

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND

# Commencement

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May 11, 2025 | Heidelberg University

# Commencement Exercises

*We ask the audience to stand during the Academic Processional and Recessional. Please remain standing until the graduates and faculty have finished entering and exiting the venue.*

## Prelude

Music from the Heidelberg University Symphonic Band

Ben M. Herrick, Ph.D., Conductor

*Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music Education*

## Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar, arr. Ployhar

## Welcome

Robert H. Huntington, Ed.D.

*President*

## National Anthem

“The Star-Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key, arr. Leppla

*Performed by Jacob Reuter, Bachelor of Music Candidate, Class of 2025*

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson

*Performed by Zaria S. Keys, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Class of 2025*

## Invocation

Taylor S. Ratliff

*Bachelor of Science Candidate, Class of 2025*

## Special Music

“Softest Rains” by Rob Dietz

*Heidelberg University Concert Choir*

Gregory A. Ramsdell, D.M.A., Conductor

Director of the School of Music & Theatre

Professor of Choral Music Education

## Graduate Student Speaker

“Connection: The Currency of Impact”

Madelyn D. Brown

*Master of Arts in Counseling Candidate, Class of 2025*

## Undergraduate Student Speaker

“It’s Never Too Late”

Laura M. Ludwig

*Bachelor of Science Candidate, Class of 2025*

## Charge to the Class of 2025

Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Kathleen T. Geier

Chair, Board of Trustees, Class of 1978

## Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Robert H. Huntington, Ed.D.

*President*

Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause, Ph.D.

*Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa*

Leon J. Garoufalis, M.B.A.

*Doctor of Business Administration, honoris causa*

## Commencement Address

“Fear Nothing!”

Leon J. Garoufalis

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

*Composites One LLC*

*Class of 1981*

## Presentation of Candidates for Master’s Degrees

Courtney DeMayo Pugno, Ph.D.

*Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

## Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Courtney DeMayo Pugno, Ph.D.

*Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

## Conferring of Degrees

Robert H. Huntington, Ed.D.

*President*

## Benediction

Karsten J. Snitker, M.Div.

*Chaplain*

## Alma Mater

“Sweet Alma Home” by F. A. Power/Harry Robert Wilson

*Performed by Abigail E. Yarris, Bachelor of Music Candidate, Class of 2025*

*Heidelberg University Symphonic Band*

## Recessional

“Encanto” by Robert W. Smith

*Instrumental music provided by the Heidelberg University Symphonic Band, conducted by Dr. Ben Herrick, Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music Education.*



### Live Closed Captioning

Communication Access Real-Time Transcription is available to all attendees. Scan this QR Code with your mobile device or type this link ([www.heidelberg.edu/CC25](http://www.heidelberg.edu/CC25)) into your web browser.

## Guest Speakers

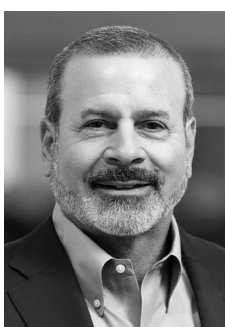


**Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause, Ph.D.**  
*President and Professor of New Testament*  
*Eden Theological Seminary*  
*Baccalaureate Speaker*

Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause is President and Professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary. Her teaching and scholarship focus on methods of biblical interpretation and their roots in critical theory, theology, and politics. She teaches courses in the gospels, early Jewish exegesis, the Deutero-Pauline and pastoral epistles, and feminist-womanist, post-colonial, and postmodern biblical interpretation.

Rev. Dr. Krause served as Academic Dean from 2005–2018 and began as Eden Theological Seminary’s president in July 2020.

An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Krause serves the church through social justice advocacy work, teaching, preaching, and scholarship.



**Leon Garoufalis, M.B.A.**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Composites One LLC*  
*Commencement Speaker*

Leon Garoufalis, who graduated from Heidelberg in 1981 with a bachelor’s degree in economics, also has an MBA from Loyola University. He currently serves as the president and CEO of Composites One, an industry leader that provides the widest range of reinforcements, resins, gelcoats, catalysts, core materials, shop supplies, and process equipment. Headquartered in Illinois, Composites One has 40 distribution centers nationwide and serves 9,000 customers in a variety of markets, including aerospace, automotive, marine, and wind energy.

