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Commencement

MAY 8, 2021

10:00 A.M.

ROWENHORST STUDENT CENTER

ORANGE CITY, IOWA

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
2021 Candidates for Degrees

NORTHWESTERN NEXT PROGRAM

Laura Dalton, *Mountain Lake, MN*
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Amanda Beth Heldt, *Colman, SD*

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+ Allison Jean Wheeler, *Montezuma, IA*

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+ Benjamin Jacob De Boer, *Orange City, IA*
Garrison Lee Hazen, *Verdigre, NE*
+ Jeremiah David Mitchell, *Oskaloosa, IA* (Theatre)
Autumn Rae Muilenburg, *Albert Lea, MN*
+ Kelsay Elizabeth Parrott, *Cherokee, IA*
Benjamin David Sitzmann, *Orange City, IA*
McKenzie Taylor Sonnek, *North Mankato, MN*
Craig Ryan Sterk, *McBain, MI*

DEPARTMENT of BIOLOGY

* Ali Almail, *Sanad, Bahrain* (Art)
+ Samantha Jo Blum, *Rock Valley, IA*
+ Riley Jon Chartier, *Grimes, IA*
Colton Noel Hage, *Inwood, IA*
+ Cassandra Lee Koel, *Huron, SD*
^ Joseph Martin Lohse, *Coon Rapids, MN*
Emily Ann Novak, *Yankton, SD*
+ Hannah Maree Paauw, *Brandon, SD* (Psychology)
Zachary Ray Rosson, *Tucson, AZ*
+ Mattea Lauren Van Kalsbeek, *Sioux Falls, SD*
Cole Jonathan Verbrugge, *Sanborn, IA*
+ Chanda Nicole Zomermaand, *Sioux Center, IA*

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Benjamin Joseph Aberson, *Paullina, IA*
* Liesbeth Johanna Almendarez, *Waverly, IA*
Daberechukwu Enyinnaya Anyadike,
Owerri, Nigeria
+ Danica Ada Bang, *Fertile, IA*
* Nickolas James Bernhagen, *Pella, IA*
+ Carter James Bock, *Nicollet, MN*
* Nicholas John Bomgaars, *Sheldon, IA*
^ Emily Ann Bosch, *Ankeny, IA* (Secondary Education)
Hannah Rae Dykshorn, *Sioux Center, IA*
Makenzie Elva Fink, *Lanark, IL*
Colton Jacob Folkers, *Blair, NE*
^ Alex Joseph Frick, *Boyden, IA* (Secondary Education)
Sarah Elizabeth Gelberg, *Long Beach, CA*
+ Samuel Japheth Grev, *Odin, MN*
Colton Richard Harold,
Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada
* Erica Lynn Hulsing, *Grinnell, IA*
(Sport Mgmt-Coaching/Athletic Administration)
^ Alan David Hulstein, *Sioux Center, IA*
^ Christopher Jay Jelken, *Luverne, MN*
+ Jonathan Niles Johnson, *Carson, CA* (Psychology)
Matthias John Johnson, *Worthington, MN*
+ Colin Wayne Jorde, *Eyota, MN*
* Abigail Lynne Moody Kaucher, *Burwell, NE*
^ Kaylee Jean Keogh, *Sioux Falls, SD*
Jackson John Kleinwolterink, *Sheldon, IA*
+ Michaela Marie Kleinwolterink, *Sheldon, IA*

