

# Baccalaureate & Commencement

Saturday, August 6, 2022 10 a.m.

Baxter Arena  
Omaha, Neb.

 **Clarkson College**

Prepare to be the best.

***To our guests:*** Commencement is the highlight of the academic year. It is that significant occasion, both solemn and joyful, when we honor those students who have completed their course of study. To enhance the dignity of the event, please avoid unnecessary conversation, moving about during the ceremony, and silence all cell phones and pagers.

# Order of Exercises

## **Commencement Prelude & Academic Procession**

The Plymouth Brass

*The audience will rise for the academic procession.*

## **Opening Remarks & Introductions**

Jina Paul, M.S., *Vice President of Operations & Student Affairs*

## **Faculty & Staff Welcome**

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## **Awards and Recognition**

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## **Baccalaureate**

The Very Reverend Vanessa E.B. Clark, *Dean, Trinity Episcopal Church*

## **History of the Maltese Cross**

Jennifer Wilson, M.A., *Academic and Student Support Coordinator*

## **Faculty of the Year Introduction**

Jeri List, M.S., *Associate Professor and Faculty Senate President*

## **Faculty Commencement Address**

Nicole Shives, M.S., M.S., *Associate Professor*

## **Student Speaker Introduction**

Jason DeLong, *Student Government Association President*

## **Student Commencement Address**

Devin King, *Summer 2022 Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

## **Presentation of Graduation Candidates**

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Natalie Vrbka, B.S., *Registrar*

## **The Conferring of Degrees**

Gary Pack, Ed.D., *Interim President*

## **Turning of the Tassel**

Gary Pack, Ed.D., *Interim President*

### **Closing Remarks**

Steven Black, M.D., *Chair, Board of Directors*

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

### **Benediction**

The Very Reverend Vanessa E.B. Clark, *Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral*  
*The audience will rise and remain standing through the academic recession.*

### **Academic Recession**

The Plymouth Brass

## **Ceremony Details**

### **Baccalaureate**

#### **Psalm 33: 1–5, 21–22**

The Very Reverend Vanessa E. B. Clark

*It is customary for men to remove their caps during prayers.*

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises. <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp; play to him upon the psaltery and lyre. <sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are sure. <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust. <sup>22</sup> Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

#### **New Testament Reading**

John 13: 3–5, 12–15, 34–35

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

## Commencement Photography

Ceremony Photos will photograph each graduate receiving his or her diploma during the baccalaureate and commencement ceremony. All event participants will receive an email and a link to view their proofs, and there is no obligation to purchase. Visit [ceremonyphotos.com/events-proofs](http://ceremonyphotos.com/events-proofs) for more information regarding commencement photography. Additional questions may be addressed to [service@ceremonyphotos.com](mailto:service@ceremonyphotos.com).

## A Social Celebration

As you gather with close family and friends to celebrate commencement, tag your special moments using #preparetobethebest and #wearehealthcare. Congratulations!

Celebrate and connect with Clarkson College through any of the following social media outlets:



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# Graduation Candidates

## Certificate in Medical Imaging Informatics

Bridget Chatman

Carrie Garland

Dana Marie Fahrenholz λ Σ \*

Morgan Hoekstra

## Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Matthew Aaron Gleason  
*cum laude*

