Meredith College Commencement

May 11, 2024

Message from the President

Congratulations from Meredith College! I am so pleased to celebrate your many accomplishments, made all the more impressive by the unusual challenges you and your classmates have navigated over the last several years.

You have proven you are stronger than the challenges you have faced. You showed incredible resilience and commitment to your education, qualities that will stand you in good stead as you embark on the next phase of your life's journey.

I hope you will use this celebratory time to reflect and deepen your confidence in your ability to take charge of your own destiny. Rest assured, life will continue to hand you surprises – some pleasant and some not. But either way, you have the preparation and practice to think and act with courage, dignity, and strength.

Meredith College's emphasis on Going Strong by identifying and making the most of your innate strengths is not simply a gimmick or a tagline – it is a research-based approach that prepares you to live your best life. I hope you will reflect on your strengths whenever you face a challenge or an opportunity, seeing how one or a combination of your strengths can actually point you in the right direction.

As the proud president of our alma mater, I can think of no better lifelong takeaway from your Meredith education.

Warmest wishes and, again, heartfelt congratulations to you.

Dr. Jo Allen, '80
President, Meredith College

Program

*Invocation — Stacy Pardue, A.B., M.A.T.S.
Meredith College Chaplain

Welcome — Jo Allen, '80, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.
President of the College

Remarks From Graduate — Abby Dittmann
President, Class of 2024

Conferring of Degrees — Completed August and December 2023, May 2024 and Candidates for August 2024

Laura Davidson, B.A., M.S.L.S.
Acting Provost

President Allen

Closing Remarks — President Allen

* Benediction — "Where the Light Begins" ..... Susan Labarr

The Meredith Chorale
Lindsey Bruner Woodcock, B.M.E., M.A., D.M.A.
Director of Choral Activities & Coordinator of Music Education

* Recessional — "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" ..... Edward Elgar

Jeanie Wozencraft-Ornellas, B.M., M.M., D.M.
Head, Music Department and Associate Professor of Voice

* Please stand

Assisting with the Ceremony: Meredith College Executive Leadership Team

Lennie Barton, B.S., M.S., Ed.D.
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Kristi Eaves-McLennan, A.B., MBA ('14)
Vice President for Marketing and Communications

N. Jean Jackson, '75, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.
Vice President for College Programs

Tammi Jackson, B.S., MBA, J.D., Ed.D.
Vice President for Business and Finance

Meredith College Board of Trustees 2023-24

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Frances Jennings Teter, ’83

Donna Wilson Thagard, ’87

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David Williams

This list reflects students who completed requirements for the degree in Summer and December 2023 and students who are candidates to complete requirements for the degree in May 2024 and Summer 2024. Honors Scholars, Teaching Scholars, and Dual Degree Engineering designations are listed for students enrolled in these programs.

The information listed was accurate as of April 18, 2024.

Students who complete all degree requirements, earn at least 62 credit hours in residence, and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 earn the distinction "cum laude," 3.7 "magna cum laude," and 3.9 "summa cum laude." Distinctions noted in this program were based on the student's status at the end of the Fall 2023 term. The student's final distinction based on the Spring 2024 record and grades will be noted on the transcript and diploma.

