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2018 GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 • ST. CHARLES FAMILY ARENA



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LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Welcome to Lindenwood University and to one of the most important ceremonial occasions of the academic year. Lindenwood's Commencement ceremony is filled with symbolism and tradition that remind us of the noble purpose of colleges and universities. The academic dress worn by the students, faculty, boards, and platform party is described later in this program. Students wearing blue gowns and black and white medallions are members of Linden Scroll, an honor society comprised of students who excel academically and have a dedication to serving the university and the community. Students wearing blue gowns and gold medallions are members of Lindenwood Student Ambassadors, a select group of students dedicated to the positive promotion of Lindenwood University. Their duty as marshals is to direct the processional and seating of students, faculty, board members, and administrators.

Academic customs originated within the medieval Church, and the order of procession follows ecclesiastical custom with the most honored members of the procession at the end. The Linden Scroll flag bearers and the graduating students lead the procession. The faculty follows the students in the processional, and the University Board of Trustees and the platform party follow them. The president, preceded by the university marshal, is the last person to enter the Commencement area. The mace carried in the academic procession by the university marshal symbolizes the authority of the president. A staff of linden wood, surmounted by a silver cup, is used. The mace originally belonged to President John Roemer, who served Lindenwood from 1914 to 1940. It is used only on occasions when the faculty and president march in formal procession. The mace, flanked by the United States flag and the Lindenwood University flag, is proudly displayed at the foot of the platform.

At university graduations, three types of Latin honors are typically bestowed. In order of increasing level of honor, they are as follows: Cum Laude, "with praise"; Magna Cum Laude, "with great praise"; and Summa Cum Laude, "with highest praise." Three additional forms of recognition offered at Lindenwood are University Honors, recognition of students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 and complete at least eight courses with an Honors distinction; Community Service Honors, recognition of students who complete 500 hours of qualified community service; and Veteran Honors.

During Lindenwood's Commencement ceremony, the candidates for degrees are presented to the president by the executive administrative officers. Each student's name is read, and the president presents the diploma to that student and congratulates the new graduate. The students are also congratulated by the deans of their academic schools. Once all the degrees have been conferred, the flag bearers lead the recessional in reverse order of entry with the newest alumni at the end of the procession.

We hope that you enjoy our Commencement ceremony and that you will respect our protocol for the enjoyment of all concerned. Please remain in your seats during the ceremony. During the conferring of degrees, please refrain from prolonged cheering until all of the graduates have been presented. Please stand for the processional, invocation, national anthem, and recessional.

BRIEF **HISTORY**

Lindenwood was founded in 1827 by Mary Easton Sibley (1800-1878) and George C. Sibley (1782-1863), making it the second oldest institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River, and the institution was incorporated by the Missouri Legislature in 1853. The Sibleys deeded the Lindenwood property to the St. Louis Presbytery on February 24, 1853, the start of a formal affiliation with the Presbyterian Church that lasted over a century.

While Lindenwood is fully independent today, the university enjoys a historical relationship with the Presbyterian Church and remains true to its founding values. The first commencement ceremony was held in 1858, and Lindenwood became coeducational in 1969. Evening programs were established in 1972, and graduate studies were instituted in 1975. Lindenwood became a university in 1997, a regional university in 2003, and a doctoral institution in 2007.

The university has experienced dynamic growth over the past two decades. Not only did Lindenwood College evolve into a university, but it also grew from a student population of 800 residential students to approximately 3,400 today, a total student enrollment of approximately 10,000 annually, and a St. Charles campus of approximately 200 acres. In 2003, Lindenwood established its Belleville location, which became a thriving full-service residential campus in 2009.

The Sibley Crest, as reproduced on the program cover, was adopted as the official seal of Lindenwood sometime before its centennial anniversary in 1927. The griffin represents vigilance and eagerness in pursuit. The crescent moons signify one who has been enlightened and honored by the Sovereign. The two halves of the shield represents loyalty and truth, fortitude and magnanimity.

MISSION STATEMENT

REAL EXPERIENCE. REAL SUCCESS.

Enhancing lives through quality education and professional preparatory experiences.

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

We are committed to ensuring trust and respect for all persons in an environment that cultivates individual and institutional integrity.

DEDICATION

We are committed to developing a high-performance work ethic and dedication to discipline or vocation.

EXCELLENCE

We are committed to providing quality and excellence in all our endeavors.

CREATIVITY

We are committed to the development of original ideas, knowledge and innovative approaches to solving complex problems.

COMMUNITY

We are committed to committed to creating a connected, diverse community, sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals supporting personal and professional growth.

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The Class of 2018 Family and Friends

We express our thanks to the members of the Linden Scroll and Lindenwood Student Ambassadors for serving as today's ushers and marshals.

