

HANOVER COLLEGE

The 193rd Annual Commencement



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Prelude

“Festival Prelude”

Hanover College Instrumental Ensemble

Johann Sebastian Bach

The audience is requested to stand, if able, and remain standing during the processional and invocation

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Hanover College Instrumental Ensemble

Edward Elgar

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Catherine Y. E. Knott

Ball Family Chaplain

The audience may be seated

Anthem

“When You Believe”

Hanover College Concert Choir

Stephen Schwartz

Welcome

Dr. Lake Lambert

President

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Elaine Kops-Bedel '74

Board of Trustees Chair

Senior Address

“The Spirit of a Panther”

Jennavee Houser '26

Recognition of Student Awards

The John Finley Crowe Citation

Dr. Lake Lambert

Creek Arthur '26

The Henry C. Long Citation

Jennavee Houser '26

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

Kylee Morgan '26

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

Elisabeth Walton '26

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Dr. Melissa Eden, Professor of English

Dr. Carey Adams

Dr. Steven Jobe, Professor of English

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Katherine Johnson, Professor of Philosophy

Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Science

Dr. Lake Lambert

Presentation

Dr. Carey Adams

Recipient

Dr. Kathy J. Schilling Colletta '75, M.D., FACR

Conferral of Bachelor's Degrees in Course

Dr. Lake Lambert

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Carey Adams

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Ethan Abdo	Computer Science	Bloomington, Indiana
Yuri Abrao	Communication: Public Relations	Campinas, Brazil
Iroboudu Peter Abu	Business	Edo State, Nigeria
Layden Adair	Communication	Indianapolis, Indiana
Joshua Adams	Engineering Science / Business	Georgetown, Kentucky
Cameron Arkins	Biology	Bargersville, Indiana
Abigail M. Badore	Biology	Connersville, Indiana
Breckin Barbee	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Cumming, Georgia
Charles Wendell Barker	Communication	Fishers, Indiana
Vitor Bertti Bergamin	Economics / Business	Santos, Brazil
Johan Joel Betancourt	Mathematics	Madison, Indiana
Christopher L. Bishop	Engineering Science	LaPorte, Indiana
William Blevins	Business	Carmel, Indiana
Preston Bradley	English: Creative Writing	Ladoga, Indiana
Mario Esteban Bravo Castañeda	Engineering Science	Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico
London Dior Brooks	Communication	Indianapolis, Indiana
Stephen Callum Buchanan	Health and Movement Studies	Franklin, Indiana
Joshua Burns	Biology	Columbus, Indiana
Patricio Campos Ayala	Engineering	Mexico City, Mexico
Morgan Carter	Psychology	Franklin, Indiana
Kiana D. Champ	Biology	Ridgeville, Indiana
Evan Chaney	Business	Crawfordsville, Indiana
Avery Madison Collier	Philosophy	Batavia, Ohio
Olivia Cook	Psychology	Roachdale, Indiana
Kambrie Jaden Cooper	Art and Design	Waterloo, Illinois
John Brody Lee Cull	Business	Bedford, Kentucky
Clove Daniels	Sociology	Louisville, Kentucky
Kelsie Davidson	History / Secondary Education	Austin, Indiana
Elijah Matthew Debusk	Business	Fishers, Indiana
Spencer Matthew Denton	Business	Kendallville, Indiana
Omar Dizdar	Business	Bardstown, Kentucky
Adair Josephine Dooley	Business	Crestview Hills, Kentucky
Alex Felipe Farias Romero	French / Economics	Louisville, Kentucky
Shane Hunter Flick	Biology	French Lick, Indiana
Gaven Ezra Followell	Computer Science	Monrovia, Indiana
John Girard	Business	Richmond, Kentucky
Maria Jose Godoy	International Studies	Indianapolis, Indiana
Aidan Gonzalez	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Orlando, Florida
Matthew Griffin	Communication	Bloomington, Indiana
Rodrigo Gutierrez Olvera Gonzalez	Engineering	Mexico City, Mexico
Jordynn Rachele Gutowski	Business	Austin, Indiana
Hailey Hansen	Business	Brownsburg, Indiana
Clinton James Hearne	Business	Madison, Indiana
Tyler Martin Heavener	History / Philosophy	Indianapolis, Indiana
Gavyn Nathaniel Heiner	Engineering	Vine Grove, Kentucky

