



**August 2025
Commencement**

UNIVERSITY *of* NEBRASKA-LINCOLN



All-University Commencement
Pinnacle Bank Arena
August 16, 2025

Congratulations from the Chancellor



RODNEY D. BENNETT, Ed.D.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025. Our entire Husker community celebrates you and your hard work in earning your Nebraska degree. We are proud of you and what you have achieved.

Thank you to everyone in the audience for being part of this very special occasion and thank you for entrusting the education of your loved ones to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It has been our privilege to have educated, guided, and prepared them to leave their professional and personal marks on the communities they will serve.

As part of all we do to make this an unforgettable event, we continue our time-honored tradition of presenting our graduates' actual diplomas on stage. It is no small task, but we believe in the power of every person. We build on our strengths and combine them with those of others. That is how we, just like our students and today's graduates, positively impact the great state of Nebraska and beyond.

Graduates, I wish you good luck as you go toward your bright future. Go Big Red!

A handwritten signature of Rodney D. Bennett in black ink.

Rodney D. Bennett
Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Rodney D. Bennett became the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 21st chancellor on July 1, 2023. Dr. Bennett earned a bachelors degree in mass communication, a masters degree in educational administration, and an education specialist degree from Middle Tennessee State. He earned his Doctor of Education degree from Tennessee State University.



All-University Commencement

Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:00 a.m.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

WELCOME

Rodney D. Bennett, Ed.D., Chancellor, University of
Nebraska–Lincoln

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jamie Reimer Seaman, D.M.A., Associate Professor of
Music, Glenn Korff School of Music

GREETINGS

John Shrader, M.S., President, Faculty Senate
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Educational Specialist
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Baccalaureate Degrees

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TURNING OF TASSELS

Chancellor Bennett

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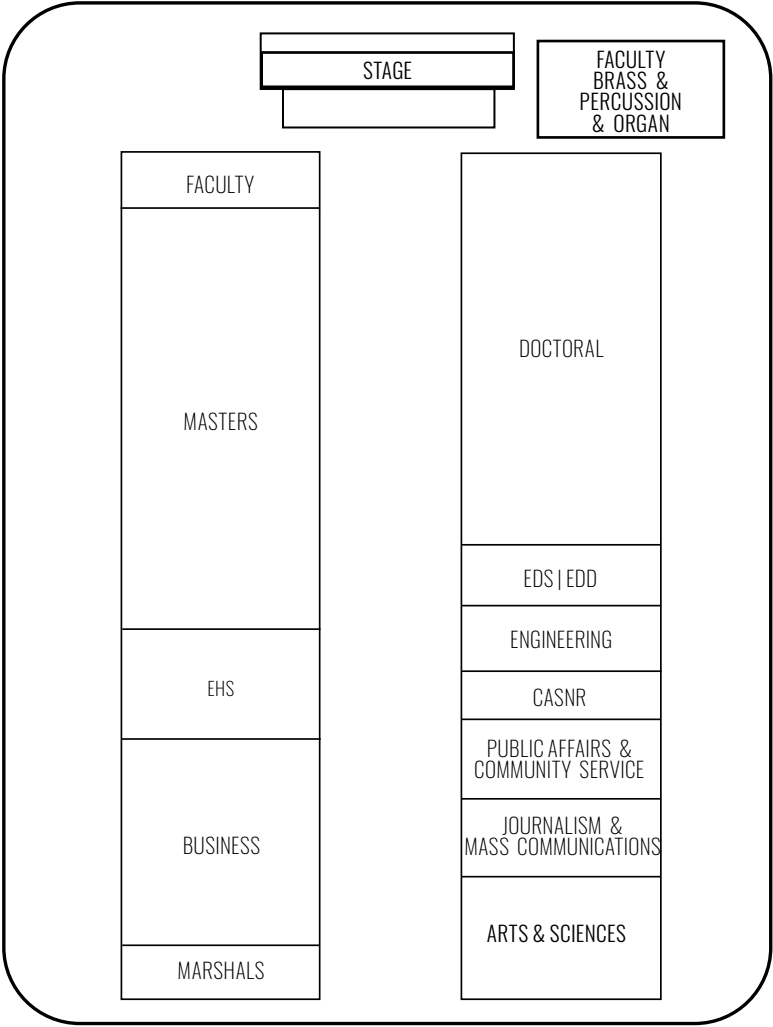
Today's Music Provided by:

