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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY TEN THIRTY A.M. | Clements Recreation Center

GRADUATE SCHOOL CEREMONY Two THIRTY P.M. | Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall

Westerville, OH

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

Cheryl L. Herbert Chair, Board of Trustees John L. Comerford President

All ceremony music was previously recorded and curated by Michael S. Yonchak, Associate Professor of Music Processional Crown Imperial Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble (William Walton/trans. W.J. Duthoit) Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90 from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002 Chair, Board of Trustees * Invocation Rev. Lucy Kelly Otterbein Director of Faith and Spiritual Life and Associate Pastor at Church of the Master United Methodist Class Greeting Amanda Marie Marchi '24 Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology President Three-time Tony Award-nominated Broadway Actress Otterbein Honorary Doctorate of Arts degree

* Please stand as able.

Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees in Course.....John L. Comerford President Wendy Sherman Heckler Provost and Senior Vice President

> Graduates announced by: Andrew P. Mills Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Science in Education
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing • Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Music Education • Bachelor of Fine Arts

Presentation of Emeriti	Wendy Sherman Heckler Provost and Senior Vice President
Concluding Remarks	John L. Comerford President
* Benediction	Rebecca E. Morrison '24 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
* Otterbein Love Song (Glenn Grant Grabill '1900 and Celia Ihrig Grabill H'64 /arr. by Kris A. Lehman '81)	Led by Kylie Stadler '24 Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music in Performance

 Recessional Sine Nomine......Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble

 by Ralph Vaughan Williams (arr. Alfred Reed)
 Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90

 from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002

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UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKER

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Dee Hoty '74, H'97

Three-time Tony Award-nominated Broadway Actress

Dee Hoty '74 is an acclaimed Broadway actress and proud graduate of Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance.

A native of Lakewood, OH, Hoty discovered her talent for music and the theatre at Lakewood High School. She then attended Otterbein and after college, she received coveted apprenticeships at both the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival and the Cleveland Play House, allowing her membership into the stage actors' union, Actors' Equity Association.

She moved to New York in 1977 and made her Broadway debut within two years. Since then, she has earned three Tony Award nominations for her starring roles in *Footloose*, *The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public*, and *The Will Rogers Follies*. In total, she has appeared in 13 Broadway shows, including *City of Angels*, for which she earned an Outer Critics Circle nomination, and *Me and My Girl*. Her most recent Broadway appearances include *Gigi* and *Bright Star*. She also has starred on Broadway and in eight major U.S. cities as Donna in *Mamma Mia*!

Hoty has starred in five major U.S. National Tours, including *Barnum* (opposite Stacy Keach), *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Dr. Dolittle* (opposite Tommy Tune), and as Violet in 9 to 5: *The Musical*. She has also appeared Off-Broadway and in many regional theaters across the country.

Her recent film and television work includes *New Amsterdam*, *Dickinson*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *The Sinner*, the Julian Fellowes' film *The Chaperone*, and the Charles Busch film *The Sixth Reel*.

Hoty has remained close to her alma mater. In 1997, Otterbein awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Arts degree. That same year, she was inducted into the Hall of Excellence of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges.

In 2018, she was elected as a principal counselor to the governing board of the Actors' Equity Association. Since 2020, she has served as their eastern regional vice president. She also currently volunteers as vice president for the Actors Federal Credit Union Board.

She married actor Sam Freed on Dec. 9, 2023.

COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

The Colors

At the appearance of the colors, the audience will rise and stand until the flags have been placed, and then may be seated during the remainder of the procession.

The Mace

The mace bearer is an honor bestowed upon the most senior faculty member, Teri Walter, Professor, Department of Health and Sport Sciences.

The Otterbein University Seal

The seal bearer is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award, David Sheridan, Associate Professor of Biology and Earth Science.

The Flambeau

The flambeau bearer is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the New Teacher of the Year Award, Bennett Grooms, Assistant Professor of Biology and Earth Science.

Trustees of the University Faculty and Senior Administrators of the University The Class of Two Thousand Twenty-Four The Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Commencement Speaker The President of the University

OTTERBEIN COLORS

In 1891, Florence Cronise chaired the "Color Committee" to select school colors. The committee chose tan and cardinal, the colors of the Class of 1893. The May 1891 issue of *Aegis*, the Otterbein newspaper from 1890 to 1917, announced the new colors flew marvelously during the annual field day.

THE MACE AND FLAMBEAU

The mace and flambeau signify the authority of Otterbein, represented by a globe; and the light of learning, represented by a flame. Commissioned by President Emerita Kathy A. Krendl in 2014, the pieces were designed and crafted by Professor Emeritus Donald T. Austin.

