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COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY

April 24, 2021
ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The history of academic heraldry reaches back into the early days of the university. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors” of the University of Columbia wear gowns. When American colleges and universities decided to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel, it seemed best to agree on one that all might follow. From a conference of various institutions’ board representatives held at Columbia University in 1895 came a code of academic dress for higher learning institutions in the United States, which most adopted.

GOWNS

The academic gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Master’s degree gowns have an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. It is designed this way so it can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed.

COLORS

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctoral gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different academic disciplines are as follows:

- Agriculture, Maize
- Arts, Brown
- Business, Drab
- Education and Human Services, Light Blue
- Engineering, Orange
- Humanities and Social Sciences, White
- Natural Resources, Russet
- Science, Gold-Yellow
- School of Graduate Studies, Black
- Associate Degrees, Black
- Integrated Studies, Black

HOODS

Academic hoods are worn by recipients of advanced degrees. Master’s degree hoods are three-and-one-half feet in length and lined with the official color(s) of the college or university conferring the degree, which at Utah State University are navy blue and white, displayed in the heraldic chevron. The doctoral hood consists of a larger and longer assemblage of institutional color draped over the recipient’s shoulders, falling well down the back. The binding or edging of the hoods is of velvet or velveteen, three inches wide for the Master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctoral degree.

CAPS

Academic caps come in two forms: the traditional mortarboard (from Oxford) or square cap, and a soft cap that resembles an oversized beret (from Cambridge). The mortarboard used by Utah State University is worn with a tassel.

ACADEMIC PROCессION

The commencement procession is composed of three divisions: (1) color guard, University President, Regents and the Board of Trustees, administrative officers and special guests; (2) the faculty; and (3) candidates for degrees.
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY UINTAH BASIN
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL
White Peaks Centennial Pipe Band

WELCOME
James Y. Taylor
Associate Vice President, USU Uintah Basin

“NATIONAL ANTHEM”
USU Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. Cory Evans
Francis Scott Key, arranged by Kurt Bestor
Soloists: Katherine Van Shaar, Rachel Grob and Danielle Casos

STUDENT SPEAKER
Melissa Taveapont

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES
Darren Parry
Former Chairman at Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

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Noelle E. Cockett
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GREETING TO GRADUATES
Laurel Cannon Alder
USU Alumni President

HONOR SONG & RECESSIONAL
Red Spirit Singers
DARREN PARRY
FORMER CHAIRMAN AT NORTHWESTERN BAND OF THE SHOSHONE NATION
Commencement Speaker

Darren Parry is the former Chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation. Darren serves on the Board of Directors for the American West Heritage Center, in Wellsville, Utah, the Utah State Museum Board and on the Advisory Board of the Huntsman Cancer Institute. In 2017 he received the Esto Perpetua Award, given to the person who preserves and promotes history in the State of Idaho. He is the only person from Utah to receive that award. He attended University of Utah and Weber State University and received his Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education, with an emphasis in History. His passions in life are his family which includes his wife Melody, 9 children and 13 grandchildren. His other passion is his Tribal family. Darren wants to make sure that those who have gone before him are not forgotten and that the Native American perspective is heard and respected.
MELISSA TAVEAPONT
Student Speaker

Melissa Taveapont is a first-generation Latina college graduate. She is an aspiring educator and has been a member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars since 2018. She has worked for the Ute Tribe Education Department where she serves as advocate and leader for her students. Melissa is a strong supporter of equal education opportunities for all. After graduation she intends to pursue a career serving youth in her community. Family is everything to her! She is a loving daughter, wife, sister and best friend. Her favorite place to be is anywhere with her family. She hopes to continue to instill the importance of education in her family for generations.
2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Names listed in this program do not constitute graduation.

CERTIFICATE

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++High Honors ........................................................................................................ grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00
+Honors ........................................................................................................................ grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74

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*Cum Laude..........................................................grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79
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