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FACULTY BRASS AND PERCUSSION: Tom Kelly, Darryl White, Alan Mattingly, Scott Anderson, Carson McTeer, Anthony Falcone,
with organist Johnathan Ross

Note to Guests: The audience will remain seated for both the Processional and Recessional and will rise, if able, for the National Anthem. Only official photographers are permitted in the area between the stage and the graduating class. The program lists all persons who were 2025 candidates for degrees as of August 8, 2025, and who have not requested exclusion from publication.



Commencement Seating



Handicap seating for guests is available in sections 106, 107, 110, 112, 114, 117 and 118 on the main concourse level of the Pinnacle Bank Arena.



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The Commencement Committee thanks the volunteers from the American Red Cross for staffing the first aid station during the ceremony.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the many faculty, staff and friends of the University who devoted their energy and time to ensure graduates received their degrees today and families were able to join in-person and online for the celebration.

NEBRASKA ATHLETICS

The Commencement Committee thanks the staff of HuskerVision and Nebraska Athletics.

NEBRASKA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Commencement Committee thanks the staff of the Nebraska Alumni Association and their volunteers for assisting with the commencement ceremony.

For information on joining the Nebraska Alumni Association, go to www.huskeralum.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs of each student receiving their diploma will be available to view and order within one week after the ceremony. To order, go to www.gradimages.com.

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Doctoral Degrees

Graduate College

All degrees are University of Nebraska Degrees
Presented by Dean Debra Hope

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Basil Tayseer Abualshar, *Lincoln*; Civil Engineering—
Dissertation: *Enhanced Understanding of Erosion
Resistance of Highway Shoulders Considering Test Results
and Computational Fluid Dynamics Analyses*. Advised by
Professor Chung Song.

Laura Acosta, *Miami, FL*; Psychology—Dissertation:
*Understanding Substance Use Pathways: The Role of
Discrimination in Substance Use and Help Seeking Among
Latine and African American Persons*. Advised by Professor
Arthur Andrews.

Nurul Hannah Ahmad Ridzuan, *Lincoln*; Educational
Psychology—Dissertation: *The Career Resilience of Women
of Color Amidst Intersectional Racism-Sexism in the U.S.: A
Consensual Qualitative Study*. Advised by Professor Neeta
Kantamneni.

Seyedeh Yasaman Ahmadi, *Sanandaj, Kurdis, Iran*;
Architectural Engineering—Dissertation: *Resilience of
Interdependent Transportation and Healthcare Systems: A
Simulation-Driven Framework Incorporating Social Equity
and Facility Optimization*. Advised by Professors Lily
Wang and Jennifer Lather.

Vinicius Henrique Gomes Zuppa de Andrade, *São Paulo, São
Pa, Brazil*; Agronomy and Horticulture—Dissertation:
*Wheat Stem Sawfly, Cephus cinctus Norton (Hymenoptera:
Cephidae), Impacts on Dryland Cropping Systems: Hard Red
Winter Wheat Yield, Parasitism, and Residue Dynamics in
the Great Plains*. Advised by Professors Cody Creech and
Jeffrey Bradshaw.

Sarah Josephine Aurit, *Elkhorn*; Statistics—Dissertation:
*Detection and Amelioration of Activity Cliffs Produced by
Anti-Cancer Drugs*. Advised by Professor Souparno Ghosh.

Alexis Shannon Beagle, *Lincoln*; Biological Sciences—
Dissertation: *The Effect of Individual Variation of
Epidemiological Dynamics: From Super-Spreaders to
Landscapes of Risk*. Advised by Professor Clayton E.
Cressler.

Wajdi Belgacem, *Lincoln*; Agricultural Economics—
Dissertation: *Two Essays on Index-Based Risk Management
in U.S. Rangeland and Livestock Production*. Advised by
Professor Jay Parsons.

