



MAY COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
TWICHELL AUDITORIUM
ZIMMERLI PERFORMANCE CENTER

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••• THE FOUNDER'S IDEAL •••

“It is my conviction that the well-being of any country depends much upon the culture of her women, and I have done what I could to found a college that would provide for women thorough and liberal education, so that for them the highest motives may become clear purposes and fixed habits of life; and I desire that the instruction and influence of Converse College be always such that the students may be enabled to see clearly, decide wisely, and to act justly; and that they may learn to love God and humanity, and be faithful to truth and duty, so that their influence may be characterized by purity and power.

It is also my desire and hope that Converse College be always truly religious, but never denominational. I believe that religion is essential to all that is purest and best in life, here and hereafter. I wish the College to be really, but liberally and tolerantly, Christian; for I believe that the revelation of God in Christ is for salvation; and I commend and commit the College to the love and guidance of God, and to the care, sympathy, and fidelity of my fellow men.”

—Dexter Edgar Converse

••• CORE VALUES •••

The Converse University commitment to creativity and the development of adaptable individuals with clear vision, wise decision and just action is guided by seven core values. These enduring beliefs serve as the compass for the University. They transcend time, extend across the institution and guide our actions and decisions.

EXCELLENCE drives us to achieve the best in all that we pursue; to develop competence, confidence and courage to realize full potential in mind, body and spirit.

INTEGRITY calls us to cultivate and exercise honor, character and vision in daily decisions and actions; to act honestly and justly when confronted with ethical dilemmas and life's challenges.

EXPLORATION compels us to think critically and creatively in the acquisition of knowledge and skills; to discover and enrich scholarship and research, disciplines, methods and vocations through hands-on learning and leadership and through discovery, discourse and debate.

DIVERSITY inspires us to embrace the different perspectives, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, talents and contributions that comprise a global society; to enhance and expand inclusivity as we build a stronger multidimensional community.

RESPECT leads us to value self and others, recognizing the legitimacy of individuality in belief, expression and perspective; to exercise civility, mindfulness and responsibility in words and actions.

COMMUNITY motivates us to develop a dynamic network of relationships through a balance of work and play that nurtures the abilities of each member in order to establish a better whole; to mentor, collaborate and communicate as engaged citizens who effect positive change.

PROGRESS challenges us to think strategically toward the future by employing creativity, adaptability, ingenuity and innovation; to advance and transform the world around us.

... COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ...

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 • 9:30 AM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance," March No. 1 Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
arr. Edwin H. Lemare

Dr. Brennan Szafron, DM
University Organist

*Invocation..... **Anna Caroline McGuinn**
Student Chaplain
Candidate for Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Education

*Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome **Boone J. Hopkins, PhD**
President

Welcome from the Board of Trustees..... **Sandra Shearouse Morelli '78**
Chair, Board of Trustees

Introduction of Speaker **Joe Wilferth, PhD**
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Conferring of Honorary Degree..... **President Hopkins**

Commencement Address **J. Drew Lanham, PhD**
Ornithologist, Naturalist, Writer,
2022 MacArthur Foundation Fellow

Class of 2023 Remarks..... **Angela Brobson '23**
President, Student Government Association,
Candidate for Bachelor of Arts, German Studies

Special Distinctions

Pi Kappa Lambda Award **Christopher Vaneman, DMA**
Dean, School of the Arts

Elford C. Morgan Award..... **Erin Templeton, PhD**
Dean, School of Humanities, Sciences & Business,
Professor of English

Mary Mildred Sullivan Award - Community Recipient..... **President Hopkins**

Kathryne Amelia Brown Award..... **Provost Wilferth**

“Kalá Kallá” from *Five Hebrew Love Songs*..... Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Performed by:

Kaylyn Good, soprano

Candidate for Bachelor of Music Performance, Voice

Adriana Stamile, violin

Candidate for Bachelor of Music Performance, Strings

Mildred Ragis Roche ’79, piano

Director of Accompanying

Presentation of the Degree Candidates **Provost Wilferth**

Conferring of Degrees **President Hopkins**

Welcome to the Alumni Association **Libby Tilson ’79**
President, Alumni Association

Farewell to the Graduates **Provost Wilferth**

*Benediction..... **Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise, MDiv, MAPT**
University Chaplain

*The Alma Mater arr. by Alice Skaar
Ms. Roche, piano

*++Recessional: *Ride of the Valkyries* Richard Wagner (1813-1883)
arr. Edwin H. Lemare

Dr. Szafron, organ

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We request that the audience respect this special moment for each graduate by refraining from applause until all graduates have received their degrees.

