



*76th Annual*  
**Oregon Institute of Technology  
Commencement**



*Class of 2024*

**Klamath Falls | Portland-Metro | Seattle**

# 76th Annual Commencement

## Klamath Falls Campus

Saturday, June 15, 2024 | 10 a.m. | John F. Moehl Stadium

\*Please Stand

**Processional** | Murray Huggins Piper Band

**National Anthem\*** | Devin Walden Sound

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *President*

**Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks**

| John Davis, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Commencement Address** | Dave Drinkward, *President and CEO, Hoffman Construction Company*

**Awards and Recognitions** | President Naganathan

**Recognition of Golden Owls**

**Excellence in Teaching Awards**

**Introduction of Emeriti Faculty & Staff**

**Student Awards of Excellence** | Mandi Clark, D.Ed., *Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Presentation by Graduating Seniors** | Zaysha Akina-Mahoe, *Biology-Health Sciences*; Levi Hallock, *Mechanical Engineering*

**Presentation of Graduates** | Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *Vice Provost of Research and Academic Affairs*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Chris Frazier, *Class of 2008, Communication Studies*

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional** | Murray Huggins Piper Band

**Announcers**

Stefan Andrei, Ph.D. and Franny Howes, Ph.D.

**Ushers**

Campus Ambassadors

*Reception in honor of graduates follows near the fountain in the center of campus. All departmental gatherings also will take place near the fountain.*

## President's Message

Graduates,

Today's ceremony is a testament to your dedication and commitment toward achieving your educational goals. As a graduate of Oregon's Polytechnic University, you have a degree that has prepared you for a successful career and life. We look forward with optimism and excitement to your many accomplishments, and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Congratulations Class of 2024! Go Owls!



Dr. Nagi G. Naganathan  
*President, Oregon Tech*

**Marshals**

Matt Schnackenberg, Ph.D. Richard Bailey  
*Graduates Faculty*

Sandra Bailey Terri Torres  
*Graduates President's Party*

Bobbi Kowash  
*Faculty*

**Faculty Marshals**

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

Jason Smith, *Applied Mathematics*

Eean Grimshaw, Ph.D., *Communication Studies*

Jeannie Bopp, *Dental Hygiene*

Lauren Neilsen, *Health Sciences*

Dawn Bailey, Ph.D., *Applied Behavioral Analysis*

Kevin Garrett, Ph.D., *Marriage and Family Therapy*

Edward Clint, Ph.D., *Humanities and Social Sciences*

Kyle Chapman, Ph.D., *Humanities and Social Sciences*

Robyn Cole, *Medical Imaging Technology*

Tara Guthrie, *Echocardiography*

Rick Hoylman, *Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technology*

Wendy Rogers, *Radiologic Science*

Leah Jolly, *Vascular Technology*

Travis Lund, Ph.D., *Biology – Health Sciences*

Christy VanRooyen, *Environmental Sciences*

Sherri Bailey, *Nursing*

**College of Engineering, Technology and Management**

Sean St.Clair, Ph.D., *Civil Engineering*

Troy Scevers, *Computer Systems Engineering Technology*

Feng Shi, Ph.D., *Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy Engineering*

SuJin Lee, Ph.D., *Geomatics*

Kristy Weidman, *Management*

Cliff Stover, *Manufacturing Engineering, Technology and Mechanical Engineering*



## Greeting and Remarks

**John Davis**

*Chair, Oregon Tech Board of Trustees*

John Davis is a business, nonprofit, and estate planning attorney at Lynch Murphy McLane, LLP, practicing in Portland and Bend.

Davis served as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives representing District 26 from 2013 until 2017. He was also a member of the Oregon Tech Foundation Board and recently served as Vice President.

## Commencement Speaker

**Dave Drinkward**

*President and Chief Executive Officer, Hoffman Construction Company*

Dave Drinkward serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Portland-based Hoffman Construction Company, a position Drinkward has held since 2018. Founded in 1922, Hoffman Construction has grown to become one of the largest construction companies in the United States. As CEO, Drinkward is ultimately responsible for creating Hoffman Construction's vision and executing all aspects of the comp's work.

With nearly 17 years at Hoffman Construction, Drinkward has led some of the company's highest-level initiatives, and held several leadership roles in Risk Management, Safety, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Virtual Design and Construction.

Drinkward is active in his community, serving as a Director for several organizations such as Meals on Wheels People, Ace Mentor Program of America, Oregon Business Council, and Constructing Hope; and as a Trustee of Willamette University.

Drinkward has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Linfield College and a Juris Doctor from Willamette University College of Law. He and his wife, Erin, have four children and live in Portland.

## Graduating Speakers

**Zaysha Akina-Mahoe**

*Biology-Health Sciences*

*College of Health, Arts, and Sciences*

Zaysha Akina-Mahoe is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology-Health Sciences. While completing her final year at Oregon Tech, Akina-Mahoe also completed her first year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Pacific University School of Pharmacy, where her first year of graduate school has also counted toward the final year of her bachelor's degree.

Akina-Mahoe's academic and extracurricular achievements include receiving the 2023 Programmer of the Year Award from Housing and Residence Life and the 2023 Diversity and Belonging Excellence Award from Student Involvement and Belonging. She served as Vice President of the Hawaii Club, Secretary of Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Honors Society, and was a Program Assistant for Housing and Residence Life. She contributed as a writer to Oregon Tech's student newspaper, The Edge, and was a member of the Biology-Health Sciences Club.

Akina-Mahoe has experience as a Clinical Research Assistant for Natural Immune Systems Labs, has volunteered at Sky Lakes Medical Center, and has volunteered with Bristol Hospice patients. She is a volunteer leader in the kid's ministry at Sunrise Church and is on the Dean's Student Advisory Board at Pacific University School of Pharmacy.

**Levi Hallock**

*Mechanical Engineering*

*College of Engineering, Technology, and Management*

Levi Hallock is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. During his academic career, he completed the Oregon Tech Honors Program curriculum and consistently earned high academic distinctions, appearing on the president's list for seven terms and the dean's list for two terms. In 2023, he was part of a team that received the University Student Award for Outstanding Community Service for their work with a local high school.

Hallock served as President of the Makerspace Club, where he connected with students, donors, alumni, and legislators to foster support for the university. This included alumni John Wymore, who generously supported the John and Andrew Wymore Rapid Prototyping Laboratory in Cornett Hall, and Bill Dutra, who has been instrumental in the new Construction Management program.

Hallock has held multiple campus roles, including Supplemental Instructor for Physics, Lab Technician for Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering and Technology, Math Tutor, member of the Residence Life Team, and 3D Print Specialist. His research contributions included work on the Modern Eddington Experiment, which measured gravitational deflection during the 2024 solar eclipse, and working with the Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology program to produce metal 3D printing projects.



**Bachelor of Science  
Applied Mathematics**

Jake Roman Eggspuehler  
*Applied Statistics Minor*  
Victor Chika Ogelle  
*Applied Statistics Minor*  
Xavier Sousa  
Nathan Wiley

**Bachelor of Science  
Data Science**

Sam Jr Bac Thach

*Inaugural  
Graduating Class*

**Bachelor of Science  
Communication Studies**

Donna J Markus  
Travis Martin  
Kameron Osborn †  
*Coaching Minor*  
John Joseph Potts

**Bachelor of Science  
Professional Writing**

Erin F. Miller  
Jacy Wasoski  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Dental Hygiene**

Jennifer Lynn Adamo  
*Business Minor*  
Ana Lea Baker  
*Psychology Minor*  
Roxanne Brasuell  
*Business Minor*  
Stephanie Lynn Brouse  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Kristin Carter  
Kelsie Quinn Collins  
Syona Dufty  
Michelle Jean Fairchild  
Macey Fletcher  
Nico Hebert  
Tanya L Kieliszewski †  
Juhee Lee  
Kaela Michele Lindsey  
Isabel Lopez  
Sarah Elizabeth Mathews  
Kyra Mull  
Hannah Rose Neumann  
*Business Minor*  
Rosalia Olivera-Radillo  
Dahlia Rose Recendiz  
Mackenna Smith  
Berkley Morgan Spinelli

Heather Thomas  
Kylie Lanae Thorne  
Jessica Valdivia Cruz  
*Business Minor*  
Cassandra Lorena Vazquez  
Josue De Jesus Verduzco  
Trisha Leilani Vieira  
Jordan Marie Walter  
Kiah Wetzell  
Karly Drew White  
Abigayle Rose Wilson  
Esmeralda Ellena Wilson †  
*Business Minor*  
Sophie Jane Wilson  
Jessica Wolf

