Commencement
May 11, 2024
WELCOME!
WE’RE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE
THE CLASS OF 2024

Commencement Ceremony Procedures and Information

+ There will not be access to the Commencement stage for photos during the ceremony. A professional photographer will take photos of all graduates as they cross the stage. The photos will be available for purchase at a later date.

+ Please hold your applause until the end so all families can hear their student’s name.

+ Restrooms are located on the east side of Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium under the bleachers and inside H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse.

+ In the event of inclement weather, alert information will be available at central.edu, facebook.com/centralcollege, Instagram @centralcollege or on KNIA-KRLS 92.1.
Congratulations, members of the Central College Class of 2024! Your perseverance and dedication to your education has been inspiring to watch throughout your time here. And, with determination, you were unwavering in what success would look like for you. With every turn of the sun, the world changes. You have adapted to new realities, and you stand here today ready to make a difference in the world.

Today is called “Commencement” because it marks a new beginning. This celebration recognizes your hard work and dedication — and signals the beginning of your life as a Central alumnus. Because of you, there is hope in the world today. As you take your much-anticipated walk across the stage, know you matter to us — always have, always will. We want you to be as excited about what comes next as we are for you!

Now is the time to go forth and do great things, Central College Class of 2024. We see you. We believe in you. We are here for you. We are Forever Dutch®!

Love,
Central College
Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 10 a.m.
Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium • Central College • Pella, Iowa

* Processional
“Pomp and Circumstance”
Edward Elgar, Composer

* National Anthem
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
Bryson Michael McGowan ’24

* Invocation
Rev. Joe Brummel
College Chaplain

Welcome and Recognitions
Mark L. Putnam, Ed.D.
President

Honorary Degree,
Doctor of Science
Adam Duerfeldt ‘06
Associate professor in the
Department of Medicinal Chemistry
at the University of Minnesota

Presented by James Shriver
Professor of Chemistry

Address
Adam Duerfeldt ‘06
“The Road Ahead: Two Principles,
One Challenge and One Tip”

Presentation of
Candidates for Degrees
Baccalaureate Degrees
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Class of 2024
Mary E.M. Strey, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of the Faculty

Welcome Class of 2024
Sunny Gonzales Eighmy ’99
Vice President for Advancement

Concluding Remarks

* Benediction
Rev. Joe Brummel
College Chaplain

* “The Lord Bless You”
E. Fred Morris, Composer
Central College A Cappella Choir

* Recessional
“Barnum and Bailey’s Favorite”
Karl L. King, Composer
The USAF Heritage of America Band

* Please stand as you are able.

Faculty Marshal:
Terry Kleven, Professor of
Religion and Dr. Jacob and Gela
Schnucker Sessler Chair in Philosophy
and Religion

Senior Marshal:
Sam Mate-Kodjo, Associate Professor
of Spanish

Student Marshals:
Daysi Ray Harris ’25
Gunner John Hutton ’25
Students who achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.500 may be recommended by the faculty for commencement distinctions. Honors recognition is based on cumulative grade point average using Central College semester credits earned (minimum 60 semester hours). Honors recognition for degree candidates is given according to the following scale:

**summa cum laude** 3.900 to 4.000
**magna cum laude** 3.700 to 3.899
**cum laude** 3.500 to 3.699

The cumulative grade point average earned after the previous fall semester is used to determine the honors listed in this program, and eligible students are wearing gold honor chords. Final graduation honors listed on the transcript depend on the cumulative grade point average earned at the end of the semester when the degree requirements are satisfied.

International pin denotes participation in one of Central’s international or off-campus programs.

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**Abigail Grace Alberti**
Kinesiology
Harlan, Iowa
*summa cum laude*

**DelTon L. Alexander, Jr.**
Sociology
Iowa City, Iowa

**River John Baker**
Elementary Education
Pella, Iowa

**Simon Baker**
Spanish
Blue Mounds, Wisconsin

**Emily Ann Bechtel*”**
Business Management
Johnston, Iowa
*cum laude*

**Brock Andrew Beck*”**
Business Management
Grinnell, Iowa
*cum laude*

**Brody Dale Bender**
Business Management
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

**Mitchel J. Benhart**
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Geneseo, Illinois

**Miles Lewis Berg**
Political Science
Indianola, Iowa

**Kaitlyn Rebecca Berntsen**
Kinesiology
Sycamore, Illinois

**Anthony James Bestell**
Business Management
Newton, Iowa

**Grant Edward Biddle**
Biochemistry
Norwalk, Iowa
*cum laude*

**Tanner Ryan Bigelow**
Business Management
Gilbert, Arizona

**Mackenzie Joel Biggs**
Music Education-Instrumental
Bloomington, Illinois
*cum laude*

**Leo Blawou**
Sociology
Des Moines, Iowa

**Abigail Marie Boorman**
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Urbandale, Iowa

**Jenna Noelle Brady**
Music Education-Vocal
Urbandale, Iowa

**Kaleb Zachary Brand*”**
Business Management
Mount Vernon, Iowa
*magna cum laude*

**Nolan Jonathon Brand*”**
Elementary Education
Mount Vernon, Iowa
*summa cum laude*

**Summer Lynn Brand*”**
English
Mount Vernon, Iowa
*cum laude*

**Jackson Gardner Bresson**
Business Management
Accounting
Ankeny, Iowa
## 2024 Graduates

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Spanish
Saint Charles, Iowa
magna cum laude

