

Bethel University

2021 Summer/Fall Commencement



Welcome to Bethel University's 2021 Summer/Fall Commencement

December 4, 2021

10 AM

PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM

Dr. Walter Butler, (BS '85, MBA '08)

Bethel University President

Dr. Jim Scruton

Mace Bearer

Professor of English and Associate Academic Dean

Dr. Roger Johnson

Faculty Marshal

Professor of Physics and Computer Science

Dr. Alan Cross

Professor of Music

The Rev. Garrett Burns, (BA' 10)

Associate Chaplain of the University

Ms. Cindy Mallard, (BA' 98)

Vice President, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Kimberly Martin, (MBA' 08)

Vice President, College of Professional Studies

Dr. Mandy Fisher

Academic Dean, College of Professional Studies

Ms. Johana Romero and Ms. Lexi Daniels

Student Marshals

Ms. Lacey Grace Young

Crucifer

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Arrangement by Joseph M. Martin

PROCESSIONAL*

Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1 (1901)

Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

The Rev. Garrett Burns

WELCOME

Dr. Walter Butler

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Kimberly Martin

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Arts and Sciences: Dr. James Scruton

College of Professional Studies: Dr. Kimberly Martin

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE OF STUDY

Dr. Walter Butler

ALMA MATER*

Dr. Alan Cross

BENEDICTION*

The Rev. Garrett Burns

RECESSIONAL*

Allegro Moderato, John Blow

We respectfully request that all guests remain in place until the recessional concludes.

POSTLUDE

Jupiter from The Planets, Gustav Holst

ALMA MATER

Dearest Bethel long may we honor thee,
Year after year may thy memories return,
Purple and gold will forever deck thy hallways,
Bethel Forevermore.

Dear Alma Mater, long may thy praises ring,
Thy walks and portals forever cherished be,
Ever and ever, We strive to keep thy faith with thee,
Bethel Forevermore.

***Those who are able are requested to please stand.**





Welcome to our Summer and Fall 2021 Commencement Ceremony. We know we will always remember these past months. Our world has changed since the outbreak of COVID-19 in several ways, but you have persevered. We applaud your tenacity to overcome new obstacles. Today you are a Bethel University Graduate and Alumni.

As one of the oldest universities in our state, you now join thousands of other alumni around the globe that have graduated from Bethel University in its 179 years of existence.

Our hope for you is simple. We encourage you to dream big and serve others, remember the Golden Rule and, most importantly, love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. If you do these few things, you will help change the world.

Thank you for being here today to celebrate this happy occasion with your family and friends. On behalf of Bethel University, I wish you the best.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Walter Butler".

Dr. Walter Butler, President
Bethel University

To allow all family members and friends the opportunity to hear their graduate's name called to receive their diploma, please hold your expressions of congratulations until ALL names have been called.

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Whitney Aaliyah Barnhill

KeAntos Levonte Bates

Cordell Unique Benton

Kaetlyn J Brallier

Sacha - Gay Brown*

Keyshawn Dejour
Brummett

Jodi Elizabeth Butler**

Alexis Marie Campbell ***

Caitlin A Campbell*

Haley Brooke Cooper

Sebastian Cortes Torres

Caden Taylor Davidson*

Jada D Donald-Fowler

Ansley Gail Toy-Eubank

Jaelen Shemar Fitzgerald

Tyler Cordale Frazier

Jose A. Garcia

Carvosky Jaquay Garner

Kayley Danae Grisham***

Randy Jomar Guevarez

Ian Ray Harris

Preston Henderson

Jonathan Ismael Herrera

Sarah Breann Jackson

Robert Fletcher Jones

Luana Lima**

Elvira Martin Cantero*

Aden Phillip Mathis

Haley Brooke McCallister

Joseph Paul McClosky

Tristan Keith McCormick

Carter James McNeil

Ruber Medina Batista

Allie Grace Moran

Brandon Enoch Ndip Akem

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Luke Patterson**

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Davius D. Prather

JaVonte DeShawn Ray

Alejandro Rodriguez
Costales**

Kierra Denise Sain

Gian-luca Paolo
Schunke *

Devyn Lee Smiley***

Wilson Thomas Smith

Joseph Wayne Tate Jr. **

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Alex G. Valcarcel
Camareno

Madison Taylor Walk

Morgan Blair Wall

McKenzie LeeMae
Wallace***

Rachel Ward

Alexis V Wheeler*

Taeton Wienk

Melissa Lee Williams

Terry Dewayne
Williams Jr.

