

ARIZONA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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# 58TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

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Friday, December 18, 2020

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ACU Event Center  
1 W. Firestorm Way  
Glendale, AZ 85306

# 2019-2020 Commencement Program

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<b>Processional</b> .....	Juliana Witt, D.M.A. <i>Music Faculty</i>
<b>Welcome</b> .....	Steven C. Adamson, B.S., M.S., M.Div., Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	Katherine (FitzGerald) Schembri <i>B.S. Music, Class of 2020</i>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> .....	Jess Harris, M.M.A.S. <i>Instructor</i>
<b>Invocation</b> .....	Cameron Sharp <i>B.S. Business Administration, Class of 2020</i>
<b>Scripture Reading</b> .....	Madeline Green <i>B.S. Music, Class of 2020</i>
<b>Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy"</b> .....	ACU Vocal Chorale <i>Directed by Juliana Witt, D.M.A.</i>
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b> .....	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
<b>Commencement Address</b> .....	Tim Reed, M.A. <i>Director of Alumni Engagement and Former Campus Pastor</i>
<b>Presentation of the Candidates</b> .....	Steven C. Adamson, B.S., M.S., M.Div., Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
<b>Conferral of Degrees</b> .....	Mr. David Pruitt <i>Board of Trustees</i>
<b>Awarding of Diplomas</b> .....	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b> .....	Jason Hubbard, Ph.D. <i>Campus Pastor</i>
<b>Charge to the Graduating Class of 2020</b> .....	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
<b>Benediction</b> .....	Richard Horner <i>B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies/B.S. Business Administration, Class of 2020</i>
<b>Recessional</b> .....	Juliana Witt, D.M.A. <i>Music Faculty</i>

# Degree Candidates

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## Behavioral and Social Sciences

### Behavioral Health

Misael Angel  
Michael Corso  
Zachary Kleppe †  
Ottis Liggins  
Naomi Matzke  
Oriana Montoya  
Michael O'Brien ∂  
Grace Sunderland †

### Family Studies

Savanah Cooper  
Sarah Crank †  
Nicolas Mancuso †  
Grant Williams †

### Psychology

Alexis Honeycutt ∂  
Joel Noya Medina  
Jamie Ricksecker ∆

## Biblical and Theological Studies

Kevin Hooke †  
Richard Horner † ∑

## Biology

Kathryn Alderete  
Amanda Bakonyi  
Todd Furr †  
Gabriela Gutierrez ∂  
Delaney Harris ∆  
Gerardo Ixehuatl Mendez †  
Grace Koury ∂  
Olivia McDermitt †  
Shyama Moss ∆  
Erin Northrop ∆  
Jenessa Salazar

Leshia Turner †  
Cade Vinsky ∂  
Isaiah Walton ∆  
Brittany Western  
Paige Church ∆

## Business Administration

Emilio Araiza  
Joseph Avance  
Arthur Basaldua  
Robert Bostedt  
Kylee Brown  
Parker Brubaker ∂  
Jordan Capozzi †  
Shane Carney  
Ashlynn Collier  
Jamilia Cosay ∆  
Toni Davis  
Van Dion  
Nicholas Dixon  
Bobby Ealim  
Sebastian Estrada  
Cameron Foss ∆  
Isaac Fudge  
Shane Fudge  
Alliesandra Fuller  
Maverick Gamez †  
Rodrigo Garcia Navarro  
Maria Garduno  
Marcus Gonzalez ∆  
Jaron Green  
Emerald Grijalva ∆  
David Hagerich  
Cohen Heckethorn †  
Micah Hendricks  
Steven Hernandez ∆  
Richard Horner † ∑  
Rock Hudgens †  
Devin Ishimine  
Matthew Jackson  
Vikte Labanauskaite †  
Bryan Levine †  
Lukas Macho ∂  
Isaac Madrid ∆ ∑

Trevor McGee †  
Marcello Meale  
Valerie Mendini ∆  
Alexandria Miller †  
Kelsey Miranda  
Jesse Miritello  
Lucas Monterroso  
Paullier ∆  
Jeremy Moyer †  
Korsica Paddock  
Jacob Rueter ∂  
Damian Sanchez ∆  
Alejandro SeguraParra ∆  
Brandon Seifert  
Sarena Selzer †  
Cameron Sharp †  
Brent Smith †  
Hilaria Stewart  
Isa Totah ∆  
Nicholas Tucker  
Gabrielle Villanueva †

