



# 156<sup>th</sup> Commencement

Johnson Campus • Saturday, May 13, 2023

# ALMA MATER

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*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

## *156<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises*

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### PROCESSIONAL

Dan Werner, Shane Trudo, and Cindy Warner  
– members of the Police Pipes and Drums of Plattsburgh, NY.

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING THESE GREEN MOUNTAINS

Northern Vermont University Polaris Singers

### LAND AND LABOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Emily Carchia, Student Government Association President

### OPENING REMARKS

Michael K. Smith, Interim President

### POSTHUMOUS DEGREE PRESENTATION - MAMADOU N'DIAYE

Michael K. Smith, Interim President

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Congresswoman Becca Balint

### REMARKS BY GRADUATES

Andrea Carbine, M.A. | Julie Potter, B.A. |  
Korrina Cummings, B.A.

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Tyrone Shaw, M.F.A., Department Chairperson, Writing and Literature

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Michael K. Smith, Interim President

### CLOSING REMARKS AND TURNING OF THE TASSELS

Michael K. Smith, Interim President

### SINGING OF THE NVU ALMA MATER

Northern Vermont University Polaris Singers

### RECESSIONAL

Dan Werner, Shane Trudo, and Cindy Warner  
– members of the Police Pipes and Drums of Plattsburgh, NY.

*Audience Members: Please remain in place until the recessional is completed.  
Please join us immediately following the ceremony under the tent on the quad for  
a dessert reception honoring our newest alumni!*

## *Land and Labor Acknowledgment*

We begin this gathering by acknowledging that our shared learning takes place on N'Dakinna, within the Wabanaki Confederacy, which is the unceded traditional homeland of the Abenaki people past and present. We recognize that colonialism and the oppression of Native peoples is a current and ongoing process, and we commit to building our awareness and working to end this oppression. We honor with gratitude the land, the waterways, and the Alnôbak who have stewarded and tended to N'Dakinna throughout the generations, past, present, and future. We also acknowledge the erasure and exclusion of Indigenous cultures in this space: physically, culturally, and ideologically.

We agree with the Vermont Peace and Justice Center, when they “honor the legacy of the African diaspora and the Black lives, knowledge, skills, and labor stolen due to violence and the evolution of white supremacy culture. We acknowledge that much of this country’s essential structures would not exist were it not for the free, enslaved, labor of Black people, and that many people of African descent are still being met with violence and killed today for simply existing. [We] honor the legacy of the many other BIPOC ancestors who were victims of the same violent systems that stole their lives, traditions, and families. As the current stewards of this space, it is our collective responsibility to hold these truths of these contributions and losses.”

Let us use our spheres of influence as educators and learners to rebuild our understanding of history in a way that centers and honors the lived experience of the Abenaki people and the African diaspora: past, present, and future. Let us strive to critically examine our education, teaching, and schools as well as decolonize our land.

*Native-Land.ca, Peace & Justice Center, the New England Museum Association, the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, and suggested language from the Abenaki Nation of New Hampshire.*

### **Mace Bearer**

Danial Towner, Ph.D.

### **Faculty Marshals**

Jensen Beach, M.F.A.	Gina Mireault, Ph.D.
Janet Bennion, Ph.D.	James Noyes, M.Ed.
Isaac Eddy, M.F.A.	Gregory Petrics, Ph.D.
Blagorodna “Nori” Efremovski, M.A.	Robert Schulze, Ed.D.
Timothy Egan, M.S.	Emily Tarleton, Ph.D.
Sara Hatch, B.A.	Julie Theoret, Ph.D.
Mary Martin, Ph.D.	

### **Platform Assistants**

Dr. Nolan Atkins, Provost  
Dr. Les Kanat, Interim Academic Dean

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## *Conferral of Degrees*

Master of Science | 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 2022 semester. Some students may be eligible for honors after the spring 2023 semester; in these cases, honors will be indicated on their final transcript.

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## *Program Notes*

The candidates for degrees listed in this program are among those eligible to participate in Commencement as of April 26, 2023.

