



76th Annual
Oregon Institute of Technology
Commencement



Class of 2024

Klamath Falls Portland-Metro Seattle

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Klamath Falls Campus

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

Processional | Murray Huggins Piper Band
National Anthem* | Devin Walden Sound
Welcome and Opening Remarks | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow,
Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks | John Davis, C, B
Commencement Address | Dave Drinkward, C E, C, C
Awards and Recognitions | President Naganathan
Recognition of Golden Owls
Excellence in Teaching Awards
Introduction of Emeriti Faculty & Staff
Student Awards of Excellence | Mandi Clark, D.Ed., V A
Presentation by Graduating Seniors | Zaysha Akina-Mahoe, B E; Levi Hallock,
Presentation of Graduates | Abdy A. eh, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, V A A
Conferring of Degrees | President Naganathan
Alumni Association Greeting | Chris Frazier, C 2008, C
Final Remarks | President Naganathan
Recessional | Murray Huggins Piper Band

Announcers
 Stefan Andrei, Ph.D. and Franny Howes, Ph.D.
Ushers
 Campus Ambassadors


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

President's Message

Graduates,

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

Congratulations Class of 2024! Go Owls!


 Dr. Nagi G. Naganathan
 Oregon Tech

Marshals
 Matt Schnackenberg, Ph.D. Richard Bailey
 Sandra Bailey Terri Torres
 Bobbi Kowash

Faculty Marshals

College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

Jason Smith, A
 Ean Grimshaw, Ph.D., C
 Jeannie Bopp,
 Lauren Neilsen,
 Dawn Bailey, Ph.D., A B A
 Kevin Garrett, Ph.D.,
 Edward Clint, Ph.D.,
 Kyle Chapman, Ph.D.,
 Robyn Cole,
 Tara Guthrie, E
 Rick Hoylman,
 Wendy Rogers,
 Leah Jolly, V
 Travis Lund, Ph.D., B
 Christy VanRooyen, E
 Sherri Bailey,

College of Engineering, Technology and Management

Sean St.Clair, Ph.D., C E
 Troy Scevers, C E
 Feng Shi, Ph.D., E E E
 SuJin Lee, Ph.D.,
 Kristy Weidman,
 Cli Stover, E E



Greeting and Remarks

John Davis

C, B

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

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

Commencement Speaker

Dave Drinkward

C E, C, C

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

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

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

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

Graduating Speakers

Zaysha Akina-Mahoe

B C, A, C

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

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

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

Levi Hallock

C E, C, E

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

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

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

**Bachelor of Science
Applied Mathematics**

Jake Roman Eggspuehler
A
Victor Chika Ogelle
A
Xavier Sousa
Nathan Wiley

**Bachelor of Science
Data Science**

Sam Jr Bacach *Inaugural Graduating Class*

**Bachelor of Science
Communication Studies**

Donna J Markus
Travis Martin
Kameron Osborn †
C
John Joseph Potts

**Bachelor of Science
Professional Writing**

Erin F. Miller
Jacy Wasoski
A

**Bachelor of Science
Dental Hygiene**

Jennifer Lynn Adamo
B
Ana Lea Baker
Roxanne Brasuell
B
Stephanie Lynn Brouse

Kristin Carter
Kelsie Quinn Collins
Syona Dufty
Michelle Jean Fairchild
Macey Fletcher
Nico Hebert
Tanya L Kieliszewski †
Juhee Lee
Kaela Michele Lindsey
Isabel Lopez
Sarah Elizabeth Mathews
Kyra Mull
Hannah Rose Neumann
B
Rosalia Olivera-Radillo
Dahlia Rose Recendiz
Mackenna Smith
Berkley Morgan Spinelli

Heather omas
Kylie Lanae orne
Jessica Valdivia Cruz
B
Cassandra Lorena Vazquez
Josue De Jesus Verduzco
Trisha Leilani Vieira
Jordan Marie Walter
Kiah Wetzell
Karly Drew White
Abigayle Rose Wilson
Esmeralda Ellena Wilson †

B
Sophie Jane Wilson
Jessica Wolf

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

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

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

Lauren Marie Nielsen †

**Bachelor of Science
Respiratory Care**

Halle Adair
Justine Daniel Best †
Jamie Cappello
Cristina Caravez †
LeTicia Davidson
Tana Marie Erickson
Crystal B. Flores
Raymond M. E. Holmes

B
Iman Jubeh
Lyle Cooper Lee
Joshua X. Nguyen
Mackenzie Brooke ompson
Tailer Vasquez
David J. Williams