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… COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER …

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

Dr. J. Drew Lanham

Ornithologist, Naturalist, Writer, and 2022 MacArthur Foundation Fellow

Dr. J. Drew Lanham is a native of Edgefield and Aiken, South Carolina. In his twenty years as a member of the Clemson University faculty, Dr. Lanham has worked to understand how forest management impacts wildlife and how human beings think about and interact with the natural world. Dr. Lanham holds an endowed chair position as an Alumni Distinguished Professor at Clemson and was named an Alumni Master Teacher in 2012.

In his teaching, research, and community outreach, Dr. Lanham makes conservation science relevant to his readership and audiences in ways that are evocative and understandable. As a Black American and a Black scientist, his work investigates how cultural and ethnic prisms affect perceptions of nature and its care. Connecting conservation and color, his lectures have been shared with students and public audiences in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Lanham is active on a number of conservation boards including the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Audubon South Carolina, Aldo Leopold Foundation, Bird Note, and American Birding Association. He is an inaugural Fellow of “Together Green,” a partnership between Audubon and Toyota, and he is a member of the advisory board for the North American Association of Environmental Education. Similarly, Dr. Lanham is a Fellow of the Clemson University Institute for Parks, and he was named a 2016 Brandwein Fellow for his work in Environmental Education.

Dr. Lanham believes that conservation requires a blending of head and heart, i.e., a blending that is made possible by combining rigorous science and evocative art. He is a widely published author and award-winning poet and essayist. *The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man’s Love Affair with Nature* received the Reed Award from the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Southern Book Prize. *The Home Place* was also a finalist for the John Burroughs Medal. More recently, he is the author of *Sparrow Envy: Field Guide to Birds and Lesser Beasts*. Individual poems and essays appear in *Orion*, *Audubon*, *Flycatcher*, and *Wilderness*. His writing also appears in numerous anthologies, including *The Colors of Nature*, *State of the Heart*, *Bartram’s Living Legacy*, and *Carolina Writers at Home*.

In recognition of his significant achievements that ultimately combine conservation science with personal, historical, and cultural narratives of nature, Dr. Lanham was named a 2022 MacArthur Fellow. He and his family live in the Upstate of South Carolina, a soaring hawk’s downhill glide from the southern Appalachian escarpment that the Cherokee once called the Blue Wall.

••• PLATFORM PARTY •••

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Commencement Speaker

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Kevin DeLapp, PhD
Harold E. Fleming Professor of Philosophy

Libby Tilson '79
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Erin Templeton, PhD
Dean of the College of Humanities, Sciences, and Business

Christopher Vaneman, DMA
Dean of the School of the Arts
Associate Professor of Flute

Grand Marshal

Margaret Moore, MEd
Associate Professor of Physical Education and President of the Faculty Senate

Faculty Marshals

Madelyn V. Young, PhD
Anne Morrison Chapman Distinguished Professor of International Study,
Associate Professor of Economics

Kevin DeLapp, PhD
Harold E. Fleming Professor of Philosophy

Angela Brobson '23
President of the Student Government Association
Candidate for Bachelor of Arts, German Studies

Head Student Marshals

Shelisa Ann Williams '24
Anna Elizabeth Scott '24

... COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ...

