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AND COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Marian University grew out of the dedication and vision of Sister Theresa Hackelmeier and the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, who established a school in Oldenburg, Indiana, in 1851. After a number of transformations, the school became Marian College in 1936. The college moved to Indianapolis in 1937 and classes began on September 15 in Allison Mansion.

On July 1, 2009, Marian College became Marian University. On May 4, 2011, Marian University received pre-accreditation status for a new medical school. On August 24, 2011, the university broke ground on the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences that houses the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Leighton School of Nursing. On August 6, 2013, Marian University held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception for the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. The College of Osteopathic Medicine matriculated its first class in August 2013 and held its inaugural commencement ceremony on May 7, 2017.

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Highlights of the past year from our graduates, their families, faculty, and staff

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WELCOME

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CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Daniel J. Elsener, *President*

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Doctor of Public Health

Timothy L. Putnam, D.H.A.

Doctor of Philanthropy

Thomas Ingraham Wood (posthumously) and Julie Davis Wood

Doctor of Arts and Humane Letters

William L. McNiece, M.D. and Nancy Miller McNiece, RN, BSN '73 (posthumously)

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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Names of graduates read by

Kyle Kellam, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Communication*

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Sister Christa Franzer, OSF '70, *Congregational Minister, Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana*

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Jeffrey Kellogg, Ph.D., *Professor of Psychology and Presiding Officer of the Faculty*

Academic Regalia

The origin of academic regalia (gowns, hoods, and caps) dates back to the 12th century when universities began to form and most scholars belonged to religious orders. Colors became standardized in the United States in 1895 when a group of leading educators from Ivy League and New York universities (the Intercollegiate Commission) introduced an Academic Costume Code (i.e., colors identify the university and degree and the cut-and-style of the academic attire distinguishes the level of education).

Gowns

Bachelor's gowns are simple with long, pointed sleeves and no trim. Master's gowns have oblong sleeves which are open at the wrist. Doctoral gowns are the most elaborate with front-facing velvet and three velvet bars on each billowing, bell-shaped sleeve.

Hoods

Bachelor regalia may include a hood which is 36 inches in length. Master's and doctoral regalia include hoods that are 42 and 48 inches in length, respectively. Hoods are

lined with silk that indicate the academic color(s) of the institution. A binding trim of velvet designates the subject in which the degree is granted. The color for doctoral degrees in medicine is green; the color was chosen to represent medieval herbs. Royal blue represents the doctoral degree in philosophy (Ph.D.).

Caps

Mortarboards are worn at all levels. Recently, tams have increasingly been adopted as the caps worn by doctoral candidates and those with a doctoral degree. Tassels are typically black or the color of the subject studied; gold tassels are worn by doctoral candidates and those with doctoral degrees. When candidates enter the ceremony, their tassels are on the right side of their cap. Graduation is signified symbolically when the tassel is moved to the left.

Reference

An Academic Costume Code and An Academic Ceremony Guide
Eugene Sullivan, American Council on Education, 15th ed. 1997

Honorary Degrees

Timothy L. Putnam, D.H.A.
Commencement Speaker
Recipient of Doctor of Public Health



Timothy L. Putnam, D.H.A., is president and chief executive officer of Margaret Mary Health, a community hospital serving communities in Ripley and Franklin Counties including Batesville and Oldenburg, Indiana. Dr. Putnam has over 30 years of experience in healthcare and earned his Doctor of Healthcare Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina. His dissertation focused on acute stroke care in rural hospitals. Dr. Putnam is also a certified emergency medical technician.

Dr. Putnam currently serves on President Joe Biden’s COVID-19 Health Equity Taskforce. He is a past president of the Indiana Rural Health Association and the National Rural Health Association. In 2015, he was appointed by former Indiana Governor of Indiana and Vice President of the United States Mike Pence to the newly created Indiana Board of Graduate Medical Education. He has chaired the Board since its inception.

Marian University is pleased to award an honorary doctorate to Dr. Timothy L. Putnam for his dedication and service to the healthcare industry.

