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SERVE WITH PASSION.  
LEAD WITH INTEGRITY.



2023  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

THURSDAY + FRIDAY  
MAY 4-5, 2023

# BACCALAUREATE

Maranatha Baptist University

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. S. Martin Marriott, President & Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Presiding

PRELUDE ..... Peter Wright, MA  
*Faculty, Music,  
Director Student Recruitment, Alumni*

✦ PROCESSIONAL ..... “Who is On the Lord’s Side?”  
*(Havergal/Reichardt) David Ledgerwood, DMA, Chair, Music*

✦ HYMN ..... “Hallelujah! What a Savior!”  
*(Philip Bliss)*

INVOCATION ..... Thomas Graham, EdD  
*Dean, School of Education*

HERITAGE SINGERS & IMPACT TEAM ..... “Arise and Bless the Lord”  
*(Nan and Dennis Allen)*

WELCOME ..... Matthew Davis, JD  
*Chief Executive Officer*

OFFERTORY ..... “A Living Sacrifice”  
*(arr. Tracey Ann Collins) Lydia Bachorik, Hannah Ostrander  
Graduating Seniors, Flute & Violin*

AWARD PRESENTATIONS ..... William Licht, EdD  
*Vice President, Academic Affairs*

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 2:1-10 ..... Andrew Goodwill, PhD  
*Faculty, Maranatha Baptist Seminary,  
Dean of Students*

HERITAGE SINGERS ..... “Come to the Light”  
*(James Koertz)*

BACCALAUREATE SERMON ..... Richard Callahan, DD  
*Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Archdale, NC*

✦ RECESSIONAL ..... “Are Ye Able, Said the Master”  
*(Mason, Marlatt)*

✦ BENECTION ..... Robert Fuller, MA  
*Dean of Men*

✦ Please stand.

# CONVOCATION

Maranatha Baptist University

Friday, May 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Dr. S. Martin Marriott, President & Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Presiding

- PRELUDE ..... David Ledgerwood, DMA  
*Chair, Music*
- ✦ PROCESSIONAL ..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
*(John Hughes) David Ledgerwood*
- ✦ HYMN ..... “Arise, My Soul, Arise”  
*(Edson/Wesley)*
- WELCOME AND INVOCATION ..... Matthew Davis, JD  
*Chief Executive Officer*
- SCRIPTURE READING - II Corinthians 4:7-18 ..... Bryan Brock, DMin  
*Faculty, College of Bible and Church Ministries  
Maranatha Baptist Seminary*
- HERITAGE SINGERS ..... “Full of Thee”  
*(Brigitte Shevy)*
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... S. Martin Marriott, DD  
*President*
- OFFERTORY ..... “Amazing Grace”  
*(traditional, arr. Kurt Bestor) Hannah Ostrander, Graduating Senior, Violin*
- PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ..... S. Martin Marriott, DD
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ..... William Licht, EdD  
*Vice President, Academic Affairs*
- CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ..... Matthew Davis, JD
- MEN’S ENSEMBLE ..... “The Banner of the Cross”  
*(Whittle, McGranahan, arr. Monty Budahl, DMus, David Ledgerwood  
Professor Emeritus, Music)*
- PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... S. Martin Marriott, DD
- ✦ RECESSIONAL ..... “To the Praise of His Glory”  
*(Thelma M. Cedarholm)*
- ✦ BENECTION ..... Bob Loggans, DMin  
*Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown, WI*
- ✦ Please stand.