**Master of Science  
Allied Health: Administrative/  
Health Care Leadership Option**

Megan Ann Aldrich †  
Payton A. Canon  
Charlotte E.M. Collins  
Meghan Nicole Conduff  
Amber Marie Lubbes †

**Master of Science  
Allied Health: Respiratory Care  
Option**

Lauren Marie Nielsen †

**Bachelor of Science  
Respiratory Care**

Halle Adair  
Justine Daniel Best †  
Jamie Cappello  
Cristina Caravez †  
LeTicia Davidson  
Tana Marie Erickson  
Crystal B. Flores  
Raymond M. E. Holmes  
*Business Minor*  
Iman Jubeh  
Lyle Cooper Lee  
Joshua X. Nguyen  
Mackenzie Brooke Thompson  
Tailer Vasquez  
David J. Williams  
*Health Informatics Minor*

**Master of Science  
Applied Behavior Analysis**

Hannah Carr  
Kensy Nanang  
D'Anna June Plass  
Courtney Angeliqie Rauls  
Samantha Nicole Townsend  
Sara L. Welsh

**Master of Science  
Marriage and Family Therapy**

Christina L. Muffler  
Joshua D Roberts  
Rebecca Thomason  
Danielle Noel Ventimiglia

**Bachelor of Science  
Applied Psychology**

Haley Aiken  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Shilo Marc Anway  
London L. Argyle †  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Kylie A. Baker  
Brittini R. Belill  
Paislee Boyle †  
Owen G. Christiansen  
Danielle L. Covey  
Chanda R. Crone  
Riley Cronin  
Mackenzie Huck  
Jacob Kernohan  
Alexis Joy Klum  
Tommy Minh Le  
Margaret Josephine Liles  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Gillian Livingston  
Caitlin Anne Lotspeich  
Garrett Martin  
Alice Kimbre Mendoza †  
Windy Michelle Milne †  
Lacey Alexandra Moore  
Crystal Moreno  
Eduardo Barraza Osoria  
Carmen Vanessa Pena  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
Jonathan Neal Regruto  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Stephanie Rizo-Lopez  
Calliope Ralinda Rose  
Sarah Rowlett  
Darcia Quinn Faith Schaefer  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
Emmi Kate Smith  
Winter Smith †  
Ashleigh Caitlin Taylor  
*Business, Human Interaction Minor*  
Aurora Lynn Thompson  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Alexandra Trinidad  
Bridget Vargas  
Corissa Aileen Weaver  
Christopher M Whisenhunt  
Jennifer L. Zeleny

**Bachelor of Science  
Population Health Management**

Alejandra Elena Mendez  
Maddie Miller  
Teresa Bao-Thu Nguyen  
*Medical Sociology, Psychology Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Megan Alldredge  
Megan Bolden  
Natalie Rose Castellano  
Brynne Christie  
Madison Demagalski  
Olivia Jeanette Dykast  
Macey Marie Frost  
Hailee Alexa Henry  
Felicity Paige Houston  
Helen Uyen Huynh  
Erin Minto Kushner  
Maddie Miller  
Emily Rose Mindolovich  
Kathrine Eileene Montagne  
Becky Peterson  
Brooke Reann Phillips  
Melissa Roman Rojas  
Abigail Delaney Schubert  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Julia Shcherbakov  
Kortney Rae Stacona-Gengler  
Amber Michelle Steen  
Rachael Shante Sullivan †  
Mary Tanner  
Sierra M. Tweedy  
Marlo Elizabeth Walker  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Andrea Weber  
Kendra Wilson  
Brook McKenzie Womack

**Bachelor of Science  
Echocardiography**

Tandie Berg  
Cara Jill Bergeron  
Sydney Bosko  
Karlisa Brown  
Michael Joseph Cantillo Jr. †  
Schyler Sterling Colton Casey  
Robert David Castillo †  
Payton Chittam Collier  
Marleny Conlon  
Sherricka Cunningham †  
Sheila Kay Dickens  
Ilona A. Dizon  
Jasmine Nkauj Txhee Fang  
Eve Holly Froehlich  
*Business Minor*

Kimberli E. Gascoigne  
Mikayla Hansen  
Micah R. Hubele  
Madison Marie Hyatt  
Dana Elizabeth G. Jones  
Natalia Likhatcheva  
Samantha Alyssa Maciel  
Dannielle Marie Marcin  
Sareena S. Matthews  
Sydney Grace Mayfield  
Aileen Elizabeth McDaniels  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
Sherri Robley  
Mark A. Schultz  
Kelley Louise Sparrow  
Natalie Renee Varland  
Zoe Walton  
*Business Minor*  
Tyler Wasnock  
Afton Taylor Zahn

**Bachelor of Science  
Nuclear Medicine and Molecular  
Imaging Technology**

JoEl Terrise Adams  
Elizabeth Esmeralda Egoavil  
Tristany Jediah Fagaragan  
Izanah Louise Freden  
Sabrina Garcia  
Aubrey Hagge  
Rachel Irene Hugulet  
Paige M. Isham  
Antonette I. Jones  
Derby Alice McLaughlin  
Caitlin Marie Nieri  
Natalie Orcutt  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Paden Reynolds  
Chloe Rochelle Trigo  
Guadalupe Urbano-Garcia  
Zander Troy Young

**Bachelor of Science  
Radiologic Science**

Braa Ali Aldebi  
Christian Avila-Lillard  
Tristan Bo Bachman  
Rita May Blades  
Cooper Reed Blodgett  
Crew Jonathan Blodgett  
Madison Bogar  
Brittan A. Bratscher  
Kaelie Bryson  
Myah Marie Bullis  
Gabriel Cobian Jr.  
Yanet Hernandez Cobian  
Valeria Estrada Dominguez

Maya Elizabeth Enloe  
Alyssa Nicole Green  
Sierra Gurule  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Jade Collins Hopkins  
Lindsay Nichole Jensen  
Erica Lynn Johnson  
Natalie Anne Lenore Jones  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Ryan Jones  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Aubrey P. Kievit  
Carlie Rae Landon  
Alyson Deann Lindholm  
Shaylee Lutz  
Haley Marie Maddess  
Kira Morrow  
Mariah Darlene Mower  
Jordan Nguyen  
Ariana Novak  
Olivia Marie Opsahl  
Kevin J. Ragsdale  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Caden George Root  
Bradley C. Routh  
Kimberly Ottalia Rubio  
Aubrie Jane Rush  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Trinity Helene Sanchez  
Thomas Curtis Sawyer  
Jenna Holland Smith  
Josie Christine Stegall  
Talon Lee Stephens †  
Patricia Stumm  
Tyler R. Thygesen  
Emma Yoshida

**Bachelor of Science  
Vascular Technology**

Stephanie Lynn Abbott  
Amanda Lee Anderson  
Selene Banuelos-Trinidad  
Joanna Muñoz Betancourt  
Natalie Rose Bruner  
Hubert Bui  
Kylee Nicole Cantu  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
Ella Gaddi-Nguyen  
Viktoria Golovin  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Janice Ann Herrera  
Madeline Rose Larson  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
Remie Khanh Lien Le  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
Ann Machnak

**Bachelor of Science  
Vascular Technology (cont.)**

Ariadna Martinez  
Roshunda L. May  
Gertrude N. Ngoasong  
Amanda Sako  
*Psychology Minor*  
Lara L. Savoie  
Danielle R. Shaver  
Henry Elias Shere  
Erica Jane Skelton †  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
Colton Taylor  
Gretchen Marie Williams  
Alexis Brianna Wolf

**Bachelor of Science  
Biology-Health Sciences**

Zaysha Moana Akina-Mahoe  
Jaelynne Grace Birkby  
Connor Caslin  
Brianna Carol Eichelkraut  
*Psychology Minor*  
Cassandra Garcia-Copado †  
Aren Matthew Horsman  
*Applied Mathematics, Chemistry Minor*  
Kaleah Jambalos  
Megan Jordan  
Jillian Britini-Nichole Luttrull  
Sandra Jane McKinney  
Kaitlyn L. C. Mull  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Skyler Nathaniel Parthemore  
Ryan Pearson

*Chemistry Minor*  
Isaias Ines Peña-Peña  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Lydia Marie Poss  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Christian Read †  
Katie Lynn Sabin  
Rory Alise Schedler  
Monte Bernard Schell  
*Chemistry, Health Informatics Minor*  
Chad Yanagisawa  
Joshua P. Yeaman  
Valerie Zabinski

