

The Sixty-Eighth

Graduation Activities
Of
Northwest College

Baccalaureate

Friday, the Seventh of May
Two Thousand Four
At Seven O'clock in the Evening
In Butterfield Chapel

Commencement

Saturday, the Eighth of May
Two Thousand Four
At Ten O'clock in the Morning
At Overlake Christian Church

Baccalaureate

Prelude Music

Mrs. Diane Lemcio, organ

Processional*

Trumpet Voluntaire
-Jeremiah Clarke

Invocation*

Mr. Raymond Orien
Class of 2004

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Don Argue
President

Congregational Worship*

Mr. Brent Jamieson, Ms. Shaya Lindseth,
Ms. Arlene Madrid, Ms. Jamie Bonife
Class of 2004
and Northwest Choralons

We Cry Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

High and Exalted

The Scripture Reading*

Ms. Arlene Madrid
Class of 2004

Student Address

Mr. Wesley Dunn
Class of 2004

Alumnus of the Year Award

Mrs. Mercy Novak
Assistant Director for Alumni Services

Mr. John Fox
Alumni Association President

Special Music

Northwest Choralons

Directed by Rev. Brenda Rasmussen
Instructor of Music

Because of Who You Are

– Martha Munizi
Mr. Woodrow Vaovasa, soloist

Breathe On Me

– Natalie Grant
Ms. Jana Detrick, soloist

Baccalaureate Address

Rev. Les Welk
Chairman, Board of Directors, Northwest College
Superintendent, Northwest Ministry Network
of the Assemblies of God

Communion Service

Dr. Don Argue
President

Benediction*

Rev. Robert Stone
Director, Teen Challenge
Graham, Washington
Parent of 2004 Graduate

Doxology*

– Ken
Led by Ms. Arlene Madrid
Class of 2004

Recessional*

March
– Felix Mendelssohn

Postlude*

Mrs. Diane Lemcio, organ

Reception

You are cordially invited
to the reception following Baccalaureate
for graduates, families, friends, faculty, and alumni
held in the Northwest College Dining Hall.

Commencement

Prelude Music

Northwest College Wind Ensemble

Directed by Rev. Ken Prettyman
Associate Professor of Music

Processional*

Pomp and Circumstance

– Elgar
Directed by Rev. Ken Prettyman
Associate Professor of Music

Invocation*

Mrs. Mary Brandenburg
Master of Arts Candidate

Congregational Hymns*

Concert Choir
Led by Rev. William Owen
Chair, Music Department

Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah

– William Williams & John Hughes

Verse One

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more!
Feed me till I want no more.

Verse Two

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield!
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Verse Three

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee!
I will ever give to Thee!

God of Glory

– Bryan Jeffery Leech & Fred Bock

Verse One (sung by choir)

God of glory, may the splendor of Your presence fill this place.
May a look of expectation now be seen on every face.
As we sing our songs before You, may our hearts be filled with awe,
May Your holiness astound us as we worship and adore.
God of glory may the splendor of Your presence fill this place.

Verse Two (sung by choir)

God of glory, may Your power influence us all.
May the walls of opposition in an instant crack and fall.
May the fires of renewal kindle from a tiny spark.
May we be like countless candles in a world so often dark.
God of glory, may the power of Your presence fill this place.

Verse Three (sung by choir)

God of glory, may Your vision for the future fire each heart.
Show us where our gifts are needed, and where each must play a part.
In a world both sore and needy, may we be Your healing hand.
May our richness add a flavor to a world decayed and bland.
God of glory, may the vision of Your presence fill this place.

Verse Four (Congregation – to the tune of *Holy, Holy, Holy*)*

Father, Son and Spirit, may we each inherit
All the grace and love and power and joy You want to give.
Father, Son and Spirit, solely through Christ's merit
Give us Your life that we may truly live!

O God of glory, may Your vision, may Your power,
may Your splendor fill this place!

