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ALMA MATER

*Original college song composed in 1967 by Dr. G. Thomas Fisher
Arrangement by Jacob Lane, Class of 2011*

In the hills of old Vermont
there's a place I love so well.
N'er a youth will forget joys,
That within our hearts do dwell.

Comrades true, our faithful offspring
Will forever honor thee.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
NVU sing hail to thee!

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NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY-JOHNSON

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Conferral of Degrees

Master of Arts | Master of Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts | Bachelor of Science | Bachelor of Fine Arts

Associate of Arts | Associate of Science

Certificate of Higher Education

Graduation Honors

***Summa Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude *Cum Laude

Graduation honors are awarded for bachelor's and associate degrees. Honors for the Commencement ceremony are calculated from the student's cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall 2020 semester. Some students may be eligible for honors after the spring 2021 semester; in these cases, honors will be indicated on their final transcript.

Program Notes

The notation "NVU Online" indicates a graduate of NVU's Online Program.

The candidates for degrees listed in this program are among those eligible to participate in Commencement as of May 3, 2021.

Our Commencement Speakers

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. François S. Clemmons

Dr. François Clemmons, singer, actor, playwright, and university lecturer, is known for his groundbreaking role as Officer Clemmons on the award-winning PBS children's television series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, a role he played for 25 years.

Other notable career highlights include a 1973 Grammy Award for a recording of *Porgy and Bess*; in 1986, he founded and directed the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble; and from 1997 until his retirement in 2013, Dr. Clemmons was the Alexander Twilight Artist in Residence and director of the Martin Luther King Spiritual Choir at Middlebury College. Dr. Clemmons received a bachelor of music degree from Oberlin College and a master of fine arts from Carnegie Mellon University, and an honorary doctor of arts degree from Middlebury College.

GRADUATING STUDENT SPEAKERS

Ayodeji Shokeye

Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies

The best part about being in Vermont attending Northern Vermont University-Johnson is the environment that allows you to grow mentally. Not being in the city for a long period of time does something to your mind and causes you to see things in a whole new perspective. Growing up in Yonkers, New York, not too many people get the opportunity to be in this position I am in. I had to grind every single day despite several unfortunate life changing circumstances.

God blessed me by putting the right people in my corner. I could remember when college was not even in my plans. I just want people to know that nothing is impossible, always believe in yourself, people's opinions about you are irrelevant. In Yoruba, Ayo means joy. On whatever journey you graduates embark on next, I hope it fills your hearts with joy. One love!

Zacharias Clay II

Bachelor of Science, Business Management (NVU Online)

Zacharias Clay II was born in Hershey, Pennsylvania and moved to Vermont in 2015. "I met my wife when we were teenagers. We now have five beautiful children. I enjoy coaching basketball and softball. I also enjoy drinking coffee and listening to Frank Sinatra. My favorite show of all time is a tie between *Boardwalk Empire* and *Dexter*. I am a huge Philadelphia Phillies fan."

Alexandra R. Damato

Master of Arts, Counseling

Lexi moved to Vermont in 2009 to attend Lyndon State College to complete her bachelor's degree in human services. After working in a therapeutic day school, Lexi decided it was time to take the leap to graduate school and enrolled in the clinical mental health counseling program at Northern Vermont University – Johnson. Lexi is drawn toward advocating and educating others about the importance of understanding mental health. Her current focus is working in schools to provide counseling services to all grade levels. Lexi has grown to love the small town in which she resides, and wishes to continue to help support and grow the community. Her favorite outdoor activities are snowboarding, cross country biking, and stand-up paddle boarding. She believes that movement is an important therapeutic tool, and being open to listen and learn from others has the power to foster change.

Class of 2021 Graduates

Graduate Programs

COUNSELING

Katherine A. Anger	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health South Burlington, VT
Margaret A. Beadle	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health St. Johnsbury, VT
Ashley M. Bergeron	MA-Counseling, School Counseling Jericho, VT
Monica Byrd	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Anchorage, AK
Jennifer Caprio	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health North Billerica, MA
Beth Ann Cote	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Taunton, MA
Rachelle M. Cotnoir	MA-Counseling, School Counseling Irasburg, VT
Alexandra Rose Damato	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health East Burke, VT
Rachel J. Danis	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Richmond, VT
Rose Elbert	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Fairbanks, AK
Marrisa M. Euber	MA-Counseling, School Counseling Rutland, VT
Emma L. Lenski	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Pittsfield, MA
Charlotte M. Farrell	MA-Counseling, School Counseling South Burlington, VT
Andrielle Flavel	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Priest River, ID
Jillanne Garrity	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Anchorage, AK
Aleah Hall	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Wasilla, AK
Catherine Hamlin	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Cavendish, VT
Victoria Irwin	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Huntington, VT
Bethany A. Johnson	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Cambridge, VT

