

# 2019 Candidates for Degrees

## Bachelor of Arts

### Department of Art

Elisabeth Nicole Arant, *Omaha, NE*

^ William Harold Browning, IV, *Duncan, OK* (Biology Health Professions)

+ Sarah Ann Homan, *Glenwood, IA* (Business Administration-Marketing)

Lauren Ann Weber, *Orange City, IA*

### Department of Biblical and Theological Studies

^ Derek Marcus Alter, *Sergeant Bluff, IA*

Reagan Daryhl Colt, *Spirit Lake, IA*

^ Braden James Garwood, *Spencer, NE*

+ Hudson MacArthur Johnson, *Sioux Falls, SD*

Emily Susanna Law, *Newton, IA*

### Department of Biology

Perkins Emmanuel Aiyegbeni, *Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria*

+ Michaela Rae Aulner, *Omaha, NE*

\* Madison Marilyn Beaver, *Sioux Center, IA*

\* Paige Nicole Boote, *Lester, IA*

^ Christopher Jon Borchers, *Sioux Center, IA*

\* Jessica Lee Carver, *Urbandale, IA* (Secondary Education)

Katie Marie Inge DeKruyff, *Fontana, CA* (Psychology)

Alyson Marie Eversman, *Fairmont, MN* (Writing and Rhetoric)

\* Emily Michelle Geraets, *Sioux Falls, SD*

+ Rebecca Johanna Gritters, *Pella, IA*

Peter Daniel Hollinger, *Bothell, WA*

Jackson David Johnson, *Fort Dodge, IA*

+ Joseph Hunter Kelly, *Yankton, SD*

Courtney Danielle Mithelman, *Johnston, IA*

^ David William Leon Rowley, *Las Vegas, NV*

+ Haley Lynn Sitzmann, *Sioux Center, IA*

Sabrina Ann Tarchione, *Twin Falls, ID*

^ Shelby Elizabeth Van Den Berg, *Sioux Center, IA*

+ Brenden Scott Van Der Werff,  *Armour, SD*

^ Mark Henry Vos, *Pella, IA*

### Department of Business and Economics

+ Jill Marie Adam, *Quincy, IL*

Ame Cole Baird, *Almena, KS*

Cody Jon Bauman, *Inwood, IA*

Nathaniel Brian Bennett, *Valley Springs, SD* (Sport Management-Coach/Athletic

Administration Option)

^ Caleb Ryne Benzing, *Gilman, IA*

^ Kathryn Lois Blumer, *Ames, IA*

Kayla Beth De Weerd, *Hull, IA*

Jonathan Neiel Eggebraaten, *Rapid City, SD*

Breno Biselli Fabbri, *Sao Paula, Brazil*

Justin Blake Faber, *Rock Valley, IA*

+ Jacobo Garcia-Nieto, *Barcelona, Spain*

Connor George Gisby, *Colchester, United Kingdom*

Heidi Jo Groenendyk, *Oskaloosa, IA*

^ Sarah Elizabeth Halse, *Rock Rapids, IA* (Secondary Education)

^ Noah Kent Haverdink, *Gilbert, IA*

^ Jenna Joann Heemstra, *Primghar, IA*

Umulbanin Hussain, *Kabul, Afghanistan*

+ Madeline Marie Jacob, *Zimmerman, MN*

Matthew Dylan Johnson, *Sioux Falls, SD*

Alexander Robert Kaucher, *Tucson, AZ*

Sean Matthew Kleinwolterink, *Sheldon, IA*

Steven M. Kragt, *Sioux Center, IA*

Connor Ray Kuchel, *Hartley, IA*

^ Kendra Earith McGinnis, *Nebraska City, NE*

+ Emma Marie Meyers, *Linn Grove, IA*

Bradley Grant Mould, *Bloomington, MN*

^ Mason Dean O'Donnell, *Laurel, MT*

Spencer T. Pauley, *Denison, IA* (Secondary Education)

+ Anna Marie Perrenoud, *Sioux Falls, SD*

+ Jamie Beth Jongerius Prescott, *Orange City, IA*

Austin Leonard Reitz, *Onawa, IA*

+ Emily Marie Sorensen, *Creighton, NE*

Tyler Andrew Sterk, *Warsaw, IN*

\* Emelie Rose Swonger, *Bismarck, ND*

Emily Joy TeGrotenhuis, *Sioux Center, IA*

+ Trenton John Thinesen, *Cokato, MN*

^ Bryce Allan Van Beek, *Rock Valley, IA*

Abigail Mae Reints Van Bruggen, *Orange City, IA*

^ Kaitlyn Rose Van Ravenswaay, *Sioux Center, IA*

Brett John Van Roekel, *Larchwood, IA*

Jill Renae Van Roekel, *Sioux Center, IA*

Jed Louis Van't Hof, *Alvord, IA*

Shadrach Lee Wacker, *Jackson, MN* (Sport Management-General Business)