Mary Rose Hennessey	Health and Movement Studies	Brownsburg, Indiana
Jenna Henry	Public Policy and Social Justice	Brownsburg, Indiana
Matthew Hillard	Engineering	Berea, Kentucky
Grayce Lee Huckleberry	Art History	Louisville, Kentucky
Rylin Kay Huddleston	Elementary Education	Seymour, Indiana
Erika Iles	Chemistry	Milan, Indiana
Logan Cole Jackson	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Mooreville, Indiana
Garron Jenkins	Business	Greenville, Indiana
Summer Jines	Business / Philosophy	Dupont, Indiana
Aniyah Kameaaloha-Samaven Johnson	Biology	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Timothy Aaron Dale Johnson	Economics / Secondary Education	Westfield, Indiana
Trevor Lee Jones	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Indianapolis, Indiana
Molly Elizabeth Keep	English: Literary Studies / Business	Louisville, Kentucky
Kaylea Klinglesmith	Communication / Political Science	Salem, Indiana
Talal Jacory Laguda	Engineering	Centre, Alabama
Emily Anne Lane	Elementary Education	Jennings County, Indiana
Gabrielle Geneva Lucies-Yantis	Cultural Anthropology	Lafayette, Indiana
William Braden Mack	Business	Lexington, Indiana
Ashtyn D. Marcum	Psychology	Morristown, Indiana
Isaiah Edward James Martin	Engineering	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Carter Marx	Business	Evansville, Indiana
Emma Marzouk	Communication	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Aaron Masri Entebi	Engineering Science / Art and Design	Mexico City, Mexico
Jett E. Massey	Health and Movement Studies	Monrovia, Indiana
Elliot Mays	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Kaia Alexis Renee McCarty	Psychology	Fishers, Indiana
Madison Lynn McCubbins	Health and Movement Studies	Monrovia, Indiana
Joseph Due McElroy Jr.	Engineering	Evansville, Indiana
Bryce Randall McIntosh	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Commiskey, Indiana
Savannah Leigh Mitchell	Communication	Stephenville, Texas
Phoebe Junia Moon	Elementary Education	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Ava Morrow	Sociology	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Natalie Mullin	Business	Greenwood, Indiana
Camryn Mulzer	Communication	Villa Hills, Kentucky
Nicholas Mundy	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Mitchell, Indiana
Kylie Rose Nabb	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Avon, Indiana
Colin Thomas O'Brien	Engineering	Somers, Connecticut
Samantha Osborne	Elementary Education	Brownsburg, Indiana
Gabrielle Aaliyah Parrish	Communication	Clarksville, Indiana
Elizabeth Lawson Phillips	Political Science	Maryville, Tennessee
Mackenzie Elizabeth Plummer	Biochemistry	Bloomfield, Indiana
Haylee Nicole Query	Biology	Greencastle, Indiana
Md Hamim Raihan	Computer Science	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Hayden Rinker	History	Lafayette, Indiana
McKenna Brianne Ritchie	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Campbellsburg, Kentucky

Shannon Nicole Robertson	Engineering	Madison, Indiana
Landry Morgan Rock	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Gas City, Indiana
William Rodríguez	Data Science	DeLand, Florida
Gavin Joseph Rowland	Engineering Science	Troy, Missouri
Lauren Elizabeth Ruebusch	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Allison Russell	Chemistry	Michigantown, Indiana
Elaine Sanders	Business	Columbus, Indiana
Quentin Scott	Political Science / Economics	Crandall, Indiana
Brandon Allen Seabaugh	Economics / Business	Lexington, Kentucky
Sophia Jane Shaw	Art and Design	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Bryce Ryan Shepherd	Business	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
Tony Shepler	Communication	Indianapolis, Indiana
Cole Jameson Shumate	Economics / Business	Florence, Kentucky
Maevy Smith	Art and Design	Floyds Knobs, Indiana
Shelby G. Stegemoller	Biology / Spanish	Bloomington, Indiana
Joseph Theobald	Communication	New Albany, Indiana
Chantel Alicia Tow	Health and Movement Studies	Indianapolis, Indiana
William Quin Trueblood	Business	New Albany, Indiana
Conner Watson	Biology	Greenwood, Indiana
Harley LeAnne Whitis	Elementary Education	Greencastle, Indiana
Calder Williams	Psychology	Carmel, Indiana
Dayna Laryn Williams	Elementary Education	Avon, Indiana
Jadelyn Wims	Biology	Indianapolis, Indiana
Maggie Paige Wimsatt	Psychology / Sociology	Charlestown, Indiana
Alexis Raelynn Wines	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Lebanon, Indiana
Jack Woodard	Business / Spanish	Westfield, Indiana
Lana Wooley	English: Creative Writing	Plainfield, Indiana
Kylie Marie Workman	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Brown County, Indiana
Alex William Wright-Fleece	Political Science / Economics	Charlestown, Indiana
Ashley Wyman	Business	Greenfield, Indiana
Kaitlynn Wyne	Psychology	Commiskey, Indiana
Alyssa Jane Young	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Jasper, Indiana