Mr. Garoufalis joined GLS Composites Distribution Corp, which would later become Composites One, in 1988 as a Resin Products Manager. Over the past 37 years, he has held a variety of sales, marketing, and operations positions after starting his career in sales with a specialty chemical manufacturer and then a thermostat resin producer.

At Composites One, Mr. Garoufalis was named Chief Operating Officer in 1999, promoted to President in 2002, and finally, appointed CEO in 2022. His excellent leadership has been recognized by the composites industry. In 2012, he received the Chairman’s Award from the Composites Manufacturers Association. He also has served the association in several capacities since 2006, including membership on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and as Secretary and Vice President.

Mr. Garoufalis joined Heidelberg’s Board of Trustees in February 2024. As a student at Heidelberg, he was a member of the Excelsior Men’s Society, the wrestling team, and the College Council.

## Heidelberg University Strategic Leadership

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Robert H. Huntington, Ed.D.

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Christopher T. Abrams, Ed.D.

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## Academic Regalia

The pageantry of academic regalia is a tradition that has gradually evolved from Medieval times. The cloak with its attached hood was worn over a long, flowing robe for protection from the weather. Now, the array of color that creates our academic processions not only gives splendor to the graduation occasion, but also is a reminder of the historical foundations of education and a symbol of specific academic achievement.

In the Heidelberg academic procession, the graduate degree candidates wear the master's degree gowns and hoods of the appropriate designation: Master of Arts in Counseling—light blue; Master of Athletic Training—sage green; and Master of Business Administration—drab.

Each undergraduate degree candidate wears a robe with hood displaying the University colors of red, orange, and black. The colored velvet border of the hood signifies the academic field in which each student is to receive a degree: Bachelor of Arts—white; Bachelor of Music—pink; Bachelor of Science—gold; and Bachelor of Science in Nursing—apricot. They may also wear colorful silk cords or stoles representing University honors, cultures or activities in which they have participated while at Heidelberg.

Next in the procession are the members of the faculty who, at Heidelberg, enter the graduation hall or stadium according to rank: instructors, assistant professors, associate professors and professors. Each faculty member wears the robe appropriate to his or her highest degree. The bachelor's degree gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master's degree gown has oblong-cut sleeves slit at the wrist and is worn open or closed. The doctorate gown, which also is worn open or closed, has bell-shaped sleeves, usually crossed with bands of velvet. The length of the hood also identifies the degree: 36 inches for those with a bachelor's degree, 42 inches for those with a master's degree, and 48 inches for those with a doctorate. The colored lining of the hood reflects the institution from which an individual has received her or his highest degree.

Finally in the procession come members of the platform party which includes the Board of Trustees, the speakers, the Provost, and the President.

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## Mace

The mace is a ceremonial staff borne and displayed as the symbol of authority of a legislative body. The mace is carried in the academic procession by the Chairperson of the General Faculty. It was made and donated by James A. Gatchell, Class of 1957, and George Oklok from Harpster, Ohio. It was decorated by the late James Hagemeyer, Heidelberg associate professor of art. This mace is made

of walnut with crystal discs bearing the Heidelberg seal and the Heidelberg "H"; brass plaques with the mission statement are attached to the sides under the glass. The past is represented by the carved walnut created by an alumnus. The Heidelberg mission statement engraved in brass represents the present. And the future is represented in the bright and shining glass medallions on top.

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## Class Banners

Class banners are made by the graduating class to solidify their place in the institution's history. Over the years, the banners have varied in size, shape, color, and motto, making each banner as unique as the class that created it. Every five years, classes return to campus to celebrate their class reunion. Hanging today are banners of this year's reunion classes—class years ending in five and zero—forever linking the Class of 2025 with their reunion classes.

Displayed on the stage are banners from the Class of 2025 and the Class of 1938. The oldest living alumnus of Heidelberg is a member of the class of 1938. Together, these banners represent the living history of Heidelberg from its oldest to its newest alumni.

