



ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD

Commencement

May 9, 2026 | 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 Sarah Jewell, Bachelor of Music Candidate, Class of 2026

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

Performed by Jerahmy Marshall, Class of 2027

Invocation

Ainsley M. Manger

Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Class of 2026

Special Music

“Will the Circle be Unbroken” Arranged by J. David Moore

Heidelberg University Concert Choir

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

Chair of the School of Music & Theatre

Professor of Choral Music Education

Katherine Sayre, Class of 2027

Percussionist: tambourine

Graduate Student Speaker

“Embracing Change, Celebrating Success”

Haylie Sewell

Master of Business Administration Candidate, Class of 2026

Undergraduate Student Speaker

“When the Light Returns”

Abigail Stine

Bachelor of Science Candidate, Class of 2026

Charge to the Class of 2026

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. Beth Long-Higgins, M.Div., Class of 1984
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Andrew Kalnow, M.B.A
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Alison L. Marker, M.S.W.
Doctor of Business Administration, honoris causa

Commencement Address

“Stay Human”

Alison Marker, M.S.W.
*President and Chief Executive Officer
Marker, Inc.*

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

Rev. Beth Long-Higgins, M.Div.
Board of Trustees, Class of 1984

Alma Mater

“Sweet Alma Home” by F. A. Power/Harry Robert Wilson
*Performed by Cole Miller, Bachelor of Music Candidate, Class of 2026
Heidelberg University Symphonic Band*

Recessional

The Heidelberg Commencement March
Composed/Arranged by Cameron Gaietto, Class of 2026

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



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Baccalaureate Speaker



Rev. Beth Long-Higgins, M.Div., Class of 1984
*Vice President & Founding Director of
The Center for Abundant Aging, United Church Homes*

Rev. Beth Long-Higgins' professional journey of service began during her years as a student of psychology and music at Heidelberg University. In addition to a full academic schedule, rehearsals and practicing at Brenneman Music Hall, and working as a Career Assistant through the Office of Career Planning and Placement, she completed a senior internship at the Domestic Violence Center serving Seneca County. She was co-leader of the chapel committee and Christian fellowship group, Kairos. Outside of campus life, Rev. Long-Higgins did a summer of volunteer service through the UCC in inner-city Philadelphia, served as a delegate to the United Church of Christ's national body, the General Synod, and began what became 12 years on the corporate body and then the directorate of the United Church Board for World Ministries. She and her husband, David, were married in 1984 following graduation from Heidelberg. Although she did not originally plan for a path directly to seminary, they moved to Minnesota and together began studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She concluded her studies in 1987, having served a field placement with a chaplain in a retirement community and then as the student youth pastor.

Following graduation from seminary, they were each ordained in January 1988. Over the next 25 years, the couple served as co-pastors of two congregations – Bethany UCC in Louisville, Kentucky, and David's UCC in Canal Winchester, Ohio, while raising their family. In addition to her pastoral role, she taught piano lessons and served in various creative endeavors. In 2002, following the death of her father, they intentionally built an intergenerational home that included her mother, sister, Dave, and their children.

During her tenure at David's UCC, Rev. Long-Higgins joined the United Church Homes (UCH) Board of Directors, a non-profit faith-inspired organization serving older adults in 15 states. During this time, she also served as the president of the Canal Winchester Performing Arts Boosters and was a member of the local ministerial association. In 2010, she was honored to join the Board of Trustees at Heidelberg.

In 2013, Rev. Long-Higgins began serving as Director for Mission Integration for UCH. In 2017, she was named the founding director of The Center for Abundant Aging, a new initiative at UCH to work in advocacy and education around aging in the 21st Century. In 2022, she was promoted to the VP of Engagement and continues to direct The Center for Abundant Aging.

Rev. Long-Higgins is a member of the American Society on Aging and serves on the Ageism and Culture Advisory Council and the Religion, Spirituality and Aging Collaborative. She is a frequent presenter at their annual conference. She is also a trained facilitator with the National Center to Reframe Aging, with the Gerontological Society of America. In this capacity, she is involved in training and education on the effects of ageism and how to change the cultural narrative about aging. She has also served on the board of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the UCC. In 2025, she joined the board of SourcePoint, a non-profit organization serving older adults in Delaware County, Ohio.