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^ Hunter Madison Koepke, *Aurora, NE*
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Michael J. Love, *Omaha, NE*
^ Jocelyn Kay McCormick, *Mitchell, SD*
(Art-Graphic Design)
Devin Noah Mouw, *Sioux Center, IA*
Joshua John Niessen, *Andover, MN*
(Sport Management-General Business Option)
Jake Anders Olsen, *Atlantic, IA*
Philippe Patri Pickering, *Santiago, Chile*
* Mason Lee Post, *Orange City, IA*
^ Joshua David Chun Rathbun, *Sioux Center, IA*
Jacob Robert Reints, *Orange City, IA*
Hunter Lane Rynders, *Centennial, CO*
Peyton John Scott, *Sioux Falls, SD*
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^ Kelsey Ann Smit, *Doon, IA*
* Joshua Mark Starr, *Firth, NE*
^ Levi Jedidiah Stoesz, *Mountain Lake, MN*
Sarah Elizabeth Te Grotenhuis, *Orange City, IA*
Samantha Jo Ubben, *Conrad, IA*
Jack Michael Vander Stelt, *Maurice, IA*
* Keegan Matthew Van Egdome, *Sioux Falls, SD*
^ Carter Don Van Gorp, *Sioux Falls, SD*
^ Haley Mae Van Ostrand, *Mason City, IA*
(Biology-Health Professions)
Davis Lee Van Roekel, *Boyden, IA*
Riley Mark Van't Hul, *Le Mars, IA*
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+ Dylan Lee Hendricks, *Grundy Center, IA*
(Biology-Health Professions)

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* Carmen Milagros Gardino, *Ankeny, IA*
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+ Lauren Nicole Green, *Sioux Falls, SD*
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^ Olivia Sharon Heyer, *Larchwood, IA*
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* Emilee Ann Hulsing, *Grinnell, IA*
Tanya F. Hurley, *Fort Madison, IA*
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+ Jacqueline Grace Ingram, *Denison, IA*
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Pennie Joy Kragel, *Storm Lake, IA*
+ Brittany Ann Kuiper, *Custer, WA*
+ Karli Alisha Lang, *Orange City, IA* (Spanish)
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Cailey Hanna Linn, *Norwalk, CA*
Kobe Gregory Lutjens, *Rock Valley, IA*
Tanner Jacob Machacek, *Sioux Falls, SD*
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+ Abby Renee Petrick, *Omaha, NE*
+ Marcus Allan Rens, *Hull, IA*
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- * Raven Hannah Walker, *Council Bluffs, IA*
- ^ Anna Nicole Weighmink, *Holland, MI*
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- Kara Lynn Mortenson, *Orange City, IA*
- + Ashley Marie Olson, *Forest City, IA*
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- ^ Hannah Marie Ross, *Des Moines, IA*
- Kaitlin Rose Shepard, *Marengo, IL*
(Secondary Education)
- * Schuyler Beth Sterk, *Belle Plaine, MN*
(Secondary Education)
- + Vanessa Elizabeth Stokes, *Orange City, IA*
(Public Relations)
- + Kaitlyn Joy Van Peurse, *Mitchell, SD*
(Public Relations)

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- Caleb Arnold Deist, *Stafford, VA*
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- Joshua Dean Fakkema, *Blaine, WA*
- Julia Jane Goodburn, *Madelia, MN*
- ^ Justin Mark Grevengoed, *Hull, IA*
- ^ Jessica Christine Jimenez, *Arnolds Park, IA*

- Jacob Michael Kalogonis, *Lake Havasu City, AZ*
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- Erika Grace Sage, *Freeman, SD*
- Bennett Michael Sikkink, *St. Charles, MN*
- Jay Thomas Small, *Hinton, IA*
- Nathaniel Mark Tjernagel, *Orange City, IA*
- Joshua Eric Van Dusseldorp, *Pella, IA*
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- Christopher Brian Kroll, *Sergeant Bluff, IA*
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- Lee Sak Park, *Des Plaines, IL*
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- + Erica Brynn Kitchenmaster Wasson, *Lake Andes, SD*
(Secondary Education)

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- ^ Nolan E. Behr, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- + Mia Kylee Hoogeveen, *Lester, IA*
- * Noah Jake Hop, *Orange City, IA*
- * Jordanna Alissa Kruse, *Lennox, SD*
- * Taelor Lynne Lamansky, *Clive, IA*