**Bachelor of Science  
Environmental Sciences**

Katlyn M. Baker  
James Lee Bigby  
*Biology, Sustainability Minor*  
Colton Rivara Chenault †  
*Biology Minor*  
Makenzie Kate Collier  
Kaile Edenhofer  
*Biology, Psychology Minor*  
Alyssa Paige Harris  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp  
Evan Todd Hockett  
Tanikwah R. Lang  
*Sustainability Minor*  
Blake Thomas Loney  
Garrett Walter McGill  
*Sustainability Minor*  
Dominik N. Sterling

**Bachelor of Science  
Nursing**

Anissi Aispuro  
Ibi Xica Alvarez  
Dakota Angeli  
Brianna Bernier-Drake  
Taylor Cissney  
Emily Corder  
Jaedyn DeForrest  
Nicole Downey  
Ryan Fitzgerald  
Aubrey Irvine  
Kyli Kailiuli  
Heston Kent  
Annie Leighton  
Lucille Luckett  
Carena Lyons  
Glenda Merino-Reyes  
Preston Miller  
Skyler Parthemore  
Nicholas Ramos  
Allison Thomas  
Sydni Williams  
Julia Wilson  
Joel Witts



**Masters in Nursing  
Nursing Education**

Carol Usher

**Honor Societies**

**Alpha Epsilon Delta AEA**

*Pre-Professional Health Honors Society*

Jaelynne Birkby  
Aren Horsman  
Kaleah Jambalos  
Megan Jordan  
Jill Luttrull  
Katie Mull  
Alvin Nguyen  
Lydia Poss  
Katie Sabin  
Bridget Vargas  
Josh Yeaman  
Valerie Zabinski

**Lambda Pi Eta APH**

*National Communication Honor Society*

Kody Bauman  
Donna Markus  
Kameron Osborn  
Joey Potts

**Psi Chi PSX**

*National Psychology Honor Society*

Neal Regruto  
Haley Aiken  
Lacey Alexandra Moore  
Darcia Quinn Faith Schaefer

**Sigma Theta Tau SOT**

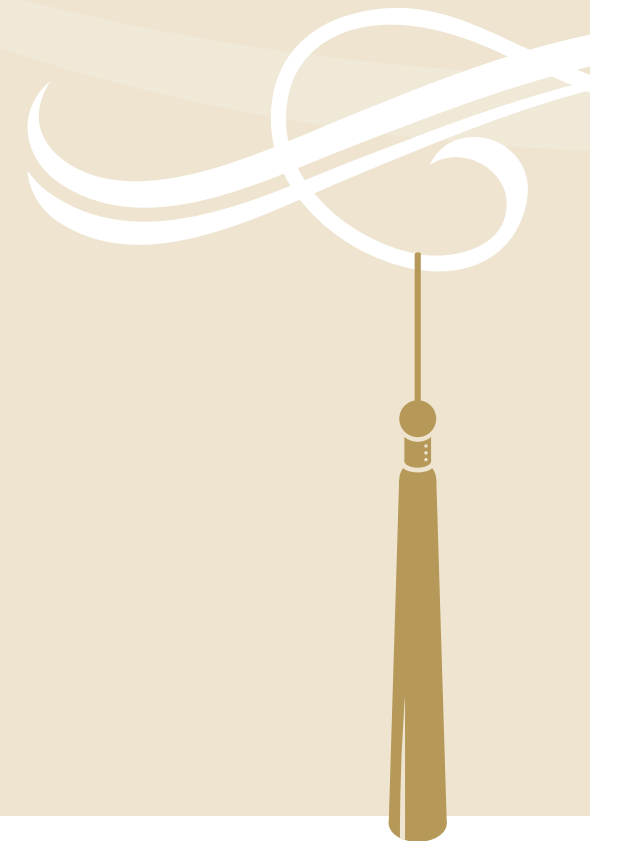
*National Nursing Honor Society*

Ibi Xica Alvarez  
Taylor Cissney  
Emily Corder  
Jaedyn DeForrest  
Kyli Kailiuli  
Lucille Luckett  
Glenda Merino-Reyes  
Allison Thomas

**Lambda Nu AN**

*National Honor Society for the Radiologic  
and Imaging Sciences*

Joel Adams  
Cooper Blodgett  
Crew Blodgett  
Madison Bogar  
Megan Bolden  
Brittan Bratscher  
Natalie Bruner  
Brynne Christie  
Sheila Dickens  
Maya Enloe  
Valeria Estrada  
Viktoria Golovin  
Alyssa Green  
Mikayla Hansen  
Yanet Hernandez Cobian  
Lindsay Jensen  
Natalie Jones  
Ryan Jones  
Samantha Maciel  
Ariana Novak  
Olivia Opsahl  
Kevin Ragsdale  
Trinity Sanchez  
Abigail Schubert  
Henry Shere  
Jenna Smith  
Amber Steen  
Patricia Stumm  
Zoe Walton  
Alexis Wolf  
Brook Womack





## Graduates College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

† Summer graduate

### Master of Science

#### Civil Engineering

Joshua Jeffrey Alejandre  
Patrick Darrel Arman  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp  
Gage Keaton Lee Olivera  
Anthony Valenzuela

### Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering

Joshua Jeffrey Alejandre  
Patrick Darrel Arman  
Abraham Mischa Barr  
*Surveying Minor*  
Sadie Annemarie Brackeen  
Sebastian Brunk  
Logan Jacob Hawes  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp  
Hunter David Holland  
Evald Kashkenov  
Christopher E. Krause  
Kellen Douglas Mendez  
Dylan Nakagawa  
*Business Minor*  
Gage Keaton Lee Olivera  
Alejandro Quiñonez  
Matthew Eugene Shirley †  
Kage Alan Southern  
Anthony Valenzuela  
Mark Villanueva  
Conner Wahl  
Zachary Wise

### Bachelor of Science Embedded Systems Engineering Technology

Gabriel Brumble  
Daniel G.M. Fallon  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Robert C. Galeoto  
Donald Patrick Hammock  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Donna Ruth Kelley  
Zachary Lor  
Daniel Bennet Munsey  
Dominick Stone †  
Christopher C. Thomas  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Sinh Nhan Tri  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Matthew Thomas Volpe  
*Applied Mathematics, Business Minor*  
Nathan Wiley

### Bachelor of Science

#### Software Engineering Technology

Nicholas Cavallaro  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Kobi Conn  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Kieran Raiden Shimazu Dela Cruz  
Abbey DuBois  
Micah C. Gordon  
Jordan Lewis  
Joseph Alexander Mafriqi  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Kellen Michael Maul  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Daniel Bennet Munsey  
Andrew Rice  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Bryce Schultz  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Vincent AJ Siu  
Mikayla Smith  
Cheyene Kelly Steskal  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Stephen K. Thomson  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Joseph Patrick Wilkinson  
Alec Wong  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Karter A. Zwetschke

### Master of Science Engineering

Maiya Kanoelani Esteban Baker  
Scott Gresko

### Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

Ian Bermudez Rivera  
Samuel Charles Collier  
Marcus James Delusa  
Michael H. Duncan †  
Jose Eduardo Ignacio Garcia  
Alexandria Hovden  
Owen Iver Lien  
Brodie A. Marino  
Andrew Nelson  
Joseph B.A. Spears-Ortiz  
Paige Laurel TeVelde  
*Coaching Minor*  
Vitaliy Tveritin  
Riley Scott Wallace  
Chad Watt  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

### Bachelor of Science

#### Renewable Energy Engineering

Mazin Salim Saif Alfarsi  
Salim Bahajry  
Maiya Kanoelani Esteban Baker  
Gabriel Jay Bennett  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Ryan Broberg  
Jacob Joseph Cometto  
Jake Roman Eggspuehler  
Clinton Allen Lytle  
Allyson Kylie Dawn Odell  
Aaryan Sanjay Patel  
Mason W. Snider  
Thomas Nathaniel Thompson  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Vitaliy Tveritin  
Alex John Waryan

### Bachelor of Science Geomatics: Surveying Option

Samuel Bunnell  
Jacob Fowler  
Ryan Norman Knight  
Ethan Michael Moritz  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
Cameron Phillips  
Chad Matthew Remstedt  
Cody Ray Therault  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
Jesse J. Williams

### Bachelor of Science Geomatics: Geographic Information Systems Option

Ryan Frederick Hering  
*Surveying Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Accounting

Caleb Joseph Adams  
*Business Minor*  
Abigail Dummer  
Ethan Robert Stephens  
*Business Minor*  
Justin Scott Thompson  
*Business Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Business: Management Option