In 2023, Rev. Long-Higgins was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from her graduate alma mater, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

As an advocate for members of the LGBTQ+ community, Rev. Long-Higgins serves on the advisory committee with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation in the development and support of the Long-Term Care Equality Index. Her advocacy and allyship for the older members in this community contributed to her being awarded an Ally Courage Award from the Open and Affirming Coalition with the United Church of Christ in 2024.

Rev. Long-Higgins is a part of a Heidelberg Legacy Family. She is in the third of four generations that include great aunts, uncles and cousins, her parents, and her two children, Andrew '12 and Hannah '15.

Commencement Speaker



Alison L. Marker, M.S.W

*President and Chief Executive Officer
Marker, Inc.*

Alison Marker is President and Chief Executive Officer of Marker, Inc., a commercial contractor and construction management firm serving Central Ohio. A third-generation family business leader, she provides executive leadership focused on long-term strategy, organizational health, talent development, and community impact, building a values-driven culture that balances performance, people, and purpose.

Since joining the company in 2012, Ms. Marker has guided Marker, Inc. through significant growth, leadership transition, and market expansion. Rising through senior roles to CEO, she has led corporate strategy, resource alignment, and succession planning, positioning the company for long-term stability in a competitive industry. She has been instrumental in Heidelberg's long-time partnership with Marker, Inc., most recently overseeing the construction of Heidelberg's newest facility – the \$27.4 million, donor-funded Frann's Fieldhouse – as the project's general contractor.

Ms. Marker brings a distinctive perspective shaped by her earlier career in clinical social work, where she worked in psychotherapy, crisis intervention, and community mental health. This background informs her leadership approach, emphasizing sound judgment, empathy, and systems thinking in complex environments.

An engaged civic leader, Ms. Marker serves on multiple nonprofit and industry boards, contributing expertise in governance, real estate, workforce development, and organizational strategy. She is a frequent speaker on leadership, family business, and women in construction, and has been recognized for her professional and community impact.

Ms. Marker earned dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and women's studies from Miami University and a master's degree in clinical social work from The Ohio State University.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Andrew H. Kalnow, M.B.A

*Chief Executive Officer
National Machinery*

Andrew Kalnow is the Chairman & CEO and primary owner of NM Group Global LLC, an industrial holding company of niche manufacturing companies that are market and technology leaders in their industry fields. He has led NM Group Global LLC from its beginning 24 years ago with the storied acquisition of National Machinery, one of Tiffin's largest companies and Heidelberg's immediate neighbor on Greenfield Street. With a career background initially in commercial banking and later in private equity, Mr. Kalnow grew up in Tiffin, but spent much of his professional life in Chicago as founder and managing partner of Alpha Capital Partners Ltd.

Mr. Kalnow received his BA (magna cum laude) from Lawrence University in 1974 and an MBA from Babson College in 1977. He was recruited into the corporate lending department of First Chicago, at that time the 10th largest bank in the United States, which was ultimately purchased by JPMorgan Chase. In the short timeframe of six years, he rose in the organization from management trainee to vice president. Although he was very successful in handling large corporate accounts, Mr. Kalnow longed for working with smaller companies where financing and business consulting had the potential to make greater impact and "add value" for entrepreneurs and their companies. Consequently, he turned down a choice international banking assignment in Hong Kong in order to found a venture capital company called Alpha Capital, which was later granted a license to operate as a federally licensed Small Business Investment Company, or SBIC.

Over the next 25 years, Mr. Kalnow was instrumental in leading Alpha Capital's private equity investments in more than 60 companies. These financings ranged from early-stage investments in software, biotech, and consumer products companies to leveraged buyouts of established enterprises in various manufacturing industries.

A turning point in Mr. Kalnow's career and life priority came in February 2002 when he pulled off a storied investment coup with the rescue of National Machinery after the company's New York private equity owners and senior lenders had closed the manufacturer's doors the day after Christmas 2001. Upon the completion of this acquisition, Mr. Kalnow became a reformed private equity player and turned entrepreneur and business owner with a long-game view. In the subsequent 20-plus years, he revived National by growing its revenue 5-fold and returning the company to its former leadership position in its industry by introducing new product lines and extending its geographical reach. It has international operations in Japan and China, as well as Europe and Brazil.

