HESSTON COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT 2023
Saturday, May 13, 2023
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Hesston Mennonite Church

Processional
   A Festive Intrada – Walter Pelz

Welcome
   Joseph A. Manickam ’87, Ph.D.
   President

Choral Invocation
   Bel Canto Singers
   Russell Adrian, D.M.A.
   Music Professor
   We Are the Music Makers – Reginal Wright

Prayer of Invocation
   Jim and Kathy Yoder
   Parents of Tobias Yoder, Graduate

Congregational Hymn
   Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7
   Russell Adrian, D.M.A.
   Music Professor

Student Speakers
   Loribeth Miller and Kara Longenecker
   Graduates

Scripture
   1 John 4:7-8
   Ryusei Ogawa, Romina Xhari and Heather Smith
   Graduates

Commencement Address
   Living in God’s Love
   Riccardo Harris, M.A.
   Executive Director of Wichita GEAR UP
   Wichita State University

Choral Music
   Lead with Love – Melanie DeMore

Conferring of Degrees
   Joseph A. Manickam ’87, Ph.D.
   President
   Carren Moham, Ph.D.
   Vice President of Academics
   Megan Leary, M.S.
   Registrar
Recognition of 2023 Graduates
Countries and nations represented in the graduating class
Dean’s List

Choral Music
Amazing Grace – Keith McCutcheon

Bel Canto Singers and Holly Swartzendruber, D.M.A.
Music Professor

Closing Remarks/Blessing

Joseph A. Manickam ’87, Ph.D.
President

Recessional
“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 – Charles-Marie Widor

Following the recessional, the audience may greet the graduates on the lawn west of Hesston Mennonite Church.

PROGRAM NOTES

Please turn off all cell phones during the service.

The service is being live-streamed at hesston.edu/commencement-webcast.
REGALIA

In 1893, an intercollegiate commission presented a uniform code for caps, gowns and hoods to be worn by graduates from colleges in the United States. The mortarboard caps are the same for doctoral, master's and baccalaureate degrees, except that doctoral caps may be tams made of velvet and may have a gold tassel. The gown worn for the bachelor's degree is marked by pointed sleeves, reaching to the knee, while the sleeve of the master's gown is squared at the ends and longer. The doctoral robe is the fullest, with rounded bell-shaped sleeves marked by three velvet stripes.

The greatest symbolism of the academic regalia is shown in the hood, which identifies the level of the degree, the department of learning in which it was earned and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood, its shape and the width of its velvet trim identify the level of the degree, with doctoral hoods being the fullest, widest and longest. Faculty colors indicate the department.

Colors you may see represented in today's processional are: blue for education, copper for economics, drab (a dull, light brown) for business and accountancy, brown for dramatic and fine arts, orange for engineering, purple for law, lemon for library science, pink for music, apricot for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical sciences, citron for social sciences, scarlet for theology, gold for physics, math, environmental science and psychology and white for sociology, history and English, among many available. The colors are mandatory on hoods, but may also be used on tassels and on the velvet on doctoral gowns.

The university or college is usually identified by the color of the hood lining. Two colors are frequently used, since there are approximately 2,000 degree-granting institutions in the United States. If one has multiple degrees, the rule is that only one hood and one discipline color is worn.

The regalia worn by the president features Hesston College's signature maroon and yellow colors. While doctoral regalia typically have three velvet stripes on the sleeve, the regalia of a college or a university president differs in that it has four. The regalia of the Hesston College president also has the seal of the college embroidered on each breast.
SCHOOL OF AVIATION GRADUATE

Tobias Christian Yoder, Harrisonburg, Va., B.S., Aviation-Professional Pilot

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT GRADUATES

Patrick Lysander Hildebrand, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, B.A., Business Management
Kara Jeane Longenecker, Harrisonburg, Va., B.A., Business Management
Tobie Werner Plett, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, B.A., Business Management
Jack Logan Shingler, Creston, Ohio, B.A., Business Management
Rachel Rempel Weaver, Broadway, Va., B.A., Business Management
Romina Xhari, Lezhe, Albania, B.A., Business Management

SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES

Caroline Raeann Barger, Newton, Kan., B.S.N.
Miranda Kay Bath, Newton, Kan., B.S.N.
Jordan Churchward Beal, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Talure Diane Bird, Haysville, Kan., B.S.N.
Sydney Leah Bontrager, Milford, Neb., B.S.N.
Molly Frances Bottenberg, Sedgwick, Kan., B.S.N.
Madeline Ann Bridges, Halstead, Kan., B.S.N.
Muskan Budha Magar, Dang, Nepal, B.S.N.
Aryanna Lavon Degrafenread, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Bella Marie Catharine Dietrich, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Natalie Renae Fischer, Berthoud, Colo., B.S.N.
Joan Jeptoo, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Jennifer Marie Komarek, Sedgwick, Kan., B.S.N.
Summer Nicole McPherson, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Stephanie Mendez, Haysville, Kan., B.S.N.
Samantha June Moss, Hillsboro, Kan., B.S.N.
Geneva Rose Mullet, Bentley, Kan., B.S.N.
Erica Rose Naccarato, Hutchinson, Kan., B.S.N.
Mikayla Danielle Ognissanti, Rocklin, Calif., B.S.N.
Natalie Paramo, Plumas Lake, Calif., B.S.N.
Andrea Ramos, Haysville, Kan., B.S.N.
Michelle Stephania Ramos-Carreno, Bel Aire, Kan., B.S.N.
Zereya Monique Sanders, Newton, Kan., B.S.N.
Victoria Grace Shirley, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Heather Lynn Yost Smith, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Jara Ann Strickland, El Dorado, Kan., B.S.N.
Alaza Nicole Triplett, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Marta Del Rosio Villarreal, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Ericka R. Wilbourn, Wichita, Kan., B.S.N.
Hannah Alison Williams, Corning, Calif., B.S.N.
Rylie Nicole Womochil, Halstead, Kan., B.S.N.
Isabelle Ruth Wortz, Hutchinson, Kan., B.S.N.
Alexis Hunter Zehr, Burrton, Kan., B.S.N.
ASSOCIATES DEGREE GRADUATES

