

Commencement

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Lenoir-Rhyne University was founded in 1891 and is a private, Lutheran, coeducational university with its primary campus in Hickory, North Carolina. Academic programs include more than 50 undergraduate majors and 30 graduate programs. Other campus locations include the Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville, North Carolina; the Center for Graduate Studies of Columbia, South Carolina; and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, also in Columbia. Today, more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled across all campuses. Lenoir-Rhyne is affiliated with the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes students from all religious backgrounds. The website is www.lr.edu.

Purpose

In pursuit of the development of the whole person, Lenoir-Rhyne seeks to liberate mind and spirit, clarify personal faith, foster physical wholeness, build a sense of community and promote responsible leadership for service in the world.

As an institution of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the University holds the conviction that wholeness of personality, true vocation and the most helpful service to God and the world are best discerned from the perspective of Christian faith.

As a community of learning, the University provides undergraduate, graduate and continuing study programs committed to the liberal arts and sciences as a foundation for various careers and guidance for a meaningful life.

The Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office

The Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office were updated for the Inauguration of Lenoir-Rhyne's twelfth president, Dr. Frederick K. Whitt. The Medallion is the University seal engraved in antique brass incorporating the University colors. The Presidential Medallion hangs from a 36-inch chain that reflects the history of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Attached to the chain are engraved seals of Lenoir College as well as Lenoir-Rhyne College. In addition, the Chain of Office includes gold leaflets with four engraved curved banners below the historical seals reflecting the core values of the University, which are Integrity, Curiosity, Care and Excellence. Four engraved curved banners are located above the historical seals and reflect the leadership principles of President Whitt, and include Compassion, Engagement, Trust and Faith.

Ms. Katherine F. McKenzie, former Lenoir-Rhyne University Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and 1969 alumna, provided the gift to the University for the new Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office. The Medallion and Chain of Office are part of the academic regalia worn by the President of the University.

The Academic Mace

The Academic Mace, a traditional symbol of authority and immunity from outside interference at colleges and universities worldwide, descends from the medieval battle mace and the regal scepter. The two ancient instruments were combined to form a ceremonial staff symbolizing the "immortal dignity" of academic institutions and are traditionally carried by the school marshal.

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Mace, 28 inches long, is fashioned of North Carolina's state wood, black walnut. Topping the mace is the University seal in gold plate framed by four extensions of sterling silver which symbolize a cross and the institution's relationship to the church. Below the seal and cross is suspended in sterling silver a flame-like sphere representing learning and knowledge. At the base of the mace is mounted a cross, also of sterling silver.

The mace is a 1974 gift from two Lenoir-Rhyne professors, Laura B. Clayton and William H. Shuford.

The Academic Regalia

Of all the traditions associated with collegiate education, the wearing of academic regalia is one of the oldest and perhaps least understood. Formal academic dress has been worn, often required daily, in European colleges and universities since 1321. In contrast to today, the regalia may have provided needed insulation against the damp cold of unheated medieval classrooms and libraries. The first code on academic costumes in America was devised at a conference at Columbia University in 1895 and was based upon the academic costume in use at Oxford University. The American Council on Education appointed committees to review this code in 1932 and again in 1959. The academic regalia seen on campus today meets the requirements of the Academic Costume Code published in 1960.

Gowns for those with bachelor's degrees have pointed sleeves, those with master's degrees wear oblong sleeves, and holders of doctoral degrees wear bell-shaped sleeves. Most gowns are black, but there are some exceptions: those with degrees from Columbia University are authorized to wear blue gowns; Dartmouth College, green; Harvard, Cornell and others, red. Gowns of those with doctoral degrees have velvet facing on the front and three velvet stripes on each sleeve. This velvet may be black or colored to indicate the field of study in which the doctorate was awarded. The most common ones are listed below:

Arts & Letters / Humanities	White	Library Science	Lemon
Business Administration	Drab	Medicine	Kelly Green
Communication / Journalism	Crimson	Music	Pink
Counseling / Education	Light Blue	Nursing	Apricot
Divinity / Theology	Scarlet	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Science	Sage Green
Fine Arts	Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Law / Jurisprudence	Purple	Science / Mathematics	Gold

The most informative part of the regalia is the academic hood worn around the neck. The hoods of those receiving or holding bachelor's degrees are three feet in length. Master's hoods are three and one-half feet long, while doctoral hoods are four feet in length with panels on each side. The edge of the hood is bound with velvet in the color appropriate to the subject in which the degree was earned (as listed above). The lining of the hood shows the official colors of the institution which granted the degree.

