

BAKER UNIVERSITY

*Spring
Commencement*

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL OF NURSING

SUNDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR
ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
LISTON STADIUM
BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS

Today's Commencement

THE ADDRESS

Frank Bisignano is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fiserv, Inc. (NYSE: FI), a global leader in payments and financial technology. Under his leadership, the company is advancing new capabilities and accelerating its growth by coupling innovation with scale and operational excellence, bringing modern solutions to financial institutions, businesses, and consumers. Today, Fiserv serves clients in more than 100 countries, leads the IDC FinTech Top 100 ranking of global financial technology providers, and has been recognized as one of Fortune® World's Most Admired Companies™ for nine of the last 10 years.

Combining his expertise in banking and payments with deep experience and conviction in the transformative power of technology, Bisignano architected the combination of Fiserv with First Data Corp. in 2019, initially leading the combined company's day-to-day operations as President and Chief Operating Officer before becoming Chief Executive Officer in July 2020 and Chairman of the Board in May 2022.

During his tenure at First Data, Bisignano transformed the company from the world's largest traditional payment processor into a technology innovator, industry collaborator, and commerce enabler for the 21st century. He also led its \$2.6 billion initial public offering in 2015, the largest U.S. IPO of the year.

Previously, Bisignano served as Co-Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Mortgage Banking at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and held multiple leadership positions at Citigroup.

Among a number of non-profit commitments, he serves on the boards of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, the Mount Sinai Health System, and The Battery Conservancy, and is a member of Business Roundtable, a U.S.-based association of CEOs who use public policy to promote a thriving economy and expanded opportunities for Americans.

Bisignano is a professional and personal advocate for creating positive change in communities and has spearheaded multiple causes, including the Fiserv Back2Business program, a \$50 million commitment to support minority-owned small businesses.

He and his family are also personal supporters of the military and veteran community, including the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, the September 11 Memorial and Museum, and the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum.

Bisignano attended Baker University through 1979, studying business administration. At Baker, he was an active bowling team member, competing at the national level and receiving multiple accolades, including NAIA All-American.

Bisignano holds honorary doctorate degrees from Howard University, the New York Institute of Technology, St. Thomas Aquinas College, and Syracuse University.

THE UNIVERSITY

In the mid-1850s, a group of Methodist ministers sought refuge from the brutality of a territory torn by economic and social disagreement. It was decided that such a retreat could only be found in the presence of education. A sanctuary of culture and civility was planned, but it was not until the Palmyra Association made a considerable donation of land that Baldwin City was selected as the location for Kansas' first university. Named for Osmon C. Baker, the first American bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Baker University was granted a charter by the territorial legislature on February 12, 1858.

Throughout its history, the university has produced educated contributors to all fields. Baker boasts four Rhodes Scholars, a Pulitzer Prize winner, and countless others who have made a lasting impact as explorers, clergymen, politicians, writers, and academics.

In the 166 years since its inception, Baker has evolved from a small university and preparatory school to a comprehensive university with four schools and degrees ranging from associate to doctorate. From the first graduating class of three in 1866, Baker now serves students across campuses in Kansas and online around the world. The College of Arts and Sciences offers undergraduate degrees in more than 30 areas of study on the Baldwin City campus. The School of Professional and Graduate Studies serves working adults with numerous online programs. At the School of Nursing, Baker partners with Stormont Vail Health in Topeka to offer bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. The School of Education offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in Baldwin City and online.

CLASS ORGANIZATIONS

Baker University's Class of 1891 began the tradition of naming itself and bequeathing its title to the incoming freshman class. Thus, each organization's name and traditions are passed on through generations. During any given year, four organizations are represented among the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes: Columbian Commonwealth, Senatus Romanus, King Arthur's Court, and House of Hanover. The class of 2023 is part of House of Hanover, and the class of 2024 is part of Columbian Commonwealth. When the class of 2028 enters Baker in the fall, it will assume the traditions of Columbian Commonwealth.