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Counseling

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Krista Noelle Anderson</b><br>Fostoria, Ohio    | <b>McKinzie Kay Earl</b><br>Battle Creek, Michigan | <b>Kyle David Lock</b><br>Toledo, Ohio              |
| <b>Madelyn Diane Brown</b><br>Tiffin, Ohio         | <b>Robin Leigh Heaton</b><br>Clovis, California    | <b>Charles Novotny</b><br>Western Springs, Illinois |
| <b>Molly Burkholder</b><br>Lima, Ohio              | <b>Kaylee Ruth Hensley</b><br>Blacklick, Ohio      | <b>Emily K. Wuescher</b><br>Tiffin, Ohio            |
| <b>Dana Elizabeth Dudley</b><br>Bethesda, Maryland | <b>Tawni Elizabeth Klupp</b><br>Mansfield, Ohio    |   |

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## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Athletic Training

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|--|---|
| <b>Halie Marie Monhollen</b><br>Toledo, Ohio | <b>Alyssa M. Stewart</b><br>Findlay, Ohio |
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## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

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|--|---|---|
| <b>Andrew Wright Ayres</b><br>Tallmadge, Ohio          | <b>Allison Elizabeth Hall</b><br>Broadview Heights, Ohio  | <b>Mackenzie Nicole Murray</b><br>Wayne, Ohio         |
| <b>Aidan Daniel Belgiorno</b><br>Midland, Michigan     | <b>Camryn DeLee Hedrick</b><br>Monroeville, Ohio          | <b>Morgan Irene Nitschke</b><br>Attica, Ohio          |
| <b>Emma Dean</b><br>Pickerington, Ohio                 | <b>Kaylee Joy Hiser</b><br>Sandusky, Ohio                 | <b>Aiden Esteban Nunez</b><br>Bellevue, Ohio          |
| <b>Brooke Nicole Dobrzanski</b><br>Monroe, Michigan    | <b>Ella Marie Hoover</b><br>Sycamore, Ohio                | <b>Ethan Pensante</b><br>Ontario, Ohio                |
| <b>Murissa Lynn Drown</b><br>Clyde, Ohio               | <b>Colin Howard Hughes</b><br>Oak Hill, Ohio              | <b>Layne P. Pickard</b><br>Grand Blanc, Michigan      |
| <b>Rebecca Ann Eppard</b><br>Northwood, Ohio           | <b>George Nathaniel Jimenez</b><br>Chicago, Illinois      | <b>Reese Marilyn Recker</b><br>Findlay, Ohio          |
| <b>Camden Farley</b><br>Chillicothe, Ohio              | <b>Natalie Katherine Joritz</b><br>Garfield Heights, Ohio | <b>Timothy Jacob Rhamy</b><br>McClure, Ohio           |
| <b>Joshua Charles Fiorentino</b><br>North Canton, Ohio | <b>Robert Cortland Kramer, III</b><br>Montgomery, Ohio    | <b>Edwin Alexander Rubio-Mora</b><br>Cincinnati, Ohio |
| <b>Alec Jacob Fletcher</b><br>Greenville, Ohio         | <b>Zane Bernard Leitwein</b><br>Gahanna, Ohio             | <b>Avery Robert Elmer Shaw</b><br>Amboy, Illinois     |
| <b>Mackenzie Paige Fountain</b><br>Minerva, Ohio       | <b>Gavin David James Looney</b><br>Lima, Ohio             | <b>Josh Slade</b><br>Cincinnati, Ohio                 |
| <b>Keandre Rasean Graves</b><br>Euclid, Ohio           | <b>Adrienne Taylor Lucius</b><br>Bellevue, Ohio           | <b>Clara Smith</b><br>Vermilion, Ohio                 |
| <b>Anthony Vincent Grecol</b><br>Strongsville, Ohio    | <b>Dylan Michael Matusak</b><br>Tiffin, Ohio              | <b>Kevin Lee Smith</b><br>Indianapolis, Indiana       |
| <b>Trent Michael Green</b><br>Enon, Ohio               | <b>Madeline Elizabeth Moore</b><br>Ashland, Ohio          | <b>Parker Smith</b><br>Oak Harbor, Ohio               |
| <b>Jack Davis Hagan</b><br>Lexington, Kentucky         | <b>Kyle Mottice</b><br>Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio               | <b>Cameron Spraggins</b><br>Dover, Ohio               |
| <b>Krista Chantel Hagans</b><br>Dayton, Ohio           | <b>Jadon Muñiz</b><br>Cleveland, Ohio                     | <b>Nate Joseph Staib</b><br>Columbus, Ohio            |