On March 10, 2026, Mr. Kalnow was awarded the Soaring Eagle Service Award at the Industrial Fastener Institute (IFI) Spring Meeting. This prestigious award was given to Mr. Kalnow in recognition of his pioneering spirit and exceptional service to the fastener industry, which uses cold-forming technology as its primary manufacturing technology. The award citation read, "The revival of National Machinery under his leadership transformed the company into a cornerstone of North American fastener manufacturing, with more than 2,000 active cold formers operating across every segment of the industry."

Mr. Kalnow has returned to Tiffin, where he now has his primary residence. Locally, he has become quite active in community and downtown revitalization. He has been instrumental in helping start three local retail enterprises, one of which is the award-winning restaurant, The Empire. He is also the entrepreneur and philanthropist behind the East Green amphitheater and splash pad, as well as the Frost Village and East Tower initiatives, which are major historical restoration projects.

Lastly, he is currently the longest-serving member of Heidelberg University's Board of Trustees, having served as a Trustee since 1987. In 2011, Heidelberg presented Mr. Kalnow with its Trustee Distinguished Service Award.

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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 venue 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.

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

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.

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.

Displayed on the stage are banners from the Class of 2026 and the Class of 1938. The oldest living alumna 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

Amber Marie Cieplinski <i>Atwater, Ohio</i>	John Thomas Jones <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>	Breanna Lynn Stephens <i>Tiffin, Ohio</i>
Allison Cook <i>Shelby, Ohio</i>	Kayle Ann Mowry <i>Norwalk, Ohio</i>	Madison Margaret Tate <i>Fostoria, Ohio</i>
Grace Anne Ehrmantraut <i>Bellville, Ohio</i>	Julia Rose Olejko <i>Vermilion, Ohio</i>	Kayleigh Rae Wright <i>New Riegel, Ohio</i>
Alan Ray Feasel <i>Lithopolis, Ohio</i>	Reece Elizabeth Paul <i>Kansas, Ohio</i>	

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Athletic Training

Ethan Robert Bennington <i>Burton, Ohio</i>	Emily Morgan Davis <i>Tiffin, Ohio</i>	Hannah Noelle Zerr <i>Medina, Ohio</i>
Sara Louise Chilton <i>Xenia, Ohio</i>	Bryan Kapsar <i>Strongsville, Ohio</i>	

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

Rachel Therese Adams <i>Macedonia, Ohio</i>	Olivia Grace Dulay <i>Reynoldsburg, Ohio</i>	Nathan LaRoche <i>Norwalk, Ohio</i>
Riley Rae Ameal <i>Richmond, Michigan</i>	Alec James Edgington <i>Streetsboro, Ohio</i>	Austin A. Lindley <i>Frankfort, Illinois</i>
Ashley Lorraine Ballard <i>Centerville, Ohio</i>	Riley A. Gossom <i>Lucas, Ohio</i>	Gabrielle Reese Llewellyn <i>Newark, Ohio</i>
Brady Mitchel Bosma <i>Holland, Michigan</i>	Kristen Elizabeth Harrah <i>Clyde, Ohio</i>	Laura Marie Ludwig <i>Houma, Louisiana</i>
Olivia Chasteen Brent <i>Ashville, Ohio</i>	Treyvon Amaru Hastings <i>Defiance, Ohio</i>	Sophia Irene Madison <i>Parma, Ohio</i>
Dominic Bruno <i>Oxford, Michigan</i>	Kylie Lynn Hendrix <i>Ontario, Ohio</i>	Nicholas Salvatore Mangone <i>Herndon, Virginia</i>
Cierra Riann Burkhart <i>Lewisville, Ohio</i>	Jeylo Cristal Hernandez Rodriguez <i>San Juan, Puerto Rico</i>	Gabriel Joseph Marks <i>Louisville, Kentucky</i>
Tristin Ann Buurma <i>Willard, Ohio</i>	Koen Joseph Hill <i>Dublin, Ohio</i>	Kaidan Xandra Mathias <i>Tiffin, Ohio</i>
Elisha Marie Carter <i>Bellefontaine, Ohio</i>	Braelin Rease Houston <i>Lima, Ohio</i>	Nikolas A. McAvoy <i>Marengo, Ohio</i>
Alejandro Castro <i>Syracuse, Indiana</i>	Dominic Eugene Johnson <i>Warren, Michigan</i>	Noah Anthony Miller <i>Tiffin, Ohio</i>
Andrew Jacob Cates <i>Dayton, Ohio</i>	Carly Briana Jones <i>Reynoldsburg, Ohio</i>	Madison Cherie Mosier <i>Parma, Ohio</i>
Lindsey Jenee Cline <i>Highland, Michigan</i>	Zaria Si'mone Keys <i>Lima, Ohio</i>	Addison Kenzie Moyer <i>Archbold, Ohio</i>
Paige Nichole Collins <i>Alliance, Ohio</i>	Joseph Mark Korzunowski <i>Mentor, Ohio</i>	Abigail Rose Nagy <i>Fremont, Ohio</i>
Vivian Nanette Delgado-Johnson <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	Kyle Thomas Krummen <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>	Caitlynn M. Newlen <i>Beavercreek, Ohio</i>
Matthew Thomas Drdul <i>Sterling Heights, Michigan</i>	Kaleb Matthew Lamb <i>Wooster, Ohio</i>	Jenna Pagano <i>Imlay City, Michigan</i>