James Victor Benes, *Lincoln*; Geography—Dissertation:
*Fire History, Ecological History, and Historical Human-
Environment Interactions in the Northern Great Plains*.
Advised by Professor Paul Hanson.

Rachel Maria Benzoni, *Omaha*; Educational Studies—
Dissertation: *From Classroom to Content Creator: Leadership
Practices and Identities of Female Science Teachers on TikTok*.
Advised by Professor Elizabeth Lewis.

Anita Bhandari Sharma, *Lincoln*; Statistics—Dissertation:
*Group and State-Specific Estimation in Animal Movement
Models Using a Bayesian Approach*. Advised by Professor
Stephen Kachman.

Adarsha Bhattarai, *Kathmandu, Nepal*; Engineering—
Dissertation: *Study of AI Applications in Biomedical Data
Acquisition, Communication, and Analysis: CEST MRI
Acceleration and ECG Transmissions*. Advised by Professor
Dongming Peng.

Matthew Lloyd Boeding, *Papillion*; Engineering—
Dissertation: *Assessing Privacy Risks Through Synthetic
Human Behavior Modeling: Identity Prediction Across
Domains*. Advised by Professor Hamid Sharif.

Carrie Bohmer, *Lincoln*; Educational Psychology—
Dissertation: *The Overturning of Roe v. Wade and People
Capable of Pregnancy: An Interpretative Phenomenological
Study*. Advised by Professor Dena Abbott.

Haden Myles Botkin, *Blue Rapids, KS*; Human Sciences—
Dissertation: *Exploring the Landscape of Collective
Leadership Practice in Rural Nebraska: A Qualitative
Sequential Multimethod Study*. Advised by Professor
Lindsay Hastings.

Andrew Butler, *Omaha*; Electrical Engineering—Dissertation:
*Enhanced Thermal Emissivity Via Femtosecond Laser Surface
Processing*. Advised by Professor Craig Zuhlke.

Momodou Camara, *Banjul, Gambia*; Chemistry—
Dissertation: *Structure and Dynamics of Stem-loop 3 of the
Transcription Regulator 7SK RNA*. Advised by Professor
Catherine D. Eichhorn.