DESIGNATION OF SCHOLASTIC HONORS

These designations are applicable to baccalaureate degrees:

Summa Cum Laude – With Highest Honors

Magna Cum Laude – With High Honors

Cum Laude – With Honors

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry and dress of the academic procession have been inherited from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries where academic life began, first in the Church, then in the guilds. Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood.



The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. Sleeves of the master's degree gown are long and closed with a slit at the wrist. Doctoral gowns have full bell sleeves with three velvet chevrons across them and are faced with velvet. University presidents usually wear academic regalia that represents the school.

The colors of the hood generally represent the school and discipline. Traditional colors associated with disciplines are Maize, Agriculture; White, Arts, Letters, and Humanities; Drab, Accounting and Business; Copper, Economics; Light Blue, Education; Orange, Engineering; Brown, Fine Arts; Russet, Forestry; Crimson, Journalism; Purple, Law; Lemon, Library Science; Green, Medicine; Pink, Music; Apricot, Nursing; Silver Gray, Speech; Dark Blue, Philosophy; Sage Green, Physical Education; Golden Yellow, Science; Citron, Social Work; Scarlet, Theology.

THE UNIVERSITY SYMBOLS

In 166 years, Baker has developed many rich traditions. Along with these traditions came a series of symbols holding special meaning to the university and its rituals.

The Presidential Medallion was first worn on April 22, 1967, by Baker President James E. Doty for his inauguration. A gift from Doty's alma mater, Mount Union College in Ohio, the sterling silver and gold medallion is worn by university presidents during ceremonial events, such as commencement and convocation, to signify the official authority and responsibility of the president.

The Baker University seal was added as a university symbol when the university celebrated its golden anniversary. Its Latin motto translates "Let him first be a man," adding to the display of three Greek words: mind, body, and soul. At the center is the lamp of learning on the open book of knowledge.

The Baker University mace symbolizes the power and authority of learning. Commissioned for the 1974 inauguration of Baker's 24th president, Jerald C. Walker, Walt Bailey, emeritus faculty member whose career at Baker spanned 42 years as a professor of art, created the mace from remnants of Baker's Centenary Hall and historic Parmenter Hall. Bearing the name of Baker's 29 presidents, the mace is carried in the procession of official university ceremonies by the Grand Marshal. The traditional symbol was derived from a battle instrument of the knights in the Middle Ages.

FLAGS

The flags represent the countries of origin of our graduating students and faculty. This year we have flags representing Antigua and Barbuda, Colombia, Hungary, Nigeria, and Romania.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recognizes Baker University alumni who have made exceptional contributions in their professional fields and their communities since graduating. They have demonstrated remarkable leadership skills and serve as role models for current and future alumni. Their unwavering commitment to Baker University is evident in their continued support of and involvement with the university.



KOPKE AWARD

The Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching recognizes annually a Baker faculty member who has a record of excellence in teaching and in transforming students into scholars, who brings honor to the university, and who exhibits good moral character.

JABARA LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Jabara Leadership Award recognizes one graduating male and one graduating female student who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, departmental involvement, and career potential while completing their degree at Baker.

THE ALMA MATER

TO THE ORANGE

by Warren Shepard, arr. by Roger Kugler

Andante

To dear old Ba-ker un - to thee our grate - ful song we sing. In
6 tri - umph sound through out the land loud let thy prais - es ring. Our Al - ma Ma - ter
11 will _____ reign a - cross the vast fair Kan - sas plain. Hearts
14 to the Orange for e - ver true. We're child - ren of old Ba - ker U

THE PROGRAM

This program lists degree recipients together with candidates who plan to complete requirements in the near future. It is not an official list of graduates.

Exit procedure: In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and move to the exits in an orderly fashion. There are two gates that exit on the northeast side of the grandstand and two gates that exit to the west. Please move quietly and quickly to the nearest exit. In the event of lightning, please exit the stadium and return to your vehicle. We will communicate with graduates when it is safe to return to your seats or if the ceremony will be postponed.

Thank you.