**Master of Science
Applied Behavior Analysis**

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

**Master of Science
Marriage and Family Therapy**

Christina L. Mu er
Joshua D Roberts
Rebecca omason
Danielle Noel Ventimiglia

**Bachelor of Science
Applied Psychology**

Haley Aiken

Shilo Marc Anway
London L. Argyle †
A

Kylie A. Baker
Brittini R. Belill
Paislee Boyle †
Owen G. Christiansen
Danielle L. Covey
Chanda R. Crone
Riley Cronin
Mackenzie Huck
Jacob Kernohan
Alexis Joy Klum
Tommy Minh Le
Margaret Josephine Liles

Gillian Livingston
Caitlin Anne Lotspeich
Garrett Martin
Alice Kimbre Mendoza †
Windy Michelle Milne †
Lacey Alexandra Moore
Crystal Moreno
Eduardo Barraza Osoria
Carmen Vanessa Pena

Jonathan Neal Regruto

Stephanie Rizo-Lopez
Calliope Ralinda Rose
Sarah Rowlett
Darcia Quinn Faith Schaefer

Emmi Kate Smith
Winter Smith †
Ashleigh Caitlin Taylor
B
Aurora Lynn ompson

Alexandra Trinidad
Bridget Vargas
Corissa Aileen Weaver
Christopher M Whisenhunt
Jennifer L. Zeleny

**Bachelor of Science
Population Health Management**

Alejandra Elena Mendez
Maddie Miller
Teresa Bao- u Nguyen

**Bachelor of Science
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Megan Alldredge
Megan Bolden
Natalie Rose Castellano
Brynne Christie
Madison Demagalski
Olivia Jeanette Dykast
Macey Marie Frost
Hailee Alexa Henry
Felicity Paige Houston
Helen Uyen Huynh
Erin Minto Kushner
Maddie Miller
Emily Rose Mindolovich
Kathrine Eileene Montagne
Becky Peterson
Brooke Reann Phillips
Melissa Roman Rojas
Abigail Delaney Schubert

Julia Shcherbakov
Kortney Rae Stacona-Gengler
Amber Michelle Steen
Rachael Shante Sullivan †
Mary Tanner
Sierra M. Tweedy
Marlo Elizabeth Walker

Andrea Weber
Kendra Wilson
Brook McKenzie Womack

**Bachelor of Science
Echocardiography**

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

Kimberli E. Gascoigne
Mikayla Hansen
Micah R. Hubele
Madison Marie Hyatt
Dana Elizabeth G. Jones
Natalia Likhatcheva
Samantha Alyssa Maciel
Dannielle Marie Marcin
Sareena S. Matthews
Sydney Grace Mayfield
Aileen Elizabeth McDaniels

Sherri Robley
Mark A. Schultz
Kelley Louise Sparrow
Natalie Renee Varland
Zoe Walton
B
Tyler Wasnock
Afton Taylor Zahn

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

JoEl Terrise Adams
Elizabeth Esmeralda Egoavil
Tristany Jediah Fagaragan
Izanah Louise Freden
Sabrina Garcia
Aubrey Hagge
Rachel Irene Hugulet
Paige M. Isham
Antonette I. Jones
Derby Alice McLaughlin
Caitlin Marie Nieri
Natalie Orcutt

Paden Reynolds
Chloe Rochelle Trigo
Guadalupe Urbano-Garcia
Zander Troy Young

**Bachelor of Science
Radiologic Science**

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

Maya Elizabeth Enloe
Alyssa Nicole Green
Sierra Gurule

Jade Collins Hopkins
Lindsay Nichole Jensen
Erica Lynn Johnson
Natalie Anne Lenore Jones

Ryan Jones

Aubrey P. Kievit
Carlie Rae Landon
Alyson Deann Lindholm
Shaylee Lutz
Haley Marie Maddess
Kira Morrow
Mariah Darlene Mower
Jordan Nguyen
Ariana Novak
Olivia Marie Opsahl
Kevin J. Ragsdale

Caden George Root
Bradley C. Routh
Kimberly Otilia Rubio
Aubrie Jane Rush

Trinity Helene Sanchez
omas Curtis Sawyer
Jenna Holland Smith
Josie Christine Stegall
Talon Lee Stephens †
Patricia Stumm
Tyler R. ygesen
Emma Yoshida

**Bachelor of Science
Vascular Technology**

Stephanie Lynn Abbott
Amanda Lee Anderson
Selene Banuelos-Trinidad
Joanna Muñoz Betancourt
Natalie Rose Bruner
Hubert Bui
Kylee Nicole Cantu
A
Ella Gaddi-Nguyen
Viktoria Golovin

