



MONTANA

CXVI

WESTERN

Commencement

THE UNIVERSITY of MONTANA WESTERN

ORDER OF EXERCISES

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 10:00 AM

STRAUGH GYMNASIUM | DILLON, MONTANA

Processional

Laura Straus, *Ph.D., Professor of Education, Chief Marshal*

National Anthem

UMW Student Chloe Keith
Words by Francis Scott Key, music by John Stafford Smith

Blackfeet Honor Song

Representative Marvin Weatherwax Jr. and UMW Alumnus Patrick Armstrong

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Michael L. Reid, *Chancellor, The University of Montana Western*

Congratulations from the Associated Students of Montana Western

Garret Yeager, *2022-23 President, ASUMW*

Recognition of the Classes of 1973 and 1998

Roxanne Engellant, *UMW Foundation Executive Director and Director of Alumni Relations*

Presentation of the Alumni Distinguished Service Award to Phil Willett

Roxanne Engellant, *UMW Foundation Executive Director and Director of Alumni Relations*

Commencement Address

Taylor Nahrgang, *UMW Alumnus and Director of Western and Work Partnerships at Ariat International*

Presentation of Candidates and Conferring of Degrees for the University of Montana Western

Michael L. Reid, *Chancellor, The University of Montana Western*

Johnny MacLean, *Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, The University of Montana Western*

Nicole Hazelbaker, *Dean of Students, The University of Montana Western*

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Michael L. Reid, *Chancellor, The University of Montana Western*

Concluding Remarks

Michael L. Reid, *Chancellor, The University of Montana Western*

Recessional

The audience will remain seated until the stage party, faculty and graduates have left the gymnasium. Please join us at the reception for the Class of 2023 on the Tundra immediately following the ceremony.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES CLASS OF 2023

POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3

Danielle Fry, *Lincoln, MT*

K-8 TO EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 3

Holly Danielle Rumsey, *Trabuco Canyon, CA*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH K-12

Jenna N. Frankino, *Helena, MT*
Jordan Quinn, *Polson, MT*
Lindsay Susan Fredericka Winn, *Bainville, MT*
Victoria Lucier, *Manhattan, MT*

PRE-KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 3 TO K-8

Christina M. Dwyer, *Whitehall, MT*
Jennifer J. Moore, *Black Eagle, MT*

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Taylor B. Mavrinac, *Belt, MT*
Colton Johns, *Deer Lodge, MT*
Lindsay Janes, *Hamilton, MT*
Cody Tofflemire, *Helena, MT*
Melissa Joan Hibbard, *Helena, ND*
Melissa D. Smith, *Kalispell, MT* ■
Amy Egbert, *Minnewaukan, ND* ■

ACADEMIC HONORS

◆◆◆ SUMMA CUM LAUDE
3.85 to 4.00 GPA

◆◆ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
3.65 to 3.84 GPA

◆ CUM LAUDE
3.33 to 3.64 GPA

■ MILITARY

▲ FIRST-GENERATION

Graduation with academic distinction is based on an earned average of 3.33 or higher on a 4.00 scale for work completed at the University of Montana Western for all undergraduate degrees.

TOP MALE AND FEMALE STUDENT AWARDS

RUSH JORDAN CUP & ZELLA K. FLORES CUP

An innovation at the Awards assembly in May 1958 was the granting of two scholarship cups. One for men to be known as the Rush Jordan Scholarship cup, the one going to women to be called the Zella K. Flores Memorial cup. The cups will be awarded each spring to the graduating senior, man or woman respectively, having the highest academic standing.

Rush Jordan was Montana Western's president from 1946-56.

Zella K. Flores was one of the founders and a past president of the Montana chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national educational society for women.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Jennifer Kate Cloutier, *Great Falls, MT*
Erin Bloom, *Missoula, MT*
Justin Lee Cartwright, *Fort Benton, MT*

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Loren Minnick, *Livingston, MT* ♦♦
Kortney Michele Hampa, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦

ENGLISH

Scarlet E. Guilbert, *Philipsburg, MT* ▲
David Michael Poelman, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Ronald Shropshire, *Dallas, TX* ■
Erin Watt, *Great Falls, MT*
Alex Dougher, *Bozeman, MT* ♦♦♦