# Our Commencement Speakers

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## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

### Becca Balint

Rep. Becca Balint is a mom, teacher, and progressive leader who comes to Washington ready to fight for working families. Becca is the first woman and openly LGBTQ person to represent her home state of Vermont. As the daughter of working-class, immigrant parents, Becca is deeply committed to defending American democracy and protecting vulnerable communities.

A deep sense of justice, empathy, and service has guided Becca's career from the beginning — first as an educator who taught middle school in Windham County for fourteen years, then as an activist and State Senator, and ultimately as the President Pro Tempore in 2021.

During her eight years in the state senate, she has served on the Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, Finance, and Rules committees. While Majority Leader, Becca led the passage of the first gun safety laws in the state's history, aimed at keeping Vermont children, communities, and survivors of abuse safe. Becca also worked tirelessly in the state senate to secure the largest housing investment in Vermont in decades to rebuild housing stock and expand middle income housing.

This Congress, Becca will serve as Congressional Progressive Caucus Vice Chair for New Members and as a Co-Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus.

She received her B.A. from Smith College in Northampton, MA, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Becca earned her M.Ed. from Harvard University in 1995 and her M.A. in history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2001.

She is married to noted attorney and opera singer, Elizabeth Wohl. Together, they have two children – Abe, 15, and Sarah, 12 – and an adorable dog named Wheelie. They live in Brattleboro, Vermont.

## GRADUATING STUDENT SPEAKERS

### **Andrea Carbine**

*Master of Arts, Leadership Studies*

Andrea is a native Vermonter who grew up in a family-owned business. After getting her degree in marketing and communications from Bryant College now Bryant University, she found her true passion in the food service industry. Once starting a family she realized that the hours required for the industry no longer fit her lifestyle, and by chance, a teaching opportunity presented itself, bringing her back to her hometown. While expanding her family, she flirted with different graduate degree options and eventually landed on Leadership Studies. Andrea is currently the Work-Based Learning Coordinator at the North Country Career Center in Newport, Vermont, where she puts her leadership skills to work in her community.

### **Julie Potter**

*Bachelor of Arts, Professional Studies (NVU Online)*

Julie Potter isn't technically a native Vermonter as she was born in Colorado where her father was stationed, but she's close. Both her parents were born and raised in Windham County and their families have deep roots there. Julie and her family moved back to Southern Vermont when she was 3, where she grew up and has lived, except for the three "traditional" semesters spent at UVM in the late '80s. Growing up was spent reading or outdoors, playing in brooks, picking raspberries, and hauling sap for her grandparent's produce and maple farm.

Julie continued to make Southern Vermont her home where she has worked as a bookkeeper, caterer, parade manager, international dairy promoter, and syndicated food columnist. A momentous shift in her life occurred while supporting a family member struggling with mental illness and she realized the huge toll navigating these challenges takes on children and their families. She currently applies her lived experience professionally as the Assistant Program Director at the NFI Vermont Hospital Diversion Program South, supporting youth experiencing acute mental health crises. She values collaboration and connection, is a strong advocate for mental health, and is proud to serve on the board of the Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

She would like to thank her husband, two daughters, wingman Sully the Labrador, and the Women Who Wainscott for all their love and support getting her on this stage today.

## **Korrina May Cummings**

*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Minor in Anthropology*

Korrina started at NVU-Johnson in 2019 right out of high school and credits her parents Shawn and Katherine Cummings as the foundation for her success: “I would not be where I am today without their constant adoration and comfort.” Her younger sister, Cloe, is a role model for academic excellence and a strong work ethic, and Korrina has received a lot of support through Cloe’s continued guidance. Her two cats, Chanel and Coco, have helped her to balance her stress and keep her grounded throughout her education. Korrina says the support of her friends and family as a whole have helped her to complete her degree and graduate this semester, and she could not feel more grateful.

Korrina interned in spring 2023 with the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit Child Advocacy Center in Hyde Park. There, she saw first-hand how the system to protect children works in Vermont, and she learned she wanted to be part of it. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in Child and Family Services and expects to pursue a master’s degree in psychology in the next few years.

Thank you, NVU community, for getting us all here!



