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**WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT**



**MAY 22, 2021**



## **PROCESSIONAL**

Angus Scott Pipe Band

Processional led by Roberta Wilburn, Associate Dean and Professor Emerita, Graduate Studies in Education (carrier of the Quasquicentennial Pinecone), and Brian Kirkpatrick, Whitworth Board of Trustees

## **WELCOME**

Gregor Thuswaldner, Ph.D., Provost & Executive Vice President

## **INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND FACULTY**

Noelle Wiersma '90, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Timothy Wilkinson '16, Ph.D., Dean, School of Business

Ronald Jacobson, Ph.D., Dean, School of Education

## **INVOCATION**

Ronald Jacobson, Ph.D., Dean, School of Education

## **SCRIPTURE**

Joshua 1:9

Reader: Melissa Alexandra Selzer '16, '19, Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy, Class of 2021

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Reader: Ryan Michael Stover '20, Master of Science in Athletic Training, Class of 2021

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

“On Resilience”

Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D., President

## **HYMN**

### ***How Great Thou Art***

Stuart K. Hine

Sung in English and Hawaiian

Guitar and Soloist: Lauren Kahanaakealohanokawaimakaokalani Nicolle Padilla '19,  
Master of Arts in Theology, Class of 2021

E ke Akua nani kamaha'o, Nāu nō i hana ka honua nei,  
*Beautiful, wonderful God, You created the earth.*  
Me nā hōkū, ka uila, ka hekili Hō'ike ana i Kou mana ē.  
*The stars, the lightning, the thunder are revealing Your power.*

E mele au i ka Ho'ōla ē, He nani nō, he nani nō  
*I sing to the Savior: how glorious, how glorious.*  
E mele au i ka Ho'ōla ē He nani nō, he nani nō.  
*I sing to the Savior: how glorious, how glorious.*

## **STUDENT SPEAKERS**

Otis Darnell Simmons, Master of Business Administration, Class of 2021  
Rachel Elizabeth McGlothlen, Master in Teaching, Class of 2021

## **CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE DEGREES**

Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D., President  
Gregor Thuswaldner, Ph.D., Provost & Executive Vice President  
Graduate Program Deans & Directors

## **ALMA MATER**

Centennial Text, 1990

Lyrics by Leonard A. Oakland and Darrell Guder

Soloist: Lauren Kahanaakealohanokawaimakaokalani Nicolle Padilla '19, Master of Arts in Theology, Class of 2021

Piano: Benjamin C. Brody '97, D.M.A., Professor, Music

## **BENEDICTION**

Noelle Wiersma '90, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

## **RECESSIONAL**

Angus Scott Pipe Band

*The audience will remain seated until the graduates have recessed.*

*Please maintain physical distancing when exiting the Pine Bowl.*

Flowers are given in loving memory of Dorothy Dixon by her family.



## GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Master of Science:  
Athletic Training

**Kyra Balikov**  
Olympia, Washington

**Jared Flattum**  
Puyallup, Washington

**Micaela Terese Martinez**  
Rocklin, California

**Aimee Renee Silva**  
Coviche, Washington

**Sydney Janet Stevelinck**  
Lyons, Colorado  
*in absentia*

**Ryan Michael Stover**  
Spokane, Washington

Master of Arts in  
Theology

**Gibson Berryhill**  
Boise, Idaho

**Sara Jean Bowe**  
Wenatchee, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Amanda C. R. Clark**  
Spokane, Washington

**Caleb Doyle McIlraith**  
Spokane, Washington

**Rediet Kristos Medhane**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Lauren Kahanaakealo-  
hanokawaimakaokalani  
Nicolle Padilla**  
Mililani, Hawaii

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Master of Business  
Administration

**Tess Evelyn Abbott**  
Mt. Shasta, California

**Tyler Van Bailey**  
Colbert, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Mourad Dour**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Timothy W. Fenton**  
Brewster, Washington

