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MOAB

**VIRTUAL
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**

May 6, 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.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY MOAB COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

WELCOME

Lianna Etchberger
Associate Vice President, USU Moab

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Kelly Greene Vagts
*School-Based Therapist
Grand County School District*

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KELLY GREENE VAGTS
SCHOOL-BASED THERAPIST
GRAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commencement Speaker

Kelly Vagts moved to Moab in 2004 when she retired from her 14 year career as a professional dancer. After a lifetime of living and working in cities, Kelly wanted to get paid to sleep under the stars and work with at-risk youth. Over the past 16 years in Moab, she has worked for a wilderness therapy program, married the love of her life, birthed an amazing son, started a floral design company, graduated with a Master of Social Work degree from Utah State University, and collaborated with the Free Health Clinic to start a school-based mental health program. Since graduating from Utah State University Moab in 2014, Kelly has helped the school district create an innovative, neuroscience informed, school-based mental health program and continues to work at Helen M. Knight Elementary with the children of our community.

2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Names listed in this program do not constitute graduation.

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Erick Arellano
Weston Bown
Ebony Contreras

Katelyn Lundy
Delbert Velasquez
Brianna Whitney

CERTIFICATE

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Danelia Rumobo Barajas
Lexi Nicole Butterfield
Alyssa Nicole Crosby
Christine Pennelope Decaria
Yesenia Flores
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Zoe Noel Kosa

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Hailey Dawn Twitchell
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Madalynne Blu Zimmerman

ENGINEERING DRAFTING AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Dailey Haren

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

PROFESSIONAL BOOKKEEPING

Jaysa Esplin

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN

Jason Dane Feigel
John Louthan

Tanesha Hartnagle
Carmen Partridge
Kayli Rogers
Ian VanMeter

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Nathan Keogh

Alia Welsh
Tiffany White
Mercedes Zunich

PRACTICAL NURSING

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PROFESSIONAL BOOKKEEPING

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Jaysa Esplin
Jill Fletcher
Hope Garfield
Tanesha Hartnagle
Ernestine Largo+
Akyra McNeely
Kristian Pogue

The quality of performance in academic work enables those indicated to be graduates with distinction:

++High Honors grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00

+Honors grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

JON M. HUNTSMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Douglas D. Anderson, Dean

ACCOUNTING

Kimra Berrelez
Robina Pals*

EMMA ECCLES JONES COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Jamison Fargo, Interim Dean

PSYCHOLOGY

Jacob Johnston**

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Cheree Geiser
Tabitha Gritts

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Joseph P. Ward, Dean

SOCIAL WORK

Yvette Tarin Alba
Amber Bowers Dalton
Brandon Mckeel*

S. J. & JESSIE E. QUINNEY COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chris Luecke, Dean

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Vincent Almeroth

RECREATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Santangelo
Jared Trader

PROVOST'S OFFICE

Francis D. Galey, Executive Vice President and Vice Provost

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Shannon Scherer*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Richard Cutler
Interim Vice Provost of Graduate Studies

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE

Jennifer Shostrand

MASTER'S DEGREES

EMMA ECCLES JONES COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Lacie Markland

Master of Rehabilitation Counseling

The quality of performance in academic work enables those indicated to be graduates with distinction:

****Summa Cum Laudegrade point average of 3.95 to 4.00*

***Magna Cum Laude.....grade point average of 3.80 to 3.94*

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

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