville, NC
Worship Leadership

**For more information about Academic
Honor Societies, please see page 11.**

† DENMARK SOCIETY

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Ψ ALPHA PSI OMEGA

Π CHI ALPHA SIGMA

◆ GAMMA BETA PHI

‡ OMICRON SIGMA
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Ε OMICRON DELTA
EPSILON

β PHI ALPHA THETA

Ξ PI SIGMA ALPHA

Σ SIGMA

● SIGMA DELTA PI

⌘ SIGMA TAU DELTA

Θ THETA ALPHA
KAPPA

★ MILITARY VETERAN
RECOGNITION

♣ AUGUST GRADUATE