# Class of 2023 Graduates

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## Graduate Programs

*Blagorodna "Nori" Efremovski, M.A., Marshal*

### COUNSELING

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Erin Marie Aliquo	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   St. Albans, VT
Alissa J. Barracks	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Montpelier, VT
Tyler Jeffrey Barron	MA-Counseling, School Counseling   South Burlington, VT
Krista Jeanette Bologna	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Johnson, VT
Devon Marie Bouffard	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   South Burlington, VT
Benjamin Bernard Boyarko	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Putney, VT
Ashley Chamberlin	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Jeffersonville, VT
Mandy J. Cleland	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Stowe, VT
N. Arielle Cohn	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Bellows Falls, VT
Joya S. Davidson	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Stowe, VT
Dottie A. Dearborn	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Jeffersonville, VT
Andrew R. Decker	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Fairfax, VT
Sherry A. Degray	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Bridport, VT
Alix Shannon Drown	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Callie R. Flanders	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Barre, VT
Nacara-Montea L. Foss	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Milton, VT
Maia Struthers Friedman	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Brattleboro, VT
Christina M. Ghantous	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Glover, VT
Ryan Gouvin	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Johnson, VT
Norma C. Gregory	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Derby, VT
Lindsay M. Haley	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Montpelier, VT
Jenessa S. Higgs	MA-Counseling, School Counseling   Enosburg Falls, VT
Ashlee R. Hoyt	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Claremont, NH
Sara Jane Jacobsen	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Waterbury Center, VT
Martin T. Kemple	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Worcester, VT
Kheilbi LaRose	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Charleston, VT
Rebecca L. Lowe	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Barre, VT
Emily J. Manny	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Colchester, VT

Jerika Lane Many	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Swanton, VT
Catherine Susan Marcelle	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Windham, NH
Kaitlyn McKernan	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Andrea Janice Moore	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling   Baldwinsville, NY
Mari B. Nazzaro	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Hyde Park, VT
Eliza Nealley Donohue	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Bradley, ME
Ryan William Nest	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Charles O'Brien	MA-Counseling, School Counseling   Hinesburg, VT
Peter Paul O'Leary	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Barre, VT
Jennifer Ann Overton	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   West Berlin, VT
Sierra M. Pembroke	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Plainfield, VT
Amy Pomeroy	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Anchorage, AK
Anisa Potvin	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Christine Hope Puza	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Daniel Rollnick	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Conway, NH
Morgan N. Sanderson	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Milton, VT
Wylie Shipman	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Morrisville, VT
Hannah Sprague	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Jennifer A. Stefani	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Middlebury, VT
Lisa Torchiano	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Burlington, VT
Krystine Anne Villeneuve	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   St. Johnsbury, VT
Dana Charley Williams	MA-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Underhill, VT
Sarah E. Winterhoff	MS-Counseling, Clinical Mental Health   Wausau, WI

## EDUCATION

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Siobhan Caitlin Anderson-Judkins	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Randolph Center, VT
Katalin Banfi-Graupe	MA-Education, Special Education   Stowe, VT
Ami Marie English	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Wolcott, VT

Katelyn E. Foss	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Eden, VT
Toria Lajoie	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Shelburne, VT
Allison Mackenzie	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Burlington, VT
Kathryn C. Oliver	MA-Education, Unified Arts   Williamstown, VT
Dekota A. Roberge	MA-Education, Special Education   Derby, VT
Morgan E. Sargent	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Johnson, VT
Shane L. Stacey	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Hyde Park, VT
Tammy Lynn Therrien Carter	MA-Education, Foundations of Education   Morrisville, VT

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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Eric W. Bouchard	MA-Leadership Studies   Newport, VT
Andrea S. Carbine	MA-Leadership Studies   Derby, VT
Larraby J. Fellows	MA-Leadership Studies   Worcester, VT
Kyla J. McClanahan	MA-Leadership Studies   Colchester, VT
James David Nichols	MA-Leadership Studies   Hyde Park, VT
Gerald R. Patterson III	MA-Leadership Studies   Sewell, NJ
Michele A. Squires	MA-Leadership Studies   South Burlington, VT
Melissa Faith Stewart	MA-Leadership Studies   Essex Junction, VT
Daniele Haley Warner	MA-Leadership Studies   Newport, VT

