

The background of the entire page is a dark blue gradient. Overlaid on this is a large, faint, light blue circular seal of Baker University. The seal features a central emblem with a book and a torch, surrounded by the text "BAKER UNIVERSITY" and "FOUNDED 1862".

BAKER UNIVERSITY

Spring Commencement

GRADUATE DEGREES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF NURSING

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

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

Today's Commencement

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.

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 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 represent 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.

THE ALMA MATER

TO THE ORANGE

by Warren Shepard

arr. by Roger Kugler

Andante

To dear old Ba-ker un-to thee our grate-ful song we sing. In
6 tri-umph sound through out the land loud let thy prais-es ring. Our Al-ma Ma-ter
11 will reign a-cross the vast fair Kan-sas plain. Hearts
14 to the Orange for e-ver true. We're child-ren of old Ba-ker U

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.

Order of the Ceremonies

PRESIDENT LYNNE E. MURRAY
PRESIDING

*Processional Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums

*Invocation The Reverend Kevin Hopkins
University Minister

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Lynne Murray
29th President
Baker University

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

Presentation of the Dr. Bill Neuenswander
Outstanding Dissertation Award
to Dr. Christina Wisdom Dr. Verneda Edwards
Dean of the School of Education

Assisted by Dr. Bill Neuenswander
Dean Emeritus of the School of Education
2018 Baker University Faculty Hall of Fame Inductee

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 Dr. Russell

School of Education Graduate Candidates Dr. Edwards

School of Nursing Graduate Candidates Dr. Libby Rosen
Dean of the School of Nursing

School of Professional
and Graduate Studies Candidates Dr. Matthew R. Bice
Dean of the School of
Professional and Graduate Studies

Assisted by Ms. Ramie Nation
University Registrar

President’s Charge President Murray

*The Alma Mater Led by Max Dutton
Senior, Mass Media

To *The Orange* by Warren Shepard
arr. by Roger Kugler
Lyrics are available on page 3

*Benediction The Reverend Hopkins

**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,
Professor Bernie Fried, Professor Shoula Horing, and Dr. Brian Messer.

The Ed.D. advisors assisting with the hooding of the doctoral candidates today
are Dr. Regena Aye, Dr. Tracy Cooper, Dr. Verneda Edwards, Dr. Lanie Fasulo,
Dr. Harold Frye, Dr. Wendy Gentry, Dr. Arminda McCallum, Dr. Tes Mehring,
Dr. James Robins, Dr. Susan Rogers, and Dr. Denis Yoder.

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