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- * Elissa Ann O'Dell, *Bedford, IA*
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- Emma Claire Schnell, *Sully, IA*
- + Megan Marie Shulstad, *Alexandria, MN*
- ^ Anna Marie Wedel, *Maurice, IA*

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- + Kailee Rose Jenness, *Spirit Lake, IA* (Spanish)
- Hannah Marie Johnson, *Des Moines, IA*
- Brittany Sue Pickard, *Lansing, IL*
- ^ Reagan Elizabeth Putnam, *Bettendorf, IA*
- ^ Calli Jo Shaw, *Wellman, IA*
- ^ Abby Nicole Vander Laan, *George, IA*
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- Rachel Leanne Wyborny, *Nora Springs, IA*

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- Jonathon Kevin Muyskens, *Sheldon, IA*
- Kyle Robert Schiernbeck, *Holstein, IA*
- Christopher Michael Ten Pas, *Oostburg, WI*

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- Kevin Griffiths, *Rock Island, IL*
- ^ Joy McCaffrey, *Forsyth, MT* (Art–Graphic Design,
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- Maren Michelle Taylor, *Spencer, IA*
- + Elizabeth Ann Ven Huizen, *Sheldon, IA*

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- + Hayley Renee Carlson, *Rochester Hills, MI*
- Aundrea Elizabeth Contreras, *San Jose, CA*
- + Amber Jane DeStigter, *Sandy, UT*
- Madison Jade Dorhout, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- Samantha Lynn Dowling, *Alpena, SD*
- Alyssa Dionne Eberling, *Sheffield, IA*
- Amy Marie Emerick, *Hull, IA*
- Clara Amanda Graesing, *Spencer, IA*
- * Kaitlyn Jewel Hassman, *Spencer, IA*
- ^ Anna May Hiebner, *Council Bluffs, IA*
- Peggy Nyanchoka Kamanda, *Hartley, IA*
- Melissa Kathleen Klontz, *Lakefield, MN*
- Austin Robert Moss, *Hull, IA*
- + Jessica Anne Mouw, *Sioux Center, IA*
- Holly Marie Mueller, *Spirit Lake, IA*
- Katherine Joyce Paauw, *Brandon, SD*
- ^ Amanda Kay Plathe, *Milford, IA*
- ^ Josie Lynn Post, *Orange City, IA*
- Morgan Lea Roberts, *Fonda, IA*
- + Kayla Joelle Schut, *West Des Moines, IA*
- Danielle Marie Strubbe, *Rock Valley, IA*
- Courtney Kristin Studer, *Spencer, IA*
- ^ Amie Ashely Uithoven, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- Emily Sue Fonkert Van Voorst, *Sheldon, IA*
- ^ Moriah Sheeran Wittenberg, *Pella, IA*
- Jennifer Lynn Zomer, *Orange City, IA*

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.

Honors designations are based on students' course work as of midterm during the spring 2021 semester. Honors Scholars are wearing honors medals with white ribbons. Red cords indicate the outstanding graduating seniors from each department.

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



MASTER OF EDUCATION

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Meghan Marie Barker, *Wadsworth, OH*
Deborah J. Barry, *Woodbine, IA*
Lilian Blanche Bechen, *Dubuque, IA*
Jennifer M. Bell, *Newton, IA*
Alexander Charles Bendlage, *Cedar Rapids, IA*
Morgen Elizabeth Bennett, *Sioux City, IA*
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Melissa Ann Birkey, *Algona, IA*
Kris Amy Birkland, *Indianola, IA*
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Erin Elizabeth Blair, *Lake City, IA*
Molly JoAnn Bless, *Fairmont, MN*
Jeremiah Jacob Bliss, *Hampton, IA*
Erin Kae Bone, *Ankeny, IA*
Kelli Dru Bosch, *Ankeny, IA*
Nicholas Dean Bradley, *Denison, Iowa*
Ryan Jay Brasser, *Larchwood, IA*
Michelle Lynn Brummer, *Harlan, IA*
Tonia Marie Buhman, *North Sioux City, SD*
Holly Marie Carlson, *Atwater, MN*
Sonja Ann Carson, *Centerville, IA*
Claire Christine Cole, *Knoxville, IA*
Rebecca Jean Collins, *Washington, IA*
Jennifer Ann Cook, *West Des Moines, IA*
Sarah Michelle Cooper, *Denver, IA*
Rachel Marie Coulter, *Melbourne, IA*
Jessica Lynn Courtney, *Oskaloosa, IA*
Deanna Marie Cuffee, *Bristow, VA*
Paige Lee Anne Davidson, *Ottumwa, IA*
Kimberly K. Denning, *Neola, IA*

