

# **Commencement**

September 10, 2021

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
School of Public Service and Education



#### Welcome!

It's my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Capella University's virtual commencement ceremony. All of us at Capella – our board of trustees, faculty and staff – are honored to celebrate with you and recognize the significant accomplishments of all our graduates.

This unique moment in time touches all of us. While we wish we could celebrate your achievement together, I want to recognize that our coming together, virtually, is historic and meaningful.

Your academic achievements, determination, and perseverance have brought you to this point. The diplomas and certificates earned recognize new achievement as well as new responsibilities – to your community, profession, family and to yourself. You have the knowledge, skill and professional countenance to make your part of the world a better place and to serve as a role model for those aspiring to attain what you have.

As a participant in commencement, you join more than 99,000 Capella graduates who have gone before you. Many more will follow. Your success is a beacon to us all, and this commencement underscores the dedication and drive you showed throughout your studies. We stand together, better prepared, more focused, more deeply committed to making a difference in the future we share as a community.

As you move forward with your life and career, the support of Capella University remains with you. I encourage you to stay close to Capella through our Alumni Association and let us know about your achievements.

To the loved ones of our graduates: You deserve special recognition. We appreciate the unique challenges that our learners face as well as the sacrifices required of those around them. Your support and encouragement helped make their success possible. On behalf of Capella's learners, faculty and staff, I extend our sincere gratitude and admiration.

Graduates, I encourage you to savor this moment – it is one you will long remember and cherish. Take pride in your accomplishments. We are honored to celebrate with you.

Sincerely,

**Richard Senese, PhD, LP**President, Capella University

# Commencement Speaker | Sarah Lewis, PhD, MPhil

Sarah Lewis is an associate professor at Harvard University in the Department of History of Art and Architecture and the Department of African and African American Studies – one of only two professors ever hired at Harvard to focus on African American art.

Dr. Lewis' talks urgently address the world we are living in right now, gathering in various threads – art history, technical innovation, race, photography, the story of America and her personal narrative – to elucidate the power of art to ignite social change. She's spoken to organizations such as Prada, ABC and United Way, given a main-stage TED Talk and was a closing speaker at SXSW.

She was prominently featured in HBO's Black Art: In the Absence of Light – a documentary exploring two centuries of art by African Americans and the path they forged for contemporary Black artists.

Her award-winning Vision and Justice issue of Aperture magazine and forthcoming book garnered unprecedented press coverage and helped change the national conversation on race. She is also the bestselling author of The Rise: Creativity, the Gift of Failure, and the Search for Mastery.

Dr. Lewis' scholarship has been profiled by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Boston Globe. She was on Oprah's "Power List," served on President Obama's Arts Policy Committee and was the inaugural recipient of the Freedom Scholar Award presented by The Association for the Study of African American Life and History. The award honors Dr. Lewis and her work's "direct positive impact on the life of African Americans."

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	6:00 PM
Greeting	Eric Jolly, PhD Capella University Board of Trustees, Chair
The National Anthem	Emilton Cardona
Welcome	Richard Senese, PhD, LP President, Capella University
Commencement Address	Sarah Lewis, PhD, MPhil
Presentation of Candidates for Bac Master's Degrees and Certificates	helor's, Heather Welzant, PhD Dean, School of Public Service and Education
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral Degrees</b> Josh Stanley, EdD, NCC, ACS Dean, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences	
-	Richard Senese, PhD, LP, President, and Germain, EdD, JD, Provost, Capella University
Ceremony Closing	Richard Senese, PhD, LP, President, and Capella University faculty and leadership

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Examining Nursing Faculty Credentials and NCLEX-RN Pass Rates in Pre-Licensure Nursing Programs

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# Nicholas Greg Palisch

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Mentor: Eric Wellington

#### Trisha Sue Parks

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In Sync: A Qualitative Study of Asynchronous Online Teacher Mentor Training

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#### Ronette Shaw

A Qualitative Study of Nursing Faculty Team Teaching in a Graduate Program Mentor: Donna Taliaferro

#### Pamela White

Qualitative Study on Advising and Persistence of African Americans Community College

Mentor: Howard Jacob

# **Commencement Programs**

This program is not an official graduation list. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of candidates' names or may contain the names of persons who have not yet completed their graduation requirements. Graduates are listed once for each degree and/or certificate they have earned. Therefore, multiple listing of an individual indicates they have earned more than one academic credential. Degrees and honors will be awarded only upon successful completion of all requirements. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the student's academic record, maintained by the Registrar's Office, 225 South 6th Street, 9th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

# **Alumni Association and Career Services**

Congratulations on your graduation from Capella University.

Today marks an incredible achievement, but it's only the beginning. The Capella University Alumni Association offers resources to help you keep moving forward. Whether you're looking for professional development opportunities, career services, or ways to continue your academic research and growth, you can turn to us for support in this next stage of your journey. Visit us on Alumni Campus (capella.edu/welcomealumni) for help in creating and implementing a strategy to achieve your unique career goals.

We wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Alumni Association and Career Services

# The Capella University Mace Origin and Use

At commencement, a mace symbolizes the authority of the Capella University president to award degrees. The mace precedes the president and chancel party in the ceremonial procession. Capella University's mace has been in use since 2000. The head of the mace is a copper representation of the globe, topped by the Capella University emblem and motto. The globe is supported by a carved wooden shaft, is nearly three feet in length, and weighs four pounds.



In medieval times, the mace was a fighting weapon effective at penetrating armor in

battle. Composed of a shaft adorned with a heavy head studded with blades, the mace came to be associated with the protection of the sovereign rulers of England and France and was carried by the king's sergeant-at-arms and other royal bodyguards. As long-range weapons were developed, such as the long bow and the musket, the mace became a ceremonial object.

In the 13th century, the mace was featured in processions of city mayors and other dignitaries, and academic institutions began to use the mace in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions. Today, the British House of Commons and the U.S. House of Representatives have official maces as do most universities and colleges in the United States and abroad

# Academic Regalia Origin and Use

The academic regalia worn today originated in the Middle Ages. The distinctive gown served to set the faculty and students apart from other citizens. Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. Bachelor's gowns were to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; master's gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves; and doctor's gowns of silk with longer sleeves, faced with black velvet from neck to back, and with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same materials as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the highest degree-granting university by its colors. Capella University's regalia colors are red and black

The border of the hood indicates the academic disciplines in which the degree is earned:

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD - all disciplines)

Royal blue Philosophy

# PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE, MASTER'S, BACHELOR'S DEGREES, AND CERTIFICATES

Drab Business Lemon yellow Technology

Light blue Education and Counseling

Peacock blue Public Service Leadership and Human Services

Apricot Nursing Salmon pink Health Gold Psvchology Citron Social Work

#### Academic Honors

Many of our graduates are wearing colored cords to signify that they are honors recipients. They have earned this distinction by maintaining a high grade point average and by completing other requirements for university honors.

Baccalaureate degrees with honors are conferred upon students who have earned the following grade point averages:

• summa cum laude, 3.850-4.000 GPA (gold cord)

magna cum laude, 3.750–3.849 GPA (silver cord)

• cum laude, 3.500-3.749 GPA (cardinal cord)

Master's degrees with honors are conferred upon students who have earned a grade point average of 3.850 or higher. These graduates are wearing a bronze and gold double cord.

#### FlexPath

Although they do not wear honors cords, our FlexPath graduates should be commended on their outstanding achievement. Capella's Academic Recognition Policy is founded solely upon achievements in grade point average, which is factored with an A–F grading system and a course's credit value. Because FlexPath is competency based, direct assessment, and self paced, it has neither A–F grading nor fixed terms (which standardizes academic credit). So even though FlexPath requires strong academic performance, learners in this delivery model are not eligible for formal academic recognition.

#### Military Honors

In recognition of their service to our country, active-duty and veteran military-affiliated graduates may wear a red, white, and blue military cord with their regalia. This cord was created by Jostens and was introduced for the first time at Capella's Winter 2016 commencement ceremonies.

Please join us in thanking these graduates and their families for their service and sacrifice.

# Alpha Phi Sigma

Congratulations to the honor society members of Alpha Phi Sigma! Your dedicated pursuit and successful attainment of your respective degrees will allow you to make a difference in your communities as future practitioners, educators, researchers, and leaders. Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society distinguishes undergraduate and graduate students for academic excellence in the criminal justice field. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity. On behalf of the Alpha Phi Sigma, we applaud you for reaching this important milestone!

#### Chi Sigma Iota

Congratulations to the inducted members of the Capella Chi Upsilon Chi (CUC) chapter of Chi Sigma lota (CSI), the national counseling honor society. CSI promotes scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling, by recognizing high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence. Capella members of CSI-CUC maintained a rigorous GPA and demonstrated a commitment to the counseling profession throughout their graduate program. The executive committee looks forward to serving its alumni as they transform into their new roles as professional counselors.

#### Delta Alpha Pi

Congratulations to the graduates of the Zeta Chi Chapter of Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society. Delta Alpha Pi highlights the academic achievements of learners with disabilities across all programs and schools.

Take a moment to recall the path you have traveled to get where you are today. You have demonstrated leadership skills, advocacy for yourselves and others, and have served as role models for other learners with disabilities. Most importantly, your hard work and dedication have overcome the obstacles and challenges that stood in your way. Congratulations on your success as a graduate of Capella University.

# Delta Kappa

Congratulations to the honor society members of the PI Chapter of Delta Kappa, the International Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Society. These graduates are wearing red and gold honor cords. Delta Kappa recognizes the achievements of current students as well as practitioners already in the field who have achieved distinction and continue to make significant contributions to the field. Capella members of Delta Kappa maintained a rigorous GPA of 3.75 or higher. As the official honor society for the field of Marriage and Family Therapy, Delta Kappa serves to further and complement the fine work being done by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the American Family Therapy Academy, and the International Family Therapy Association.