Thomas Ingraham Wood (deceased)
Julie Davis Wood
Recipients of Doctor of Philanthropy



Wood’s interest in the automotive industry began when he was a student at Western Michigan University and worked during the summers in Kalamazoo, Michigan, at a Ford dealership. Upon his return home from serving in the United States Army as a first lieutenant and combat engineer in Europe during the Korean War, Tom met Julie Davis on a blind date and married in September 1958, supporting his family as a used car dealer. In 1967, Tom, Julie, and their family moved to Indianapolis after purchasing Hedges Pontiac.

After their two sons were born, Julie became a stay-at-home mom, Cub Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, and volunteer through various organizations including St. Margaret’s Hospital Guild, Philanthropic Educational Organization, her sorority alumni organization, and church groups.

Tom’s business in Indianapolis grew, and he added other franchises. At the time of his passing from lung cancer on February 4, 2010, Tom Wood Automotive owned and operated 13 dealerships in three states. In 2017, Tom Wood Automotive celebrated 50 years, and the business continues to serve the Indianapolis area under the leadership of their son, Jeff Wood.

Tom was actively involved in numerous automotive professional associations and community organizations and served on the boards of Community North and St. Vincent Hospitals. He was an avid pilot and flew his vintage warbirds in airshows around the country.

Julie established the Tom and Julie Family Foundation in 2010 to honor Tom and their commitment to give back to the community. Under the guidelines that reflect the values and visions they hold dear, the family is

involved in supporting charitable, religious, and educational purposes to the underserved as well as medical research and mental health. They are also a part of Marian University's Pipeline Program for Diverse Future Leaders.

Besides their two sons, Chris and Jeff, Julie and Tom have been blessed with seven grandchildren and one great grandson, born in March 2021.

Marian University is pleased to award an honorary doctorate to Thomas Ingraham and Julie Davis Wood for their leadership in the automotive industry and passion for giving back to the Indianapolis community and beyond.

William L. McNiece, M.D.
Nancy Miller McNiece, RN, BSN '73 (deceased)
Recipients of Doctor of Arts and Humane Letters



Nancy Ann Miller McNiece '73 received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Marian College in 1973 and an Associate of Science in Nursing from the University of Evansville in 1976. She began a career as an operating room nurse at Riley Hospital for Children in 1976. While working at Riley, she pursued further education in nursing and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Marian College in 1983.

William McNiece completed his undergraduate education at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1973. He received a Medical Doctorate at Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) in 1977 and subsequently completed a residency in anesthesiology and a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at IUSM. He joined the faculty of the Department of Anesthesia at Indiana University in 1980 and the pediatric anesthesiology division at Riley Hospital for Children in 1980.

Nancy and Bill were married in 1987 and have one daughter. They became part of the Church of the Holy Cross community where Nancy served at varying times as parish council president, chair of the Liturgy Committee, and secretary of the Parish Planning Process. Nancy always viewed herself as a “doer” rather than as a “leader.” While she was clearly a doer, many would argue she was a leader as well. Nancy took great pride in her work as a nurse and was active as a member and officer of professional nursing organizations. She was a mentor to many and a servant to all. Nancy died June 8, 2013, of ovarian cancer soon after completing 37 years as an operating room nurse at Riley.

Bill continues to practice pediatric anesthesia at Riley Hospital for Children and serve as a faculty member at IUSM. He has helped educate hundreds of anesthesiology residents, dozens of pediatric anesthesiology fellows, and has served in a variety of division, departmental, hospital, professional, and community roles over decades. In 2018, he received the Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists Distinguished Service Award. He has avocational interests in community and industrial history and music. For several years, he was the tuba player in the Marian College Brass Quintet.

The endowed Marian University Nancy Miller McNiece Nursing Scholarship supports the nursing education of undergraduate nursing students who have a goal of clinical nursing. The Nancy Miller McNiece Operating Nursing Internship has offered selected students a two-month academic and clinical exposure to operating room nursing.