THE OTTERBEIN SEAL

The Otterbein seal has remained virtually unchanged since 1926. It contains two of the oldest symbols of learning: the oil lamp and the open book. In almost every religious tradition, the lamp is a symbol of enlightenment, of light casting out the darkness. The open book symbolizes education and intelligence. The nine scallops surrounding the seal stand for the three sets of three upon whose work the university rests: Philip William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, and John Wesley, the founders of the United Brethren and the Methodist churches; Lewis Davis, William Hanby, and Jonathan Dresbach, the three primary founders of Otterbein University; and the Holy Trinity of Christianity.

GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Cheryl L. Herbert, Chair, Board of Trustees	John L. Comerford, President
Commencement Concert	Otterbein University Wind Ensemble
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Processional Crown Imperial (William Walton/trans. W.J. Duthoit)	Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90 from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002
Welcome	Cheryl L. Herbert Chair, Board of Trustees
* Invocation	Kerrie Rodgers '24 Doctor of Nursing Practice
Conferring of Honorary Degree	President Wendy Sherman Heckler Provost and Senior Vice President Cheryl L. Herbert Chair, Board of Trustees
Commencement Address	-
Founder, President, and CEO (Retired) of Sophisticated Systems, Inc.	
Conferring of Graduate School Degrees in Course Presented by	John L. Comerford President Wendy Sherman Heckler Provost and Senior Vice President
Doctor of Nursing Practice	Brian Garrett and Joy Shoemaker
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	Joan Rocks and Robert Braun
5	Kurt Lykins and Steve Osborne
	Paul Wendel and Dee Knoblauch
Master of Arts in Eaucation	Paul Wendel and Dee Knoblauch
Concluding Remarks	John L. Comerford President
* Benediction	
* Otterbein Love Song	Led by David Zimmerman '25
(Glenn Grant Grabill '1900 and Celia Ihrig Grabill H'64	
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Recessional: Sine Nomine	Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Encemble
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (arr. Alfred Reed)	Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90
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GRADUATE SCHOOL SPEAKER

Graduate Commencement Ceremony

DWIGHT SMITH

Founder, President, and CEO (Retired) of Sophisticated Systems, Inc.

Dwight Smith founded Sophisticated Systems, Inc., in 1990, and served as president and CEO of the Columbus company until his retirement in 2023. In addition to leading Sophisticated Systems, he has significant experience serving as a mentor to, and angel investor in, several high potential start-ups.

Sophisticated Systems provides businesses with a comprehensive set of information technology solutions ranging from technology deployments and assessments to fully outsourced managed services in areas including cloud computing and cyber security. Smith is a certified director with the National Association of Corporate Directors and holds a CERT Certificate from NACD for their Cyber Risk Oversight Program.

Sophisticated Systems was recognized as one of *Inc. Magazine's* 500 Fastest Growing Companies in the country. IP Pathways, an Iowa-based company, purchased the company in February 2023.

Smith is a recipient of the prestigious EY (formerly Ernst & Young) Entrepreneur of the Year Award and is a Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate. His board experience is extensive and includes boards of private equity backed companies, an ESOP organization, and publicly traded firms. Smith currently serves on the board of Peoples Bancorp (PEBO), Rocky Brands (RCKY), OCLC, SureImpact, Nationwide Children's Foundation, and The Highlights Foundation. In 2022 Smith concluded 17 years of board service at State Auto Mutual Company, when the company was acquired by Liberty Mutual. He previously served on the boards of Columbus State Community College, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Rev1, and Columbus Chamber of Commerce, among others. Notably, he also served as the past chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and as a member of The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee, including as the chair.

Committed philanthropists, Smith and his wife, Renée, are active in their community and are honored to be able to contribute to enhancing the lives of others. The Smiths support numerous organizations in central Ohio, including Otterbein Univeristy, and in Dwight's hometown of Springfield, OH. Through their Donor Advised Fund, the TBTG Foundation, which was established in 2002, Dwight and Renée grant funds to a variety of nonprofits locally and in Africa, as well as provide scholarships at Columbus State Community College. The couple is passionate about supporting organizations that advance social justice, support entrepreneurship, uplift older adults, and empower and inspire youth.

They founded My Special Word, a nonprofit that teaches children about the importance of positive, encouraging, and inspiring words. In 2023, Dwight and Renée were awarded the Harrison M. Sayre Award by The Columbus Foundation.