**Hailey Anne Taylor**  
Fremont, Ohio

**Isaac J. Wiene**  
Georgetown, Texas

**Landon Vair**  
Tipp City, Ohio

**Keygan Thomas Yonts**  
Tiffin, Ohio

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## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

**Serria Elan Allen**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Integrated Media, English, (Business)*

**Olivia Patrice Garlock**  
Lima, Ohio  
*Education*

**Riley Rae Ameal**  
Casco, Michigan  
*Theatre, (Business)*  
  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Derek Michael Gonzalez**  
Tucson, Arizona  
*Communication, Criminology*

**Alyssa Amor**  
Clyde, Ohio  
*English*

**Kristen Elizabeth Harrah**  
Clyde, Ohio  
*Media, (Communication, Business)*  
  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Ashley Lorraine Ballard**  
Centerville, Ohio  
*Integrated Media, (Spanish, Business)*

**Treyvon Amaru Hastings**  
Defiance, Ohio  
*Integrated Media, Sport Management,  
Communication, (Business)*

**Kayliana Joi Barbee**  
Oberlin, Ohio  
*Political Science*

**Kylie Lynn Hendrix**  
Ontario, Ohio  
*Integrated Media, (Music, Business)*  
  
*Honors Program*

**Benjamin Ronald Bliss**  
Wellington, Ohio  
*Education*

**Elijah Romar Hodge, Jr.**  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
*Communication*

**Chace Dale Boothman**  
Pioneer, Ohio  
*Education*  
  
*Honors Program*

**Carly Briana Jones**  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
*Political Science, (Business, Psychology)*

**Tristin Ann Buurma**  
Willard, Ohio  
*Communication, Political Science,  
(Business)*  
  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Zaria Si'mone Keys**  
Lima, Ohio  
*Theatre, Psychology, (Business)*

**Lexi Brooke Cheek**  
Republic, Ohio  
*Education*  
  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

**Joseph Mark Korzunowski**  
Mentor, Ohio  
*Communication, Integrated Media,  
(Business)*

**Aubrey Conklin**  
Marion, Ohio  
*Education*

**Aylissa Nichol Lawrence**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Education*

**Keyshawn Cunningham**  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
*Sport Management*

**Trevor Jonathon Ley**  
Bucyrus, Ohio  
*History, (Business)*

**Nolan Conor Flanagan**  
Medina, Ohio  
*Communication, (Business, Integrated  
Media)*

**Austin Lindley**  
Frankfort, Illinois  
*Political Science (Business, History)*

**Aubrey Ann Michaels**  
Clyde, Ohio  
*Education, (Business)*  
  
*The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters*



**Abigail Rose Nagy**

Fremont, Ohio  
*Education, (Business)*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Chase Walter Niedermier**

New Washington, Ohio  
*Music*

**Autumn Margaret-Rose Perry**

Warren, Michigan  
*Theatre, English, (Business)*

*Honors Program*

**Grace Marie Porter**

Toledo, Ohio  
*Education*

**Cole Robert Renier**

Laurelville, Ohio  
*Political Science, (Legal Studies)*

**Hallie Brooke Rogers**

Hagerstown, Indiana  
*Education, (Business)*

*Dean's List All Semesters*

**Alexandrea Michelle Saxon**

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
*Theatre*

**Christopher John Sgalla**

Grove City, Ohio  
*Music*

**Jaime Lynn Shiley**

Tiffin, Ohio  
*History, Political Science*

*Honors Program*

**Hannah Michelle Shoffner**

Kenton, Ohio  
*Education*

**Kamryn Leigh Stanfield**

Rushsylvania, Ohio  
*Communication, (Spanish, Integrated  
Media)*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Rylie Swander**

Tiffin, Ohio  
*Psychology*

**Brooklynn Nichole Wharton**

Ontario, Ohio  
*Political Science, (Business, Legal Studies)*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

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## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music

**Amy Michelle Corfman**

Old Fort, Ohio  
*Music Education*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Alesha Renee Pennock**

Sycamore, Ohio  
*Music Performance*

**Jacob D. Reuter**

Ellettsville, Indiana  
*Music Education*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Bertha Alicia Saucedo**

Norwalk, Ohio  
*Music Education*

**Abigail Elizabeth Yarris**

New Riegel, Ohio  
*Music Performance, (Business)*

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## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