The standard academic cap is appropriately known as a mortarboard. Some American universities award caps used by foreign universities that have varied appearances. The tassel may be black, colored as above, or gold in the case of those with doctoral degrees.

Commencement Stoles

In addition to the cap and gown, Lenoir-Rhyne undergraduates are wearing a stole in LR red, embroidered with the official seal of the University. The stole was created in 2017 for the Inauguration of Lenoir-Rhyne's twelfth president, Dr. Frederick K. Whitt. It was used figuratively at the Inauguration Prayer Service at Grace Chapel to bind the hands of the President to the University. The first graduates to wear this stole were members of the Class of 2018.

The University Bell

The "Old Bell" was first used at Lenoir-Rhyne in 1891 to call together the campus community for dinner. It was last used for its original purpose in 1961 by Mrs. P.W. (Elsie) Deaton. We again use the "Old Bell" to ring in each new year and to ring out each graduating class. Five tolls of the bell symbolize the five academic classes: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior and Graduate.

Honorary Degree and Trustee Award

Each year, following a nomination process, the Lenoir-Rhyne Board of Trustees approves awards to be bestowed on persons of outstanding character and service at Commencement. Honorary doctorate degrees are awarded to persons who have a) distinguished themselves for scholarship or literary achievement, b) won professional or other distinction, or c) rendered conspicuous service in a particular field. Trustee awards are bestowed on persons who have rendered noteworthy service to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

George A. Moretz

Doctorate of Humane Letters

George Moretz was born and raised in Hickory, NC. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1964 and followed in his family's footsteps by pursuing a career at Carolina Mills Inc. in Maiden, North Carolina. His fascination with the machines led to a 47-year career and following retirement he became chairman of the company's board. He recently decided to step down from that position but still serves on the board. George is also president of the Moretz Family Foundation that was established by his parents, Helen and Leonard Moretz. The foundation has supported many organizations throughout the years, including the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County, Safe Harbor North Carolina, Habitat for Humanity and Human Society of Catawba County.

George served on the Board of Trustees at Lenoir-Rhyne University from 1993 to 2022. He was a faithful member of the Executive Committee and Promotion and Development Committee. He also led the way and made the initial large gift to the Helen and Leonard Moretz Stadium renovation.

The Reverend Palmer D. Clemmer '74

Doctorate of Humane Letters

The Rev. Palmer D. Clemmer graduated in 1974 from Lenoir-Rhyne with a degree in sociology before earning his divinity degree at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Ordained by the North Carolina Synod in 1978, he served seven parishes in four states until he retired in 2008. In addition to filling various leadership roles for local ministerial associations and regional capital campaigns, Palmer served on LR's board of trustees. In 2017, he was awarded the Trustee Award for noteworthy service to LR. In 1996, Palmer and wife Cindi created a scholarship fund in memory of Cindi's parents. They've also participated in their alma mater's various fundraising efforts, including naming gifts to the science center's renovation, the Neill McGeachy Sports Performance Center, the University Commons and the Moretz Stadium renovation. When the Clemmers were able, they moved back to the Hickory area, building a home near campus that includes space to house LR students who need economic assistance to stay in school. They also have served as Listening Post volunteers, engaging in conversation with students.

Dr. Miriam David-Brown

Trustee Award

Dr. Miriam David-Brown is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a lifelong Lutheran. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Nursing degree. For the next twelve years, she worked in the nursing field while simultaneously volunteering in faith-based organizations in Michigan, Missouri and Maryland, all locations where her nursing career and expertise were taking her.

Dr. David-Brown also found time to serve the greater church through her decades-long association with the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. She was elected to the Seminary Board in 1994 as a representative, serving many years as the vice-president of the board and often being the orientation leader for new board members. She greatly valued the work of the seminary board, as she understood her service as an avenue through which she could actively and faithfully use her gifts to serve the gospel and shape the lives and ministry of others.

For the Audience

Inclement Weather Protocols

If weather interrupts the event on the field after it has begun:

- An announcement will be made if it becomes necessary to delay the ceremony.
- If severe weather occurs, the ceremony may need to be canceled.

Additional Announcements

Members of the audience are requested to stand as the academic procession enters and remain standing until after the prayer.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, you are requested to remain in place until the academic procession has exited.

Photos / videos may be taken from individual seats and from the designated area to the left of the stage. At the Hickory commencement, Photo Specialties will photograph each graduate receiving their diploma, and photos will be posted online at photospecialties.com. Once the images are processed, the company will send every graduate an individual link to view the photos and place an order. There is no obligation to buy. If there are questions or concerns, please contact Photo Specialties at 919.967.9576 or info@photospecialties.com.