Paris Wilson

Lauren Alexis Woodard

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude



◇ With Honors

Δ Honors Diploma

Φ Gamma Beta Phi

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Taniya Nalea Brooks

Elliott B Meadors

Amelia Rose Kozlosky

Dorothy Scott *** Δ

Emily N. Lunn*

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Kenneth Chandler Padgett

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Crossno***

Karry L Stewart

Heather L Story

Samantha Leigh Dunn

Audrey Evadney Strachan

Karle Randa Meggs***

Jayla S Taylor

Abigail L Miller

Rebecca Louise
Winberry *

Courtney Lee Schrader

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COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Brandon Austin	Thomas Keith Crawford ◇
Brittany Ann Backus	Jackie Denise Crews
Jelvis Kwame Baidoo ◇	Randi Elisabeth Crockett
Angela Dawn Bain-Silva ◇	Justin Wade Cross ◇
Nikki Nashay Ballard	Tabetha Michelle Crotzer
Katrina Deone Barrow ◇	Jalishia Richae' Daniel ◇
Amanda Marie Bates ◇	Amanda Danielle Daniels
Timothy Alan Beasley	Spencer S. Daniels
Theresa Katherine Beckley ◇	Wonda Jean Davis
Marla R. Bonner	Kevin Allen Dearborn
Jennifer Kay Booker ◇	Terri Lynn Delaney ◇
Martrell Boswell ◇	Cassidy Elizabeth Demler ◇
Bruce Patrick Brayton ◇	Venterrious Markiece Devres
Dakota Lee Bromley	Steven Edward Dillard ◇
Maurita Claudette Brown	Mary Beth Doyle
Tracey Allyson Burgiss	James Tyler Dunn
Pamela V. Burton	Amy Jean Earp ◇
Tiffany Charise Bush	Samuel Evans ◇
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Ivory Randelle Clark	Miranda Michelle Gidlof ◇
Mary F. Clark	Bradley Tyler Gilvin ◇
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Tamara Dawn Coffelt ◇	Christine Nicole Goff
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Jonathan Dane Hargrove ♦	Sarah Elizabeth Maclin
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Karissa Louise
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Amy Michelle Clark

Stuart Lee Colwell

Sabrina Michelle Dobey

Kymberly Ann Ellis

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Jessica Pearl Thornton

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Forrest Anne Bowdery

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BethelUniversity

Our mission is to create opportunities for members of the learning community to develop in a Christian environment to their highest intellectual, spiritual, and social potential. This includes synchronous and asynchronous modes of education.



One of the traditions Bethel University shares with other colleges and universities the world over is the academic procession. Such a procession of the faculty occurs at the opening of the academic year, at each graduation, and at other convocations of the **university** community.

This tradition traces its origin to the Middle Ages. In the 12th and 13th centuries, when modern colleges were taking form, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Most of those studying were clerks in holy orders, or monks, and some were priests. They wore a habit or cloak, to which was attached a cowl or hood. In the Middle Ages such gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated stone colleges. Today, this academic tradition continues to provide a meaningful continuity with our education roots.

The hood gives color and meaning to the academic costume. The color of the lining identifies the university granting the highest degree held by the wearer. The color of the trim indicates the field of learning in which the degree was received. The colors indicate the fields of learning as follows:

- **Arts, Letters, Humanities.....White**
- **Commerce, Business.....Drab**
- **Criminal Justice.....Midnight Blue**
- **EconomicsCopper**
- **Education.....Light Blue**
- **EngineeringOrange**
- **Fine ArtsBrown**
- **Home Economics.....Maroon**
- **LawPurple**
- **Library ScienceLemon**
- **MedicineGreen**
- **MusicPink**
- **Nursing.....Apricot**
- **PhilosophyDark Blue**
- **Physical EducationSage Green**
- **Social Science.....Cream**
- **Theology.....Scarlet**

The mace is a world symbol of tradition and a bond to centuries of academic ritual. In Medieval times, a mace was used as a hand-to-hand combat weapon. By approximately 1400 A.D., its use became more ceremonial in nature, first as a wooden staff carried by royal messengers and then as an instrument used by academicians in rituals such as commencement and inaugurations.

Bethel University’s mace is used for formal events such as commencement and convocation, which are attended by faculty in full academic regalia. The university mace is a symbol of the legal and chartered authority of the university president. When the mace is present, the authority of the university is present. The honor of carrying the mace is reserved for the most senior faculty member.



Congratulations Class of 2021!

College is one of life's
great beginnings.

A time to learn
who you are.

A time to
Become YOU.

Now it is time
to start another
great beginning.



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