

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.

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.

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.

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 financial assistance.

REPENT VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Brinnlee Bailey
Isaiah Carman
Maggie Leitch
Jayna Rardin
Macy Spangler
Dr. Juliana Balinski, Director

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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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62ND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



Friday, May 3, 2024

ACU Football Field
1 W. Firestorm Way
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2023-2024 Commencement Program

Prelude rePent Vocal Ensemble
Directed by Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.

Processional Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.
Assistant Professor

Invocation Paul Hayden
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Class of 2024

Scripture Reading from the New Testament Lyrach Panarigan-Margo
B.A. Communication, B.A. Political Science, Class of 2024

Welcome Jeffrey Green, Ph.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

National Anthem Isaiah Carman
B.S. Music, Class of 2024

Pledge of Allegiance Paul Lavoie, Benjamin Ply, DeVon Williams
Veterans, Class of 2024

Congregational Hymn - "Amazing Grace" rePent Vocal Ensemble
Directed by Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.

Introduction of Speaker Len Munsil, B.S., J.D.
President

Commencement Address Dr. George Barna
Director of Research and Co-Founder, Cultural Research Center at ACU

Presentation of the Candidates Jeffrey Green, Ph.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees Thomas M. Okarma, B.A., C.C.N.L.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Awarding of Diplomas Len Munsil, B.S., J.D.
President

Prayer of Dedication Travis Turner
Campus Pastor

Charge to the Graduating Class Len Munsil, B.S., J.D.
President

Benediction Reginald Robinson
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Class of 2024

Recessional Juliana Balinski, D.M.A.
Assistant Professor

Degree Candidates

The College of Arts and Humanities

Biblical and Theological Studies

Ronald Antoine †
Bryce Bernard
Michael D'Urbano μ
Matthew Espenson †
Miranda Faris †
Lachlan Gee †
Paul Hayden †
Joshua Kochuten
Jonathan McHatton †
Chris Mona †
Hannah Nevin †
Amy Quinn †
Reginald Robinson
Ian Smith
Cameron White

Christian Ministries

Jacob Colmenero †
Coleman Hagar
LillyAna Harris †

Communication

Russell Bivins †
Finally "Sarah" Cordova
Natalie Hendrix

Taryn Karl †
Trenton Olson
Lyrach Panarigan-Margo † Σ
Savannah Smith †

Interdisciplinary Studies

Brendan Archibeck
Kamryn Fishback †
Aleksandra Mihailov
Kirsten Rasmussen †
Tryton Sobonya
Carissa Spaanstra
DeVon Williams μ

Music

Isaiah Carman †
Andrew Carothers
Rebecca Hendricks †
Kaitlyn Hudson †
Samuel Ostermiller
Benjamin Ply † μ
Dalton Spangler †
Samantha Vega †
Annika Wiener †

Behavioral Health

Daniela Bejarano
Katherine Benesh
Abigail Breland
Lyndsey Brueckner
Noah Froese †
Ericka Guernsey
Olivia Hitaffer
Mary Kingori †
Matthew Lara
Paul Lavoie † μ
Daphnee Martineau-Paul
Skyler McGaha
Gypsy Patnude †
Ashley Rodarte †
Melanie Segura †
Quinten Thomas
Taiban Van Treese †
Eric Villalobos †
Madisyn Voss
Jadaisha Waahila
Jaidren Williams

Child Development

LeeAnna Gardner

Family Studies

Olivia Abraham †
Suzanne Gwyn
Gracelyn Hubbard †
Abigail Snyder †
Jessica Topor †

Political Science

Dyanna Avila-Guerrero
Juan Holguin
Mitchel Jackson
Lyrach Panarigan-Margo † Σ
Ryann Reese †
Tyler Rehrer
Keaton Roth
Damian Sandoval
Sydney Sarsten
Kathryn Sheldon †
Santantoniano Smith

Associate of Arts

Cisely Dust
Tahaira Ferrer

The Shelly Roden School of Education and Professional Studies

Elementary Education

Geovanna Aponte †
Kourtney Bruner †
Anette Carrasco Cota †
Ainsley Ebert †
Rosanna Elting
Analise Galgan †
Darena Grantling Lopez
Calie Koehn
Kayla Langdon †
Sophia Martinez
Misty McCall †
Caitlin McDermitt †
Rachel Roth †
Cherish Santamaria †
Logan Schroeder
Adrienne Schwab †
Sarah Stubblefield †

Secondary Education

Davion Barnes
Trevor Downey †
Jacob Farrell
Nikki Renteria
Gertrude Savitch
Levi Smith †

Biology

Jansen Cline
Regan Doellefeld †
Joshua Duran
Karla Grobbelaar
Olivia Hering †
Tarissa Moore †
Bailey Schlosser
Mark Sierra
Emma Troyer †
Pearl Vargas

Psychology

Alec Bazaldua
Amaya Brown
Miranda Hipolito †

Business Administration

Avery Alday †
Alyssa Alvarez
Constantinos Apostolos
Deondra Bacchus †
Hannah Barlean †
Mikah Blackwell
Michael Borg
Christopher Cable
Carlo Castagnaro

Troy Collins †
Nicholas Crandall
Bianca Cruz †
Iosefa Custodio †
Washington Luis Da Silva Alves
Jeffrey Dale μ
Marcelo Diaz
Clayton Dowdy †
Terrell Ford-Kirkendoll
Justin Frahm
Carlos Gallardo
Kaeleigh Gibson
Dominic Gonzalez
Raegen Henry †
Evan Hieb †
Janne Hintze †
Michael Hoefler †
Danica Hooks †
Collin Hudson
La Mont Hurt
Corey Irving
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Malia Mclver †
Alyssa Mercado
Robert Moretti
Doma Morris

Maximus Mylett †
Arik Nicholas
Lori Nusbaum
Ashlynn Price †
Micah Rickard †
Ariel Rico †
Austin Russell
Mackenzie Salmon †
Trajan Schouten †
Sydney Shaw †
Patrick Simon
Aidan Smith †
Moses Smith
Tiago Soares †
Holden Stephens
Shelby Stobbe
Kristopher Swann
Jimmy Thach
Deshon Thomas †
Marques Titalii
CJ Todeschi
Kaden Vela †
Korbin Walling †
Jonas Wand †
Eiryon Ward
Benjamin Williams
Rachel Wolff
Andrew Yarger

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

Amazing Grace

Traditional Tune | Words by John Newton

VERSE 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

VERSE 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

VERSE 3

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

VERSE 7

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.