# Undergraduate Programs

## BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING, AND ECONOMICS

*James Noyes, M.Ed., Timothy Egan, M.S., Marshals*

Julie Bessette	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online   New Haven, VT
Allison M. Brink	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online**   Barnet, VT
Samantha Charron	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online   St. Albans, VT
Natalee Simone Chauvin	BS-Business, Management ***   Morrisville, VT
Arthur Clayton	BS-Business, Sport Management   Lyme, NH
Emma Katherine Drake	AS-Business, Administration   North Troy, VT
Jessica Lynn Dykema	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online   South Burlington, VT
Margaret R. Egan	BS-Business, Management   Sugar Hill, NH
Trevor Farr	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online**   Bristol, VT
Timothy J. Gray	B.S. Business, Sport Management   Derby, VT
Michael W. Hathaway	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online*   Colchester, VT
Lincoln Joseph Ilsley	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online   East Corinth, VT
Benjamin T. Kelly	BS-Business, Management   Morrisville, VT
Brianne L. King	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online**   St. Albans, VT
Vicki J. Lontine	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online   St. Albans, VT
Mason Haley Lores	BS-Business, Management   Englewood, CO
Silas Peter Lowenthal	AS-Business, Administration   East Hardwick, VT
Brittany Lynn Mason	BA-Business, Management, NVU Online   Albany, VT
Madison F. Messier	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online*   Burlington, VT
Dominic E. Phelps	BS-Business, Sport Management**   Lyndon, VT
Meghan Lamay Rublee	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online   East Hardwick, VT
Sharon Sehdev	BS-Business, Management   Jericho, VT
Naomi Linn Severance	BS-Business, Management, NVU Online   White River Junction, VT

Demir Smajovic	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online   Essex Junction, VT
Shanelle Roze Spaulding	BS-Accounting and Business Administration, NVU Online**   Enosburg Falls, VT
Maleek View	BS-Business, Management   Philadelphia, PA

## CULTURE, HUMANITIES, AND POLITICS

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*Janet Bennion, Ph.D., Marshal*

Yatzari Allen	BA-Anthropology and Sociology, Criminal Justice   Glen Fall, NY
Christina Carol Ashley	AA-General Studies**   Cambridge, VT
Jessie Bailey	BS-Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice NVU Online**   Danielson, CT
Amber Binger	AA-General Studies, NVU Online   Gambrills, MD
Emily Rosa Corbitt	AA-General Studies   Johnson, VT
Ryan M. Corey	BA-History   South Burlington, VT
Reagan Anne Decker	AA-General Studies**   Enosburg Falls, VT
Pamela R. Doyle	BA-History   Topsham, VT
Alexander Lee Gallagher	BA-History**   Colchester, VT
Avery C. Godin	BA-Political Science   Waterville, VT
Allyson Britt Hefner	AA-General Studies   Stillwater, NY
Morgan Odessa Heth	AA-General Studies, NVU Online   St. Albans, VT
Kayla Catherine Irick	BA-Political Science, AS-Business, Administration   Essex Junction, VT
Molly Leah Luter	AA-General Studies   Colchester, VT
Jameson S. Lynch	BA-History   West Rutland, VT
Alexandria Margaret Marcou	AA-General Studies   Colchester, VT
Angus Andrew McEwing	BA-Anthropology and Sociology   Bakersfield, VT
Mindy May McLaren	BA-Anthropology and Sociology   Randolph, VT
Anthony M. Orvis	AA-General Studies, NVU Online   Bristol, VT
Damian Robert Smith	BA-Anthropology and Sociology   Barre, VT
Juan Villa Armendariz	BS-Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice**   Houston, TX
Austin Gaither White	AA-General Studies*   Randolph, VT

## EDUCATION

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*Robert Schulze, Ed. D., Marshal*