Marian University is privileged to award honorary doctorates to Dr. William and Nancy Miller McNiece in recognition of their decades of service to others in their professions, church, and community.

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kathleen A. Hannah
Jamaica Nicole Hayden
Rachel Potenza
Samantha Vargas

Klipsch Educators College

MASTER OF ARTS

Educational Leadership

Megan Ahnert
LaToya ReNee Black
Andrew R. Gaunce
Andrea Harris
Antoinette M. Holmes
Allyson Paige Knue
Lynne A. Munley

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Special Education

Manasi Arya
Rodney D. Bonds
McKinzie A. Carrender
Autumn Leigh Davis
Jordan E. Devine
Amber N. Green
La-Kesha Green
Shelton R. Hawkins II
Lyndee Irene Joe
Tiffany Antoinette Johnson
Won Ho Kim
Caylee Marie Maddox
Alexander C. McAllister
Georgiana McGowan
Bradley Denton Reese
Jocelyne Lupita Resendiz
Uzma Rizwan
William S. Russell
Jill Ann Schroering
Massiga Seck
Christopher Andrew Skaggs
Chelsea Smith
Charles Walker
Anthony R. Wallace Jr.

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Teacher Education

Hanan M. Abdelmasseh
Ana Luisa Acosta
Alyssia R. Ashkevron
Deijah N. Barnes
Jeremie Benjamin
Brianna Blackmon
Alyssa Brelage
Alexander Breytenbach
Jasmine K. Brown
Raegan C. Butler
Maria Y. Ceresoli
Jessica Love Foxworthy Collins
Sabrina Dirk
Scott Thomas Eddy
Emily Emrick
Gabriela Escoto
Marina J. Fernandez
Jeremy Matthew Fewell
Amanda A. Finin
Ryan Michael Fisher
Med Fofana
MyLa J. Franklin
Taelor N. Garrett
Lydia Ruth Glover
Kali Gordon
Kaitlin R. Haslam
Vivian Ashley Heerens
Lindley M. Hipsher
Joseph R. House
Kayley Hutchinson
Joanna L. Ireland
Casey D. Jellison
Kayla Johnson
Tobias M. Kemp
Kristin L. Keough
Jon'Nell C. Kincaid
Kaitlyn E. Klein
Desiree Jeanine Kolb
Jennifer Tracey Lanclos
Marcella LaRosa-Wilson
Kendall R. Locey
Renae Logan

Roc'Keyah Antawinesia Lord
Josephine Manns
Evan J. Martin
Madelyn B. Mays
Isaac Mboup
Julia Marie McMillan
Tylie Mendoza-Robertson
David Merin
Benjamin Lane Messner
Parker Michel
Andrew K. Olsen Jr.
Esther Cristina Passarelli
Anna Danielle Payne
Angel Aerial Levon Perry
Alyssa Philllips
Ben Purcell
Jobeth A. Rider
Jaime C. Robbins
Anna Julien Rommel
Alyson Joy Rumble
Jazmin Sanders
Khaleigha M. Scott
Karen L. Seawood
Hunter D. Sesemann
Syra M. Sharif
Lauren Shipley
Marcus Simmons
Courtney Simons
Derrick S. Slack
Rodney A. Smith
Margaret Springman
Brittney Iva Springstun
Madilynn B. Stern
Scarlett Stevens
Aaron P. Teater
Tavara A. Tucker
Alexis Uribe
Somasundaram Velayutham Jr.
Esther Verdieu
Kelly Nicole Wallace
Erin Elizabeth Webb
Tina Weigel
Lenna A. Wilson
Elise Genevieve Woods
Lillian A. Wright

