



Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY 6 AT 10:30 AM

*PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Randy Thompson, *Organist*

INVOCATION

Theresa Nichole Olson, *Class of 2023*

WELCOME

Dr. Jim Dunn, *President, Class of 1988*

SCRIPTURE READING

Kelsey Rae Carmichael, *Class of 2023*

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Josette DuAnne Evans, *Class of 2023*

OKWU CHAMBER SINGERS

“Shalom”

Roberta Eberhard, *Guest Conductor*

Samantha Williamson, *Guest Violinist*

Dr. Randy Thompson, *Accompanist*

GRADUATE ADDRESS

Dr. Jonathan Ensor, *Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Class of 2005*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Jim Dunn, *President, Class of 1988*

Dr. Keri Bostwick, *Provost & VP of Academic Affairs, Class of 1998*

“BE ONE SENT”

Dr. Jim Dunn, *President, Class of 1988*

TASSEL CEREMONY & RINGING OF SAM’S BELL

Dr. Keri Bostwick, *Provost & VP of Academic Affairs, Class of 1998*

Caleb Lewis Knierim, *Class of 2023*

INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sandra Kent, *Alumni Association President, Class of 1992*

BENEDICTION

Dr. Rosa Ketchum, *Director of Graduate Nursing Programs and*

Associate Professor of Nursing, Class of 2007

*RECESSIONAL

Dr. Randy Thompson, *Organist*

**Congregation please stand*

Dr. Jim Dunn

President, Class of 1988



Before joining OKWU as President in June 2019, Dr. Jim Dunn served as pastor and leader within The Wesleyan Church denomination. Most recently, he served as Vice-President of Church Relations at Wesleyan Investment Foundation. In addition, he has served in leadership positions on numerous boards and taught at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Wesley Seminary, and Indiana Wesleyan University. He has a B.A. from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Dunn and his wife, Wendy, have four children between them: Dr. Dunn has a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren, and Wendy has two daughters.

Dr. Keri Bostwick

Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Class of 1998



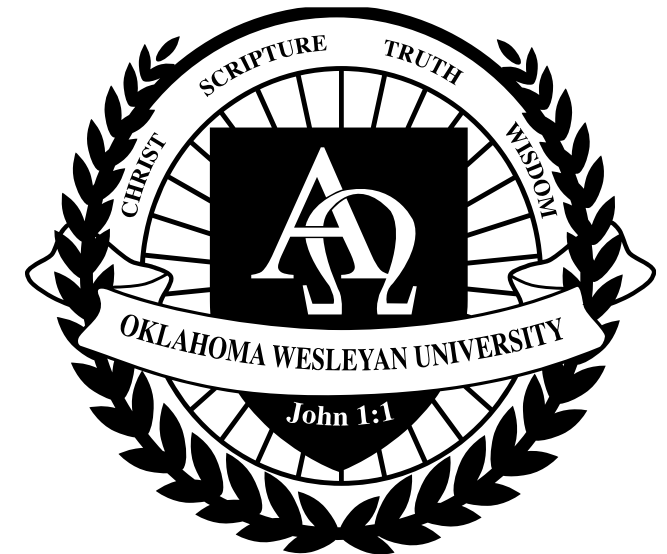
Dr. Bostwick is a proud graduate of Bartlesville Wesleyan College with a B.A. in Secondary English Education and an M.Ed. (Oklahoma Wesleyan University). She earned an Ed.D in Transformational Leadership from Concordia University-Portland in 2020. Dr. Bostwick was fortunate to work for Bartlesville Public Schools as a teacher and leader for seventeen years. She came to OKWU as a Professor of Education in 2013. She has also served as the M.Ed. Director, the Dean of Education and Exercise Science, and the Dean of Assessment and Accreditation. She was named Provost in the Summer of 2022. Dr. Bostwick is married to Michael and has three children: Jaxon, Cooper, and Georgia.