A.A. – Associate of Arts; A.A.A.S. – Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences; A.G.S. – Associate of General Studies; A.S. – Associate of Science

Abwe Japhet Abandelwa, Hesston, Kan., A.A.
Kezia Milka Angeline, Semarang, Indonesia, A.A.
Rebecca Biuma Tshidimu, Commune De Lubumbash, Democratic Republic of the Congo, A.A.
Smilla Burklin, Karlsruhe, Germany, A.S.
Brody Jackson Burnette, Richmond, Mo., A.A.
Abraham Cadillo Quispe, Yokohama, Japan, A.A.
Trenton William Canaan, Cheney, Kan., A.A.
Treston Paul Carlson, Cleveland, Mo., A.A.
Alexa Ann Coburn, Harrisonburg, Va., A.A.
Olivier Ismael Cruz Camilo, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, A.A.
Joshua Michael Dodson, Enid, Okla., A.A.
Alexis Lynn Driscoll, Moundridge, Kan., A.A.
David Jeffrey Duncan, Wichita, Kan., A.A.
Abby Reed Ediger, Inman, Kan., A.G.S.
Kelbe Elyzabeth Edwards, Elk City, Kan., A.A.
Carson Eugene Elonich, Goshen, Ind., A.A.
Alyssa Maria Espinoza, Galva, Kan., A.A.
Samantha Lee Espinoza, Galva, Kan., A.A.
Samantha Kaye Fatka, Warrensburg, Mo., A.S.
Derick Ariel Fonseca, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, A.A.
Minori Fujioka, Yokohama-shi, Japan, A.G.S.
Torrance Brookley Gonzales, Hitchcock, Texas, A.A.
Tyler Payton Henrich, Venus, Texas, A.A.
Cade William Irwin, The Colony, Texas, A.A.
Riku Ikaika Iwai-King, Kaneohe, Hawaii, A.A.A.S., Aviation-Professional Pilot

Jesse Ian Kanagy, Lancaster, Pa., A.A. with Honors
Kanaloa Zeyah Kapololu, Kaneohe, Hawaii, A.A.
Suzannah May Karako, Reeds Spring, Mo., A.A.
Christian Lawrence Kelly, DeSoto, Texas, A.S.
Levi Allen Knopp, Newton, Kan., A.A.
Phoebe Marie Kolb, Milford, Neb., A.A.A.S., Aviation-Professional Pilot
Kaylee Sue Manning, El Dorado, Kan., A.A.
Trent Thomas Mars, Corning, Kan., A.A.
Skye Lynn McPhee, Kansas City, Mo., A.A.
Haydon Justus Mead, Eureka, Kan., A.S.
Emily Ryan Miller, Yukon, Okla., A.A.
Loribeth Fannie Miller, Chouteau, Okla., A.A.
Virginia Irene Miller, Harrisonburg, Va., A.A.
Adrien Brian Muhabuki, Cypress, Texas, A.G.S.
Madelyn Sue Mullet, Milford, Neb., A.A.
Mondli Lusanda Nyathi, Midrand, South Africa, A.A.
Sadie Marie Oesch, Caldwell, Idaho, A.S.
Ryusei Ogawa, Yokohama, Japan, A.A.
Corbin Paige Parnell, Lorena, Texas, A.S.
Reese Eileen Peterson, Omaha, Neb., A.A.
Kody Keanu Hitoshi Pilor, Honolulu, Hawaii, A.G.S.

Trinity Cadence Ramirez, Johnstown, Colo., A.A.
Nicholas Roghair, Irvine, Calif., A.S.
Hayato Sato, Hachioji, Japan, A.G.S.
Eric Jordan Stanley, Ennis, Texas, A.A.
Jovan Anthony Suarez, Salina, Kan., A.A.
Ashley Lane Tsingine, Butterfly Butte, Ariz., A.S.
Patrick Uwimana, Louisville, Ky., A.A.
Jasmin Ventura, Fate, Texas, A.A.
Braydon Lee Verbeck, Wichita, Kan., A.A.
Samuel Ellis Wiese, Omaha, Neb., A.A.
Ryan Kirby Wilder, San Marcos, Texas, A.S.
Hannah Elaine Williams, Anadarko, Okla., A.A.
Traone Ladawn Winslow, Aurora, Colo., A.A.
Ansed Xhari, Lezhe, Albania, A.A.
Ren Yokoyama, Anjo, Japan, A.A.