# UNDERGRADUATE

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### MARANATHA BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

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Milton Jones, DSMIn, Program Coordinator

#### **Bible and Church Ministries Certificate**

Sarah Homes  
Aaron Joyner-Habegger  
Julia Lehman

Joseph Prewett  
Katherine Stille

### COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND CHURCH MINISTRIES

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Mark Herbster, MDiv, Dean

#### **AA Christian Ministry**

Eryn Bates\*  
Hannah Bolender\*  
Matthew Hinman\*  
Michelle Telman  
Allysa Willis

#### **BA Pastoral Studies**

Spencer Braatz†  
Jeremy Fopma†  
Caleb Friske‡

#### **BA Biblical Counseling**

Hannah Pate†

#### **BA Youth Ministries**

Jonathan Gilliam  
Troy Jones  
Seth Leuthold

#### **BA Biblical Studies**

Zachary Mueller†  
Colin Obgartel

#### **BS Bible**

Brandon Borneman  
Jordan Childers  
Kyle Fowler†  
Westley Markle§  
Michael Smith§

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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William Licht, EdD, Dean

Lane Hansel, EdD, Chair, Department of Applied Science

Angela Morris, MS, Chair, Department of Humanities

David Ledgerwood, DMA, Chair, Department of Music

Dana Davis, MS, Advisor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

#### **AA Humanities**

Samantha Hernandez  
Morgan Higgins

#### **AS Interdisciplinary Studies**

Chelsea Graham\*  
Matthew Harris  
Valentina Martinez Rojas  
Courtney Sado

#### **AA Digital Media**

Jack Barnes  
Larissa Rodriguez

**BA Communication Arts**

Hope Holloway<sup>†</sup>  
 Trevor Huckaby  
 William Kermott  
 Amber Wester<sup>†</sup>

**BA English**

Susanna Berrey<sup>‡</sup>  
 Audrey Burge<sup>‡</sup>  
 Chasey Pittsley<sup>§</sup>  
 Alyssa Saunders<sup>§</sup>

**BA Humanities**

Emily Chryslar  
 Abigail Hoffman<sup>§</sup>  
 Nathanael Price<sup>‡</sup>  
 Amber Skiff<sup>‡</sup>

**BA Music**

Lydia Bachorik<sup>§</sup>  
 Laura Blumer<sup>‡</sup>  
 Dylan Keener  
 Joel Montgomery<sup>‡</sup>  
 Hannah Ostrander<sup>§</sup>

**BS Biochemistry**

Timothy Butler<sup>†</sup>  
 Adelle Markle<sup>§</sup>

**BS Exercise Science**

Jamin Beachell  
 Abigail Doak<sup>§</sup>  
 Michael Smith<sup>§</sup>

**BS Interdisciplinary Studies**

Amanda Baltazar<sup>†</sup>  
 Boaz Briddick  
 Keturah Brown<sup>§</sup>  
 Rachael Chromy  
 Jacob Doser  
 Eve Harris  
 Matthew Harris  
 Tiffany Henderson  
 Karen Howard  
 Joel Jensen  
 Kellie Konopinski<sup>†</sup>  
 Daniel Kursinsky  
 Jonathan Leslie  
 Kenneth Lestina  
 Hannah Lewis  
 Kallie Parker  
 Jaidel Patrick  
 Melody Roller  
 Heather Stockton<sup>†</sup>  
 Twyla Walker<sup>†</sup>  
 Emily West<sup>†</sup>

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Tracy Foster, DBA, Dean

**AS Business**

Marc Griffin  
 Elissa Mason<sup>\*</sup>  
 John Parker  
 James Stille<sup>\*</sup>

**AS Criminal Justice**

Melanie Woller

**BS Business**

Liberty Bailey  
 Jared Fopma  
 Alexander May  
 Aaron Ratledge  
 Evan Smith<sup>†</sup>

**BS Sport Management**

David Cripps<sup>‡</sup>

**BBA Business Management**

Michael Carruthers  
 Joshua Davis  
 Timothy Davis<sup>§</sup>  
 Foster Fredrickson  
 Caitrin Kemlo<sup>§</sup>  
 Joshua Licht<sup>†</sup>  
 Benjamin Mason<sup>†</sup>  
 Alexander Rodriguez  
 Sophia Turner