**Rachel Therese Adams**

Brecksville, Ohio  
*Accounting, (Business)*

*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Tyler M. Alexander**

Westlake, Ohio  
*Criminology*

**Morgan Elizabeth Altenburger**

Marietta, Ohio  
*Health Science*

**Aubrey Rose Baker**

Fort Loramie, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Psychology)*

*Dean's List All Semesters*

**David Banks**  
Akron, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)*

**Jacqueline Chapin Beach**  
Arlington, Ohio  
*Criminology*

**Katelynn Sue Bertke**  
Coldwater, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Accounting,  
(Video Game Production)*

**Hudson Michael Black**  
Franklin, Ohio  
*Exercise Science*  
*Honors Program*

**Brady Mitchel Bosma**  
Holland, Michigan  
*Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching,  
Economics, Business)*  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*

**Brian Patrick Brady**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
*Accounting*

**Corey Brafford**  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)*

**Olivia Chasteen Brent**  
Ashville, Ohio  
*Biology, (Business)*

**Emerson Lee Brown**  
Bloomville, Ohio  
*Computer Science,  
(Video Game Production)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

**Dominic Bruno**  
Oxford, Michigan  
*Accounting, (Sport Management)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

**Claude Gavin Buckmaster**  
Napoleon, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Cierra Riann Burkhart**  
Lewisville, Ohio  
*Accounting*  
*The Honor Society*

**Corbin Jon Caplan**  
Westerville, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Business)*

**Elisha Marie Carter**  
Bellefontaine, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Athletic Coaching)*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Ithan Ray Cholewa**  
Garden City, Michigan  
*Business Administration,  
(Sport Management)*

**Lindsey Jenee Cline**  
Highland, Michigan  
*Psychology, (Business)*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Jashun Lamar Cobb**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Sport Management*

**Carson A. Colahan**  
Norwalk, Ohio  
*Biology, (Chemistry, Business)*

**Harley Cole Collins**  
Troy, Michigan  
*Computer Science,  
(Video Game Production, Business)*

**Paige Nichole Collins**  
Alliance, Ohio  
*Criminology, Psychology,  
(Business, Sociology)*

**Adam William Coyle**  
Brooklyn, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Athletics Coaching)*

**Anthony George D'Amico**  
Sandusky, Ohio  
*Business Administration, (Psychology)*

**Sarah Caitlen D'Egidio**  
Vermilion, Ohio  
*Criminology, Political Science, (Legal  
Studies, Environmental Studies, Sociology)*

**Michael Lee Dalton**  
New London, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Darren Keshawn Davis**  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
*Education*

**Dominic Deshawn Davis**  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
*Exercise Science*

**Micah Dawson**  
Willard, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Hailey Ann Deverna**  
Genoa, Ohio  
*Finance*

**Matthew Thomas Drdul**  
Sterling Heights, Michigan  
*Business Administration, Finance*

- Olivia Grace Dulay**  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
*Business Administration, (Art)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- McKhala Nichole Eckert**  
Westerville, Ohio  
*Health Science*
- Alec James Edgington**  
Streetsboro, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Sport Management*
- Jonah Christopher Englehart**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Accounting*
- Maya D. Englehart**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Health Science*
- Sadie Kathleen Estle**  
Oakwood, Ohio  
*Business Administration*
- Benjamin Allen Evans**  
Perrysburg, Ohio  
*Environmental Science & Sustainability, (Biology)*
- Kerrick William Bubon Fanning**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Computer Science, Chemistry*  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Ti'Kyran Fikes**  
Detroit, Michigan  
*Business Administration, (Media)*
- Makenna Grace Finnegan**  
Shelby, Ohio  
*Education*  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Clemens Mark Foos**  
Vickery, Ohio  
*Business Administration*
- Sean Michael Friedhoff**  
Waynesville, Ohio  
*Psychology, (Spanish, Biology)*  
*Honors Program*
- Beatrice Ann Fry**  
Willard, Ohio  
*Accounting*
- Chloe Korrene-Francis Gilbert**  
Highland, Michigan  
*Criminology, (Business)*
- Riley Alexander Gossom**  
Lucas, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Business)*
- Kiara Helen Grow**  
North Canton, Ohio  
*Biochemistry, (German, Biology)*  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Grace Margaret Hagerty**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Communication)*
- Braxton Christopher Hammond**  
Jackson, Ohio  
*Exercise Science, (Business)*
- Jozie Nichole Hammond**  
Williamsport, Ohio  
*Biology, (Chemistry)*  
*Honors Program*
- MacKenzie Marianne Haneberg**  
Brook Park, Ohio  
*Environmental Science & Sustainability*
- Keshawn Gregory Harris**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Criminology*
- Zackary William Hartz**  
Shelby, Ohio  
*Education*
- Megan Elizabeth Hennie**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
*Health Science*
- Jeylo Cristal Hernandez Rodriguez**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
*Business Administration, (Communication)*
- Natalie Katherine Hicks**  
London, Ohio  
*Psychology, Criminology*
- Koen Joseph Hill**  
Dublin, Ohio  
*Criminology, (Psychology)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Kylie Kay Hoover**  
Dublin, Ohio  
*Education*
- Cale Henry Horsch**  
Fisher, Illinois  
*Biology, (Chemistry)*
- Braelin Rease Houston**  
Lima, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Accounting*
- Jaxon Brown Howard**  
Westfield, Indiana  
*Criminology, Psychology*
- Dominic Eugene Johnson**  
Warren, Michigan  
*Computer Science, (Business)*