Students, who are confirmed by the University Registrar to have six hours or less to complete degree requirements and who have met all other requirements for graduation, may participate in Commencement. In these cases, the actual conferral of the diploma is withheld until all degree requirements are completed. Students who participate in the ceremony prior to degree completion are not recognized for any academic honors that require final completion of degree requirements.

The Commencement ceremony can be livestreamed from lr.edu/commencement.

New this year! Each graduate will receive an email a few days following the ceremony with a personalized video of them walking across the stage. This will be sent to your LR email address.

Student Marshals

Brianna Abernathy	Chloe Falowski	Erin Lookabill
Marilyn Adkins	Christina Fisher	Kyleigh Miller
Starr Blackburn	Emilee Foxall	Haley Moore
Savanna Brooks	Madison Gee	Breanna Paul
Ellie Campbell	Erika Gouge	Trinity Price
Anna Carmona	Natalie Haas	Abigail Pruitt
Abigail Chapman	Avery Hamm	Alejah Queen
Jaden Chapman	Taylor Hedrick	Mira Register
Georgia Damianakos	R. Parkley Hennings	Reanna Rice
Anna Darby	Kearston Higgins	Thomas Robins
Samantha DeCosta	Sarah Hilton	Brooke Rowland
Caitlyn Denton	Lindsey Hodge	Jeffrey Sarmiento
Alexis Douglas	Brianna Hopkins	Kristen Turner
Zoe Durall	Madison Houser	Reagan Womack
Greta Elkin	Kavia Hulett	

The Student Marshals are selected from the junior class based on scholastic standing.

Asheville Faculty Representatives

Kerrie Fuenfhausen, Ph.D.
*Professor and Chair of the School of
Counseling and Human Services*

Laura Hope-Gill, MFA
*Assistant Professor of Writing, Director of
Thomas Wolfe Center for Narrative*

David Jones, Ph.D.
Professor of Business

Keith McDade, Ph.D.
*Professor of Sustainability Studies,
Director of Reese Institute*

Kimberly Price, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Public Health

Stephanie Thomas, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Education

Christina Walker, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Leadership

Columbia Faculty Representatives

Janelle Carter-Robinson, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*

Ira Brent Driggers, Ph.D.
*Professor of New Testament and Associate
Dean for Academic Programs*

Toni Oakes, Ed.D.
*Professor of Occupational Therapy
Chair of the School of Occupational
Therapy*

Jessica Hare, DSW
Assistant Professor of Human Services

Hickory Faculty Representatives

Randall J. Bergman, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Health

Jamie Conrad, DBA
Assistant Professor of Business

Neal D. Gray, Ph.D.
Professor of Counseling

Jessica Hare, DSW
Assistant Professor of Human Services

Keith Leiting, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Health and Exercise
Science*

Toni Oakes, Ed.D.
*Professor of Occupational Therapy
Chair of the School of Occupational
Therapy*

Robert Stallings, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Stephanie Thomas, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Education

Kerry Thompson, Ph.D.
Chair of the School of Nursing

Christina Walker, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Leadership

Lenoir-Rhyne University confers degrees three times per year – August, December and May – but only has one commencement ceremony. The celebration program is meant to be a guide to the ceremonies. Although every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, the program is not an official record of an individual's degree status. The Office of the Registrar of the University maintains the official list of all graduates.

Lenoir-Rhyne University
Columbia Graduate Commencement Program
Class of 2023
May 11, 2023, 10 a.m.

Prelude	“Night Watch”	Anthony Holborne from <i>Pavanes, Galliard, Almaines and other Short Airs</i>
*Processional	“Trumpet Tune and Ayre”	Henry Purcell <i>arr. Timothy Phillips</i>
		Christopher Nigrelli, DMA <i>Professor of Music</i> <i>Brass Ensemble Conductor</i>
*Ringing of the University Bell		Lesly James, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy</i>
Special Music	“Jupiter” chorale, from <i>The Planets</i>	Gustav Holst <i>arr. Jeana Borman/Ben Still</i>
		Benjamin Still, DMA <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Music</i>
		Jeana Borman, M.M. <i>Collaborative Artist of Piano</i>
*Scripture and Prayer		The Reverend Chad Rimmer, Ph.D. <i>Rector and Dean, LTSS</i>
Greetings and Remarks		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Introduction of Speakers		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Remarks from Graduates		Christine Vincent Taylor, M.Div. '23 Erin Nicole Honeysucker, M.S. '23
Trustee Award		Madeleine S. Dassow '75 <i>Board of Trustees Chair</i>
	Dr. Miriam David Brown	
Presentation of Graduates		Jennifer L. Burris, Ph.D. <i>University Provost</i>
Hoarding and Conferring of Degrees		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D.
<i>*The audience will please stand.</i>		