Derrick Alderman  
*Innovation & Entrepreneurship Minor*  
Genevieve Annette Castle  
Xavier De La Rosa †  
Christopher Eck  
Christa Eve Garatea

## Graduates College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

† Summer graduate

Claire Marijeanne Lowry

*Innovation & Entrepreneurship Minor*

Tyler S. McLin

Brenna Morgan

Rachel Newhard

Vincent Phuoc Nguyen

*Innovation & Entrepreneurship Minor*

Morgan R. Queen

Patrick Flynn Runge

Gita Shanks

Korrey Kekaulike Siracusa †

Earl Allen Van Order

### Bachelor of Science Business: Marketing Option

Ezekiel Kane Cruz  
Lacey Maureen Grant  
Jaime Kate Kuchle  
Darius Miller  
Rachel Newhard  
Rebekah Redd  
Angela Raselee Taylor

### Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity

Alex Bray  
*Business Minor*  
Hayden Michael Fouts  
*Business Minor*  
Tyler D. Lown  
Andrew R. Morris  
*Business Minor*  
Raef M. Owens  
*Business Minor*  
Marco Antonio Perez  
*Business Minor*  
Caleb Pierce  
*Business, Information Technology Minor*  
Derek B. Ramsey  
*Business Minor*  
Jordan Thomas Spencer  
*Business Minor*  
Tricia Nichole Winter †  
*Business, Information Technology Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Health Care Management: Administration Option

Brooke Cassidy  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Olivia Jane Kennedy Kreiser  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Mckenzie Morgan  
*Psychology Minor*  
Hayley Renee Purvis  
*Psychology Minor*

### Bachelor of Science

#### Health Care Management: Clinical Management Option

Heather Lauren Ferro  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Erin Katie Jones  
Melissa Marie Paine

### Bachelor of Science Health Care Management: Radiologic Science Option

Regina Mae Milner

### Bachelor of Science Information Technology

Kyle Jay Baker  
Hope Rachel Cameron  
*Business Minor*  
Tanya Lynn Eskeli  
Kenneth Andres Gonzales  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
Daniel Jacob Johnson  
*Business Minor*  
Logan Ian Patterson Jones  
*Business Minor*  
Dallas Raymond Rea  
Steffen Allan Scott  
Joseph K. Townsend  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Abraham van Niekerk  
Arya Vedaei  
Cameron D. Vierns  
*Business Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Operations Management

Luke Michel Borja  
Katherine Cabanillas-Morey  
*Business Minor*  
Lain Matthew Fowle  
Ace L. Jones †  
Elisha Jamal Jones  
William Ralph Reno  
*Psychology Minor*  
Daniel Resch

### Bachelor of Applied Science Technology and Management

Toney Anthony Bullard  
Kenneth A. Koonce Jr.

### Bachelor of Science

#### Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Tristan R. Andre  
Dayton-Jay K. Brighter †  
Cody K. Dubray  
*Business Minor*  
*Innovation & Entrepreneurship Minor*  
Casey Taylor Roark

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

Aron Tyler Aldridge  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Cole Brendan Alsop  
Zachary Ausborn †  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Noah Azzopardi  
Joshua Jeffery Bettencourt  
Nathaniel Brown  
Sean Michael Burcin  
Trevor Cary  
Scott North Cooke  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Nicholas R. Devol  
Brandon Mitchel Donat  
Gino Leigh Dowens  
Cody K. Dubray  
Hunter Jay Eberhardt  
Joseph Charles Fogelman †  
Blake H. Frost  
Raul Gonzalez  
Benjamin Lee Goodwin  
Theron Gray  
Liam Henry Gruszczenski  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Jermias Jas Guajardo  
Luke James Hall  
Levi B. Hallock  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Parker J. Harris  
Jonas Anthony Hartline  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Ellis Harwood  
James Hays  
James Daniel Hess  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Hunter Hoogerwerf  
Lane Grace Hughes  
Mauricio Huntoon DeRoche  
Christopher C. Jewitt  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Alexander Johnson  
Tabitha J. Jones  
Kurt Michael Kenehan  
Nathaniel Krupp

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## Graduates College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering (cont.)

Cassidy Nicole Kuchle †  
Nichlas Adam Luton  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Benjamin MacDonald  
Jason Mulvaney  
Sydni Nakamura †  
*Biology Minor*  
Tyler Christian Padron  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Brock D. Rideout  
Nicholas Saude  
Isabella Shepard  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Gideon Daniel Stasak  
Daniel E. Stockton †

Spencer Storey  
Heather Noel Switzer  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Wayne Lloyd Vaughan  
Niles A. Walter  
Alan Watt  
Ryan Howard White  
Ethan Williams  
Sean Philip Wolf

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jorge Manuel Andrade  
Lyle Maka'i Coffee  
John Martin Corder

Caleb J. Cox †  
*Professional Writing & Tech*  
*Communication Minor*  
Dallas Paul Lamorie  
*Business Minor*  
Samuel Mitchell  
Jared James Monroe †  
Ryan Nicholas Poling †  
Casey Taylor Roark

† Summer graduate

### Honor Society

#### Tau Beta Pi TBPI

*Engineering Honor Society*  
Abraham Mischa Barr  
Ian Bermudez Rivera  
Joseph Charles Fogelman  
Jordan S Harris-Toovy  
Lane Grace Hughes  
Pamela Roundy Jackson  
Tyler R. Jamison  
Alexander Johnson

Kurt Michael Kenehan  
Christopher E. Krause  
Brodie A. Marino  
Ashley Nicole Miller  
Allyson Kylie Dawn Odell  
Gage K Olivera  
Aidan Parshall  
Paige Laurel TeVelde  
Niles A. Walter

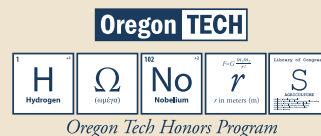
### Honors Program

The Oregon Tech Honors Program provides its honors students with an academic curriculum and a collection of extracurricular learning experiences designed to help them become well-rounded future career professionals, socially responsible people, and liberally educated students. The program's mission is to "foster the person in the future professional."

Christopher J. Syrnyk, Ph.D., Executive Director | Kamal Gandhi, Ph.D. Assistant Director

Brooke Cassidy  
Kieran Delacruz  
Levi Hallock  
Megan Jordan

Jonathan Neal Regruto  
Spencer Storey  
Matt Volpe



## University Student Awards

The **Hiram M. Hunt Award** is eponymously named for a former Oregon Tech faculty member and presented to a student or group who, in the opinion of the faculty, has completed a project that is judged to have made a significant contribution to their field. This year's recipient are members of the **Smart Stepper Group** who are: **Cari Blaker**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology; **Zach Elliott**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering Technology; **Ian Gaffney**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology; **Ismael Hernandez**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology; **Aiden Parshall**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; and **Jae Maller**, graduating in 2027 in Medical Imaging Technology.

The **Most Dedicated Student Award** was established in 1967 by alumnus Jesse Barker. The award is presented to one student each year who, in the opinion of the faculty, has been involved in campus activities and helped make a difference on campus for the students. This year's recipient is **Jordan Spencer**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.

The **Oregon Tech Pride Award** was introduced in 2003 by the Student Awards Commission to honor the student or students whose accomplishments bring outstanding recognition and pride to Oregon Tech. This year's recipient is **Brooke Eldridge**, graduating in 2025 in Mechanical Engineering.

The **Outstanding Community Service Award** is intended for the student or students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. This is exemplified by high moral standards, a cooperative attitude with community leaders, and demonstrated service to others. This year's recipient is **Colton W. Hurst**, graduating in 2026 in Business with Management Option.

The **Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Award** was established in 2012 by the Student Awards Commission to recognize a non-traditional student as an exemplary role model and for their contributions to Oregon Tech and/or other communities. This year's recipient is **Conner J. Wahl**, graduating with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil Engineering

The **Owens Citizenship Award** was established by the family of the late Rose and Vern J. Owens. It is intended for the student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has made outstanding contributions to the university. This is exemplified by high moral standards, participation in school activities, interest in the betterment of the student body standards, a cooperative attitude toward the faculty and fellow students, and a spirit of adventure in academic activities. This year's recipient is **Luke Borja**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Operations Management.

The **Student Achievement Award** is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as senior projects, papers, presentations, or externship/practicum experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient is **Cameron Robinson**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

The **Graduate Student Achievement Award** was created by the Student Awards Commission in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as graduate projects, papers, presentations, or research experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient is **Anthony Valenzuela**, graduating with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil Engineering.

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major (bachelor's degrees).