**Isaiah J. Kammer**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
*Psychology*

**Emma Viola Keto**  
Ravenna, Ohio  
*Biochemistry, (Biology)*  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Alexandra Grace Kirkendall**  
Hamler, Ohio  
*Accounting, (Business)*  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*

**Hope Elizabeth Kreais**  
Fostoria, Ohio  
*Criminology, Psychology*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Orion Alexander Kroah**  
Tallmadge, Ohio  
*Sport Management*

**Kyle Krummen**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
*Criminology, (Business)*

**Nathan J. LaRoche**  
Norwalk, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Connor William Ladd**  
Mansfield, Ohio  
*Environmental Science & Sustainability,  
(Business)*

**Kaleb Matthew Lamb**  
Wooster, Ohio  
*Finance, Economics*  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*

**Nicolas Aloysius Lavelle**  
Dayton, Ohio  
*Sport Management*

**Kaitlyn Marie Ledwedge**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Ian Patrick Lewis**  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
*Accounting, Business Administration*

**Leonardo Anthony Longo**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Accounting*

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Cardington, Ohio  
*Biology, (Chemistry)*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

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Detroit, Michigan  
*Business Administration, Sport  
Management*

**Laura Marie Ludwig**  
Houma, Louisiana  
*Business Administration, (Marketing)*

**Sophia Irene Madison**  
Parma, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Nicholas Salvatore Mangone**  
Herndon, Virginia  
*Sport Management,  
(Athletics Coaching, Business)*

**Jesse Lamont James Martin**  
Madison, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Nicholas Edwin Martinez**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Computer Science, (Video Game  
Production, Psychology, Sociology)*

**Kaidan Xandra Mathias**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Business Administration, (Media)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

**Logan Ray McCluer**  
Lafayette, Ohio  
*Exercise Science, (Business)*

**Kane Alexandar Mears**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Health Science*

**Noah A. Miller**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Accounting, (Economics)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

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Bloomfield Hills, Michigan  
*Business Administration*

**Rachel Moore**  
West Chester, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Psychology)*

**Jacob T. Morgan**  
Ada, Ohio  
*Biology*

**Payton William Moser**  
The Woodlands, Texas  
*Accounting*

**Madison Cherie Mosier**  
Parma, Ohio  
*Criminology, Biology, (Business)*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*