James E. Brady	BA-Childhood Education   Essex Junction, VT
Allison Suzanne Hurlburt	BA-Childhood Education**   Morrisville, VT
Marie C. Jackson	BA-Childhood Education, AS-Mathematics***   Enosburg Falls, VT
Matt McCarthy	BA-Childhood Education***   Fairfax, VT
Kaitlyn A. Murray	BA-Childhood Education*   Enosburg Falls, VT
Paige Simone Pierce	BA-Childhood Education***   Morrisville, VT
Katelyn Paige Shepard	BA-Childhood Education***   Waterbury, VT

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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*Emily Tarleton, Ph.D., Marshal*

Mitchell C. Almond	BS-Environmental Science, Analysis and Assessment   Burlington, VT
Carissa Billings	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Fort Wayne, IN
Lauren E. Burg	BS-Biology, General Studies**   Winter Park Highlands, CO
Abigail Mae Creighton	BS-Holistic Health**   Danville, VT
Brittany Cook	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Bedford, MA
Isabelle Josephine Cox	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online   Amissville, VA
Emily Ann Crippen	BS-Health Sciences, Pre-Professional Health Studies*   Cooperstown, NY
Tarquin G. Croteau Jr	BA-Biology, Field Naturalist   Latham, NY
Joel Douglas Fields	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online   Paulding, OH
Kc Lee Fortier	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online***   Berlin, NH
Megan Elizabeth Godfrey	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online***   Sherman, CT
Lauren E. Harada	BS-Wellness and Alternative, NVU Online**   Cheyenne, WY
Natalie Rebecca Harriman	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism, Outdoor Program Management and Administration   Groveland, MA
Matt House	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism, Therapeutic Wilderness and Adventure Programming   Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
Mindy James	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Tampa, FL

Michaela Jordan	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online   Marina, CA
Jenna Joslin	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism, Therapeutic Wilderness and Adventure Programming   East Hampton, CT
Kayla Keplinger	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism, Environmental Education and Adventure Education   Smithburg, MD
Brittney Elwood Kern	BS-Biology, Pre-Medical**   Swanton, VT
Tricia L. Laramee	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online   Newport, VT
Katie Ann Lucier	BS-Biology, General Studies**   Jay, VT
Kelly McDonagh	BS-Holistic Health, NVU Online*   Winchester Center, CT
Gabriella Elise Mesnard	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Boulder, CO
Kasey R. Miller	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   St. Albans, VT
Lily Anne Mulin	BS-Biology, Pre-Medical**   Stratford, CT
Katelynn Corene O'Neill	BS-Biology, General Studies**   Montpelier, VT
Rachal A. Peatman	BS-Biology, General Studies, BA-Anthropology and Sociology   Fletcher, VT
Leslie Colleen Rodriguez	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Richford, VT
Michelle Saunders	BS-Wellness and Alternative Medicine, NVU Online   Landaff, NH
Lucas John Schmitz	BS-Holistic Health   Sea Cliff, NY
Samuel Solomon Stephens	BS-Health Sciences, Health and Exercise Science   Gaithersburg, MD
Jacob Erik Wennerstrom	BS-Outdoor Education, Leadership and Tourism, Outdoor Program Management and Administration   Tyngsboro, MA

## FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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*Isaac Eddy, M.F.A. and Mary Martin, Ph.D., Marshals*

Stephanie D. Allen	BFA-Studio Arts*   Wolcott, VT
Alexandre Shelby Astesano	BFA-Woodworking and Furniture Design   Cambridge, MA
Ian Phillip Bowen	BA-Art   Morristown, VT
Keanna Lynn Dague	BA-Art   Wells River, VT
Sparrow Klee MacDonald	BA-Music, Vocal Performance**   Hyde Park, VT
Brittney N. Malik	BA-Performance, Arts, and Technology, Theater and Musical Theater   Colchester, VT
Asa Benjamin Mears	BME-Music Education   Milton, VT
Alexis Taylor Middleton-Malshuk	BFA-Studio Arts**   Orleans, VT
James Moore	BFA-Woodworking and Furniture Design***   Bennington, VT