### Outstanding Scholars Award (Klamath)

#### College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

**Brynne Christie** *Diagnostic Medical Sonography*  
**Chloe Trigo** *Nuclear Medicine Molecular Imaging*  
**Donna Markus** *Communication Studies*  
**Erin Miller** *Professional Writing*  
**Jessica Wolf** *Dental Hygiene*  
**Kylee Cantu** *Vascular Technology*  
**Natalie Jones** *Radiologic Science*  
**Ryan Pearson** *Biology – Health Sciences*  
**Sheila Dickens** *Echocardiography*  
**Tanikwah Lang** *Environmental Sciences*

#### College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

**Abigail Dummer** *Accounting*  
**Angela Taylor** *Business with Marketing Option*  
**Alexander Johnson** *Mechanical Engineering*  
**Brooke Cassidy** *Health Care Management, Administration*  
**Cameron Castillo** *Electrical Engineering*  
**Cameron Viernes** *Information Technology*  
**Christopher Krause** *Civil Engineering*  
**Claire Lowry** *Business with Management Option*  
**Cody Therault** *Geomatics – Option in Surveying*  
**Domnick Stone** *Embedded Systems Engineering Technology*  
**Jordan Spencer** *Cybersecurity*  
**Luke Borja** *Operations Management*  
**Mikayla Smith** *Software Engineering Technology*  
**Ryan Broberg** *Renewable Energy Engineering*  
**Ryan Poling** *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

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## University Student Awards (cont.)

### Outstanding Scholars (Online)

**Abraham Van Niekerk** *Information Technology*  
**Annie Nguyen** *Business, Management Option*  
**Daniel Resch** *Operations Management*  
**Eve Froehlich** *Echocardiography*

**Heather Ferro** *Health Care Management, Clinical Management*  
**José Lujano** *Technology and Management*  
**Nicole Landsverk** *Diagnostic Medical Sonography*

### President's Senior Cup

The **President's Senior Cup** is chosen from the list of Outstanding Scholars nominated by their academic department who have demonstrated superior academic excellence as evidenced by very high cumulative grade-point averages, impressive senior projects, published work or acceptance into graduate school; and other criteria such as dependability, willingness to help others, or involvement in activities and organizations. The 2023-24 academic year consisted of **10** Portland-Metro and **25** Klamath Falls Outstanding Scholars, **7** Online Learning Outstanding Scholars, **1** Chemeketa Outstanding Scholar, of which **4** students were nominated for the President's Senior Cup.

This year's recipients are **Jordan Spencer** (*Cybersecurity*) from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Management; and **Ryan Pearson** (*Biology-Health Sciences*) from the College of Health, Arts, and Sciences.

## Alumni Awards

The Oregon Tech Alumni Association presents awards to recognize the accomplishments and support of Oregon Tech alumni and friends.

### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Alan Parks '72, '74  
*Diesel Automotive Technology*

### Recent Alumni Achievement Award

Seth Gretz '18  
*Management*  
*Small Business Management Option*  
David Murphy '18  
*Management - Marketing*

### Scientific Achievement Award

Rachel Novak '10  
*Biology-Health Science, Pre-Med*

### Outstanding Alumni Veteran

Bruce Young '05  
*Information Technology*

### Alumni Spirit Award

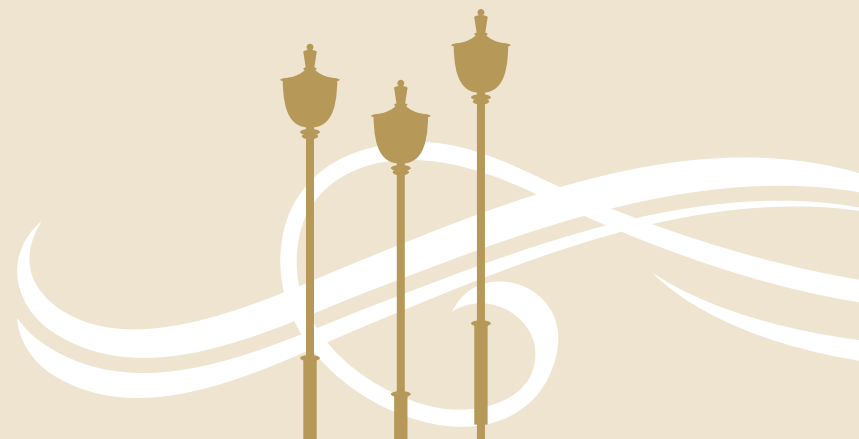
Jason Sullins '98  
*Electronics Engineering Technology*

### Honorary Alumnus Award

Dee Thompson

### Golden Owl Society

The Golden Owl Society is an organization for Oregon Tech alumni who graduated 40 or more years ago. Its purpose is to inform, maintain interest, and involve older alumni in Oregon Tech activities and to promote the university in the activities of its alumni. Membership is free and automatic. Some members are participating in our ceremony today.



## Emeriti Administration and Faculty

Four faculty members received emeritus status this academic year. Emeritus status is an honor granted to those who have served the institute for at least 10 years with distinction and who have applied for this status.

**Richard Bailey** | September 16, 1991–June 18, 2024  
*Professor, Management*

Richard Bailey served Oregon Tech for 33 years, teaching accounting with an emphasis on professional judgment and ethics. As a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, his professional experiences provided students with valuable, relevant education for their futures in accounting, and he used his professional contacts to support student projects.

Bailey served as Chair of the Fiscal Operations Advisory Council for six years and was a member for another six. He also contributed to faculty advancement through six years of service on the Promotion Advisory Committee.

To maintain his CPA credentials and stay current in the accounting profession, Bailey attended regional and national conferences and had consulting engagements to keep up to date in accounting.

In 2007, he was appointed to the Oregon University System Retirement Plans Redesign Committee and has subsequently served on the Oregon Public Universities Retirement Plans Investment Committee, where he helped create and maintain a simplified platform of investments to the Optional Retirement 401(a) plan and the Tax Deferred Annuity 403(b) plan. These plans impact Oregon Tech faculty and staff, and many public university employees across the state. Bailey also served on the Oregon Savings Growth Plan Advisory Committee, appointed to this position by PERS board in 2015 and served in this role through 2019; a plan which benefits public employees statewide.

**Sandra Bailey** | September 16, 2000–April 1, 2024  
*Professor, Management*

During her 24 years of service to Oregon Tech, Sandra Bailey taught business and accounting courses in several formats, developed programs, mentored students, and promoted community engagement.

During her tenure as Director of Academic Excellence, Bailey participated at the state and national level to develop benchmarks for assessment, contributed to developing the National Excellence in Assessment designation, and then served as a reviewer. She also consulted with colleges and universities across several states as a National Institute of Learning Outcomes Assessment coach.

Throughout her career, Bailey led efforts at Oregon Tech to implement processes and policies involving assessment, general education, and support for faculty professional development opportunities. Her engagement in professional networks led to consulting opportunities, which shaped her teaching and leadership. Bailey attended the Teaching and Learning Studio at Stanford's Design School, incorporating design thinking into her classes and helping launch Oregon Tech's Ready, Set, Innovate.

Bailey served her department and the university through her work and leadership in numerous committees, including the Assessment Commission, Curriculum Planning Commission, Commission on College Teaching, General Education Advisory Committee, and the General Education Review Task Force. She also extended her service to the community by connecting high school students to Oregon Tech through business clubs and programs such as Jump Into Business.

**Stephen Schultz** | September 16, 1995–June 18, 2024  
*Professor, Medical Imaging Technology*

Stephen Schultz's career at Oregon Tech lasted 29 years, during which he supported programs such as Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technology, and Radiologic Science. His commitment to strong faculty-student relationships was showcased in his mentorship of students and as an advisor to student veterans.

Throughout his tenure, Schultz received an average student evaluation score above 4.5, and students averaged a 100% pass rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national registry exam in Computed Tomography, his topic of expertise within the Radiologic Science program.

Beyond teaching and advising students, Schultz held leadership roles as Program Director, Curriculum Coordinator, Assessment Coordinator, and Radiation Safety Officer. He also served as a faculty senator and participated in committees on faculty compensation and academic governance.

Schultz's experience, including over 30 years of military service in the United States Air Force and retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, made him an invaluable advocate and advisor for the Oregon Tech Student Veteran Program.

**Jack Walker** | September 15, 1984–June 18, 2024  
*Professor, Geomatics*

Jack Walker is an Oregon Tech alumnus who joined the university in a faculty position in 1984. Throughout his four decades at Oregon Tech, he guided students through their studies, mentored other faculty members, and helped Oregon Tech acquire state-of-the-art equipment to keep students in Geomatics at the leading edge of technology.