Abigail Marie Eicher
Music
Bennett, Iowa

Audi Janlin Eichhorn
History
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Ashlynn Leigh Ellenbecker
Psychology
Tama, Iowa

Noah Andrew Erickson
Business Management
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Paige Marie Farrell
Communication Studies
Sociology
Chariton, Iowa

Logan Kaleb Fehlhafer*
Music
Sioux Center, Iowa

Katelyn Danielle Fields
Elementary Education
Maryville, Illinois

Noah John Fischer
Actuarial Science
Economics
Altoona, Iowa
magna cum laude

Maddi Jacquelyn Fisher
Kinesiology
Marion, Iowa

Tyler Lucas Fitzpatrick*
Business Management
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

John Charles Foster
Business Management
Lee’s Summit, Missouri

Abigail Frey
Communication Studies
Mesa, Arizona

Nelson Tanner Fry
Biology
Kinesiology
Osceola, Iowa
summa cum laude

Charles Nelson Gaer
Communication Studies
Des Moines, Iowa

Morgan Galbraith
Social Science
Hudson, Iowa

Morgan Rachel Gallentine
Accounting
Business Management
Webster City, Iowa

Kenyon Wayne Greetings
Computer Science
Pella, Iowa
summa cum laude

Jaymi Michelle Gibbs
Accounting
Business Management
Galva, Illinois
summa cum laude

Leah Theresa Gilbertson
Psychology
Biology
Peoria, Arizona
cum laude

Anne MacArthur Gregory
Kinesiology
Alexis, Illinois
magna cum laude

Robert Groves
Biochemistry
Biology
Grinnell, Iowa
cum laude

Abigail Joy Gruver
Elementary Education
Sully, Iowa
magna cum laude

Nicholas John Haberl
Accounting
Business Management
Halbur, Iowa
summa cum laude

Tate Patrik Hagen
Accounting
Britt, Iowa

Cody Robert Hall
Engineering
Romulus, Iowa
magna cum laude

Taylor Rose Hanna
Kinesiology
Stacyville, Iowa
cum laude

Jack Randall Haren*
Kinesiology
Parkersburg, Iowa

Brayden Wayne Harris
Psychology
Eldora, Iowa

Nathan James Hayden
Exercise Science
Des Moines, Iowa

Garrett William Heater
Accounting
Business Management
Kellogg, Iowa
2024 Graduates

Grace Lou Ann Helgeson
Psychology
English
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Shanna Rae Hudson
Elementary Education
Morrison, Illinois
magna cum laude

Megan Kay Johnson
Kinesiology
Parkersburg, Iowa
summa cum laude

Nicholas Allen Helmers*
Accounting
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Tessa Gray Huff
Biology
Ames, Iowa
summa cum laude

Marissa Jonas*
Biology
Blair, Nebraska
summa cum laude

John Joseph Hemphill
Music
Computer Science
Ankeny, Iowa

Tristan Thomas Hunt
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Britt, Iowa

Colton Lucas Jones
Engineering
Lovilia, Iowa

Joanna Louise Hendrickson
Political Science
Columbia, Missouri

Hailey Susann Hunter
Communication Studies
Rockford, Illinois

Parker R. Jones*
Biology
Kinesiology
Verona, Wisconsin

Luke Patrick Henkhaus
Psychology
Geneseo, Illinois

Dawson David Husted
Sociology
Selah, Washington

Noah Robert Jorgenson
Business Management
Sidney, Iowa
summa cum laude

Jenna-Marie Denali Hernandez
Biochemistry
Biology
Slater, Iowa
magna cum laude

Amal Idris
Sociology
Des Moines, Iowa

Andrew William Kelso*
Economics
Indianola, Iowa

Kaitlyn Michele Isom
Psychology
Political Science
Phoenix, Arizona
cum laude

Dean Eric Kimball
Biology
Norwalk, Iowa

Ethan Andrew Herr
Music
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Kaitlyn Michele Isom
Psychology
Political Science
Phoenix, Arizona
cum laude

Landon Neal Kirby
Business Management
Accounting
Grinnell, Iowa
magna cum laude

Taryn Ann Pearl Hintz
Elementary Education
Primghar, Iowa
magna cum laude

Zachary Jon Jacobson
Information Systems
Gilman, Iowa

Brody Patrick Klein
Kinesiology
Rainier, Washington
summa cum laude

Kate Elizabeth Kohler Hoogensen*
Mathematics
Ankeny, Iowa
magna cum laude

Zachary Kent Jeanneret
Business Management
Overbrook, Kansas

Allison Ann Kreider
Actuarial Science
Economics
Norwalk, Iowa

Carter Hope
Mathematics
Computer Science
Mitchellville, Iowa

Elyse A. Johnson
Political Science
Spanish
Boone, Iowa
magna cum laude

Grant Eric Johnson
Philosophy
Waukee, Iowa

magna cum laude
2024 Graduates

Sophie Lynn Kruger*
Art
Newton, Iowa
summa cum laude

Nathan Allen Kuhlman
Biology
Lee's Summit, Missouri
summa cum laude

Abraham Charles Larson*
Engineering
Walker, Iowa

Noah Ryan Leist
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Clive, Iowa

Gage Patrick Linahon
Accounting
Business Management
Newton, Iowa
summa cum laude

Sarah Louise Linde
English
Pella, Iowa

Brianna Marie Lindstrom
Kinesiology
North Aurora, Illinois

Logan Allan Linkvis
Engineering
West Des Moines, Iowa

Sydney Rosemarie Lowe
English
Communication Studies
Bennington, Nebraska
cum laude