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: *Cum Laude*

Sierra Adkins	Psychology	Indianapolis, Indiana
Colton Rein Auxier	English: Creative Writing / Theatre	Madison, Indiana
Lydia Berry	Business	New Palestine, Indiana
Emma Madison Brelage	Classics: Language and Literature / German	Brownstown, Indiana
Cambryn Bryant	History	Lexington, Indiana
Juliet Canaan	Art and Design / Business	Cincinnati, Ohio
Brianna Madison Cash	Elementary Education	New Castle, Indiana
Delaney Champine	Computer Science	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Eliza S. Cox	English: Creative Writing / Business	Louisville, Kentucky
Savannah Nicole Crawford	Psychology	Milton, Kentucky
Darcie Antoinette Diem	Elementary Education	Versailles, Indiana
Emily Jean Elmer	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Siberia, Indiana

Lillian Grace Ernestes	Elementary Education	North Vernon, Indiana
Andrew John Goedde	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Carmel, Indiana
Isabelle Grytza	Biochemistry	Plainfield, Indiana
Brianna I. Hines	Environmental Science: Geology / Biology	North Vernon, Indiana
Aidan Elijah Jochem	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Huntingburg, Indiana
Javin Andrew Kile	Biology	Muncie, Indiana
Abigail Marie Lewis	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	New Albany, Indiana
Shawnee Rain Minch	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Vevay, Indiana
Alyssa Nicole Moore	Psychology	Charlestown, Indiana
MyKayla Nichole Moran	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Atlanta, Indiana
Olivia Jamisyn Patel	Psychology / Art and Design	Batavia, Ohio
Chet Paulsen	Biology / Geology	Bloomington, Indiana
Jose Velazquez Perez	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Fairview, Tennessee
Aden Claire Rice	Psychology	Columbus, Indiana
Veira-Lyn Nikole Robbins	Psychology / Business	Seymour, Indiana
Madeline Grace Robertson	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Mitchell, Indiana
Jenna Elizabeth Schuler	Biochemistry	Crestwood, Kentucky
David E Snowden	Computer Science	Goshen, Kentucky
McKenna Katherine Strange	Business / French	Plainfield, Indiana
Adrienne D. Tranter	Biochemistry	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Hailey Elizabeth Vandeventer	Biochemistry	Bloomington, Indiana
Elisabeth Walton	Environmental Science: Geology	Lexington, Kentucky
Grace Warnke	Geology	Indianapolis, Indiana
Paige Elizabeth Wildman	Communication	Celestine, Indiana

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: *Magna Cum Laude*

Creek Josephine Arthur	History / Geology	Greenwood, Indiana
Evan Barkie	Economics / Political Science	Erlanger, Kentucky
Mylee Besse	Psychology	Hanover, Indiana
Annalise Bowlby	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Russiaville, Indiana
Matt Burchett	Computer Science / Data Science	Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Emily Ann Duffey	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Cincinnati, Ohio
Breanna Sue Edwards	Psychology	Mauckport, Indiana
Kiera Elise Guckenberger	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology	Franklin, Indiana
Constance Houston	Art and Design	Madison, Indiana
Taylor Jayde Knox	Biology	Lafayette, Indiana
Nguyen Quynh Anh Lai	Engineering	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Kennadi Marlaina Paige Lakins	Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology / Psychology	Crothersville, Indiana
Anthony Lloyd	Sociology	Columbus, Indiana
Rilee Lonberger	Environmental Science: Geology / English: Literary Studies	Grand Ledge, Michigan
Geneva Mathews	Mathematics	Indianapolis, Indiana
Cadence Love Northern	Biology	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Himari Noto	Communication / Art and Design	Toyama, Japan
Emma Patterson	Business	Owensboro, Kentucky
Lauren Rita Schenck	Economics / Sustainability	Plainfield, Indiana