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science Degree

Abigail Elliott Dittmann—τ, χ
Class President

Hafsa Abdulbasith—χ
Gianna Monique Alicea-Rochelle—μ
Abigail Caroline Allred—χ
Ashwag Mohammed Alsharif
Emma Louise Anderson
MacKenzie Danielle Anderson—χ
Emily Austin Angel—§,σ
Kinnan Riley Bass—χ
Mackenzie Devorah Bianchi—§,σ
Emily Catherine Binns
Lauren Marie Bissette—χ
Nicole Ann Blackwell
Zoe Raine Blankenship
Sophia Nicole Bogan—§, σ
Briana Kincaid Bolin
Emily Malone Bondy
Brianna Jane Borgen—σ
Anna Grace Bridgers
Emma Keeling Brooks—§, σ
Kara Fleming Browning—σ
Emily Megan Brugler
Leah Caroline Bryant—μ
Meghan Elizabeth Bunn—χ
Lizbeth Marie Burgos De Pena—χ
Ella Grace Burton
Ashleigh Grace Buser—χ
Lindsay Parrish Cabe—μ
Aliyana Christina Campbell
Isamar Cantoral Conde
Alexandra Cardoso Garcia
Kathleen Bell Carson
Alyshena Case—μ
Dioselina Hyda Casillas
Haley Coryn Cathey—χ
Emily Anne Celeste
Sahithi Cheerla
Jenna Isabella Cirillo
Makayla Paige Clark—μ
Camila Cordova—μ
Jessica Dorothy Crivello
Consepcion Cruz-Valencia
Noelle Grace Daley—σ
Madison Paige Dameron—μ
Jessica Marian Daugherty
Carly Ann Davis—τ, χ
Sariah Aida Davis
Eimy Rojas deBeck
Susan Michelle Deerr
Kaylah Michele Deuber
Destini Nicole Dockum
Brigit Theresa Donovan
Reagan Rebecca Doucette—σ
Jessica Paige Dowdy
Mary Catherine Driver
Casey Nicole Dudan
Savannah Leigh Duduk—χ
Camille Jane Duncan
Alexandria Brooke Durham
Katherine Estella Erb—§, σ
Rebekka Lauren Feiner
Destiny Sariya Ferreira—μ
Anna Marie Forno
Anna-Moriah Yun Fung—§, σ
Andrea Gallegos—μ
Kennedy Alphin Gause—μ
Amber Michel Griffin
Lauren Ann Guarino—σ
Emmery Wilson Guth—μ
Ainsley Paige Haas
Aidan Marie Hale
Christina Carthine Harrell
Maryam Hisham Heda
Alysia Hernandez
Daniela M. Hernandez Rodriguez
Tiani Quanee` Hinnant
Bria Nicole Hlavacek
Anna Claire Hobgood
Alexis Paige Houser
Mackenzie Austin Howell—§, χ
Carter Elisabeth Hunter
Hannia Maria Ibarra de la Paz
Aiman Fatima Jamadar—§, σ
Alyson Kaye Johnson
Kendall Paige Johnson—μ
Trinity Paige Johnson
Barresha Maria Jones—χ
Samantha Marie Jones
Savannah Paige Jones—σ
Katie Anahy Juarez Olvera
Jasmyn Llayne Judd—χ
Kiran Arora Kapur
Camilia Kayed
Angel Marie Kearney
Emma Rose Kennedy
Rachel Marie Kimble—σ
Samantha Nicole King—μ

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Callie Murphy Klein—§, σ
Kendal Amelia Kwasnick—σ
Megan Amanda Lanning—χ
Samantha Kathleen Leggott
Ryann Elizabeth LoCascio
Brenda Escarlet Lopez
Yaquelin López Villena
Rebecca Lopez-Bello
Gracie Sophia Love
Madelyn Pleasants Lynn
Madison Renee Mabry
Christine Eunice Wanjiru Mambo—§, μ
Makayla Nicole Marsh
Caroline Hamilton Marshall
Sarah Beth Marshall
Josephine M. Martin
Grace Elizabeth Matulewicz—μ
Mary Christine Maul—χ
Arrianna Addison May—χ
Abigail Maura McPherson—§, μ
Giselle Miroslava Mejia-Santos—μ
Stephanie Grace Melvin
Marian Valerie Mendy—μ
Ainsley Grace Mengel—σ
Yoselin Lizbeth Menjivar Lara
Madelyn Kidder Mitzel
Amber Bree Mohammad
De'Ja Carise Morgan
Landry Ruth Morton
Caitlin Alexandra Murray
Machaela Michelle Murrell—μ
Elizabeth Cecile Narron
Fatemeh Nejat
Sarah Grace Nelson
Alyssa Michelle Nesbitt
Mallory Brooke Nobles—χ
Victoria Nicole Nordan
Elisabeth Judith Diane Orlandini—σ
Madeline Rose Ostrowski
Serene Winter Otero—χ
Cassidy L. Otto
Kayleen Pacheco
Claire Elizabeth Parker—χ
Annie Robertson Paschal—χ
Honeysa Patel—χ
Noelle An-yu Pearce—§, σ
Remay Topden Pemba—μ
Ashley Nicole Pendergrass—χ
Mackenzie Dupree Penny
Lauren Elizabeth Pinnix
Angie Prada—σ
Tara Ashley Puthenveetil
Jennifer Joana Quintana-Rodriguez
Lana Husni Quzah
Victoria Olivia Ragland
Jasmine Rahimi—μ
Jazmin Yesenia Reyes
Hannah Danielle Ridings
Cecilia Rivera—μ
Emma Grace Rogers
Olivia Claire Rosolina—χ
Francesca Elena Rosone
Mia Elisabeth Russell—χ
Karen Alondra Saavedra Salomon—χ
Ayeh Ahmad Samour
Suchita Satish
Theresa Ann Sebek—χ
Rebecca Katharine Simmons—σ
Elisabeth Anne Sinicrope—χ
Macie Moore Skeen—μ
Ryleigh Elizabeth Skeeters—χ
Morgan Shelby Skipper
Jade Kyleigh Slaton
Kathryne Elizabeth Smith
Kara Elizabeth Solomon—σ
Kaylee Michelle Spencer
Catie Ann Spruill
Amelia Kaylynne Staggs
Ziah Lettice Starkey
Brionna Nicole Stewart—χ
Emily Catherine Stone
Catherine Claire Stowers—σ
Kennedy Nicole Sullivan—σ
Molly McPhail Surles—χ
Savannah Grace Talley
Jessica Enn-Hui Tan—§, σ
Abigail Dianne Taylor—σ
Mary Grace Teachey—μ
Mikayla Kirsten Thompson
Laura Diane Tobin—χ
Julie Tonon
Paula Sophia Viloria Lopez—μ
Abbie Elizabeth Wall
Charlotte Alice Ward
Avery Morgan Watkins
Mikayla Carter Watts—§, μ
Corrine Victoria Weaver
Shannan Christine Weller
Olivia M. Williford
Nyazjha Tysheek Wilmer
Grace Catherine Wright
Katherine McNeill Wright—χ
Ofelia Ximil-Arciga—χ
Maritza Yanez-Moreno—χ
Kristy Yang
Joanna Zhang—σ

