



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

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WINTER COMMENCEMENT

The Twelfth of December, Two Thousand Twenty Five

9:00 am | 1:00 pm | 5:00 pm

Henderson Auditorium

Evans P. Whitaker, Ph.D., President, Presiding

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

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

Abigail R. Lenz	Samuel L. Rodekohr
Erin A. Makosiej	Madison F. Wood
Brooklyn C. Pace	

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	Magna Cum Laude	Summa Cum Laude
<i>With Praise</i>		
3.50 to 3.74	<i>With Great Praise</i>	<i>With Greatest Praise</i>
	3.75 to 3.94	3.95 to 4.00

THE UNIVERSITY GRACE

Blessed is God in thy gifts, and holy in all thy works.
Thou openest thine hand and fillest every living thing
with thy blessing.

Thou hast made heaven and earth and all things between.
Thanks be to God for the gift of our beloved university
and all its powers.

Thanks be to God for its honored founders, and for all
our benefactors, by whose benefits we here are brought
up in godliness and learning. Pour, we beseech thee,
Lord God, thy grace into our minds and hearts so that,
rightly and to thy glory, we may with them be brought to
life immortal.

Lord all holy, Father all powerful, and God eternal, who
feedest us from our youth, bless these thy gifts which we
receive, and fill our hearts with joy and gladness, that we,
having enough to satisfy us, may abound in every good
work to glorify thy name and *nourish humanity through
the Cross.*

Grant that we may live honest and good lives and follow
those studies which may show thy glory and support thy
Church,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

9:00 am • December 12 • Undergraduate Ceremony

- **Prelude: *Christmas Medley***
by John Innes
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*
- ***Processional: *Processional in G Major***
by John Stanley
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*

*The audience is requested to stand when the processional begins
and remain standing through the Invocation and Hymn.*
- ***Tolling of the University Bell**
Anne Martin, *Dean, School of Interior Design*
- ***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**
Robert Franklin, *Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of
Psychology*
- **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***
by Johnny Mann
Conductor: Seth Killen
- ***Benediction**
Martin Jones, *Professor of AI, Law, and Ethics*
- ***Recessional: *Voluntary on Hymn to Joy***
by Michael Burkhardt
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*

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

*Audience Standing

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Robert G. Franklin, Jr.

Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Robert Franklin is an associate professor of psychology at Anderson University and current faculty chair. A native of Tidewater, Virginia, Dr. Franklin joined the faculty at Anderson in 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and psychology from the College of William and Mary and a MS and PhD in social psychology from The Pennsylvania State University. He has also completed an NIH postdoctoral research fellowship in neuroimaging at Brandeis University.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology, Dr. Franklin has served in a variety of administrative and academic roles at Anderson, including serving as a faculty member and doctoral dissertation supervisor in the Center for Leadership and Organizations, where he has chaired six dissertation committees and published articles with former and current students. From 2018-2023, Dr. Franklin served as the chair of Anderson University's Institutional Review Board supervising human research. His research interests involve the neuroscience of face perception and how nature increases creativity and mental wellbeing. Dr. Franklin is the author or co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed scholarly articles.

Dr. Franklin has been married to his wife Becky for 14 years and they have two daughters, Zoe (11) and Rose (9). When he is not teaching, Dr. Franklin spends his time hiking, woodworking, and playing games. The Franklins live in Anderson, where they are actively involved in Capstone Church.

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.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

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!

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

THE FOUR PILLARS OF DISTINCTION

From our humble beginnings to our growth into South Carolina's largest private institution of higher learning, Anderson University has sought to provide a transformational education experience within an intentionally Christian environment. At the heart of the University's mission is an uncompromising commitment to great academics, great faith, great hospitality, and great purpose.

Great Academics

Students depend on AU to give the knowledge they need for their individual journey in life. We don't dare let them down. When it comes to intellectual development, we don't play around. Rigorous, challenging academics combined with exceptional support and encouragement make the difference.

Great Faith

Human beings are not intellect alone, but a combination of mind, body, and soul. C. S. Lewis said, "Once people stop believing in God, they will believe in anything." Thus, we do not ask students to choose between God and science. We teach science and we nurture faith. We integrate the life of the mind with the life of the soul. We respect all people of moral conscience. We joyfully present the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our confession.