Gracie Schindler
Ashton Schuetter
Sydney Angele Seigle
Callie A. Swegman
Kelsey Marie Waggoner
Alexandra Warren
Elyse Ann Wilson

Secondary Education / Mathematics
History / Secondary Education
Communication
German / Biology
Health and Movement Studies
Psychology / Sociology
History / Business

Xenia, Ohio
Jasper, Indiana
Shelbyville, Kentucky
Columbus, Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana
Louisville, Kentucky
Mechanicsburg, Ohio

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: *Summa Cum Laude*

Wren Abney
Gracelyn Aubry Ellen Anderson
Samantha Lynn Bowling
Kaitlyn Bradley
Morgan Alexis Castiglione
Parker Crews
Corinne Amelia Dilger
Keelan James Dyson
Andrew Joseph Hack
Anna Elizabeth Hawkins
Hayden Andrew Hornocker
Jennavee Lu Houser
Vivian Grace Jacobs
Maurice Allen Kessner
Elly Knoop
Audrey Elaine Kroft
Grace Caroline Linam
Kaitlyn Taylor Lorenzi
Kylee Morgan
Davis Jeffrey Olson
John Ayden Raber

Art and Design / Art History
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology
English: Literary Studies
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology
Biochemistry
Chemistry / Biology
Biochemistry
History / Spanish
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology / Biology
Elementary Education
Biochemistry / Spanish
Communication
Psychology / Business
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology / Biochemistry
Theological Studies
Biochemistry
Business
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology / Biology
Business
Classics: Archaeology and History /
Cultural Anthropology

New Albany, Indiana
Corydon, Indiana
Edinburgh, Indiana
Crestwood, Kentucky
Fishers, Indiana
Owensboro, Kentucky
Sellersburg, Indiana
Camby, Indiana
Fort Thomas, Kentucky
Versailles, Kentucky
Indianapolis, Indiana
Cicero, Indiana
Covington, Indiana
Grandview, Indiana
Louisville, Kentucky
Medaryville, Indiana
Brookhaven, Georgia
Brentwood, Tennessee
Lexington, Kentucky
Indianapolis, Indiana
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Lauren Jeanne Rainbolt
Luke Allen Scherer
Megan Marie Schuler
Cecilia Margaret Shick
Sarah Margaret Steen
Erin Renee Terry
Lauren Elizabeth Todd
Sophie Whitham

History / Secondary Education
Secondary Education / History
Biology
Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology
Art and Design
Biology
English: Literary Studies / Secondary Education
Environmental Science: Geology

Carmel, Indiana
Grandview, Indiana
North Vernon, Indiana
Fort Thomas, Kentucky
Versailles, Kentucky
Carmel, Indiana
Greenwood, Indiana
Madison, Indiana

The audience is requested to stand, if able, and remain standing until the recessional exits the seating area

“Hail, Alma Mater”

High above our stately river, Far from mart and town,
Stands our noble Alma Mater, Looking proudly down,
We, her children, sing her praises, Live our loyalty,
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater! Hanover, hail to thee.

Strong, serene, in faith and honor, Stands our college here.
Off'ring wisdom, truth and beauty, Year by passing year.
We, her children, sing her praises, Live our loyalty,
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater! Hanover, hail to thee.

Hanover College Concert Choir
Hanover College Instrumental Ensemble
Music by Meredith Willson
Lyrics by Katharine McAfee Parker

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Catherine Y. E. Knott

Benediction Response

“Irish Blessing”

Hanover College Concert Choir
Chester Alwes '69

Recessional

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Hanover College Instrumental Ensemble
Edward Elgar

Hanover College Concert Choir

With members of the faculty and community

Dr. Madlen Batchvarova
Professor of Music
Director of Choral Programs

Hanover College Instrumental Ensemble

With members of the faculty and community

Dr. Jonathan Stanley
Assistant Professor of Music
Director of Bands and Orchestra

Diplomas

Nicole Washington
Assistant Provost and Registrar

Faculty Marshals

Dr. Ann Kirkland
Professor of French
Dr. Daniel Murphy '81
Professor of History
Dr. Mi Yung Yoon



DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Art and Design

Wren Abney
Juliet Canaan
Constance Houston
Aaron Masri
Himari Noto
Olivia Patel
Maevy Smith
Sarah Steen

Art History

Wren Abney

Biochemistry

James Crews
Keelan Dyson
Isabelle Grytza
Jennavee Houser
Elizabeth Knoop
Grace Linam
Jenna Schuler
Adrienne Tranter