Janice Ann Herrera
Madeline Rose Larson
A
Remie Khanh Lien Le

Ann Machnak

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

Ariadna Martinez
Roshunda L. May
Gertrude N. Ngoasong
Amanda Sako

Lara L. Savoie
Danielle R. Shaver
Henry Elias Shere
Erica Jane Skelton †

Colton Taylor
Gretchen Marie Williams
Alexis Brianna Wolf

**Bachelor of Science
Biology-Health Sciences**

Zaysha Moana Akina-Mahoe
Jaelynne Grace Birkby
Connor Caslin
Brianna Carol Eichelkraut

Cassandra Garcia-Copado †
Aren Matthew Horsman

Kaleah Jambalos
Megan Jordan
Jillian Britini-Nichole Luttrull
Sandra Jane McKinney
Kaitlyn L. C. Mull

Skyler Nathaniel Parthemore
Ryan Pearson

C
Isaias Ines Peña-Peña

C
Lydia Marie Poss

Christian Read †
Katie Lynn Sabin
Rory Alise Schedler
Monte Bernard Schell

C
Chad Yanagisawa
Joshua P. Yeaman
Valerie Zabinski

**Bachelor of Science
Environmental Sciences**

Katlyn M. Baker
James Lee Bigby
Colton Rivara Chenault †

B
Makenzie Kate Collier
Kaile Edenhofer

B
Alyssa Paige Harris
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp
Evan Todd Hockett
Tanikwah R. Lang

Blake omas Loney
Garrett Walter McGill

Dominik N. Sterling

**Bachelor of Science
Nursing**



Anissi Aispuro
Ibi Xica Alvarez
Dakota Angeli
Brianna Bernier-Drake

Taylor Cissney
Emily Corder
Jaedyn DeForrest
Nicole Downey

Ryan Fitzgerald
Aubrey Irvine
Kyli Kailiuli
Heston Kent

Annie Leighton
Lucille Luckett
Carena Lyons
Glenda Merino-Reyes

Preston Miller
Skyler Parthemore
Nicholas Ramos
Allison omas

Sydni Williams
Julia Wilson
Joel Witts

**Masters in Nursing
Nursing Education**

Carol Usher

Honor Societies

Alpha Epsilon Delta AEA

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

Lambda Pi Eta LPH

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Kody Bauman
Donna Markus
Kameron Osborn
Joey Potts

Psi Chi ΨΧ

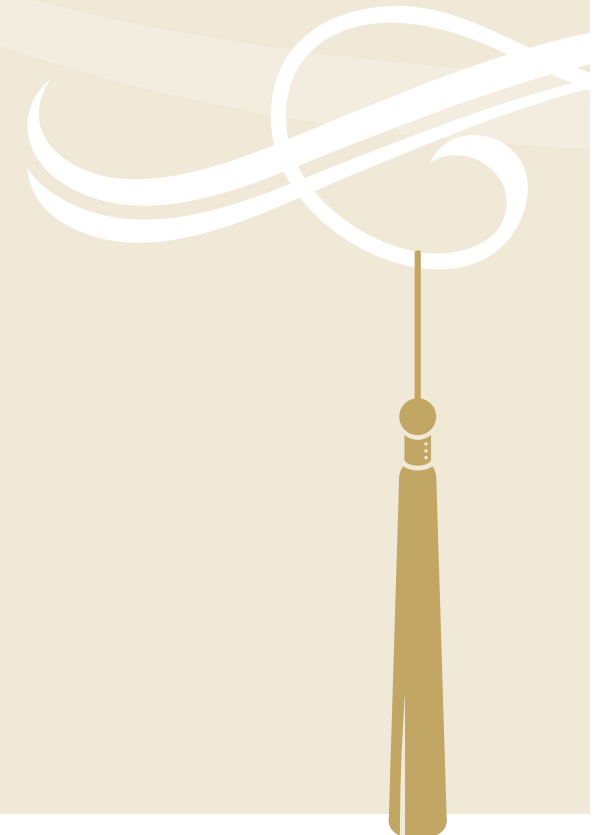
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Alyssa Green
Mikayla Hansen
Yanet Hernandez Cobian
Lindsay Jensen
Natalie Jones
Ryan Jones
Samantha Maciel
Ariana Novak
Olivia Opsahl
Kevin Ragsdale
Trinity Sanchez
Abigail Schubert
Henry Shere
Jenna Smith
Amber Steen
Patricia Stumm
Zoe Walton
Alexis Wolf
Brook Womack



**Master of Science
Civil Engineering**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Civil Engineering**

Joshua Je rey Alejandre
Patrick Darrel Arman
Abraham Mischa Barr

Sadie Annemarie Brackeen
Sebastian Brunk
Logan Jacob Hawes
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp
Hunter David Holland
Evald Kashkenov
Christopher E. Krause
Kellen Douglas Mendez
Dylan Nakagawa