College of Osteopathic Medicine

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biomedical Sciences

Shayan Ahmed
Aric Anloague
Milyard Assefa
Morgan Balcerek
Molly Beier
Katherine Bender
Victoria Grace Marie Berry
Spencer Ryan Boehm
Daniel Luke Broerman
Nathaniel Brown
Lavet Valerie Bungha Tita
Kyle Phillip Cartales
Mariah A. Castañón
Christopher Colby
Kory Alan Conaway
Natalia Chablis Cooke
Emre Coskun
Rachel Covaciu
Andrew Eugene Cramer
Connor John Cunningham
Ryan Fernandes
Abigail Garcia
Anna Garvey
Roy Austin Goode
Rebecca Green
Courtney A. Henry
Taylor Andrew Hiland
Ozair Hosain
Yu-Tin Hsiao
Kelsie Noelle Jackson
John Stephenson Jaeger
Daniel S. Jung
Nadia Khan
Leanna Kragenbrink
Kasey Morgan Kruse
Jacob Lautenschlager
Abrar Majidi Idrissi
Cristina Marichi
Brett T. Mattingly
Jordan Ashley Matz
Tanner Richard Maxfield
Patrick John McKay
Ryan Mitchell Menapace
Mason Antonio Mockobee
Cara Alicia Moore
Wislet Mulatre
Cody Ngo
Chukwudi Ndubuisi Okonkwo
Derious Oliver
Karoline Anna Orloff
Milin Patel
Romil Patel
Chase Matthew Permann
Brianna N. Scherer
Allison Seacat
Kaitlin Faith Sears
Samantha Erin Snyder

Christopher J. Steil
Nicolas Gianni Suglio
David Robert Wang
Hope Elaine Waters
Rachael Welsh
Jacob Robert Zentz

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Medicine*

Candice Lyn Anusewicz
Karen Crevier, M.D.
Bijan Jordan Arab
Mohammad Arab, M.D.
Ahmed Baghdady
Luke Nelligan, DO
Garrett Huntley Bastin
Samina Akbar, Ph.D.
Terry Beal
Samina Akbar, Ph.D.
Kevin Valero Benavente
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.
Cecelia Rose Bender
Emily Young, M.D.
Steven Bennett
James Pike, DO
Elizabeth Kaylor Blanton
Phil Ruckman III, D.D.S.
Jacob Ryan Bledsoe
Samina Akbar, Ph.D.
Bradley John Boget
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.
Joseph Maurice Bondi
James Pike, DO
Kirat Kaur Boparai
Laurel Brianne Boyd
Bradley Boyd, M.D.
Hannah Marie Brinkman
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.
Kaitlyn Marie Brown
Julia Hum, Ph.D.
Harrison J. Burgess
Frederick Burgess, M.D., Ph.D.
Thomas Burgess, DO
Kaylee P. Calles
Michael Summers, M.D.
Carly Michal Chapman
Michael Summers, M.D.
Joseph Arthur Chasen
Arthur Chasen, M.D.
Tiffany Chen
Michael Summers, M.D.
Timothy W. Cho
Michael Summers, M.D.
Adil Mohammad Chohan
Muniba Chohan, M.D.
Blake Clutter

Gabrielle Conway
Michael Summers, M.D.
Richard Edwin Conway
Emily Young, M.D.
Katelyn Anne Pandes Dato-on
Hunter Promer, DO
Lydia Rosamond Duvall
Michael Summers, M.D.
Milie M. Fang
Aaron Bradley Fein
Aaron Pugh, DO
Kelly E. Fields
Nicholas Filosa
Ashleigh Elizabeth Fisher
Herschell Servies Jr., M.D.
Jake Allen Fries
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.
Ian Colvin Frink
Angela Wagner, DO
Morgan Elizabeth Frink
Angela Wagner, DO
Matthew Fry
Michael LaFontaine, Ph.D.
Eric Jiayun Gao
Michael LaFontaine, Ph.D.
Jason Ryan Garrett
Jack McClarty, M.D.
Scott James Given
Luke Nelligan, DO
Jason Gurewitz
Luke Nelligan, DO
Andrew Keith Hamilton
Michael LaFontaine, Ph.D.
Caitlin Jane Harmon
Juanita Albright, M.D.
Thomas Joseph Helms
Mark Helms, M.D.
Stephanie Nicole Henderson
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.
Grace Christine Hendrickson
Amanda Wright, DO
Rachel Marie Hernandez
Emily Young, M.D.
Connor August HERNON
James Uselman, M.D.
Kathleen Hoban
Michael Summers, M.D.
Kenzi Jo Holcomb
Ken Watkins, M.D.
Garret Wesley Holst
Angela Wagner, DO
Kelsie Huffman
Clif Knight, M.D.
Jenna Takako Jarvis
Byford Jarvis, D.D.S.
Patrick Murphy Jeffers
Michael Schroeder, D.D.S.
Zongyou Ji
Michael Summers, M.D.
Roshan Kaple
James Pike, DO