Erin T. Kellar	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Burlington, VT
Jessica Kenez	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Nashua, NH
Erika Krusen	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Londonderry, NH
Suzanna Lavigne	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Huntington, VT
Amelia Palmer Lincoln	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Randolph Center, VT
Danielle Long	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Colchester, VT
Jennifer Hatherley Roseann Lopez	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Windham, NH
Courtney Ruth Marshall	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health St. Albans, VT
Elizabeth McGinn	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Burlington, VT
Whitney S. Mendieta	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Plainfield, VT
Amanda Miller Johnson	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Salem, NH
Samuel Rowan Ohana	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Anchorage, AK
Jan Palm	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Richford, VT
Jason Perkins	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Tilton, NH
Patricia Petraro	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Montpelier, VT
David Poland	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Lincoln, NH
Michelle A Quinn	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Milton, VT
Stephanie R. Ready	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Burlington, VT
Nicholas Rippentrop	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Rockford, IL
Kym Lillie Rowell	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Websterville, VT
Samantha Rufenacht	MA-Counseling, School Counseling South Waterbury, VT

Brianna Sargent Merrill	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Candia, NH
Amanda C. Snyder	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Cambridge, VT
Nicholas Trowbridge	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Hudson, NH
Karissa Wallace	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Barrington, NH
Amanda Lee-Ann Koennicke	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Orleans, VT
Sarah Willey	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health St. Johnsbury, VT
Kerri I. Williamson	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Easton, NH
Ellen Willis	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Strafford, NH
Hanna Woodard	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Bennington, VT
Paulette T. Young	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Londonderry, NH

EDUCATION

Stevie M. Allen	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Moretown, VT
Ryan Anderson	MA-Education, Foundations of Education Enosburg, VT
Derek M. Barrows	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Winooski, VT
Lori Beland	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Hartland, VT
Aron Paul Brophy	MA-Education, Special Education Montgomery Center, VT
Julia M. Cicchetti	MA-Education, Foundations of Education Waterbury, VT
Meagan A. Cochran	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Danville, VT
Sarah L. Fortin	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Swanton, VT
Kathryn Marie Gray-McKenzie	MA-Education, Foundations of Education Jeffersonville, VT

Caroline M. Hassan	MA-Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Inclusive Childhood Education Jeffersonville, VT
Haley A. Helstein	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis West Burke, VT
Glendon W. Ingalls	MA-Education, Special Education Johnson, VT
Elizabeth A. Lach	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Waterbury, VT
Eric T. Miles	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Woodstock, VT
Melissa A. Miller	MA-Education, Special Education Enosburg Falls, VT
Emily Anne Mixon	MA-Education, Foundations of Education West Charleston, VT
Caitlyn M. Trainer	MA-Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis St. Albans, VT

FINE ARTS

Barbara L. Flatthers	MFA-Studio Arts Hyde Park, VT
Cecil M. Gerry	MFA-Studio Arts Richford, VT
Richard Paul Hoyer	MFA-Studio Arts Glastonbury, CT
Mikayla J. Messier	MFA-Studio Arts Sheldon, VT

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Conner Matthew Gilbert	MA-Leadership Studies Montpelier, VT
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Undergraduate Programs