In 2006, Walker became the chair of the newly established Geomatics department, a position he held for over 18 years. Under his leadership, the program received the National Surveying Program Excellence Award from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying each year, and in 2023, Oregon Tech Geomatics won the organization's surveying education grand prize.

Walker is a member of seven prestigious professional organizations, and he has worked on several unmanned aerial systems projects for Klamath County and Klamath Basin organizations. He is a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Oregon and was named Professional Land Surveyors Surveyor of the Year in 2024.

Walker's service to Oregon Tech included serving on committees and supporting other departments such as Civil Engineering, Data Science, Mathematics, Management, Natural Sciences, Population Health Management, and the new Construction Management program.

# 38th Annual Commencement

## Portland-Metro Campus



Sunday, June 16, 2024 | 11 a.m. | Wilsonville, Oregon

*\*Please Stand*

**Processional** | *Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar*

**National Anthem\***

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *President*

**Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks**

| John Davis, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Commencement Address** | The Honorable Tawna D. Sanchez, *Oregon State Representative for House District 43*

**Awards and Recognitions** | President Naganathan

**Student Awards of Excellence** | Mandi Clark, D.Ed., *Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Presentation by Graduating Senior** | Mostafa Riffi, *Electrical Engineering*

**Presentation of Graduates** | Joanna Mott, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Rachel Novak, *Class of 2010, Biology-Health Science, Pre-Med*

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional** | *Trumpet Voluntary*

**Announcer**

Hugh Jarrard, Ph.D.

**Marshals**

Lara Pracht, Ph.D. – *Graduates*

Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D. – *Faculty President's Party*

**Faculty Marshals**

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

Holly Edwins, *Emergency Medical Services*

Dawn Bailey, Ph.D., *Applied Behavior Analysis/Health Sciences*

**College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**

Fuat Karakaya, Ph.D., *Computer Systems Engineering Technology*

Kangjae Lee, Ph.D., *Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy Engineering*

Chitra Venugopal, Ph.D., *Renewable Energy Engineering*

Gary Lompfrey, *Management*

Mostafa Saber, Ph.D., *Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Technology*

*Refreshments available following the ceremony.*

*Opportunity provided for graduate and family/friend pictures on the second floor landing.*

## Commencement Speaker

**The Honorable Tawna D. Sanchez**

*State Representative, District 43 North and Northeast Portland*

Tawna Sanchez is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock, Ute, and Carrizo Tribes and grew up in Portland, Ore. She is a co-founder of the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), an organization that provides culturally-specific programs and services to assist members with personal success and balance through cultural empowerment. Sanchez helped create NAYA's Early College Academy; expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, and elder support; and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wraparound service model.

Sanchez was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2016 and is co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. As a representative with a background in social work, she advocates for the rights of women, Native people, and the most vulnerable.

In 2022, Sanchez helped pass legislation to establish Oregon's 9-8-8 suicide crisis hotline and secure funding for mobile crisis response. More recently, she helped advance measures through the Joint Committee on Addiction to enhance Oregon's capacity to support individuals struggling with addiction through improved treatment and recovery services.

Sanchez has helped raise 18 foster children, and has served on the Oregon Family Services Review Commission and the Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

## Graduating Speaker

**Mostafa Riffi**

*Electrical Engineering*

*College of Engineering, Technology, and Management*

Mostafa Riffi is graduating with a Master of Science in Engineering in Electrical Engineering. Riffi's higher education journey began in 2006 after two soccer injuries changed his course from becoming a professional soccer player to pursuing an engineering degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, Morocco.

Riffi was the first in his family to finish college, and with encouragement from his brother, he moved to the United States to continue his education. Since then, Riffi has faced obstacles such as language barriers, financial setbacks, and illness, but these challenges have not deterred him.

Riffi held roles at FormFactor, Inc., and Comcast before joining Intel in 2018 as a Production Test Technician III. His current position with Intel is in Wafer Assembly Technology Development as a Packaging Research and Development Engineer. Now, with a master's degree from Oregon Tech, Riffi said his graduation symbolizes overcoming numerous obstacles and pursuing new dreams.

## Portland-Metro Student Awards

The **Outstanding Community Service Award** is intended for the Portland-Metro student or students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. This is exemplified by high moral standards, a cooperative attitude with community leaders, and demonstrated service to others. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award is **Adin De'Rosier**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology.

The **Outstanding Student Involvement Award** is presented to a Portland-Metro student each year who exemplified strong student engagement across campus, worked in a collaborative spirit with students, staff, and faculty, and demonstrated commitment to inspire students in the academic learning environment. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Student Involvement Award is **Kellsie Arthur**. Kellsie is pursuing a degree in Medical Laboratory Science with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.

The **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** is presented to a Portland-Metro student in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as senior projects, papers, presentations, or externship/practicum experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award is **Ashlyn Funk-Tracy**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering Technology.

The **Outstanding Student Veteran Award** was established in 2010 by the Student Awards Commission to recognize a student veteran who has been involved on campus or in the local community, and has helped make a positive difference for students who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This year's recipient is **Aaron J. Barkley**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major (bachelor's degrees).

The **Portland-Metro Outstanding Scholars** are:

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

**Jade Kast** *Medical Laboratory Science*

**College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**

**Benjamin Edwards** *Information Technology*

**Ethan Wells** *Technology and Management*

**Jordan Harris-Toovy** *Electrical Engineering*

**Keegan Hauser** *Software Engineering Technology*

**Maha Ovais** *Cybersecurity*

**Myles McElroy** *Renewable Energy Engineering*

**Muhammed Ahmed** *Embedded Systems Engineering Technology*

**Roan Campbell** *Operations Management*

**Taylor Rogers** *Electronics Engineering Technology*



*Graduates* College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

**Bachelor of Science  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Nicole Landsverk  
Cinclair Sachiko Mathies  
Tina Nguyen

**Bachelor of Science  
Echocardiography**

Alisa Kariya  
Amanda Thao Mi Nguyen

**Bachelor of Science  
Emergency Medical Services  
Management**

Matthew Robert Crane

**Associate of Applied Science  
Emergency Medical Technology  
Paramedic**

Anthony Mitchel Borges  
Alesha Morae Cain  
Israel Micheal Castro  
Samuel S. Cooke  
Matthew Patrick Dymont  
Zulema Gaytan  
Emilia Alanna Herman  
Hunter Mackenna Emens Hesslink  
Kyle Koehn  
Stuart James McMillan  
Brandon J. Moore

**Bachelor of Science  
Respiratory Care**

Justine Daniel Best †

**Bachelor of Science  
Medical Laboratory Science**

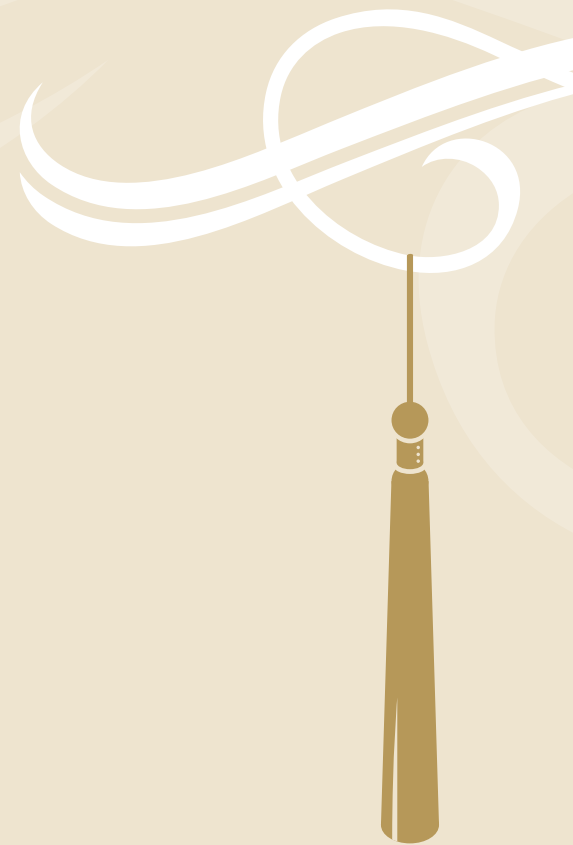
Kristie Faye Anderson  
Eric Paul Armstrong  
Tyler Alan Berg  
Kelly Ann Berger  
Kerry L. Brewer  
Judd Calvin  
Elizabeth Marie Decker  
Corrine Nicole Dougher  
Jessica Flikkema  
Summer Rei Funakoshi  
Trystin Galster  
Alyssa Ann Gerlach  
Karissa Goodwin  
Jordan Holdaway  
David James Hoover  
Amanda Husby  
Jade Victoria Zhulian Kast  
Lydia Rose Khaw  
Kaila Le  
Trevor Lusk  
Sharon R. Naylor  
Lena Nguyen  
Kim Ngan Nguyen  
Thy Dang Diem Nguyen  
Angelica Emily Petriyenko  
Corwin Ries  
Karli Sue Scoggins  
Rezwana Sharmin  
Anna Christine Shyne  
Ashe Xavier Van Andrew