Note: Listed are graduates from December 2020, May 2021 and August 2021 (as of March 22).
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College of Osteopathic Medicine, continued

John Spencer Kennedy
David Gardner, Ph.D.

Purva P. Khare
Luke Nelligan, DO

Andrew John Koelper
Luke Nelligan, DO

Benjamin Franklin Kopecky
Katy Kopecky, M.D.
Stephen Kopecky, M.D.

Barbara Diana Korcz
David Gardner, Ph.D.

Ashley Lynn Kowalkowski
David Gardner, Ph.D.

Allison Nicole Kunze
David Gardner, Ph.D.

Catherine Teresa Kurian
Pius Kurian, M.D.

Hannah Lagerwey
David Gardner, Ph.D.

Salman Samad Lakhani
Abdus Lakhani, M.D.

Nathan Lee
Julia Hum, Ph.D.

Benjamin P. Leeds
Amanda Wright, DO

Blake Christian Leeds
David Strom, Ph.D.

Andrew Lehman
David Strom, Ph.D.

Cassandra Lynn Libbing
David Strom, Ph.D.

Reid Andrew Liggett
David Strom, Ph.D.

Megan Kristen Locke
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Zachary Joseph Lundy
Jeremy Jones, DO

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Adam Richard McDevitt
Patricia Medina-McDevitt, M.D.

Stephanie Janette Meade
Emily Young, M.D.

Kyle Patrick Messer
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.

Luke Harley Miller
Jeremy Jones, DO

Meaghan Mobley
Angela Wagner, DO

Moeen Mohammadi-Oroujeh
Mansour Oroujeh, DO

Mikayla Marie Moody
Susan Meyer, M.D.

Axel Hidalgo Munoz
Kristen VanZant, D.V.M.

Nancy J. Nam
Angela Wagner, DO

Mandy Nguyen
Ben Nguyen, M.D.

Mona Nour
Mostafa Nour, D.P.T.

Ivie Marie Obeime
Mercy Obeime, M.D.

Jacob Paul Olejarczyk
Jeremy Jones, DO

Paul Kurtis Ormston
Jane Marie Pangburn, Samina Akbar, Ph.D.

Emily Ann Parker
John Lucich, M.D.

Lajja Patel
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.

Puja Patel
Ramarao Yeleti, M.D.

Rajan Patel
Naynesh Patel, M.D.

Andrew James Pepper
John Lucich, M.D.

Mackenzie Powell
Angela Walgn, DO

Rehan Amir Rahman
Luke Nelligan, DO

Jacob Andrew Rathmacher
John Lucich, M.D.

Brendan Thomas Rhatican
Ryan David Rhodes, John Lucich, M.D.

Jessica M. Roberts
Dana Coates, DO

Hillary Rolfs
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.

Bettina Ross
Julia Hum, Ph.D.

Liana Mervet Saleh
Mohey Saleh, M.D.

Michael Kan Savaglio
Julia Hum, Ph.D.

Christopher James Schimmoeller
Julia Hum, Ph.D.

John Bradley Schrock Jr.
Bhupal Bhetwal, Ph.D.

Brianna Rae Schwarcz
Michael Summers, M.D.

Shane A. Sebo
Luke Nelligan, DO

Alicia Kathleen Seelaus
John Lucich, M.D.