Biology

Corinne Dilger
Anna Hawkins
Brianna Hines
Javin Kile
Taylor Knox
Kylee Morgan
Cadence Northern
Chet Paulsen
Megan Schuler
Callie Swegman
Erin Terry

Business

Lydia Berry
Vitor Berti Bergamin
Juliet Canaan
Eliza Cox
Maurice Kessner
Kaitlyn Lorenzi
Davis Olson
Emma Patterson
Veira-Lyn Robbins
Brandon Seabaugh
Cole Shumate
McKenna Strange
Elyse Wilson

Chemistry

Corinne Dilger

Classical Studies

John Raber
Emma Brelage

Communication

Vivian Jacobs
Camryn Mulzer
Himari Noto
Sydney Seigle
Paige Wildman

Computer Science

Jacob Burchett
Delaney Champine
Jonah Smith

Cultural Anthropology

John Raber

Data Science

Jacob Burchett

Economics

Evan Barkie
Lauren Schenck

Elementary Education

Brianna Cash
Darcie Diem
Lillian Ernestes
Hayden Hornocker
Samantha Osborne

Engineering

Nguyen Lai

English

Colton Auxier
Kaitlyn Bradley
Eliza Cox
Molly Keep
Rilee Lonberger
Lauren Todd

Environmental Science

Rilee Lonberger
Elisabeth Walton
Sophie Whitham

Geology

Creek Arthur
Chet Paulsen

German

Emma Brelage

Health and Movement Studies

Kelsey Waggoner

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Aidan Jochem
Elizabeth Knoop
Kennadi Lakins
Bryce McIntosh
Shawnee Minch
Mykayla Moran
Kylee Morgan
Jose Perez
Madeline Robertson
Cecilia Shick

Mathematics

Geneva Mathews

Political Science

Evan Barkie

Philosophy

Tyler Heavener

Psychology

Sierra Adkins
Mylee Besse
Savannah Crawford
Breanna Edwards
Maurice Kessner
Kennadi Lakins
Olivia Patel
Aden Rice
Veira-Lyn Robbins
Alexandra Warren

Secondary Education

Lauren Rainbolt
Luke Scherer
Gracie Schindler
Ashton Schuetter
Lauren Todd

Sociology

Clove Daniels
Anthony Lloyd
Alexandra Warren

Spanish

Andrew Hack
Jennavee Houser

Sustainability

Lauren Schenck

Theatre

Colton Auxier

Theological Studies

Audrey Kroft

CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Brianna Madison Cash

Elementary

Samantha Osborne

Elementary

Kelsie Davidson

Secondary

Lauren Jeanne Rainbolt

Secondary

Darcie Antoinette Diem

Elementary

Luke Allen Scherer

Secondary

Lillian Grace Ernestes

Elementary

Gracie Schindler

Secondary

Hayden Andrew Hornocker

Elementary

Ashton Schuetter

Secondary

Rylin Kay Huddleston

Elementary

Lauren Elizabeth Todd

Secondary

Timothy Aaron Dale Johnson

Secondary

Harley LeAnne Whitis

Elementary

Emily Anne Lane

Elementary

Dayna Laryn Williams

Elementary

Phoebe Junia Moon

Elementary

PRIZES AND AWARDS

John Finley Crowe Citation for Scholarship and General Excellence
Creek Arthur

Henry C. Long Citation for Scholarship & General Excellence
Jennavee Houser

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
Kylee Morgan and Elisabeth Walton

Alpha Lambda Delta Award
Jennavee Houser

Dennis Kovener Award
Colton Auxier

Kindelsperger-Hixson Student Philanthropy Award
Hannah Shepherd

Distinguished Award in Cultural Anthropology
Ayden Raber

Distinguished Award in Art and Design
Himari Noto

Distinguished Award in Art History
Wren Abney

Distinguished Award in Biochemistry
Jennavee Houser

Distinguished Award in Biology
Erin Terry

Enos Pray Biology Award
Taylor Knox

Distinguished Award in Business
Kaitlyn Lorenzi

Betsy Milligan Johnson '70 BSP Achievement Award
Omar Dizdar and Emma Patterson

Gerald R. Johnson '69 BSP Academic Excellence Award
David Olson

Ned Guthrie Chemistry Award
Corinne Dilger

Distinguished Award in Classical Studies
Ayden Raber

Distinguished Award in Communication
Vivian Jacobs, Himari Noto and Sydney Seigle

