IOWA College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 1 p.m. | Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Order of Events

Prologue Concert "Celebrating Iowa" video

Faculty Procession Trumpet Voluntary

Call to Order Cynthia Farthing, Faculty Marshal

Singing of the National Anthem Brandon Burkhardt, Class of 2024

Welcome Dean Sanders

Conferral of Honorary Degree Charles Ray *Honorary Doctor of Letters*

Student Address Hope Hjelmeland, Class of 2024

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

Recession Allegro Maestro from Walter Music G.H. Handel

The Brass Quintet Evan Fowler, trumpet Kevin Sells, trumpet Keelie Kruse, horn Jonathan Allen, trombone Xiaoyu Liu, bass trombone

Sign Language Interpreter Hands Up Communication

Platform Officials

Isabel Barbuzza Professor, School of Art and Art History

Andrew Casto Associate Professor, School of Art and Art History

Chris Cheatum Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jovana Davidovic Associate Professor, Philosophy

Armando Duarte Professor, Dance

Cynthia Farthing Associate Professor of Instruction, Mathematics

Johanna Kasimow Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts

Cornelia Lang Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Roland Racevskis Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sara Sanders Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kendra Strand Assistant Professor, Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures

Downing Thomas Interim Director, School of Art and Art History

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, 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 lowa 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 in the highest 2 percent of their graduating class; "with high distinction" to students in the next highest 3 percent; and "with distinction" to the next highest 5 percent. The ranking is based on students' grade point averages for both University of Iowa coursework and all college-level study 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.

