CELEBRATING THE

Class of 2021

MAY 15, 2021
Congratulations Rangers!

A few photos of our graduating seniors; some taken prior to the mask mandate.
Each graduation at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside is an exciting event – one I am confident that each graduate, along with family and friends, will enthusiastically celebrate. Although we will not be able to gather together in the De Simone Gymnasium as is our traditional way to celebrate the Commencement of Our Graduating Class, we will mark this joyous occasion with both a virtual celebration and in person opportunities to meet by colleges.

UW-Parkside was established by the community for the community to make both local and global impacts. For over 52 years we have provided quality, affordable, and vital access to a University of Wisconsin education for students in southeastern Wisconsin and beyond. As each graduate earns their degree, that individual carries a personal and compelling story of determination and commitment. It is the combination of these stories – now stretching over seven decades – that has established the remarkable legacy of our university.

Each graduation is a time for us to salute more than 27,000 UW-Parkside graduates, 60 percent of whom were the first in their immediate families to earn a university degree. A special congratulations to our first-generation university graduates.

Thanks to an educational environment that reflects and celebrates the vibrant communities we serve, UW-Parkside graduates combine highly relevant academic skills with practical experiences. That inclusive perspective serves them well as they contribute to our communities and our global society.

Today, more than 500 graduates join a tradition of excellence in serving as proud and talented UW-Parkside alumni. To the friends and family members – thank you for the countless hours of support. To the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Class of 2021, my heartiest congratulations on your success.

Sincerely,

Debbie Ford
AWARDS

KC ACTF National and Regional Awards – UWP Theatre Arts

The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KC ACTF) awarded UW-Parkside faculty and staff from the Theatre Department three national awards for their production of Stupid F###ing Bird, by Aaron Posner, directed by Professor Fabrice Conte-Williamson. Jake Bray won for lighting design; Jody Sekas was selected for set design; Kevin Gray was honored for sound design. At KC ACTF Regional 3 competition in January, theatre student Jessica Baker snagged the top prize—for the second time in three years—for her lighting design of Romeo and Juliet—directed by Professor Brian Gill. Theatre student Jack Purves took first prize for his sound design of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)—directed by UW-Parkside alumnus Dylan Roberts. Both Baker and Purves are competing this May at the virtual KC ACTF National Festival. Including this winter’s award, UW-Parkside has won the Regional 3 lighting competition for five consecutive years.

Morris D. Hayes Award – Dr. James Kinchen

Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, Dr. James Kinchen, received the prestigious Morris D. Hayes Award from the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) for his exceptional contribution to choral art. The WCDA board celebrated the honor with Dr. Kinchen on January 16.

Bonnie Wheeler Fellowship – Dana Oswald

Associate English Professor Dana Oswald is the 2021 Bonnie Wheeler Fellowship recipient. The Wheeler Fellowship has been offered to women at the associate professor level in Medieval Studies to ensure career advancement by affording them time to complete scholarly work since 2011. Professor Oswald has published articles on monstrosity, gender, and sexuality in Old and Middle English literature, and on best teaching practices in the university literature and writing classrooms.

Newman Civic Fellow – Alisson Anguiano Salas

Junior Alisson Anguiano Salas has been named one of the 2021-2022 Newman Civic fellows. Salas joins 289 other students from 39 states, Washington D.C., and Mexico selected for the fellowships by Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education.

Regent Scholar Award – Dr. Francis Mann

Dr. Francis “Frannie” Mann was recognized by the UW System as a 2021 Regent Scholar award recipient for her distinction in research, innovation and entrepreneurship. In accepting her award, Dr. Mann talked about her motivations for her work stating, “My major focus is always first and foremost to provide students with real, meaningful research experiences in the lab.”

Founding Director of CRISC – George Vukotich

George Vukotich was hired as the Founding Director of the Center for Research in Innovations and Smart Cities. Dr. Vukotich and his team are building the strategic plan for the center — which includes the cities of Kenosha and Racine as partners in the initial phase of the center’s efforts — with a future eye toward the global community.