University President

Conferring of Degree Posthumously, Lorie Gladyness

Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D.
University President

Assisted By

Laura K. Crawley, Ph.D.
Vice President, Mission, Engagement and Innovation

Madeleine S. Dassow '75
Board of Trustees Chair

The Reverend Chad Rimmer, Ph.D.
LTSS Rector and Dean

Amy B. Wood, M.A. '95, Ph.D.
Assistant Provost, Professor of Counseling,
Dean of The Graduate School

Closing Comments

Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D.
University President

*Lenoir-Rhyne Alma Mater

“Fair Star of Caroline”
Alma Mater

John C. Seegers, Jr. / Frederick Stanley Smith

Fair star of Caroline, our college glorious,
Our college loved by all, to thee we sing.
May she forever shine, clear and bright, victorious.
To her our song of loyalty we bring.

(Refrain)

Fling wide the red and black, O sing aloud her praises!
This is the song we sing, Lenoir-Rhyne, to thee!

Fair star of Caroline, our Alma Mater,
Our college best of all in this broad land.
Thou best beloved of every son and every daughter,
Thy children hail thy name on every hand.

(Refrain)

*Closing Prayer

The Reverend Chad Rimmer, Ph.D.
LTSS Rector and Dean

*Recessional

“Seventeen Come Sunday”

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Jari Villanueva

Lenoir-Rhyne University
Hickory Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement Program
Class of 2023
May 12, 2023, 6 p.m.

Prelude	“Choose Joy”	Randall Standridge
*Processional	“Crown Imperial”	William Walton <i>arr. Jay Bocook</i>
		Spirit of LR Percussion and Herald Trumpets Neil Underwood, M.M. <i>Instructor of Music, Director of Spirit of LR Marching Band</i> <i>Wind Ensemble Conductor</i>
University Mace Banner		Keith Leiting, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Science</i> <i>2022 - 2023 Roediger Distinguished Service Professor</i>
University Banner Bearer		Jonathan Schwiebert, Ph.D. <i>Professor of Religious Studies</i> <i>2022 - 2023 Raymond Morris Bost Distinguished Professor</i>
*Ringing of the University Bell		Darryl Ellis Horton '23 <i>Senior Class President</i>
*Invocation		The Reverend Timothy M. Smith, D.Min. <i>Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, ELCA</i>
*National Anthem		LR Wind Ensemble
Special Music	“Good Trouble”	<i>Thomas Keesecker</i> The Lenoir-Rhyne College Singers Ryan Luhrs, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor of Music, Conductor</i>
Greetings and Remarks		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Introduction of Speakers		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Remarks from Graduates		Djbril Diallo, MBA '23 Mita D. Sudhaker '23
Conferring of Honorary Degree and Trustee Award		Madeleine S. Dassow '75 <i>Board of Trustees Chair</i>
	George A. Moretz <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	The Reverend Palmer D. Clemmer '74 <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>

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Presentation of Graduates

Jennifer Burris, Ph.D.
University Provost

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees

Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D.
University President

Conferring of Master's Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

Assisted By

Laura K. Crawley, Ph.D.
Vice President, Mission, Engagement and Innovation

Madeleine S. Dassow '75
Board of Trustees Chair

Jennifer Burris, Ph.D.
University Provost

Frank Quinn, Ph.D.
Dean of University Library Services

Several graduates are distinguished academically by a cord worn around their necks.

The various colors signify the following:

white – Honors Academy; **maroon** – program honors;
gold – summa cum laude; **silver** – magna cum laude; **bronze** – cum laude

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(Refrain)

*Closing Prayer

The Reverend Todd Cutter '96, M.A. '00, M.Div. '04
University Pastor
Director of Spiritual Life

*Recessional

“Rough Riders March”

Karl King
arr. James Sweringen

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Lenoir-Rhyne University
Asheville Graduate Commencement Program
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May 13, 2023, 10 a.m.