Dr. Jonathan Ensor

Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Class of 2005



Dr. Jonathan Ensor is a proud alumnus of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, earning a B.A. in Biblical Studies; he also holds an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary along with a Ph.D. from Middlesex University, United Kingdom. In addition, Dr. Ensor spent 14 wonderful years as an instructor and campus minister at Wright Christian Academy in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He came to Oklahoma Wesleyan University in 2019 to serve as the Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies. In 2021, his first monograph, *Paul and the Corinthians*, was published by Bloomsbury Publishing in the Library of the New Testament Series. Dr. Ensor is married to Savannah, the delight of his life, and together they have three children: Graeme, Ansen, and Estienne.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023
CHAPEL AND FINE ARTS CENTER

2201 SILVER LAKE ROAD | BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Graduating Class of 2023

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Maria Dejesus Castaneda – *General Studies*
Annaly Mae Columbia – *General Studies*
Kaleigh Paige Dietzel – *General Studies*
Trinity Ann Tolle – *Biology*
Shelbie T. Townley – *General Studies*
Nathaniel Clarence Veld – *General Studies*
Shelbi Leshawn N’Cole Wilson – *General Studies*

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Heather Rachelle Workman – *Technical Programs*

BACHELOR OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Felix J. Aranda – *Digital Cinema/Graphic Design and Strategy*
Cori Rae Campbell – *Digital Cinema/Graphic Design and Strategy* †
Sarai Belle De La Rosa – *Music Business*
Brin Kiara Herndon – *Digital Cinema*
Kaylie Christine Lakey – *History and Political Science*
Andjela Pavle Micunovic – *Graphic Design and Strategy*
Micah Aaron Montgomery – *Media Design*
Carlie Rachel Schouweiler – *Graphic Design and Strategy*
Brian Dale Smith – *Psychology*
Kaitlin Necole Toy – *Digital Media Marketing*

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Erick Joel Nova Batista – *Business*
Aijalon Joseph Knowles – *Business*

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & EXERCISE SCIENCE

Taylor Alexis Voight – *Secondary Education-English*

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY & CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Jesus Alejandro Jimenez – *Pastoral Ministry*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Tobin Levi Brewer – *Biology*
Zakevia Nyquae Brown – *Graphic Design and Strategy*
Jessica Nicole Greenwood – *Psychology*
Tyeler Elliott Hagan – *Chemistry*
Gerardo Rosendo Leronés Hermida – *Psychology*
Jeneva B. Lynn – *Psychology Studies*
Ashley D. Mitts – *Psychology Studies* ✧
Desiree Janay Nziramasanga – *Psychology*
Taylor Nicole Poage – *Chemistry*
Raegan Faye Stevenson – *Chemistry*

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Desire Gbeye Akpoli – *Business* >
Deleana Lee Allen – *Business Administration* ✧
Matthew Virgilio Atencio – *Criminal Justice*
Danielle Bertie – *Business Administration*
Frederick Nathan Bompuku – *Business* >
Lillian Lucy Grace Burgess – *Accounting* >
Bridgette Anne Camposan – *Organizational Management*
Joel Carter Caporale – *Business Administration*
Ilija Catic – *Business* >
Nicholas Chavez – *Business*
Zachary Clay – *Organizational Management*

Clement Martin-Dardaine – *Sports Management*
Melissa Graci Dissen – *Criminal Justice*
Michael Jeffrey Erlemeier – *Organizational Management*
Jonathan C. Ervin – *Business Administration*
Stanley John Fisher – *Financial Services* †
Waltis Harry Jr. – *Accounting*
Ruann Schalk Hattingh – *Business Administration*
Connor Wesley Herzberg – *Criminal Justice*
Alexander Nathaniel Howard – *Marketing* >
River Maine Jeffries – *Business Communications*
Baylee Claire Knorr – *Business* >
Richard Kokoroko Jr. – *Business*
Thiago Laurindo Do Nascimento – *Accounting*
Jaden Tyler Lietzke – *Accounting*
Victor Henrique Lourenco Crispim – *Marketing* >
Josiah Johnston Lynn – *Accounting*
Lisa Elizabeth McCain – *Business Administration*
Chephon LaCole Morrison – *Business Administration*
Aaron Neal Paulukaitis – *Accounting*
Wyatt Thomas Patton – *Marketing* >
Nolan Christopher Pope – *Marketing* >
Isabela Prado Magalhaes – *Interdisciplinary Business*
Brianna Nicole Preston – *Business Administration*
William De Jesus Rodrigues – *Marketing* >
Jesus Noel Sanchez – *Financial Services* >
Kim Michelle Sanchez – *Organizational Management*
Sydnee Mae Schovanec – *Management and Leadership*
Hannah Kathleen Smith – *Accounting* >
Jordyn Andrew Smith – *Criminal Justice*
Cynthia B. Smith Cook – *Organizational Management*
Noah Thompson Sturm – *Business Administration*
Lauren E. Tague – *Business Administration* ✧
Spencer Nathaniel White – *Entrepreneurship*