Autumn Margaret-Rose Perry

Macomb, Michigan

Olivia Eleanor Perry

Etna, Ohio

Kelly Elizabeth Peterson

Copley, Ohio

Cole Alexander Poorman

Orlando, Florida

Taylor Suzanne Ratliff

New Washington, Ohio

Lillian Lee Robeson

Dexter, Michigan

Hallie Brooke Rogers

Hagerstown, Indiana

Mikayla Lesli Sage

Baltimore, Ohio

Haylie Irene Sewell

Port Clinton, Ohio

Korey Dylan Slovick

Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Garrett James Spaun

Tiffin, Ohio

Nathan Andrew St. Bernard

Morrison, Colorado

Lucas Benjamin Stein

Willard, Ohio

Brooke Ann Warnock

Pickerington, Ohio

Brooklynn Wharton

Mansfield, Ohio

Michael Cole Williams

White Lake, Michigan

Morgan Lynn Wright

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Abigail Elizabeth Yarris

New Riegel, Ohio

Ian Douglas Yeater

Carey, Ohio

Katari Isaiah Young

Akron, Ohio

Timothy Edward Zack, Jr.

Pickerington, Ohio

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Sam Edward Barker

Upper Sandusky, Ohio
Theatre, (Art)

Dean's List All Semesters

Collin James Barth

Tiffin, Ohio
Education

Dean's List All Semesters

Josiah Jamar Brown

Toledo, Ohio
Media, (Athletics Coaching)

Jerry Paul Bryant, Jr.

Trotwood, Ohio
Communication

Nicholas R. Chambers

Lima, Ohio
History, Political Science

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

Kelsey Nicole Crumley

Pickerington, Ohio
Education

Ericka Taylor Depinet

Tiffin, Ohio
Education

Cadence Theresa-Marie Frankart

Killbuck, Ohio
*Political Science, (Gender &
Identity Studies, Sociology)*

Cameron Vincent Gaietto

Tiffin, Ohio
Political Science, Music

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

Rowan Gill

Sheffield Lake, Ohio
English, Media, (Literature)

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

Ryleigh Lyn Gorman

Lexington, Ohio
Media, English, (Psychology)

Amelia Irene Hammond

Berlin Heights, Ohio
Theatre

Payton Rose Kearney

Sandusky, Ohio
English, (Psychology)

Terry Deleon Killens

Mason, Ohio
General Studies

Ava Katherine Lucius

Tiffin, Ohio
Education

Mackenzie Alexandria

Ludwig
Macomb, Michigan
Theatre, (Psychology)