- Catherine Mae Carney, *Greenwood*; Psychological Studies in Education—Dissertation: *Understanding the Context of Bullying: Examination of the Healthy Context Paradox and Peer Acceptance for Students with Disabilities*. Advised by Professor Susan Swearer.
- Steven D. Carter, *Plattsmouth*; Civil Engineering—Dissertation: *A Framework for Evaluating Traffic Operations and Analysis of Vehicular Threat Risks at Department of Defense Entry Control Facilities*. Advised by Professor Ronald K. Faller.
- Gustavo Castro García, *Lincoln*; Biological Engineering—Dissertation: *Evaluation of Performance Characteristics and Groundwater Contamination Risks Associated with On-Farm Swine Carcass Disposal via Composting and Shallow Burial with Carbon*. Advised by Professor Amy Schmidt.
- Aleena Chanda, *Kolkata, India*; Statistics—Dissertation: *Online Prediction of Streaming Data*. Advised by Professor Bertrand Clarke.
- Anuradha Choudhary, *Sriganganagar, Rajast, India*; Human Sciences—Dissertation: *Understanding the Dynamics of Formal Mentoring in Professional Identity Development of Early Career Extension Professionals: A Phenomenological Approach*. Advised by Professor Nathan Conner.
- Hannah Marie Coffey, *Hedgesville, WV*; Psychology—Dissertation: *Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth Navigating Relationships and Sexuality: Recommendations for Affirming Clinical Practice*. Advised by Professor David Hansen.
- Evan Timothy Curtis, *Lincoln*; Biomedical Engineering—Dissertation: *Applications of Preclinical Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury and Understanding Carotid Artery Atherosclerosis*. Advised by Professor Forrest Kievit.
- Haley Makenna Decker, *Austin, TX*; Communication Studies—Dissertation: *"I'm Understood the Most if People Understand That Part of Me:" A Mixed Methods Exploration into Communication and Identity Tensions of Autistic Adults*. Advised by Professor Jordan Soliz.
- Samuel Walter Flint, *Lincoln*; Computer Science—Dissertation: *How Developers Use Type-System Programming Language Features*. Advised by Professor Robert Dyer.
- Elodie Coraline Galeazzi, *Villelaure, France*; History—Dissertation: *Dreaming, Building, and Enduring Black Voices: Black Media in Omaha in the Post-Civil Rights Era*. Advised by Professor Patrick Jones.
- Katharine Gaskin, *Alexander City, AL*; English—Dissertation: *Blood-Red and Flaming and True: A Dissertation*. Advised by Professors Stacey Waite and Hope Wabuke.
- Daniel Gschwentner, *Lincoln*; Natural Resource Sciences—Dissertation: *A Study of Ice and Fire: Environmental Change Impacts on Lakes of the Nebraska Sandhills*. Advised by Professor Jessica Corman.
- Colton Cash Harper, *Hutchinson, KS*; Computer Science—Dissertation: *Meaning by Reference: Scaffolded Analogical Reasoning and Conceptual Metaphor Theory in Introductory Computing*. Advised by Professor Stephen Cooper.
- Devon Jacob Healey, *Lincoln*; Earth and Atmospheric Sciences—Dissertation: *Simulations of Differential Reflectivity Columns in Quasi-Linear Convective Systems*. Advised by Professor Matthew Van Den Broeke.
- Alex John Heitzman, *Winnebago*; Mathematics—Dissertation: *On Kernals and Antiderivatives of Nonlocal Derivatives*. Advised by Professor Mikil Foss.
- Kristen An Horton, *Lincoln*; Sociology—Dissertation: *Using My Religion: A Mixed Methods Study on a Pagan Movement's Beliefs and Practices Shaping Mental Health Experiences*. Advised by Professor Julia McQuillan.
- Boyang Hu, *Shenzhen, Guangd, China*; Engineering—Dissertation: *Intelligent Multi-Layer Optical Network Design and Network Softwarization*. Advised by Professor Byrav Ramamurthy.
- Merle Eugene Huff II, *North Liberty, IA*; Psychological Studies in Education—Dissertation: *Experience of Disclosure Among Transgender and Gender Diverse Sexual Assault Survivors*. Advised by Professor Dena Abbott.
- Sarang Ismail, *Lincoln*; Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering—Dissertation: *Development and Evaluation of Supported Ionic Liquid Membrane and Porphyrin Frameworks for Carbon Capture Separation*. Advised by Professor Mona Bavarian.
- Israt Jahan, *Chesterfield, MO*; Natural Resource Sciences—Dissertation: *Microbiome-Mediated Conservation: Exploring Gut Microbial Composition in Wild and Hatchery-Reared Pallid Sturgeon and the Role of Probiotics in Recovery Practices*. Advised by Professor Christopher Chizinski.
- William Francis Kelly, *Lincoln*; History—Dissertation: *'Sufferers' and Freedom Seekers: Claiming Indemnity and Seizing Freedom During the War of 1812 in Maryland and Beyond*. Advised by Professors William G. Thomas and Katrina Jagodinsky.



