ORDER OF PROCESSION

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Stage Party

President of the University

The Mace, carried by the Grand Marshal, is a traditional symbol of authority at governmental, ecclesiastical, and scholarly occasions. Originally a war-like implement, it has evolved in form to fit its present ceremonial purpose.
Undergraduate
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Order of Exercises

Processional * .............................................. Pomp and Circumstance, Opus 39
                        by Edward Elgar

Invocation * ............................................. Pastor Mark Pruett-Barnett
                        Campus Pastor
                        St. Marks United Methodist Church

National Anthem ........................................ University Concert Choir
                        “The Star Spangled Banner”
                        Dr. Joseph Janisch
                        Conductor

Welcome ...................................................... Dr. Martin Roth
                        President

Outstanding Senior ........................................ Brandon Godinich

Commencement Address ..................................... Mr. Andrew Paterno
                        Chief Executive Officer
                        Centurion Insurance Services

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ............................... President Roth
                        Recipient:
                        Mr. Andrew Paterno
                        Doctor of Laws
                        presented by:
                        Mr. Pat Graney
                        Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ...................... Dr. Kim Spiezio

Conferring of Degrees ........................................ President Roth

Recognition of Graduates ..................................... Provost Spiezio

Recognition of Emeriti Faculty .............................. Provost Spiezio

Closing Comments .......................................... President Roth

Alma Mater * .............................................. University Singers

Benediction * .............................................. Pastor Mark Pruett-Barnett

Recessional * ............................................ Procession of the Nobles
                        by Rimsky-Korsakov

* The audience is requested to stand during the processional and to remain standing during the Invocation. The audience should also stand during the singing of the Alma Mater and remain standing at seats until the commencement participants, including the graduating seniors, the stage party, and the faculty have departed the ceremonial area.
For more than 500 years, European and American universities have awarded academic degrees in a public ceremony similar to that in which you take part today. A central feature of this public ceremony includes the wearing of academic regalia. Because early universities were subject to the discipline of the church, students and faculties wore the habit (clothing) of a religious order. The flowing robe, the shoulder cape, and the hood have been traditional academic dress for centuries. The origin of the “mortarboard” cap is obscure, although it came into use at a much later date.

Although the basic pattern of academic robes remains similar for all degrees, small details differ according to the discipline of the degree and the level of academic attainment. The sleeve length of the bachelor’s gown retains the long wing-shape of medieval dress, while the master’s gown has a half-sleeve with a trailing pouch. The doctor’s gown has long, full sleeves with three velvet chevrons attached.

The hood, once worn simply to provide warmth, has evolved into the badge of academic attainment. The inside of the hood is lined with silk in the design and colors of the institution that granted the degree. The color of the velvet border of the hood is designed to symbolize the degree or field of study. Some examples include:

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Associate and bachelor candidates wear black robes and caps. Master and doctoral degree students wear gowns and hoods appropriate for the discipline. Faculty robes and caps are usually black with gold tassels and / or reflect the degree-granting institution. Trustees wear robes in the University’s colors, maroon and gold, as do some of the ushers.
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Charleston, WV
Health Science

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PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR:

BRANDON GODINICH

Congratulations to our other finalists:

Rachael Argento
Brianna Rock
Kristine Gegeshidze
Elaine Tuckwiller
Marlee Gunn-Coleman

The President’s Award for Outstanding Senior was established to honor seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, exemplary leadership skills and community involvement. All candidates for the award were interviewed by the selection committee, which made its recommendation to the President of the University.

LEADERSHIP AWARD – WELCH COLLEAGUE

Students earning an Applied Leadership minor have successfully completed the Welch Colleague Program. They have excelled in a series of leadership courses, directed community service projects, and participated actively in the student organizational life of the University. They have combined academic accomplishment with involvement in leadership and service.
Andrew Paterno  
*Doctor of Laws*

Recognized for both your business leadership and the impact you have had across the business landscape, you have been called an inspirational role model for the next generation of business leaders in our state. When inducted into the West Virginia Business Hall of Fame, you were cited for your “extraordinary leadership in the world of business.”