Jasper Benjamin Luckritz
Strength and Conditioning
Clinton, Iowa

Solomon Joseph Mamola
Kinesiology
Urbandale, Iowa

Scott Michael Martin
Art
Wilton, Iowa

Addison Lea May
Sociology
Johnston, Iowa

Colton Lyle Mayberry
Mathematics
Glenwood, Iowa

Alyssa Kay Mayhew
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
North Aurora, Illinois
magna cum laude

Logan M. McCoy
Kinesiology
Galva, Iowa

Bryson Michael McGowan
Musical Theatre
Urbandale, Iowa

Mary Alexis McGraw
Business Management
Sociology
Waukee, Iowa

Cole Lucas McGriff
Philosophy
New Sharon, Iowa
summa cum laude

Caroline Ruby McMartin*
Biology
Pella, Iowa
summa cum laude

Libby Ann Mensen*
Communication Studies
Red Oak, Iowa

Ethan Wayne Messamaker
Engineering
Centerville, Iowa

Elizabeth Jane Michaelson*
Sociology
Iowa Falls, Iowa

Connor Ryan Miklos
Computer Science
Lockport, Illinois

Hadyn Renee Miller
Kinesiology
Iowa Falls, Iowa
cum laude

Reece Thomas Miller
Strength and Conditioning
Center Point, Iowa
cum laude

Jackson Christopher Moats
Strength and Conditioning
Bettendorf, Iowa

Jacob Alan Moffett
Business Management
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
cum laude

Logan John Mont*
Accounting
Business Management
Aurora, Illinois

Cathleen Dee Morgan
Kinesiology
Mount Vernon, Iowa
summa cum laude

Cassandra Jo Moss
Elementary Education
Elma, Iowa
cum laude
2024 Graduates

Derek Daniel Mueller
Business Management
Atlantic, Iowa

Isabella Nath
Psychology
Perry, Iowa

Savannah Leigh Neil
Elementary Education
Pella, Iowa
magna cum laude

Carter James Nelsen
History
Rhodes, Iowa
cum laude

Tate Michael Nelson
Accounting
Business Management
Burlington, Iowa

Emma Catherine Neu*
Communication Studies
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

Ryan Neu*
Kinesiology
West Des Moines, Iowa

Matthew Jordan Neuhalfen
Engineering
Glenwood, Iowa

Elizabeth Nicole Nowlin
Business Management
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Declan Hanson O’Hare
Business Management
Los Angeles, California

Hunter Olson
Engineering
Peoria, Arizona

Johnathan Daniel Oltman
Business Management
Pella, Iowa

Madison Kai Opp
Elementary Education
Pleasant Hill, Iowa
magna cum laude

Jack Apollo Orengo
History
Rogers, Minnesota

Laramie Rose O’Sullivan
Kinesiology
Pella, Iowa

Warren Gerald Page, II
Kinesiology
Pella, Iowa

Chance Gracyn Palm
English
Otley, Iowa

Eli James Park
Business Management
Palo, Iowa

Natalie Nicole Patterson
Kinesiology
Lone Tree, Iowa

Kasey Leigh Pelzer*
Kinesiology
Pleasantville, Iowa
cum laude

Jackson Steven Perkins*
READY Program
Waukon, Iowa

Gabriella Rose Petruzzello
Psychology
French
Janesville, Wisconsin
summa cum laude

Blake Ryan Recker
History
Social Science
Pella, Iowa
magna cum laude

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Communication Studies
Business Management
Colfax, Iowa

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Strength and Conditioning
Bussey, Iowa

Tyler Jacob Robertson
Business Management
Norwalk, Iowa

Abigail Michelle Roerdink*
Accounting
Business Management
Tiffin, Ohio
summa cum laude

Elisa Diane Rooda
Elementary Education
Harvey, Iowa
cum laude

Ellie Christine Roorda*
Biological Science
Pella, Iowa
magna cum laude

Jordan David Rusch
Business Management
Johnston, Iowa

Mami Salima
Sociology
Urbandale, Iowa

Samantha Rose Schelby
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Business Management
Middletown, Iowa

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Business Management
Superior, Colorado
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# 2024 Graduates

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**Legacy Students**

* Legacy students are the children of proud Central College alumni. We are honored to be part of their family tradition and grateful to include these multiple generations of Dutch alumni in our Central family.