Order of the Ceremonies

PRESIDENT LYNNE E. MURRAY
PRESIDING

*Processional Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums

*Invocation The Reverend Kevin Hopkins
University Minister

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Lynne Murray
29th President
Baker University

Remarks Mason Mecke, Class of 2024
Senior Class President

Commencement Address Mr. Frank Bisignano
Chairman, President, and CEO of Fiserv, Inc.
Class of 1979

Authorization to Confer Degrees and
Bestow University Honors and Recognition Ms. Brenda Tuller Stasiulis
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Class of 1988

Presentation of University Recognition. President Murray

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award President Murray

Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke
Award for Distinguished Teaching. President Murray

2024 Outstanding Senior Awards. Dr. Cassy Bailey
Vice President of Student Affairs
and Enrollment Management and Dean of Students

Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Awards Dr. Judy Smrha
Professor and Chair
of Business and Economics

Presentation of Candidates. Dr. Darcy Russell
Vice President of Academic Affairs
and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of Degrees President Murray

Presentation of Degrees Dr. Russell

College of Arts and Sciences
and School of Education
Undergraduate Candidates. Dr. Russell

Recognition of Candidates
for Teacher Licensure. Dr. Matthew R. Bice
Dean of Graduate and Online Education

School of Nursing Candidates Dr. Libby Rosen
Dean of the School of Nursing

Assisted by Ms. Ramie Nation
University Registrar

President's Charge President Murray

*The Alma Mater Led by Nguyen Nicholson
Junior, Music Education

To *The Orange* by Warren Shepard
arr. by Roger Kugler
Lyrics are available on page 4.

*Benediction The Reverend Hopkins

**Recessional Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums

*All who are able will stand.

**Audience members please remain standing until the recessional is completed.

The University Marshals are Dr. Sara Crump – Head Marshal,
Dr. Tony Brown, Professor John Richards, and Professor Amanda Schuster.

College of Arts and Sciences
and
School of Education

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

**BACHELOR
OF ARTS**

SIDNEY D. ALAIMO
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
STUDIO ART, SPANISH,
PSYCHOLOGY

AALIYAH E. BUENO
PSYCHOLOGY

IAN J. CARROLL
CUM LAUDE
HISTORY

BRAYDON TODD CONAWAY *
HISTORY, SECONDARY EDUCATION

HOLLY DRURY
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
HEALTH HUMANITIES

COLBIE DAKENZIE FAIRLEY
MASS MEDIA

DELANEY ELIZABETH FRANKLIN
CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

HUNTER STEVEN FRENCH
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

ERNESTO SEBASTIAN HERNANDEZ
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

KYLIE HERNANDEZ
PSYCHOLOGY

CAITLIN LUCAS
HISTORY

ASHLEY MATTHEWS *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
ENGLISH, SECONDARY EDUCATION

HAILEE JOAN MCCORMICK
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES, HISTORY

JOHN PATRICK MERCHANT
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

SOPHIA KAY PURCELL
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

NINA REBECCA TIMMEN
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

KAITLYN WHIPKEY
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
STUDIO ART

ANNABELLA JADE WILES *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

SHAYLA MICHELLE GARCIA *
MUSIC EDUCATION

ELIZABETH BROWN
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BIOCHEMISTRY

JAYDEN R. BROWN
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

JAYSON BROWN
BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BROOKE ELAINE ALLEN
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

YASMINE DALILA BUENO
PUBLIC HEALTH

MASYN MICHELLE BURNSIDES
CUM LAUDE
HUMAN BIOLOGY

WYATT T. ALLEN
CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS

ROMAN D. BUSHEK
CUM LAUDE
MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER
SCIENCE

JORDAN M. BARTH
HUMAN BIOLOGY

SHELBY LA'NET BUTTS
EXERCISE SCIENCE

BLAISE E. BALL
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS

JACOB RICHARD CAMPBELL
COMMUNICATION STUDIES

BETH MARIE BAUM +
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BIOCHEMISTRY, SPANISH

EMMA NICOLE CUNNINGHAM
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

ALEX MICHAEL BERG
CUM LAUDE
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

SYDNEY R. DELFELDER
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
MATHEMATICS