Howard Brown Visiting Artist in Residence – David Mason

In March, UW-Parkside virtually welcomed David Mason as the Howard Brown Visiting Artists-in-Residence. Mr. Mason is a Kenosha native and principal violinist with the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra. He is also a former student of Parkside’s Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities Alvaro Garcia.

National Shore Sales Challenge – Chandler Spiewak

Chandler Spiewak, a senior majoring in business, is the 2021 National Shore Sales Challenge Champion. Spiewak competed against 87 other students from universities around the world, including Kansas, Penn State, Temple, Florida State, University of Central Florida, and the University of Texas at Dallas. He was voted the best student at the competition by industry judges and received a prize of $1,500.

EVENTS

Third Annual Parkside Day

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside and UW-Parkside Foundation hosted Parkside Day 2021 presented by HARIBO on Thursday, April 15th, to raise funds for student scholarships and other projects and to engage the community in showing their Parkside pride. Based on preliminary totals, 608 donors made gifts for Parkside Day, raising $218,867. In particular, UW-Parkside alumni responded to the call to give, with alumni donors from every graduating class in university’s history 1970-2020.
Parkside Sport Management Conference

The Health, Exercise Science and Sport Management Department hosted the Parkside Sport Management Conference on April 9. This virtual conference was free and open to the public with exciting keynote speeches from UCLA Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond and business owner, consultant, facilitator, national speaker and published author Jim Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Center for Ethnic Studies Mini-Conference

On April 7, the Center for Ethnic Studies hosted virtual mini-conference titled, “The Health Impacts of COVID-19 on Communities of Color.” This conference featured two panel discussions with local leaders in healthcare and community-based organizations and a keynote presentation by Dr. Ryan Spellecy of the Medical College of Wisconsin, entitled “Repairing the Breach between Biomedical Research and the African-American Community in Milwaukee.”

Being and Becoming Scientists

The Library, as a part of Kenosha Public Library Big Read, hosted an event titled, “Being and Becoming Scientists: UW-Parkside Female Faculty in STEM fields discuss Lab Girl.” During this event, eight faculty members composed of UW-Parkside Biology, Chemistry, Biogeography, and Environmental Science professors lead a discussion of Lab Girl, focused on their experience as students in STEM fields and their current professional careers and scholarship. Four of the professors were featured, while the other four attended. Other participants include two further faculty members, an alum and two library staff helped lead the outdoor campus tour.

Women’s History Month/Women Chancellors’ highlight

The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion presented the Women’s History Month Speaker Series throughout the month of March entitled Refusing to be Silenced, which hosted dynamic women virtually joining UW-Parkside including Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Commissioner Jacqie McWilliams, Representative Ruth Buffalo, ND, and Executive VP and Chief People Officer of US Cellular Corporation, Deirdre Drake. The University also celebrated the more than 22 of our 52-year history with women at the helm including Sheila Kaplan (1986-1993), Eleanor Smith (1994-1997) and current chancellor, Debbie Ford (2009-present).

Black History Month

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) hosted Black History Month to recognize the history and contributions African Americans have made to society. As OMSA celebrated Black culture, engaged in critical conversations, and honored the legacies that prevail today throughout the month, specific events included a social media campaign, Black History Before Slavery and a Black History Month Book Collection in the UW-Parkside Library. A panel of local community members speaking on Racism in Kenosha: Perspectives from Black Leaders highlighted the celebrations and the month concluded with the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

OUR MISSION

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is committed to high-quality educational programs, creative and scholarly activities, and services responsive to its diverse student population, and its local, national, and global communities.