^ Eric Mitchell Wasson, *Fishers, IN*

Sydney Rae Wright, *Bath, SD*

- + Lee Joseph Wynja, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
Austin Thomas Zylstra, *Humboldt, IA*

### **Department of Chemistry**

- Abigail Joy Morley, *Charter Oak, IA*
- \* Nnenna Stephanie Nwaelugo, *Aboh-Mbaise, Imo State, Nigeria*, (Biology Health Professions)
- + Peace Antonia Preston, *Spencer, IA* (Biology Health Professions)
- ^ Renju Pun, *Pokhara, Kaski, Nepal*
- \* Kristina Marie Sevcik, *Searsboro, IA* (Biology Health Professions)

### **Department of Computer Science**

- Kennedy Raine Maranion, *San Diego, CA*
- + Jaaziel Chimezurunkwaya Tobechukwu Meribole, *Gambia, Nigeria*
- \* Cole Michael Prescott, *Waverly, IA*
- ^ Anh Phuong Tran, *Hanoi, Vietnam*  
Joshua Jackson Zollinger, *Williamsburg, IA*

### **Department of Education**

- \* Katherine Elizabeth Arnold, *Bellevue, NE*
- ^ Bailey Amanda Bakker, *Sioux Center, IA*  
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- + Haley Anne Birks, *Rockwell City, IA*  
Renata Legail Bitoy, *Iowa City, IA*  
Devin Rhianne Bloemendaal, *Edgerton, MN*  
Kendra Alison Burmester, *Robins, IA*
- ^ Justine Marie Byker, *Maurice, IA*
- + Samuel Jordan Callahan, *Eyota, MN*  
Perla I. Castaneda, *Rock Valley, IA*  
Andrew William Cooper, *Sheldon, IA*
- \* Allison Ruth Derr, *Holland, MI*  
Darbi Linn Duistermars, *Orange City, IA*  
Holli Lynn Frees, *Winterset, IA*  
Emily Celeste Groeneweg, *Alton, IA*
- + Darbi Jean Gustafson, *Ethan, South Dakota*
- \* Lindsey Grace Hassman, *Spencer, IA*
- ^ Lauryn Nicole Hilger, *Omaha, NE*  
Daryl Ann Jensen, *Omaha, NE*  
Samantha Jazz Kallevig, *Willmar, MN*  
Callie Grace Klopfenstein, *Hot Springs, SD*  
Alayna Marie Loveland, *Austin, MN*  
Joshua William Lucken, *Sioux City, IA*  
Caitlin Michele Minishian, *Cerritos, CA*  
Josine Thea Moss, *Orange City, IA*  
Jessica Renae Mulder, *Sioux City, IA*

Parker Alan Mulder, *Orange City, IA*  
Elizabeth Paige Nielsen, *Avoca, IA*  
^ Anna Elizabeth Niessen, *Andover, MN*  
+ Lauren Elizabeth Ostdiek-Wille, *Gretna, NE*  
Kishauna L. Pfeiff, *Burlington, IA*  
Kailey Nicole Richard, *Garden City, IA*  
^ Courtney Joy Robyn, *Orange City, IA*  
Dakota Gregory Schnell, *Pella, IA*  
Heather Nicole Schouten, *Orange City, IA*  
Darby Nicole Skillern, *Shenandoah, IA*  
\* Anna Marie Stroh, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
Lexi Nicole Weaver, *Papillion, NE*

### **Department of English**

\* Jayde Marie Logemann, *Ankeny, IA*  
Megan C. Schaeffer, *Orange City, IA*  
Shannon Dominique Teske, *Eldora, IA* (Theatre)  
Ariel Lia Valdes, *Orange City, IA*  
+ Meghan Kaylie Vermeer, *Sioux Falls, SD*

### **Department of History**

Samuel Kenneth Olson, *Omaha, NE* (Literature)