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Mona A. Abdelghani	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** White River Junction, VT
Amelia V. Anderson	BA-Psychology** Nashua, NH
Amber J. Archer	BA-Anthropology and Sociology* Newport, VT
Parker Jordan Audet	BA-Psychology Hyde Park, VT
Kara Marie Bagg	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Northfield, VT
Hanna Patricia Buedinger	BA-Psychology Vernon, VT
Haley Elizabeth Buffum	AA-Psychology, NVU Online Burlington, VT
Brittany L. Bullard	BA-Psychology Hyde Park, VT
Vanessa A. Butler	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** Williston, VT
Chelsea Rose Cleveland	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Pittsford, VT
Mallory H. Craig	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** Morrisville, VT
Ashley Daniels	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Hinesburg, VT
Sarah Delia	BA-Psychology, NVU Online* Burlington, VT
Tammy Jean Eaborn	AA-Psychology, NVU Online Burlington, VT
Dawn M. Falconer	AA-Psychology, NVU Online Lowell, VT
Keana Shay Ferguson	BA-Psychology Winooski, VT
Carly Ann Ghio	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Fairlee, VT
Nicole Kathryn Girouard	BA-Psychology** Underhill, VT
Monique Lydia Gurule	BA-Psychology Santa Fe, NM
Ethan J. Haddad	BA-Psychology Putney, VT
Jade M. Heath	AA-Psychology, NVU Online North Hyde Park, VT
Audrey B. Hunt	BA-Anthropology and Sociology* Johnson, VT
Julie Stewart Hutchinson-Smith	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** Sunderland, VT
Teya Johnson	BA-Psychology West Dover, VT
Cassey Rae Kellner-Bourdeau	BA-Psychology Hyde Park, VT
Meghan E. Kimball	BA-Psychology St. Albans, VT
Hayley Marie Landry	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Wolcott, VT
Alysha M. Lefevre	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Morrisville, VT
Angel Matilda Mason	BA-Psychology, NVU Online East Calais, VT
Allison K. Mazza	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Whitingham, VT
Isaac R. Morales	BA-Psychology Bristol, VT

Brianna J. Morgan	BA-Psychology Milton, VT
Patrick Gregory Parillo	BA-Psychology Springfield, VT
John Parker	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Brownsville, VT
Moriah D. Pinckney	BS-Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice, NVU Online Lincolnville, ME
Shawna J. Ploof	BA-Psychology, NVU Online** Lincoln, VT
Nicole A. Rossi	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Sudbury, VT
Stephanie Shoff	BA-Psychology, NVU Online** Bennington, VT
Daniel Steven Smith	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** Burlington, VT
Hilary Jamieson Moore Snyder	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*** Fairlee, VT
Alexander Vando	BA-Psychology, NVU Online Milton, VT
Michelle Elizabeth Ward	BA-Psychology, NVU Online* Burlington, VT
Autumn R. Wheeler	BA-Psychology Barre, VT
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BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

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William L. Cashin IV	BA-Business, Accounting Westmore, VT
Logen John Cassidy	BA-Business, Accounting* St. Albans, VT
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Deveney Wolfe	BA-Childhood Education* Johnson, VT

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Jessica Barber	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership, and Tourism Morrisville, VT
Hanz Seabrook Berger	BA-Biology Morrisville, VT
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Cliff Celestin	BS-Biology, General Studies St. Albans, VT
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Sabra Hawkes	BS-Health Science with Elementary and Secondary Licensure Underhill, VT
Marcus Hlusak Holmes	BS-Health Science, Physical Education Johnson, VT
Joy Annika Hurwitz	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine Shelburne, VT
Mathew E. Jones	BS-Biology, Pre-Medical Colchester, VT
Sawyer T. Judkins	BA-Outdoor Education, Adventure Education and Wilderness Leadership Johnson, VT
Grace O'Brien Kennaugh	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine South Burlington, VT
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Jason G. Klevan	BA-Outdoor Education, Outdoor Program Management Framingham, MA
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FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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Amber Downs	BA-Media Arts Williston, VT
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Isabelle Elaine Gazda	BA-Theater and Drama Guilford, CT
Madison Gibbons	BA-Music Education with K-12 Licensure* Milton, VT
Janea Faith Hudson	BA-Music, Creative Pathways Randolph, VT
Makayla L. Jones	BFA-Studio Arts Johnson, VT
Devin E. Libby	BA-Art Burlington, VT
Jillian Lauren Lisitano	BFA-Studio Arts*** Johnson, VT
Matthew Robert Mossey	BFA-Studio Arts** St. Albans, VT
Aya Muraki	BA-Media Arts** Kanagawa, Japan
Carrie Rheume	BA-Media Arts*** Cambridge, VT
Eli Rosenblum-Stephens	AA-Woodworking and Furniture Design* Roslindale, MA
Sierra Spence	BA-Music Education with K-12 Licensure*** Underhill, VT
Randal Erik Willette	BFA-Woodworking and Furniture Design* Clinton, ME
Ryan Edward Willette	BA-Media Arts*** Alton, NH

