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MAY 2-3

2024

# BACCALAUREATE

Maranatha Baptist University

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. David Anderson, President & Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Presiding

PRELUDE ..... Pamela Loggans, BS  
*Faculty, Music*

✦ PROCESSIONAL ..... “How Firm a Foundation”  
*(Traditional) Pamela Loggans*

✦ HYMN ..... “Our Great Savior”  
*(J. Wilbur Chapman/Rowland Prichard)*

✦ INVOCATION ..... David Anderson, DMin  
*President*

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... “O to Be Like Thee”  
*(Thomas Chisholm, arr. James Koerts) Praisemen*

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

OFFERTORY ..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*(arr. John Frederick Hudson) Raeanna Eastwood, Pianist*

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

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 1 ..... William Licht, EdD

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... “To Live or Die”  
*(Greg Habegger/arr. Richard Nichols) Jenny Sanders, Vocalist  
Ruth Bachorik, MA, Accompanist, Faculty, Music*

BACCALAUREATE SERMON ..... David Oliver, DMin  
*Pastor, Ashley Baptist Church, Belding, MI*

✦ RECESSIONAL ..... “For the Sake of His Name”  
*(Chris Anderson, Greg Habegger)*

✦ BENEDICTION ..... Andrew Goodwill, PhD  
*Dean of Students  
Faculty, Maranatha Baptist Seminary*

✦ Please stand.

# CONVOCATION

Maranatha Baptist University

Friday, May 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Dr. David Anderson, President & Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Presiding

PRELUDE .....	Peter Wright, MA <i>Faculty, Music</i>
✦ PROCESSIONAL .....	“For All the Saints” <i>Peter Wright</i> <small>(Ralph Vaughan Williams)</small>
✦ HYMN .....	“Rejoice, the Lord is King” <small>(Charles Wesley/John Darwall)</small>
WELCOME AND INVOCATION .....	Matthew Davis, JD <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 10:9-15 .....	S. Martin Marriott, DD <i>Chancellor</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC .....	“Use Me, Lord” <i>Jaren Fair, Vocalist</i> <i>Raeanna Eastwood, Accompanist</i> <small>(Cindy Berry)</small>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	David Anderson, DMin <i>President</i>
OFFERTORY .....	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” <i>Allison Morken, Pianist</i> <small>(Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Gina Sprunger)</small>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS .....	David Anderson, DMin
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES .....	William Licht, EdD <i>Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	Matthew Davis, JD
SPECIAL MUSIC .....	“The Banner of the Cross” <i>Praisemen</i> <small>(Daniel Whittle, James McGranahan, arr. Monty Budahl)</small>
PRAYER OF DEDICATION .....	David Anderson, DMin
✦ RECESSIONAL .....	“To the Praise of His Glory” <small>(Thelma M. Cedarholm)</small>
✦ BENEDICTION .....	Robert Loggans, DMin <i>Secretary, Board of Trustees</i> <i>Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown, WI</i>

✦ Please stand.

# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

## MARANATHA BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

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Milton Jones, DMin, Program Coordinator

### Bible and Church Ministries Certificate

Hope Beals  
Eliana Bixby  
Lydia Frederick

Jeremy Leeson  
Hannah Veschak  
Joanna Wooten

## COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND CHURCH MINISTRIES

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David Anderson, DMin, Dean

### AA Christian Ministry

Eliana Bixby  
Melynda Butler  
Alec Daves  
Lydia Frederick  
Joshua Gillespie  
Morgan Higgins  
Sarah Homes  
Cynthia Hudson  
David Sherman  
Katherine Stille  
Valerie Toucheck  
Andrea Willis

### BA Biblical Counseling

Seth Ehlers  
Celecia Kermott  
Hannah Rogahn

### BA Biblical Studies

Samuel Karlovich

### BA Biblical Studies: Youth/ Children's Ministry

Caleb Moultrie

### BA Church Ministries: Pastoral Studies

Zachary Foerster

### BA Church Ministries: Youth Pastorate

Titus Huston

### BA Medical Missions

Margaret McIntyre

### BA Missions

Naomi Gauger

### BA Pastoral Studies

Benjamin Clore  
Kyle Elledge  
Tyler Lacock  
Tanner Peppel  
Jonathan Piranian  
Joshua Zollers

### BA Youth Ministries

Josiah Cochran  
Troy Jones  
Jeremiah Markle  
Colin O'Bryon

### BS Bible

Justin Bishop  
Brandon Borneman  
Thomas Holloway  
Joshua Pierce  
Alicia Reagan

# 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

Douglas Bachorik, PhD, Chair, Department of Music

Jonathan Coleman, MEd, Advisor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