Gage Keaton Lee Olivera
Alejandro Quiñonez
Matthew Eugene Shirley †
Kage Alan Southern
Anthony Valenzuela
Mark Villanueva
Conner Wahl
Zachary Wise

**Bachelor of Science
Embedded Systems Engineering
Technology**

Gabriel Brumble
Daniel G.M. Fallon

Robert C. Galeoto
Donald Patrick Hammock

Donna Ruth Kelley
Zachary Lor
Daniel Bennet Munsey
Dominick Stone †
Christopher C. omas

Sinh Nhan Tri

Matthew omas Volpe
Nathan Wiley

**Bachelor of Science
Software Engineering Technology**

Nicholas Cavallaro
Kobi Conn

Kieran Raiden Shimazu Dela Cruz
Abbey DuBois
Micah C. Gordon
Jordan Lewis
Joseph Alexander Mafrici
Kellen Michael Maul
Daniel Bennet Munsey
Andrew Rice

Bryce Schultz
Vincent AJ Siu
Mikayla Smith
Cheyene Kelly Steskal

Stephen K. ompson
Joseph Patrick Wilkinson
Alec Wong
Karter A. Zwetschke

**Master of Science
Engineering**

Maiya Kanoelani Esteban Baker
Scott Gresko

**Bachelor of Science
Electrical Engineering**

Ian Bermudez Rivera
Samuel Charles Collier
Marcus James Delusa
Michael H. Duncan †
Jose Eduardo Ignacio Garcia
Alexandria Hovden
Owen Iver Lien
Brodie A. Marino
Andrew Nelson
Joseph B.A. Spears-Ortiz
Paige Laurel TeVelde

Vitaliy Tveritin
Riley Scott Wallace
Chad Watt

A

**Bachelor of Science
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Mazin Salim Saif AlFarsi
Salim Bahajry
Maiya Kanoelani Esteban Baker
Gabriel Jay Bennett

Ryan Broberg
Jacob Joseph Cometto
Jake Roman Eggspuehler
Clinton Allen Lytle
Allyson Kylie Dawn Odell
Aaryan Sanjay Patel
Mason W. Snider
omas Nathaniel ompson
Vitaliy Tveritin
Alex John Waryan

**Bachelor of Science
Geomatics: Surveying Option**

Samuel Bunnell
Jacob Fowler
Ryan Norman Knight
Ethan Michael Moritz

Cameron Phillips
Chad Matthew Remstedt
Cody Ray erault

Jesse J. Williams

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

Ryan Frederick Hering

**Bachelor of Science
Accounting**

Caleb Joseph Adams
Abigail Dummer
Ethan Robert Stephens
Justin Scott ompson

**Bachelor of Science
Business: Management Option**

Derrick Alderman
Genevieve Annette Castle
Xavier De La Rosa †
Christopher Eck
Christa Eve Garatea

Claire Marijeanne Lowry
Tyler S. McLin
Brenna Morgan
Rachel Newhard
Vincent Phuoc Nguyen

Morgan R. Queen
Patrick Flynn Runge
Gita Shanks
Korrey Kekaulike Siracusa †
Earl Allen Van Order

**Bachelor of Science
Business: Marketing Option**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity**

Alex Bray
Hayden Michael Fouts
Tyler D. Lown
Andrew R. Morris
Raef M. Owens
Marco Antonio Perez
Caleb Pierce
Derek B. Ramsey
Jordan omas Spencer
Tricia Nichole Winter †

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

Brooke Cassidy

Olivia Jane Kennedy Kreiser

Mckenzie Morgan

Hayley Renee Purvis

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

Heather Lauren Ferro
Erin Katie Jones
Melissa Marie Paine

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

Regina Mae Milner

**Bachelor of Science
Information Technology**

Kyle Jay Baker
Hope Rachel Cameron
Tanya Lynn Eskeli
Kenneth Andres Gonzales

Daniel Jacob Johnson
Logan Ian Patterson Jones
Dallas Raymond Rea
Ste en Allan Scott
Joseph K. Townsend

Abraham van Niekerk
Arya Vedaei
Cameron D. Viernes

**Bachelor of Science
Operations Management**

Luke Michel Borja
Katherine Cabanillas-Morey
Lain Matthew Fowle
Ace L. Jones †
Elisha Jamal Jones
William Ralph Reno

Daniel Resch

**Bachelor of Applied Science
Technology and Management**

Toney Anthony Bullard
Kenneth A. Koonce Jr.