OTTERBEIN LOVE SONG

Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill H'64/Music by Grant Grabill, Class of 1900

In a quiet, peaceful village there's one we love so true. She ever gives a welcome to her friends both old and new. She stands serene 'mid tree tops green. She's our dear Otterbein. CHORUS: Old Otterbein, our college,

we sing of thee today; Our memories round thee linger, in a sweet and mystic way. O Otterbein, we love thee, our hearts are only thine, We pledge anew, we will be true, Dear Otterbein.

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT

The pre-ceremony playlist includes the following pre-recorded selections:

Prelude and Fugue in Bb J.S. Bach/arr. Alfred Reed Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2013

Don Ricardo Gabriel Musella/arr. Rodriguez Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2013

Shenandoah trad/arr. Frank Ticheli Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2010

Courtly Airs and Dances Ron Nelson VI. Allemande Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2018

Barnum and Bailey's Favorite Karl King/arr. Bainum Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2018 *"Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar/arr. Reed Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2019

Children's March "Over the Hills and Far Away" Percy Grainger/ed. Rogers Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2018

> *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams/arr. Beeler Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2019

March of the Belgian Paratroopers Perre Leemans/arr. Swearingen Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2016

Hymn for a Child James Swearingen Otterbein Wind Ensemble, 2016

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Due to publishing time constraints, degrees and honors listed in this program were based upon grades earned through Fall Semester and projected completion of Spring Semester coursework taken on and/or away from campus. Thus, the commencement program information is not considered official. The degrees and honors listed will actually be conferred only upon those who satisfactorily meet all requirements as stipulated in the Otterbein University Course Catalog.

Summa Cum Laude – An undergraduate student who has attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.950 or better is graduated "Summa Cum Laude." This designation appears on the diploma and permanent transcript record.

Magna Cum Laude – An undergraduate student who has attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.800 to 3.949 is graduated "Magna Cum Laude." This designation appears on the diploma and permanent transcript record.

Cum Laude – An undergraduate student who has attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.600 to 3.799 is graduated "Cum Laude." This designation appears on the diploma and permanent transcript record.

With Honors – Honors students were accepted into the Honors Program on the basis of outstanding academic ability, have completed the sequence of Honors courses, and have written an Honors Thesis. The "With Honors" designation appears on the diploma and permanent transcript record. Honors graduates wear a silver medallion with the academic regalia.

With Distinction – An undergraduate student who has satisfactorily completed an approved program of independent study and research, who has submitted a thesis, and has passed written and oral examinations in the field studied, is graduated "With Distinction." This designation appears on the diploma and permanent transcript record. A student graduating "With Distinction" wears a bronze medallion with the academic regalia.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

A commission appointed in 1959 by the American Council on Education prescribes a code for academic costume that dictates two components of dress: caps and gowns.

The first component, dealing with caps, allows the mortarboard or Oxford type cap. Occasionally, the Cambridge model, a soft cap resembling a beret, is worn. Either type is correct as long as it is black and of an appropriate material, except that velvet is reserved for recipients of doctoral degrees.

The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. First, it may be black for any degree. Second, it may be in the color of the major field of learning in which the degree was granted. Third, a tassel of gold metallic may be worn by recipients of doctoral degrees and by governing officials of institutions. Some schools make a ceremony of switching the tassel from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded as a substitute for individual hooding of candidates.

The second main element of academic costume concerns the gown which should be all black, aside from variations in materials and fullness. The bachelor's gown falls in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long, pointed sleeves. A master's gown is distinguished by arc-shaped panels on the long or short sleeves. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as by three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and, unlike them, may be ornamented in color. Both the paneling and the sleeve bars may show the area in which the degree was awarded.

For the Otterbein Doctoral Regalia, designed in 2013, the panels and bars on the gown are cardinal velvet, trimmed in tan piping. The cap is an eight-pointed velvet tam with a gold tassel. The velvet on the four-and-one-half-foot doctoral hood is specific to the field of study and the hood is lined with cardinal and tan silk.

PRESIDENTIAL COLLAR AND MEDALLION

Chains of office, also known as collars, were used as badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today, they are custom-designed metal necklaces worn by the president during academic ceremonies as part of their regalia. The chain of office designed for the 21st President of Otterbein University, John L. Comerford, Ph.D., is made of bronze, a strong and durable metal. The medallion of the necklace is dominated by the University seal. The seal is an appropriate choice for the design of the medallion because it represents the president's responsibility to the sound education and experiential learning of each and every student at Otterbein. The metal connector, or bail, that joins the medallion and the chain, represents the institution's bond between the faculty, staff, and students. Equally, the 32-inch chain represents the joining of the desire to teach and the eagerness to learn demonstrated by Otterbein faculty, staff, and students.