- Alireza Khodaei, *Lincoln*; Engineering—Dissertation: *Volatility Estimation Under Structural Market Changes Using Garch Modeling and Quantum Computing*. Advised by Professor Jerry Hudgins.
- Saul Thomas Knoblauch, *Omaha*; English—Dissertation: *Written & Directed by: The Limits of the Auteur and the Post-Auteur Moment*. Advised by Professor Marco Abel.
- Xuerui Kou, *Lincoln*; Economics—Dissertation: *Where Intangibles Travel: Essays on the Tax-Motivated Geography of Innovation and Capital*. Advised by Professor Edward Balistreri.
- Evan William LaBrant, *Vancouver, WA*; Biochemistry—Dissertation: *Screening for Chloroplast Inner Envelope-Thylakoid Membrane Contact Site Proteins*. Advised by Professor Rebecca Roston.
- Lauren Masha Laifer, *Pittsburgh, PA*; Psychology—Dissertation: *Parental Trauma-related Distress Confers Risk for Child Internalizing Problems Through Unique Emotion-related Socialization Behaviors: An Examination From Pregnancy to School-age*. Advised by Professor Rebecca Brock.
- Venkat Sai Suman Lamba Karanam, *Atlanta, GA*; Computer Science—Dissertation: *Non-Blackbox Robust Design of Machine Learning in Networks*. Advised by Professor Byrav Ramamurthy.
- Suvechhya Lamichhane, *Kathmandu, Nepal*; Physics and Astronomy—Dissertation: *High Sensitive Diamond Nitrogen Vacancy and Magnetic Tunnel Junction Based Sensors for Detecting Molecules and Other Applications*. Advised by Professor Sy-Hwang Liou.
- Stephanie Larsen, *Mountain View, CA*; Psychological Studies in Education—Dissertation: *"You Can Rise Back Up Again": Using Photovoice to Understand Healing from Intimate Partner Violence Among LGBTQ+ Racial-Ethnic Minority College Students*. Advised by Professor Dena Abbott.
- Brenna Rose Lash, *Bethlehem, PA*; Psychology—Dissertation: *Thematic Analyses of Session Data with Transgender and Gender Diverse Adults Obtained During a Clinical Trial*. Advised by Professor Debra A. Hope.
- Shao Xian Lee, *Shah Alam, Malaysia*; Physics and Astronomy—Dissertation: *Betatron X-Ray Generation, Enhancement and Its Application*. Advised by Professor Bradley Shadwick.
- Xin Li, *Lincoln*; Physics and Astronomy—Dissertation: *Ferroelectricity and Multiferroicity in Ultrathin Films of Unconventional Transition Metal Oxide*. Advised by Professor Xiaoshan Xu.
- Cristian Felipe López Ruano, *Lincoln*; Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics—Dissertation: *Data-driven Methods for Signal Analysis and Nonlinear System Identification*. Advised by Professor Jian Wang.
- Mohammad Mosiur Rahman Lunar, *Lincoln*; Engineering—Dissertation: *Empirical Channel Modeling and Experimentation with Deep Spectrum Prediction for Safety-Critical Connected Roadside Barrier Systems*. Advised by Professor Mehmet Can Vuran.
- Esihle Lupindo, *Lincoln*; Sociology—Dissertation: *A Quantitative Examination of the Sexual Health of Aging Black Men in Rural South Africa*. Advised by Professor Lisa Kort-Butler.
- Amanda Marie Maliva, *Fort Myers, FL*; Biological Sciences—Dissertation: *Functional Genomics of Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae**. Advised by Professor Wayne Riekhof.
- Alex R. Mohr, *Omaha*; Geography—Dissertation: *Belly Dance in Nebraska: Identity, Social Acceptance, and Persistence*. Advised by Professor Christina Dando.
- Kirsten DeAnna Morris, *Savannah, GA*; Mathematics—Dissertation: *Analysis of Graph-Based Decoders for Quantum Low Density Parity Check Codes*. Advised by Professor Christine Kelley.
- Manal Mahmoud Mohammad Mustafa, *Zarqa, Jordan*; Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics—Dissertation: *Mass Effects on Energy Transfer Paths in Nonlinear Vibrating Systems*. Advised by Professor Joseph Turner.
- Karen Andrea Nieto Flores, *La Ceiba, Honduras*; Food Science and Technology—Dissertation: *Educating The New Generation of Food Scientists Through Innovative Learning Experiences*. Advised by Professor Andreia Bianchini.
- Emerson David Nolasco Guzman, *Tegucigalpa, Honduras*; Food Science and Technology—Dissertation: *Egg White Hydrolysate in Hypertension: A Mechanistic Investigation of Gut Microbiota Dependent and Independent Pathways*. Advised by Professor Kaustave Majumder.
- Ebuka Philip Oguchi, *Lagos, LA, Nigeria*; Computer Science—Dissertation: *Authentication and Message Integrity Verification for Emerging Wireless Networks*. Advised by Professor Nirnimesh Ghose.
- Ilhami Okur, *Ankara, Turkey*; Food Science and Technology—Dissertation: *Implementation of Evidence-based, Risk-based Approaches to Enhance Salmonella Control in Different Food Products*. Advised by Professor Bing Wang.