**Bachelor of Science
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology**

Tristan R. Andre
Dayton-Jay K. Brighter †
Cody K. Dubray
Casey Taylor Roark

**Bachelor of Science
Mechanical Engineering**

Aron Tyler Aldridge
Cole Brendan Alsop
Zachary Ausborn †
Noah Azzopardi
Joshua Je ery Bettencourt
Nathaniel Brown
Sean Michael Burcin
Trevor Cary
Scott North Cooke
Nicholas R. Devol
Brandon Mitchel Donat
Gino Leigh Dowens
Cody K. Dubray
Hunter Jay Eberhardt
Joseph Charles Fogelman †
Blake H. Frost
Raul Gonzalez
Benjamin Lee Goodwin
eron Gray
Liam Henry Gruszczenski

Jermias Jas Guajardo
Luke James Hall
Levi B. Hallock

Parker J. Harris
Jonas Anthony Hartline

Ellis Harwood
James Hays
James Daniel Hess

Hunter Hoogerwerf
Lane Grace Hughes
Mauricio Huntoon DeRoche
Christopher C. Jewitt

Alexander Johnson
Tabitha J. Jones
Kurt Michael Kenehan
Nathaniel Krupp

GraduateS College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering (cont.)

Cassidy Nicole Kuchle †
Nichlas Adam Luton

A
Benjamin MacDonald
Jason Mulvaney
Sydni Nakamura †
B
Tyler Christian Padron

A
Brock D. Rideout
Nicholas Saude
Isabella Shepard
A
Gideon Daniel Stasak
Daniel E. Stockton †

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

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jorge Manuel Andrade
Lyle Maka'i Co ee
John Martin Corder

Caleb J. Cox † Summer graduate

C
Dallas Paul Lamorie
B
Samuel Mitchell
Jared James Monroe †
Ryan Nicholas Poling †
Casey Taylor Roark

Honor Society

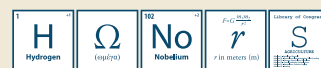
Tau Beta Pi TBP

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Ian Bermudez Rivera
Joseph Charles Fogelman
Jordan S Harris-Toovy
Lane Grace Hughes
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Tyler R. Jamison
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Kurt Michael Kenehan
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Brodie A. Marino
Ashley Nicole Miller
Allyson Kylie Dawn Odell
Gage K Olivera
Aidan Parshall
Paige Laurel TeVelde
Niles A. Walter

Honors Program

Oregon TECH



Oregon Tech Honors Program

Christopher J. Syrnyk, Ph.D., *E*

Brooke Cassidy
Kieran Delacruz
Levi Hallock
Megan Jordan

Kamal Gandhi, Ph.D. *A*

Jonathan Neal Regruto
Spencer Storey
Matt Volpe

University Student Awards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outstanding Scholars Award (Klamath)

College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

Brynne Christie
Chloe Trigo
Donna Markus *C*
Erin Miller
Jessica Wolf
Kylee Cantu *V*
Natalie Jones
Ryan Pearson *B*
Sheila Dickens *E*
Tanikwah Lang *E*

College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

Abigail Dummer *A*
Angela Taylor *B*
Alexander Johnson *E*
Brooke Cassidy *C*, *A*
Cameron Castillo *E*, *E*
Cameron Viernes
Christopher Krause *C*, *E*
Claire Lowry *B*
Cody Therault
Domnick Stone *E*, *E*
Jordan Spencer *C*
Luke Borja
Mikayla Smith *E*
Ryan Broberg *E*, *E*
Ryan Poling *E*

University Student Awards (cont.)

Outstanding Scholars (Online)

Abraham Van Niekerk
Annie Nguyen *B*
Daniel Resch
Eve Froehlich *E*

Heather Ferro *C*
José Lujano
Nicole Landsverk

President's Senior Cup

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

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

Alumni Awards

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

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Alan Parks '72, '74
A

Recent Alumni Achievement Award

Seth Gretz '18

David Murphy '18
B

Scientific Achievement Award

Rachel Novak '10
B

Outstanding Alumni Veteran

Bruce Young '05

Alumni Spirit Award

Jason Sullins '98

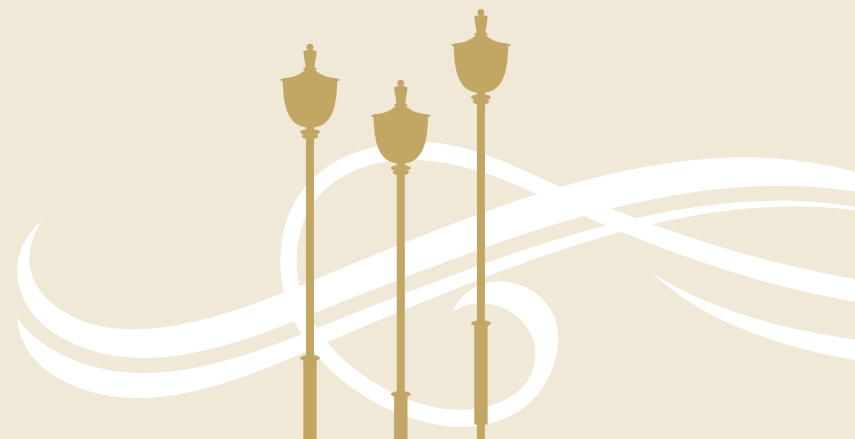
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Honorary Alumnus Award