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*Processional	“Trumpet Tune and Ayre”	Henry Purcell <i>arr. Timothy Phillips</i>
		Christopher Nigrelli, DMA <i>Professor of Music Brass Ensemble Conductor</i>
*Ringing of the University Bell		Michael Dempsey, Ed.D. <i>Dean and Director, Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville</i>
Special Music	“Jupiter” chorale, from <i>The Planets</i>	Gustav Holst <i>arr. Jeana Borman/Ben Still</i>
		Benjamin Still, DMA <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Music</i>
		Jeana Borman, M.M. <i>Collaborative Artist of Piano</i>
*Opening Prayer		The Reverend Elizabeth Rawlings <i>Campus Pastor, Asheville</i>
Greetings and Remarks		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Introduction of Speakers		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>
Remarks from Graduates		Jason Urroz, M.S. '23 Tre Williams, M.S. '23
Presentation of Graduates		Jennifer Burris, Ph.D. <i>University Provost</i>
Hooding and Conferring of Degrees		Frederick K. Whitt, Ed.D. <i>University President</i>

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*Closing Prayer

The Reverend Elizabeth Rawlings
Campus Pastor, Asheville

*Recessional

“Seventeen Come Sunday”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Jari Villanueva*



DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

BANKS, STEPHEN ANDREW (HKY) <i>Jamestown, NC</i>	HOOKER, KATHERINE HOPE (HKY) <i>Mount Airy, NC</i>	SULLIVAN, JASMINE (HKY) <i>Rougemont, NC</i>
BATES, ANNA (HKY) <i>Granite Falls, NC</i>	LEATHERMAN, HALIE (HKY) <i>Lincolnton, NC</i>	UKWO, UGONNA CAROL (HKY) <i>Hillsborough, NC</i>
BROWN, JANELLE (HKY) <i>Cortland, OH</i>	MADERIA, AMANDA CATHERINE (HKY) <i>Clemmons, NC</i>	UPADHYAYA, RAMESH CHANDRA (HKY) <i>Robbins, NC</i>
CAUDILL, ALYSSA (HKY) <i>Lincolnton, NC</i>	MANNING, OKSANA (HKY) <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>	WALTERS, SHANNA MICHELLE (HKY) <i>Landis, NC</i>
CLAY, ALYSSA DANIELLE (HKY) <i>Huntersville, NC</i>	MEADOWS, LAUREN THOMPSON (HKY) <i>Saint Pauls, NC</i>	WARD, TIESHA RENEE (HKY) <i>Mebane, NC</i>
HARO, MONICA SELENE (HKY) <i>Conover, NC</i>	MOORE, ASHLEY (HKY) <i>Statesville, NC</i>	WILLIAMS, ANDREA (HKY) <i>Burlington, NC</i>
HERRIN, STACEY THOMAS (HKY) <i>Dallas, NC</i>	PEARLEY, RASHELLE (HKY) <i>Durham, NC</i>	
	STINSON, KAMASHA LANETTE (HKY) <i>Hickory, NC</i>	



MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

MASTER OF ARTS

Christian Ministry

MCCOY, SHARON (LTSS)

Presbyterian Church USA

MCMURPHY, ADRIANA (LTSS)

*South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*

MERCHISON, LYNNE SCOTT (LTSS)

Baptist

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

AMOS, NANCY LEIGH (HKY)

Huntersville, NC

BENNETT, WILLIAM (HKY)

Statesville, NC

BODEAU, ZACHARY (HKY)

Saint Paul, MN

BRAWLEY, ANNA MORGAN (HKY)

Troutman, NC

CHEWNING, CHEYENNE TAYLOR (COL)

Columbia, SC

CLARK, JAMIE (AVL)

Canton, NC

CRAIG, KATHY LYNN (HKY)

Conover, NC

DONATELLI, LEAH KATHERINE (AVL)

Asheville, NC

EDWARDS, TRAVIS IAN (AVL)

Woodfin, NC

ESTES, LEAH (AVL)

Waynesville, NC

FRADIN, CLAIRE ISABELLE (AVL)

Alexander, NC

FRYE, KYLEE ROSE (AVL)

Asheville, NC

FULGHAM, EMILY ANN (AVL)

Asheville, NC

GOLDSTEIN, ELLIE PIPER (AVL)

Asheville, NC

HAMMAN, KENDRA (AVL)

Asheville, NC

HARRIS, LAUREN SANDRINE (HKY)

Hildebran, NC

HENRY, HOLLY (AVL)

Asheville, NC

KMOSKO, SARAH (AVL)

Maiden, NC

LAFFERTY, NOLE (AVL)

Weaverville, NC

LOPEZ-IBANEZ, LINDSEY MARIE (AVL)

Asheville, NC

LOVETTE, RACHEL (HKY)

Greensboro, NC

LUCAS, KENNEDY LYNN (COL)

Lugoff, SC

MANCILLA, SERGIO (HKY)

Newton, NC

MCCULLOCH, SCOTT WEBSTER (AVL)

Asheville, NC

MCGLOWN, CHASIDY (HKY)

Hickory, NC

MCMILLAN IV, EDWARD LEIGH (AVL)