Faith E. Pearson	BA-Art with Secondary Licensure***   Montpelier, VT
Jennifer F. Robinson	BA-Art, BA-Psychology   Derry, NH
Deanna L. Santo	BFA-Studio Arts*   Danville, VT
Katelyn R. Shaw	BA-Theater and Drama   Stowe, VT
James Richard Stowell	BA-Musical Theater*   Latham, NY
Dylan Michael Young	BFA-Studio Arts*   Peacham, VT

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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### *Julie Theoret, Ph.D., Marshal*

Jessica Bortz	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Colchester, VT
Abbey Dooley	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Waterbury, VT
Roberta J. Drown	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Craftsbury, VT
Mandy L. Dwinell	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Graniteville, VT
Stacey Ann Elliott	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   North Chittenden, VT
Erin Tanya Hill	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online*   Island Pond, VT
Dennis Kagoro Kaduru	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online   Winooski, VT
Sonja Lei Kivela	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies*   Johnson, VT
Hannah M. Lamore	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Georgia, VT
Kimberly Kay Lange	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Hyde Park, VT
Stephanie Rae LeBeau	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Mooers, NY
Nicole Yvonne Liebig	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Granville, NY
Sean Thomas McGill	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online   Montpelier, VT
Krista E. G. Metivier	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Barre, VT
Brian James O'Rourke	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Rutland, VT
Marley Lynn Rosario	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Castleton, VT
Eric C. Patno	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Swanton, VT
Julie Potter	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Brattleboro, VT
Amy Calissa Rouleau	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online   Derby Line, VT
Noelani June Rupp	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online   Essex Junction, VT
Johannah Schneider	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online   Middlebury, VT
John A. Schraven	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Fairfax, VT
Shani A. Stoddard	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies   Stannard, VT
Betsy M. Trucott	BA-Interdisciplinary Studies, NVU Online*   Newport, VT
Deirdre Walsh	BA-Professional Studies, NVU Online*   Bristol, VT



## MATHEMATICS

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*Gregory Petrics, Ph.D., Marshal*

Hannah Grace Angolano	BS-Mathematics, CT-Small Business Management   Jericho, VT
Anthony Aaron Barbieri	BS-Mathematics**   Milton, VT
Jordan Melen	BS-Mathematics*   South Burlington, VT
Amy L. Vettters	BS-Data Science   Colchester, VT

## PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES

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*Gina Mireault, Ph.D., Marshal*

MaKayla M. Baraw	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Brownington, VT
Christina Betham	BA-Psychology, Health and Sport Psychology   Aiea, HI
Cora Marie Bourdeau	BA-Psychology   Eden, VT
Jessica Rose Carr	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Troy, VT
Talla Lee Caruso	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Rutland, VT
T'Yana K. Cheney	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*   Burlington, VT
Makanaka Chikava	BA-Psychology   Renton, WA
Shaylin T. Clifford	BA-Psychology   Essex Junction, VT
Isaiah Joseph Cline	BA-Psychology   St. Albans, VT
Sage Willow Conrad	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Derby, VT
Korrina May Cummings	BA-Psychology**   Waterbury, VT
Abigail Ann Desjarlais	BA-Psychology**   Westfield, VT
Christina Sabrina Farr	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Hyde Park, VT
Alanna Jane Freeman	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Highgate, VT
Halie Beth Gates	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Middlebury, VT
Leah Beth Gifford	BA-Psychology, NVU Online*   Randolph Center, VT
Joey Marie Hall	BA-Psychology**   Greensboro, VT
Levi W. Haviland	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Poultney, VT
Adie Brittany Jaramillo	BA-Psychology, NVU Online**   North Andover, MA
Scott M. Kilpatrick	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   East Montpelier, VT
Erin Nicole Langevin	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   East Barre, VT
Isabella R. Masi	BA-Psychology*   St. Johnsville, NY
Melenie McGuire	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Bath, NH
Amber Marie Morse	AA-Psychology, NVU Online*   Orleans, VT
Gabriella Charlotte Neuberger	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Enosburg Falls, VT
Heidi Percey	BA-Psychology, NVU Online**   Bennington, VT

Trevor Robinson	BA-Psychology, NVU Online***   Bellows Falls, VT
Gabriella M. Simmons	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   Stowe, VT
Christine-Rae Switser	BA-Psychology**   Orleans, VT
Allyson Marie Wescott	BA-Psychology**   Westford, VT
Aika Yamamoto	BA-Psychology   Tokyo, Japan
Alexander Jocelyn Zolotas	BA-Psychology, NVU Online   South Hero, VT

## WRITING AND LITERATURE

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## 'COLLEGE STEPS' PROGRAM

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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.

