

Undergraduate Degrees
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Education
School of Nursing

SUNDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE
ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
LISTON STADIUM
BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS



THE UNIVERSITY

In the mid-1850s, a group of Methodist ministers sought refuge from the brutality of a territory torn by economic and social disagreement. It was decided that such a retreat could only be found in the presence of education. A sanctuary of culture and civility was planned, but it was not until the Palmyra Association made a considerable donation of land that Baldwin City was selected as the location for Kansas' first university. Named for Osmon C. Baker, the first American bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Baker University was granted a charter by the territorial legislature on February 12, 1858.

Throughout its history, the university has produced educated contributors to all fields. Baker boasts four Rhodes Scholars, a Pulitzer Prize winner, and countless others who have made a lasting impact as explorers, clergymen, politicians, writers, and academics.

In the 165 years since its inception, Baker has evolved from a small university and preparatory school to a comprehensive university with four schools and degrees ranging from associate to doctorate. From the first graduating class of three in 1866, Baker now serves approximately 3,000 students in Kansas and the Kansas City area and across the country in online programs. The College of Arts and Sciences offers undergraduate degrees in more than 30 areas of study on the Baldwin City campus. The School of Professional and Graduate Studies serves working adults with numerous online programs. At the School of Nursing, Baker partners with Stormont Vail Health in Topeka to offer bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. The School of Education offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in Baldwin City and online.

CLASS ORGANIZATIONS

Baker University's Class of 1891 began the tradition of naming itself and bequeathing its title to the incoming freshman class. Thus, each organization's name and traditions are passed on through generations. During any given year, four organizations are represented among the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes: Columbian Commonwealth, Senatus Romanus, King Arthur's Court, and House of Hanover. The class of 2022 is part of King Arthur's Court, and the class of 2023 is part of House of Hanover. When the class of 2027 enters Baker in the fall, it will assume the traditions of House of Hanover.

DESIGNATION OF SCHOLASTIC HONORS

These designations are applicable to baccalaureate degrees:

Summa Cum Laude – With Highest Honors

Magna Cum Laude – With High Honors

Cum Laude – With Honors

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry and dress of the academic procession have been inherited from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries where academic life began, first in the Church, then in the guilds. Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood.

The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. Sleeves of the master's degree gown are long and closed with a slit at the wrist. Doctoral gowns have full bell sleeves with three velvet chevrons across them and are faced with velvet. University presidents usually wear academic regalia that represents the school.

The colors of the hood generally represent the school and discipline. Traditional colors associated with disciplines are Maize, Agriculture; White, Arts, Letters, and Humanities; Drab, Accounting and Business; Copper, Economics; Light Blue, Education; Orange, Engineering; Brown, Fine Arts; Russet, Forestry; Crimson, Journalism; Purple, Law; Lemon, Library Science; Green, Medicine; Pink, Music; Apricot, Nursing; Silver Gray, Speech; Dark Blue, Philosophy; Sage Green, Physical Education; Golden Yellow, Science; Citron, Social Work; Scarlet, Theology.

THE UNIVERSITY SYMBOLS

In 165 years, Baker has developed many rich traditions. Along with these traditions came a series of symbols holding special meaning to the university and its rituals.

The Presidential Medallion was first worn on April 22, 1967, by Baker President James E. Doty for his inauguration. A gift from Doty's alma mater, Mount Union College in Ohio, the sterling silver and gold medallion is worn by university presidents during ceremonial events, such as commencement and convocation, to signify the official authority and responsibility of the president.

The Baker University seal was added as a university symbol when the university celebrated its golden anniversary. Its Latin motto translates "Let him first be a man," adding to the display of three Greek words: mind, body, and soul. At the center is the lamp of learning on the open book of knowledge.

The Baker University mace symbolizes the power and authority of learning. Commissioned for the 1974 inauguration of Baker's 24th president, Jerald C. Walker, Walt Bailey, emeritus faculty member whose career at Baker spanned 42 years as a professor of art, created the mace from remnants of Baker's Centenary Hall and historic Parmenter Hall. Bearing the name of Baker's 29 presidents, the mace is carried in the procession of official university ceremonies by the Grand Marshal. The traditional symbol was derived from a battle instrument of the knights in the Middle Ages.

FLAGS

The flags represent countries of origin of our graduating students and faculty. This year we have flags representing Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Poland, and Romania.

KOPKE AWARD

The Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching recognizes annually a Baker faculty member who has a record of excellence in teaching and in transforming students into scholars, who brings honor to the university, and who exhibits good moral character.