You are currently CEO of Centurion Insurance Services. Prior to this role, your career includes being President of the West Virginia Region of Huntington National Bank, Vice Chairman of Wells Fargo Insurance Services, USA, and holding leadership roles for Wells Fargo Insurance Services (formerly McDonough Caperton Insurance Group and Acordia Mid-Atlantic) for more than 30 years. You were Managing Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region, which had 35 locations and a diverse mix of products.

Prior to your career in the insurance field, you worked in the Governor’s Office of Economic and Community Development, as well as serving as Assistant Director of the West Virginia Civil Service System. And, with a keen understanding of what local sports mean to a community, you worked to keep professional baseball in Charleston and served as Managing Partner of the Charleston Alley Cats.

A number of boards and organizations have benefitted from your knowledge and skills, including the WV Roundtable, the WV Chamber of Commerce, the WV Banker’s Association, the Foundation for the Thomas Memorial and Saint Francis Hospitals, The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, Girl Scouts Black Diamond Council, Concord University Foundation and Coal Contractors Insurance Limited Board.

Your hard work, pride in your heritage, and community spirit were recognized when you were chosen as the 1999 recipient of the Italian American Man of the Year, named the 2000 Son of the Year by the West Virginia Society of Washington, DC, and were included in the State Journal’s Who’s Who in West Virginia Business in 2014.

You earned your Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Economics from Concord College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Charleston. In 2008, you were honored by your alma mater as a meritorious inductee into the University of Charleston Hall of Fame.

A lifelong resident of South Charleston, you and your wife Mary Jo, have two grown children and four grandchildren.

In honor of all you have done for the University of Charleston and the state of West Virginia, we award the Doctor of Laws degree, *honoris causa*, to you, Andrew Paterno.
ORDER OF PROCESSION

Grand Marshal
Sandra S. Bowles, Ed.D., RN, CNE
Assistant Dean for Assessment and Special Projects
School of Pharmacy

Assistant Marshal
Dr. Martha Spiker
Professor of Psychology

Members of the Graduating Class of 2019

Members of the Faculty

Members of the Board of Trustees

Stage Party

President of the University

The Mace, carried by the Grand Marshal, is a traditional symbol of authority at governmental, ecclesiastical, and scholarly occasions. Originally a war-like implement, it has evolved in form to fit its present ceremonial purpose.
Graduate

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Order of Exercises

Processional * .............................................. *Pomp and Circumstance, Opus 39* by Edward Elgar

Invocation * .............................................. Pastor Mark Pruett-Barnett
* Campus Pastor
St. Marks United Methodist Church

National Anthem ........................................... University Concert Choir
* “The Star Spangled Banner” by: Francis Scott Key
Dr. Joseph Janisch
Conductor

Welcome ........................................................ Dr. Martin Roth
* President

Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student .................... Jordan Bleecker

Commencement Address ..................................... Mrs. Anne Barth
* Executive Director
TechConnect West Virginia

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ............................... President Roth

Recipient: Mrs. Anne Barth
* Doctor of Humane Letters
presented by: Mr. Pat Graney
Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ......................... Dr. Kim Spiezio
* Provost & Executive Vice President

Conferring of Degrees .......................................... President Roth

Recognition of Graduates ....................................... Provost Spiezio

Closing Comments ............................................. President Roth

Alma Mater * ................................................ University Singers

Benediction * ................................................... Pastor Mark Pruett-Barnett

Recessional * ................................................... Procession of the Nobles by Rimsky-Korsakov

* The audience is requested to stand during the processional and to remain standing during the Invocation. The audience should also stand during the singing of the Alma Mater and remain standing at seats until the commencement participants, including the graduating seniors, the stage party, and the faculty have departed the ceremonial area.
For more than 500 years, European and American universities have awarded academic degrees in a public ceremony similar to that in which you take part today. A central feature of this public ceremony includes the wearing of academic regalia. Because early universities were subject to the discipline of the church, students and faculties wore the habit (clothing) of a religious order. The flowing robe, the shoulder cape, and the hood have been traditional academic dress for centuries. The origin of the “mortarboard” cap is obscure, although it came into use at a much later date.