- Addison Kenzie Moyer**  
Archbold, Ohio  
*Business Administration, (Economics)*  
  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Caitlynn Mariah Newlen**  
Beavercreek, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Business, Psychology)*
- John Thomas Courtney Orahood**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Education*
- Daniel Enrique Orozco Ramirez**  
Bogota, Columbia  
*Mathematics, (Computer Science)*
- Huntergrace Robin Overmyer**  
Oak Harbor, Ohio  
*Psychology, Criminology, (Sociology)*
- Viviana Silvia Palmer**  
Chesterfield, Michigan  
*Exercise Science*  
  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Eric Joseph Panning**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Business Administration*
- Gabrielle Reese Pastorius**  
Newark, Ohio  
*Accounting*  
  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*
- Anthony Ross Patellis**  
Poland, Ohio  
*Biochemistry*  
  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*
- Zane Ryan Paul**  
Botkins, Ohio  
*Exercise Science, (Psychology)*
- George C. Pecar, III**  
Rochester Hills, Michigan  
*Psychology*
- Olivia Eleanor Perry**  
Etna, Ohio  
*Business Administration, (Media)*  
  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Kelly Elizabeth Peterson**  
Copley, Ohio  
*Environmental Science & Sustainability,*  
*(Business)*
- Carter William Piasecki**  
Perrysburg, Ohio  
*Economics, (Business)*
- Andrew Scott Pokley**  
Troy, Michigan  
*Business Administration, (Computer Science)*
- Cole Alexander Poorman**  
Orlando, Florida  
*Exercise Science, (Business, Sport Management)*
- Jackson Powers**  
Strongsville, Ohio  
*Exercise Science*  
  
*Honors Program*
- Joel Gregory Rand**  
Temperance, Michigan  
*Exercise Science, (Biology)*  
  
*Honors Program, Dean's List All Semesters*
- Taylor Suzanne Ratliff**  
New Washington, Ohio  
*Psychology, Criminology,*  
*(Business, Athletics Coaching)*  
  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Lillian Lee Robeson**  
Dexter, Michigan  
*Business Administration,*  
*(Communication, Integrated Media)*  
  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Mikayla Lesli Sage**  
Baltimore, Ohio  
*Biochemistry, (Business, Biology)*
- Payton Marie Scheid**  
Monroeville, Ohio  
*Exercise Science, (Biology)*  
  
*The Honor Society,*  
*Dean's List All Semesters*
- Hailey Catherine Schink**  
Monroe, Michigan  
*Sport Management*
- Michele Dina Schultz**  
Toledo, Ohio  
*Psychology*  
  
*The Honor Society*
- Haylie Irene Sewell**  
Port Clinton, Ohio  
*Business Administration, Computer Science, (Data Analytics)*
- Noah Paul Sharrit**  
Toledo, Ohio  
*Health Science*

**Audrey Rose Shope**  
Middletown, Ohio  
*Exercise Science*

**Andrew Jordan Sims**  
Perrysburg, Ohio  
*Education, (Psychology)*

**Olivia Taylor Sims**  
Circleville, Ohio  
*Health Science*

**Korey Dylan Slovick**  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio  
*Sport Management*

**Kylie Morgan Snow**  
Ontario, Ohio  
*Marketing, (Media)*

**Garrett James Spaun**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Business Administration,  
(Sport Management)*

**Claire Elizabeth St. Bernard**  
Morrison, Colorado  
*Health Science, (Biology, Chemistry)*  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Nathan St. Bernard**  
Morrison, Colorado  
*Sport Management, Business  
Administration*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

**Easton St. Clair**  
Canton, Michigan  
*Psychology, (Business)*

**Gabrielle Rae Stallbaum**  
Paulding, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Psychology, Biology)*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

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Spencerville, Ohio  
*Biology, (Chemistry)*

**Lucas Benjamin Stein**  
Willard, Ohio  
*Business Administration,  
(Athletics Coaching)*  
*Honors Program, The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

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Willard, Ohio  
*Psychology, (Health and Wellness)*

**Jade Marie Torres**  
Bucyrus, Ohio  
*Health Science, (Psychology, Biology)*

**Aleksandria Julia Wachtman**  
Defiance, Ohio  
*Exercise Science, (Biology)*

**Skyler Alexander Walker**  
Attica, Ohio  
*Video Game Production*

**Brooke Ann Warnock**  
Pickerington, Ohio  
*Biology, (Environmental Studies, Business)*

**Zachariaus S. Wartley**  
Canton, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Tamal Lamont James Watkins**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Sport Management*

**Treohn Troi Lamont Watkins**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Sport Management*

**Tyson Asiel White**  
Columbus, Ohio  
*Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)*

**Alexis Nichole Williams**  
Berlin Heights, Ohio  
*Health Science*

**Michael Williams**  
White Lake, Michigan  
*Sport Management,  
Business Administration*

**Madison Nicole Wise**  
Tiffin, Ohio  
*Psychology, (Sociology)*  
*The Honor Society,  
Dean's List All Semesters*

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Elyria, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