- Eli Xavier Ornelas, *Conroe, TX*; Sociology—Dissertation: *Don't Settle for Less: Incorporating Postcolonial and Settler Colonial Perspectives into the Sociological Canon*. Advised by Professor Lory J. Dance.
- Kalani Hasanthika Pahalapathirage Dona, *Kesbewa, Wester, Sri Lanka*; Statistics—Dissertation: *Multivariate Mixture Regression Models with Known Group Membership and Informative Priors*. Advised by Professor Stephen Kachman.
- Elisa Ramon, *Lincoln*; Music—Dissertation: *Modifying Italian Consonants in the Voice Studio: An Exploratory Sequential Mixed Methods Study*. Advised by Professor Kevin Hanrahan.
- Abril Rangel-Pacheco, *Omaha*; Psychological Studies in Education—Dissertation: *Familismo and Family Achievement Guilt in Latine College Students: Relationships with Psychopathology and Wellbeing*. Advised by Professor Beth Doll.
- Sarah Rasby, *Lincoln*; Human Sciences—Dissertation: *Self-Compassion has to be the Heartbeat of How I move Through Life: A Mixed Methods Study of Family Caregiver Emotional Well-Being*. Advised by Professors Holly Hatton and Cody Hollist.
- Muhammed Sinan Rasiya Koya, *Kozhikode, Kerala, India*; Civil Engineering—Dissertation: *The Significance of Snow in Hydrometeorological Extremes*. Advised by Professor Tirthankar Roy.
- Carlos Antonio Riera Ruiz, *Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador*; Complex Biosystems—Dissertation: *Human Virome as Evidence in Crime Scenes: Assessing the Virome Transferred to Objects by Touch and the Virome on the Surface of Hair*. Advised by Professor Michael Adamowicz.
- Gerardo Ivan Rivera-Collazo, *Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico*; Agronomy and Horticulture—Dissertation: *Use of High-Throughput Phenomics With and Without Fungicide as a Wheat Breeding Tool*. Advised by Professor Katherine Frels.
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Brennan Charles Frewing, *Columbus*
Sunny Gupta, *Fatehgarh Sahib Sirhind,*
Punjab, India
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Aidan William Ham, *Stilwell, KS*
Aaron James Hill, *Liberty, MO*
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(*Nebraska Business Honors Academy*)
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Landon Mader, *West Des Moines, IA*



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 Luke Daniel McCarthy, *Lincoln*
 Samuel Jay McCracken, *Scottsdale, AZ*
(With Distinction)
 Sarhang Sarhad Mirza, *Koya, Erbil, Iraq*
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 Hamish Michael Murray, *Sydney, Australia*
(With Highest Distinction)
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 Nolan Grant O'Halloran, *Dakota City*
 Joshua Alexander Osbron, *Santa Clarita, CA*
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 Hailey Josephine Roop, *Bennington*
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 Abigail Lynn Ryan, *Omaha*
 Rene Santiago, Jr., *Lincoln*
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 Zachary Francis Timmer, *Basehor, KS*
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 Charles Brandon Valle, *Omaha*
 Alexander John Weremy, *Omaha*
 Nicholas Westberg, *Minnetonka, MN*
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 Austin Douglas Yeatts, *Papillion*
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College of Education & Human Sciences