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATE SCHOOL

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Grace Alford Family Nurse Practitioner Dublin, OH

Nick Anderson Nurse Anesthesia Westerville, OH

Aimee Baker Nurse Anesthesia Grove City, OH

Matthew Ryan Baker Nurse Anesthesia Utica, OH

Cary Bedinghaus Nurse Anesthesia Columbus, OH

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Anthony Brusadin Nurse Anesthesia Dublin, OH

Brad Closson Nurse Anesthesia Columbus, OH

Kelly Dzialowski Nurse Anesthesia Greensburg, PA Morgan Gidley Kleinfelder Nurse Anesthesia Beavercreek, OH

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Joel Jackson Nurse Anesthesia New Knoxville, OH

Randall Kinietz Nurse Anesthesia Columbus, OH

Kahl Knapke Nurse Anesthesia Columbus, OH

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Courtney Amanda Morris Nurse Anesthesia Newark, OH

Megan Przybysz Nurse Anesthesia Wilmington, NC

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Kourtney Jane Snyder Nurse Anesthesia Mount Gilead, OH

Calvin Sparks Nurse Anesthesia Baltimore, MD

Heather Tatusko Phiri Family Nurse Practitioner Columbus, OH

Tyler A. Wolpert Nurse Anesthesia Wintersville, OH

Master of Science in Nursing

Ojaswi Bhattarai Family Nurse Practitioner Columbus, OH

Shaunte Churchill Family Nurse Practitioner Blacklick, OH Kimberly Cook Family Nurse Practitioner Columbus, OH

Joseph Earich Family Nurse Practitioner Westerville, OH Allison Melina Hopps Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Tampa, FL

Jyoti Kandel Adhikari Family Nurse Practitioner Delaware, OH

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Anthony Oguogho Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Greenbelt, MD

Mitch Sartoski Family Nurse Practitioner Cleveland, OH Ashley Danielle Smith Family Nurse Practitioner Bowling Green, OH

Marie Besong Ndip Tanyi Family Nurse Practitioner Delaware, OH

Jennifer Wenger Family Nurse Practitioner Westerville, OH Brett Craig Winner Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner New Bremen, OH

Andrea Zanders Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Lexington, OH

POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE

Jaclynn Back Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Granville, OH Erin Beesley Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner New Albany, OH Ashley Cain Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner London, OH

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ALLIED HEALTH

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Jacob Keilholz Healthcare Administration Oregon, OH

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Ryan McLain Exercise and Health Science Columbus, OH Corbin Merriman Healthcare Administration Dalton, OH

Jade Morant Healthcare Administration Columbus, OH

Alyssa Roe Healthcare Administration Marengo, OH

Ann Saira Healthcare Administration Trivandrum, India Taylor Stursa Healthcare Administration Columbus, OH

Brandon Wall Healthcare Administration Adelaide, Australia

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Joshua Mammen **Business Administration** Terranora, Australia

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Sabra Manara Mboya **Business Administration** Dar es salaam, Tanzania

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Rachelle Moses Business Administration Maumee, OH

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CLASS OF 2024 UNDERGRADUATES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Hunter Adams Marketing Pittsburgh, PA

Kunkaron Shina Adawe Global Studies Public Health Education Reynoldsburg, OH

Jacquelyn Adler Public Relations Sport Management Hubbard, OH Magna Cum Laude

Shabib Ahmed Computer Science Mason, OH Magna Cum Laude

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Joshua Bazdar Biology Mentor, OH Cum Laude

Abbigail Beyer Criminology and Justice Studies Psychology Johnstown, OH Cum Laude

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Henry Conrad History Canal Winchester, OH

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Taylor Gill Health Communication Public Relations Columbus, OH

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Chloe Murphy Art with Studio Concentration Columbus, OH

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PHOTOS AND STREAMING

Grad Images is the official photographer for today's commencement ceremony. A picture of each graduate will be taken at the time they cross the stage. In mid-May, Grad Images will automatically send a proof and order form to all graduates. All orders received by July 1 will be delivered by Aug. 1. Late orders will be accepted until Dec. 31. There is no obligation to purchase pictures or to respond to Grad Images correspondence.

Text family and friends that today's ceremony is streamed live on the web. They can go to **www.otterbein.edu** to watch.

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Otterbein is a proud co-founder of the Coalition for the Common Good.

May your achievements as scholars, your contributions as professionals, and your leadership as citizens stand as a meaningful reflection of this University's bold commitment to advance the common good.