ENGLISH AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Hailey Jean Personette, *Helena, MT* ♦▲
Breanna Humphrey, *Boulder, MT* ♦♦♦

GLASS

Nicholas Allen, *Idaho Falls, ID* ♦♦

INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE

Juliet E. Ryn, *Victor, MT* ▲

INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Tyson Racht, *Townsend, MT* ♦♦
Landon Henderson, *Lewistown, MT* ♦
Loren Minnick, *Livingston, MT* ♦♦
Cade Baker Stiles, *Thompson, MT* ♦

MODERN HISTORY

Zane Frisbie, *White Sulphur Springs, MT* ♦♦♦

MODERN HISTORY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mariah M. Amsbury, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦▲
Andrew J. Garcia, *Billings, MT*
Ross Reed, *Chinook, MT* ♦
Cade Baker Stiles, *Thompson, MT* ♦

PSYCHOLOGY

Emily L. Curtis, *Douglas, WY* ♦♦
Bradie Ann Matt, *Missoula, MT*
Juliet E. Ryn, *Victor, MT* ▲
Sophia Louise Frear, *Topeka, KS* ♦♦♦
Zane Frisbie, *White Sulphur Springs, MT* ♦♦♦
Maggie Blanche Lund, *Ronan, MT*
Mary Grace L. Noyd, *Missoula, MT* ♦

VISUAL ARTS

Aspen Leigh Blanchard, *Great Falls, MT* ♦
Kari Anderson, *Forest Hill, CA* ♦♦
Emily Burden, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦▲
Kelsey Hampa, *Butte, KS* ♦♦♦

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Hailey R.L. Madison, *Butte, MT*
Brychan DeMoney Gross, *Butte, MT* ▲
Natali Reba Denning, *Tualatin, OR* ♦♦
Kristy Jo Echevarria, *Buellton, CA*
Hannah Elizabeth Evans, *Elko, NV*
Jared T. Garcia, *Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM* ▲
Cory Lewis, *Boise, ID* ♦▲
Katarina Whitson, *Lemhi, ID*
Maggie King, *Homer, AK* ♦♦
Kathryn B. Lund, *Talkeetna, AK*

BIOLOGY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adrianna Frances Pittman, *Glen, MT* ♦

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Souleymane Diedhiou, *Dakar, Senegal* ■
Dalton J. Lemburg, *Shepherd, MT*
Atarangi Emani Moli, *Aiea, HI* ♦
Coy Sands, *Saint Maries, ID*
Katherine Casagrande, *Missoula, MT* ♦
Abigail Eathorne, *Douglas, WY* ♦♦♦
Maya Guachino, *Manhattan Beach, CA* ♦♦▲
Augustus Hanson, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
William Hotaling, *Butte, MT*
Katelyn Howard, *Brighton, CO* ♦
Akota J. Kalina, *Kountze, TX*
Alyssa Kay King, *East Helena, MT* ♦
Brady Shane King, *Boise, ID*
Ryland Lufkin, *Menan, ID* ♦
Latrell D. McCutcheon, *Bozeman, MT* ♦♦♦
Jordyn McKay, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦♦
Cassandra Jo Nack, *Fort Benton, MT* ♦♦
Treyton Paxton, *Riverton, WY* ♦
Andrianna L. Polloreana, *Twin Bridges, MT*
Adrianna Lynn Rohrer, *Fort Shaw, MT*
John Karl Schladweiler, *Rapelje, MT*
Morgan Stenger, *Columbia Falls, MT* ♦▲
Jeff L. Taylor, *Helena, MT* ♦■
Abby Claire Trevor, *Helena, MT* ♦
Trinity S. Bushnell, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦♦
James D. Gilham, *Browning, MT* ♦
Jok Jok, *Phoenix, AZ*
Derek Loring, *Browning, MT*
Hayden L. Guisti, *Montana City, MT* ♦

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS EDUCATION

Destiny Ackerson, *Sheridan, MT* ♦♦▲

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Jennifer R. Flategraff, *Big Timber, MT* ♦♦♦
BriAnne Rose Moline, *Missoula, MT* ▲

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3

Jona Ashley Bartlett, *Libby, MT* ♦
Bridgette Marie Brennan, *Chinook, MT* ♦
Ashley Donnelly, *Miles City, MT* ♦♦