John B. Goodrich Prize in Oratory
Gabby Parrish

Distinguished Award in Computer Science
Matt Burchett

Distinguished Award in Data Science
Matt Burchett

Distinguished Award in Economics
Evan Barkie

Distinguished Award in Elementary Education
Brianna Cash

Distinguished Award in Secondary Education
Lauren Rainbolt

Distinguished Award in Special Education
Darcie Diem

Distinguished Award in Engineering
Quynh Anh Lai

Dorothy S. Bucks Award in English
Kaitlyn Bradley

Hilda M. Cordrey Award
Hayden Hornocker (1st) and Lillian Ernstes (2nd)

Aubra Jade Hiland Award in Creative Writing
Brayden Johnson

John Livingston Lowes Award in English
Darby Parker

Charles and Dorothy Lynn English Prize
Drew Hack

Eli Mace Essay Prize
Daniel Neuhaus

Distinguished Award in Environmental Science
Elisabeth Walton

Distinguished Award in French
McKenna Strange

Distinguished Award in Geology
Rilee Lonberger

Distinguished Award in German
Emma Brelage

Distinguished Award in Health and Movement Studies
Kelsey Waggoner

Robert E. Bowers History Award
Drew Hack

Frank S. Luttmmer Award
Elyse Wilson

Distinguished Award in Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology
Anna Beth Hawkins and Elly Knoop

Morse Mathematical Award
Geneva Mathews

Dr. John E. Yarnelle Mathematics Prize
Oxiel Castro Badillo

Distinguished Award in Medieval-Renaissance Studies
Victoria Zwilling

Distinguished Award in Political Science
Evan Barkie

Distinguished Award in Psychology
Bre Edwards

George A. & Sara O. Zirkle Award in Psychology
Alex Warren

Robert R. and Clara J. Beach Award in Sociology
Anthony Lloyd

Distinguished Award in Spanish
Andrew Hack and Jennavee Houser

Dr. Charles C. Stewart '63 Award for International Study Abroad
Boaz Hoffer and Bethany Ratliff

Distinguished Award in Theatre
Colton Auxier

Distinguished Award in Theology
Audrey Kroft

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic garb dates from the 12th and 13th centuries, when most students and teachers were clerics and had taken at least minor holy orders. The assignment of colors to certain faculties was a much later development; standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. White was assigned to arts and letters; red, a traditional color of the church, was assigned to theology; green, for herbs, went to medicine; purple, the color of emperors, went to law; and golden yellow, standing for wealth and alchemy, went to the sciences. Because philosophy means love and pursuit of wisdom, in the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue represents mastering the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field rather than in the discipline of philosophy alone.

Gowns vary by degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, the rear of which are cut square and the front of which are cut in arcs. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet. Three bars of velvet cross each sleeve. Often the bars are black, but they may also be in the color distinctive to the discipline in which the degree has been conferred.

In all cases, the exterior of the academic hood is black, and the interior is lined with the official color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet in length; the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. Only the doctor's hood has panels at the sides. The edges of the hoods are velvet, and are two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this trim is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

The mortar board cap may be made of soft or hard material and, as its name suggests, symbolizes the role of learning in building an individual and shared future. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's tassel, which may be gold. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize	Music	Pink
Arts / Letter / Humanities	White	Occupational Therapy	Slate Blue
Commerce / Accountancy / Business	Drab	Oratory	Silver Gray
Economics	Copper	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue	Physical Education	Sage Green
Fine Arts	Brown	Physical Therapy	Teal
Law	Purple	Science	Golden
Library Science	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine	Green		

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CEREMONIAL MACE AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

The origin of the mace dates back to medieval times. The mace became a symbol of authority during the 16th century, embraced as a ceremonial object by colleges and universities. Academic protocol dictates that the mace be carried by the grand marshal or, in our case, by the senior faculty marshal. The legal authority of the College is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty; thus, the faculty actually open the ceremony with the presentation of the mace. The Hanover College Mace was handcrafted from Indiana cherry wood by Don Lostutter '62.

For centuries, ceremonial chains of office have honored the highest officials of educational institutions. They are worn at official public celebrations and are highly regarded as part of an enduring legacy and permanent symbol. The chain of office worn by the president - created by the Medallion Art Company in 2012 - includes the names and dates of all the past presidents of Hanover College.