Rachel Erin Dolehanty, *Bettendorf, IA*
Sarah Elizabeth Dougherty, *Syracuse, UT*
Rebecca Joy Draayer, *Boyden, IA*
Jennifer Lynn Dreyer, *Aurora, IL*
Cody Allen Dyhrkopp, *Le Mars, IA*
Michelle Elizabeth Erbs, *Oskaloosa, IA*
Morgan Nicole Ernst, *Pella, IA*
Matthew James Evans, *West Des Moines, IA*
Jacob David Evenson, *Milford, IA*
Michelle J. Evers, *Clinton, IA*
Brooke Joy Faber, *Sioux Center, IA*
Christy Joy Faber, *Hudsonville, MI*
Nicole Marie Farrington, *Albia, IA*
Kelly M. Femi-Grand, *Orland Park, IL*
Jensen Caitlyn Flanigan, *Holstein, IA*
Nicole Renee Fox, *Pella, IA*
Tawyne Ann Gibson, *Winterset, IA*
Kelley Mae Gray, *Jefferson, IA*
Stefanie Kay Gross, *Sioux Falls, SD*
Jennifer Lynn Grossman, *Halbur, IA*
Leslie K. Gustafson, *Kiron, IA*
Sarah Marie Ham, *Lake Mills, IA*
Stephanie Catherine Haman, *Le Mars, IA*
Isaac Ryan Heard, *Sioux Center, IA*
Alex Christian Herrington, *Treynor, IA*
Jan Marie Hessman, *Cedar Rapids, IA*
Kathy Dawn Higgins, *Indianola, IA*
Elizabeth Marie Hill, *Morgan, MN*
Jerome Myles Hoegh, *Hawarden, IA*
Carrie Lynn Hubert, *Merrill, IA*
Albert John Humes, *Ridley Park, PA*
Sandra Lynn Jenkins, *Sioux Falls, SD*
Allison Kay Kasperek, *Lincoln, NE*
Alison Raeann Kennedy, *Council Bluffs, IA*
Bailey Anne Kennedy, *Marcus, IA*
Emily Jo Krakau, *Alta, IA*

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Lea Lynn Kunkel, *Albia, IA*
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Jennifer Keala Lange, *Merrill, IA*
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Carly Rae Lehnhoff, *Okoboji, IA*
Brandon Kyle Lenderink, *Rock Rapids, IA*
Osa Liv Lindekugel, *Iowa City, IA*
Jacayla Rebecca Litwiller, *Washington, IA*
Marisol Ramirez Lopez, *Mason City, IA*
Allison K. Maher, *Cambridge, IA*
Lexa Jo Mahr, *Washington, IA*
Kelsey Jo Malmanger, *Lorimor, IA*
Angela Catherine McLean, *Coralville, IA*
Caleb William Miller, *Fort Dodge, IA*
Shelley Lyn Hudachek Miller, *Cedar Rapids, IA*
Callie Jaim Namminga, *Sioux City, IA*
Andrea K. Garcia Navarro, *Hawarden, IA*
Rachel Mary Nichols, *Missouri Valley, IA*
Kelsey Lynn Nickel, *Norwalk, IA*
Nicole Marilyn Nielsen, *Marshalltown, IA*
Pamela Jo Niemeyer, *Zearing, IA*
Kacie Erin O'Connor, *Wayne, NE*
Maria E. O'Dell, *Ottumwa, IA*
Rebecca Jean Ortner, *Cresco, IA*
Amy Nicole McDaniel Pihl, *Kahoka, MO*
Kati Marie Ploeger, *Ankeny, IA*
Tara Lyn Redenius, *Kiron, IA*
Austin Lucas Reese, *Dallas, TX*