Although the basic pattern of academic robes remains similar for all degrees, small details differ according to the discipline of the degree and the level of academic attainment. The sleeve length of the bachelor’s gown retains the long wing-shape of medieval dress, while the master’s gown has a half-sleeve with a trailing pouch. The doctor’s gown has long, full sleeves with three velvet chevrons attached.

The hood, once worn simply to provide warmth, has evolved into the badge of academic attainment. The inside of the hood is lined with silk in the design and colors of the institution that granted the degree. The color of the velvet border of the hood is designed to symbolize the degree or field of study. Some examples include:

- Dark Blue - Philosophy
- White - Arts and Letters
- Golden Yellow - Science
- Apricot - Nursing
- Drab - Business Administration
- Light Blue - Education
- Purple - Law/Jurisprudence
- Green - Medicine
- Scarlet - Theology (Leadership)
- Pink - Music
- Brown - Fine Arts
- Peacock Blue - Public Service

Associate and bachelor candidates wear black robes and caps. Master and doctoral degree students wear gowns and hoods appropriate for the discipline. Faculty robes and caps are usually black with gold tassels and / or reflect the degree-granting institution. Trustees wear robes in the University’s colors, maroon and gold, as do some of the ushers.
Jalen Turner Nelson  
Springfield, OH

Ivey Michael Nucilli  
Fairmont, WV

Ruth Elizabeth Rivas  
Rancho Cordova, CA

Tarolyn Ashley Robinson  
Rocklin, CA

Ricky D. Rucker  
Honors  
Charleston, WV

Brendon Anderson Hoge Stennett  
South Charleston, WV

Donald K. Stewart  
Honors  
Parkersburg, WV

James Michael Volpe Jr.  
Cape May, NJ

John Lewis Windsor, Jr.  
Gulfport, MS

John Brian Skylar Wotring II  
Capon Bridge, WV

Dalia Youssef  
Aleppo, Syria

Ethan M. Anderson *  
Fountain, CO

Richard Dittmar *  
Richmond Hill, GA

Jacob Dean Hoekstra *  
Colorado Springs, CO

Patrick William Holden *  
Fpo, AE

Chad William Wanner *  
Hill Afb, UT

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Cedric Amadi  
Reisterstown, MD

Randy Johnson Bell  
Honors  
Portsmouth, RI

Brian Michael Bidder  
Honors  
Burlison, TN

Brian L. Bischoff  
Honors  
Panama City Beach, FL

April Dawn Bostic  
Honors  
Scott Depot, WV

Larry Donald Bradeen  
Honors  
Tenino, WA

Marsha Gaye Cain *  
Charleston, WV  
Leadership Minor

Melvin Louis Cushman Jr. *  
Fort Lee, VA

Veleka Sheria Davis  
Honors  
Chula Vista, CA

Jean Carlos Dugrot  
Honors  
Fayetteville, NC

John P. Dupré *  
Arnaudville, LA

Marc J. Elias  
Honors  
Fayetteville, NC

Larry Elmore *  
Macon, GA

Phebe E. Etchu  
Bedford, TX

Lorien Marie George *  
Huntington Beach, CA

Deion C. Glover  
Honors  
Marysville, WA

Michael Reginald Glover *  
Duck, WV

Joshua James Goforth  
Honors  
Charleston, WV

Javier González Freire *  
Vigo, Spain

Steven John Gribayedoff  
Honors  
San Diego, CA

Michael D. Hall *  
Amherst, NY

Matthew Thomas Haynes *  
Saint Albans, WV

Sean T. Herlihy *  
Tucson, AZ

Daniel L. Herrin  
Honors  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Christopher R. Johnson *  
San Diego, CA