Asheville, NC

MILLER, SIEDAH (HKY)

Winston-Salem, NC

NORRIS, ELIZABETH FORD (HKY)

Lenoir, NC

ONWULIRI, GINIKA ADAKU (COL)

Acworth, GA

OWENS, BRYANNA (HKY)

Thomasville, NC

OWENS, EMILY ELIZABETH (AVL)

Brevard, NC

PENKA, LOUISA (HKY)

Belmont, NC

PETERSON, JORDAN (HKY)

Stony Point, NC

PICO, TAYLOR (AVL)

Asheville, NC

PITTMAN, KAYLA LORRAINE (AVL)

Arden, NC

RANKIN, REBECCA H. (HKY)

Winston-Salem, NC

RAY, TAMMY MARIE (HKY)

Granite Falls, NC

RIDENOUR, ASHLEY KAY (HKY)

Hickory, NC

RIVERS, TANESHA (HKY)

Gastonia, NC

ROBINSON, SAM (AVL)

Weaverville, NC

ROY JR., JOSEPH MAYFIELD (AVL)

Maggie Valley, NC

SCHWARTZ, EDEN (AVL)

Etowah, NC

SCOTT, EMMA (AVL)

Asheville, NC

SIMMONS, DEANA PENNELL (HKY)

Taylorsville, NC

(HKY) Lenoir-Rhyne University Hickory Campus

(AVL) Lenoir-Rhyne University Asheville Center

(COL) Lenoir-Rhyne University Columbia Center

(LTSS) Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary



MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

SMITH, KATHRYN ROSE (AVL)
Clyde, NC

SPANGLER, JOANNA GAYLE (COL)
Greenwood, IN

TAYLOR, TALIA CONCHATA FELISHA (COL)
Columbia, SC

THOMPSON, PATRICIA (AVL)
Mars Hill, NC

VAN DALSEN, CHRISTIANNA (AVL)
Oak Island, NC

VAN DYKE, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT (AVL)
Weaверville, NC

VAN SANDT, JEANNINE (AVL)
Fairview, NC

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WHITE, REA MCLEROY (HKY)
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WILLIAMS, VANESSA (AVL)
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Criminal Justice Leadership

LEWIS, KAYONNA AMARI (HKY)
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Human Services

CRISP, ALISON (COL)
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EGGERS, JULIA ANDELILAH (COL)
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LOWE, JORDAN (COL)
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MCKEE, CAITLIN MEGAN (COL)
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STULL, HANNAH JUDE (COL)
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STULPIN, KATHRYN (COL)
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WHITEHURST, TALONNE MARIE (COL)
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Leadership

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HOWARD, NADIA CELESTE (AVL)
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KOERT, ALYX (AVL)
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LACLAIR, TALON HALEY (AVL)
Statesville, NC

MOORE, KIARA RENEE (AVL)
Russellville, TN

NUNEZ, ISAIAH ROMAN (AVL)
Sacramento, CA

THOMAS JR., JEFFREY LYNN (AVL)
Akron, OH

THOMAS, TAYLOR MARIE (AVL)
Claremont, NC

YNIESTA, DREW TREVOR (AVL)
Summerville, SC

Religious Leadership

COOK, CHRISTIE SPRUILL (LTSS)
South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

School Counseling

BARNES, CAITLIN NICOLE (AVL)
Mars Hill, NC

BERRY, MADISON S. (HKY)
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JOHGART, ABRA (AVL)
Black Mountain, NC

MUHAMMAD, RONDA (HKY)
Charlotte, NC

ROBERTS, DOMINIQUE (HKY)
Hickory, NC

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Huntersville, NC



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Teaching

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BLANCET, SHELBY HALL (AVL)
Lenoir, NC

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Waxhaw, NC

COPELAND, SHAUNTERA MONAE (AVL)
Elon, NC

HOOD, ASHLEY ANN MARIE (AVL)
Claremont, NC

MILLER, JAMIE FAITH (AVL)
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NELSON, CHRISTOPHER LEE (AVL)
Lincolnton, NC

OVERCASH, BRADY EMMA (AVL)
Statesville, NC

QUIGLEY, LAUREN BROOKE (AVL)
Granite Falls, NC

SHERRILL, KATHERYN ELIZABETH (AVL)
Taylorsville, NC

SRONCE, ALYSSA NICOLE (AVL)
Vale, NC

STREATER, CHESLEY (AVL)
Valdese, NC

TEAGUE, BENJAMIN JACOB (AVL)
Taylorsville, NC

TRIPLETT, LACEY ANN (AVL)
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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

VAZQUEZ, LESLIE V. (AVL)
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Hickory, NC