Meghan Lee Reiman, *Kandiyohi, MN*
Bethany Lynn Reinhard, *Blakesburg, IA*
Crystal Marie Riniker, *Hazel Green, WI*
Timothy Peter Rodemeyer, *Emmetsburg, IA*
Eliza Leigh Rogotzke, *Windsor Heights, IA*
David Robert Roney, *Windsor Heights, IA*
Kathryn Ann Villhauer Schafer, *Marion, IA*
Molly Sue Schnekloth, *Eldridge, IA*
Laura Ann Schumacher, *New London, IA*
Courtney M. Smith, *Cedar Falls, IA*
Amber Lynn Soderlund, *Lakeville, MN*
Amanda Marie Strom, *Columbus, OH*
Kathleen Dee Stuart, *Dubuque, IA*
Larissa Caroline Surprenant, *Windsor, MN*
Kyle Jon Teeselink, *Eagle Grove, IA*
Brandice Lynne Te Grootenhuis, *Ankeny, IA*
Clairissa Ann Thompson, *Guthrie Center, IA*
Keisha Elizabeth Trimble, *Storm Lake, IA*
Kallie Kay Turner, *Marion, IA*
Kayla Renee Veenstra, *Coon Rapids, MN*
Laura Lee Wagner, *West Des Moines, IA*
Bruce Howard Wall, *Jesup, IA*
Caleb Christian Weathers, *Woodruff, SC*
Taylor Katherine Webb, *Mason City, IA*
Amanda Rose Wehrhan, *Allison, IA*
Jennifer Lynn Wenke, *Fort Madison, IA*
Jasmin Leila Williams, *Milford, KS*
Erin Lynn Wiskus, *Burlington, WI*
Shannon Rose Engelsma Woodhead,
Fountain Valley, CA

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.

THE FACULTY MARSHAL CANE

The cane the faculty marshal carries was originally gifted to the Rev. Dirk J. De Bey by the Second Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which he served from 1896 to 1900. The Rev. De Bey lived with his brother, Dr. Albert DeBey, in Orange City from 1917 to 1919, and before he passed away in 1920, he gifted the cane to his brother. Dr. DeBey served Orange City as a physician from 1890 to 1937. The cane passed to his son, Dr. John G. DeBey (1901 Northwestern Academy graduate), who also served Orange City as a physician until his death in 1944.

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:

Argentina

Bahrain

Canada

Chile

France

Honduras

Netherlands

Nigeria

South Korea

United Kingdom

LA MOSAIC/FUTURES GRADUATES

Colorful serape-style sashes are worn by Northwestern graduates who have been Bridge Scholars or members of the college's Intercultural or La Mosaic student clubs.

SELECT UNDERGRADUATE HONORS & AWARDS

ALI ALMAIL – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in art, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in biology, Junior Scholar, SEA-PHAGES Symposium presenter, Mayo Clinic Health System-UW Eau Claire IMPACT Symposium presenter, Iowa Academy of Science presenter, Northwestern summer research participant, Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Symposium participant

RILEY ANDERSON – NAIA football Scholar-Athlete

NICK BERNHAGEN – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

REBECCA BINDERT – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in education

ALLISON BIRKS – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in athletic training, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

SAMMY BLUM – NAIA basketball All-American honorable mention, NAIA basketball Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete, SEA-PHAGES Symposium presenter, Iowa Academy of Science presenter