## **AA Humanities**

Erin Baggett

Kiarra Henkel

Michelle Rees

## **AAS Computer Network**

**Technology**

Joseph Anderson

Luke Zimmerman

## **AS Digital Media**

Joshua Burt

Jessica Peterson

Sarah Voorhees

## **AS Interdisciplinary Studies**

Kaitlyn Gibbons

Anna Paula

Melissa Shetter

## **BA Communication Arts**

Heidi Almaroad

Matthew Holloway

Victoria Kirby

Hannah Madsen

Jacob Valeria

Benjamin Yenger

## **BA English**

Rachel Hudson

Haylee Lawver

## **BA Humanities**

Emma Doyel

Taylor Knight

Isabella Robison

## **BA Music**

Margaret Bugera

Jaren Fair

Caelyn Meier

Allison Morken

Micah Risinger

## **BS Biochemistry**

Sarah Jimenez

## **BS Biology**

Matthew Bauman

Bethany Searle

## **BS Exercise Science**

Esther Garren

Bethany VonDoloski

## **BS Interdisciplinary Studies**

Kimberly Butler

Katrina Cochran

Larry Davis

Jacob Fellmeth

Heidi Gales

Tamara Rickard

Hannah Schopf

Tyler Sherbert

Ledi Walusayi

Jade Wilkinson

## **BS Mathematics**

Jonathan Andrews

## **BS Pre-Physical Therapy**

Jenna Clark

Mallory Willette

## **BS Pre-Physician Assistant**

Daniel Dahl

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# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Tracy Foster, DBA, Dean

## **AS Business**

Heidi Gauger

Micah Glendenning

Robert Lemon IV

Joanna Penticuff

Mary Robertson

Ty Smith

Kaili Swaffer

**AS Criminal Justice**

Nathan Leslie

**BBA Accounting (CPA)**

Gabriel Brower

**BBA Accounting Management**

Jared Martin

Joshua Wright

**BBA Business Management**

Rebekah D'Oyley

Joseph Drost

Grace Mansfield

**BS Business**

Eliza Briddick

Samuel Espindola

Kevin Fisher

Caleb Goetz

Julia Leuthold

Marri Reid

Luke Zimmerman

**BS Business Administration:  
Management**

Michael Mertes

**BS Sport Management**

Brandt Cashner

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**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

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Thomas Graham, EdD, Dean

**AS Early Childhood Education**

Elliana Johansen

Natalie Shetter

**BS Early Childhood Education**

Htoo Ah Ah

Esther Bishop

Emily Johnson

Torrie Lemon

Kelsey Sample

Clarae Soe

Bethany Yenger

**BS Educational Studies**

Ashlyn Darty

Michelle Hose

Madison Schmidt

Kacie Sloan

Amanda Stackhouse

**BS Elementary Education**

Alexandra Gaul

Cathleen Gillespie

Lydia Gilliam

Lauren Harrison

Abigail Herbster

Madison Herbster

Leslie Herrera

Noah Hudson

Hailey St. Onge

**BS English Education**

Olivia Harrington

**BS Music Education**

Danielle Chaney

Raeanna Eastwood

Niah Malmanger

**BS Social Studies Education**

Michala Herbster

David Teachout

**BS Special Education**

Zurith Guerrero

Lydia Kindstedt

Sarah Rodriguez

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**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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Tami Gunselman, MSN, Director

**BSN Nursing**

Jordan Barnes

Grace Goin

Emily Grismore

Alyssa Krystowiak

Claire Mawson

Madison Meals

Marleigh Meals

Johnathan Perkins

Gabrielle Torres

Hannah Veium

# GRADUATE

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Jeff Drost, PhD, Program Coordinator

#### Master of Nonprofit Administration

Kyle Fowler

Tammy Reifel

Elizabeth Lingle

#### Master of Organizational Leadership

Paul Bare

Tyler Juvinall

Robert Clark

Anna Mauk

Joseph Drost

Ashley-Margaret Nerat

Caleb Huthmaker

Daniel Stainback

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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William Licht, EdD, Program Coordinator

#### Master of Arts in Teaching

Amber Andrews

Leann Smith

Hollie Baxter

Stephen Robertson

Rachel Brown

Bruce Trueblood

Joshua Davenport

Dale Vollmer

Richard Fenske

Jonathan Yowell

Noah Frost

Joshua Zepnick

Grace Hidalgo

#### Master of Education in Teaching and Learning

Leah Anderson

Jacklyn Gunner

Robert Artz

Alisha Guzman

Travis Belyus

Emily Halstead

Jessica Bickel

Jonathan Haynie

Alyssa Bocanegra

James Martin, Jr.