The Scripture Reading*

Mr. Michael Purcell
Class of 2004

Student Address

Ms. Christina Reasner
Class of 2004

*Congregation, please stand

Presentation of Special Honors

Dr. Don Argue
President

Dr. Marshall E. Flowers, Jr.
Senior Vice President
Academic Affairs

Special Music

Concert Choir

Directed by Rev. William Owen
Chair, Music Department

Accompanied by Mrs. Mizue Fells, piano
Assistant Professor of Music

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

– Moses Hogan

John the Revelator

– Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Commencement Address

Chancellor Wayne E. Kraiss, D.D.

Dr. Wayne E. Kraiss served as the president of Vanguard University of Southern California from 1975 - 2000. His retirement in 2000 completed the longest tenure of any of the six presidents who served the institution during its 80-year history.

Under his leadership, enrollment more than doubled, the annual budget experienced a 10-fold increase, the number of majors doubled, three graduate programs and an adult degree completion program were added, and the annual contribution income rose from \$35,000 to over \$1.3 million. Dr. Kraiss was at the helm when the institution made its transition from a college (Southern California College) to a university in 1999.

Throughout his presidency, students consistently voted him as their favorite Chapel speaker. Students cite his intelligence, his humility, his penchant for bringing relevant, timely, and concise messages, and his obvious love and concern for their spiritual growth as reasons for his popularity in the Chapel pulpit. He has served the community of Vanguard University, and numerous other communities to the best of his ability, with integrity, sensitivity, dedication, humor, and enthusiasm. The university, having the benefit of his considerable efforts, forever bears the imprint of Wayne Kraiss.

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Don Argue, President

Dr. Marshall E. Flowers, Jr., Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Darrell Hobson, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. E. Arthur Self, Dean of School of Business

Dr. Gary Newbill, Dean of School of Education

Dr. Warren Bullock, Dean of School of Ministry

Dr. Carl Christensen, Dean of School of Nursing

Dr. William Herkelrath, Dean of Graduate School of Psychology

Alma Mater*

Let Light Shine Out

– Williams & Saari

Verse One

Let light shine out from the great Northwest; Go tell the Savior's grace;
From college halls to lands afar, Bring hope to every race.

Refrain

Lord, bless Thy work at N.C.; We turn our hearts to Thee;
Oh, thrust us out and lead us on, To promised victory!

Verse Two

God's Word approved in the lives of those, Who've trained at N.C.;
Thy Spirit sought for pow'r and truth, 'Til all His glory see.

Benediction*

Mrs. Susan Ross
Parent of Graduate

Recessional*

Fanfare

– Nicolas Jacques Lemmens
Mrs. Diane Lemcio, organ

*Congregation, please stand

Jonathan David King	Magna Cum Laude	Missoula, MT
Matthew John Long	Cum Laude	Moxee, WA
Nellena Grace Nelson	Summa Cum Laude	Kamiah, ID
William Levi Rautio		Harrisburg, OR
Tara V. Smith	Cum Laude	Kirkland, WA
Claire Danielle Sumi	Magna Cum Laude	Seattle, WA

Environmental Science

Melonie Ann Denny		Port Orchard, WA
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History

Nathan John Pracht		Providence, RI
Kassania C. Shaw		Colorado Springs, CO

Interdisciplinary Studies

Jordan Ashley Fast		Graham, WA
Luke Grunberg		Gig Harbor, WA
Zachary D. Hofstad		Kirkland, WA

Music

Deanna René Ballew		Grants Pass, OR
Shaya T. Lindseth	Cum Laude	Vancouver, WA
Nick Peterson		Ellendale, ND
Theresa M. Rutherford		Helena, MT
Timothy David Williams		Cashmere, WA
Jamie Bonife		Vancouver, WA

Music Ministry

Amy Joanne Oliver		Almira, WA
Arlene R. Madrid	Summa Cum Laude	Phillippines
David Jonathan Woll	Magna Cum Laude	Lake Stevens, WA

Music Education

Chabree Nichole Cassano		Monroe, WA
Denise M. Jordan	Cum Laude	Coulee City, WA
Ruth Elizabeth King	Magna Cum Laude	Bremerton, WA

Contemporary Music Industry

Melynda Maé Marshall		Salt Lake City, UT
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Political Science and History