NICK BOMGAARS – NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

EMILY BOSCH – NAIA softball Scholar-Athlete, Franken Fellow, Heidi (Jeltema) Altena Christian Woman Athlete Award

FRITZ BOYLE – UNI Education Summit on Culturally Responsive Pedagogy presenter

CHLOE BURNS – Iowa Council of Teachers of English conference presenter

HAYLEY CARLSON – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in nursing, NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

RILEY CHARTIER – SEA-PHAGES Symposium presenter, Iowa Academy of Science presenter, NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

BEN DE BOER – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in biblical and theological studies, Zondervan Hebrew Award

SUTTON DERR – NAIA baseball Scholar-Athlete

MAKENZIE FINK – NAIA and AVCA volleyball All-American, NAIA volleyball national attacker of the week

KIT FYNAARDT – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in mathematics/physics

LAUREN GREEN – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in education

JUSTIN GREVENGOED – NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

KEVIN GRIFFITHS – Barry Boersma Award

NOAH GRITTERS – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in chemistry, Iowa Academy of Science presenter

COLTON HAGE – Iowa Academy of Science presenter

COLTON HAROLD – NAIA baseball national player of the week

DYLAN HENDRICKS – Mayo Clinic Health System-UW Eau Claire IMPACT Symposium presenter, NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete, NAIA cross country All-American, USTFCCCA All-Academic

ANNA HIEBNER – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

TRENT HILBRANDS – NAIA basketball All-American honorable mention

BREE ANN HODNEFIELD – E. Grady Holland Journalism Award

MIA HOOGEVEEN – NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

EMILEE HULSING – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in education, NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete, Ronald Nelson Memorial Award

ERICA HULSING – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in sport management

JACQUE INGRAM – NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete

JULIE JANSEN – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete

CHRIS JELKEN – NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete

KAILEE JENNESS – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in social work

JONATHAN JOHNSON – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in business administration, NAIA basketball Scholar-Athlete

LAUREN JOHNSON – Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

A.J. KACMARYNSKI – NAIA and AVCA volleyball All-American honorable mention

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NOAH KARMANN – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in history/philosophy, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in political science

MICHAELA KLEINWOLTERINK – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in accounting

ISAAC KNOCK – Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar, NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

CASSANDRA KOEL – SEA-PHAGES Symposium presenter, Iowa Academy of Science presenter, Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

HUNTER KOEPKE – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

JORDANNA KRUSE – Honors Scholar, Carl and Hazle Lindscoog Clinical Psychology Award

TAEOR LAMANSKY – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in psychology, NAIA soccer Scholar-Athlete, Junior Scholar

KARLI LANG – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in education, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in modern foreign languages

TANNER MACHACEK – AP football All-American, NAIA and AFCA football All-American honorable mention, Vander Stoep Award

JUAN MACKREY – NAIA soccer Scholar-Athlete

JADA MARCO – Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

JOCELYN MCCORMICK – E. Grady Holland Journalism Award

JESSICA MOUW – NAIA softball Scholar-Athlete, NAIA volleyball Scholar-Athlete

JONATHON MUYSKENS – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in sociology

ELISSA O'DELL – NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete, Stegeman Award, Franken Fellow

HANNAH PAAUW – Honors Scholar, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete, Junior Scholar, Mayo Clinic Health System-UW Eau Claire IMPACT Symposium presenter

ABBY PETRICK – NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete

LACEY REITZ – NAIA and AVCA volleyball All-American, NAIA volleyball national setter of the week, NAIA volleyball Scholar-Athlete, Vander Stoep Athletic Award

MARCUS RENS – NAIA football Scholar-Athlete, NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

JESSICA ROGERS – Honors Scholar, NAIA competitive cheer Scholar-Athlete, NAIA competitive dance Scholar-Athlete