Bethanne­y Foley, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦
Trinity Jo Leeds, *Havre, MT* ♦
Katie A. McKain, *Merced, CA* ♦♦♦
Krystal Park, *Thompson Falls, MT* ♦♦♦
Ella Jo Smith, *Wasilla, AK* ♦♦♦
Jenna Walker, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦
Cierra R. Avila, *Judith Gap, MT*
Cassidy Jordyn Black, *Seward, AK* ♦♦♦
Terra Brauhn, *Cut Bank, MT* ♦♦▲
Laura Devins, *Seeley Lake, MT* ♦♦♦
Victoria Guenzler, *Bigfork, MT* ♦
Kindel Hugs, *Big Timber, MT* ♦♦♦▲
Jessica M. Lund, *Victor, MT* ♦♦♦
Seray Na Micken, *Dillon, MT* ♦
Kayle Rose Real, *Butte, MT*
Katie Renenger, *Great Falls, MT* ♦♦♦
Mariah Swartz, *Missoula, MT* ♦♦♦▲
Margaret Dean, *Clancy, MT* ♦♦♦

ECOLOGY

Morgan Marie Baseley, *Anderson, CA*
Grace Davison, *Belt, MT*
Tanner Dale Haverfield, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦
Noah Pritchett, *Spokane Valley, WA*
Alanna E. Vickory, *Helena, MT*
Ellen Jean Mills, *Ettrick, WI* ♦

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Shelby Austin, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Brett Bentley, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦
Rachel Beveridge, *East Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Liberty Caldwell, *Great Falls, MT*
Allison Clare Collins, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦
Cassidy Hartsoch, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦♦
Chelsea O'Grady, *Merrill, OR* ♦♦
Logan Taylor Thompson, *Bozeman, MT* ♦♦♦
Barbara Ann Alden, *Crow Agency, MT* ♦♦
Shae Marie Anderson, *Bigfork, MT* ♦♦♦
Reid M. Berkram, *Cut Bank, MT* ♦
Tristan R. Bird Rattler, *Browning, MT*
Raelynn J. Calf Boss Ribs, *Heart Butte, MT*
Ashlyn Carvey, *Eureka, MT* ♦♦▲
Jessica DeLong, *Hamilton, MT* ♦♦♦
Madisyn Drake, *Hamilton, MT* ♦♦♦
Brynley Cate Fitzgerald, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦♦
Katherine Goodman, *Townsend, MT* ♦♦♦▲
Amy R. Grant, *Browning, MT* ♦
Kaden Hanni, *Butte, MT* ♦
Trinity R. Herman, *Anaconda, MT* ♦♦▲
Mary Howe Not Afraid, *Lodge Grass, MT* ♦♦
Tona Mackenzie Iwen, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦

Taylor Layne Jones, *Simms, MT* ♦♦
Mesa Marie King, *Big Timber, MT* ♦
Holli Rosalea Kovatch, *Big Timber, MT* ♦♦♦ ▲
Madison Kay Loomis, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦ ▲
Mary Beth Lyons, *Butte, MT*
Shea Matosich-Forsberg, *Anaconda, MT*
Whitney Louise McKitrick, *Ennis, MT* ♦♦♦
Jasmine Rose Meineke, *Browning, MT* ▲
Alexandra Ray Pehlke, *Glasgow, MT* ♦♦
LaDawn Plainfeather, *Lodge Grass, MT* ♦♦♦
Keeley Pochervina, *Butte, MT* ♦♦
Parker Maxwell Stevens, *Missoula, MT* ♦♦
Angela Tatsey-McKay, *Browning, MT*
Jocelyn Ann Big Throat, *Browning, MT*
Sarah Eve Flamond, *Browning, MT*
Kortni Lee Guardipee, *Browning, MT* ♦♦♦
Clarena B. Hugs, *Crow Agency, MT* ♦♦
Jacy L. Racine, *Browning, MT* ♦♦♦
Kody M. Shane, *Crow Agency, MT*
Melton Spotted Bear Jr., *Pryor, MT*
Kyle Michael-Vernell Ebert, *Billings* , *MT* ♦

ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Mason Elizabeth Baseley, *Anderson, CA* ♦♦
Kenslee E. Jory, *Butte, MT* ♦

ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE

Cole Bickford, *Bridgton, ME* ♦
Jessica Jo Spillman, *Spring Creek, NV* ♦♦♦
Cortney Walsh, *Butte, MT*
Ramya M. Wendt, *Eugene, OR* ♦
Carter Gerringa, *Hailey, ID* ♦♦

GENERAL SCIENCE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adrianna Frances Pittman, *Glen, MT* ♦

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Carter Richard Pribnow, *Butte, MT* ♦♦

KINESIOLOGY

Lillian Nicole Berry, *Corvallis, MT* ♦♦
Alexi Mya-Rose Buffalo, *Maskewacis, Canada* ♦ ▲
Cassie M. Fratzke, *Hall, MT* ▲
Damaen C. Bentley Jr., *Las Vegas, NV*

Rilee L. Gray, *Deer Lodge, MT* ♦♦♦
Morgan Kirch, *Columbus, MT*
Andrew M. Lemieux, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦■
Cory Lewis, *Boise, ID* ♦ ▲
Nate J. Masterson, *St. Maries, ID* ♦
Jose de Jesus Ramirez II, *Winton, CA* ▲
Sydney Sheridan, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Morgan Stenger, *Columbia Falls, MT* ♦ ▲
Kaylee Danielle Wilson, *Meriden, WY*
Mikayla Fae Witter, *Helena, MT* ♦
Reese Neville, *Yerington, NV*
Peyton Andrew Broenneke, *Moscow, ID*

MATHEMATICS

Tanner Dale Haverfield, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦
Hunter L. Riley, *Stevensville, MT*

MATHEMATICS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adrianna Frances Pittman, *Glen, MT* ♦

MUSIC EDUCATION K-12

Abigail Chocholaty, *Orange, CA* ♦♦

NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP

Megwyn Bennett, *Gaviota, CA* ♦♦
Yoarlin Cooper Zars, *Denver, CO*
Gabrielle Bennink, *Cedar Rapids, IA* ♦
Jacob Christenson, *Buffalo, MN*
Dalton LaNore, *Buckeye, AZ* ▲
Ellen Jean Mills, *Ettrick, WI* ♦
Mary Grace L. Noyd, *Missoula, MT* ♦
Edward James Ramirez, *Manhattan, MT*
Destiny Nicole Marie Mink, *Coeur d'Alene, ID*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH K-12

William Justin Best, *Butte, MT*
Noah Danielson, *Vaughn, MT*
Mason L. Fuller, *Battle Mountain, NV*
Mesa Marie King, *Big Timber, MT* ♦
Trey Mounts, *Belgrade, MT*
Carter Richard Pribnow, *Butte, MT* ♦♦
Nathan Jack VanDyke, *Manhattan, MT* ♦
Darcy Walker, *Deer Lodge, MT* ♦♦♦

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Mychalla Fraser, *Great Falls, MT* ♦♦♦
Samantha Demontaine, *Box Elder, MT* ♦♦♦ ▲
Jaclyn Nicole Horner, *Billings, MT* ♦♦♦
Monique Rivas, *Browning, MT* ♦♦♦
Ashley Nicole DeShazer, *Libby, MT* ♦♦♦
Sharon E. Eastman, *Livingston, MT* ♦♦

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

BUSINESS

Faith S. Baker, *Jordan, MT*
Brett Owen Bartholomew, *Filer, ID* ♦♦
Ty Cody Christensen, *Plain City, UT*
Kordell R. Pisk, *Kalispell, MT*
Brooke L. Worl, *Anaconda, MT*
Matthew Christopher Goings, *Fallon, NV* ♦♦
Jake Robert Ferris Dillon, *MT*