Mehdi Shadmand
Mohammad Shadmand, Ph.D.

Kabir Irfan Sheikh
Casey Lynne Siefertman, Luke Nelligan, DO

Jacob Allan Sieger
Luke Nelligan, DO

Rachel Amanda Silliman
James Pike, DO

Gagandeep Singh
Angela Wagner, DO

Bailey Spencer
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Corey David Stump
Pius Kurian, M.D.

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Bhupal Bhetwal, Ph.D.

Calvin Michael Swanson
Sophie La Salle, Ph.D.

Yuxin Tiffany Tian

Aslesha Sanjay Tingare
Ramarao Yeleti, M.D.

Kirby Thomas Tobin
Deborah Kilbury Tobin, J.D.

Ashley Lauren VanZant
Kristen VanZant, D.V.M.

Joshua Varghese
Sophie La Salle, Ph.D.

Carolina Vogel
Thomas Vogel, D.P.M.

Timothy Peter Waite
Michael LaFontaine, Ph.D.

Stephen Brian Walden
Alexander Thaddeus Waldherr, James Pike, DO

Andrew Hamilton Warner
David Dufeuau, Ph.D.

Leela Alexandra Wolff
Michael Summers, M.D.

Melissa Yannetti
Lyree Mikhail, M.D.

Sydni Nicole Yates
David Dufeuau, Ph.D.

Ramya S. Yeleti
Ramarao Yeleti, M.D.

Jocelyn Yuen
George Christopher Žak, George Zakhary, Michael Summers, M.D.

Eric Yanyu Zhang
David Dufeuau, Ph.D.

Tyler John Ziliak
James Pike, DO

Paul Donald Chriss Zimmer
David Dufeuau, Ph.D.

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Leighton School of Nursing

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Family Nurse Practitioner*

Samantha Elizabeth Anderson
Phil Bowles
Rachel Kathryn Demerly
Tyris Devontae Ford
Kelly Patton-Boyd, DNP
Allison Lee Gardner
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.
Mary Felix C. Ikewete
Cathryn Baack, DNP
Sarabjot Kaur
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.
Kimberly Ann Kinney
Jeanne Potts, DNP
Cassi Marie Miller
Jeanne Potts, DNP
Alexandria D. Slash
Shantrece Davis, DNP

Nurse Anesthesia*

Brittany Ann Brechbuhl
Brad Stelflug, DNP
Esmeralda Espinoza Martinez
Bobette Ngoma Makoyi, DNP
Morgan A. Griswold
Michael Long, DNP
Andrea LeaAnne Gum
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.
Kris C. Huerta
Aaron Hoard, DNP
Jasmine C. Kamran
Jackie Rowles, DNP
Sydney Ann Loesing
Patricia Juoza-Clark, Ed.D.
Kelsea Jo Lucas
Brad Stelflug, DNP
Rebecca Joanne Mahlie
Patricia Juoza-Clark, Ed.D.
Joseph Bradley McSherry
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.

Kaleigh Erin Milling
Patrick Milling, Pharm.D.
Alvaro Andres Osorio
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.
Tierra Kaye Penick
Brad Stelflug, DNP
Tracy Lyn Petree
Lois Stewart, Ph.D.
Kailee Petro
Lois Stewart, Ph.D.
Mark Thomas Ritter
Dorothy Gomez, Ph.D.
Paige A. Ruddick
Brad Stelflug, DNP
Ashley Marie Sanchez
Bobette Makoyi, DNP
Terineka M. Thompson
Lois Stewart, Ph.D.
Andrea Ilene Williams
Tod Harper, Ph.D.

Graduates Receiving Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, and Departmental Awards

Rockeyah Antawinesia Lord, Master's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Secondary Education

Won Ho Kim, Master's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Exceptional Needs Education

Honor Societies

KAPPA DELTA PI

An international honor society in education that recognizes excellence in education. Kappa Delta Pi members make up the top 10 percent of those entering the field of education, and they exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in teaching and allied professions.

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