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**Pinning of the Class**

We continue the tradition at Central College to welcome our graduates into the family of alumni. On graduation day, every member of the class receives an alumni pin. After leaving our campus and going out to make a difference in the world, whenever alumni meet and one is without a pin, alumni are encouraged to give their pin to the person without one. Upon request, Central College will replace the pin of the one who generously shared. In this manner, the relationships between Central College alumni will continue to expand over space and time as the number and presence of Central pins continue to expand across the globe.

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**Senior Class Gift**

The Senior Class Gift is a longstanding Central College tradition in which the class members join our philanthropic community by supporting a campus improvement or program that is meaningful to them. The Class of 2024 voted to add additional seating to the outdoor community space at the Global Cafe at Geisler Library.

Their generosity will bring even more life and interaction to Central’s already beautiful landscape. Funding will provide several new Adirondack chairs with ottomans.

The committee members of the Senior Class Gift are:

- Mackenzie Joel Biggs
- Nolan Jonathon Brand
- John Charles Foster
- Abigail Frey
- Tessa Gray Huff
- Nathan Allen Kuhlman
- Cassandra Jo Moss
- Avery Irene Woods
The Emerging Scholars Program presents academically high-achieving students with the opportunity to grow as intellectuals within a community of peers and to forge important mentoring relationships with faculty. Emerging Scholars complete required interdisciplinary seminars, focused course enrichments and a capstone senior honors thesis. Students who complete the program graduate with honors.

Layken Elizabeth Bytnar  
Biology  
Using DNA Barcoding to Study the Native Bees Species Richness of Big Rock Park  
First Reader: Paulina Mena, Ph.D., Professor of Biology  
Second Reader: Kristin Siewert, Senior Lecturer of Biology

Alysha Marie Coyle  
Sociology  
School Social Work in Practice: A Qualitative Analysis of Urban and Suburban School Districts  
First Reader: Shawn Wick, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology  
Second Reader: Alan Hastings, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education

Kaitlyn Michele Isom  
Psychology  
Political Science  
The Psychology of Nationalism: Exploring the Relationship Between Anomie, Nationalism, and Authoritarianism  
First Reader: Randall Renstrom, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology  
Second Reader: Timothy Olin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History

Nathan Allen Kuhlman  
Biology  
Reddir Network Meta-Analysis  
First Reader: Sara Shugar-Fox, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics  
Second Reader: James Shriver, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

Gabriella Rose Petruzzello  
Psychology  
French  
Sexual Risk Taking: STIs and the Presence of Amplified Sexual Stigma  
First Reader: Randall Renstrom, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology  
Second Reader: Linda Laine, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies

Jaeni May Sprague  
Psychology  
The Effect of Aggression, Empathy, and Alcohol Use on Attitudes of Intimate Partner Violence  
First Reader: Randall Renstrom, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology  
Second Reader: Ashley Scolaro, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology

Madi Kate Van Vors  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
The Synthesis of Fluorinated Indirubins as a Platform for Further Elaboration  
First Reader: James Shriver, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry  
Second Reader: Jay Wackerly, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Lauren Nicole Wall  
Biology  
Iowa Native Bee Species  
First Reader: Paulina Mena, Ph.D., Professor of Biology  
Second Reader: Russ Benedict, Ph.D., Professor of Biology
Alpha Zeta Mu (graduating members)

Membership is awarded to students who are full-time students, have completed at least three semesters at Central College and who have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Abigail Grace Alberti  
Nolan Jonathon Brand  
Cade Gerrit Brouwer  
Lauren Michelle Brown  
Tess Jordanne Brunsmann  
Layken Elizabeth Bytnar  
Peyton Rose Bytnar  
Quinci Nicole Cottrell  
Emerson Leigh Drake  
Noah John Fischer  
Nelson Tanner Fry  
Kenyon Wayne Geetings  
Jaymi Michelle Gibbs  
Anne MacArthur Gregory  
Abigail Joy Gruver  
Nicholas John Haberl  
Kate Elizabeth Kohler  
Hoogensen  
Tessa Gray Huff  
Elyse A. Johnson  
Megan Kay Johnson  
Marissa Jonas  
Noah Robert Jorgenson  
Landon Neal Kirby  
Brody Patrick Klein  
Sophie Lynn Kruger  
Nathan Allen Kuhlman  
Gage Patrick Linahon  
Cole Lucas McGriff  
Caroline Ruby McMartin  
Cathleen Dee Morgan  
Savannah Leigh Neil  
Gabriella Rose Petruzzello  
Blake Ryan Recker  
Abbigail Michelle Roerdink  
Ellie Christine Roorda  
Kayla Christine Schneider  
Samantha Nicole Scholz  
Addison Leigh Six  
Sarah Marie Smith  
Jaeni May Sprague  
Cera Grace Stroh  
Jocelyn Ella Timmerman  
Emily Adriana van Eijndt  
Madison Van Vors  
Lucas Jeffrey Vroom  
Kamryn Marie Waymire  
Trey Justice Wood

Alpha Alpha Alpha (graduating members)

Membership is awarded to students who have completed at least 36 credit hours toward a degree, have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale and neither of the student's parents, step-parents or legal guardians have completed a bachelor's degree. Central is the first college in Iowa to have a chapter of Alpha Alpha Alpha.