GRADUATE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 · 2:00 PM

Processional:

Crown Imperial..... William Walton (1902-1983)

Dr. Brennan Szafron, DM
University Organist

*Invocation..... **Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise , MDiv, MAPT**
University Chaplain

*Pledge of Allegiance

Greetings and Introductions **Boone J. Hopkins, PhD**
President

Welcome from the Board of Trustees **B. Brant Bynum, PhD**
Board Trustee

Keynote Speech..... **Joe Wilferth, PhD**
Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Special Distinctions..... **Lienne F. Medford, EdD**
Associate Provost of Institutional Research and Accreditation
Dean of the School of Education and Graduate Studies

Lovett Promising School Leader Award

Nancy Breard Graduate Faculty Award

“My Letter to the World” from *Emily!* Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Performed by:

Anna Neely '20, soprano
Candidate for Master of Music

Mildred Ragis Roche '79, piano
Director of Accompanying

Presentation of the Degree Candidates.....**Provost Wilferth**

Conferring of Degrees.....**President Hopkins**

Welcome to the Alumni Association.....**Libby Tilson '79**
President of the Alumni Association

Farewell to the Graduates.....**Dean Medford**

*Benediction**Rev. Smith DeBevoise**

*The Alma Mater arr. by Alice Skaar
Ms. Roche, piano

*++Recessional:

March in A-flat major.....Theodore Salome (1824-1896)
Dr. Szafron, organ

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Kelly Harrison Maguire, PhD
Associate Dean of Education
Associate Professor of Education

Lee Givins, PhD
Director of the Professional Leadership Program

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Grand Marshal
Margaret Moore, MEd
Associate Professor of Physical Education,
President of the Faculty Senate

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Madelyn V. Young, PhD
Anne Morrison Chapman Distinguished Professor of International Study
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Kevin DeLapp, PhD
Harold E. Fleming Professor of Philosophy

… FOUNDERS & ORIGINAL TRUSTEES …

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Mr. Charles H. Carlisle
Mr. John B. Cleveland
Mr. George Cofield
Mr. Dexter Edgar Converse
Dr. George R. Dean

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Bishop William W. Duncan
Dr. Charles E. Fleming
Dr. Henry E. Heinitsh
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Rev. Benjamin F. Wilson

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... HONOR SOCIETIES ...

Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students who have achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher and are in the top 20% of their class during their first year of college.

Alpha Psi Omega

Alpha Psi Omega is a National Theatre Honor Society for participants in collegiate theatre.

Alpha Sigma Lambda

Alpha Sigma Lambda is an honor society which celebrates the scholarship and leadership of adult students.

Athletic Medallions

Athletic Medallions recognize student-athletes who were members of a Converse University Valkyries sports team.

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta is a collegiate honor society and academic fraternity for students of the biological sciences.

Delta Kappa

Delta Kappa recognizes achievements in scholarship and service.

Delta Omicron

Delta Omicron is a co-ed international professional music honors fraternity to promote and support excellence in music and musicianship.

Gamma Sigma Society

The Gamma Sigma Society is the honorary scholarship society of the traditional arts and sciences.

Delaney Coldren	Abbigale Outlaw
Brenna Green	Brooke Perry
Jovana Mitic	Anna Joe Powell

International Students

Converse recognizes its international students with a stole representing the student's country of origin.

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society for education.

Nisbet Honors Program

The Nisbet Honors Program began in 2000 when Converse alumna Marian McGowan Nisbet '62 and her husband, Olin, established an endowment to support a full Honors Program. The Nisbet Honors program provides a community and scholarly challenge that promotes the full potential of the academically gifted student.

Rachel Black	Erin Kitchenka
Megan Booty	Josie McDevitt
Krishayla Boyd	Jovana Mitic
Angela Brobson	Heena Patel
Delaney Coldren	Anna Joe Powell
Haley Dunn	Bayley Robinson
Leonor L. Fleming	Megan Stephens
Ella Hardigree	Madelyn West

Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa is the national leadership honor society that recognizes and encourages superior leadership and exemplary character.

Pi Kappa Lambda

Pi Kappa Lambda is an American honor society for undergraduate students, graduate students, and professors of music.

Cassandra Shaddock	Adriana Stamile
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SGA Medallions

SGA Medallions recognize officers of the Student Government Association.

.... SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

Pi Kappa Lambda Award

The Pi Kappa Lambda Award recognizes the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the Petrie School of Music Chapter of this national music honor society.

Elford C. Morgan Award

Named for Elford C. Morgan, who served Converse from 1932 to 1959 as a professor of English and dean of administration, the award is given to the senior with the highest GPA for a student majoring in the traditional arts and sciences.

Sullivan Community Award

Each year, Converse presents the Sullivan Community Award to a member of the greater Spartanburg community, recognizing unselfish service, dedication to sharing with others, and humane participation in the life of their community. The service of the Algernon Sydney or Mary Mildred Sullivan Community Award recipient makes them an example to all of us at Converse, one to whom we look for inspiration.

Kathryne Amelia Brown Award

The Kathryne Amelia Brown Award was established at Converse by the late Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas Brown of Ozark, Alabama, in memory of their daughter, a member of the class of 1970, to recognize faculty members who have excelled in the classroom.

Lovett Promising School Leader Award

The Lovett Promising School Leader Award was established in 2014 with the financial support of former Dean of the School of Education and Graduate Studies, Dr. Martha T. Lovett, who served Converse from 1986 to 2002. This award is given annually to a graduate student completing a degree in school administration.

Nancy Breard Award

Named in honor of Dr. Nancy Breard, who was a faculty member at Converse from 1989 to 2012, this award was established in 2023 to recognize outstanding teaching and service to Graduate Education at Converse University.

… TRADITIONS AND SYMBOLS …

The Converse Mace

The Converse Mace represents the governing authority of Converse and the link between the president and the faculty. The mace precedes the faculty in the procession and is carried by a senior faculty member. Crafted of bronze and purple heart wood, the mace includes 12 spiral elements that bear the names of the academic departments. While not in procession, the mace rests on a stand adorned with the Converse seal and the Founder's Ideal to "See Clearly, Decide Wisely, Act Justly." The stand and spiral elements of the mace are made of reclaimed architectural millwork from Wilson Hall's original construction.

The President's Medallion

Adorning the academic regalia of the Converse president is a medallion and chain designed and handmade by Mary Helen Garrison Dalton '46 in 2004. President Boone J. Hopkins is the fourth president to wear the medallion, which incorporates cabochon amethyst and cabochon citrine with gold and silver links that bear the engraved names of each Converse president. Each presidential link within the chain symbolizes the strength of leadership that has sustained Converse throughout history and will continue to propel us forward.

The Converse Way

Inspired by the Founder's Ideal, The Converse Way is a pathway and tradition grounded in the core values of our beloved institution. The Converse Way is the walk made from Twichell Auditorium to the front academic quad on Opening Convocation, Founders' Day and Commencement. Weaving through The Johnson Plaza, it is symbolic of the path taken by our Founders to establish this distinctive college experience – calling for those who believe in Converse to contribute, always, to its well-being.

The Converse Legacy Club

The Converse Legacy Club is an esteemed group of graduates with a family Converse legacy. Graduates whose parent, grandparent or great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, or sibling attended Converse are considered a Converse legacy. The Legacy Club plays a part in the University's rich history and we honor these legacies recognizing this special bond.

••• ACADEMIC REGALIA •••

The pageantry and color of academic costume dates back to medieval university practices. Originally adapted from ecclesiastical vestments and later influenced by the guilds of craftsmen, caps, gowns, and hoods were standard items of men's clothing in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, practical in the warmth they provided in cold, drafty halls. Today, academic apparel in America is regulated by the United States Intercollegiate Code of Academic Dress, a system first adopted in 1885.

Each piece of the formal ensemble is symbolic of the wearer's academic achievements and rank. From the beginning, most academic robes were black to symbolize the democracy of scholarship, as they cover any dress or other earmark of social standing. The style and cut of the gown indicate the wearer's highest degree. Bachelors' plain gowns are cut with long, pointed sleeves, while masters' robes feature closed slit sleeves. Doctors' full-cut gowns are distinguished by double-belled sleeves and velvet bar trimmings. Some universities commission doctoral gowns in a representative color other than black to match their institution's colors.