Justin James Pike	Magna Cum Laude	Dallas, OR
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Psychology

Jaime A. Alfaro		Havre, MT
Kathryne Lynne Bailey		Chandler, AZ
Amanda C. Beyer	Magna Cum Laude	Baxter Springs, KS
Justin Kenneth Chu		San Francisco, CA
Marcus Paul Curd	Cum Laude	Dallas, TX
Tami Lynn Denny	Magna Cum Laude	Port Orchard, WA
Christina Diane Erickson	Cum Laude	Prosser, WA
Tyson Jeremiah Hall	Cum Laude	Palmer, AK
Kelsey Brookes Hawk	Cum Laude	Pasco, WA
Candice Hawks	Summa Cum Laude	Cleveland, OH
Christa Hinze		Yakima, WA
Kelly Marie Hopkins		Santa Rosa, CA
Tiffany Michelle Justice		Doty, WA
Danyel Noel Longmire		Rio Rancho, NM
Emily Christine McCarty	Cum Laude	Puyallup, WA
Andrea J. Montaney		Renton, WA
Joy Elizabeth Paulson		Graham, WA
Katherine Elizabeth Paulus		Renton, WA
Katharina R. Rairdan	Cum Laude	Bellevue, WA
Elisa Michelle Reimer	Cum Laude	Lakewood, CO
Ruth A. Salins		Puyallup, WA

Religion and Philosophy

Brant A. Bosserman	Summa Cum Laude	Lake Stevens, WA
April Christeen Cardinal		Zion, IL
Justin R. Gray		Canby, OR
Michael James Inman		Port Orchard, WA
Mark Daniel Rodli		Missoula, MT
Amanda Marie Yackley		Portland, OR

School of Business

Business Management and Administration

Ankamah Amo	Nagoya City, Japan
Cheryl A. Booth	Cum Laude
Cheryl A. Booth	Othello, WA
Ryan M. Brewer	Spokane, WA
Gary Michael Newell Burns	Belfair, WA
Jesse T. Crock	Issaquah, WA
Michael J. Fenton	Seattle, WA
Nathan J. Henderson	Gig Harbor, WA
Ryan Charles Kidwell	Taichung, Taiwan
Katriina Elaine Kimmitt	Battle Ground, WA
Andrew Seth LaMance	Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Seth LaMance	Forks, WA
Nguyen Mai Long.....	Magna Cum Laude
Nguyen Mai Long.....	Hanoi, Vietnam
Rutsuko Noda	Nagoya, Japan
Aaron Michael O'Harra	Weiser, ID
Jason Michael Olson	Summa Cum Laude
Jason Michael Olson	Burlington, WA
Phil R. Olson	Lakewood, WA
Christina Thuy Rider	Hillsboro, OR
Trudy Choi Savage	Rainier, WA
Christopher Michael Troll	Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Michael Troll	Lake Stevens, WA

Organizational Management

Corey D. Adams	Maple Valley, WA
Daniel Anyimah	
Jeri Lee Apker	Snohomish, WA
Jonathan Dale Appleton	Summa Cum Laude
Jonathan Dale Appleton	Bothell, WA
Noelene Asahara	Bothell, WA
Gerald Dwayne Ballard.....	Beaver, WA
Clayton L. Barnes	Cum Laude
Clayton L. Barnes	Seattle, WA
Bernadette M. Boutte	Summa Cum Laude
Bernadette M. Boutte	Tacoma, WA
Isabel Brittle	Magna Cum Laude.....
Isabel Brittle	Bothell, WA
Don V. Bucher	Magna Cum Laude
Don V. Bucher	Thermopolis, WY
Rodrigo Andrés Bustamante	Bothell, WA
Darius Creager	Snohomish, WA
Jason C. Dunbar	Magna Cum Laude
Jason C. Dunbar	Everett, WA
Frederic Robert Ehrlich Jr.	Magna Cum Laude.....
Frederic Robert Ehrlich Jr.	Renton, WA
Leslie L. Forbes.....	Magna Cum Laude
Leslie L. Forbes.....	Silverdale, WA
Marion Angela Friedrich	Magna Cum Laude.....
Marion Angela Friedrich	Redmond, WA
Teresa E. Green	Tacoma, WA
Erik Thomas Greene	Monroe, WA