HUMANITIES

Maria C. Brosseau	BA-Political Science*** Glover, VT
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Lydia L. Larson-Ruiz	BA-Political Science, Criminal Justice Dudley, MA
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Lauren Marie Brush Arseneau	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Thetford Center, VT
Abigale Paule Buedinger	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Vernon, VT
George H. Carle, Jr	AA-General Studies, NVU Online Providence, RI
Amy Marie Churchill	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online** Barre, VT
Kelly Coffey	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online** Winooski, VT
Chrystal A. Cox	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Burlington, VT
Emily Crippen	AA-General Studies* Cooperstown, NY
Reilley L. Delage	AA-General Studies St. Albans, VT
Danielle Crystal Devlin	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Sheldon, VT
Michael Anthony DiNicola	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Shelburne, VT
Gretel-Ann Fischer	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online Essex Junction, VT
Tijana E. Ganun	BA-Professional Studies* Long Island City, NY
Benjamin Garrett	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online* Cockeysville Hunt Valley, MD
Tucker Garvey	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online* Stowe, VT
Nitasha V. Gates	AA-General Studies Gilbertville, MA
Andrea G Given-Vanleeuwen	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online* Brattleboro, VT
Renee Hall	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online* Jericho, VT
John K. Hancock	AA-General Studies Swanton, VT
Holly Renee Hayden	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Hardwick, VT
Brittany Hayes	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online** Brandon, VT
Aysha Fay Hodgdon	AA-General Studies Craftsbury, VT
Cassidy Ide	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Jericho, VT
Daniel Joyce	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Thetford Center, VT
Ashley M. Kelly	AA-General Studies, NVU Online San Antonio, TX
Jordan L. King	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Swanton, VT
Sabrina Elizabeth LaCross	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Sandgate, VT

Paula Levasseur	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Chittenden, VT
Virginia M. Litchfield	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online** Burlington, VT
Margaret K. Loucraft	AA-General Studies, NVU Online North Hyde Park, VT
Sarah Anne Lyons	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online*** Hardwick, VT
Erica M. Marcelino Howard	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online Fairfax, VT
Molly L. Mashtare	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online St. Albans, VT
Morgan L. McLure	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Cambridge, VT
May E. Meskunas	AA-General Studies, NVU Online Mechanicville, NY
Carrie N. Moore	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online East Fairfield, VT
Coral L. Morande	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online Northfield, VT
Randi L. Morse	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Coventry, VT
Jessica Elizabeth O'Brien	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online Jamaica, VT
Jake T. Oneschuk	AA-General Studies, NVU Online Carle Place, NY
Vanessa Nicole Parrotte	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Enosburg Falls, VT
Olivia Ann Payette	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Woodbury, VT
Jennifer Renee Pratt	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online*** Milton, VT
Tammy LD. Pregent	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online*** Randolph, VT
Ashley A. Prisco	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Milton, VT
Nathanial G. Pritchard	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Brookline, MA
Kimberly A. Provost	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online** South Burlington, VT
Dustin A. Redlein	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online Manchester Center, VT
Timothy Rudder	AA-General Studies Bradford, VT
Ayodeji Kingsley Aremu Shokeye	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Yonkers, NY
Melissa Vivian Staffeldt	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Milford, CT

Eloise M. Stout	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Underhill, VT
Robyn Ann-Marie Sweet	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Rutland, VT
Monica Nichole Flemings Tarrier	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies Westford, VT
Marcus Edwin Thornton	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Barre, VT
Kevin J. Tierney	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Stowe, VT
Kara Emily White	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online** Pittsford, VT
Amanda Alice Yates	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online South Hero, VT
Rafael Yordan	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online Hardwick, VT

MATHEMATICS

Melissa Ann Clark	BS-Mathematics, C-Accounting, NVU Online* Philadelphia, PA
Laura Christine Dattilio	BS-Mathematics*** South Burlington, VT
Megan Lynn Roberts	BS-Mathematics, Secondary Licensure*** Windsor, VT
Manuel A. Walsh	BS-Mathematics Burlington, VT

WRITING AND LITERATURE

Lindsay Leighanna Andersen	BFA-Creative Writing* Shelburne, VT
Jacob C. DeCarlo	BFA-Creative Writing Thomaston, CT
Rebecca A. Flieder	BA-Journalism* Atkinson, NH
Allison Anne Irons	BA-Journalism Fair Haven, VT
James Mello	BFA-Creative Writing Hartland, VT
Makayla Lynn Millette	BFA-Creative Writing Grand Isle, VT
Rebecca A Palmer	BFA-Creative Writing Milton, VT
Isaiah D. Perry	BFA-Creative Writing Brownington, VT
Justin Andrew Robertiello	BA-Journalism Chester, NJ
Elizabeth A. Ste. Marie	BFA-Creative Writing Lyndonville, VT

‘COLLEGE STEPS’ PROGRAM

College Steps partners with colleges across the country to provide individualized college support for students living with social, communication, or learning challenges. The following students are completing their Certificate of Higher Education from Northern Vermont University-Johnson.