Linsey Sanchez  
*magna cum laude*

Melanie Renae Jones Σ

Meena Sanjay

Marissa Mindrup  
*summa cum laude*

Kelli Jo Taylor

## Associate of Science in Radiography

Cali A. Dawe  
*magna cum laude*

Samantha Michelle Nevriky  
*summa cum laude*

Brynnan Darleen Duba  
*with distinction*

Olivia Rose O'Donnell  
*summa cum laude*

Claire Dorothy Flathers  
*summa cum laude*

Christine Victoria Olvera  
*summa cum laude*

Sylvia Rae Gardien

Alondra Daniela Ortiz-Morales

Cheryl Ann Hallcock

Paige Marie Osweiler

Joseph Langdon

Lauren Elizabeth Perry

Holly Lindsey Mesecher  
*magna cum laude*

Taylor Pfeifer Σ  
*cum laude*

Claudia Ramos

Trevor Scott Storm

Emily Recher

Felicia Marie Taylor  
*magna cum laude*

Baylie Jean Shearer

Kelsey Waggoner

Tori Lynn Sievers  
*with distinction*

Sydney M. Warren

Kristie Lynn Steinmetz  
*summa cum laude*

## **Bachelor of Science in Community Health**

Sydney Jensen

## **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Business**

Katelyn Ann Carlson  
*Healthcare Business Management*  
*cum laude*

Michelle Espino  
*Healthcare Business Management*

Carlie Elizabeth Chivers  
*Health Information Administration*

Julia Lynne Thompson  
*Health Information Administration*  
*magna cum laude*

## **Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging**

Bridget Chatman

Morgan Hoekstra

Cali A. Dawe  
*magna cum laude*

McKenna Vay Jedlicka

Canaan Leigh Dreiling λ Σ

Sydney Miller

Dana Marie Fahrenheitz λ Σ \*  
*magna cum laude*

Alondra Daniela Ortiz-Morales

Sylvia Rae Gardien

April P. Stimis

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ashley Alley

Amber Bock

Alexa Madison Brenn Σ

Kirsten Dawn Bruce  
*with distinction*

Mashaya Sierra Dierking

Halie N. Else  
*with distinction*

Colin Fuller

Sarah Elizabeth Gjerdrum

Janessa B. Gossett \*  
*summa cum laude*

Jean Hammack  
*summa cum laude*

Serena Elizabeth Louise Hert

Makenna Hrabik

SaraDonna Janecek  
*cum laude*

MaKendra Marie Kellogg

Devin Lynn King Σ

Isabelle Jane Knight

Katie Mares

Rachel Lee McClannan

Katelyn Diane Rose McKnight

Elizabeth Olivas  
*magna cum laude*

Regan Oliver

Ashley Marie Perdunn

Kasandra Ringgenberg

Adrian Rodriguez Σ

Sidney Sheard

Niah Maria Silvestre \*  
*summa cum laude*

Katherine E. Sindelar  
*summa cum laude*

Shelby Lynn Skolout

Bryce Smidt  
*with distinction*

Roxie Lynn Struempfer  
*summa cum laude*

Roeshell Stubblefield

Susan J. Sullivan  
*summa cum laude*

Ashley Whitehead \*  
*summa cum laude*

Natalie Young  
*with distinction*



## Master in Healthcare Administration

Megan Armbrust Σ

Allison May Gohr \*

Tiffany A. Bence-Gilsdorf Σ

Jaime Nicole Harden

Hannah Bernard \*

Katie LeOtta Meyer \*

## Master of Science in Nursing

Enyonam Abalekpor Σ  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Morgan Lee Corrington  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Bakir-Wena Komla Badjaglana \*  
*Adult Gerontology Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Shanna Curry \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Alexis Suzanne Barbosa Σ  
*Adult Gerontology Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Shannon Kathleen Dunning  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Kristina L. Beck  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Corinne Durner Σ  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Casey Behm  
*Nursing Education*

Onyinyechi Mary Ursula  
Egbukwu  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

MaKayla Jean Bertelson Σ  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Molly Elgin Σ \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Elizabeth Marie Brant \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Brandi Lynn Erickson \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Andrea L. Brouillette \*  
*Nursing Education*

Rachel Lauren Finnell † Σ  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Hayland Ashley Brydson \*  
*Nursing Healthcare Administration*

Tonya Marie Flakus \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Mallory Erin Frances Callahan  
*Adult Gerontology Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Paul Aaron Foreman Σ  
*Adult Gerontology Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Tara Foxhoven  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Melissa Grell  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Fahima Fares Hasan \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Hailey Rae Heiderman \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Abigaile Julio Higgins  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

John Chadwick Holloway \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Ashley N. Johnson  $\Sigma$  \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Mahalia Kappes  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Brandon Karimi  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Sharon Ann Koehler \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Megan Kohler  $\Sigma$   
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Jordan Kohtz  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Kaylene Richelle Linhart  $\Sigma$  \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Kiersten Leigha Longchamps \*  
*Adult Gerontology Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Jaqlyn E. McCoy  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Lynden McLean  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Heather Michelle Miller \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Olivia Rose Murphy  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Sara Newman \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Jakob D. Parmley  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Dana Sue Perry  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Dana Preble  $\Sigma$  \*  
*Adult Gerontology Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Stephanie Reed \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Jessica Marie Sanford  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Mary Jane Rivera Schoendorf  $\Sigma$  \*  
*Adult Gerontology Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner*

Brenda Seaman  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Pratibha Sharma Kandel \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Scott Alan Stauffenecker  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Ami J. Swanson \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Lesia Jo Thielke  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Erin Renee Todd † \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Rachel Maria Wecker Σ \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Lauren Anne Tuma  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Lora Rose Wiesen \*  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

Allyson Van Sant  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

## **Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing**

Lori Jensen  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*

## **Doctor in Healthcare Education and Leadership**

Precious Shantel Davis \*

Britney Joy Mower

Tesa M. Keeling \*

Jodee Kay Reed

Jessica A. Loos

Brian Alan Stewart Σ \*

Kassie Rae McKenny Σ

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Sara Jean Buckley \*

Miranda R. Leslie Σ \*

Alyssa Eileen Cordel \*

Shawna Rebecca Ziegler Σ

Shaylee Laursen \*

# Traditions of Clarkson College

## Academic Attire

The history of academic attire (regalia) originated at the French and English universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The gowns and hoods served two functions of nearly equal importance: to indicate the academic rank of the wearer and to keep the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of academia.