Mattie Bumpus

Madison Medina

Aaron Carnahan

Elizabeth Montgomery

Angela Christensen

Rebecka Reddick

Tamara Condit

Madison Schmidt

Hope Cupery

Lynne Schroeder

David Dare

Sarah Sgro

Autumn De Leon

Robert Stitchick

Peter Dickinson

Thomas Tolbert

Lamanda Eason

Alyssa Vegter

David Gerak

Lisa Weldy

Lindsey Goodman

Colleen Wilson

Jennifer Gordon

Esther Wright

Sharon Green

# MARANATHA BAPTIST SEMINARY

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David Anderson, DMin, President

## **Master of Arts in Bible**

Breanna Broad  
Gabriel Brower  
Christopher Haynes  
Troy Jones  
Daniel Kursinsky  
Jared Martin  
Tanner Peppel  
Joshua Zollers

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

Matthew Abrahamson  
Brandon Borneman  
Heather Bulver  
Tatiana Cordeiro  
Carissa DeLeon  
Ocean DeWald  
Melissa Esayenko  
Logan Hicks  
Le Bich Hoang  
Luann Kuehl  
Cortnie Long  
Jonathan Martin  
Allison Morken  
Jenny Sanders  
Emily Wermager  
Mariah Yarnell  
Tiffany Zajac

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

Michael Berryman  
Spencer Braatz  
Nathaniel Crosswell  
Titus Huston  
Samuel Karlovich  
Westley Markle  
Adam Stoeckler  
Nathan Wilder

## **Master of Divinity**

Joel Christensen  
Kyle Elledge  
Nathan Huston  
Andrew Montgomery

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

Norris Burrell  
Cameron Carter  
Jason Cochran



# ACADEMIC HONORS

## CRITERIA

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 w/ 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

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

## SIGNIFICANCE

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	Gold - Doctorate

THE GOWN is traditionally black. Bachelor's or master's degree gowns are untrimmed. Doctoral gowns are faced down the front with velvet, either black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned. Maranatha's gowns are all black.

THE HOOD is worn by master's and doctoral degree candidates and varies in length for each degree. Its lining represents the school's academic colors, and the velvet trim varies in width for master's and doctoral degrees. 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 doctoral gowns, even if they do not hold the degree; their hoods represent their earned degrees.

THE CEREMONIAL MACE, carried by an honored faculty member or professor emeritus before the presidential entourage, is 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

David Anderson, DMin, President

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2023-2024

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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 twenty-six 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 six 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 9% of senior business majors nationwide, while the Department of Music graduates scored in the top 1% among their peers this year.

In December, the Music Department presented a major performance of Handel's *MESSIAH*. The Madrigal Choir, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra were joined by the Chorale and the MBU Academy choir, while the solos were sung by students and faculty. In the fall, the Humanities Department presented *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder, and in the spring entertained audiences with the timeless classic *The Sound of Music* with a pit orchestra.

Over the school year, the Music Department programmed 12 student recitals, Great Lakes Music Festival, Classical Kids Concert, Music on Mondays Chamber Music Series, and Artist Series, in addition to studio recitals and performing group concerts. Chorale ministered in area churches, Chamber Singers and Madrigal Choir took extensive tours, and the Symphonic Band traveled to Missouri for their Fall tour. Each of the traveling groups conducted high school music festivals (one each in Wisconsin, Missouri, and Michigan). Of course, a major part of student-musicians' lives is ministry in campus chapels and in local churches.

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, and 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.

In the spring of 2024, MBU launched MaranathaPlus, a learning platform for non-degree seeking adults. MPLUS is designed to provide low-cost, professional, spiritual, and personal growth opportunities in a self-paced format. The catalog opened with nine courses, such as Christian Worldview, New Testament 1, Expository Teaching for Women, and Baptist Distinctives. Many of the classes are offered in both an individual format and in a format designed for churches to use in classroom settings. Additional course offerings are in development and will be available in the fall.

The Sabercats sent two teams to the NCCAA DII National Championships during the 2023-24 season. The Women's and Men's Cross Country teams won the NCCAA Midwest/North 'Super' Region, having qualified all runners for the National Tournament. At Nationals, the men's team finished as NCCAA DII National runner-up. Runners Natalie Shetter and Anna Morken were named NCCAA All-Americans and helped the ladies finish fourth at the National tournament. Volleyball standout, Emily Johnson, was named Most Valuable Player of the Midwest region and is now the all-time record holder in career assists for Maranatha Women's Volleyball. Maranatha had 18 student-athletes named to NCCAA All-Region teams, four student-athletes earned NCCAA All-American, and 25 NCCAA Scholar-Athlete honors in 2023-24. Haly Hendricks (Men's and Women's Cross Country) was named the NCCAA Midwest/North Region Coach of the Year. Baseball and softball awards have not yet been determined. Pitcher, Joe Anderson, set an MBU record with 17 strikeouts in a single game during our home-opener series.

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

## UNIVERSITY HYMN

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).