CHASE WILLIAM BLOODGOOD
EXERCISE SCIENCE

BAILEY DEVORE *
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

SAVANNAH MEGAN BRAY
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PUBLIC HEALTH

ARON CAMERON DOMINICK
ACCOUNTING

* CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER LICENSURE

+ HONORS SCHOLARS



TREY DONOVAN
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
MASS MEDIA

PRESTON RANDALL DRAKE
BUSINESS

TANNER K. ECKERLE
PUBLIC HEALTH

EMMA ELDER
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PUBLIC HEALTH

KARLA ENGLISH
BUSINESS

COLE FISCHMAN
BUSINESS

TUCKER JOHN FLORY
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

MIKAYLA FORDE
CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

CAMBRIE RYAN FRAME
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

MONICA LANE FUNK *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY EDUCATION,
BIOLOGY

JAMIE LEE BOHON *
CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY HISTORY EDUCATION

TRINITY MARIE GILBERT
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS

NIGIL RASHAAN GRAVES
BUSINESS

JESSICA ANN GUSLAND *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY MATHEMATICS
EDUCATION

ABIGAIL MAXINE HALSTEAD
INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR IN
APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES AND
BUSINESS

OLIVIA R. HARMS
PSYCHOLOGY

CHRIS HARRIMAN
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BIOLOGY

HAILEYANN RENEE HATFIELD
HUMAN BIOLOGY

KATHERINE N. HEATH
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

TRYSTEN DEE HECK
RECREATION

MARY GRACE HESS
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

JONATHAN JENKINS
CUM LAUDE
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

KYLIE NICOLE JENKINS +
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

BRENNAN D. JOHNSON
CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS



RYAN CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

KYRA ELENA LARSON
SOCIOLOGY

EMMA JEANNE JONES *
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

KASSIDY L. LEISZLER
BIOLOGY

KOREY M. JONES
BUSINESS

THOMAS JOHN LIBEER
BUSINESS

ROCKY JUAREZ
BUSINESS

FABIAN YADID MARTINEZ
CAMARGO
COMPUTER SCIENCE

GYORGY KAMARAS
BUSINESS

ARLEASIA ASHLAND GRACIE
McGEE
INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

MALACHI KARIBO
BUSINESS

CAMDEN DAVID KARLIN
CUM LAUDE
ACCOUNTING

GABRIEL McKEOWN
CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS

JAKE PATRICK KAUFMAN
SECONDARY BUSINESS EDUCATION

LAUREN McKINNEY
HUMAN BIOLOGY

ANTHONY S. KENNEDY
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

CIARRA McWILLIAMS
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

ZAIN MICHAEL KHAN +
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

MASON METZ MECKE
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BIOLOGY

DALLAS JOSEPH KOELZER
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

ABIGAIL ROSE MIDDLETON
CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

AUBREE KOREN
BIOLOGY

KINSEY DAWN MILLER
SOCIOLOGY

JACOB HOLDEN KOSANKE
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
CHEMISTRY

* CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER LICENSURE

+ HONORS SCHOLARS



ASHANTI I. MINNENHALL
PSYCHOLOGY

ASHLEY FAITH PAULICK
BIOCHEMISTRY

ANNIKA T. MUNCH *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR IN
SECONDARY EDUCATION AND
HISTORY

RILEY MARIE PHILLIPS
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

KATIE ANNE MURRAY
BUSINESS

BRODIE POLLOCK
CUM LAUDE
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
HEALTH

MICHAEL ALEXANDER MYERS
BUSINESS

CADEN R. POGUE
BUSINESS

JALEN NASH
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

**TAYLOR THEDA EILENE
POINDEXTER**
CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

CATHERINE COOPER NEARMYER
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PUBLIC HEALTH

CELBI RICHARDSON
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS

ZACHARY NEHER
PSYCHOLOGY

LILYAN BRYONNA RODRIGUEZ
PUBLIC HEALTH

CALEB JAMES NELSON
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

EVELYN LEE ROESNER
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

KYLE NEWMAN
MASS MEDIA

TAYLOR MALIA NICHOLSON
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
MASS MEDIA