OUR VISION

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is a dynamic learning community grounded in academic excellence and focused on student success, diversity, inclusion, and community engagement. The campus will be a premier comprehensive public institution and a destination of choice, serving as a focal point of local, regional, and global progress.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Keep UW-Parkside a Future-Forward Campus
• Increase the Variety of Learning Environments
• Enhance Inclusiveness and Student-Focus
• Improve Facility Function and Efficiency
• Further Enhance and Balance Campus Sustainability

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

• College of Arts and Humanities (CAH)
• College of Business, Economics, and Computing (CBEC)
• College of Natural and Health Sciences (CNHS)
• College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies (CSSPS)
NCAA Emerging Leaders Seminar
In February, four representatives of Parkside Athletics participated in the virtual 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Emerging Leaders Seminar (ELS). The representatives included Ashley Beaton, Parkside’s Athletics Academic Advisor served in a moderator role on an academic’s panel, while Dylan Derousseau (Graduate Assistant – Athletic Communications), Amanda Johnson (Graduate Student – Track Athlete), and Turea Moore (Graduate Assistant – Events & Operations) were participants.

INITIATIVES
Campus Garden donated 669 pounds of fresh produce to RCFB
The Campus Garden, led by associate lecturer Dr. Julie Kinzelman donated 669 pounds of fresh produce from July to November to the Racine County Food Bank (RCFB). This donation is a 367-pound increase from 2019, with RCFB staff noting an increase in requests for fresh produce in 2020. With support from the UW-Parkside campus garden, the RCFB was able to provide 1 million pounds of food to its affiliate pantries, shelters and community meal programs, allowing emergency food to 25,602 households last year.

UW-Parkside teams up with Chitkara University
UW-Parkside signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Chitkara University in Punjab, India, for Chitkara students to study abroad at UW-Parkside and complete their Master of Business Administration degree. The two universities have a collaborative history with each other, signing their first MOU in 2018 establishing the partnership, and sponsoring several faculty exchanges while co-hosting an annual international conference in India.

Rick Kilps Center
The new multipurpose indoor turf center in the Sports & Activity Center will be dedicated as the Rick Kilps Center, Director of Athletics Andrew Gavin announced on April 6. The facility name honors the legendary Rick Kilps, a 1975 graduate that served the University for more than 25 years in various roles, most notably as the head men’s soccer coach.

Parkside Journal of Science
Through independently conducted student research, the Parkside Journal of Science (PJS) students team reviewed current scientific articles, interviewed faculty members pertaining to their work, and addressed current issues in the scientific community. They published their findings in Volume II, Issue I of the PJS. The journal highlights the Future of Genetically Modified Mosquitos, The Interplay of Stress and Immunity and The Profound Symbiosis of Parasites among several other topics.
Kailyn Daum

Environmental Studies

Kailyn Daum is an environmentalist and lover of nature. Daum has been involved in community-based project monitoring erosion control methods for Kenosha County Parks in Petrifying Springs. While the originally planned project was completely disrupted by the pandemic, Daum and her group managed to continue analysis on their own and created a detailed analysis of how the river restoration within the park was working. Daum has cited her educational background as particularly helpful for her current job. Even her work with Root-Pike WIN is keeping her connected to Parkside, as she’s an integral part of the prairie and woodland restoration occurring on the cross-country course.

On campus, Daum has been involved in the Parkside Environmental Club (PEC), moving from a new student member to the President. She established bee keeping and hoop houses in the community garden on campus. Daum has also been integral in social events the club has held, from camping to invasive species removal days. For her efforts in PEC, the club received multiple awards from the university, and Daum herself received the Distinguished Leader award. Outside of the classroom, Daum has worked with the city of Racine in a variety of positions, including a competitive internship in Racine’s urban forestry department.

Congratulations, Kailyn!

Karolina Dryndak

Communication

Karolina Dryndak is a first-generation college student and Communication major who is minoring in Organizational Communication and Public Relations. She knows the value of dedication and hard work, which is rooted in her early immigrant experience as she accompanied her mother to the United States from Ukraine, at the age of five. Dryndak was born with Limb Length Discrepancy (LLD), a condition that causes one leg to be shorter than the other, making it difficult to walk and damaging the structure of the body in general.

Every semester that Dryndak has been enrolled at UW-Parkside, she has earned Dean’s and Provost’s List honors. Additionally, she serves as an intern for the Professional and Continuing Education division. Dryndak is the Vice-President of the Parkside Student Government where she dedicates her time and effort to serve her fellow students. Through her involvement in student government, she has also worked to connect UWP with external groups such as the Andrew Goodman Foundation that promotes the involvement of young voters and the Feed My Starving Children nonprofit organization.