Great Hospitality

We relentlessly pursue genuine hospitality...because people really matter. We respect, honor, and serve one another on the AU campus. We want everyone to feel like an insider, and no one to feel like an outsider. Here, people feel valued and cared for. We are warm, kind, generous, anticipatory, and empathetic. The Anderson campus flourishes with an extraordinary sense of connection and community.

Great Purpose

We find joy in helping one another discover and pursue a purposeful life. At the end of their AU educational journey, we want students to not only be able to demonstrate what they know and what they can do, but also be ready to articulate a virtuous answer to the most important question: What kind of person do I want to be?

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 was 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.

Today, Anderson University is the largest private university in South Carolina. It 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 by nearly 200 percent since 2002 and now numbers more than 4,700 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*. 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.

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 4,700 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

HONORS COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Audrey Elisabeth Adams Greenwood, SC
Theatre
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Michael Brooks Kent, III Cary, NC
Communication
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

MariAustin Adair Richards Clinton, SC
Human Development and Family Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Catherine Grace Nardella Clovis, CA
Biochemistry
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CENTER FOR CYBERSECURITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

†‡ Patrick William Bratten Fountain Inn, SC
Cybersecurity and Mathematics
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

★ Spencer Rilee Brunson Easley, SC
Cybersecurity

Seth William Dykens St. Augustine, FL
Cybersecurity

★ Charles Evan Flaherty Anderson, SC
Cybersecurity

† Tiago Perez Filgueiras Navarra, Spain
Cybersecurity

Brandon Thomas Phinney Tampa, FL
Cybersecurity and Analytics

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Emma Rose Bechtold Cypress, TX
Communication
CUM LAUDE

Daisy Marie Beltran Bronx, NY
Interdisciplinary Studies

Joe Hunter Bolen Neeses, SC
Communication

Andrew Christopher Cagle Mount Pleasant, SC
Communication

Joshua Thomas Carter Greenville, SC
Interdisciplinary Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Chandler Grace Casey Moore, SC
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alaina Reese Cothran Port Royal, SC
Political Science and Public Policy
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Joseph James Dailey Oak Harbor, WA
Communication
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jessica Grace Felkel McLeansville, NC
Human Development and Family Studies
CUM LAUDE

Rachel Anne Gilchrist Monroe, NC
Human Development and Family Studies
CUM LAUDE

Tahzonna Shavia Glenn Simpsonville, SC
Communication

Samuel Jose Godfrey Spartanburg, SC
Communication

Ana Patricia Hatfield Walton, KY
History

David Chijioke Igwe Greer, SC
Political Science

Katelyn Nicole Lorenz Charleston, SC
Interdisciplinary Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Tristan Lyon Flowery Branch, GA
Interdisciplinary Studies

† Emma Lillian McArtor-Cline Columbia, SC
English
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Isabella Lauren McCarthy Pelzer, SC
History and Political Science
CUM LAUDE

Diamond Alexis McDowell Asheboro, NC
History

Kaitlyn Parker McVey Yorktown, VA
Human Development and Family Studies
CUM LAUDE

†Φ Abigail Bailey Monastra Lexington, SC
Human Development and Family Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Amariyan Jade Leigh Persad Cottageville, SC
Human Development and Family Studies

Stephanie Blaine Randolph Matthews, NC
Interdisciplinary Studies

Sydney Ann Rumfolo Rock Hill, SC
Human Development and Family Studies
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Zachary Thomas Sanderson Simpsonville, SC
Communication