**Master of Science  
Applied Behavior Analysis**

Kimberly Susan Birkland †  
Courtney Angelique Rauls  
Heidi M. Schmidt  
Samantha Nicole Townsend  
Camden J. Wulf

**Bachelor of Science  
Applied Psychology**

Tyler Robert Dowell  
Amanda Hornibrook  
*Applied Statistics Minor*  
Marina Irene Mijares †  
Daniela Joana Perez Rivera  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Renee Ann Russell



*Graduates* College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

**Bachelor of Science  
Embedded Systems Engineering  
Technology**

Muhammed Yusuf Ahmed  
Adin De'Rosier  
Matthew T. Feil  
Spence Johnston  
Christopher Michael Koop  
Ryan John Welch †  
Mason Wichmann

**Bachelor of Science  
Software Engineering Technology**

Gabriel Hunter Browning  
Christian Michael Burnett  
Jacob Carsley  
Nathaniel Castle  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Nicholas M. Cooper  
Ryan S. Doyle  
Ruby Star Felton  
Ashlyn Sierra Funk-Tracy  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Keegan Gregory Hauser  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Christopher S. Keith  
Antonio Lu  
Chandler William Martin  
Oluwamodupe Ayoka Ogunkeye  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Matthew Read  
Sanjeeta Thapa  
Miles Thomas Wearing  
Mason Wichmann

**Master of Science  
Engineering**

Riffi, ElMostafa Mohammed  
Forrest Glyenn Short  
Brandon Quinn Zeedyk †

**Master of Science  
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Pamela Roundy Jackson  
Jessie Ringle  
William Stobaugh

**Bachelor of Science  
Electrical Engineering**

Justin Ray Brehm  
Luke Brown  
Luis Hector Carranza  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Jordan S Harris-Toovy  
*Applied Physics Minor*

Myles T. McElroy  
*Chemistry Minor*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Ashley Nicole Miller  
Aidan Parshall  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
ElMostafa Mohammed Riffi  
Forrest Glyenn Short  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Brandon Quinn Zeedyk †

**Bachelor of Science  
Electronics Engineering Technology**

Taylor Rogers

**Bachelor of Science  
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Mazin Salim Saif AlFarsi  
Pamela Roundy Jackson  
Melanie Leyson  
Myles T. McElroy  
Christine Nadiele

**Bachelor of Science  
Cybersecurity**

Aaron James Barkley  
Maha Fatimah Ovais  
*Business Minor*  
Matthew Payne  
*Information Technology Minor*  
Pacific T. Stensland  
*Business Minor*  
Hudson Felix Walker  
Cole Wilson

**Bachelor of Science  
Health Care Management:  
Radiologic Science Option**

Regina Mae Milner

**Bachelor of Science  
Information Technology**

Hasan Basha  
Christopher Bartels  
Nghiem X. Dang  
Benjamin J. Edwards  
Nicholas J. Lee †  
*Business Minor*  
Austen Clark Miller  
William Price  
Kevin Zhi Tu †  
*Business Minor*  
Nathan Charles Young

**Bachelor of Science  
Operations Management**

Roan Orion Campbell  
*Information Technology Minor*  
Quinn Kerman Cox  
Benjamin D. Grace

**Bachelor of Applied Science  
Technology and Management**

Ethan J. Wells  
*Information Technology Minor*  
George Varela

**Bachelor of Science  
Mechanical Engineering**

Chase Ahrens  
Ian Joseph Baer  
Pedrum Bahrami  
Jacob Baker  
Ronin Campbell  
Jose Luis Chavez  
Dawson Lawrence Golden-Collum  
Theresa Anne-Marie Holland  
Taylor Satomi Jacobs †  
Tyler R. Jamison  
*Dual Degree in Robotics, Autonomous  
Systems, and Control Engineering*  
Jeffrey Lee Jones II  
Cassidy Nicole Kuchle †  
Tayler Scott Lindsey  
Andrew J. Meskel  
Mohamed Abdi Mohamed  
Race L.W. Ross  
Benjamin Alan Schroeder  
*Dual Degree in Systems Engineering and  
Technical Management*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Nicholas Ian von Eynern

**Bachelor of Science  
Mechanical Engineering Technology**

James Albert Fields IV  
Dallas Paul Lamorie  
*Business Minor*  
Melanie Ross  
Ethan Michael Wood

# 24th Annual Commencement

## Seattle Campus



Monday, June 17, 2024 | 5 p.m. | Point Elliott Room, Rosehill Community Center | Mukilteo, Washington

Please Stand

**Processional** | *Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar*

**National Anthem**

**Welcome and Introductions** | Wahab Abrous, Ph.D.,  
*Associate Professor, Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology*

**President's Address** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME  
Fellow, *President*

**Commencement Address** | Rachelle Strong, Ph.D., *Flight Deck Chief Engineer, Boeing Commercial Airplanes*

**Outstanding Scholar Award** | Dr. Abrous

**Graduating Speaker** | Jason Bitah, *Mechanical Engineering*

**Presentation of the Graduates** | Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D., ASME  
Fellow, *Vice Provost of Research and Academic Affairs*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Rashi Narayanan, *Class of 2017, Mechanical Engineering*

**Introduction of Graduates** | Dr. Abrous

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional** | *Trumpet Voluntary*

### Marshals

Wahab Abrous, Ph.D.  
Steven Lemery

### Boeing Faculty

Wahab Abrous, Ph.D.  
John W. Bridge, Ph.D.  
Jordan DiFranco  
Javier Herrero, Ph.D.  
Kenneth Johnson  
Tony Koung, Ph.D.  
Steven Lemery  
Nassiri Mahnaz  
Steve Martin  
Nathan D. Mead, Ph.D.

Brad Moravec, Ph.D.  
Richard J. Muirhead, Ph.D.  
Mel Oyler, Ph.D.  
Sarah Pettey  
Ananya Rabeya  
Larry Raymond  
Randall R. Rochester  
Jillene Seiver, Ph.D.  
Lou Tylee, Ph.D.  
Conrad Webster, Ph.D.

*Reception in honor of graduates follows. A photographer will be available after the ceremony for individual, group, and family/friend photographs.*

## Commencement Speaker

### Rachelle Strong, Ph.D.

*Flight Deck Chief Engineer, Boeing Commercial Airplanes*

Rachelle Strong, Ph.D., is currently serving as the Flight Deck Chief Engineer for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. In this role, she leads the team responsible for commercial airplane flight deck product development, production, and feature strategy initiatives. She ensures Boeing remains at the forefront of flight deck development, technologies, and engineering approaches, including human factors, while keeping the Boeing flight deck design philosophy up to date with changes in regulations and pilot training.

Strong previously served as a Senior Manager in Boeing Commercial Airplanes Avionics Design with functional responsibility for Navigation Sensors and Systems and program management responsibility for 737 Avionics. She has also held avionics management positions in 787, 777, and 777X flight, thrust, and communication management, as well as 777X and 787 Common Core Systems. Prior to joining Airplane Systems, Strong held various production engineering lead and management roles on the 787, 777, and 777X programs, where her key achievements included introducing the 777X into production in the Fuselage Assembly Center using robotic assembly technology.

Strong holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, a Master of Science in Project Management, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Aviation Safety and Human Factors from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she has also served as adjunct faculty for undergraduate aviation and system safety courses. Strong holds a commercial pilot certificate, and prior to joining Boeing, taught as Certified Flight Instructor (CFI/II/MEI) in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Outside work, Strong enjoys traveling with her husband, who is a Delta Air Lines pilot, and their four young children.

## Graduating Speaker

### Jason Bitah

*Mechanical Engineering*

Jason Bitah is originally from Bloomfield, New Mexico, and before working at Boeing, Bitah was in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the air defense field.

Bitah's extensive career at Boeing spans various roles, including his current position as a systems engineer for Boeing Commercial Airlines. His expertise has been instrumental in supporting airplane flight manual data analysis on the 737, 747, 757, 767, 777, 787 and military derivatives, as well as in the BCA Flight Sciences - AFM-DPI / Aerodynamics Engineering group and BDS Engineering - Bombers and Fighters Engineering Group.