Dee Thompson

Golden Owl Society

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



Emeriti Administration and Faculty

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

Richard Bailey | September 16, 1991–June 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

Sandra Bailey | September 16, 2000–April 1, 2024

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

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

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

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

Stephen Schultz | September 16, 1995–June 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

Jack Walker | September 15, 1984–June 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

38th Annual Commencement

Portland-Metro Campus



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

- Processional | C, E
- National Anthem*
- Welcome and Opening Remarks | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow
- Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks | John Davis, C, B
- Commencement Address | The Honorable Tawna D. Sanchez, 43
- Awards and Recognitions | President Naganathan
- Student Awards of Excellence | Mandi Clark, D.Ed., V, A
- Presentation by Graduating Senior | Mostafa Ri, E, E
- Presentation of Graduates | Joanna Mott, Ph.D., V, A, A
- Conferring of Degrees | President Naganathan
- Alumni Association Greeting | Rachel Novak, C, 2010, B
- Final Remarks | President Naganathan
- Recessional | V
- Announcer
Hugh Jarrard, Ph.D.

- Marshals
Lara Pracht, Ph.D. –
Abdy Abeh, Ph.D. –
- Faculty Marshals
College of Health, Arts, and Sciences
Holly Edwins, E
Dawn Bailey, Ph.D., A, B, A, I
- College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**
Fuat Karakaya, Ph.D., C, E
- Kangjae Lee, Ph.D., E, E
- Chitra Venugopal, Ph.D., E, E
- Gary Lomprey,
- Mostafa Saber, Ph.D., E, E

Refreshments available following the ceremony.
Opportunity provided for graduate and family/friend pictures on the second floor landing.

Commencement Speaker

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

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

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

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

Graduating Speaker

E, E
C, E

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

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

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

Portland-Metro Student Awards

- The Outstanding Community Service Award is intended for the Portland-Metro student or students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. This is exemplified by high moral standards, a cooperative attitude with community leaders, and demonstrated service to others. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award is **Adin De'Rosier**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology.
- The Outstanding Student Involvement Award is presented to a Portland-Metro student each year who exemplified strong student engagement across campus, worked in a collaborative spirit with students, staff, and faculty, and demonstrated commitment to inspire students in the academic learning environment. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Student Involvement Award is **Kelsie Arthur**. Kelsie is pursuing a degree in Medical Laboratory Science with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.
- The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award is presented to a Portland-Metro student in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as senior projects, papers, presentations, or externship/practicum experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award is **Ashlyn Funk-Tracy**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering Technology.
- The Outstanding Student Veteran Award was established in 2010 by the Student Awards Commission to recognize a student veteran who has been involved on campus or in the local community, and has helped make a positive difference for students who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This year's recipient is **Aaron J. Barkley**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.
- The Outstanding Scholars Award honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major (bachelor's degrees).

- The Portland-Metro Outstanding Scholars are:
- College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**
Jade Kast
 - College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**
Benjamin Edwards
Ethan Wells
Jordan Harris-Toovy E, E
Keegan Hauser E
Maha Ovais C
Myles McElroy E, E
Muhammed Ahmed E, E
Roan Campbell
Taylor Rogers E, E

GraduateS College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

**Bachelor of Science
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Nicole Landsverk
Cinclair Sachiko Mathies
Tina Nguyen

**Bachelor of Science
Echocardiography**

Alisa Kariya
Amanda Bao Mi Nguyen

**Bachelor of Science
Emergency Medical Services
Management**

Matthew Robert Crane

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

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

**Bachelor of Science
Respiratory Care**

Justine Daniel Best †

**Bachelor of Science
Medical Laboratory Science**

Kristie Faye Anderson
Eric Paul Armstrong
Tyler Alan Berg
Kelly Ann Berger
Kerry L. Brewer
Judd Calvin

Elizabeth Marie Decker
Corrine Nicole Dougher
Jessica Flikkema
Summer Rei Funakoshi
Trystin Galster
Alyssa Ann Gerlach
Karissa Goodwin
Jordan Holdaway

David James Hoover
Amanda Husby
Jade Victoria Zhulian Kast
Lydia Rose Khaw

Kaila Le
Trevor Lusk
Sharon R. Naylor
Lena Nguyen
Kim Ngan Nguyen
Phuong Dang Diem Nguyen
Angelica Emily Petriyenko
Corwin Ries
Karli Sue Scoggins
Rezwana Sharmin
Anna Christine Shyne
Ashe Xavier Van Andrew