**Cesar Godinez**  
Liberty Lake, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Justin Dwayne Hancock**  
Spokane, Washington

**Katie S. Hart**  
Spokane, Washington

**Debra L. Jackson**  
Newman Lake, Washington

**Blake Thomas James**  
Kodiak, Alaska

**Kurtis Kelly**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Sydney Alysha  
Shai Kilburn**  
Spokane, Washington

**John LeBlanc**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jordan Michael Leseberg**  
Kennewick, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Jordan Keith Lester**  
Sammamish, Washington

**Jon Maroni**  
Redmond, Oregon  
*in absentia*

**Taylor Mundy**  
Spokane, Washington

**Adel Aranka  
Nemes Thompson**  
Spokane, Washington

**Robert Osborn**  
Ashland, Ohio

**Andrew Padrta**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jason Victor Pinales**  
Dover, New Jersey  
*in absentia*

**Amanda Jinghong  
Richards**  
Spokane, Washington

**Christopher William  
Roberson**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Amber Nicole Saint**  
Spokane, Washington

**Gilbert Sandoval Jr.**  
Tacoma, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Lesly Anne Selby**  
Spokane, Washington

**David R. Shadden**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Otis Darnell Simmons**  
Dublin, Georgia

**Ashley Garrison Smith**  
Seattle, Washington

**Sage Swanson**  
Boise, Idaho  
*in absentia*

**Whitney Lee Wieber**  
Spokane, Washington

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts:  
Marriage &  
Family Therapy

**Alla Chernikov**  
Spokane, Washington

**Sierra Dean**  
Boise, Idaho

**Wendy DeSeve  
Fishburne**  
Spokane, Washington

**Dana R. Fuller**  
Spokane, Washington

**Caleb James Hughes**  
Spokane, Washington

**Monica Ingham**  
Spokane, Washington

**Matthew Alan Leone**  
Spokane, Washington

**Agustin Reyes Lopez**  
Oaxaca, Mexico

**Martin L. Robinette**  
Spokane, Washington

**Melissa Alexandra Selzer**  
Spokane, Washington

**Shelby Nicole Spear**  
Lake Forest, California

**John William  
Francis Stifter**  
Spokane, Washington

**Taylor Nicole Svetlichny**  
Honolulu, Hawaii



## GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

**Jared Andrew Tawney**  
Spokane, Washington

**Lauren Mae Taylor**  
Prosser, Washington

**Brianna Lee Tottenhoff**  
Spokane, Washington

**Rebecca Miriam Ruth Williams**  
Redlands, California

Master of Arts  
in Teaching:  
Gifted & Talented

**Rachel Elizabeth Dubes**  
Moses Lake, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Alex Siefe**  
Lompoc, California

Master of Arts in  
Teaching: Special  
Education

**Margaret Ann Davey**  
Spokane, Washington

**Sandra L. Tipton**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

Master of Arts:  
Behavior Analysis

**Taylor Matthew Alex Carabin**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Allan A. Corrales**  
Alajuela, Costa Rica

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**Melissa Morris**  
Kamiah, Idaho  
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**Lura Potter**  
Lacrosse, Washington

**Emily Louise Rippl**  
Spokane Valley, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Austin Leigh Skellenger**  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**Reggie Smithson**  
Snohomish, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Nathaniel Snook**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Chandra Suzanne Solberg**  
Spokane, Washington

**Ashley Crystal Strandberg**  
Helena, Montana

**Nicole Renee Magness Topie**  
Post Falls, Idaho

**Marie Kay Townsend**  
Spokane, Washington

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Clarkston, Washington

Master of  
Education:  
Educational  
Administration

**Leila Fischer**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Timothy J. Kennedy**  
Cheney, Washington

**Rebecca Liane Kester**  
Tucson, Arizona

**Kelly Lynn Kielian**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Jamie Marie Ladwig**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Todd Paget**  
Spokane, Washington

