

ARIZONA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

59TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



Friday, May 7, 2021

ACU Athletic Field
1 W. Firestorm Way
Glendale, AZ 85306

2020-2021 Commencement Program

Processional	Performed by Dr. Jeremy Peterman <i>Former ACU Faculty</i>
Welcome	Steven C. Adamson, B.S., M.S., M.Div., Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
National Anthem	Devon Pasko <i>B.S. Music, Class of 2021</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Robert Hall <i>Air Force Reserves, B.S. Business Administration, Class of 2021</i>
Invocation	Emily Hobrock <i>B.S. Business Administration, Class of 2021</i>
Scripture Reading	Jarett Hamby <i>B.S. Business Administration, Class of 2021</i>
Hymn - “How Great Thou Art”	ACU Vocal Chorale <i>Directed by Juliana Witt, D.M.A.</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
Commencement Address.....	The Honorable Justice Bill Montgomery <i>Arizona Supreme Court</i>
Presentation of the Candidates.....	Steven C. Adamson, B.S., M.S., M.Div., Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
Conferral of Degrees	Catharine Ellingsen, B.A., J.D. <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
Awarding of Diplomas.....	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
Prayer of Dedication.....	Jason Hubbard, Ph.D. <i>Campus Pastor</i>
Charge to the Graduating Class of 2021	Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. <i>President</i>
Benediction	Sarah Burns <i>B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Class of 2021</i>
Recessional	Performed by Dr. Jeremy Peterman <i>Former ACU Faculty</i>

Degree Candidates

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Behavioral Health

Victoria Armenta †
Jordan Mendez Dickerson
Tyler Gebhart †
Natalie Goeth †
Arthur Hayes
Keevin Houston
Charles Hunter †
Brett Johnson †
Cheyanne Mooney
Lexi Noriega †
Matthew Ortiz
Jacob Reed †
Leilani San Pedro

Psychology

Matthew Seder †

Biblical and Theological Studies

Biblical Studies

Sarah Burns †
Elijah Olander †
Michael Rogers †

Christian Ministries

Brian Jutting †

Christian Ministries – Interdisciplinary Studies

Zacharias Chambers
Monet Marquez
Rufino Mendoza
Brandon Prazak
Briana Tuxhorn
Travis Walker †

O’Shae Williams

Business Administration

Jerry Alesi
Naa Aku Ankrah
Matthew Brown †
Christian Lima
David Dawood
Anthony DeFrancesco
Joey DiDiacomo
Michael Eriquez †
Abraham Espinoza †
Kelsey Freimark †
Desirae Gonzalez †
D’Marcus Guillory †
Robert Hall μ
Jarett Hamby †
Christian Hernandez
Raya
Geoffrey Hibbitt
Emily Hobrock †
Mariah Hoebee †
Alec Ivanoff
Mercy Junkermann †
Wade Klein
Tyler Kohner †
Brandon LaRosa
Hsin Hao Lin
Sierra Mendoza
Lauryn Nicander †
Mathew Noriega
Elisha Peters †
Connor Preston
Roman Reyes †
Roman Rimpel
Terence Shelby
Halle Switzer †
McKayla Tenhave
Matthew Totah †

Jared Valadez
Andres Vasquez
Mendoza
Jennifer Vickman †
Quixmia Washington
Ethan Watt
Janae Watt
Trey Weathers
Tatsuma Yuki †

Communication

Nathan Peterson

Human Development and Family Studies

Family Studies

Clay Branton
Susan Burley †
Lorenzo Cantoja
Krysta Davis †
Felicia Harris †
Kirsten Shaw †

Music

Alyssa Cline †
Kiera Martin †
Devon Pasko †
Timothy Ramsey †
Devyn Sterchi †
Zurisadai Vazquez

Political Science and Government

Political Science

Rachel Anklam †
Tannor Calloway †
Veronica Cruz †

Edwin Escobedo Garcia
Adrianna Garcia
Ramon Miranda
Hannah Perez †
Lesly Perez †
Alexis Sanchez
Sydney Smyth †
Alias Sturges

Science

Biology

Stephanie Anguelsky †
Jessica Bauer †
Justin Bratten †
Emily Carli
Alyssa Deutsch
Madison Doolittle
Jacqueline Poortinga †
Zariah Robinson †
Sierra Stephan
Emma Stevens †
Miguel Vasquez

Dr. Shelly Roden School of Education

Elementary Education

Elah Alvis †
Megan Gessel †
Ashlynn Hernandez †
Rachel Johnson † Σ
Maya Lentz †
Elena Nicolia †
Gretchen Wilson †

Secondary Education

Trevor Bragg †
Billy Carter
John Cobian
Seth Cooper
Alan Freeman
Rachel Johnson † Σ
Kelvyn Martin
Hannah Moran
Joseph Murray †
Madelina Napoletano

Associate of Arts

Lisa Delgado
Lano Luna

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Tassel Colors

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

Graduating with Honors †

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 Σ

UNIVERSITY SEAL

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.

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ACU VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Samantha Vega
Ava Addleman
Brandon Jackson
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Dr. Jeremy Peterman, Keys

UNIVERSITY MACE

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.

THE STOLE OF GRATITUDE

The Stole of Gratitude is worn with the regalia during the commencement ceremony. After the ceremony, the new graduate presents the stole to someone who provided extraordinary help or support, like parents, relatives, pastor, coach, faculty or mentors who have helped with wisdom, words of support, or with financial assistance.

CHAIN OF OFFICE

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 ACU's six presidents and their years of service.

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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