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 their minds.

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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 Dr. Jerry Burnett, faculty emeritus. The mace is made of walnut and features the university seal.

THE STOLE OF GRATITUDE

The ACU 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 a parent, relative, pastor, coach, faculty member, or mentor who has helped the graduate 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. The ACU president's chain of office features the university seal and the Trinity triangle, as well as the names of each ACU president 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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2022-2023 Commencement Program

Prelude · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Processional
Invocation
Scripture Reading from the New Testament John Walton B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Class of 2023
Welcome · · · · · Jeffrey Green, Ph.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs
National Anthem ACU Chamber Singers Directed by Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.
Pledge of Allegiance Kaitlyn Santos B.A. Family Studies, Class of 2023
Hymn - "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" · · · · · · · · · · · · ACU Chamber Singers Directed by Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.
Introduction of Speaker · · · · Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. President
Commencement Address
Presentation of the Candidates · · · · · · · · · · · Jeffrey Green, Ph.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs
Conferral of Degrees · · · · · · Catharine Ellingsen, B.A., J.D. Chair, Board of Trustees
Awarding of Diplomas · · · · Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. President
Prayer of Dedication
Charge to the Graduating Class of 2023 · · · · Len Munsil, B.S., J.D. President
Benediction
Recessional · · · · · · ACU Chamber Singers Directed by Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.

Degree Candidates

Isaiah Savoury † Connor Scissons

Daniel Scott II †

Karine Serrano

Evan Sprague

Jacob Stevens 1

Martin Thomas

Riley Tucker

Nathan White

Joel Zurita

Jalen Allen

Kiara Carr

Cole Davis

Ariz Duarte

Chelsey Gordon 1

Jackson Faringer

Benjamin Foyle

Esteban Franco

Carrie Hansen †

Brittnie Henige

Tiffany Winter †

Colleen James

Caitlin Marchbanks 1

Katrina Rodriguez

Taylor Schleisman †

Cassandra Temple

Helen Wahlstrom †

Kyle Levinson

Riley Quinton

Karlie Rimat †

Lexi Schmehr

Elijah Trice

Tyrese Gholar

Mattie Barry †

Humanities

Behavioral Health

Kaitlyn Anderson †

Stephen Christenson

Trey Paul Trujillo †

Jonathan Zakhem

Xavier "Kirby" Zozaya

School of Arts, Sciences, and

Biblical and Theological Studies

Biblical Studies

Jimmy Armstrong Sarah Cooper † Camryn Degutis †∑ Nathaniel Everett † Harley "Troy" Killman † Cameron Michaels † Joseph Reichenberger † Madison Shasky † John Walton †

Christian Ministries

Mark Bradford Curt Miller †

Christian Ministries -Interdisciplinary Studies

James Buenaventura

Philip Eddy

Nicholas Flores

Amani Gable

Nicholas Iliyn

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Anthony Popyrin

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Avangeline Addleman † Brandon Jackson Jorge Moreno Martinez Aryka Pageler † Savannah Penick † MeiLing Rhynard † Seth Veronese

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D'Angelo Bacchus Alyssa Fierro Joshua Franks † Miquel Gomez Mario Hanna Alyssa Jimenez Vincent Maughan Caelan Merryman Adrian Mitroi Anna Parchman † Issac Porter Yulissa Rascon Bandilla Jesus Reyna David Session II

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Davonte Allen Abigail Baker Jaicis Bennett

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Associate of Arts

Delores Edmonds Josh Leckey Michael Ortiz, Jr.

Associate of Science

Emma Combes Robert Cox III Nathan Eubank

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Music by John B. Dykes | Words by Reginald Heber

VERSE 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

VERSE 4

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!