Hoods, initially designed to be close-fitting around the face, are now elongated and lined with the official color or colors of the college or university which granted the degree. Converse University's hood is lined in purple with gold chevrons. The bordering color, as well as other gown trimmings and cap tassels, indicates the subject in which the degree was earned. The black mortar board cap with tassel is standard wear for all ranks, although soft square topped caps are permissible for women. Gold tassels indicate doctoral degree holders.

Faculties represented in today's processional include:

Arts, Letters, Humanities | White

Commerce, Accountancy, Business | Drab

Economics | Copper

Education | Light Blue

Fine Arts, including Architecture | Brown

Journalism | Crimson

Law | Purple

Library Science | Lemon

Music | Pink

Philosophy | Dark Blue

Physical Education | Sage Green

Science | Yellow

Social Science | Cream

Theology | Scarlet

As traditions surrounding regalia are changing, degree granting institutions now have the option to hood candidates using school colors. Converse doctoral students voted to have purple hoods.

CANDIDATES FOR
... BACHELOR'S DEGREES ...
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anna Lucille Allen
Child and Family Studies

Amanda Nicole Apoldo
Studio Art

Autumn Elizabeth Aull
Studio Art

Kinsey Caroline Bailey
Art Therapy

Sara Beth Barrett
Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Emma Lee Baum
Theatre

**†Kristina Michelle Johnson Belcher
Child and Family Studies

Arden Marie Bishop
Business Administration

Rachel Taylor Black
English
History

Megan Elise Booty
Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Angela Luise Brobson
German Studies

Jacquetta Jahlih Brown
Music

Jordan Tamira Brown
Business Administration

Madalynn Grace Brunner
History

Deborah McKenzie Camp
Psychology

Delaney Jane Coldren
German Studies

Breeana Lee Cowan
Psychology
Hispanic Studies

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Zahra Thressia Cross
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Cierra Faith McCrary
Psychology

Josie Kate McDevitt
Business Administration

Anna C. McGuinn
Early Childhood Education

Haleigh J. McSwain
Child and Family Studies

Annika Matilda Mertens
Biology

Kajsa Pernilla Mertens
Biology

Aaliyah Tytiana Morgan
Child and Family Studies

Cassidy Bennett O'Neill
Psychology
Biology

BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONT.)

Abbigale Christine Outlaw
Business Administration

Brooke Faith Perry
Philosophy

Lillian Elise Perry
Business Administration

Isabella Joanna Veronica Pistilli
Business Administration

Caroline Polson
English
Philosophy

Leila Jean Pontecorvo
Child and Family Studies

Anna Joe Powell
Psychology

Sarah Wilson Purinton
Business Administration

Madison Rivers Reece-Henderson
Mathematics
Child and Family Studies

**Meghan Ann Richardson
Biology

Katie Cheek Roberts
Healthcare Administration

Bayley Onassis Robinson
Healthcare Administration

†Sabrina Regine Roche
Music

†Taylor Kathleen Rodgers
Early Childhood Education

Sydney Rose Sanford
Art Education

Emily Claire Seconi
Studio Art

**Dewey Franklin Smith
Business Administration

Jeffrey Stewart Spinks
Child and Family Studies

Danikh Ann Steele
German Studies

Megan Lynn Stephens
Art Education

Jetta Marie Turner
Healthcare Administration

Kayla Suddeth Vinson
Elementary Education

Madaline Nicole Walters
Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing

†Sydney Dianne Watson
Child and Family Studies

Madelyn Marie West
Studio Art
Biology

Brianna LeeAnn Whitby
Early Childhood Education
Child and Family Studies

Kelsy Jean White
Biology

David Keith Windmiller
Business Administration

**Quiarra Dan'elle Wright
Studio Art

Lelia Montgomery Zirkle
Child and Family Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Paul Berrouet
Business Administration