Currently, Bitah is a Boeing Commercial Airlines Systems Engineer, working as a Flight Deck engineer and developing flight deck certification work statements.

Before starting his educational journey with Oregon Tech's program in Seattle, Bitah completed a Bachelor of Science in Air Traffic Management and Applied Meteorology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Bitah's hobbies include hiking, and he also loves to work on cars. He has recently restored a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee ZJ for off-road usage.

## Graduates

### Master of Science Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Phiniesia R. Nariya  
Mark Gregory Thompson

### Bachelor of Science Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kenneth Kwame Gyesi

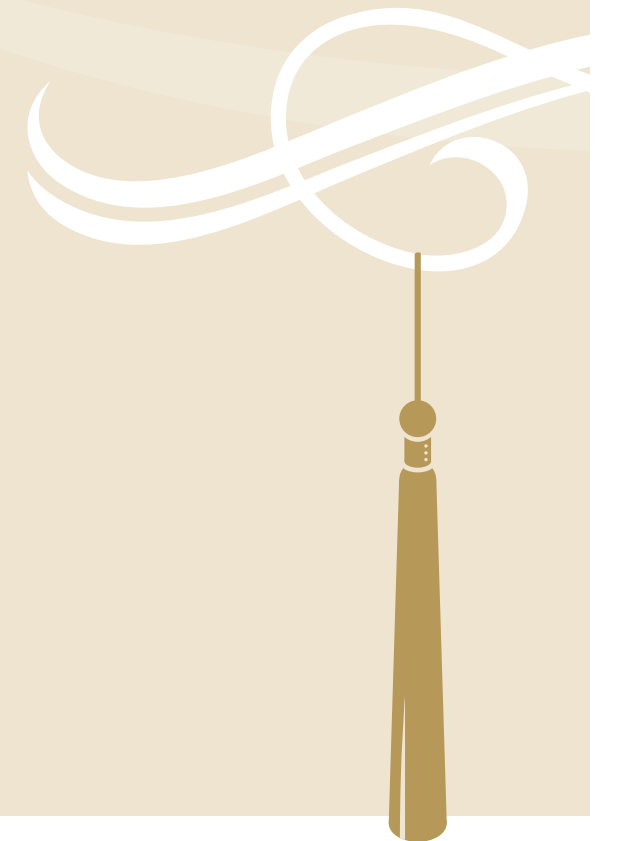
### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

David B. Baldwin †  
Jason L. Bitah  
Marian Paul-Dan Covaci  
David M. Dudley Sr.  
Dmitriy A. Levshin  
Chris McGlenn  
Jeffrey Melville †

## Seattle Student Awards

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major. This year's award recipients are:

**David M. Dudley Sr.** *Mechanical Engineering*





## Other Notes

### List of Graduates

The list of graduate names was provided to the printer several days prior to commencement to allow the production of this program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. The listing of a name in this program does not obligate Oregon Institute of Technology to award a degree. For official purposes, a final corrected list of graduates will be retained by the Office of the Registrar.

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic, Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Service Management, and Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science participated in ceremonies earlier this year.

This commencement program was produced by the Oregon Tech Marketing, Communications, and Public Affairs Office and the Registrar's Office. Special thanks to Graphic Designer Doug Halvorsen for layout of this publication and SmithBates Marcomm Solutions for printing of this publication.

### Personal Photographs

To allow all families to take photographs, we ask that you move into the family camera area as your graduate approaches the ramp. As soon as you complete your photo, please move out of the area so others may move forward.

## Klamath Falls

### Medical Services

Emergency medical services are available at the tent located at the west end of the stadium. If you need assistance, please go directly there or notify an usher.

### Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be taken to the first aid tent. After the ceremony items may be retrieved at the College Union Information Desk.

### Professional Photography

Each graduate will have their photograph taken after receiving their diploma. Please visit [www.thegradteam.com](http://www.thegradteam.com) for purchase.

### Special Thanks

Commencement is a collaborative effort, planned and organized by the Registrar's Office and the Oregon Tech Commencement Committee, which includes representatives from Admissions; Alumni Relations; Campus Dining; College Union; Disability Services; Facility Services; Information Technology Services; Marketing, Communications, and Public Affairs; President's Office; Resilience, Emergency Management, and Safety; Student Affairs; and the Tech Nest Bookstore.

The Commencement Committee is grateful for the additional support of the Board of Trustees, Campus Ambassadors, Campus Safety, and Integrated Student Health Center.

## Portland-Metro

### Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be taken to the front desk.

### Professional Photography

Each graduate will have their photograph taken after receiving their diploma. Please visit [www.thegradteam.com](http://www.thegradteam.com) for purchase.

### Special Thanks

Commencement is a collaborative effort, planned and organized through the Portland-Metro Commencement Committee, which includes representatives from Facility Services, Student Affairs, Library Services, Registrar's Office, and members of the administrative staff. The Commencement Committee is grateful for the additional support of student employees and volunteers.

## Academic Regalia



The dress worn by faculty and graduates during commencement ceremonies is based upon costumes used in 14th- and 15th-century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge in England. This style of academic dress and accouterments, used in the United States since colonial times, was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895.

The variety of styles and colors reflects the wide variety of designs in doctoral robes. When a university is granted the right to confer doctoral degrees, one of the accompanying privileges is the opportunity to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates.

The academic costume typically consists of the cap or mortar-board, the gown and the hood. The cap, patterned after those worn at Oxford, is generally black and may be of any material—except velvet, which is reserved for doctoral caps. The color of tassel worn on the cap indicates what kind of degree the wearer has earned.

The gown indicates the level of the degree. Gowns for bachelor's or master's degrees lack any trim, while doctoral gowns are distinguished by velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeve. As with the tassel, the trim color indicates the subject of the degree. The academic gown is usually black; however, blue gowns are being donned today by those receiving the associate degrees.

The hood is worn with master's and doctoral degree gowns only, with the exception of Nursing. Doctoral robes have a larger and more open hood, but both are decorated with colors indicating the subject area of the degree received and the institution which granted it.

## Oregon Institute of Technology Graduation Overview

The Class of 2024 numbers **723** individuals—inclusive of those who have completed degree requirements last summer, in the 2023-24 academic year, and another **46** who are expected to complete requirements this summer.

Among the Oregon Tech graduates are **421** from the Klamath Falls campus, **152** from the Portland-Metro campus, **117** from the Online campus, and the remaining graduates are through our partnerships with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore., and employees of The Boeing Company in Oregon Tech's Seattle program.

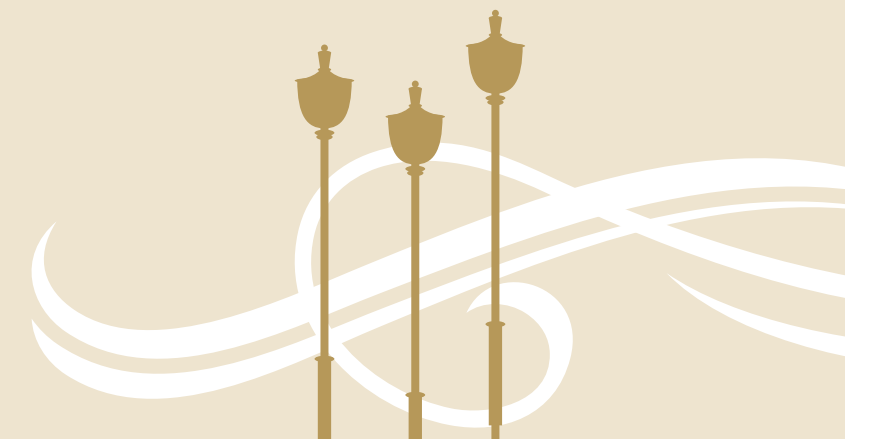
The colors indicating Oregon Tech's degrees:

### Health, Arts, and Sciences

Applied Mathematics	Golden Yellow
Communication	White
Dental Hygiene	Lilac
Applied Psychology	Golden Yellow
Population Health Management	White
Medical	Kelly Green
Environmental Sciences	Old Gold
Nursing	Apricot

### Engineering, Technology, and Management

Engineering	Orange
Business and Management	Tan
Associate Degrees	Black



# Oregon TECH

## Alma Mater

*The gold and blue of hill and sky,*

*Her glorious colors shown.*

*The truths, unfading from our hearts,*

*The friendships we have known.*

*We vow with time to hold them true*

*In cherished memory.*

*Our loyalty we pledge to you*

*Alma Mater OIT.*