DelTon L. Alexander, Jr.  
Tess Jordanne Brunsmann  
Jasmyn Faye Bush  
Quinci Nicole Cottrell  
Alana Nicole Curtis  
Riley Ann Davidson  
Sophia Anne Egli  
Noah John Fischer  
Kenyon Wayne Geetings  
Jaymi Michelle Gibbs  
Nicholas John Haberl  
Taylor Rose Hanna  
Garrett William Heather  
Shanna Rae Hudson  
Sydney Rosemarie Lowe  
Jasper Benjamin Luckritz  
Savannah Leigh Neil  
Carter James Nelsen  
Elizabeth Nicole Nowlin  
Elisa Diane Rooda  
Sarah Marie Smith  
Rachel Sohn  
Zandra May Spiker  
Jaeni May Sprague  
Kassidi Michelle Steel  
Allison Dawn Van Gorp  
Lucas Jeffrey Vroom

Student Senate (graduating members)

DelTon L. Alexander Jr., Senator  
Jenna-Marie Denali Hernandez, Student Body President  
Nathan Robert Larson, Senator  
Cole Lucas McGriff, Senator  
Carter James Nelsen, Senator  
Lucas Jeffrey Vroom, Senator
Student Awards

ALL-COLLEGE

Julia Van Houweling Award
Abbigail Michelle Roerdink 2024

John Allen Writing Award for Synaptic
Sarah M. Smith 2022

DEPARTMENTAL

Biology
Biology Senior Award
Layken Elizabeth Bytnar 2024
John Bowles Biology Award
Marissa Jonas 2024

Chemistry
Analytical Chemistry Award
Gabriel Thomas Wilson 2024
Biochemistry Award
Robert Groves 2024
Chemistry Senior Award
Madi Kate Van Vors 2024
Freshman Award in Chemistry
Summer Sterrenberg 2020
Organic Chemistry Award
Jaxon Thompson 2024
Physical Chemistry Award
Francheska G. Burnett 2023

Communications Studies
C.A. & Frances L. DeBruin Award
Lauren Michelle Brown 2024

Economics, Accounting & Management
Business Management Award
Lauren Michelle Brown 2024
Butler Scholar in Economics Award
Noah John Fischer 2024
Economics, Accounting and Management
Department's Outstanding Leadership and
Service Award
Abbigail Michelle Roerdink 2024
Robert J. Maurer Accounting
Abbigail Michelle Roerdink 2024
Jaymi Michelle Gibbs 2024

The Institute for Management Accountants
Award
Landon Neal Kirby 2024
The Iowa Society of C.P.A.'s Award
Nicholas John Haberl 2024

Education
Barbara Dieleman Award for Excellence in Elementary Education
Shanna Rae Hudson 2024
Blake Ryan Recker 2024
Bruce and Susan Berical Anderson Education Grant
Nolan Jonathan Brand 2024
Lindsey Ann Davidson 2024
Sophia Anne Egli 2024
Abigail Joy Gruver 2024
Kate Elizabeth Kohler Hoogensen 2024
Shanna Rae Hudson 2024
Madison Kai Opp 2024
Blake Ryan Recker 2024
Addison Leigh Six 2024
Tiffany Elisabeth Smith 2024
Karsyn Kayleigh Stalzer 2024
Kole C. Tupa 2024
Joyce Huizer Award for Excellence in Elementary Education
Addison Leigh Six 2024
Lee Collins Award for Excellence in Elementary Education
Addison Leigh Six 2024
Lindsey Ann Davidson 2024

English
Calliope Award
Chance Gracyn Palm 2024
Student Awards

Environmental Studies
Outstanding Environmental Science Award
Alyssa Kay Mayhew 2024
Outstanding Environmental Sustainability Award
Samantha Rose Schelby

Humanities
The League of Women Voters Washington Center Award
Taylor Jade Storm 2022
The Vander Lugt-Voss Scholarship Fund and Prizes in the Humanities - English
Sydney Rosemarie Lowe 2024
The Vander Lugt-Voss Scholarship Fund and Prizes in the Humanities - History
Carter James Nelsen 2024
The Vander Lugt-Voss Scholarship Fund and Prizes in the Humanities - Philosophy
Religion
Cole Lucas McGriff 2024

Kinesiology
John Roslien Endowed Scholarship
Abigail Marie Frey 2023
Hunter Tracy Wilkinson 2023
Verle Rinehart Award
Anne MacArthur Gregory 2024
Jasper Benjamin Luckritz 2024

Pre-Health Science
Dr. Herman Vander Meulen Award for Pre-Med
Layken Elizabeth Bytnar 2024

Pre-Law
Mock Trial MVP Award
Samuel George Wolff 2024

Modern Languages
Denise Murray Award in French
Gabriella Rose Petruzello 2024
Jim Graham Award for Academic Excellence in Spanish
Cera Grace Stroh 2024
Martha Betancourt Prize for Departmental Excellence and Service in Spanish
Emily Adriana van Eijndt 2024