Richard Seay, Jr. Loganville, GA
History

Abigail R. Shanley Wheeling, WV
Political Science

Leah Mattison Sherrer Anderson, SC
Communication

Kathryn Elizabeth Snyder Moore, SC
Interdisciplinary Studies

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ava Caroline Warlick <i>English</i> CUM LAUDE	Easley, SC	Brian Cole Hibbard <i>Environmental Science</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Due West, SC	π Katy Margaret Smith <i>Psychology</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Fleming Island, FL
Jerrold Tyler Woods <i>Communication</i>	Albany, GA	Kassandra C. Lezama <i>Biology</i>	Easley, SC	Trentin Arthur James Stillman <i>Environmental Science</i> CUM LAUDE	Fort Mill, SC
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE		Xavier Robert Martin <i>Environmental Science</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Myrtle Beach, SC	Elliott Wesley Taylor <i>Neuroscience</i>	Anderson, SC
Christian Edward Bryson <i>Biochemistry</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Belmont, NC	Kenslee Renae McBride <i>Environmental Science</i>	Iva, SC	Sierra Trotter <i>Psychology</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC
† Sarina Grace Fazio <i>Psychology</i> CUM LAUDE	Florence, SC	†Φ Abigail Bailey Monastra <i>Psychology</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Lexington, SC	Erin Lark Turner <i>Psychology</i>	Greenville, SC
Molly Bess Graves <i>Biology</i>	Gilbert, SC	† Madelyn McLane Polk <i>Psychology</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Prosperity, SC		
Kayla Leanne Harry <i>Biochemistry</i> CUM LAUDE	Monroe, NC	Sarah Parrish Ramseur <i>Psychology</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC		

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION		BACHELOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP		Mathis Collignon <i>Finance</i>	Paris, France
Stephen Mark Braswell SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Jonathan Levi Conway, Jr. CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	Emma Elizabeth Criffield <i>Management</i> CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC
Jackson Hyatt Brooks	Anderson, SC	Jarvis Ometric Gambrell	Anderson, SC	Tyler Mark Fields <i>Management</i> CUM LAUDE	Belton, SC
Brittany Faye Evans CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Diana Vanessa Prado CUM LAUDE	Greer, SC	† Parker Andrew Finch <i>Accounting</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Simpsonville, SC
Allyson Michele Gil	Newnan, GA	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS		Logan Alexander Gaddis <i>Marketing</i>	Norcross, GA
★ Kisha Nicole Ida Gilliam CUM LAUDE	Fountain Inn, SC	Juan José Álvarez Bas <i>Finance</i>	Santiago, Chile	Braeden Parks Harrison <i>Management</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Spartanburg, SC
Marie Louise Gilmore CUM LAUDE	Naples, FL	Franco Augusto Antoniulli Funes, Sr. <i>Management</i> CUM LAUDE	Cordoba, Argentina	Jeffrey Mark Hay <i>Management</i>	Anderson, SC
Jonathan David Holt CUM LAUDE	Greer, SC	† Chaney Mae Bodden <i>Marketing</i>	Las Vegas, NV	Elijah Clay Jennings <i>Marketing</i>	Sedona, AZ
Benjamin Jesus Ogles	Taylors, SC	Sarah Elizabeth Bostic <i>Marketing</i>	Gaffney, SC	Jordan Maxwell Lester <i>Marketing</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Spartanburg, SC
Travis Howard Pemberton	Laurens, SC	Arianna Hope Cain <i>Management</i>	Simpsonville, SC		
Grace Elizabeth Poole CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Micah Thomas Cash <i>Computing and Data Analytics</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Piedmont, SC		
Zachary Allen Stevens MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Orlando, FL				

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Logan J. Martin <i>Supply Chain Management</i>	Binghamton, NY	ε Reagan Nicole Rice <i>Financial Economics</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Brooks, GA	Daniel Lane Williams <i>Computing and Data Analytics</i> CUM LAUDE	Monroe, NC
† Asher Bryan Moorhouse <i>Marketing</i> CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	Michael Alan Sems <i>Supply Chain Management</i>	Greenville, SC	Zachary Taylor Zivitski <i>Management</i>	Gray Court, SC
Joseph Lee Mortenson <i>Marketing and Supply Chain Management</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Audree Hope Vaughn <i>Human Resource Management</i>	Starr, SC		
† James Collin Murphy <i>Marketing</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Avery Sophia Walters <i>Marketing</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Clover, SC		
Tobias Vance Parrish <i>Human Resource Management</i>	Rock Hill, SC	Bailee Louise Ware <i>Marketing</i> CUM LAUDE	Fountain Inn, SC		

COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS		Galey Patricia McKelvain <i>Christian Studies</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Fairhope, AL	Jorge David Zapata <i>Christian Studies</i>	Riverdale, UT
Landon Michael Abrams <i>Christian Studies</i>	Columbia, SC			Jose Samuel Zapata <i>Christian Studies</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Riverdale, UT
Jeffrey Kaleb Brock <i>Christian Studies</i>	Belton, SC	Leah Mattison Sherrer <i>Christian Studies</i>	Anderson, SC		
† Parker Andrew Finch <i>Christian Studies</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Simpsonville, SC	Emily Virginia Shuler <i>Christian Studies</i>	Monetta, SC		
Corey Michael Garrity <i>Christian Studies</i>	Spartanburg, SC	Adelaide Xi Xia Warren <i>Christian Studies</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Beaufort, SC	BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES	
Carlie Blaine Hudson <i>Christian Studies</i>	Gray Court, SC	Hannah Elizabeth Williams <i>Christian Studies</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Canton, GA	Lekisha Ann Erving	Fairfield, SC
Kara Michelle Loyd <i>Christian Studies</i>	Aiken, SC	† Emma Grace Womack <i>Christian Studies</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Gaffney, SC		

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS		BACHELOR OF SCIENCE		† Ansley Loren Dowling <i>Elementary Education with add-on in Early Childhood Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC
† Jackson Thomas Caito <i>Secondary Social Studies Education 9-12</i>	Anderson, SC	Emma Brooke Clements <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Easley, SC		
Joshua Aiden McGrath <i>Secondary Social Studies Education 9-12</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Greer, SC	† Kaytie Anna Cobb <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Pendleton, SC	Martha Eleanora Hager <i>Elementary Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Edgemoor, SC
Claire Marie Swartz <i>Secondary English Education 9-12</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Taylors, SC	Φ Shavon Davis <i>Elementary Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Lyman, SC	Maggie Vickery Hagerty <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Anderson, SC
		Kendall Elizabeth Denny <i>Special Education</i>	Columbia, SC	Grace Elizabeth Jackson <i>Elementary Education</i> CUM LAUDE	Charleston, SC

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Gabriela Maria Juan <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Liberty, SC	† Haley Anne Outlaw <i>Early Childhood Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Lugoff, SC	Abby Leanna Thomas <i>Early Childhood Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Belton, SC
Caidence Nicole Lollis <i>Elementary Education</i> CUM LAUDE	Liberty, SC	Emmalee Madison Raymond <i>Elementary Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Piedmont, SC	Emma Louise Thomas <i>Elementary Education</i>	Belton, SC
Isabella Grace Lowe <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Woodruff, SC	Jacob Munro Robinson <i>Physical Education</i>	Donalds, SC	Jackson Lee Wilson <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Easley, SC
Emilie Wofford McFall <i>Elementary Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Columbia, SC	Annika Margaret Stears <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Elgin, SC	Amanda Marie Yerkes <i>Elementary Education with add-on in Early Childhood Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Moore, SC
† Victoria Paigelynn McGrath <i>Early Childhood Education</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	† Sarah Catherine Sullivan <i>Elementary Education</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Greer, SC		

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

William Mack Irwin <i>Mathematics and Engineering</i> CUM LAUDE	Mount Airy, MD
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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF HUMAN SERVICES

Jordan Michaela Hart SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Destiny Alexis Cooper <i>Health Science</i>	Hollywood, SC	Sydney Michelle Maginnis <i>Kinesiology</i>	Taylors, SC
Zorriah Tatyana Jones	Greenville, SC	Cade Norris Easterling <i>Kinesiology</i>	Anderson, SC	Wesley Jacob Mann <i>Kinesiology</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Gulf Breeze, FL
Kristina Gabrielle Kasson CUM LAUDE	Spartanburg, SC	Legacy S. K. Hagfors <i>Kinesiology</i>	Anderson, SC	† Davin James Patterson <i>Kinesiology</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Irmo, SC
Kristen Nicole Koepke MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Simpsonville, SC	Blakely Claire Hall <i>Health Care Management</i>	Laurens, SC	Brooke Manning Tattershall <i>Health Science</i>	Greenville, SC
★ Bonita LaChelle Williams	Easley, SC	Abigail Elizabeth Hensley <i>Health Care Management</i>	Simpsonville, SC	◆ Courtney Elizabeth Wilson <i>Kinesiology</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Pittsburgh, PA
		Taylor Madison Inman <i>Kinesiology</i>	Spartanburg, SC		