Dean's List All Semesters

Ainsley Marie Manger

Botkins, Ohio
Education

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

Makayla Desiree McDonald

Cincinnati, Ohio
General Studies

Jennifer Molotla

Fostoria, Ohio
Political Science

Baylie Pauline Melissa Phillips

Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Education

Christopher John Sgalla

Grove City, Ohio
Music

Caleb Andrew Silvia

Zanesville, Ohio
*History, Political Science,
(Business)*

*Honors Diploma,
Dean's List All Semesters*

Ava Ruth Smith

Lindsey, Ohio
Education

Honors Diploma

Mackenzie Marie Smith

Fremont, Ohio
Education

Elinor Taylor Tressler

Pickerington, Ohio
Education, (Business)

Dean's List All Semesters

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music

Sarah Marle Jewell

Toledo, Ohio

Music Education

Cole Robert Miller

New Riegel, Ohio

Music Education

Alesha Renee Pennock

Sycamore, Ohio

Music Performance

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

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Mason Evan Argenti

Lorain, Ohio

Sport Management

Harrison Burton Burge

Lynchburg, Ohio

Exercise Science, (Biology)

Kerryann Marie Copenhaver

Bellefontaine, Ohio

*Sport Management, (Spanish,
Communication, Media)*

Yaser Mohamed Awale

Hilliard, Ohio

Sport Management,

(Communication, Athletics

Coaching)

Ella Grace Calvin

West Unity, Ohio

Biochemistry, (Biology,

Business)

Caitlyn Louise Cross

Brook Park, Ohio

Biology, (Chemistry, Business)

Dean's List All Semesters

Katelyn Grace Barnhill

Columbus, Ohio

Biology, (Environmental

Studies)

Zachary Blaise Chatmon

Euclid, Ohio

Sport Management, Media

Lindsey Nicole DeWitt

Bellevue, Ohio

Biology, (Chemistry)

Brady Morris Berezowsky

Fraser, Michigan

Business Administration,

(Media)

Garrett Chester

Tiffin, Ohio

Business Administration,

(Athletics Coaching)

Jorge Rafael Diaz, Jr.

Miami, Florida

Criminology, Business

Administration, (Psychology)

Brandon Michael Boes

Tiffin, Ohio

Education

Gracie Ann Chester

Tiffin, Ohio

Criminology, (Business,

Athletics Coaching)

Lydia Katherine Dietz

Botkins, Ohio

Sport Management, Business

Administration

Linzi Sue Boos

Tiffin, Ohio

Psychology

The Honor Society,

Dean's List All Semesters

Dean's List All Semesters

Grace Cynthia Dohanyos

Fostoria, Ohio

Health Science, (Biology,

Chemistry)

The Honor Society,

Dean's List All Semesters

Honors Diploma, The Honor Society,

Dean's List All Semesters

Gillian Marie Borgio

Marblehead, Ohio

Business Administration,

(Communication)

Luke Aiden Driskell

Bellbrook, Ohio

Sport Management,

(Communication)

Cole David Brandon

White Cottage, Ohio

Computer Science, (Music)

Max Perry Coffman

Pickerington, Ohio

Sport Management, (Athletics

Coaching, Media)

Honors Diploma, The Honor Society,

Dean's List All Semesters

Beau Brian Bridges

Mount Vernon, Ohio

Sport Management, Business

Administration

Trey Cullen Combs

McCutchenville, Ohio

Education

Austin Duffy

Kennesaw, Georgia

Sport Management, (Athletics

Coaching)

Logan Dean Brooks

Muskegon, Michigan

Business Administration

Kacy Brianne Connolly

Alvordton, Ohio

Biochemistry, (Biology)

Honors Diploma, The Honor Society,

Dean's List All Semesters

Marlon Elliott, Jr.

Groveport, Ohio

Sport Management, (Athletics

Coaching)

Keith Clark Brown

Louisville, Kentucky

Management

Kylie Christine Cope

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Sport Management, (Athletics

Coaching)