Ian Carpenter	Certificate of Higher Education   Fairfax, VT
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# A Brief History of Northern Vermont University

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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 multipurpose, liberal arts school.

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.

On July 1, 2023, Northern Vermont University will join with Castleton University and Vermont Technical College to become Vermont State University, a reimagined higher education institution building on the strong legacies of its founding institutions. Vermont State University will bring the best of our institutions together, with campuses at Johnson, Lyndon, Castleton, Randolph, and Williston and learning sites and modalities throughout the state and beyond.

# The Traditions of Commencement

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## THE CHESAMORE BELL

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The Chesamore Bell is from Chesamore Hall, the original site of what is today Northern Vermont University's Johnson Campus. 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

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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.

## FLAGS

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The flags that appear in the Commencement ceremony represent the nations and states of this year's graduating class. Students in the Class of 2023 hail from:

United States, Canada, Jamaica, Japan, Uganda, Uruguay, Zimbabwe, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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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.

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**ACADEMIC REGALIA INTERCOLLEGIATE  
COLORS OF TODAY'S GRADUATES:**

Accounting.....	Drab
Anthropology and Sociology.....	White
Art .....	Brown
Biology.....	Science Gold
Business.....	Drab
Childhood Education .....	Light Blue
Communications .....	Crimson
Counseling .....	White
Creative Writing.....	White
Criminal Justice.....	Dark Blue
Data Science.....	Science Gold
Education.....	Light Blue
English .....	White
Environmental Science .....	Science Gold
General Studies .....	White
Health Science.....	Sage Green
History.....	White
Holistic Health.....	Sage Green
Interdisciplinary Studies .....	White
Leadership Studies .....	Dark Blue
Mathematics .....	Science Gold
Media Arts.....	Brown
Music.....	Pink
Musical Theater .....	Brown
Outdoor Education .....	Light Blue
Performance, Arts, & Technology ....	Brown
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
Woodworking and Furniture Design....	Brown
Writing, Editing and Publishing.....	Crimson

**ADDITIONAL REGALIA CORDS AND STOLEES  
WORN BY TODAY'S GRADUATES:**

**Gold and Green Cords:** Students wearing these are eligible for graduation honors based on their cumulative fall 2022 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.

**Lilac Cords:** Students wearing these cords are students who started with NVU as part of the Early College Program.

**Blue, Green and Gold Cords:** Students wearing these cords have made a donation to the Senior Class gift.

# ACADEMIC REGALIA OF NVU-JOHNSON FULL-TIME FACULTY

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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
Life University..... Matthew Rushford	green/white
Plymouth State University ..... James Noyes	green/white
Michigan State University ..... Hannah Miller	green/white
Mills College..... Sean Clute	navy blue/white
Ohio University..... Daniel Towner	green/white
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 Maine..... Anna O'Shea	blue/white
University of Massachusetts–Amherst ..... Jensen Beach, Sara Hatch, Robert Schulze	maroon/white
University of Minnesota..... David McGough	maroon/gold
University of Utah..... Emily Scott, Janet Bennion	red/white

INSTITUTION GRANTING DEGREE

SCHOOL COLORS

University of Vermont .....	green/gold
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	
West Virginia University.....	blue/gold
David Plazek	
Northern Vermont University.....	blue/green
Blagorodna Efremovski	
Rutgers University.....	scarlet
William Landesman	





*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 your alma mater.

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 alumni magazine, and we'll notify you of class reunions, upcoming events, and special deals and opportunities for alumni.

You can contact us at [Alumni@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto:Alumni@NorthernVermont.edu), 802.635.1657, or visit [NorthernVermont.edu/Alumni](http://NorthernVermont.edu/Alumni).

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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