## Christian Ministries

Carissa Allen  
Roshonda Blackwood ∆  
Marshawn Davenport  
Collin Griffith  
Terrance Johnson  
Ryan Minner ∂  
Kylie Neafus ∆

## Communication

Alphonso Burge  
Sarah Carrell †  
Larry Dixon  
Gabriel Estrada  
Ariana Garcilazo ∂  
Shea Garland  
Jordan Isbell  
Rina Labianca  
Joy Mendez  
Jordan Sawyer

## Education

### Elementary

Bridget Fleming ∆  
Shiloh Giles ∑  
Elizabeth Kelley †  
Jayci Kelley †  
Monique Kline †  
Allison Lemnitzer  
Macy Magri ∆  
Tatumn Porras ∂  
Stephanie White †  
Tessa Williams †

### Secondary

Brett Aker  
Payton Carli †  
Alec Hathcock ∂  
Christian Maggi  
Jessica McDermitt †  
Samuel McGee  
Thomas McGrath  
Sarah Mossman ∂  
Brett Sexton †  
Laura Shorb †

## Music

Nicholas Culp  
Katherine FitzGerald †

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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Behavioral Health - White  
Biblical Studies - Red  
Biology - Gold  
Business Administration - Brown  
Christian Ministries - Red  
Communication - Crimson  
Education - Light Blue  
Family Studies - Light Blue  
Music - Pink  
Political Science - Dark Blue  
Psychology - Gold

Lauren Fourt †  
Bradley Gerken ∂  
Shiloh Giles ∑  
Bailey Goalstone ∂  
Madeline Green †  
Colton Harrison  
Ethan Kavaney †  
Isaiah Kinnard ∂  
Isaac Madrid ∆ ∑  
Ayla Mckinley  
Andrew Sandry †

## Political Science

Dalton Abbitt  
Riley Akre †  
Andrew Archuleta ∂  
Ceedee Blair  
Bailey Ehrlich  
Jeremy Hunt  
Michael Rossi †  
Brian Sewell  
Courtney Sweat  
Andrea Velasco  
Martinez  
Michael Warren

## Associate of Arts

Morgan Dichsen

Summa Cum Laude †  
*RED AND GOLD CORDS*

Magna Cum Laude ∂  
*BLACK AND GOLD CORDS*

Cum Laude ∆  
*RED CORDS*

Active Military/Veteran μ  
*RED, WHITE AND BLUE CORDS*

Double Major ∑

## UNIVERSITY SEAL

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The University seal provides a formal representation of the attributes of Arizona Christian University. The Trinity Triangle is in the center of the seal and is intended to display and promote key brand philosophies such as faith, influence, relationship, and excellence. The ribbon concept is an interpretation of the commonly used feature found in university branding. It balances modern, yet formal Christian symbolism and contains a guiding Scripture reference that is outlined in the circular border. The inner circle of the seal features Romans 12:2 in ancient Greek text. This verse speaks to the transformation of believers that happens through the renewing of our minds.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## ACU VOCAL ENSEMBLE

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Samantha Vega  
Jazmin Garvin  
Ava Addleman  
Brandon Jackson  
Jon Decious  
Juliana Witt, Keys

## UNIVERSITY MACE

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The ceremonial mace is traditionally used to signify the academic procession that opens the commencement ceremony. Arizona Christian University's ceremonial mace was designed and personally handcrafted by Faculty Emeritus Dr. Jerry Burnett. The mace is made of walnut and features the University seal.

## CHAIN OF THE OFFICE

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Chains of Office are one of the oldest symbols of authority. The Chain of Office tradition was passed down through the Middle Ages with the rise of the university system in Europe. When American universities began to establish themselves in the 17th century, they adopted the tradition. ACU's President's Chain of Office features the University seal, the Trinity Triangle, as well as the names of each of the past presidents.

**MISSION** Arizona Christian University provides a biblically-integrated, liberal arts education equipping graduates to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in all aspects of life, as leaders of influence and excellence.

**VISION** Arizona Christian University exists to educate and equip followers of Christ to transform culture with the truth.

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