EDUCATION

Kayla Goble, *Dixon, MT* ♦♦♦ ▲

INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCES

James Aragon, *Spokane, WA* ▲

NATURAL SCIENCE

Morgan Duncan, *Great Falls, MT* ♦

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

GLASS

Cullen Donahoe, *Helena, MT*

GENERAL ASSOCIATES

Kaycee Bond, *Malta, MT* ♦
Montana Campbell, *Dillon, MT* ♦
Kathryn Darity, *Ballantine, MT* ♦
Cynthia Gregg, *Athol, ID*
Samantha Lorraine Gregg, *Athol, ID* ♦
Jonathan Michael Jessop, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Maggie Blanche Lund, *Ronan, MT*
Finnian McConnaghy, *Salmon, ID* ♦♦
Shawn-Patrick Aaron Traynor, *Helena, MT* ♦♦
Andrea Violette, *Deer Lodge, MT* ♦♦♦
Taylor Warner, *Deer Lodge, MT* ♦
Dylan Scot Cowell, *Big Timber, MT*
Orion Kutney, *Hamilton, MT*
Krista Marchand, *Omak, WA*
Danyel L. Martin, *McAllister, MT*
Jolee Marie Thompson, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦
A'Lora Giono, *Butte, MT* ♦
Sophie Newman, *Missoula, MT* ♦

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Hadassah Elianna Simcha Auch, *Boulder, MT* ♦
Elizabeth Bushard, *Billings, MT*
Stephen Carr, *Spokane, WA* ♦
Cassie M. Fratzke, *Hall, MT* ▲
Peter Gibson, *Dillon, MT*
Georgia Raye Greenberg, *Culver City, CA*
Andrew M. Lemieux, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦■
Hope McIntee, *Butte, MT*
John Jacob Mears, *Belgrade, MT* ♦♦
Shelsey Danay Shute, *Helena, MT* ♦
Abigail Supalla, *Helena, MT* ♦♦
Madilynn E. Whitmore, *Sherwood, OR* ♦
Ethan Kiyoshi Ahonui Bennett, *Honolulu, HI*
Anastasia Jette Beth, *Bigfork, MT* ♦♦ ▲
Capree Lilia Daniels, *Kalispell, MT*
Colton Folts, *Laurel, MT* ▲
Michael David Galle, *Anaconda, MT*
Peter Joseph Hamilton Jr., *Billings MT*

Clayton D. Haverland, *Columbus, MT*
Charli M. Hazelbaker, *Dillon, MT*
Tahja Hunt, *Thermopolis, WY*
Matthew Jorgensen, *Deer Park, WA*
Kyrie Kensey, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦♦
Deshaun Kirven, *Fort Worth, TX*
Julia Lambertus, *Stevensville, MT* ♦
Kari McGrath, *Butte, MT*
Genevieve Morrison, *Livingston, MT*
TaLyn MalAhie Neville, *Hamer, ID* ♦♦
Alexandra Ray Pehlke, *Glasgow, MT* ♦♦
Blake Carter Sentman, *Cottage Grove, OR*
Brooklyn A. Suden, *Great Falls, MT* ♦ ▲
Taylor Wade Wulfing, *Wellington, NV* ♦♦
Damaen C. Bentley Jr., *Las Vegas, NV*
Kade Bethke, *American Falls, ID* ♦♦
Courtney Boese, *Bigfork, MT* ♦
Ryan Evjen, *Missoula, MT*
Jalen Daeon Hodges, *Duluth, GA*
Matthew Knight, *Dillon, MT*
Rikki Dynae Lema, *Merced, CA* ♦♦
Aryana Dawn Mitchell, *Great Falls, MT* ♦
Atarangi Emani Moli, *Aiea, HI* ♦
Bryer Monson, *Filer, ID*
Peyton Vogl, *Townsend, MT* ♦
Josie Rose Weeks, *Miamisburg, OH*
Jamal D. Stephenson, *Skokie, IL* ▲
Jorden Brianne DeMarco, *Dillon, MT* ▲

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

BUSINESS

Brett Owen Bartholomew, *Filer, ID* ♦♦
Kordell R. Pisk, *Kalispell, MT*
Justin Bunch, *Sprax, OR*
Jake Robert Ferris, *Dillon, MT*
Logan Francis, *Dexter, OR* ♦♦
Matthew Christopher Goings, *Fallon, NV* ♦♦
Gabriel Liam Hupp, *Dillon, MT* ♦
Jayda Justice-Daniel, *Missoula, MT* ▲
Akota J. Kalina, *Kountze, TX*
Jeniffer Kotten, *Sleepy Eye, MN* ♦
Jeff L. Taylor, *Helena, MT* ♦ ■
Addie Anderson, *Condon, MT* ♦
Faith S. Baker, *Jordan, MT*
Jessi Joann Farr, *Challis, ID* ♦