**Richard L. Petrini**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Lisa Quaschnick**  
Newport, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Shelby Schoesler**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Lucas Trunkey**  
Spokane, Washington

**Lora A. Villalpando**  
Quincy, Washington  
*in absentia*

Master of  
Education:  
Emphasis in  
Montessori

**Alexandra Hope Krueger**  
Boise, Idaho  
*in absentia*

**Sarah Eileen Muscutt**  
Asheville, North Carolina

Master of  
Education:  
School Counseling

**Susan Benjamin**  
Spokane, Washington

**Andi Bergman**  
Spokane, Washington

**Cassandra Maryanna Buchmann**  
Spokane, Washington

**Erica Nevada Clarke**  
Spokane, Washington

**Tabatha S. Copeland**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Samantha L. Feldhusen**  
Spokane, Washington

**Stephen C. Fleming**  
Kirkland, Washington

**Clarissa Kraack**  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**Becky Shawn McFarland**  
Spokane, Washington

**Samantha Lyn Noonan**  
Spokane, Washington

**Katie Alyse Ochoa**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Kaylin Simmons**  
Spokane, Washington

**Emily Spencer**  
Colbert, Washington

**Lindsey Joan Young**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

Master of  
Education: Social &  
Behavioral Health

**Sarah Estes**  
Liberty Lake, Washington

Master of  
Education: Teaching  
& Learning

**Katrina Marie Bech**  
Spokane, Washington

## GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

**Lauren Dasovich**  
Spokane, Washington

**Rachel Dunne**  
Spokane, Washington

**Brandi J. Hennessy**  
Visalia, California

**Sheri Lyn Hone**  
Spokane, Washington

**Kamie Kelley**  
Elk, Washington

**Rachel Emma Leibrant**  
Clayton, Washington

**Kelli Jean Hamm**  
Spokane, Washington

**Sarah A. Young**  
Spokane, Washington

Master of Arts:  
Administrative  
& Nonprofit  
Leadership

**Aaliyah Ashley-Meek**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Kristin R. Bertsch**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Ayaka M. Dohi**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Taylor Deann Grove**  
Billings, Montana

**Jacob A. Grubb**  
Bloomington, Indiana  
*in absentia*

**Ann M. Penfield**  
Spokane, Washington

**Mark Reed Rickard**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jessica Saugen**  
Spokane, Washington

**Kelsey Segren**  
Bellingham, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Jennifer Toulouse-Lee**  
Spokane, Washington

Master in Teaching:  
Elementary  
Education

**Nathan Alford**  
Spokane, Washington

**Ethan Andrew Bergeson**  
Seattle, Washington

**Misty Dawn Berry**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jessica Crawford**  
San Jose, California

**Erik Dobbs**  
Spokane, Washington

**Micah Huie**  
Seattle, Washington

**Josie Kay Ledbeter**  
Deer Park, Washington

**Rachel Elizabeth  
McGlothlen**  
Spokane, Washington

**Heather Ashlynn Pappas**  
Spokane, Washington

**Kaelyn Perry**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jennifer Phuong  
Thao Phan**  
Spokane, Washington

**Emily Rae Anne  
Sandquist**  
Mill Creek, Washington

**Chelsea Lynn Shearer**  
Lake Tapps, Washington

**Kayla Ileen Smith**  
Spokane, Washington

**Ariana Swenson**  
Spokane, Washington

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Spokane, Washington

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Colbert, Washington

Master in Teaching:  
Secondary  
Education

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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Enumclaw, Washington