Mathematics/Computer Science
Henry W. Pietenpol Award
Cade Geritt Brouwer 2023

Music
Music Major Student Leadership Award
Mackenzie Joel Biggs 2024

Physics
Richard J. Mentink Award
Katherine Elizabeth Stroh 2024

Political Science
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Award
Kaitlyn Michele Isom 2023-24
Elyse A. Johnson 2022
Political Science Award
Taylor Jade Storm 2024
Lucas Jeffrey Vroom 2022

Sociology/Anthropology
Gordon F. De Jong Senior Award
Alysha Marie Coyle 2024
Megan Sloss Award
DelTon L. Alexander, Jr. 2024

Musical Theatre
Mr. “B” Outstanding Performance Award
Bryson Michael McGowan 2024
Kamryn Marie Waymire 2024
Student Awards

ATHLETICS

**Prins Sportmanship Award**
Summer Lynn Brand 2023-24

**Ron Schipper Leadership Award**
Harold Kenneth Dobernecker 2023-24

**Marjorie Giles Student Life Leadership Award**
Mackenzie Joel Biggs 2023-24

**Baseball**
Most Valuable Player Award
Declan Hanson O'Hare 2022
Colton John DeRocher 2023

Men's Basketball
Defensive Player of the Year Award
Kaleb Zachary Brand 2021-22
Kole C. Tupa 2022-23
Gary Dirksen Achievement Award
Kole C. Tupa 2022-23
Kaleb Zachary Brand 2023-24
Mentink Award
Kole C. Tupa 2023-24
Most Improved Player Award
Kaleb Zachary Brand 2021-22
Connie Muyskens Most Valuable Player Award
Joshua M. Van Gorp 2022-23, 2023-24
Grant Eric Johnson 2022-23
Tom Steward Hustle Award
Nolan Jonathan Brand 2022-23, 2023-24
Wassenaar Coaches Award
Kaleb Zachary Brand 2022-23

Women's Basketball
Defensive Player of the Year Award
Kassidi Michelle Steel 2021-22, 2022-23
Allison Dawn Van Gorp 2022-23
Dutch Non-Negotiables Award (DNA)
Kassidi Michelle Steel 2023-24
Gary Dirksen Achievement Award
Allison Dawn Van Gorp 2023-24
Newcomer of the Year Award
Allison Dawn Van Gorp 2021-22

**Men's Cross Country**
Most Improved Performer Award
Noah Robert Jorgenson 2021
Jack Apollo Orengo 2023
Most Valuable Performer Award
Noah Robert Jorgenson 2022
Newcomer of the Year Award
Noah Robert Jorgenson 2022

**Women's Cross Country**
Most Improved Performer Award
Kate Elizabeth Kohler Hoogensen 2020
Lindsey Ann Davidson 2021
Most Valuable Performer Award
Caroline Ruby McMartin 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
Newcomer of the Year Award
Lindsey Ann Davidson 2020

**Football**
Bruce Wendt Offensive Lineman Award
Tristan Thomas Hunt 2023
Claussen Most Improved Player Award
Reece Thomas Miller 2022
Heerema-Schilder Most Valuable Player Award
Ryan Neu 2022, 2023
P.H. Kuyper Award
Colton Lyle Mayberry 2023
Kirk Wagner Offensive Scout Team Award
Hunter Tracy Wilkinson 2021, 2022
Mentink Award
Brody Patrick Klein 2023
Special Teams Most Valuable Player Award
Logan Sunvold 2021, 2022
Hunter Tracy Wilkinson 2023

**Men's Golf**
Golden Putter Most Improved Player Award
Cole Lucas McGriff 2022-23
Ryerson Most Valuable Player Award
Harold Kenneth Dobernecker 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23
Student Awards

ATHLETICS

Women's Golf
Most Improved Player Award
Rachel Sohn 2020-21
Most Valuable Freshman Award
Mackenzie Joel Biggs 2020-21
Outstanding Attitude Award
Peyton Rose Bytnar 2020-21
Maurine Timmer Most Valuable Player Award
Mackenzie Joel Biggs 2021-22

Men's Soccer
Most Valuable Player Award
John Charles Foster 2022, 2023
Most Inspirational Player Award
Mitchel J. Benhart 2023

Women's Soccer
Hustle Award
Hailey Susan Hunter 2023
Most Valuable Player Award
Patricia Paige Cahill 2023
Maddi Jacquelyn Fisher 2020-21
Kaitlyn Michele Isom 2021
Most Improved Player Award
Emerson Leigh Drake 2020-21
Hailey Susan Hunter 2022
Outstanding Newcomer Award
Maddi Jacquelyn Fisher 2020-21

Softball
Offensive Player of the Year Award
Francheska G. Burnett 2022
Most Improved Player Award
Megan Nicole Lynn Stuhr 2021
Newcomer of the Year Award
Francheska G. Burnett 2021

Wrestling
Academic Achievement Award
Gage Patrick Linahon 2021-22, 2022-23
Lawrence Award
Brock Andrew Beck 2022-23; 2023-24
Most Improved Wrestler Award
Gage Patrick Linahon 2021-22
Most Valuable Performer Award
Gage Patrick Linahon 2022-23
Outstanding Newcomer Award
Brock Andrew Beck 2020-21