MEGAN SHULSTAD – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete

BENNETT SIKKINK – George Dunlop Sportsmanship Award

SHANE SOLBERG – AP football All-American, NAIA and AFCA football All-American honorable mention, Vander Stoep Athletic Award

JOSH STARR – NAIA cross country Scholar-Athlete, NAIA track and field Scholar-Athlete, USTFCCA All-Academic

CRAIG STERK – NAIA basketball national player of the week

SCHUYLER STERK – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in English

LEVI STOESZ – NAIA football Scholar-Athlete

MAREN TAYLOR – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in theatre, national KCACTF lighting design award

ABBY VANDER LAAN – NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete

JASON VAN DYKE – Honors Scholar, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in computer science, NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete

KEEGAN VAN EGDOM – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in economics, NAIA basketball Scholar-Athlete

EMILY VAN GINKEL – NAIA volleyball Scholar-Athlete

CARTER VAN GORP – NAIA football Scholar-Athlete, Carlson Intern

JOEL VAN PEURSEM – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in music, Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

ELIZABETH VEN HUIZEN – Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

ERICA WASSON – Iowa Collegiate Honor Band

ANNA WEDEL – NAIA volleyball player of the year, NAIA and AVCA volleyball All-American, NAIA volleyball national attacker of the week, NAIA volleyball Scholar-Athlete, Vander Stoep Award

ANNA WEIGHMINK – NAIA tennis Scholar-Athlete

JENNIFER ZOMER – Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in nursing

CHANDA ZOMERMAAND – NAIA golf Scholar-Athlete



Northwestern is a Christian college in the Reformed tradition, a tradition dating to the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and the work of John Calvin. A migration of Dutch Calvinists in the 19th century brought immigrants wanting religious freedom and a better life to the fertile farmland of northwestern Iowa.

After settling Orange City, named after the Dutch royal house, they began dreaming of a Christian classical academy to prepare students for college and ultimately for ministry. Led by the Rev. Seine Bolks, the first pastor of Orange City's First Reformed Church, and Henry Hospers, a local businessman who donated land for the school, they incorporated the Northwestern Classical Academy on July 19, 1882.

The academy grew from 25 to 70 students within a decade. Zwemer Hall, the first permanent building, was erected in 1894. The curriculum expanded to embrace subjects such as education and business, in addition to classical studies such as Latin. In 1928, the academy added a junior college. The Great Depression hit Northwestern hard, but after World War II, enrollment increased steadily—and with that growth came the construction of a number of buildings in the 1950s.

Northwestern became a four-year teacher-training college, awarding its first bachelor's degrees in 1961, the same year the academy ceased operation. Four years later, the Board of Trustees approved the development of a liberal arts program. As enrollment doubled to more than 760 in the 1960s, three dorms and Ramaker Library were built.

The North Central Association granted the college full accreditation in 1970; the football team won the college's first NAIA national championship in 1973; and Northwestern began offering opportunities to intern in Chicago and study abroad a year later. Northwestern's Christian dimension was strengthened in the 1980s as the institution joined the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, began offering spring and summer short-term mission opportunities, and emphasized discipleship groups. And despite Iowa's farm crisis, funds were raised to build Christ Chapel and enrollment grew to more than 1,000.

The new century brought continued enrollment growth with the addition of online graduate and adult learning programs. Northwestern's academic reputation also continued to grow. *U.S. News & World Report* magazine consistently ranks Northwestern among the best Midwestern liberal arts colleges, and two faculty members were named Iowa's Professor of the Year. New facilities included a science center, library/learning commons, theatre building, art building and athletic fieldhouse, and major renovations were made to the college's cafeteria, student center and fitness center.

Adhering to its original mission of providing a Christ-centered education and still strongly connected to the Reformed Church in America, Northwestern is recognized as a high-quality, genuinely Christian college. As in the past, it looks to the future with confidence and faith that God's light will continue to guide.