Krishayla Nicole Boyd
Biology

Angela Luise Brobson
Mathematics

Kaitlin Paige Brown
Biology

Brooke Emily Daniels
Biology

Meghan Camille Davenport
Biology

Brenda Diaz
Biology

Jasmine A. Finkley
Accounting

Kelsie Jordan Glass
Biology

Jessica Rae Holder
Biology

†Katrina Danielle Jones
Business Administration

Grace Anne McKinney
Biology

Jovana Mitic
Mathematics

Emma Leigh Moss
Biochemistry

Olivia Michelle Nevin
Biology

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Mathematics

Sydney Caroline Owens
Biology

Heena Jitendra Patel
Biology

Paul Peter Persigehl
Business Administration

Anna Joe Powell
Biology

Brooke Alexandria Scruggs
Accounting

Dallas Shelby Singleton
Biology

Serena-Skye Marie White
Biology

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Andrea Maria Lorena Cardozo Servin
Art Interior Design

Delaney Jane Coldren
Creative and Professional Writing

Ryan Caitlin Finazzo
Art Interior Design

Leonor Lambarria Fleming
Art Interior Design

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (CONT.)

Joscelyn Elyse Gallego
Art Interior Design

Rachel Martinez
Art Interior Design

Brianna Brooke Genoble
Creative and Professional Writing

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Studio Art

Piper Kenna Grant
Studio Art

Hailey Rae Padula
Art Interior Design

LaDrea Montia Lynes
Art Interior Design

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Art Interior Design

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Studio Art

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Art Interior Design

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Aimee Nicole Boudreau
Music Education - Instrumental

Julianna Morgan Keller
Music Therapy

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Music Performance - Strings

Cassandra Nicole Shaddock
Music Education - Instrumental

Kaylyn N. Good, *Distinction in Performance*
Music Performance - Voice

Adriana Stamile, *Honors in Music*
Music Performance - Strings
Music Performance - Voice

Madeline Claire Greene
Music Education - Instrumental

BACHELOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Yarelis Nicole Cardona
Contemporary Music (Music Media)

The list of degree candidates and academic honors was compiled from applications for degrees before final grades were recorded. The listing of a name in this program does not necessarily mean the degree will be awarded.

*In Absentia

**Early Commencement participants

†Participants who are direct descendants of Converse alumni and are hooded today
by family representatives

CANDIDATES FOR
•••• GRADUATE DEGREES ••••
DOCTORATE IN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Catherine Adams
BA, Clemson University
MED, Furman University

Ashley Holland Adkins
BA, Furman University
MSE, Arkansas State University

Reggie Jermaine Browning
BS, University of South Carolina
MBA, Webster University

Natalie Abrams Childs
BS, Wofford College
MLIS, University of South Carolina

Holly Duncan
BS, MS, Bob Jones University
MBA, Emory University

Denise Hicks Eubanks
BS Limestone University
MED, Converse University

Austin McDonough Fisher
BA, College of Charleston
MBA, West Chester University

*Elena Ghionis
BA, MPSI
MAT, Converse College

Kathleen Mayes Hines
BA, Converse College
MA, Southern Methodist University

Amy Shaw Hiott
BA, University of South Carolina Upstate
MED, Converse College

Bakita Stinnett Knebel
BA, University of South Carolina Upstate
MAT, EDS, Converse College
MED, Coastal Carolina University

Meredith Linyard Lockamy
BS, East Carolina University
MAT, Converse University

Constance Margaret McCarley
BA, Converse College
MLA, Converse College

Pamela Brogden Morgan
BA, King University; University of
North Carolina Wilmington
MED, Winthrop University

*Helen Elizabeth Siceloff
BS, MAT, MED, University of South Carolina

Jennifer J. Wright
BA, University of South Carolina
MLIS, MS, University of South Carolina Western
Governor's University

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Jennifer Cammann
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Standing with open arms

Standing alone

Watching her children down through the years,

Watching and keeping them safe from harm,

Hearing their laughter and seeing their tears.

Converse! Converse!

We pledge our love to thee.

We'll hail the purple and the gold

With love and loyalty.

Alma Mater, dear to everyone,

We love you now, we'll love you when

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