Dryndak attended all of the Rebuilding Kenosha conversations and took an important leadership role in helping to develop an action plan for advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiatives at UW-Parkside.

Congratulations, Karolina!
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

**Sundus Ewis**
*Sport Management*

Sundus Ewis is a sport management major and maintained a stellar GPA, which earned her a place on the Provost's List for each of her semesters at UW-Parkside. Ewis transferred to UW-Parkside after two years at Milwaukee Area Technical College where she was on their President's Honor Roll List for all of her semesters. Ewis has been a great leader in the classroom and throughout the community. She has also shown great leadership through her work at the Salam School where she was an elementary school basketball coach for two seasons. She saw a need within the school's basketball program for elementary girls to be exposed to basketball and learn basic skills.

Ewis has completed three internships during her career at Parkside. At the Milwaukee Wave, she improved the experiences of fans. For the Milwaukee Milkmen, Ewis assisted with promotions, game-day set-up, and ticket taking. With Rock Tournaments, she is currently assisting with sales and marketing. In addition to her academic work, internships, and her time with the Salam School, Ewis has also been a part of the Muslim Student Association during her time at Parkside, worked as a teller at Landmark Credit Union, and been a sales associate at Kohl’s.

**Olivia Greener**
*Sport Management*

Olivia Greener earned her degree in Sport Management with a minor in Coaching as well as a Community Engagement certificate. Greener has been on the Dean's List for every semester and the Provost's List a majority of those semesters. She serves as the JV Softball Coach at Wauwatosa West High School. Greener also worked with the Wauwatosa Recreation Department as a summer counselor working with 4K through 6th grade children.

She also completed an internship at the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha which included administering the “Sporties for Shorties” program which helps kids ages three to six improve their motor skills and working on baseball and softball clinics.

Greener has also served as the Treasurer for the Sport Management Club. Additionally, she also completed a marketing and operations internship with the Milwaukee Milkmen professional baseball team. Greener worked both as an Academic Success Coordinator and Resident Advisor and served as a mentor to new RAs. Greener volunteered as a Patient Companion at Allay Home & Hospice helping terminally ill patients and their families. Greener also volunteered at the Shalom Center as a Food Pantry Volunteer as well as the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency for their Baby Expo.

Congratulations, Sundus!

Congratulations, Olivia!
**OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS**

**Gretchen Leighliter**  
*Management Information Systems*

After working for 20 years in industry, being married for over 30 years, and raising a son, Gretchen Leighliter made the decision to return to school and complete her bachelor’s degree in a technically demanding Management of Information Systems program. Leighliter has balanced her studies while being the mother to a 16-year-old boy who is a sophomore in high school. Her ability to successfully parent while maintaining exceptional grades during a global pandemic speaks volumes about Leighliter’s talents.

In addition to her role as a mother, Leighliter also serves as the Vice-President of The Board of Education for Illinois School District #33. Her accomplishments on the Board include hiring a new superintendent for the district and providing guidance on a range of educational issues including challenges faced as a result of the pandemic. The pandemic has created incredibly challenging times for K-12 public systems and for K-12 students in particular.

Leighliter also volunteers for the Antioch Traveling Closet. ATC’s mission is to make sure that no child, adult, or senior citizen is without basic items that we sometimes take for granted. She has participated in clothing drives, food drives, and helped setting up donated goods distribution events within the community.

Congratulations, Gretchen!

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**Mya Peterson**  
*Chemistry*

Mya Peterson is an exceptionally bright young chemist and has participated in high level research while enrolled at UW-Parkside. She was part of a team of students who won the campus-wide 2019 ‘Big Idea’ award. She has maintained an impressive GPA. While these accomplishments are notable, Peterson also works considerable hours outside of school helping with a family business. In her last semester, she finished the senior seminar requirement while working 40 hours per week and commuting to her new position at AbbVie.