Volleyball
Most Improved Player Award
Taryn Ann Pearl Hintz 2021
Freshman of the Year Award
Grace A. Daniels 2020-21
Academic Award
Lauren Michell Brown 2021, 2022
Leadership Award
Elyse A. Johnson 2023
Spirit Award
Elyse A. Johnson 2021, 2022, 2023
Faculty

Charles Adamson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theatre

Mark Babcock ’91, M.M., M. Joan Kuyper Farver Endowed Chair in Music and Professor of Music

Mark Barloon, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer of History

Russell Benedict, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Valerie Billing, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

Shelley Bradfield, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Studies

Adam Bradley, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

Any But, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Anna Christensen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Courtney Comstock ’20 C.P.A., Lecturer of Accounting

Stanley Dahl, M.M., Senior Lecturer of Music

Jennifer Diers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education

Mary Donato, Ph.D., Lecturer of Communication Studies

Leslie Keuning Duinink ’90, M.S., Associate Professor of Kinesiology

James Dunne, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Ellen DuPré, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Lance Dyzak, M.F.A., Lecturer of English

Erin Durflinger, Ph.D., Lecturer of Education

James Fuller, M.Ed., Lecturer of Kinesiology

Stephen Fyfe ’87, Ph.D., Professor of Computer Science

Chad Garber, M.E., Lecturer of Physics & Engineering

Ashley Garr, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Elizabeth Golovatski, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics

Russell Goodman, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics

Andrew Green, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science

Shelli Green ’07, D.A.T., Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

Alan Hastings, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education

Eric Insko, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Keith Jones, Ph.D., Mark & Kay DeCook Endowed Chair in Character and Leadership Development and Professor of Psychology

Kate Kanne, M.F.A., Assistant Professor of Theatre

Nicole Kaplan, Ph.D., Professor of French

Mathew Kelly, M.F.A., Professor of Art

Terence Kleven, Ph.D., Professor of Religion

Kathleen Korcheck, Ph.D., Professor of Spanish

Allison Krogstad, Ph.D., Professor of Spanish
Faculty

Linda Laine, Ph.D.,
Professor of Communication Studies

Bradley Lampe, M.M.,
Lecturer of Music

Graham Lemke, Ph.D.,
Donald T. Butler Endowed Chair and
Professor of Finance

Thomas Linton, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Lee Macomber, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Biology

Cynthia Mahmood, Ph.D.,
Frank Moore Chair in Anthropology and
Professor of Anthropology

Viktor Martisovits, Ph.D.,
Professor of Physics

Tamara Masters, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of Education

Samuel Mate-Kodjo, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Spanish

Melissa McAninch, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Education

Ann McDonald, M.B.A,
Lecturer of Business Management

Elizabeth McMahon, M.L.I.S.,
Associate Professor of Library Science

Paulina Mena, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Biology

Mark Mills, Ph.D.,
Professor of Mathematics

Katherine Nesbit, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of English

Tuan Nguyen, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Economics

George Nwaogu, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Economics

Timothy Olin, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of History

Nicole Palenske, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Biology

Stavros Papakonstantinidis, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Communication Studies

David Pavlat, Ed.D.,
Associate Professor of Kinesiology

Alexey Pronin, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Physics

Dawn Stiemmsma Reece ’89, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Sociology

Randall Renstrom, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Psychology

Óscar Reynaga, M.A.,
Senior Lecturer of Spanish

Brian Roberts ’92, M.F.A.,
Professor of Art

John Roslien, M.S.,
Associate Professor of Kinesiology

Mary Ross, Ph.D.,
Lecturer of Chemistry

Matt Sagar, M.S.,
Lecturer of Kinesiology

Maggie Fisher Schlerman ’02, C.P.A.,
Associate Professor of Accounting

Ashley Scolaro, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Psychology

James Shriver, Ph.D.,
Professor of Chemistry

Sara Shuger Fox, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Kinesiology

Kristin Siewert, M.S.,
Senior Lecturer of Biology

Mary Stark, Ph.D.,
John and Anna Poole Endowed Chair in
the Humanities and Professor of English

Sean Stephenson, D. Arts,
Assistant Professor of Music
Faculty

Tamala Strawser, M.A.,
Lecturer of Education

Mary E.M. Strey, Ph.D.,
Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Biology

Julie Summers, Ph.D.,
Lecturer of Management and Marketing

Mathew Sutter, M.B.A.,
Lecturer of Accounting

Susan Swanson, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Art

Julianne Taylor, M.S.,
Lecturer of Education

Mark Thomas, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Kristen Thompson, Ph.D.,
Lecturer of Engineering

Michael Thompson ’98, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Computer Science

Katelin Valster, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

Sarah Van Waardhuizen, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of Music

Elena Vishnevskaya, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Religion

Jay Wackerly, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Wendy Weber, Ph.D.,
Professor of Mathematics

Paul Weihe, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Biology

Taylor Welden, M.A.,
Lecturer of Education

Shawn Wick, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Sociology

Jonathan Witt, Ph.D.,
Professor of Sociology

Lori Witt, Ph.D.,
Kenneth J. Weller Distinguished Professorship of the Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of History