Riley Emma Elliott

Madison, Ohio

Biochemistry

Honors Diploma

- Brigid Anne Enright**
Walbridge, Ohio
Health Science, (Chemistry, Biology)
Honors Diploma
- Reginald Lamont Farris**
Atlanta, Georgia
Psychology, Criminology
- Toby K. Fath**
Wadsworth, Ohio
Computer Science, Media, (Video Game Production)
- Tyler Joseph Fedele**
Tiffin, Ohio
Biochemistry, (Biology)
- Joshua Kyler Ferdon**
Ingleside on the Bay, Texas
Environmental Science & Sustainability, Communication, (Business)
- Lacey Elizabeth Fickes**
Jeromesville, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Psychology)
- Tyler Evan Fields**
Indianapolis, Indiana
Biochemistry, (Business)
- Jacob Michael Frankart**
Vermilion, Ohio
Computer Science, (Business, Video Game Production, Theatre Arts)
Honors Diploma
- Ilyeis Eden Franks**
McComb, Ohio
Business Administration, (Writing, Management)
Dean's List All Semesters
- Logan Alexander Franz**
Lebanon, Ohio
Accounting, Finance
Honors Diploma
- Owen Robert Frizzell**
Washington, New Jersey
Criminology, Psychology
Dean's List All Semesters
- David Evan Gelman**
Cincinnati, Ohio
Economics, Business Administration
Honors Diploma
- Alicia Lucia Marie George**
Tiffin, Ohio
Biochemistry, (Biology, Business)
- Joshua Gibson**
Rittman, Ohio
Education, (Business)
- Clayton Green**
New Washington, Ohio
Sport Management, Business Administration
- Maxwell James Gutmann**
Dayton, Ohio
Accounting, Finance
Dean's List All Semesters
- Alayna Kay Hahn**
Woodville, Ohio
Business Administration, (Political Science)
Honors Diploma, The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Korbyn James Carter Haley**
Coshocton, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Business)
- Andrew Curtis Hanson**
Port Clinton, Ohio
Environmental Science & Sustainability
- Gabriel Levi Harmon**
Lima, Ohio
Computer Science, (Business, Video Game Production)
Honors Diploma, The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Amelia Regina Harness Koehnle**
Garrettsville, Ohio
Accounting, Data Analytics
Honors Diploma, The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Zachary Harpster**
Canton, Ohio
Business Administration, Sport Management
- Leo Michael Hayden**
Toledo, Ohio
Management, (Communication, Marketing)
- Ayden Tosh Helton**
Lebanon, Ohio
Education, Criminology
The Honor Society
- Ana Henderson**
Norwalk, Ohio
Psychology, (Spanish)
Honors Diploma
- Demetrius G. Hernandez**
Napoleon, Ohio
Criminology
- Sydney R. Hewer**
Fraser, Michigan
Sport Management, Business Administration
The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Mackenzie Diann Hoffman**
Tiffin, Ohio
Health Science
- Trenton Michael Hole**
Delaware, Ohio
Exercise Science
- Jameson Chandler Holtz**
Wooster, Ohio
Business Administration
- Kobee Allen Hooker**
Dunkirk, Ohio
Exercise Science
- William J. Hurt**
Tiffin, Ohio
Environmental Science & Sustainability
- Maciaha N. Irving**
Cleveland, Ohio
Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)
- Jenna Alexxis-Anne Johnson**
Lorain, Ohio
Psychology, Criminology, (Sociology)
- Seth Kandel**
Malvern, Ohio
Exercise Science
- Adam Joseph Kauble**
Clyde, Ohio
Supply Chain Management, (Business)
- Braden Patrick Keeney**
Alexandria, Virginia
Sport Management, (History)
- Nathan William Kelly**
East Liverpool, Ohio
Business Administration, (Computer Science)
The Honor Society