Brian J. Komar *  
Gladstone, MO

Kimberly Dennette Komar *  
Gladstone, MO

Lyndon Teiko Kwel-Tagoe  
Honors  
Charleston, WV

Kanwal Latif  
Honors  
Elmont, NY

Beverly June Litz *  
Lemoore, CA

Michael H. Lynch  
Honors  
Spring Lake, NC

Patrick Lee McCauley  
Honors  
Tampa, FL

Andrew D. McCurry  
Honors  
Hampstead, NC

Barry A. Moore  
Scott Depot, WV

Franklyn Paul Munroe  
Honors  
Chesapeake, VA

Kahlila B. Mutidi *  
Apo, AP

Lloyd Warren Nechtman  
Honors  
Tampa, FL

Jeremy Nicholas Newcomer  
Honors  
Virginia Beach, VA

Ian M. Nims  
Honors  
Navarre, FL

Stella Onwugbenu  
Honors  
Herndon, VA

Courtney Ann Palmoore  
Honors  
Rockingham, NC

Christopher C. Parker *  
Oak Hill, WV

Gregory Neal Pearce  
Virginia Beach, VA

Manuel O. Perez Barreto  
Honors  
Miami, FL

W.B. Phillips, II *  
Little Rock, AR

Robert J. Prato  
Honors  
Glen Burnie, MD

Alvaro Salazar  
Honors  
San Clemente, CA

David T. Salisbury  
Honors  
La Mesa, CA

Jamie Lea Satterfield *  
Bridgeport, WV

Richard Wayne Smith  
Honors  
Brandon, FL

Daniel A. Snyder  
Honors  
Valrico, FL

Scott Adam Stout  
Honors  
Chesapeake, VA

Kurt R. Straub  
Honors  
Va Beach, VA

Paula Tukes *  
Middleburg, FL

Tony Danshel Turner  
Honors  
Cantonment, FL

Michael Vertucci  
Honors  
Naperville, IL

Kevin Watson  
Honors  
Honolulu, HI

Michael Dominick Woods  
Honors  
Fayetteville, NC

*Denotes August 2019 graduates
DOCTOR OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Lisa Marie Balzereit *
Alexandria, VA

Brian Lee Bell *
Ankeny, IA

Evans Benjy-Osarenkho
Hurricane, WV

Douglas Brinkley *
Sugar Land, TX

Thomas Michael Burke Jr.
Honors
Lillington, NC

Christina Elaine Chard *
Charleston, WV

Joan Lee Clark *
Charleston, WV

Kerry R. Copeland
Atlanta, GA

Richard G. Curtis Jr. *
Roanoke, VA

Terry Lee Cyfers
Honors
Huntington, WV

William Alan Denny Honors
Lexington, KY

Louis Garrett Gaunch *
Barboursville, WV

Dawna Robinette Goodson *
Peytona, WV

Michael R. Grohman *
Copperopolis, CA

Kimberly Dawn-Patrice Hardy *
Victorville, CA

Donna Marie Newman
Charles Town, WV

Gerald Alan Newton *
Fayetteville, NC

John Jason Hess *
Catawba, NC

Brenda MaShawn Hill *
Montgomery, WV

Steven Edmund Horsley *
Berlin, Germany

Lauren Travis Kahle *
Wayne, WV

Jamie Dale Kipfer *
Cameron, NC

Martin John Langlois, Jr. Honors
Lancaster, OH

Dena Marie Lentz
Beckley, WV

Mickale L. Linton *
Riviera Beach, FL

Joseph E. Long Honors
Fayetteville, NC

Richenel Milton Martin Jr. Honors
Dayton, OH

Karen J. Silas *
Millersville, MO

Heike Soeffker-Culicerto *
Beckley, WV

Barry L. Stocks *
Petersburg, VA

Amanda Gail Stottemeyer *
South Charleston, WV

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Hassan Aboutaam
Dearborn, MI