**Timothy Michael Woody**  
Madison, Ohio  
*Biology, (Psychology)*

**Morgan Lynn Wright**  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina  
*Business Administration, Communication,  
(Art, Marketing)*

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Port St. Lucie, Florida  
*Business Administration*

**Ian Douglas Yeater**  
Carey, Ohio  
*Business Administration*

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*Computer Science, (Business)*

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*Exercise Science*

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## Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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*Nursing*

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*Nursing*

**Hannah Jo Dearth**  
Gibsonburg, Ohio  
*Nursing, (Psychology)*

**Savana Riayn Ranzenberger**  
Burgoon, Ohio  
*Nursing*

**Riley Kay Ireland**  
Ross, Ohio  
*Nursing, (Psychology)*

**Cossondra Olivia Shinski**  
Norwalk, Ohio  
*Nursing*

**Alyssa Mae Karr**  
Fremont, Ohio  
*Nursing, (Psychology)*

**Nicole Paige Thomas**  
Galion, Ohio  
*Nursing*

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## Latin Honors

Latin honors are Latin phrases used to indicate the level of distinction with which an academic degree has been earned. Three distinctions of honors are conferred at graduation: highest honors, *summa cum laude*, to those who have attained a grade point average of at least 3.900; high honors, *magna cum laude*, to those who have attained a grade point average of at least 3.700; and honors, *cum laude*, to those who have attained a grade point average of at least 3.500.

Latin honors are based only upon credit earned in courses taken at Heidelberg University. Students may receive these honors provided they have spent the last two years and completed 60 hours of coursework at Heidelberg University.

## The Heidelberg University Honor Society

The Honor Society is the only all-University scholastic honor society. Each spring, faculty and staff members of the Society elect new members who are seniors and candidates for a bachelor's degree. New members must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, rank in the top 15 percent of the graduating class and be projected to complete at least 60 hours of Heidelberg courses by the end of the semester. Candidates must also have completed a specific distribution of coursework. Acceptable distributions include the general education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees as well as the distribution requirement of the Honors Program. Transfer students who fulfill these requirements also are eligible for The Honor Society.

## “Life of the Mind” Honors Program

Heidelberg is committed to affirming values that produce creative, responsible individuals, and challenging all students to reach their full potential as whole persons. The Faculty of the University established an Honors Program — titled “The Life of the Mind” — to support and challenge the University’s highest academic achievers in the development of intellect and character. This comprehensive program, which integrates learning and life experiences, stems from the mission of the University and features contact with the fundamental values that underpin self-worth and traditions, as well as a lifelong habit of commitment to the community and concern for social responsibility. To achieve these goals, the program engages students in four areas of intellectual inquiry: the Scholar, the Scientist, the Artist, and the Citizen. In this way, the program empowers students to explore their abilities within a supportive community of scholars and learners.

## Special Music

“Softest Rains”

Rob Dietz

*Slowly goes the heart that knows  
The roaring depths of riverbeds  
Guided by the feathered ways  
Of those who came before  
Who forged the strange-eyed streams*

*I dream of storms that fray and flood  
The graying banks and amber tides  
I long to be a thunder drum  
Unto a world anew*

*But in defense of what remains  
Beautiful*

*Let me be the joy in softest rains  
That I may embrace the places where  
The flowers grow  
And hide  
A spring from which the light may flow  
When harder winds preside  
To carve a secret winding path  
Into the tired stars  
For when the constellations fall-  
A harbor in my arms  
And in our softest rains  
So amidst the foaming gloam  
Their glowing voices will remain*

*Until one day,  
A hurricane*

## The Alma Mater

“Sweet Alma Home”

F. A. Power/Harry Robert Wilson

*Sweet Alma Home! Where'er we be,  
Where'er we roam, On land or sea,  
Our swift winged memory in yearnings,  
Yearnings backward flies to thee.*

*Sing Alma Mater Heidelberg!  
Sing till the vaulted heavens ring!  
Sing till the gales on swiftest wing  
Bear the song away!*

*Sing till returning echoes bring  
Back again the lay!  
Sing till the echoes bring back the lay!  
Sing Heidelberg!*