- Matthew G. Kittle**
Wadsworth, Ohio
Accounting, Finance
Honors Diploma, The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Alyssa Morgan Kordish**
Avon Lake, Ohio
Education
Dean's List All Semesters
- Garrett Michael LaBeau**
Monroe, Michigan
Business Administration, Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)
- Haley Anne Lemkie**
Ravenna, Michigan
Exercise Science, (Biology)
- Ashton Joseph Lerz**
Eastlake, Ohio
Sport Management, (Athletics Coaching)
- Braeden Daniel Limke**
Rochester Hills, Michigan
Business Administration, (Sport Management)
- Alexander James Lowery**
Elyria, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Business)
- Nathen R. Lukac**
Port Clinton, Ohio
Computer Science, (Business)
Honors Diploma
- Sarah Frances Lusz**
Mukwonago, Wisconsin
Business Administration, (Psychology, Sociology)
- Carter Joshua Magyarics**
Canal Fulton, Ohio
Business Administration
Dean's List All Semesters
- Jason Douglas Malone II**
Marion, Ohio
Business Administration, Economics
- Jonathan Marty**
Newark, Ohio
Business Administration, (Media)
- Catherine Eva Matherly**
Tiffin, Ohio
Data Analytics
- Zachery Michael May**
Wayne, Ohio
Education, (Business)
The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Madelyn Rose McCall**
Huron, Ohio
Sport Management, Business Administration
The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Logan Kent McCoy**
West Mansfield, Ohio
Sport Management, (Communication)
- Jack Aaron McKelley**
Uniontown, Ohio
Health Science, (Business)
- Grant Lee McMaster**
Clyde, Ohio
Biology, (Chemistry)
Honors Diploma
- Katherine Olivia Meeker**
Upper Sandusky, Ohio
Computer Science, Media, (Communication)
Dean's List All Semesters
- Tanner Stanley Melnick**
Palm City, Florida
Business Administration, (Marketing)
- Colin Anthony Metzger**
Columbus Grove, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Business)
- Xander Dewayne Middleton**
Monroe, Michigan
Health Science, (Business)
- Kenneth Michael Miles**
Liberty Center, Ohio
Exercise Science
- Drew Allyn Miller**
Portland, Michigan
Finance, (Economics)
Honors Diploma, The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Samuel A. Miller**
Sherwood, Ohio
Political Science, History
Honors Diploma
- Frederick William Mock III**
Willard, Ohio
Education
- Carmen Rae Moore**
Pickerington, Ohio
Criminology, (Psychology)
- Tucker Morgan**
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Business Administration
- Kade Niklaus Nelson**
Tiffin, Ohio
Education
- Logan Christopher Niese**
New Washington, Ohio
Sport Management, Business Administration
- Constance Raylyn Nye**
Fostoria, Ohio
Health Science, (Psychology)
- Amber Lynn Parks**
Lorain, Ohio
Psychology
- Malachi David Perkins**
Port Huron, Michigan
Sport Management
- Bryant Lee Pfeifer**
Galion, Ohio
Criminology, Psychology, (Sociology)
- Dashani Pinell**
Fremont, Ohio
Psychology, (Gender & Identity Studies)
- Carter Vernon Pleiman**
Botkins, Ohio
Accounting
- Ty Xavier Poorman**
Orlando, Florida
Sport Management
- Danielle Elizabeth Powell**
Mansfield, Ohio
Sport Management, Business Administration
- Yaniah Cheryl-Lynne Powell**
Cleveland, Ohio
Criminology, Psychology, (Sociology)
The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters
- Seth Michael Ray**
Warren, Michigan
Marketing

Avery Christine Reagan
Newark, Ohio
Accounting, (Spanish)

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

Kaiden Elijah Reed
Millbury, Ohio
*Sport Management, Business
Administration*

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

Griffin John Reese
Hudsonville, Michigan
Exercise Science, (Psychology)

Dominic Isiah Regalado
Adrian, Michigan
*Criminology, Psychology,
(Sociology)*

Lydia Ridner
Tiffin, Ohio
Business Administration

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

Ethan Daniel Rieman
Arcanum, Ohio
*Business Administration,
History*

Morgan Riemenschneider
Cincinnati, Ohio
*Criminology, (Psychology,
Sociology)*

Reagan Ritzhaupt
Bucyrus, Ohio
Finance

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

Rylee Ritzhaupt
Bucyrus, Ohio
Finance

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

Blake Edward Ronski
Tiffin, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Sport Management)*

Kaitlyn Rose Rutledge
Canaan, Indiana
*Criminology, Psychology,
(Sociology)*

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

Solomon Manuel Sandoval
Toledo, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Athletics Coaching)*

Max Duve Schneckenburger
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Business Administration

Lyle Scott
Mansfield, Ohio
Criminology

Rayce Andrew Septer
Clarkston, Michigan
*Criminology, Psychology,
(Business)*

Vanessa Rose Shanaman
Bellevue, Ohio
Exercise Science

Amari Rae Slaughter
Wooster, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Business)

Jayden Michael Slaughter
Shelby Township, Michigan
*Computer Science, (Psychology,
Data Analytics)*