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kendra Barroso, *Merced, CA* ♦♦♦
Rylee Reigh Cebulski, *Butte, MT* ♦♦♦
Lori Lynn Day, *Hamilton, MT* ♦♦
Margaret Dean, *Clancy, MT* ♦♦♦
Brooke Hanson, *Cascade, MT* ♦♦♦
Taeya Srb, *Great Falls, MT* ♦ ▲
Abigail Supalla, *Helena, MT* ♦♦
Katriena Walling, *Lolo, MT*
Ricaela Lee Marie Flom, *Great Falls, MT*
Emily M. Gonsalves, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦♦
Jennifer E. Hoffman, *Pryor, MT* ♦
Hannah James, *Libby, MT*
Raegan Marie Johnson, *Anaconda, MT*
Madelynnne Lindbom, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦♦
Callyn Wagner, *Wolf Point, MT*
Tina Yaeger, *Lewistown, MT* ♦♦♦
Jona Ashley Bartlett, *Libby, MT* ♦
Amber Chevallier, *Helena, MT* ♦
Baily D. Essex, *Big Timber, MT* ♦
Kayla Goble, *Dixon, MT* ♦♦♦
Lizeth Hollis, *Great Falls, MT*

EDUCATION STUDIES

Faith D. Afleje, *Vaughn, MT*
James Aragon, *Spokane, WA* ▲
Keeley Chrest, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦
Pralie Duffin, *Manhattan, MT* ♦♦♦
McKenzie Alexis Faulkner, *Butte, MT* ♦
Andrew J. Garcia, *Billings, MT*
Kaden Hanni, *Butte, MT* ♦
Holli Kovatch, *Big Timber, MT* ♦♦♦ ▲
Kya Michell Littlefield, *Butte, MT* ♦
Megan McCauley, *Helena, MT* ♦♦♦
Kalli J. Miller, *Three Forks, MT* ♦♦
Stephanie Olson, *Lewistown, MT* ♦♦
Kelsie Oxnam, *Anaconda, MT* ♦♦
Hailey Jean Personette, *Helena, MT* ♦ ▲
Ruby Hales Stenberg, *Manhattan, MT* ♦♦♦
Parker Maxwell Stevens, *Missoula, MT* ♦♦
Brooke L. Worl, *Anaconda, MT*
Caden Robert Fields, *Kenai, AK* ♦♦♦
Dana E. Gumbert, *Clancy, MT* ♦♦♦
Madeline Hall, *Middleton, ID* ♦
Kayla Holland, *Drummond, MT*
Maxwell T. Kent, *Billings, MT* ♦♦♦
Madison C. Koonce, *Noxon, MT* ♦♦♦ ▲
Rachel McCullough, *Lakeside, MT* ♦♦♦
Alexandra Ray Pehlke, *Glasgow, MT* ♦♦
Keeley Pochervina, *Butte, MT* ♦♦
Tyson Racht, *Townsend, MT* ♦♦
Jazmine Smith, *McMinnville, OR*

Hayley Anne Boyd, *Butte, MT* ♦
Jessica Brierly, *Conrad, MT* ♦♦♦
Destiny Fabel, *Sheridan, MT* ♦♦
Cassidy Hartsoch, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦♦
Landon Henderson, *Lewistown, MT*
Kyla N. Nelson, *Potomac, MT* ♦♦♦
Emma Anderson, *Kalispell, MT* ♦♦
Krystal Forsness, *Wolf Point, MT*
Treygan Olson, *Chester, ID*

EQUINE STUDIES

Drew Groeling-Stanford, *Dillon, MT* ♦♦
William Alexander Landau, *Long Grove, IL* ♦
Casey Clark Donahue, *Missoula, MT*
Edward James Ramirez, *Manhattan, MT*

NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP

William Alexander Landau, *Long Grove, IL* ♦
Alyssa Robbins, *Elbert, CO* ♦

CERTIFICATE

EARLY CHILDHOOD

ShaleeAnne Ferry, *Philipsburg, MT*
Kindel Hugs, *Big Timber, MT*
Leah O'Connor, *Moscow, ID*
Mariah Swartz, *Missoula, MT*
Tina Yaeger, *Lewistown, MT*
Devin Saucy, *Lakeside, MT*
Kaelan Doherty, *Butte, MT*

FARRIER SCIENCE

Dalton LaNore, *Buckeye, AZ*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Taylor Nahrgang

Nahrgang graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Montana Western and is an accomplished marketing professional with over a decade of experience in the Western, work, and outdoor industries. In addition to serving as the Director of Western & Work Partnerships at Ariat International, he is also a valued member of the company's Marketing Leadership Team.