**BBA Digital Media Marketing**

Michal Wagner

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Thomas Graham, EdD, Dean

### **AS Early Childhood Education**

Hannah Banks  
Mychaela Huckaby

### **BS Educational Studies**

Grace Hidalgo Pena  
Amanda McPhillips<sup>†</sup>

### **BS Early Childhood Education**

Bailey Bessert  
Brooke Davidson<sup>†</sup>  
Hannah Doyle

### **BS English Education**

Janice Wilkinson

### **BS Mathematics Education**

Gavin R. Magee

### **BS Elementary Education**

Roselyn Andrews  
Heather Arp  
Malia Bullock<sup>†</sup>  
Joseph Gottarelli  
Claire Greene<sup>§</sup>  
Alyssa Henderson<sup>‡</sup>

### **BS Physical Education and Health**

Katelyn Morrison<sup>§</sup>  
Aubrey Secor

### **BS Social Studies Education**

Taylor Warner<sup>§</sup>

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Tami Gunselman, MSN, Director

### **BS Nursing**

Samuel Blankenship  
Elisabeth Delaney  
Taylor Ellis<sup>‡</sup>  
Veronica Fultz<sup>†</sup>  
Braeden Hansel

Nita Heiderich  
Megan Herbst<sup>†</sup>  
Tessa Holmes  
Esther Post  
Katherine Thompson

## ACADEMIC HONORS

### CRITERIA

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Academic honors are given to graduating seniors based upon their cumulative grade point average. Students receiving such honors are identified by an honor cord around their neck. Academic honors criteria are as follows:

Honor	Grade Point Average	Cord Color
Associate Degree with Honors	3.50-4.00	White
Cum Laude	3.50-3.74	Blue/Blue
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.90	Blue/Gold
Summa Cum Laude	3.91-4.00	Gold/Gold

<sup>\*</sup> Associate Degree Honors | <sup>†</sup> Cum Laude | <sup>‡</sup> Magna Cum Laude | <sup>§</sup> Summa Cum Laude

# GRADUATE

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Jeff Drost, PhD, MOL Program Coordinator

#### Master of Nonprofit Administration

Shalon Bellmore  
Zachary Goar

#### Master of Organizational Leadership

Victoria Abbey	Caitrin Kemlo
Bryce Collier	Bethany Linares
Benjamin Erway	Jared Longsine
Hannah Flegal	Beth Sevilla
Ryan Gick	Elizabeth Spiker

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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William Licht, EdD, Dean

#### Master of Arts in Teaching

Teresa Cardot	Joshua McIntyre
Kimberly Lewis	Aron Riley
Stacey Mann	Kathryn Stephens
Letivvica Mauer	

#### Master of Education in Teaching and Learning

Robert Artz	Christiana Jung
Samantha Bates	Graham King
Amy Bolinger	Chao Liu
Dustin Brian	Timothy Makin
Amber Brungard	James Martin, Jr.
Kathryn Butler	Meagan Moffett
Kristen Cale	Elizabeth Montgomery
Autumn DeLeon	Heather Peets
Melody DeLeon	Nathan Pergl
Kendall Dittmar	Jonathan Reimers
Yolanda Eckels	Christina Riley
Leanne Ellis	Erin Schuldt
Jessica Hall	Kristie Sumner
Cherith Hawkins	Alyssa Vegter
Michelle Haydin	Giovanni Vinzons
Kayla Holloway	Deirdre Ward
Tiffany Jeremiah	Alison Watson
Kelly Johnson	Alicia Zack
Cynthia Jordan	

# MARANATHA BAPTIST SEMINARY

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Mark Herbster, MDiv, Dean

## **Master of Arts in Bible**

Brandon Ball  
Gib Brown  
Robert Caudill, Jr.  
Travis Cook  
Michael Girr  
Peter Grant  
Hans Handschin  
Troy Jones  
Jonathan Martin  
Zachary Mueller  
Patrick Nath  
Michael Rains  
Linda Rankin  
Michael Smith  
David Waite

## **Master of Divinity**

Benjamin Coronado  
Daniel Duncan  
Elijah Kazarovich  
Timothy Lacock  
William Peters  
Timothy Potter  
Caleb Schaaf  
Alexander Valdes