JABARA LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Jabara Leadership Award recognizes one graduating male and one graduating female student who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, departmental involvement, and career potential while completing their degree at Baker.

THE ALMA MATER

TO THE ORANGE

by Warren Shepard, arr. by Roger Kugler



THE PROGRAM

This program lists degree recipients together with candidates who plan to complete requirements in the near future. It is not an official list of graduates.

Exit procedure: In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and move to the exits in an orderly fashion. There are two gates that exit on the northeast side of the grandstand and two gates that exit to the west. Please move quietly and quickly to the nearest exit. In the event of lightning, please exit the stadium and return to your vehicle. We will communicate with graduates when it is safe to return to your seats or if the ceremony will be postponed.

Thank you.



President Lynne E. Murray Presiding

| *Processional |
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| *Invocation |
| Welcome and Introductions |
| Remarks Mercedes Ruiz, Class of 2023 Senior Class President |
| Authorization to Confer Degrees and |
| Bestow University Honors and Recognition Mr. Scott Grauer Senior Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees |
| Presentation of University Recognition President Murray |
| Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke |
| Award for Distinguished Teaching President Murray |

| 2023 Outstanding Senior Awards President Murray |
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| Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Awards Dr. Judy Smrha Professor and Chair of Business and Economics |
| Presentation of Candidates Dr. Darcy Russell Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences |
| Conferral of Degrees President Murray |
| Presentation of Degrees |
| College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education Undergraduate Candidates |
| Recognition of Candidates for Teacher Licensure Dr. Verneda Edwards Dean of the School of Education |
| School of Nursing Candidates Dr. Libby Rosen Dean of the School of Nursing |
| Assisted by |
| President's Charge President Murray |

| The Alma Mater Led by Max Dutton Senior, Mass Media |
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| To <i>The Orange</i> by Warren Shepard arr. by Roger Kugler Lyrics are available on page 3 |
| Benediction |
| **Recessional Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums |
| *All who are able will stand. |
| **Audience members please remain standing until the recessional is completed. |

The University Marshals are Professor Martha Harris – Head Marshal, Dr. Tony Brown, Professor John Richards, and Professor Amanda Schuster.

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Samantha Jo Aceto Magna Cum Laude History

WILLIAM J. BYERS
PSYCHOLOGY

SHELBY L. CLARK
CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS
MUSIC

WILL A. Cox Mass Media

Reagan Dailey

Magna Cum Laude

English

Ashley Louise Daub
Summa Cum Laude
Communication Studies
Spanish

Lucas Pereira Dehaan Sports Administration Lauren Nichele Freemon Besch Magna Cum Laude Religious Studies Spanish

Kinly Ann Grubb Communication Studies

Maria Gutierrez Summa Cum Laude Mass Media

KATHRYN ROSE HARMAN English

CAEL LEE JOHNSON
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
HISTORY

Carson William Moore
Summa Cum Laude
Business

Rebekah Nelson Magna Cum Laude Mass Media Studio Art

CARSON LEE PITTMAN

Summa Cum Laude

English

CAROLINA FERRAZ PORTO

Psychology

ERICH POUCH

GERMAN

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

LILLIAN C. RICHARDS

Summa Cum Laude

English

Psychology

Angel Raul Verduzco

Psychology

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

JESSE BENTZ

Music Education

VOCAL

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

VALERIE JAYCEE

Aceves-Power*

Summa Cum Laude

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

KINSLEY ALLEY

Magna Cum Laude

Business

Mass Media

LAUREN ALLEY

Magna Cum Laude

Business

Mass Media

Emma Thompson Ancira

Magna Cum Laude

Psychology

JACY M. ANDERSON

Summa Cum Laude

Business

DANIEL J. APPLE

Magna Cum Laude

BUSINESS

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BENJAMIN B. BANKS

Business

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Tajanique Bell

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RECREATION

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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LILLIAN ROSE JANOWICZ

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Jaden Samone Jones-Frasier*

DOMINIC ALAN KATSBULAS

SIMRANJEET KAUR*

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| Jillian Adelle Kubicki | Sarah Elizabeth Tennison* |
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| Brooklynn Lee Lamberd* | |
| Summa Cum Laude | Isabella June Todd* |

MORGAN TUMBERGER

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| Kirby Morgan Mangels* | Blessing Ugwuegbu |
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| | Hailey Nicole Warden |
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| Catherine Grayce Morrison* | |

| | TRINITY WILLETT |
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| Kaj Mason Alfred Perez | |

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