Keith Yanner, Ph.D.,
Professor of Political Science

Amy Young, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of German

James Zaffiro, Ph.D.,
Professor of Political Science

Symbolism of the Marshal’s Staff

The faculty marshal carries a staff that symbolizes the official nature of the ceremony and indicates to faculty and graduates when to rise or be seated. The staff was hand-crafted in the early 1980s by Bill Wesselink ’31, son of former Central College president John Wesselink. Made of two pieces of cherry wood joined by a gold plate, the staff is topped by a gold “C” surrounding a Bible and torch, with “1853,” the college’s founding date, in the center.
Parent Council

Parent council members who have students graduating today are:

Central Employee Parents of the Class of 2024

Mary E. M. and Charles Strey
Aiden Brumwell ’24
Mary and Michael Linde
Sarah Louise Linde ’24
Jeffrey ’90 and Laurie Rieken McMartin ’90
Caroline Ruby McMartin ’24
Frank ’91 and Stacey Profit Neu ’92
Ryan Neu ’24
Julie and Shawn Palm
Chance Gracyn Palm ’23

Jeffrey and Colleen Hovinga
Joseph Hovinga ’26
Forest City, Iowa

Amy Kenney
Mark Kenney ’26
Fennimore, Wisconsin

Dave and Wendy Lindell
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Adam Duerfeldt, associate professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, developed his interest in chemistry at Central College. He explored his passion while conducting independent research and a senior thesis project with James Shriver, professor of chemistry.

Duerfeldt, a 2006 Central graduate, currently leads a research group focused on developing new antibiotics and therapies for common eye diseases and teaches in the University of Minnesota’s College of Pharmacy. In 2018, Duerfeldt co-founded Excitant Therapeutics, a drug development company focused on developing new therapeutics for diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration.

While at Central, Duerfeldt played baseball, serving as the team captain for two years. He was the 2006 College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American of the Year and garnered other athletics awards during his career. He was part of the first Iowa Conference championship team in 31 years. Duerfeldt was inducted into the Central College Hall of Fame in 2022 and served on Central’s National Advisory Council from 2015 to 2017.

A native of Urbandale, Iowa, Duerfeldt studied chemistry at Central and graduated with the highest distinction. After graduating from Central, Duerfeldt completed a doctorate in 2011 at the University of Kansas in medicinal chemistry, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at the Scripps Research Institute in California. He began his faculty career at the University of Oklahoma, where he remained for six years and was named Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2017. He moved to the University of Minnesota in 2020.

Duerfeldt and his wife, Katie, have two sons and live in Maple Grove, Minnesota.
Academic costumes are as old as the universities themselves. Practically all of them derive from some form of clerical or priestly garb worn by the students and faculty in the Middle Ages. In Europe, each institution seems to have its own variant of costume, but in America academic costume follows a uniform code drawn up by a special commission in 1895. The code has three main parts; that is, it deals with caps, gowns and hoods.

The Oxford-type cap or mortar-board seems to have evolved from the square biretta of Renaissance churchmen. It is always black and may be of any appropriate material except velvet, which is reserved for doctors. The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. First, it may be black for any degree. Second, it may be the color of the faculty in which the degree was granted. Third, a tassel made of gold metallic thread is reserved for doctors and governing officials of institutions. At the moment the degree is awarded, the tassel is switched from the right to the left side of the cap.

Gowns, which according to the code are all black, are of three kinds. The bachelor’s gown is a relatively simple kind falling in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeves. Master’s gowns are set apart by a peculiar arrangement of the long sleeves whereby the arms emerge from the sleeves through slits at the elbow. The rest of the sleeve dangles and terminates around the knee of the wearer in a square end into which a semi-circle is cut. In 1960, however, the gown was modified. In place of the elbow slit, an opening was made at the wrist and the gown was made to close. The doctor’s gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as by three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and unlike them may be ornamented in color. Both the paneling and the sleeve bars may show the faculty in which the degree was awarded.

The hood alone clearly shows the level of the degree, the faculty in which it was given, and the institution which awarded it. The level of the degree is shown by the size of the hood, the width of the velvet trimming, and in the case of the doctor, by the shape. The bachelor’s, the master’s and the doctor’s hoods are three feet, three and one-half feet and four feet long respectively. The velvet trimming in the same order is two, three and five inches. This extends all around the hood on the exposed edge. To make a more comfortable fit, it is allowed to narrow to the neck band. This same trimming identifies the faculty in which the degree was awarded. For each faculty there is a corresponding color so a glance at the trimming is all that is needed to identify the faculty. The institution which awarded the degree is indicated by the colored lining. Central College hoods are lined with red silk crossed by a white chevron.

The color of the faculty referred to above indicates the field in which the degree was taken. The colors seen most often in a Central College procession, with the fields they represent are:

- White ............... Arts and Humanities
- Pink .................... Music
- Dark Blue ............. Philosophy
- Light Blue .............. Education
- Sage Green .......... Physical Education
- Brown ................. Fine Arts
- Golden Yellow ....... Science
- Lemon ................ Library Science
- Drab .................... Commerce, Accountancy, Business
- Scarlet.................. Theology