## **Doctor of Ministry in Preaching and Leading**

Wayne Addison, Sr.  
Reginald Drummond  
Erik Hanson  
Richard Woodruff

## **Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling**

Michael Blythe  
Brandon Borneman  
Boaz Briddick  
Caleb Friske  
Heidi Goodwill  
Joel Huff  
Steven Nichols  
Arthur Nutzhorn  
Glenn Owens  
Amy Paez  
Mark Ward

## **Master of Arts in Biblical Studies**

Blake Felber  
Brandon Hamilton  
Joshua Jenkins  
William Schultz  
Glen Shank

## **Master of Arts in Church Music**

Yessica Lanza-Vélez

## **Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies**

Elizabeth Johnson



# ACADEMIC REGALIA

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## SIGNIFICANCE

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THE CAP is the mortar board for undergraduate and master's degree candidates; doctoral degree candidates may wear a tam. The tassel color indicates the field of study for the degree being awarded.

Blue and Gold - Bible Institute	Apricot - Nursing
Drab - Business	Light Blue - Education
Pink - Music	White - Humanities
Yellow Gold - Applied Science	Scarlet - Theology or Divinity
Gold - Interdisciplinary and Doctorate	

THE GOWN is traditionally black. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet. These panels may be either black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned. Maranatha's gowns are all black.

HONOR CORDS are worn by graduating seniors receiving honors based upon their cumulative grade point average.

THE HOOD is worn by master's and doctoral degree candidates and varies in length for each degree. The hood's lining symbolizes the academic colors of the college or university where the degree was earned. The hood is trimmed or edged in a border of velvet which varies in width for the master's and doctor's degree. The border color represents the field of study in which the degree was awarded.

The president and members of the governing body of a college or university are entitled to wear doctors' gowns, even if they do not hold the doctor's degree; but their hoods represent only degrees actually held by the wearers.

THE GONFALON, or banners, that precedes each school, college, or department in the Commencement ceremony have their origins in medieval Florence, where they represented each gonfalon, or community. Since then, they have become a part of the pageantry associated with college and university ceremonies worldwide. The color of the two outer panels on each of the smaller gonfalons coincides with that college's, school's, or department's tassel color. The Maranatha Baptist University gonfalon is larger with gold side panels.

THE CEREMONIAL MACE, carried by an honored faculty member or professor emeritus before the presidential entourage, also has medieval origins, as it was carried by the sergeant at arms to protect the monarch. It is currently a symbol of authority in colleges and universities around the world. The seals of Maranatha Baptist University and Maranatha Baptist Bible College adorn the head of the mace.

# MARANATHA TODAY

S. Martin Marriott, DD, President

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2022 - 2023

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We praise God for the impact MBU graduates are consistently making for the cause of Christ at home and around the world! Ever since the founding of Maranatha, the world has grown darker, and the case for higher Christian education that our founder Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm so faithfully taught has never been greater.

MBU provides a Christ-centered, biblically based liberal arts education and ministry training in an environment rich in academic opportunity and spiritual investment. The university currently offers 30 bachelor's degree programs and eight associate programs. Beyond the bachelor's level, MBU offers four graduate programs in Business and Education. Additionally, Maranatha Baptist Seminary offers six graduate degrees, including the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry. Dual degree pathways allow students the possibility of completing both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree simultaneously.

In January 2019, Maranatha unveiled Maranatha Baptist Bible Institute, which is specifically geared for the student who is not presently interested in pursuing a college degree, but who desires to gain solid, comprehensive Bible knowledge and practical ministry experience. The institute offers two very affordable tracks: a one-year diploma program or a two-year certificate program. We now have a gateway from the Bible Institute to the Associates Degree in Christian Ministry. This year, five graduates completed the two-year cycle and are receiving their certificates. Additionally, one student has completed the requirements for the one-year diploma program.

Maranatha's recent graduates have excelled in their major field and licensure examinations. The School of Nursing completed the NCLEX exam with a 100% first-time pass rate. The School of Business graduates ranked in the top 8% of senior business majors nationwide, while the Department of Music graduates scored in the top 1% among their peers this year.