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Tasha N. Aaron
Leanne Iris Adams
Hayli Raven Addison
Saba Zainab Ahmed—χ
Werdah Mohammed Zayed Al-Dajih
Isabella Maria Allen
Kelly Mae Allen—E, χ
Maryam Hashim Alsammak
Elizabeth Linda Andrews—μ
Sarah Kathleen Barton
Grace Elizabeth Beale
Dyson McHaley Beck—χ
Laura Lizbeth Beltran—χ
Cameron Elizabeth Benton
Chanelle Allesandre Bergeron—σ

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Breanna Epiphany Bivens—χ
Tamara Grace Bomparte—§, σ
Marissa Nicole Borst—§, ☙
Kristen Ann Bridge
Reagan Sidney Briggs
Allie Michelle Brinson—χ
Claire-Emma Renee Britt—χ
Skyler Virginia Brown
Megan Emalene Burkoski
Camille Katherine Burns
Amber Michelle Burrill
Abbey Marie Butler
Abbie Quinn Byrd
Jocelyn Milagros Calles
Aliyana Christina Campbell
Olivia Elizabeth Canfield—χ
Camila Cardoso-Herrera
Piper Rose Carriere—μ
Lauren-Taylor Carrillo
Julie Anne Casavant—E
Alyshena Case—μ
Ruth Elizabeth Cates
Michaela Robyn Chenevert—χ
Sierra Beverlin Clark
Kaelyn Taylor Camille Coleman
Kayla Lael Cooper—χ
Nancy Stewart Cornelius—μ
Hannah Kay Alejandra Cox
Shelby Rose Cox
Mary Wesley Craft—σ
Alexandria Elizabeth Crank—§, μ
Freya Joy Dahlgren—μ
Danielle Breanne Dance
Kylie Nicole Davala
Layla Marie Davenport—§, σ
Andrea Nicole Dula
Camille Jane Duncan
Sarah Elizabeth Eike
Katherine Estella Erb—§, σ
Alexandra Nicole Estes—E, χ
Meredith Katherine Ezzelle
Grace Violet Farmer
Emily Meredith Ford—μ
Dora Fromer
Savannah Lauren Frye
Caroline Grace Garland—μ
Arianne Soledad Gonzalez Ozorio—μ
Yakira Bridget Gonzalez Ramirez
Julia Anne Gray
Aurora Danielle Hagen—σ
Brooke Elizabeth Handley—μ
Malak Atta Haraish—μ
Willa-Jessie Faye Harrington—§, τ, χ, ☙
Taniya J'nai Harris—μ
Alexis Renea Hladik
Serena Lily Huang
Ilana Mariah Hunter
Hannah Jo Jablonski—χ
Claire Marie Jacoby—σ
Aiman Fatima Jamadar—§, σ
Chorro Jobe
Emma Kristine Johnson
Jordan Brooke Johnson
Kelly Louise Johnson
Sarah Elizabeth Johnson
Saylor Grace Johnson
Virginia Buren Johnson—μ
Marwa Mustafa Karime
Lillian Grace Kelly
Mallory Claire Kemple
Katarina Elizabeth Kirke
Sara Grace Lane
Rachael Faye Lautenbach
Brooklyn Leonard—σ
Gabriella Leah Levin—χ
Mae Lloyd—§, χ
Cara Grace Lynch
Kelsey Jane McCrary—σ
Kimberly Marue McElveen
Isabel Mary Xiang McLurkin—E, μ
Haley Madison McNeil—χ
Yuniva Mendoza-Apodaca—E
Ainsley Grace Mengel—σ
Claire Evelyn Miller—σ
Tiffany Marie Millner
Geeti Mohammad Zahir
Caroline Weston May Monroe
Allison Taylor Moore—χ
Karlie Marie Mullis—χ
Alexandra Theresa Mussatti
Kathryn McCaskill Newman—χ
Holly Elizabeth Obermiller
Jane Renee O'Hannigan
Maggie Dyer O'Neal—χ
Julien Origel-Anzaldo
Allison Parshall
Rebeca Perez-Roldan
Sara Elizabeth Perry—τ, σ
Grey Compton Pittman
Emma Griffin Poindexter
Sarah Elizabeth Poisson—χ
Anna Elizabeth Prince—τ, χ
Josefina Mercedes Puello
Kendall Leigh Putnam—E, §, χ
Danika Mikala Ray—σ
Yaretcy Sandra Reanos
Emma Katarina Relota—χ
Elizabeth Susan Rhodes
Sasha E. Rice—μ
Victoria Lynn Rogers
Isabel Renee Ruiz
Ashton-Brette Elizabeth Rusthoven—σ
Isabelle Burnum Ryland
Sophia Grace Sachs
Abigail Faith Sadler
Kaelin Elizabeth Sanderford—E, χ
Nakky Jelliah Sanogo
Maria Clara Santos Aguadionda
Avery Elizabeth Sawyer
Jenna Rose Schroeder—§, χ
Lydia Jane Seifert
Sara Anne Shuller—χ
Elizabeth Weldon Sills—μ