In the United States, there is a universal code of color and style indicating the academic degree, the field of study and the institution that granted the degree. The associate and bachelor gowns are black and untrimmed. The master gown is similar but with pointed sleeves. The doctoral gown is more elaborate with the velvet front facing and crossbars on the sleeves.

Hoods are worn to signify advanced degrees with velvet edging representing the field of study and satin stripes in colors specific to the college. Mortar board caps with tassels representing the field of study complete the academic attire. The tassel is worn on the right until the degree is conferred, when it is moved to the left. The colors used for tassels and the hood to represent the field of study include apricot for nursing, golden yellow for science, white for arts and humanities, drab for business, purple for law, green for medicine, light blue for education, citron for social work and scarlet for theology.



## History of the Maltese Cross

The Maltese Cross is a symbol of protection and a badge of honor. Its story originated with the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, a charitable organization that existed during the eleventh and twelfth centuries, who became known as the Knights of Hospitallers because of their charity toward the sick and poor in setting up hospices and hospitals. The eight points of the Cross represent the Beatitudes prescribed in the Sermon on the Mount. These Knights of centuries past were united by a pledge of compassion and courage, as are Clarkson College graduates who dedicate their lives toward helping others.

## Degrees with Academic Honors & Distinction

Academic honors are conferred to undergraduate candidates who, upon graduation, distinguish themselves by maintaining a high cumulative grade point average. To qualify, a student must have completed the minimum required residency hours at Clarkson College. Honors are distinguished by *summa cum laude* (3.85 and above), *magna cum laude* (3.75 through 3.84), *cum laude* (3.65 through 3.74) and *with distinction* (3.50 through 3.64). Academic honor recipients receive a gold honor cord to wear during the commencement ceremony.

## Graduates with Honor Cords & Stoles

Designated honor cords and stoles are given to graduates who are military veterans, active service members or involved in Clarkson College student organizations and honor societies to wear during the commencement ceremony.

## Academic Excellence Awards

These awards are presented to the graduate in each program with the highest grade point average who meet policy requirements.

Marissa Mindrup  
*Associate of Science in Physical  
Therapist Assistant*

Christine Victoria Olvera  
*Associate of Science in Radiography*

Julia Lynne Thompson  
*Bachelor of Science in Healthcare  
Business*

Cali A. Dawe  
*Bachelor of Science in Medical  
Imaging*

Susan J. Sullivan  
*Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Megan Armbrust  
Hannah Bernard \*  
*Master in Healthcare  
Administration*

Casey Behm  
Morgan Lee Corrington  
Ami J. Swanson \*  
*Master of Science in Nursing*

Jodee Kay Reed  
Brian Alan Stewart \*  
*Doctor in Healthcare Education  
and Leadership*

Shawna Rebecca Ziegler  
*Doctor of Nursing Practice*

## Honor Societies

- † Member of Omicron Epsilon Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
- λ Member of Delta Chapter Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
- Σ Member of National Society of Leadership and Success Sigma Alpha Pi Interdisciplinary Honor Society

## Graduate Date

\* Spring 2022 Graduate

# Alumni Association

## A Message to the Class of 2022

On behalf of the Alumni Association of Clarkson College, we congratulate you on your significant academic milestone and welcome you into our proud history of preparing the best in health care. With your degree, you join a robust network of health care professionals who are rooted in the Clarkson College Mission and Values.

Our goal as your Alumni Association is to provide opportunities for all alumni, families and friends to stay connected to the College. As an official Alumni Association member, you gain access to networking and mentoring opportunities, event invitations, continuing educational event discounts, the Alumni Times magazine and more. Your membership in this organization is free and automatic upon your graduation.

Above all, we want to keep in touch. Connect with your alma mater at [ClarksonCollege.edu/Alumni](http://ClarksonCollege.edu/Alumni) or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn. The Alumni Association of Clarkson College wants to celebrate our alumni successes throughout their lifetime and offer career and educational support in your profession. Most importantly, we want to keep our community of alumni connected to their classmates and alma mater.

Congratulations on your momentous achievement!