This year, the Music and Humanities Departments presented "Founding Faith, Future Faithfulness", a program reflecting on God's mighty work in the founding of our school as well as a forward vision for our future. In December, the Department of Humanities presented Dicken's classic *A Christmas Carol*, and in the spring, entertained audiences with the light-hearted mystery, *Seven Keys to Baldpate*.

The Department of Music programmed 15 student recitals, the Great Lakes Music Festival, Classical Kids Concert, Music on Mondays Chamber Music Series, Artist Series, and the Budahl Tribute Concert. All three choirs ministered in area churches, Chamber Singers and Madrigal Choir took extensive tours, and the Symphonic Band traveled to Michigan for their Fall tour.

Maranatha Online continues to extend the reach of MBU by providing Christ-centered educational opportunities to students located around the globe. Over 200 undergraduate and graduate courses are offered throughout the year in both online and virtual formats. More than twenty degree programs are now offered entirely online. Each semester, students from across the country and around the world participate in MBU campus courses through the use of video-conferencing software.

Over the last 10 years, hundreds of high school students have benefited from the MBU High School Scholarship to earn college credit through online and virtual courses. In addition, MBU partners with Christian high schools to offer dual credit through the Advance to College program.

MBU is committed to offering affordable online options to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. The Ignite Scholarship is awarded to adult learners with financial need who are enrolled in one of MBU's ten 100% online undergraduate degree programs. The Teaching and Leading Scholarship is awarded to graduate students who are in full-time Christian ministry and home educators.

The Sabercats sent three teams to the NCCAA DII National Championships during the 2022-23 seasons. Women's Volleyball won the NCCAA North Region, qualifying them for the National Tournament. Mattie Bumpus was named the NCCAA DII Women's Volleyball North Region and National Player of the Year for the second year in a row (the 8th MBU Women's Volleyball recipient of the national award since 2010). Both Men's and Women's Cross Country qualified for the NCCAA National Championships, where Jeremy Fopma repeated his 2019, 2020, & 2021 performances by becoming the 2022 NCCAA DII Men's Cross Country National Champion and All-American. Jeremy broke his own three-time record, repeating the feat as the first runner in MBU and NCCAA history crowned as a four-time NCCAA National Champion! Maranatha had 12 student-athletes named to NCCAA All-Region teams, 4 student-athletes earn NCCAA All-American, and 24 NCCAA Scholar Athlete honors in 2022-23. We also saw two athletes recognized as AVCA All-Americans. Regina DeLozier (Women's Volleyball) and John Warnke (Men's Cross Country) were named the NCCAA North Region Coach of the Year in their respective sport. As we reflect on what the Lord has allowed us to accomplish this year, we press forward to greater impact for His glory. We look forward to new programs, new ministries, and new opportunities that lead each of us to greater likeness to Him.

Maranatha! He is coming! May we be faithful until He comes.

# TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

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## UNIVERSITY HYMN

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Blest be God and the Father, Creator, Whose Son,  
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Spirit, Three in One,  
Before word was spoken, chose us that we should be  
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY! Praise Him eternally!

To the praise of His glory--accepted in Him  
(Beloved of the Father God), redeemed from ev'ry sin,  
Forgiven according to the riches of His grace,  
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY, we soon behold His face.

Word of truth, everlasting salvation have we,  
God the Father through His Son provided full and free,  
And, sealed by the Spirit, His promise that we  
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY His own shall ever be!

"Maranatha" He cometh! Behold in the sky  
A SHOUT! a VOICE! the TRUMP OF GOD!  
Our Lord is drawing nigh!  
Believe Him, receive Him, look up and thou shalt be  
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY with Him eternally!

- *Thelma M. Cedarholm*



For more information about Maranatha Baptist University,  
please visit our website at [mbu.edu](http://mbu.edu).

### VIDEO RECORDING AVAILABLE

A video recording of the Commencement ceremony may be viewed online at  
[mbu.edu/live](http://mbu.edu/live).