

# IOWA

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 9 a.m. | Carver-Hawkeye Arena

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## Order of Events

### Prologue Concert

"Celebrating Iowa" video

### Faculty Procession

Trumpet Voluntary

### Call to Order

Rishab Nithyanand, Faculty Marshal

### Singing of the National Anthem

John Wombacher, Class of 2025

### Welcome

Dean Sanders

### Student Address

Reed Niebauer, Class of 2025

### Conferral of Degrees

Dean Sanders

President Wilson

### Tassel Ceremony

Dean Sanders

### Presentation of the Graduates

Associate Dean Lang

Associate Dean Racevskis

### Closing Remarks

Dean Sanders

### Recessional

*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music by G.F. Handel*

### The Brass Quintet

Evan Fowler, trumpet

Ryan Banks, trumpet

Keelie Kruse, horn

Jonathan Allen, trombone

John Manning, tuba

### Sign Language Interpreter

Hands Up Communication

## Platform Officials

### Christopher Cheatum

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Cinda Coggins-Mosher

Associate Professor of Instruction, Rhetoric

### Justin Cosner

Associate Professor of Instruction, Rhetoric

### Matthew Dannenberg

Assistant Professor, Geographical and Sustainability Sciences

### Brady G'Sell

Assistant Professor, Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies; Anthropology

### Kristi Hendrickson

Assistant Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders

### Cornelia Lang

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Peter Matthes

Vice President for External Relations, University of Iowa

### Rishab Nithyanand

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

### Katlyn O'Shaughnessy

Associate Professor of Instruction, Rhetoric

### Roland Racevskis

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Sara Sanders

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Kenneth Tse

Professor, School of Music

### Joshua Weiner

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Barbara Wilson

President, University of Iowa

# ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences empowers inquiring and motivated students to explore the entire range of human learning—from the arts and humanities to the social, natural, and mathematical sciences—in preparation for meaningful lives and rewarding careers. At our founding in 1901, the college instructed about 600 students in four courses of study. Today, about 14,000 undergraduates are enrolled in our college. Roughly 75% of all UI undergraduates begin their studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and we award about 60% of all undergraduate degrees on Iowa's campus.

Alumni of the college are pioneers in everything from space physics, medicine, and neuroscience, to theatre, television, and film; they are professional athletes and accomplished artists; and have won Pulitzer Prizes, Olympic medals, Oscars, Emmys, and more. We are immensely proud of each of our hardworking graduates, who will carry their Iowa experience into their professional and civic lives as original thinkers and engaged citizens of their communities and the world.

## Academic Recognition

High academic achievement is recognized upon graduation in three ways: graduation with distinction, based upon grades only; graduation with honors in the major, based upon both grades and the completion of an honors project approved by the college and the major department; and graduation with university honors, based on grades and completion of a formal curriculum of honors coursework and experiences.

The college awards degrees “with highest distinction” to students with a grade point average of 3.95 or above; “with high distinction” to students with a grade point average of 3.85-3.94; and “with distinction” to students with a grade point average of 3.75-3.84. The ranking is based on students' grade point averages for University of Iowa coursework and all college-level studies undertaken before final registration.

To be eligible for graduation with distinction, students must complete a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, of which at least 45 semester hours must have been completed before the student's final registration.

Stars worn on the left sleeve designate graduation with distinction: Three stars indicate graduation with highest distinction; two, with high distinction; and one, with distinction.

Candidates graduating with honors in the major wear white cordons to mark their achievements. Candidates graduating with university honors are recognized by a medal worn on a black and gold lanyard. Students graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors—indicating their acceptance into the oldest and most prestigious national honor society for students in the liberal arts and sciences—wear a pink and sky-blue cordon.

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