

BAKER UNIVERSITY

# Spring Commencement

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GRADUATE DEGREES

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SUNDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY  
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX  
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
THE GEORGE F. COLLINS, JR.  
SPORTS AND CONVENTION CENTER  
BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS

# Today's Commencement

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## THE ADDRESS



The Rev. Warren Thomas Swenson is an Episcopal priest of the Diocese of West Missouri and a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Chester. Earlier this year, he was appointed to a tenure-track position on the faculty of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he will begin teaching homiletics in the fall. A scholar of contextual theology and preaching, his work will appear in the forthcoming edition of *The Oxford Handbook of Christian Homiletics*.

No stranger to Sewanee, Warren is currently Associate Director of the School of Theology's SUMMA Theological Debate Program. He previously served as Visiting Instructor of Rhetoric in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as Principal Lecturer for the Catechumenate, the university chaplaincy's primary faith formation offering. Warren's ministry experience has been shaped primarily by small church and rural contexts, most notably through nearly six years of service with Southeast Tennessee Episcopal Ministry, a network of yoked congregations on and around the Cumberland Plateau.

Originally from Overland Park, Kansas, Warren holds Master of Divinity (2018) and Master of Sacred Theology (2020) degrees from the University of the South, as well as a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Communication Studies and Spanish from Baker University (2013). While at Baker, Warren served as President of the Student Senate, was active in the Speech Choir, and studied for a semester at the University of Seville. He is a proud member of Zeta Chi fraternity. After graduation, he worked for two years as a project coordinator and special assistant in the President's Office.

Most recently, Warren worked as a consultant on the Netflix original series *Big Mistakes*, created by Dan Levy and Rachel Sennott. He and his husband Walker live in Sewanee, in a 116-year-old farm cottage, which they recently restored.

# 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 168 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 students across campuses in Kansas and online around the world. The College of Arts and Sciences offers undergraduate degrees in more than 40 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 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 168 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 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 31 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 the countries of origin of our graduating students and faculty. This year we have flags representing Antigua and Barbuda, Cameroon, Colombia, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

## NEUENSWANDER OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

The Dr. Bill Neuenswander Outstanding Dissertation Award was established in 2011 to recognize exceptional work by doctoral candidates and to encourage the highest levels of scholarship, research, and writing. Dr. Neuenswander, served Baker for 17 years in varied roles, including professor of undergraduate and graduate courses, director of teacher education, and dean of the School of Education. He held a key role in developing Baker's first doctoral program, Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, in 2006, and was inducted into the Kansas Teacher Hall of Fame in 2004.





# Order of the Ceremonies

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\*Processional . . . . . Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums  
*Color Guard provided by the Baldwin City Boy Scouts, Troop #65*

\*National Anthem . . . . . Ms. Ramie Nation  
University Registrar and Advisor  
to the President for Accreditation

\*Invocation . . . . . The Reverend  
Blake Stanwood, University Minister  
Class of 2012

Welcome and Introductions . . . . . Jody S. Fournier, PhD  
31st President of Baker University

Commencement Address . . . . . The Reverend  
Warren Thomas Swenson, Class of 2013

Authorization to Confer Degrees  
and Bestow University Honors  
and Recognition. . . . . Mr. John Thomson  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Class of 1995

Presentation of University Recognition  
  
Dr. Bill Neuenswander Outstanding Dissertation Award  
to Dr. Bryan Fulton and Dr. Michelle Pressler. . . . .  
Dr. Tina R. Hartley  
Executive Dean of the  
College of Arts and Sciences  
and School of Education

Presentation of Candidates . . . . . Dr. Hartley

Conferral of Degrees . . . . . President Fournier

Presentation of Diplomas

School of Education ..... Dr. Hartley

Reader ..... Dr. Stephanie Hill

*The doctoral advisors hooding doctoral candidates today are:  
Dr. Zak Akagi-Bustin, Dr. Regena Aye, Dr. Tracy Cooper,  
Dr. Anna Dunn, Dr. Harold Frye, Dr. Tes Mehring,  
Dr. James Robins, Dr. Susan Rogers,  
and Dr. Elizabeth Wilkerson.*

School of Nursing ..... Dr. Ranee Seastrom  
Interim Dean of the School of Nursing

Readers ..... Dr. Marlene Eicher  
Prof. Ashley Seematter

School of Professional  
and Graduate Studies ..... Dr. Kirk Haskins  
Interim Dean of the School of Professional  
and Graduate Studies

Reader ..... Ms. Tara Brinkoetter

Assisted by ..... Ms. Nation

President’s Charge ..... President Fournier

\*The Alma Mater ..... Led by Ms. Nation

\*Benediction ..... The Reverend Stanwood

\*\*Recessional ..... Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums

**The University Marshals**

Head Marshal: Dr. Sara Crump  
Assistant Marshals: Bob Burnham,  
Dr. Deborah Methias, and Dr. Elizabeth Wilkerson

**\*All who are able will stand.  
\*\*Please remain standing until  
the recessional is completed.**

# *School of Education*

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

SARA AGUAYO

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VICTORIA CAMDEN ZACKERT

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TERRI LISA SCHWAGER

CHRISTOPHER J. SPINDLER

VANESSA THREAT

LAURA ELIZABETH WINZEN

# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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MICHELLE HOLTMAN

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ALYSSA CAITLIN POTEET

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INSTRUCTIONAL  
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PERFORMANCE  
TECHNOLOGY

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BRIAN JAMES HAGSTROM

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STEPHANIE PRATT



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MERCEDES RAE EICHER

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