**Nathaniel Phillip Clayton**  
Spokane, Washington

**Abby Constable**  
Spokane, Washington

**Alberto Diaz**  
Highland, California

**Gabriel Visut  
Kaemuongmul James**  
Spokane, Washington

**Craig Bayfield Kent**  
Spokane, Washington

**Natalie Krusenstjerna**  
Lynnwood, Washington

**Kyle Labish-Moad**  
Cheney, Washington

**Hannah Melissa Lamon**  
Spokane, Washington

**Lainey Beth Mei**  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Logan Miller**  
Lakewood, California

**Amy Leanne Nygard**  
Puyallup, Washington

**Heather Shannon Portue**  
Post Falls, Idaho

**Lilia Riordan-Rodgers**  
Spokane, Washington

**Abigail C. Smith**  
Spokane, Washington

**Morgan Thompson**  
Spokane, Washington

**Shannon Tran**  
Happy Valley, Oregon

**Mitchell Whitehead**  
Colbert, Washington

**Rebecca L. Young**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia is a tradition dating from the Middle Ages, when long robes and hoods were everyday attire designed to protect against the cold and drafts of medieval university halls. It remains the daily costume at some British universities.

The many variations in academic dress are not incidental, but are rich in meaning. Each costume represents both the degree held by the wearer and the institution that awarded it. While in Europe each university has been free to adopt whatever design it wishes, a considerable degree of standardization has been achieved in the United States. Some of the elements of the code of academic dress follow.

**HOOD:** The hood, which is draped down the back, carries more symbolic significance than any other part of the costume. The border, extending over the shoulders to meet in a “V” at the front, indicates by its colors the discipline in which the degree was earned. Colors for some of the faculties are white (arts, letters, humanities); cream (social science); dark blue (philosophy); light blue (education); scarlet (theology); pink (music); golden yellow (natural science); lemon (library science); nugget (business, accounting); and sage green (physical education).

The lining of the hood, partly exposed, is in the colors of the degree-granting institution (for Whitworth, crimson and black). Doctoral hoods are longer than those of master’s degree recipients and have a wider border. Recipients of the bachelor’s degree do not wear hoods.

**GOWN:** Black gowns are the rule, but a few universities use other colors. A doctor’s gown is recognizable by the three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve, either in black or in the color of the discipline in which the degree was granted. Typically, a doctor’s gown also has velvet panels down the front. The typical gowns for master’s degree and baccalaureate degree candidates do not have decorated panels or sleeves.

**CAP:** The familiar hard-topped mortarboard, or Oxford cap, has long been standard, but a soft tam is increasingly common. The tassels are usually black or the color of the discipline. The tassel on a doctor’s cap is usually metallic gold.

## THE BANNERS

The banners carry the Celtic cross, representing the university’s Scottish Presbyterian heritage, and the seal of Whitworth University. These banners are a permanent part of the commencement exercises.

## THE QUASQUICENTENNIAL PINECONE

Whitworth’s ceremonial icon, to be carried at commencement, convocations and other official university ceremonies, is the Quasquicentennial Pinecone. The icon was commissioned and presented to the university by President Beck A. Taylor to honor the institution’s 125th anniversary, in 2015. It was designed by Professor of Art Katie Creyts and was first used at Spring Convocation 2016. The icon depicts the cone of the ponderosa pine, long a symbol of Whitworth’s beautiful tree-lined campus. Crafted of cast bronze and glass, the Quasquicentennial Pinecone reflects a lamp of learning as well as the characteristics of the cone itself. The top of the piece includes a quotation from the original 1890 Whitworth College catalog, and 12 of the cast-glass pinecone scales feature moral and intellectual virtues that reflect the Whitworth community’s highest aspirations for its members. The text for each of the virtues was handwritten by a different member of the Whitworth community, signifying that from many voices and perspectives, we come together as a single body, united in celebration of and dedication to Whitworth’s Christian mission.

## CLARIFICATIONS

- (1) Participation in commencement and inclusion in the commencement program do not guarantee official granting of a degree. Each graduate office verifies completion of all degree requirements for master’s degree candidates. The registrar’s office then completes the final degree requirement verification and posts all completed degrees.
- (2) The official document verifying degree completion is the Whitworth transcript, signed and sealed by the registrar.