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Nia Zurene Rejoya Simpson
Kathryn Claire Sirois
McKayla-Hope Elizabeth Smith
Noelle Elizabeth Smith—χ
Rachel Rea Smith
Tiana Ashanti Smith
Savannah Rose Smoak
Kara Elizabeth Solomon—σ
Sara-Rose McAden Spann
Olivia Pearl Steen
Ava Barbara Sturzebecher
MiRonda Joy Swepson—χ
Zaineb Fatima Syed
Skylar Beck Symonds—§, μ
Keerthi Tammineni—σ
Jessica Enn-Hui Tan—§, σ
Abigail Kaitlyn Taylor—μ
Corionna Alexis Thompson—χ
Morgan Riley Thompson—χ
Grace Sophia Tippett—χ
Maryuri Melissa Torres
Michelle Alejandra Vargas-Ugarte
Paula Sophia Viloria Lopez—μ
Elyse McGill Wagner—χ
Abigail Paige Ward
Sara-Hale Evalyne Watson
Camryn Chanelle Way—μ
Amanda Laine Webb—E, σ
Reagan Elizabeth Webb—σ
Hannah Marie Weigle—E, §, σ
Constance Elyse Wesley—σ
Haileigh Ruth West
Kasey Shea Wilkins
Anna-Grace Callaghan Wilkinson
Avery Elizabeth Williams—μ
Carson Alexandra Wood—E, §, μ
Arri LeaToni Woodhouse—§, μ
Isabella Noel Young
Clara Elisabeth Zwahr

Candidates for the Bachelor of Music Degree

Jasmin Nicole Brown
Nicole Amber Craig
Azrielle Rose Marino—σ
Eliandras Alexandra Sims—μ

Candidates for the Bachelor of Social Work

Breanna Epiphany Bivens—χ
Chandler Brooke Butler—χ
Morgan Summer Elkins
Han Hudson
Nataliya Caroline Kenny
Lisbeth Elevita Maldonado—χ
Catherine Sinclair Moorman
Anna Brooke O'Quinn
Sarah Elizabeth Poisson—χ
Anna Nicole Sago
Olivia Jean Skaggs
Denley Nichole Sweeney—σ
Morgan Rose Thomas
Lizette Velazquez Castellanos
Graysen Blair Wall—μ

School of Art and Humanities

Candidates for the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Degree

Victor T. Brown
Joyce Dixon
Brooks Barton Gaster
Whitney Marie Guilliams
Delilah Debra Jones
Kenedra Renee Smith
Mary Lynne Smith