### **Department of Kinesiology**

Austin Michael Boles, *Austin, TX*  
Brock Evan Brenneman, *Parnell, IA*  
^ Kayli Elizabeth Christensen, *Treynor, IA*  
Savannah Leigh Dinger, *Luverne, MN*  
+ Paige Allison Drenth, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
Andrew Joseph Graber, *Marion, SD*  
Samuel James Klarenbeek, *Hull, IA*  
+ Kessandra Iris Kuyper, *Dakota City, IA*  
Tyler Michael Limmer, *Brandon, SD*  
Alexandre Medeiros, *Natal, Brazil*  
^ Shayla Denae Murray, *Onawa, IA*  
Jared Scott-Redoute' Nelson, *Maple Valley, WA*  
Morgan Jack Newby, *Leicester, England*  
+ Andrew Jeffrey Nitzschke, *Lawton, IA*  
Nikita Alexey Raketckii, *Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation*  
Logan Michael Richard, *Holstein, IA*  
Zachary Louis Riddle, *Carroll, IA*  
Alex Joseph Schussman, *Bemidji, MN*  
Grant Michael Thayer, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
\* Connor Joseph Tupper, *Omaha, NE*

### **Department of Mathematics**

- ^ Jordan Pierce Baker, *Farlington, KS*  
Cameron Jeffry Gordon, *Bellevue, NE*
- ^ Caleb Hudson Horsley, *Carroll, IA* (Economics)  
Kristian Donald Leppke, *Canby, MN*
- \* Matthew Parker Scott, *Sioux Falls, SD* (Economics)
- \* Alex Michael Vander Stoep, *Doon, IA* (Economics)

### **Department of Modern Foreign Languages**

- + Teagan Renee Hill-Norby, *Alton, IA* (Secondary Education)
- \* Ellen Ruby Podhajsky, *Marshalltown, IA*  
Jimmy Alex Tidmore, *Lawton, IA* (Religion)

### **Department of Music**

Benjamin Joseph Grev, *Odin, MN*

### **Department of Political Science**

- ^ Brant Jacob Vermeer, *Pella, IA* (Economics)

### **Department of Psychology**

- ^ Alicia Joy Darling, *Worthington, MN*
- \* Hope Kristi De Ruyter, *Rock Valley, IA*
- \* Adele Hofer, *Greenwood Village, CO*
- + Elizabeth Anna Huyser, *Orange City, IA* (Biology Health Professions)  
Macy Jean Kuehler, *Spencer, IA*
- + Rebekah Marie Muilenburg, *Orange City, IA*
- ^ Amanda Leigh Rens, *Sioux Center, IA* (Art Therapy)  
Robert Patrick Riley, *Davenport, IA*
- + Amber Hailey Schubert, *Sergeant Bluff, IA*  
Carlye Nicole Sherman, *Omaha, NE*
- \* Emily Joy Starr, *Firth, NE*  
Bailey Nicole Swain, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- ^ Emily Sue Van Gorp, *Pella, IA*

### **Department of Social Work**

- ^ Kasandra Joy Amos, *Griswold, IA* (Theatre)  
Megan Jean Cleveringa, *Sioux Center, IA*
- + Emmalyne Grace Farwell, *Pella, IA*  
Aubrey Elise Jorde, *Eyota, MN*
- + Hannah Rachelle Lindsey, *Omaha, NE*  
Morgan Elizabeth Tilgner, *Orange City, IA*
- ^ Shelby Amanda Varilek, *Omaha, NE* (Spanish)  
Jasi Nicole Vasher, *Marcus, IA*