Peterson’s success extends beyond the classroom as well. She has performed numerous service activities for the university including serving on Search and Screen Committees, being a Supplemental Instructor for Chemistry, serving on the College of Natural Health Sciences Student Advisory Council, and Volunteering for the Girls Empowering Math and Science program. Peterson has worked throughout her college studies as a Policy Manager at a Title Company and as a Homecare Giver where she assisted the disabled so that they could partake in a comfortable environment and achieve daily tasks. She has demonstrated a stellar record of academic success, has an incredible personality, is enthusiastic, has a strong desire to learn, contributes in every aspect, and is motivated to succeed.

Congratulations, Mya!
Kevin Phair
*Liberal Studies*

Kevin Phair is a Liberal Studies major, a transfer student and is currently completing his degree while living in Bulgaria. Going to college was a personal promise he made to himself when he decided he wanted to be a licensed substance abuse counselor, a decision he made when he was a client at an alcohol and substance abuse inpatient treatment center in 2015. Phair’s new chapter started at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) where he earned an AAS in Substance Use Disorder Counseling. He knew firsthand the impact Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) counselors make in their client’s lives and wanted to be one.

During his final semester at FVTC, Phair secured one of the AODA counseling internships in the area at Mooring House, a treatment facility for adult males struggling with addiction. After only two months he was hired to be a certified substance abuse counselor. The school has reached out to Phair to be a “stand by” counselor for the students and has also been asked to provide insight and advice to the teachers on how to support the students. Phair has also given his time to coaching middle school soccer and high school basketball and has served as a substitute teacher in various subjects.

Congratulations, Kevin!

Cassidy Prucha
*Marketing*

Cassidy Prucha earned her degree in Marketing with a minor in Global Management. She was consistently on the Dean’s and Provost’s Lists. Prucha earned the UWP 2019-2020 Academic Achievement Award as well as the Division 2 Athletics Directors Association 2019-2020 Academic Achievement Award. Upon graduating from high school, Prucha received a scholarship from the Omaha Education Association and a two-year softball scholarship from Hutchinson Community College (HCC).

Prucha earned her Associate of Arts from HCC in May of 2019. While at HCC, Prucha was on the President’s Honor Roll all four semesters. She was also an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She spent most of her outside classroom time with the HCC Blue Dragon softball team. Prucha also mentored and coached young girls from the surrounding community when HCC hosted softball clinics. In addition, she donated time at a local food pantry and is a certified USA Softball umpire.

In 2020, Prucha won the Set Sail portion of the International Collegiate Sales Competition. She competed against 140 other competitors and took first place. She also worked as a front-line associate for JC Penney’s to gain experience in the sales industry before beginning her career in marketing.

Congratulations, Cassidy!
Jessica Myjak

Economics and Mathematics

Jessica Myjak is graduating with a double major in Economics and Mathematics. Her excellent academic performance, strong leadership abilities, extracurricular activities, service to others, and empathy are deserving of special recognition. Myjak’s academic work has been truly exceptional. She is a transfer student, has earned a remarkable cumulative GPA, and clearly demonstrates that she is extremely intelligent, hard-working, and motivated. Instead of focusing entirely upon her own education and personal pursuits, she has given her time and energy to help others.

Her work as a credit analyst dealing with the Paycheck Protection Program requires her to deal with individuals who are facing severe economic and emotional stresses and people whose lives and livelihoods are at significant risk because of the pandemic. In addition, she strives to lower barriers and empower others, as evidenced by her involvement with “Girls on the Drum” and math tutoring for an adult literacy program as well as her desire to start a company to help the developmentally disabled.

Overall, Myjak is an exemplary student who possesses a genuine love for learning. She sets high goals and achieves them through hard work, perseverance, intelligence, and efficient time management. She is, and will continue to be, a model of the lifelong learner that UW-Parkside hopes all its students will become.