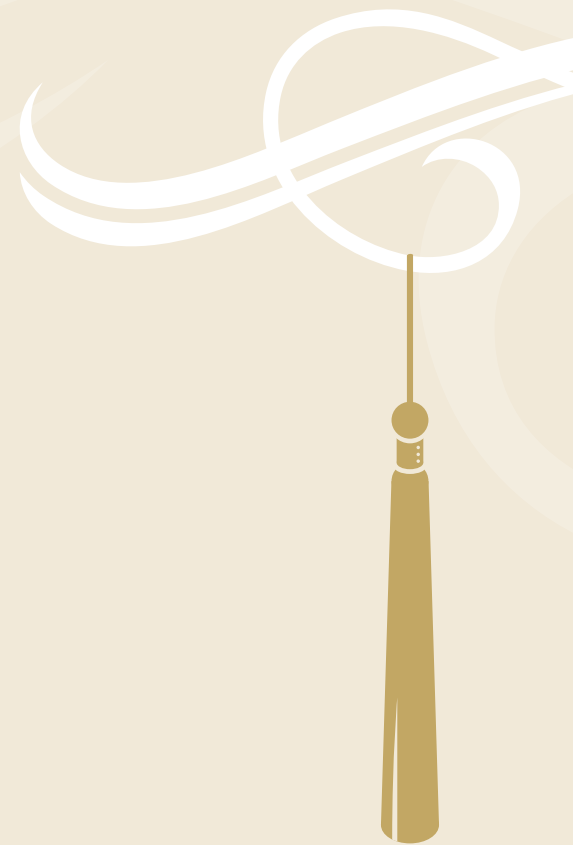
**Master of Science
Applied Behavior Analysis**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Applied Psychology**

Tyler Robert Dowell
Amanda Hornbrook
Marina Irene Mijares †
Daniela Joana Perez Rivera

Renee Ann Russell



GraduateS College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

**Bachelor of Science
Embedded Systems Engineering
Technology**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Software Engineering Technology**

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

**Master of Science
Engineering**

ElMostafa Mohammed
Forrest Glyenn Short
Brandon Quinn Zeedyk †

**Master of Science
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Pamela Roundy Jackson
Jessie Ringle
William Stobaugh

**Bachelor of Science
Electrical Engineering**

Justin Ray Brehm
Luke Brown
Luis Hector Carranza
Jordan S Harris-Toovy

Myles T. McElroy
Ashley Nicole Miller
Aidan Parshall
ElMostafa Mohammed Ri
Forrest Glyenn Short
Brandon Quinn Zeedyk †

**Bachelor of Science
Electronics Engineering Technology**

Taylor Rogers

**Bachelor of Science
Renewable Energy Engineering**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity**

Aaron James Barkley
Maha Fatimah Ovais
Matthew Payne

Pacific T. Stensland
Hudson Felix Walker
Cole Wilson

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

Regina Mae Milner

**Bachelor of Science
Information Technology**

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

**Bachelor of Science
Operations Management**

Quinn Kerman Cox
Benjamin D. Grace

**Bachelor of Applied Science
Technology and Management**

George Varela

**Bachelor of Science
Mechanical Engineering**

Chase Ahrens
Ian Joseph Baer
Pedrum Bahrami
Jacob Baker
Ronin Campbell
Jose Luis Chavez
Dawson Lawrence Golden-Collum
Meresa Anne-Marie Holland
Taylor Satomi Jacobs †
Tyler R. Jamison

Jeremy Lee Jones II
Cassidy Nicole Kuchle †
Tayler Scott Lindsey
Andrew J. Meskel
Mohamed Abdi Mohamed
Race L.W. Ross
Benjamin Alan Schroeder

**Bachelor of Science
Mechanical Engineering Technology**

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

24th Annual Commencement

Seattle Campus



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

Processional | C, E
National Anthem
Welcome and Introductions | Wahab Abrous, Ph.D., A, E
President's Address | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, C, E, B, C, A
Commencement Address | Rachelle Strong, Ph.D., C, E, B, C, A
Outstanding Scholar Award | Dr. Abrous
Graduating Speaker | Jason Bitah, E
Presentation of the Graduates | Abdy A. Abrous, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, V, A, A
Conferring of Degrees | President Naganathan
Alumni Association Greeting | Rashi Narayanan, C, 2017, E
Introduction of Graduates | Dr. Abrous
Final Remarks | President Naganathan
Recessional | V

Marshals

Wahab Abrous, Ph.D.
Steven Lemery

Boeing Faculty

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

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

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

Commencement Speaker

Rachelle Strong, Ph.D.