Business Administration

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ASHBY, SPENCER JAMES (HKY)
Spartanburg, SC

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FARRELL, JILLIAN VICKI (HKY)
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GAST, ADAM CHRISTOPHER (AVL)
Taylorsville, NC

GRIFFIN, SAIGE MARIE (HKY)
Cooper City, FL

HAYES, QUENTIN EUGENE (HKY)
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MOFFAT, MYLES RUSSELL (HKY)
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Darien, GA

MOYA TORRES, JAVIER (HKY)
Catarroja, Valencian Community, Spain

MUREKATETE, DINAH (HKY)
Kigali, Rwanda

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TREJO, YAMYLET (HKY)
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Daphne, AL

Business Analytics and Information Technology

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Charlotte, NC

LOUBA, DAN L. (HKY)
Harrisburg, NC

NEAL III, WILLIAM WELLS (HKY)
Charlotte, NC

POZA MORA, JAIME (HKY)
Madrid, Spain

ROBINSON, ALSTON COY (HKY)
Granite Falls, NC

VENAZIO, JOSEPH ANTHONY (HKY)
Myrtle Beach, SC

Entrepreneurship

GREENE, DESAREE' (HKY)
Hickory, NC

WOODARD, RACHAEL ANN (HKY)
Connelly Springs, NC

Executive Management

HILTON III, WILLIAM JOHN (AVL)
Hickory, NC

MCAHAN, LAUREN ELIZABETH (HKY)
Jamestown, NC

MELCHER, MATTHEW RYAN (HKY)
Hickory, NC

Global Business

DIALLO, DJIBRIL (HKY)
Centereach, NY

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Wilson, NC

WHELAN, LUCY (HKY)
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Healthcare Administration

BOWMAN, ELIZABETH ROSE (HKY)
Thomasville, NC

GREENE, DESAREE' (HKY)
Hickory, NC

HOYLE, LISA (AVL)
Bryson City, NC

PEELE, JULIE NICOLE (AVL)
Durham, NC

WHITSON, CHELSEA JOLI (AVL)
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Innovation and Change Management

ASENSIO, PATRICIA (HKY)
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POLKE, KATHRIN (HKY)
Mistelbach, Austria

RUSSELL, LAUREN DANIELLE (HKY)
Advance, NC

THIVIERGE, ROLAND (HKY)
Portland, CT

Social Impact

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Stewartville, MN

EIDSON, CHARLOTTE PAIGE (AVL)
Morganton, NC

MASTER OF DIVINITY

ABBOTT, STEPHEN ROY (LTSS)
Southeastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CORBIN, REVEREND TERRY O. (LTSS)
Baptist

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North Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

FITZSIMMONS, EVAN (LTSS)
Hendersonville, NC

HAM, CRYSTAL LYNN (LTSS)
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Alliance of Baptists

MULLINS, MCIVER (LTSS)
North Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SCHAEFER, GINA RAEANN (LTSS)
North Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SCHNECK, BRANDY LEIGH (LTSS)
Florida-Bahamas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SCOTT, M'LILIAN (LTSS)
Baptist

SPANGLER, AARON (LTSS)
Indiana-Kentucky Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

TAYLOR, CHRISTINE VINCENT (LTSS)
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TAYLOR, ISAAC (LTSS)
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MASTER OF FINE ARTS

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Alexander, NC

STRICKLAND III, RALPH W. (AVL)

Morganton, NC

VANDERLIP, VALERIE (AVL)

Asheville, NC

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

BURRIS, JACQUELINE (HKY)

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Toast, NC

DAUPHIN, NEIKA (HKY)

Raleigh, NC

DHANAK, MANALI (HKY)

Dallas, NC

GANTT, BLAKELY CLINE (HKY)

Advance, NC

HARRIS, REBECCA (HKY)

Leland, NC

LANE, COURTNEY M. (HKY)

Linville, NC

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Bushnell, FL

LUNGREN, AMANDA (HKY)

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Rocky Mount, NC

SUMMERSON, SARAH (HKY)

Mechanicsburg, PA

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Master of Exercise Science

BAUGHMAN, JOCELYN SELBY (HKY)

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BRUGGER, JAMES (HKY)

Mooresville, NC

DARDEN, DAVETTA (HKY)

Goldsboro, NC

DOCKERY, LATANASIA LATEA (HKY)

Laurinburg, NC

DUDZIK, STEPHANIE (HKY)

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Bluffton, SC

MASH, TRAVIS (HKY)

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MASON, KYLE DOUGLAS (HKY)

Royersford, PA

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SULLIVAN, PATRICK THOMAS (HKY)