ANTONIO SALAS
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

GRACYN R. NUTSCH
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

KATRINA JOY SARGENT
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
PSYCHOLOGY

JESSICA L. OLSON *
CUM LAUDE
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

AMARI SEWER
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

CRISTIAN ENRIQUE PARADA
EXERCISE SCIENCE

PEYTON SPARKS
BUSINESS



KENDALL BLISS STALEY
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

MARTHA GUADALUPE VIZCARRA
BIOCHEMISTRY

HANNAH RAIN STAPLETON
EXERCISE SCIENCE

JOSHUA WEGHORST
ECONOMICS

JACKSON L. STOPPEL
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS,
PHYSICS

BRADEN WIGGS *
CUM LAUDE
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
HEALTH

JAKOB C. STOVALL
BUSINESS

ASHLEY WILSON
CUM LAUDE
BIOCHEMISTRY

BENJAMIN STUBBLEFIELD
CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY EDUCATION,
MATHEMATICS

AUNNA R. WOLFE
MASS MEDIA

GRANT A. THOMPSON
CUM LAUDE
EXERCISE SCIENCE

ALEX WRIGHT
COMPUTER SCIENCE

MIA VITALY TOVKACH
SOCIOLOGY

ELIJAH WESLEY YOUNG
BUSINESS

JAELYN TWO HEARTS
BUSINESS

BRAYDEN LEE VAWTER
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BUSINESS

AMANDA VEGA *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY EDUCATION

AMBER VEGA *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
SECONDARY EDUCATION

* CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER LICENSURE

+ HONORS SCHOLARS



School of Nursing

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

MARIO EDUARDO ANDRADE
GUTIERREZ

ALISON ELAINE ENZBRENNER *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

KEIGHLEE MARIE ARMSTRONG *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

KAYLA MARIE FARMER

CASEY LYNN BARKER *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

AUDREY NICOLE FLOWERS *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

IZABELLA EPIFANIA BASKA

MAYA L. FREEMAN *
CUM LAUDE

MIKAH ARLENE BEAVERS

MIKAELA MAE GOSE *

SOPHIA MADYLIN BILLINGS *
CUM LAUDE

CARLY ANN GUSTIN *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

NICOLETTE MARIE BOEHMER

DARIAN MARIE HARBAUGH

MICHAELA HOPE BOWERS

FAITH EMILY HAUSSLER *

JANE FRANCES MARIE BROWN

ERICA RENEE HAYES

TAYLOR KATHERINE BRUNTON *

ELAINA N. HENSLEY *

SAMANTHA RAYE CAROLAN *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CHLOE MARIE HOFFMAN *

MARISSA A. CLYNES

T'KHARA JONES

JASON SCOTT COFFMAN

RACHEL ANNE KERR

JANE M. COLT *

AUGUST LEIGH KOERPERICH

MADISON RANÉ DUDLEY *

ABIGAIL A. LANGE

QUINTON LEBAR

KALIA CHRYSTAL LOR

HUNTER LAUREN LOWDERMILK

PEYTON JO LUTTJOHANN

LINH UYEN LY

GRANT MAY *

LEANNA GRACE McDONALD

CHRISANN ASHMORE MEIER *
CUM LAUDE

JENNIFER CHRISTINE MOORE

MONIA HOPE MOUKADAM *
CUM LAUDE

CHARITY W. NDUNGU *

AINSLEY MADISON NORDHUS *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

CLARIBEL OBREGON FRENCH

AUSTYN MARIE OWENSON

KALLIYAN PHY

ALEXANDER MICHAEL ROTERT

PEYTON E. SANNAN *
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

KAITLYN SAUNDERS *
CUM LAUDE

JULIE ALANYS SCHWINDT

ASHLYN NICOLE SHIELDS *

GRACE SHOEMAKER *
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

ALEXANDRIA L. SIMMONS *

TAYLOR ELIZABETH SNYDER *

AUBRIE ELISE SUTTON

SYDNEY MICHELLE WILLIAMS

YURISA ZEPEDA

* SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL





1858

BAKER
UNIVERSITY