### **Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice**

Alex Michael Bakker, *Sioux Center, IA*

^ Alexander David Currier, *Lawrence, KS*

Kacey Justine Harald, *Sioux Center, IA*

Jessica Nicole Karhoff, *Orange City, IA*

Anastasia Suzzanne Muilenburg, *Waukee, IA*

Jaycee Joy Vander Berg, *Sioux Center, IA (Art-Graphic Design)*

### **Department of Theatre**

Randyl Lynn Getz, *Urbandale, IA*

Blake Allen Mulder, *Platte, SD*

\* Rebecca Linnea Ochoa, *Cedar Falls, IA*

Hannah Louise Wamhoff, *Ewa Beach, HI*

## **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

### **Department of Nursing**

Hannah Michelle Barber, *Osceola, IA*

+ Alexandria Michele Bauermeister, *Spencer, IA*

Rochelle Kaye Behrens, *George, IA*

+ Ellen Jane Bleeker, *Mitchell, SD*

+ Elizabeth Ann Bolt, *Colorado Springs, CO*

Eden Joy Burch, *Garretson, SD*

Sarah Anne Christopher, *Sioux Falls, SD*

^ Cassidy Mae De Jong, *Hospers, IA*

\* Kelsey LaVon Den Hartog, *Sheldon, IA*

Monica Roxanne Edmonds, *Spencer, IA*

Amanda Emily Elgersma, *Cherokee, IA*

+ Brenna Gail Ellington, *Phoenix, AZ*

Melanie Anna Enkhorn, *La Palma, CA*

^ Elizabeth Ann Glover, *Spencer, IA*

Madison Nicole Godfredsen, *Rock Valley, IA*

Karli Ann Hofer, *Salem, SD*

\* Mariah Jade Kleinwolterink Jansen, *Sheldon, IA*

Holly Lin Paar Karsjens, *Dike, IA*

+ Amanda Joy Klyn, *Sheldon, IA*

^ Allison Kay Koehlmoos, *Pierce, NE*

Moriah Claire Lee, *Elizabeth, CO*

Blake William Miller, *Atlantic, IA*

Deanna Lynn Miller, *Sergeant Bluff, IA*

+ Vaughn Reuben Moser, *Larchwood, IA*

Lisa Fern Lamack Murray, *Boone, IA*  
Ingrid Elisabeth Ramirez, *La Palma, CA*  
+ Courtney Ellen Riley, *Wilton, IA*  
Cherish Taylor Henry Shuka, *Kailua, Hawaii*  
Madeline Jean Swift, *Aledo, TX*  
+ Abigail Renee Wanninger, *Berthoud, CO*  
Megan Sue Young, *Dover, MN*

\* Summa Cum Laude  
+ Magna Cum Laude  
^ Cum Laude

Second majors are listed in parentheses.

## Master of Education

Amy Leigh Ackerman, *Harris, IA*  
Megan Correne Alexander, *Boyden, IA*  
Lisa Sue Pilling Allen, *Macedonia, IA*  
Dawn Camille Askeland, *Edgewood, IA*  
Macy Jean Baker, *Logan, IA*  
Amanda Rae Becker, *Barnum, IA*  
Elayna Joy Bierle, *Harrisburg, SD*  
Johannah Faith Bloemendaal, *Harrisburg, SD*  
Maggie Mae Boyd, *Storm Lake, IA*  
Jackie Ann Breuer, *Le Mars, IA*  
Brittany Elizabeth Busch, *Sioux City, IA*  
Dennys Canto, *Callender, IA*  
Janee Lynn Carson, *Centerville, IA*  
Nicole Marie Davidson, *Cedar Rapids, IA*  
Dale Fredrick De Jong, *Des Moines, IA*  
Allison Grace Dooley, *Grimes, IA*  
Holland Fae Eggert, *Cedar Rapids, IA*  
Kimberly Kay Farrell, *Sanborn, IA*  
Heather Nicole French, *Cherokee, IA*  
Nicole Marie Gossling, *Dyersville, IA*  
Shadley Erin Grimes, *North Liberty, IA*  
Keri Lynn Griswold, *Winthrop, IA*  
Payton Nicole Guhl, *Omaha, NE*  
Sara Anne Harlan, *Exline, IA*  
Brandi Ann Hass, *Maquoketa, IA*  
Rebecca Jo Havens, *Altoona, IA*  
Cari Lynn Herbst, *Le Mars, IA*