Cameren Eugene Smith
Tiffin, Ohio
Business Administration

Devan Michael Smith
Columbus, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Sport Management)*

Grace Nicole Smith
Hinckley, Ohio
*Business Administration, Sport
Management, (Media)*

*Honors Diploma,
Dean's List All Semesters*

Mitchell Peter Smith
Perrysburg, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Sport Management)*

Navia Debrose' Smith
Columbus, Ohio
*Sport Management, (Athletics
Coaching)*

Chance Michael Smits
Newark, Ohio
*Computer Science, (Video
Game Production)*

Abigail Wirth Snide
Columbus, Ohio
Health Science, (Psychology)

Shae Isaac Sparks
Plymouth, Ohio
*Business Administration,
Exercise Science*

Abigail Elaine Stine
Norwalk, Ohio
Biology, (Chemistry)

Honors Diploma

Kyla Elaine Stockdale
Marion, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Communication)*

Logan Streacker
Fremont, Ohio
Biochemistry, (Biology)

Corbin David Sturgeon
Fostoria, Ohio
Marketing

Conor Sukel
Joliet, Illinois
*Exercise Science, Psychology,
Sport Management, (Business,
Communication)*

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

Dylan Carter Thomas
Howard, Ohio
*Health Science, (Biology,
Business)*

Dean's List All Semesters

Samuel Orion Thompson
Canton, Ohio
Business Administration

Riley Mary Tople
Plymouth, Michigan
*Marketing, (Communication,
Media)*

Antwan J. Torres
Cleveland, Ohio
Business Administration

Brayden Lee Tucker
Tiffin, Ohio
Exercise Science, (Business)

Skylar Melinda Tucker
Jackson, Michigan
Criminology, Psychology, (Art)

Chelsea Kaylen Tyson
Fostoria, Ohio
*Business Administration,
(Marketing)*

The Honor Society

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Uffman
Liberty Township, Ohio
Exercise Science

Leopoldo Isaias Valadez
Willard, Ohio
Criminology

Hayden Kendrick Wagner Antwerp, Ohio <i>Exercise Science</i>	Kristopher Ronnell Williams Decatur, Georgia <i>Exercise Science</i>	Zakary Nicholas Wojcik Warren, Michigan <i>Business Administration, Psychology</i>
Olivia Jane Wallace Lima, Ohio <i>Exercise Science</i>	Micah Wayde Willink Clymer, New York <i>Health Science, (Biology)</i>	Gabrielle Louise Wolfe Newark, Ohio <i>Business Administration, (Media, Psychology)</i>
Tayleon Da'Bre Waterhouse Dayton, Ohio <i>Business Administration</i>	Randi Wilson Toledo, Ohio <i>Psychology, Criminology, (Business, Sociology)</i>	Jaislynn Hope Woodall Old Fort, Ohio <i>Psychology, Criminology, (Sociology)</i>
Jack Aaron Wendrickx Bellevue, Florida <i>Exercise Science, (Business)</i>	Logan Robert Winstead Holly, Michigan <i>Biology, (Chemistry, Business)</i>	<i>The Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters</i>
Allison Wesley Ravenna, Ohio <i>Environmental Science & Sustainability, Business Administration</i>	Jae'Nya Marie Witherspoon Lorain, Ohio <i>Psychology</i>	Madison Joy Wright Tiffin, Ohio <i>Criminology, Psychology</i>
<i>Honors Diploma</i>		

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing

John Irvine Auburn, Michigan <i>Nursing</i>	Kendra Brooke McDole Risingsun, Ohio <i>Nursing, (Psychology)</i>	James Burton Puffenberger II Fremont, Ohio <i>Nursing RN-BSN</i>
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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

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?”

J. David Moore

*Will the circle be unbroken,
By and by Lord, by and by,
There's a better home awaitin'
If we try, Lord, if we try.*

*I was singing with my sisters and my brothers,
I was singing with my friends,
And we all can sing together,
'cause the circle never ends.*

*I was born down in the valley
Where the sun refuse' to shine,
But I'm climbing up to the highland,
Gonna make that mountain mine!*

*Will the circle be unbroken,
By and by Lord, by and by,
There's a better home awaitin'
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.*

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!*