Congratulations, Jessica!
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
College of Business, Economics, and Computing

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – MAY 2021

Amanda Akridge
Danielle Denise Allen
Christopher J. Behling
Kaitlyn N. Bjerk
Shane Bjork
Christy-Jo E. Carter
Mose Bernard Coffee
Sean M. Cunningham
Shekinah A. Cunningham
Jeffrey P. Dollhopf
Jason C. Douglas
Andreea Emmett
Elicia Elizabeth Engel
Melinda K. Escobedo
Tomas Brendan Fandel
Tylor Fenstermacher
Jessica L. Goodpasture
Joseph J. Gurholt
Chantelle L. Hitt
Assan Jallow
Michelle Waynette Jankowski
Daniel David Johnson
David Kaley
Joseph Michael Karpinski
Khalid Khan
Kimberly M. Kropacek
Adam T. Krumberger
Natalie LaCrosse
Jessica J. Lisinski
Kali Layne Luke
Nicholas Mand
Margaret A. Martinez Dierickx
Katherine Fortner Creevy Matsayko
Rachel Ann McFadden
Christopher Joseph Melnick
Steven Robert Merkel
Kyle David Mitchell
Antonio Rocco Montemurro
Brian Dean Morton
Taylor Pawlaczyk
Amanda Cathryn Peterson
Emily Jeanne Phillips
Jason Edward Pinkowski
Nico Marie Chapman-Reynolds
Yadira Del Carmen Rodriguez
Brian K. Russell
Jonathan Sancen
Jacqueline Roberta Kerr Schlosser
Chad D. Schulman
Jordan M. Schumer
Jacob Thomas Seidl
Rahul Singh
Emily Ann Skoglund
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Tyler C. van Helden
David Alan Webster
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MAY 2021

Tony Aiello
Amber McCrea

BACHELOR OF ARTS – MAY 2021

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Economics, Magna Cum Laude
Jordan Dejno
Economics, Cum Laude
Rosalinda Deleon
Economics
Emmamee Hadar Daphka Finn
Economics, Cum Laude
Alyssa Estelle Laxson
Economics, Magna Cum Laude
Hallie Pauline Wicknick
Economics
Mitchell Lloyd Wolfe
Economics, Magna Cum Laude
Seth Kennedy Wright
Economics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – MAY 2021

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Anna MacKenzie Aehlich
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You did it!

Incoming class photos of our 2021 graduates taken September, 2017.
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Traditional academic attire of caps, gowns, and hoods dates to the 12th century, when faculty were often members of the clergy who wore garb similar to those of church orders. Over the centuries, this formal academic attire has come to symbolize the academic achievement of the wearer.

The gown and hood symbolize the degree the wearer holds or is about to receive. The bachelor’s degree gown has a closed front and long, pointed sleeves. The master’s degree gown has a closed sleeve with a slit near the upper arm and the pointed part of the sleeve dangling below the arm. The doctor’s gown is faced with velvet and has three chevrons on each bell shaped sleeve. The velvet may be black or its color could indicate the field in which the degree was taken; the most common color is dark blue signifying the Ph.D. Notable exception to the traditional black doctor’s robes are those worn by graduates of Yale (blue) and Harvard (crimson). We also have faculty with degrees from international universities who wear different styles of robes or hoods.

Hoods are rarely worn for bachelor’s degrees. The master’s hood is shorter than the doctor’s and lacks its colored panels. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and are edged with velvet in the color symbolic of the wearer’s academic field: business, tan; science, gold; dark blue for the Ph.D. designates learning and scholarship and not a degree in philosophy.

The mortarboard cap came into use after the hood was no longer worn on the head. The tassel, worn over the left temple, is usually black although a colored tassel can be worn to designate an academic discipline. The doctor’s cap may be a tam or soft cap of various designs, and the tassel may be gold.

COMMENCEMENT SYMBOLS

The University Medallion is worn by the chancellor. The medallion incorporates the university mark and was made by Judith Olsen, ’75, Art. The flags displayed on the platform carry the colors of the academic disciplines. The mace, of brass and raw purple heartwood, is a symbol of authority carried by the grand marshal. The mace was designed by Rollin G. Jansky, emeritus associate professor of art.

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