# Acknowledgement

## With Gratitude

A special thank you to those who volunteered their time, talent and energy to make the baccalaureate and commencement ceremony a success. The entire Clarkson College community—particularly our graduates and their families—greatly appreciate your dedication, preparation and assistance with this event.

## College Leadership

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### College Administration

Gary Pack, Ed.D., *Interim President*

Jina Paul, M.S., *Vice President of Operations & Student Affairs*

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*



# College Academic Affairs

## Graduation Ceremony Marshals

Carla Dirkschneider, M.S.  
*Director, Healthcare Business and Health Information Management*

Lucas Sieburg, M.S.  
*Associate Professor, General Education*

Mary Dishman, MSN  
*Interim Director, Undergraduate Nursing*

Regina Toman, Ph.D.  
*Director, Healthcare Education & Leadership*

Sarah Flanagan, MSW, MPA  
*Director, Community Health & Interprofessional Engagement*

Cheryl Walburn, MSN  
*Assistant Professor, General Education*

Layna Himmelberg, Ed.D.  
*Director, Graduate Nursing*

Shelli Weddum, MHA  
*Director, Radiography & Medical Imaging*

Jessica Niemann, M.Ed., PTA  
*Director, Physical Therapist Assistant*

Jessica Wissink, D.P.T.  
*Instructor, Physical Therapist Assistant*

Sherri Porter, Ed.D.  
*Associate Professor, Undergraduate Nursing*

## Faculty Members

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Daniel Aksamit, Ph.D.  
Rebecca Allen, MSNA  
Siti Arshad-Snyder, Ed.D.  
Lori Bachle, M.S.  
Shaylene Baumgartner, MSN  
Joan Blum, MSN  
Patricia Brennan, Ph.D.  
Kimberly Brown, DNP  
Candice Carter, MSN  
Kimberly Ciurej, MSN  
Marsha Cravens, MSN

Tricia DeBoer, DNP  
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Mary Dishman, MSN  
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Laura Enenbach, Ed.D.  
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Jodi Flynn, M.S.

Sara Franco, CRNA  
Valerine Frederick, MSN  
Cassandra Frost, Ph.D.  
Katherine Fuller, MSN  
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Jenifer Grissom, MSN  
Katie Gurskis, MSN  
Ann Hagenau, M.S.  
Sue Hall, Ed.D.  
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Jamie Halverson, Ed.D.  
Kathy Harrison, Ed.D.  
Caitlin Hebrew, D.P.T.  
Layna Himmelberg, Ed.D.  
Pam Holtz, DNP  
Stephanie Hopp, MSN  
Mary Jo Jelinek, MSN  
Lori Jerina, DNP  
Janine Johnson, Ed.D.  
Candie Jones, MSN, RN, CCRN-K  
Gretchen Jopp, M.S.  
Sarah Katt, DNP  
Olivia Kelly, MSN  
Katherine Kirkpatrick, Ed.D.  
Hillary Kolar, MSN  
Andrea Kwiatkowski, B.S.  
Julie Lawlor, MSN  
Sue Leutzinger, MSN  
Jerilyn List, M.S.  
Margaret Lorimor, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Mayotte, Ph.D.  
Melanie McCluskey, MSN  
Kassie McKenny, MSN  
Nancy McMahan, MSN  
William Montgomery, M.A.  
Paul Nathenson, DNP  
Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., D.P.T.  
Jessica Niemann, PTA, M.Ed.  
Cecelia Norton, MSN

Denny Owens, M.A.  
Gary Peterson, M.A.  
Rachel Pfeifer, MSW  
Kelly Polcher, DNP  
Sherri Porter, Ed.D.  
Katherine Pursell, PTA, B.A.  
Jennifer Renken, MSN  
Jori Robison, MSN  
Adrienne Rochleau, DNP, CRNA  
Liz Rogan, Ed.D.  
Renee Ruhkamp, Ed.D.  
Marilyn Russell, MSN  
Greta Schoneman, BSPTA  
Nicole Shives, M.S., M.S.  
Lucas Sieburg, M.A.  
Jenette Smith, Ed.D.  
Jacqueline Stanzel, DNP  
Kendra Swanson, MHA  
Regina Toman, Ph.D.  
Jill Vawter, MSN  
Kristen Villarreal, MSN  
Cheryl Walburn, MSN  
Christine Walton, MSN  
Patricia Weber, MHA  
Shelli Weddum, MHA  
Jessica Wissink, D.P.T.  
Ann Young, MSN

**Note:** The inclusion of names in this program does not indicate the College ensures the individual's graduation, and this program is not an official graduation list. Academic honor designations are based upon most current information at press time. Clarkson College apologizes for any errors or omissions.

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