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

† Jordyn Bryce Arrowood <i>Kinesiology</i> CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	Alexis Jade Joyner <i>Health Science</i>	Greenwood, SC
Caroline Grace Ball <i>Kinesiology</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Tiger, GA	Kara Lane Knight <i>Kinesiology</i> CUM LAUDE	Campobello, SC
Laney Andrea Brown <i>Kinesiology</i>	Conway, SC	Mahala Lindner <i>Kinesiology</i>	Greenville, SC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Anne Harrison Babb	Charleston, SC
★ William F. Black CUM LAUDE	Seneca, SC
Emily Grace Brady MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Ralph Ellis Cobb	Yorkville, IL	Anna Katherine Jernigan	Simpsonville, SC	Catherine Elizabeth Rawl	Laurens, SC
Sydney Elese Collins CUM LAUDE	Green Sea, SC	Ava Rose Koepper CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	Emma Marie Sauls	Lexington, SC
Rachel Hannah Connelly	Batesburg, SC	Cladesia Keyada Lee-Cowan	Anderson, SC	Karson Elizabeth See MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC
Courtney Alexandra Davenport MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Piedmont, SC	† Rebekah Hope Leppert CUM LAUDE	Harrisburg, NC	Amanda Jane Sloan MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Piedmont, SC
Ethan Bryar Donald	Pelzer, SC	Brian Conner Lowery SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Easley, SC	Madalyn Anne Stabler	Lexington, SC
Jasmine Dionne Edwards MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Greenville, SC	Mattison Nicole McBride CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Emery Kathleen Thomas MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Iva, SC
Camila Marie Gardner	Anderson, SC	Eva Sharon Michielson	Pendleton, SC	Kaitey Anne Threatt MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Clinton, SC
Eliana Grace Li Gray CUM LAUDE	Fort Mill, SC	Martin Bradley Ogburn CUM LAUDE	Pelzer, SC	Thomas M. Totman MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC
Phyllis Sloan Gray CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC	Rebekah Carolyn Payne CUM LAUDE	Travelers Rest, SC	Lindsay Tilley Troyer	Simpsonville, SC
Emily Grace Harris	Anderson, SC	Chandler Lane Pridemore MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Canton, GA	Jewel Jemah Van Orden	Anderson, SC
Josie Oubre Haynie CUM LAUDE	Anderson, SC			Grace Sophie Wilson	Nashua, NH

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Emma Katherine Gaines <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Easley, SC	Jayden Seth McIntyre <i>Homeland Security and Emergency Services</i>	Spartanburg, SC	Cannen James Turner <i>Criminal Justice</i> MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Bluffton, SC
Adrian Christopher Mackins <i>Homeland Security and Emergency Services</i>	Anderson, SC	† Jasmine Ann Soos <i>Homeland Security and Emergency Services</i> SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Elon, NC		

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sydney Kathryn Krauth <i>Art</i> CUM LAUDE	Simpsonville, SC
Emma Katherine Matthews <i>Art</i>	Charleston, SC
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- 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.
- 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.
- δ **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.
- † **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.

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.

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.

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

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

1:00 pm • December 12 • Masters Ceremony

- **Prelude: *Christmas Medley***
by John Innes
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*
- ***Processional: *Processional in G Major***
by John Stanley
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*

The audience is requested to stand when the processional begins and remain standing through the Invocation and Hymn.
- ***Tolling of the University Bell**
David Larson, *Dean, The South Carolina School of the Arts*
- ***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**
Robert Franklin, *Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology*
- **Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**
Ryan Neal, *Provost*
- **Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas**
President Whitaker
- **Roll Call of Graduates**
Kevin Selman and Sarojini Vudumu
- **Closing Remarks**
President Whitaker
- ***Centennial Alma Mater: *The Sounds of Anderson***
by Johnny Mann
Conductor: Seth Killen
- ***Benediction**
Channon Horn, *Dean, College of Education*
- ***Recessional: *Voluntary on Hymn to Joy***
by Michael Burkhardt
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*

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

*Audience Standing

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Robert G. Franklin, Jr.

Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Robert Franklin is an associate professor of psychology at Anderson University and current faculty chair. A native of Tidewater, Virginia, Dr. Franklin joined the faculty at Anderson in 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and psychology from the College of William and Mary and a MS and PhD in social psychology from The Pennsylvania State University. He has also completed an NIH postdoctoral research fellowship in neuroimaging at Brandeis University.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology, Dr. Franklin has served in a variety of administrative and academic roles at Anderson, including serving as a faculty member and doctoral dissertation supervisor in the Center for Leadership and Organizations, where he has chaired six dissertation committees and published articles with former and current students. From 2018-2023, Dr. Franklin served as the chair of Anderson University's Institutional Review Board supervising human research. His research interests involve the neuroscience of face perception and how nature increases creativity and mental wellbeing. Dr. Franklin is the author or co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed scholarly articles.

Dr. Franklin has been married to his wife Becky for 14 years and they have two daughters, Zoe (11) and Rose (9). When he is not teaching, Dr. Franklin spends his time hiking, woodworking, and playing games. The Franklins live in Anderson, where they are actively involved in Capstone Church.

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.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

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!

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

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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
Physical Therapy	Teal
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

5:00 pm • December 12 • Doctoral Ceremony

- **Prelude: *Christmas Medley***
by John Innes
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*
- ***Processional: *Processional in G Major***
by John Stanley
Abigail Baarendse, *Organist*

The audience is requested to stand when the processional begins and remain standing through the Invocation and Hymn.
- ***Tolling of the University Bell**
Kristopher Barnett, *Associate Dean, Clamp Divinity School*
- ***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*
- **Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**
Ryan Neal, *Provost*
- **Conferring of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas**
President Whitaker
- **Roll Call and Hooding of Graduates**
Academic Leadership
- **Closing Remarks**
President Whitaker
- ***Centennial Alma Mater: *The Sounds of Anderson***
by Johnny Mann
Conductor: Seth Killen
- ***Benediction**
Larry Daniel, *Director, Center for Leadership and Organizations*
- ***Recessional: *Voluntary on Hymn to Joy***
by Michael Burkhardt
Abigail Baarendse, *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

THE ACADEMIC CEREMONY

Various academic traditions are observed during 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.

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Φ Tory Irene Candea <i>Leadership</i>	Richmond Hill, GA	Mason Tajaque Jack <i>Leadership</i>	Lafayette, LA	Φ Lisa Raynelle Shelley <i>Leadership</i>	Kinston, NC
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Φ Joann Nick Demos <i>Leadership</i>	Six Mile, SC	Francis Vernon Manigault, Jr. <i>Leadership</i>	North Charleston, SC	Jason Richard Young <i>Leadership</i>	Monroe, GA
Φ Christine Mary Fischer <i>Leadership</i>	Ann Arbor, MI	Jerusha Lee Myrick <i>Leadership</i>	Weaverville, NC	★ Trey Francis Zoda <i>Leadership</i>	Tallahassee, FL

COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Brian Edward Brophy <i>21st Century Ministry</i>	Benton, KY
★ David Wayne DeWitt <i>21st Century Ministry</i>	Montgomery, TX
James C. Henderson, Jr <i>21st Century Ministry</i>	Anderson, SC
Keven Wayne Newsome <i>21st Century Ministry</i>	Columbia, MS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Φ Mark Robert Palmer <i>Preaching</i>	Trenton, Ontario
Φ Drew Kyndall Ross <i>Preaching</i>	Hackensack, NJ

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Chakalah Crawford <i>Leadership and Learning</i>	Columbia, SC	Moriah Marie Mullen <i>Leadership and Learning</i>	Greer, SC
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Kimberly Ann Lane <i>Leadership and Learning</i>	Greenville, SC		
Deshaunna Dishell Leamon <i>Leadership and Learning</i>	Fountain Inn, SC		
Rebecca Lyn Mathews <i>Leadership and Learning</i>	Greer, SC		

THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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		Ashlyn Michelle Keisler Lexington, SC
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		Jennifer Michelle McFarland Anderson, SC
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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