Allison D. Adams
South Charleston, WV

George Chuyum Akumbo
Charleston, WV

Tameem Qutaibah Badwan
Suwanee, GA

Samantha René Beckman
Cum Laude
St. Peters, MO

Christopher Berkoh
Mayer, MN

Jasiris Boccheciam
La Vergne, TN

Allyssa Nicole Bradford
Charleston, WV

Taylor L. Clemons
Birdsboro, PA

Brandon Allen Coleman
Charleston, WV

Grandee Dang
Katy, TX

Roger Dwayne Davidson III
Grafton, OH

Jawanda Le’Cress Davis
Hemingway, SC

Kelcey L. Duerson
Richmond, KY

Eirini Fallieros
Rochester, NY

Willard Nathaniel Ferguson
Louisa, KY

Jessica Charlene Ferris
Ementlon, PA

Jovany Alexander Gonzalez
Jacksonville, FL

Brandon Michael Gray
Butler, PA

Amber Gross
Summa Cum Laude
Jackson, KY

Kendra Morgan Hall
Charleston, WV

Erik Lawrence Hanson
Isle of Palms, SC

Grant Crawford Henck
Columbus, OH

Tron Trong Hoang
O’fallon, MO

Kathryn Mae Howerton
Summa Cum Laude
Milton, WV

Evelyn Lokenye Itoe
Charleston, WV

Tonie A. Iwu
Gwynn Oak, MD

Bhawandeep Singh Jawanda
Cleveland Heights, OH

Sally Johnson
Iron Gate, VA

Emily Jordan
South Webster, OH

Betty Awora Kizito
Oak Ridge, NC

Alan Yeu Joe Lam
Summa Cum Laude
Lawrenceville, GA

Hoang Minh Le
Orlando, FL

Justin Sangmok Lee
Katy, TX

Ajeideh Loveline Mbah
Cum Laude
Charleston, WV

Amanda Lynn Miller
Cross Lanes, WV

Desiree Lynn
Montgomery
Crown City, OH

Cyprien N. Nanah
Canton, MI

Blanche Mafor Ndifon
San Jose, CA

Michael Onyekachi Okebugwu
Upper Marlboro, MD

Megan Osborn
Paintsville, KY

Rachel Claire Peaytt
Summa Cum Laude
Nitro, WV

Austin M. Schambach
Follansbee, WV

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PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL STUDENT:

JORDAN BLEECKER

Congratulations to our other finalists:

Terry Cyfers Ruth Rivas
Emily Lipsitz Stephanie Tu
Rachel Peaytt

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The University of Charleston prepares students for a life of productive work, enlightened living and community involvement.

UC is a private, non-profit institution with locations in Charleston, Beckley and Martinsburg, West Virginia as well as online. The University offers academic programs ranging from associate degree programs to doctoral programs.

UC’s nationally recognized outcomes-based curriculum focuses on flexible, learner-centered, demonstrable learning. Students are prepared to thrive in the real world with skills in Citizenship, Communication, Creativity, Innovation, Critical Thinking, Ethical Practice, Inquiry, and their chosen career. Classes at UC are geared to do two things: engage students in active learning and let them grow as people. What sets the school apart is that the education is outcomes-focused -- meaning students prove their learning every step of the way, and every class is an exercise in understanding how the coursework relates to the real world.

Many UC students finish their degrees in fewer than four years, which gives them one less year of tuition and up to a year of extra earning power. Placement in graduate school and careers is consistently above national averages, with health sciences and pre-professional studies leading the way. UC offers fast-track programs in pharmacy, business and physician assistant studies, in which motivated undergraduate students have the opportunity to achieve their goals of an advanced degree on an accelerated schedule.