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 William Matthew Merritt Archer, *Omaha*
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 Lauren Elizabeth Cruzeiro, *Wichita, KS*
 Casey Michael Daiss, *Webster, FL*
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 Anna Elizabeth Gulzow, *Lincoln*
 Max Victor Hayes, *North Platte*
 Kacie Elizabeth Hoffmann, *Elkhorn*
 Kassidy Suzanne Hudson, *Aurora*
 Denali Rose Ingram, *Scottsbluff*
 Grant Solomon Jabenis, *Omaha*
 Karsen Rae Jesse, *Fremont*
(With Distinction)
 Elijah Kiev Jeudy, *Philadelphia, PA*
 Helena Kegley, *Omaha*
 Emma Jo Leifert, *Lincoln*
 Delano Philip Jamal Lockhart, *Omaha*
 Nichole Marie Mayo, *Olathe, KS*
 Mackenzie Anne Parker, *Blair*
 Meryn Elizabeth Potts, *Lincoln*
(With Distinction)
 Ethan Scott Priebe, *Lincoln*
 Jailaiyah Tashonii Vernola Denise Rouse, *Aiken, SC*
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 Phillip Tran, *Kearney*
 Emily Catherine Vaggalis, *Lincoln*

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Jacob Nolan McNamara, *Grand Island*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Maclain Paul Beach, *Lincoln*
 Cashel Quin Koehler Martin, *Firth*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

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(University Honors Program)
(Jeffrey S. Raikes School)
 Gage Anthony Tighe, *Norfolk*
(With Highest Distinction)
 Saicharith Vaitla, *Lincoln*
 Sebastian Wysocki, *South Beloit, IL*
(With Distinction)
 Midia Yousif, *Lincoln*
 Marie Victoria Zhussupova, *Lincoln*
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Owen Edward Kathol, *La Vista*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Riley Michael Tassemeier, *Lincoln*

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

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College of Journalism & Mass Communications

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Wagler*

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Jiavana Marie Manzitto, *Omaha*

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(With High Distinction)



Academic Attire

The caps and gowns worn during formal academic occasions in American colleges today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England. Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges and the confusion which would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code which over 700 institutions have adopted.

There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors, respectively. The bachelors gown has a long pointed sleeve; the masters gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end with an arc of a circle just above the bottom. The sleeve extends well below the knee, the arm coming through a slit near the elbow. The doctors gown has a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars. The colors of the bars are usually the colors of the faculty that granted the degree, but may be black.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the code. The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet. The color of the velvet edging indicates the course or faculty to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn. For example, a doctor of philosophy of the University of Nebraska will wear a hood whose lining is scarlet above the cream-white indicating Nebraska, trimmed with blue velvet for philosophy. The bachelors hood

is rather short with narrow velvet edging. It is not worn by candidates for the bachelors degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The masters hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctors hood has wide panels at the side and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortar board cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctors degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear tassels that are either black or the color appropriate to the course in which they are being graduated.

The Board of Regents, the President, and the Chancellor wear robes with velvet front panels and sleeve bars denoting their office. The Commencement Marshals wear scarlet robes with black velvet front panels and sleeve bars.

Hood colors observed at this commencement, which symbolize various areas of study, are as follows:

Masters Degrees

Agriculture – maize
Architecture – lilac
Arts – white
Business – drab
Education – light blue
Engineering – orange
Fine Arts – brown
Human Sciences – maroon
Journalism (arts) – white
Journalism (science) – yellow

Law – purple
Music – pink
Public Accounting – drab
Science – golden yellow

Doctorate Degrees

Audiology – olive green
Education – light blue
Law – purple
Music – pink
Philosophy – blue
Plant Health – maize

Tassel Colors

Undergraduate – black
Masters – same color as hood
Doctorate – gold

DEGREES WITH DISTINCTION

Selection for degrees with distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction is made by the college awarding the degree. Each college establishes its requirement for this honor. Students graduating with honors are presented a keepsake medallion. A medallion with a red ribbon denotes graduation with distinction, one with a white ribbon denotes high distinction, and one with a combination red and white ribbon denotes highest distinction.

Chancellor's Scholars have earned As on all of their graded work at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and all other postsecondary institutions. They wear a Chancellor's Scholar pin on their ribbon.

Graduates of the University Honors Program have fulfilled specific requirements. Honors Program graduates wear a red and white epaulette in recognition of their achievement.



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