School of Business

Candidates for the Master of Business Administration Degree

Rodney Claude Alexander Jr.
Reem Abdulrahman Alruwayti
Connor James Behan
Allyson Marie Bell
Talia Elizabeth Boug
Kristina Nicole Brown
Sarah Anne Calhoun
Ana Lizbeth Corona Dedho
Cindy Cathleen Cottle
Elizabeth Lee Craig
Riley Maureen Davison
James Austin Edwards
Alyson Nicole Ellard
Ashley Dette Franklin
Kennedy Alphin Gause
Taylor D'lon Henderson
Hannah Marie Holden
Samuel Curtis Hughson
Effie Jackson-Seagondollar
Nicole Lund Jones
Alexis Catherine Kester
Meagan Roberts Melton
Suzanne Barrett Coddington Morris
Alp Ozgunduz
Bianca Lynn Pavone
William Delavergne Roberts
Hannah Kicklighter Roman
Evan Simmons
Kelvis Terrero

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School of Education, Health and Human Sciences

Candidates for the Master of Arts in Industrial-Organizational Psychology Degree

Audrey Anne Ahlvers
Alexi Nicole Batchelor
Taylor Alexandria Berry
Mia Grace Burchette
Isabel Cortes
Loren K'Tryce Daniel
Melinda Bowling Durham
Brett Christopher Johnson
Janika Koelblin
Sophia Lee
Rashi Maheshwari
Brianna Danelle McCray
Katherine Diane McMahan
Caroline Dillon Murray
Priyal Chetan Patel
Monica Renee Ragsdale
Shreeja Divyesh Shah

Candidates for the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree

Chris Kinzer Champ
Amanda Dominga Duran
Lohoma Vanessa Fields—☙
Kerstin Annette Lindgren
Taylor Fipps Luciano
Alena Mosina
Heather Christine Poisson
Megan Emily Pope
Tonia Natalie Shafto

Candidates for the Master of Science in Nutrition Degree

Hannah Louisa Abdulla
Cory Wade Akers
Rachel Johanne Bauer
Abigail Leigh Brewer
Amanda M. Cadarette
Haley Marie Cavin
Cherisse Tabb Chaney
Ching-Hsien Chiu
Mackenzie Rae Cole
Helen Panelo Cortez
Haley Laura Daniels
Emma Grace Denton
Hope Lindsay Dunn
Shanetta Edwards
Marissa Jordan Eoff
Peyton Elizabeth Evans
Jessica Nicole Faulkner
Laura Anne Godkin
Suzanna Rodriguez Gracyk
Chandler Lauren Gray
Alexis Louise Gustafson
Lauren Elizabeth Hoyt
Nicole Grace Joyner
Dayna Lynn Mounie
Camila Alejandra Nunez
Sharon Burke Ormand
Neena Rai
Lindsey Renae Rykard
Amanda Paige Sales
Lauren Elizabeth Schulker
Juanielle Patricia Scott
Kensey Lynne Smith
Jordyn Elizabeth Steele
Mary Anne Szuch
Kaja Shanelle Thompson
Ashlee Marie Tines
Georgia Oakley Vaughn
Gabrielle Marie Veauthier
Elizabeth Beeson Walser
Benjamin Dontreal White
Jennifer Snow White
Isabel Marie Zimmermann

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Academic Regalia

The wearing of formal academic dress on this occasion serves as a reminder of our union with an academic heritage whose ceremonial tradition dates from the medieval university. The varied patterns of cut and color in the dress of faculty members indicate the level of their degree, their academic discipline and the universities which granted their degrees. The distinguishing mark of the gown is the sleeve. Bachelor's degree gowns have long pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns have oblong sleeves which open at the wrist. Doctor's degree gowns have bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet chevrons, indicating years of post-graduate study.

Hoods, which vary in length for the three degrees, are lined with silk in colors identifying the institution granting the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. The color of the velvet edging indicates the discipline in which the degree was earned. The colors associated with some disciplines are as follows:

Arts and Letters ..... *White*	Journalism ..... *Crimson*
Business ..... *Drab*	Library Science ..... *Lemon*
Criminal Justice ..... *Blue*	Medicine ..... *Green*
Economics ..... *Copper*	Music ..... *Pink*
Education ..... *Light Blue*	Philosophy ..... *Dark Blue*
Engineering ..... *Orange*	Science ..... *Golden Yellow*
Fine Art ..... *Brown*	Theology ..... *Scarlet*

Bachelor's degree candidate regalia consists of the maroon robe and mortarboard with tassels distinguishing the degree conferred: Bachelor of Arts, black; Bachelor of Music, pink; Bachelor of Science, gold; and Bachelor of Social Work, white. Cords or stoles denote membership in various honor societies. Master's degree candidate regalia consists of the black robe and mortarboard with hood distinguishing the degree conferred.