In his current role at Ariat International, Nahrgang is responsible for developing and nurturing key partnerships with stakeholders in the Western and work industries. He has a talent for identifying opportunities for collaboration, strengthening brand awareness, and driving revenue growth through effective partnerships. Nahrgang's career has been marked by his ability to work effectively with diverse groups and motivate them toward achieving common goals. He has a demonstrated track record of success in both the public and private sectors, and is recognized for his innovative, risk-taking approach to problem-solving.

In his personal life, he loves to rope and is a proud dad. He takes great pleasure in watching his children excel in school and sports and is a devoted supporter of his wife's personal and professional endeavors.

Nahrgang has a strong connection to the University of Montana Western, where he has served as the Rodeo Club President, ASUMW President, Montana Associated Students (MAS) Vice President, Big Sky Region Student Director, and NIRA Student President. He is also a Big Sky Region Steer Wrestling Champion and a NIRA Steer Wrestling World Champion. Nahrgang currently serves as a member of the University of Montana Western Foundation Board.

THE MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN

As a leader and innovator in experiential education, the University of Montana Western educates undergraduate students through immersive practices in their field of study, strives for continuous improvement, and achieves evidence-supported student learning and achievement outcomes.

Montana Western believes learning is best accomplished by having students engaged in authentic learning activities within each academic discipline. With the skilled and knowledgeable guidance of its professors, UMW’s academic programs feature many opportunities for field experiences, labs, projects, and internships.

By fostering a hunger for knowledge, appreciation for differences in people and ideas, and pride in creative and technical achievements, UMW provides a foundation for lifelong personal growth and productivity. Montana Western’s philosophy fosters well-rounded graduates who are sensitive yet skeptical, skillful in special areas yet reflective about general themes, and aware of their complex world and committed to its improvement. Graduates are prepared to be good citizens as they contribute positively to social structure and the economic vitality of the communities in which they reside.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Our tradition of the faculty wearing caps, gown and hoods had its origins in medieval universities of western Europe. The primary purpose was to distinguish persons of significant academic achievement. The hood has become a decorative and colorful guide to identifying the level of the degree, the academic field of learning and the institution from which the degree was received. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the university and the hood trimming color indicates the subject to which the degree pertains.

TRADITIONAL HOOD COLORS

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Maize | Agriculture |
| Copper | Economics |
| Light Blue | Education |
| Brown | Fine Arts |
| Russet | Environmental Studies |
| Lemon | Library Science |
| Pink | Music |
| White | Arts & Humanities |
| Sage Green | Physical Education |
| Salmon Pink | Public Health |
| Golden Yellow | Science |
| Gray | Veterinary Science |
| Drab | Business |
| Crimson | Journalism |
| Purple | Law |
| Dark Blue | Philosophy |

CEREMONIAL MACE

The mace is a highly ornamented staff used during formal processions including today’s commencement processional.

Many U.S. universities and colleges use the mace exclusively for their commencement ceremonies. It is usually carried by a college president, chancellor, provost or grand marshal.

The mace dates back to medieval times when it was used as a weapon. By the 16th century, it became a symbol of authority and was embraced as a ceremonial object by colleges and universities.

Montana Western’s mace was created by the Industrial Arts Department in 1984 and its first documented use by a chief marshal was 1992.

CHANCELLOR’S MEDALLION

Dating back to the middle ages, the Chain of Office, anchored by the Chancellor’s Medallion, is a traditional part of the regalia of university presidents and chancellors that is worn during formal academic functions.

The University of Montana Western Chancellor’s Medallion was first introduced at UMW’s 122nd commencement ceremony. The medal, struck in silver and plated in gold, was made by Medalcraft Mint Inc., located in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Donated by the University of Montana Western Foundation, the medallion features the seal of the University of Montana Western and will be passed down to each future chancellor.





MONTANA **CXXVI** WESTERN
Commencement



Scan for an online
version of this
program