Philip Chaves Certificate of Higher Education |
East Hardwick, VT



Chesamore Hall in the 1940s

A Brief History of Northern Vermont University

The roots of Northern Vermont University-Johnson go back to 1828, when John Chesamore, a cobbler, donated his shoe shop to the village of Johnson for an elementary and secondary school. Dr. Carpenter, a preacher from Chelsea, Vermont, became the first schoolmaster, and the new school was chartered in 1832 by the state as “Johnson Academy.” The first class comprised just sixteen students.

In 1836, five communities incorporated as the Lamoille County Grammar School Association to support the school. In 1866, when the state created three “normal schools” (schools created to establish teaching standards, or norms, and train high school graduates to become teachers), the school’s focus changed from general community education to teacher training. The Johnson Normal School offered one-, two-, and three-year training programs for teachers until 1947, when the state added a four-year program. At that time the school became “Johnson Teachers College.”

By an act of the 1961 Legislature, the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees was created to oversee the state college system. This new board assumed control from the State Board of Education on July 1, 1962, and the institution became “Johnson State College.” This new name signaled a change in the college from a single-purpose, teacher-training college to a multi-purpose, liberal arts school. During the next ten years, Johnson State’s curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, its enrollment, and its facilities expanded dramatically to meet this new mission.

On July 1, 2018, Johnson State College and Lyndon State College unified to become Northern Vermont University, a two-campus institution of higher learning. Each campus retains its rich history and identity, as well as its athletics teams – the Johnson Badgers and Lyndon Hornets – but the collaboration and student opportunities now expand across two vibrant campuses located in Vermont’s northern tier.

The Traditions of Commencement

Many of the time-honored traditions of the Commencement ceremony have been included in this year's virtual experience. Here we explain the significance of these traditions.

THE CHESAMORE BELL

The Chesamore Bell is from Chesamore Hall, the original site of Northern Vermont University. For more than 110 years, the tolling of the bell called students to pursue their studies. In 1995 the bell was brought out of retirement to ring in the new academic year at Opening Convocation. The tradition continues today as we ring the bell again to honor this year's graduating class.

THE MACE

The role of mace bearer is ceremonial and derives from medieval times. In England since the sixteenth century and in America since colonial days, it has been a symbol of office. In commencement ceremonies, the mace is borne by a distinguished member of the faculty.

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United States, Canada, China, Japan, Nepal, Tanzania, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The cap, gown and colorful hood so prominent in commencement ceremonies resemble to some extent articles of dress worn by church and university dignitaries in the Middle Ages. The cap and gown indicate that the wearer is a member of a university or college. The hood shows the degree the wearer holds.

The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master's gown has closed sleeves that are square at the end, with the arms coming through a slit at the elbow. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. It also has a facing of velvet down the front and three bars of the same material on each sleeve. The facing and bars may be either black or the color distinctive of the discipline to which the degree pertains. The cap is worn for all degrees; the doctor may wear a golden tassel.

Hoods are normally black with a colorful lining rolled outward. Master's hoods are 3½ feet; doctorate hoods are 4 feet. The silk or satin lining of the hood is the color (or colors) of the university or college that conferred the degree. Some have a sash or chevron of a contrasting color. The colors of trim, hood edges and cap tassels often represent the academic discipline(s) studied, also known as "academic regalia intercollegiate colors."

Today, both our graduate and undergraduate students wear the colors of their discipline(s) of study — graduates through the master's hood, and undergraduates through a braided cord.

