

IOWA

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. | Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Order of Events

Prologue Concert

"Celebrating Iowa" Video

Faculty Procession

Trumpet Voluntary

Call to Order

Paul Dilley, Faculty Marshal

Singing of the National Anthem

Sage Johnson, Class of 2026

Welcome

Dean Sanders

Student Address

Isa Holtze, Class of 2025

Conferral of Degrees

Dean Sanders
Provost Kregel

Tassel Ceremony

Dean Sanders

Presentation of the Graduates

Associate Deans Lang and Racevskis

Closing Remarks

Dean Sanders

Recession

Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music*
George Frideric Handel

The Brass Quintet

Joshua Levy, trumpet
Ignacio Perez, trumpet
Matheus Silva De Souza, horn
Jonathan Allen, trombone
John Manning, tuba

Sign Language Interpreter

Hands Up Communications

Platform Officials

Margaret Carrel

Professor,
Earth, Environment, and Sustainability

Christopher Cheatum

Associate Dean,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Rebecca Clark

Associate Professor of Instruction,
*Languages, Linguistics, Literatures,
and Cultures*

Stephen Cummings

Clinical Associate Professor,
Social Work

Kelly Danaher

Associate Professor of Instruction,
Psychological and Brain Sciences

Paul Dilley

Associate Professor, *Religious Studies*

Nancy Dunkel

Regent, *Iowa Board of Regents*

Viridiana Hernández Fernández

Assistant Professor, *History*

Brandi Janssen

Clinical Professor,
College of Public Health

Kevin Kregel

Executive Vice President and Provost,
University of Iowa

Cornelia Lang

Associate Dean,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

John Manak

Professor, *Biology*

Dylan Nice

Associate Professor of Instruction,
Rhetoric

Platform Officials (cont.)

Roland Racevskis

Associate Dean,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sara Sanders

Dean,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

David Supp-Montgomerie

Associate Professor of Instruction,
Communication Studies

Jeremy Swanston

Associate Professor,
Art, Art History, and Design

Aixin Tan

Associate Professor,
Statistics and Actuarial Science

Tanya Uden-Holman

Associate Provost for Undergraduate
Education and Dean, *University College*

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, nearly 15,000 undergraduates are enrolled in our college. Roughly 80 percent of all UI undergraduates begin their studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and we award about 60 percent 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 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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