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Nursing Administration

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BERRY, TINA (HKY) <i>Valdese, NC</i>	COPPERNOLL, CAITLIN TAYLOR (COL) <i>North Augusta, SC</i>	HENSON, SYDNEY MARIE (HKY) <i>Sylva, NC</i>
BISHOP, EMILY MARIE (COL) <i>Irmo, SC</i>	CRAWFORD, SARAH CAROLINE (HKY) <i>Morganton, NC</i>	HONEYSUCKER, ERIN NICOLE (COL) <i>Irmo, SC</i>
BJERKNES, ADIE ROSE (HKY) <i>Bryson City, NC</i>	CRUMPLER, MORGAN LEIGH (HKY) <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>	HYERS, EMILY (HKY) <i>Weaverville, NC</i>
BLANTON, SHELBY (COL) <i>Leesburg, VA</i>	CURRENT, BREANNA CATHERINE (HKY) <i>Statesville, NC</i>	JARMAN, KRISTEN NOBLE (HKY) <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>
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BRINKLEY, SAVANNAH GRACE (HKY) <i>Stanardsville, VA</i>	DER, AMY LIM (HKY) <i>Hickory, NC</i>	LINDADE, GABRIELLA ANA (HKY) <i>Shelton, CT</i>
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BUMGARNER, BRIANNA NICOLE (HKY) <i>Conover, NC</i>	FAULKNER, MADISON JORDAN MAE (COL) <i>West Columbia, SC</i>	MARTIN, SAMANTHA ALISON (COL) <i>Kemersville, NC</i>
BUTLER, JADA NAKEEYA (COL) <i>Ridgeway, SC</i>	FINKE, KINLEY JEAN (HKY) <i>Spring Hill, TN</i>	MCDOUGALD-DAVIS, KAYLA (COL) <i>Browns Summit, NC</i>
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Midland, MI

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Apex, NC

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Asheville, NC

QUEEN, LAUREN RUTHERFORD (HKY)
Bel Air, MD

RANSOM, KEIRSTEN M. (COL)
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ROJAS, JESSICA BEATRIZ (HKY)
Kannapolis, NC

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Salem, NJ

SCHUMACHER, KIANA RAE (COL)
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SCOTT, LAUREN KRISHNA (COL)
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SETTLER, LAUREN (COL)
Ballston Lake, NY

SMITH, ARIONA (HKY)
High Point, NC

SMITH, AVA RAE (HKY)
Valdese, NC

SMITH, RENEE ELIZABETH (COL)
Columbia, SC

SPICER, MEGAN SHANA (HKY)
Fairview, NC

STACK, LINDSEY P. (HKY)
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Morehead City, NC

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Julian, NC

TODD, CORIN ALYSE (COL)
Bristol, WV

TOWNSEND, ABIGAIL JACY (COL)
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VARNER, GENNIFER L. (HKY)
Cleveland, TN

WALKER, KARSEN (COL)
Fayetteville, NC

WAUGH, BAILEY STEWART (HKY)
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Radford, VA

YATES, EHRIN CATHERINE (HKY)
Asheville, NC

LINDSEY-CRANE, VERONICA (AVL)
Asheville, NC

NATHAN, BEATRICE R. (AVL)
Asheville, NC

ROYER, ALLISON PARKER (AVL)
Johnson City, TN

URROZ, JASON (AVL)
Asheville, NC

Theological Studies

KENST, JOSHUA (LTSS)
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

PHILLIPS, SUZAN (LTSS)
South Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church

Sustainability Studies

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*Accounting
Camden, DE*

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*ELA/SS Secondary Education 6-12
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*Criminal Justice
Conover, NC*

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*Marketing
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*Marketing
Hickory, NC*

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*Management
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Haar, Germany*

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*History
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Taylorsville, NC*

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Hiddenite, NC*

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Rock Hill, SC

DAVENPORT, BRITTANY

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Troutman, NC

DAYTON, ZEBULEN

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Human and Community Service
Taylorsville, NC

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Hickory, NC

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Claremont, NC

DRUM, CHRISTOPHER E.

Information Technology / Computer Science
Maiden, NC

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FLORES, RAQUEL

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Instructional Studies
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GARRISON, ELIZABETH LILLIAN

Instructional Studies
Clover, SC

GAYTON, DESTINY

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Polkton, NC

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Psychology
Harmony, NC

GILLILAN, MCKAYLA

Psychology
Newton, NC

GLOVER, KAY-ANNA MARIE

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Waynesville, NC

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HARKEY, TOMMY FIFE

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Lincolnton, NC

HARTMAN, MADISON MARIE

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