ACADEMIC REGALIA INTERCOLLEGIATE
COLORS OF TODAY’S GRADUATES:

Anthropology and Sociology	White
Art	Brown
Biology	Science Gold
Business.....	Drab
Childhood Education	Light Blue
Communications	Crimson
Counseling	White
Creative Writing.....	White
Education.....	Light Blue
English	White
Environmental Science	Science Gold
General Studies	White
Health Science.....	Sage Green
History	White
Interdisciplinary Studies	White
Leadership Studies	Dark Blue
Mathematics	Science Gold
Media Arts	Brown
Music	Pink
Musical Theater	Brown
Outdoor Education	Light Blue
Political Science.....	Dark Blue
Professional Studies.....	White
Psychology	Antique Gold
Studio Arts	Brown
Technical Theater	Brown
Theater and Drama	Brown
Wellness and	
Alternative Medicine.....	Sage Green

ADDITIONAL REGALIA CORDS AND STOLES
WORN BY TODAY’S GRADUATES:

Gold and Green Cords: Students wearing these are eligible for graduation honors based on their cumulative fall 2020 grade point average.

Red, White and Blue Cords: Northern Vermont University-Johnson is proud to recognize graduates who are veterans or active members of the U.S. Armed Services with a red, white and blue regalia cord, which represents the valor, excellence and sacrifice exemplified by their service.

Black and Red Cords: Northern Vermont University-Johnson recognizes and celebrates the achievements of students who have been part of the TRiO program in overcoming adversity.

Rainbow Cords: These cords are worn in recognition of the special challenges that students from the LGBTQ+ community face on their path to graduation. This cord acknowledges, celebrates, and affirms the achievements of graduates who identify as LGBTQ+.

Green and Blue Cords: Northern Vermont University recognizes and celebrates the commitment and achievements of student-athletes, interns, and managers who have contributed to the success of the NVU-Johnson Athletics and Recreation Program.

Black and Platinum Cords: Students wearing these cords are members of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success.

Teal and White Cords: Students wearing these cords are part of the College Steps program.

ACADEMIC REGALIA OF NVU-JOHNSON FULL-TIME FACULTY

INSTITUTION GRANTING DEGREE	SCHOOL COLORS
Ball State University Lisa Zinn	cardinal/white
City University of New York Isaac Eddy	lavender/black
Dartmouth College..... Gregory Petrics	green/white
Lesley University Clemencia Caporale	green/white
Life University..... Matthew Rushford	green/white
Michigan State University Hannah Miller	green/white
Mills College..... Sean Clute	navy blue/white
McGill University..... Henrique Cezar	red/white
Ohio University..... Daniel Towner	green/white
Prescott College..... Brad Moskowitz	black/gold
Purdue University..... John Pellerin	black/gold
Union Institute and University..... Tyrone Shaw	green/gold
University of Colorado..... Maureen Stewart	silver/black
University of Connecticut..... Eleanor Beltz	navy blue/white
University of Iowa..... Mary Martin	black/gold
University of Kentucky..... Christopher Aubuchon	royal blue/white
University of Massachusetts–Amherst Jensen Beach	maroon/white

INSTITUTION GRANTING DEGREE

SCHOOL COLORS

University of Minnesota	maroon/gold
David McGough	
University of Pennsylvania	red/royal
Kenneth Leslie	
University of Utah	red/white
N.E. Bou-Nacklie, Janet Bennion	
University of Vermont	green/gold
Kathleen Brinegar, Gina Mireault, Emily Tarleton	
University of Virginia—Charlottesville.....	orange/navy
Julie Theoret	
University of Washington	purple/gold
Tara Thacker	
Vermont College	green/gold
Elizabeth Powell	
Westfield State University	blue/white
Robert Schulze	
West Virginia University.....	blue/gold
David Plazek	



*On behalf of the
Johnson Alumni Association,*

Congratulations, Graduates!

Graduation brings transition. As you go forth to advance a new career, seek additional education or just take the next step in life, be reminded that you also are joining a diverse group of special individuals — members of the Johnson Alumni Association, graduates who have gone before you. Welcome to their ranks and to all of the rights and privileges they enjoy.

Your experience with Northern Vermont University doesn't end when you walk across the stage. Here, too, begins a new chapter in your relationship with NVU.

Please stay involved by sending us your news, keeping your contact information up to date, and nominating your fellow alums for awards. We'll send you our monthly e-newsletter and the annual NVU-Johnson magazine, *Johnson Views*, and we'll notify you of class reunions, upcoming events, and special deals and opportunities for NVU alumni.

You can contact us at Alumi@NorthernVermont.edu or 802.635.1657. Our doors in Martinetti Hall are always open — stop by anytime to say hello!

And now we are pleased to say:

Congratulations, Alumni!

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