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & EXERCISE SCIENCES

Krista Aryn Albertson – *Secondary Education-Social Studies*
Klayton Brett Coffman – *Elementary Education*
Stefan Srecko Cvetanovic – *Sports and Recreation Leadership*
Esperanza Ann Graham – *Exercise Science Pre-Therapy*
Jarret Braeden Graham – *Exercise Science Strength & Conditioning*
Cierra Hope Johnson – *Exercise Science Pre-Therapy*
Makaila Joy Keith – *Exercise Science Pre-Therapy* >
Chance Cesar Mata – *Exercise Science Pre-Therapy*
Kay Kirkpatrick Swan – *Elementary Education*
Angus James Vickery – *Sports and Recreation Leadership*

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY & CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Caleb Lewis Knierim – *Pastoral and Worship Arts*
Theresa Nichole Olson – *Pastoral and Youth Ministry*
Elijah Glenn Steffen – *Pastoral Ministry*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kellie Ann Belk	Mariah Mae Edgmon
Josette DuAnne Evans	Amanda Renee Fair
Brandon Michael Ferguson	Holly R. Gilley
Grace Olivia Hibberts	Bailey Piper Johnson
Michael D. Kintz	Catherine Noelle Leston
Jesus Adrian Maldonado	Laura Lynn Moser
Randa Deean Parris	Ashleigh Nicole Perkins
Destiny Nicole Reeve	Desiree Claudine Riley
Amber Nacole Roberts	Zoe Love Rodgers
Hailey Elizabeth Scott	Adeline Christine Slagle
Peggy Eileen Stokes	

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dawna Ailsworth	Nikki Marie Alexander
Dawn Micheala Beard-Sponsler	Matija Gligorovic
Jessica Lynn Morrow	Luka Pekovic
Roosevelt Peters	William John Simon
Marc Skelton	Amber Nicole Smith
Kenadee Jaden Valdez	

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Kelsey Rae Carmichael	Megan M. Ivie
Taylor N. Jasikoff	Dalton Reed Linick
Jeffery Heath McGlathery	Hannah Lynn Nealis

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Kendrie Dawn Escoe	Marcus Ian Randall
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Anna J. Montague

Honors & Recognition

Undergraduate Honors | A graduate who has achieved a certain cumulative grade point average will receive honors recognition and a cord as follows:

Cum Laude 3.5 - 3.69 GPA
Associate's: White Cord | Bachelor's: Bronze Cord
Magna Cum Laude 3.7 - 3.89 GPA
Associate's: Red Cord | Bachelor's: Silver Cord
Summa Cum Laude 3.9 - 4.0 GPA
Associate's: Blue Cord | Bachelor's: Gold Cord



Veterans | Graduates who are veterans of the U.S. armed services are honored with red, white, and blue entwined honor cords.

> **Pareto Group** | The Pareto Group is formed by the top traditional students in the OKWU Chesapeake Energy School of Business based on competency, character, and communication.

† **Lewis Fellowship** | The Lewis Fellowship, sponsored by the School of Arts & Sciences, is a consortium of student scholars from across multiple disciplines within the university. Its focus is the collision of Christ and culture. Graduates who have earned this honor are awarded a light blue cord.

✧ **Honors Scholar** | Students who graduate as honors scholars have completed rigorous general education requirements and additional required coursework.

^ **Alpha Sigma Lambda** | Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society that partners with colleges and universities to celebrate the scholarship and leadership of adult students in higher education. OKWU's chapter began in 2005. Graduates who have earned this honor are awarded an ivory stole with embroidered ASLHS script and crest

Sam's Bell | To mark a new beginning, the OKWU Bell first rang during the 2019 Convocation, the ceremony signifying the start of the academic year. The bell, named in memory of Sam Shannon, declares loudly the grace of new beginnings in Christ. The honor of ringing the bell is given to one embodying the spirit and mission of the university.

After the Ceremony | Graduates will recess outside to the lower (west) grass open space to meet family and friends.