Margaret Marie Hora, *Fort Dodge, IA*  
Kendall John Huisman, *Eastvale, CA*  
Nicole LeAnn Jass, *Belmond, IA*  
Nicole Kristine Jones, *Nashua, IA*  
Leah Marie Kane, *West Des Moines, IA*  
Alan Arthur Kies, *Spirit Lake, IA*  
Austin Scott King, *Rochester, MN*  
Ashton Jane Kirkpatrick, *Centerville, IA*  
Samantha Jean Klaren, *North Liberty, IA*  
Natalie Kristine Kocour, *Marion, IA*  
Tyler Ann Krattenmaker, *Lakewood, CO*  
Katie Sue Kregel, *Monona, IA*  
Jered Arthur Kuberski, *Ames, IA*  
Tina Marlene Kurimski, *Albia, IA*  
Emily Elizabeth Larson, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
Rebecca Janet Leonard, *Slater, IA*  
Crystal Renee Lewis, *Hanford, CA*  
Brenna Marie Lind, *Centerville, IA*  
Brandie Jean Malm, *Ruthven, IA*  
Elizabeth Ann Matthies, *Boone, IA*  
Carrie J. Lokker Mathison, *Preston, IA*  
Stephanie Joy Mulder, *Sioux Center, IA*  
Kristie Ann Olson, *Emmetsburg, IA*  
Jordan Renee Pata, *Cedar Rapids, IA*  
Patrice Jena Peters, *Little Rock, IA*  
Bobbie Jo Hartman Pogue, *Knoxville, IA*  
Adam J. Potter, *Orange City, IA*  
Hannah Grace Potter, *Grand Rapids, MI*  
Andrea Dawn Rau, *Orange City, IA*  
Jordan Elizabeth Hayes Redig, *North Liberty, IA*  
Erin Elizabeth Reed, *Centerville, IA*  
Briana Lynn Riddle, *Gilman, IA*  
Kimberly Anne Rozeboom, *Sioux Center, IA*  
Courtney Ann Romer Schauf, *Maquoketa, IA*  
Zachary Allen Schaver, *Orange City, IA*  
Christina Renee Sieber, *Sioux Falls, SD*  
Amy Michelle Smith, *Oakland, IA*  
Megan Anne Smith, *Conesville, IA*  
Susan Marie Reed Stover, *Afton, IA*  
Megan Renee Stutzel, *Muscatine, IA*  
Teresa Ann Triplett, *Sutherland, IA*  
Annie Renee Van Der Zwaag, *Hull, IA*  
Tricia Ann Van Regenmorter, *Crete, IL*  
Leah Beth Van Tol, *Sioux Falls, SD*



Rebekah Joy Vande Kamp, *Rock Valley, IA*  
Lauren Marie Walther, *Ankeny, IA*  
Vesta Eileen Watkins, *Anoka, MN*  
Trisha Ann Whelan, *Albert Lea, MN*  
Carrie Lee Wilkison, *Hawarden, IA*  
Amanda C. Williams, *Neola, IA*  
Brienna Kae Wolf, *Marshalltown, IA*

## International Flags

These home countries of Northwestern's graduates are represented by the flags displayed around the stage and by special sashes worn by the students:

Australia  
China  
Colombia  
England  
Japan  
Nepal  
Nicaragua  
Taiwan  
Tajikistan

American students who have served as leaders of Northwestern's International Club and who have studied abroad are also wearing international sashes.

## Honors Distinctions

Honors distinctions are given to those graduates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher on the 4-point scale.

Standards of excellence:

- \* Summa Cum Laude  
(3.90 or above, signified by two gold cords)
- + Magna Cum Laude  
(3.70 to 3.89, signified by one silver and one gold cord)
- ^ Cum Laude  
(3.50 to 3.69, signified by two silver cords)

Honors designations are based on students' course work as of midterm during the spring 2018 semester. Honors Scholars are wearing honors medals with white ribbons. Red cords indicate the outstanding graduating seniors from each department.

## La Mosaic/Futures Graduates

Colorful serape-style sashes are worn by Northwestern graduates who have been members of the college's multicultural La Mosaic student club and/or Futures program.

## Academic Regalia

Academic dress represents a tradition that has come down from the Middle Ages. The scholars in the early European universities often were also clerics and wore robes similar to those of their monastic orders. The custom has been continued by American universities since colonial times, in a uniform manner only since about 1900.

The standard cap is black. The tassel is also black, except that the doctor's may be of gold bullion. A few universities provide a velvet cap for the doctor's outfit. While the usual color for gowns in America is black, certain universities permit the doctor's gown in the college's official color. The gowns show marked differences of shape depending on the academic degree. A doctor's gown has three velvet bars across the sleeves and velvet trimming down the front.

The hood, selected in medieval times to indicate the various degrees by its color, has remained the most distinctive article of academic regalia. The color of its lining is determined by the institution conferring the degree, and the color of its velvet border by the academic discipline of the degree:

**DARK BLUE:** philosophy

**BROWN:** fine arts or architecture

**PINK:** music

**WHITE:** arts, letters, humanities

**GOLDEN YELLOW:** science

**COPPER:** economics

**LIGHT BLUE:** education

**LEMON:** library science

**CREAM:** social science

**SCARLET:** divinity

**SAGE GREEN:** physical education

The hoods of some European universities feature only the institutional colors for doctorates in all fields.