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

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

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

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

Graduating Speaker

Jason Bitah

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

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

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

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

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

Graduates

**Master of Science
Manufacturing Engineering Technology**

Phiniesa R. Nariya
Mark Gregory Thompson

**Bachelor of Science
Manufacturing Engineering Technology**

Kenneth Kwame Gyasi

**Bachelor of Science
Mechanical Engineering**

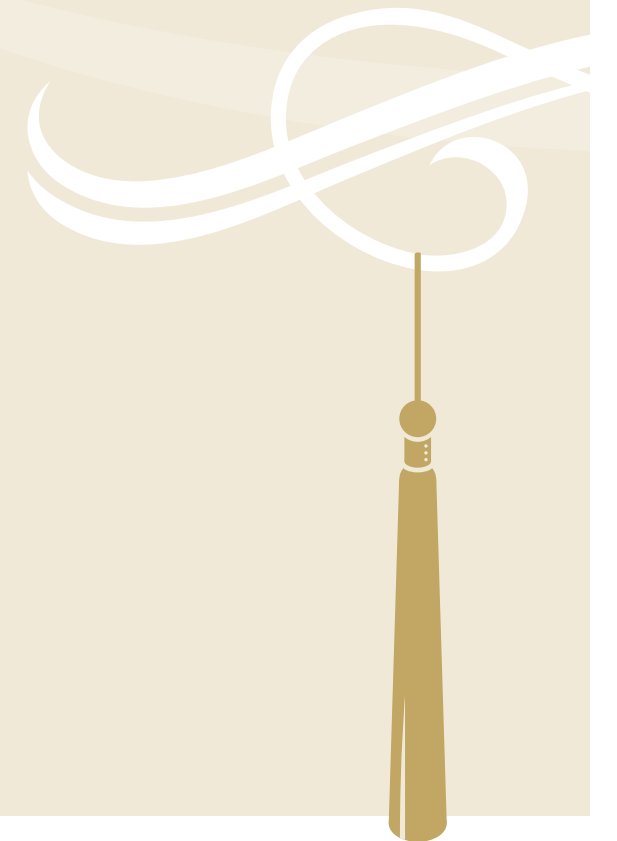
David B. Baldwin †
Jason L. Bitah
Marian Paul-Dan Covaci
David M. Dudley Sr.
Dmitriy A. Levshin
Chris McGlenn
Jeremy Melville †

Seattle Student Awards

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

David M. Dudley Sr.

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Other Notes

List of Graduates

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

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

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

Personal Photographs

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

Klamath Falls

Medical Services

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

Lost and Found

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

Professional Photography

Each graduate will have their photograph taken after receiving their diploma. Please visit [www.oregon-tech.edu/commencement](#) for purchase.

Special Thanks

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

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

Portland-Metro

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Academic Regalia

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

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

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

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

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

Institute of Technology Graduation Overview

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

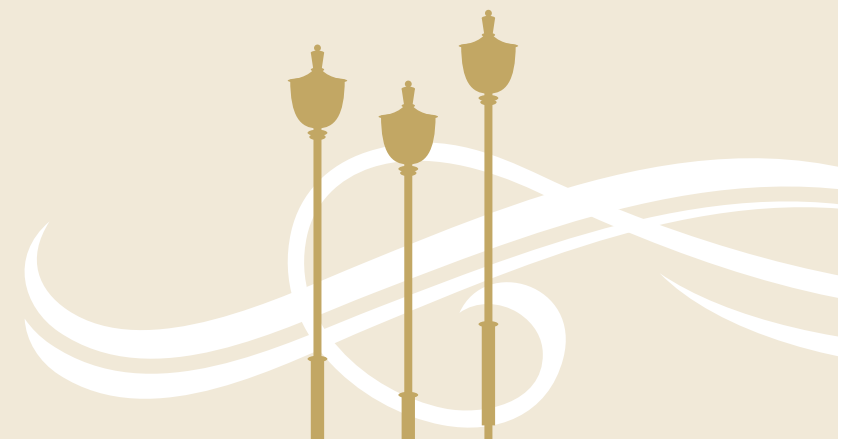
Among the Oregon Tech graduates are **421** from the Klamath Falls campus, **152** from the Portland-Metro campus, **117** from the Online campus, and the remaining graduates are through our partnerships with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore., and employees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



The colors indicating Oregon Tech's degrees:

Health, Arts, and Sciences
Applied Mathematics
Communication
Dental Hygiene
Applied Psychology
Population Health Management
Medical
Environmental Sciences
Nursing *A*

Engineering, Technology, and Management
Engineering
Business and Management
Associate Degrees *B*



Oregon TECH

Alma Mater

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