#### Delta Mu Delta

Congratulations to the graduates of the Xi Delta chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society! These graduates are wearing antique gold and royal purple honor cords. Delta Mu Delta's mission is to encourage higher scholarship and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business programs. Delta Mu Delta membership is a mark of excellence in business studies. It communicates to employers, family, friends, and colleagues that the student has demonstrated exceptional work in his or her academic studies. It signals to the world that the student has a commitment to excellence in the classroom, a desire for leadership and service to the community, and willingness to set personal high standards.

# **Epsilon Pi Phi**

Congratulations to the honor society members of Epsilon Pi Phi! Today, we recognize the accomplishments of the undergraduate, graduate and doctorate honor society members of Epsilon Pi Phi of Capella University, School of Public Service Leadership. Epsilon Pi Phi Honor Society distinguishes undergraduate and graduate students for academic excellence in the field of emergency management, homeland security, disaster research and science, criminal justice and continuity management disciplines. On behalf of the Epsilon Pi Phi, we applaud you for reaching this important milestone.

# Kappa Delta Pi

Congratulations to the graduates of the Alpha Kappa Theta chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Membership in this prestigious organization indicates a high standard of achievement by being in the top 18% of the School of Education. Graduates are wearing green and purple honor cords which symbolize adherence to the organization's Ideals of Fidelity to Humanity, Science, Service, and Toil on which Kappa Delta Pi was founded. Members also endorse KDP's motto of Knowledge, Duty, and Power. Each member exhibits commendable professional qualities and sound scholarship. Alpha Kappa Theta pledges our support as you now carry on KDP's legacy of fostering excellence in education.

# National Society of Leadership and Success

The National Society of Leadership and Success is so proud and pleased to congratulate our current members on their graduation from Capella University! Our mission is to build leaders who make a better world. Our members are more in touch with who they are as leaders and are ready to pay it forward, to serve within their community and beyond. They have made a commitment to pursue Success—take Action—seek and clarify their Purpose. They have embraced the idea that more can be achieved when we work together. They have made a commitment to always create a shared vision, challenge the status quo, inspire positive action, empower others, and seek constant improvement. They have begun to live the mission and values upon which the NSLS was founded and have taken an active role in becoming a successful leader at Capella University. NSLS Members, congratulations again on your graduation, and never forget you are a leader who will build a better world!

# Omega Gamma, Sigma Theta Tau International

Congratulations to the graduates of the Omega Gamma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International. Membership is by invitation only. Omega Gamma chapter is a part of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Membership invitations are extended to baccalaureate and graduate nursing learners who demonstrate the values of Sigma Theta Tau and excellence in nursing scholarship. In recognition of their membership to Omega Gamma, the affiliated graduates may wear the purple and white STTI honor cords with their regalia symbolizing they have been inducted into Omega Gamma and STTI. On behalf of the Omega Gamma Chapter, we applaud you for achieving this prestigious honor.

# Phi Alpha

Congratulations to the graduates of the Phi Tau Chapter of the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society! These graduates are wearing blue and gold honor cords. Phi Alpha recognizes the achievements of current students who have achieved academic distinction and will continue to make significant contributions to the field. Capella members of Phi Alpha rank in the top 35% of the MSW Class. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work

#### Psi Chi

Congratulations to the graduates of the Capella chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. The mission of Psi Chi is to recognize and promote excellence in the science and application of psychology. Psi Chi members must achieve and maintain a rigorous GPA. Advisors and members of the Capella chapter of Psi Chi applaud you for reaching this milestone and as you move forward in the field of psychology.

# **About Capella University**

Capella University offers undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs in the fields of business, counseling, education, human services, information technology, nursing, psychology, public administration, public health, public safety and social work, with 46 degree programs and 110 specializations. Capella University was founded in 1993, and today serves more than 41,000 learners in all 50 states and 60 other countries or territories.

Capella University is named for the twin star Capella, which is a pair of stars orbiting a common center. The name represents our philosophy of learning as a dynamic and collegial partnership between Capella and our learners.

#### Our Mission

The mission of Capella University is to extend access to high-quality bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral and certificate programs for adults who seek to achieve their personal and professional potential. This mission is fulfilled through innovative programs that are responsive to the needs of adults and involve active, engaging, challenging, relevant learning experiences.

# **Educational Philosophy**

At Capella University, we believe education transforms people's lives and society immediately and permanently. The innovative, intentionally designed competency-based education we offer enables adult learners to meet challenges in their careers, lead and make new contributions in their disciplines and reach their professional and personal goals. Our educational pathways respect existing expertise and allow learners to focus on what is essential, as they gain new competencies and expand on those they already have. The credentials they earn are signs of the professional relevancy, quality and immediate applicability of their educational experience at Capella University and help to create new opportunities in the future. As partners in their education, we proudly serve the lifelong learning ambitions that allow our learners, alumni, their many communities and our broader society to thrive.

#### Accreditation

Capella University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

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