PROGRAM

| *PROCESSIONAL | "Pomp & Circumstance" composed by Sir Edward Elgar University Marshal Mira Ezvan, Professor of Management and Management Information Systems |
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| GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS | Marilyn S. Abbott, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs |
| *INVOCATION | Nichole Torbitzky, Assistant Professor, Religion and University Chaplain |
| *STAR SPANGLED BANNER | Voices Only, Lindenwood's Premier A Cappella Ensemble, Pre-recorded |
| WELCOME | Michael D. Shonrock, Lindenwood University System President |
| GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES | J. Michael Conoyer, Chairman, Lindenwood University Board of Trustees |
| PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES | Provost Abbott |
| CONFERRING OF DEGREES | President Shonrock Dean Anthony Scheffler School of Education Dean Joseph A. Alsobrook School of Arts, Media, and Communications Dean Cynthia A. Schroeder School of Health Sciences Dean Michael J. Whaley School of Humanities Dean Gina Ganahl School of Accelerated Degree Programs Dean Roger Ellis Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship |
| CLOSING | President Shonrock |
| VOCAL SELECTION | "Oh Lindenwood" Voices Only, Pre-recorded |
| *RECESSIONAL | "Procession of the Nobles" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov |
| *AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND | |

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The caps, gowns, and hoods worn by the faculty and students at this graduation are today's formal dress of the worldwide academic community. While now worn only on festive occasions such as commencement, such dress was originally the normal garb of academics as they went about their daily business. Originating in Europe more than a thousand years ago, like universities and colleges themselves, academic dress first developed within the church, as all academics were once in at least minor orders. The robes and hoods are stylized versions of these eccalesiastical robes. In Europe, each institution seems to have its own variant of costume, but in the United States, academic costume follows a uniform code drawn up by a special commission in 1895. The code has three main parts, dealing with caps, gowns, and hoods.

The Oxford-type cap or mortarboard seems to have evolved from the square biretta of Renaissance clergy. It is always black and may be of any appropriate material except that velvet is reserved for doctors. Many faculty members wear the Cambridgestyle cap. The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. It may be black for any degree or it may be the color of the academic area in which the degree was granted. Doctors and governing officials of institutions wear tassels made of gold metallic thread. The tassel is fastened to the middle of the top of the cap and lies as it will thereon. The academic robes are all black, except for certain doctoral robes. The style of robe indicates the highest degree earned by the wearer. Bachelor's sleeves are pointed, and the robe is plain. Students who have achieved honors display a cord. Students who graduate with University Honors wear a purple double cord; students who graduate with Community Service Honors wear a cardinal red and silver-gray double cord; students who graduate with Veteran Honors wear a red, white, and blue double cord; students who graduate having served as one of the president's ambassadors wear a gold and black intertwined single cord; students who graduate Cum Laude (with praise) wear a white double cord; students who graduate Magna Cum Laude (with great praise) wear a gold double cord; and students who graduate Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise) wear a gold and white triple cord. Master's robe sleeves are oblong and longer. The doctoral robe features velvet bands in the front, and the robe sleeve also has velvet bands and is gathered at the wrist. The doctoral robe itself is cut much more fully than the other two gowns.

The hoods indicate the academic area of degree, the level of the degree, and the school that granted it. The level of the degree is shown by the size and shape of the hood and the width of the velvet trimming. The master's, the specialist's, and the doctor's hoods are three and one-half feet, three and three-quarters feet, and four feet long, respectively. The velvet trimming, in the same respective order, is three, four, and five inches wide. The outer band of the hood indicates, by color, the degree; the bright, silken interior of the hood, by its colors and design, indicates its source. Each university and college has a distinct hood. The Lindenwood University-St. Charles hood is lined with white and yellow silk, representing the University's original colors.

The colors of the mortarboard tassels worn by today's degree recipients, as well as the hoods worn by faculty and graduate students, indicate the major fields of study.

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 - BROWN Acting, Dance, Directing, Musical Theatre, Performing Arts, Stage Management, Studio Art, Tech Theatre/Design, Theatre
- CITRON Social Work
- **COPPER** Business Economics, Economics
- CRIMSON Journalism
- DARK BLUE Philosophy
 - GOLD Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Counseling, Environmental Biology, Fire and Paramedic Science, Gerontology, International Relations, International Studies, Psychology, Sociology
- NUGGET OR DRAB Accountancy, Accounting, Administration, Business Administration, Business Systems Development, Entrepreneurial Studies, Finance, General Business, Healthcare Administration, Health Management, Human Resource Management, International Business, Leadership, Management, Marketing, Mortuary Management, Music Business, Nonprofit Administration, Personal Financial Planning, Retail Management, Retail Merchandising, Sport Management, Supply Chain Management
 - PEACOCK Political Science, Public Administration
 - PINK Music, Music-Instrumental, Music Performance, Music-Vocal/Choral
 - PURPLE Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Administration
 - SAGE GREEN Exercise Science, Human Performance, Physical Education, Recreation Administration
 - SCARLET Religion
 - **SKY BLUE** Athletic Training, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Behavior Analysis, Character Education, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Interventions in Autism and Sensory Impairments, Education, Educational Administration, Educational Leadership, Educational Studies, Educational Technology, Elementary Education, Elementary/Special Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Gifted Education, Health Education, Mathematics Specialist, Middle School Education, School Administration, Special Education, Special Reading, Teaching, Technology and Engineering Education
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