J. William Gregg	Summa Cum Laude
J. William Gregg	Kirkland, WA
Brenda Sue Hall	Magna Cum Laude.....
Brenda Sue Hall	Renton, WA
Jill Renae Hallgren	Summa Cum Laude
Jill Renae Hallgren	Seattle, WA
Natalie A. Hilliard	Lake Stevens, WA
Stephen K. Hilliard	Kennewick, WA
Jeffrey G. Howerton	Cum Laude
Jeffrey G. Howerton	Redmond, WA
Katherine J. Hughes	Magna Cum Laude
Katherine J. Hughes	Madison, WI
Trudy A. Huskey.....	Magna Cum Laude
Trudy A. Huskey.....	Port Orchard, WA
Erik E. Johnson	Cum Laude
Erik E. Johnson	Poulsbo, WA
Charles Jones	Lakewood, WA
Michael W. Jordan	Magna Cum Laude.....
Michael W. Jordan	Camano Island, WA
Christine D. Kaatz	Summa Cum Laude
Christine D. Kaatz	Woodinville, WA
Harold M. Kern	Summa Cum Laude
Harold M. Kern	Issaquah, WA
Brian C. Klein	Cum Laude
Brian C. Klein	Tacoma, WA
Rebekah Jane Lukers	Lacey, WA
Jennifer Jo MacArthur.....	Cum Laude
Jennifer Jo MacArthur.....	Lakewood, WA
Sandra L. Manchester	Cum Laude
Sandra L. Manchester	Tacoma, WA
Jeremy Joseph Martin.....	Centralia, WA
Kathleen L. Millard	Magna Cum Laude.....
Kathleen L. Millard	Snohomish, WA
Lawrence E. Moten, Jr.	San Antonio, TX
Linda Jean Norton	Magna Cum Laude.....
Linda Jean Norton	Olympia, WA
Wendy Nungesser	Magna Cum Laude.....
Wendy Nungesser	Kirkland, WA
Raymond Cha Orien.....	Magna Cum Laude.....
Raymond Cha Orien.....	Bothell, WA
Brent W. Pitts	Puyallup, WA
Brent Scott Polly.....	Cum Laude
Brent Scott Polly.....	Tacoma, WA
Tammy E. Reasor	Magna Cum Laude.....
Tammy E. Reasor	Puyallup, WA
Gregory A. Reich	Summa Cum Laude
Gregory A. Reich	Puyallup, WA
Angelita Reyes	San Diego, CA
Barbara J. Rhodes	Redmond, WA
Dawn Renée Rhodes	Seattle, WA
Eric E. F. Roetcisoender	Marysville, WA
Monica P. Schuster	Magna Cum Laude.....
Monica P. Schuster	Kirkland, WA
Debra A. Short	Cum Laude
Debra A. Short	Puyallup, WA
Jeannette Lynn Sieler	Magna Cum Laude
Jeannette Lynn Sieler	Tacoma, WA
Robert G. Sinclair	Magna Cum Laude.....
Robert G. Sinclair	Puyallup, WA
Shelby DuWayne Slater	Cum Laude
Shelby DuWayne Slater	Redmond, WA
Ruby Joyce Staggs.....	Magna Cum Laude.....
Ruby Joyce Staggs.....	Bothell, WA
Bonnie Stonebraker.....	Summa Cum Laude
Bonnie Stonebraker.....	Bellevue, WA
Janice F. Summers.....	Summa Cum Laude
Janice F. Summers.....	Carnation, WA
Ruth Summers	Magna Cum Laude
Ruth Summers	Port Orchard, WA
Ian Richard Swindells	Magna Cum Laude
Ian Richard Swindells	Seattle, WA

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 David W. Wallace, Jr.....Cum LaudeRenton, WA
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School of Education

Elementary Education

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Secondary Education – Biology

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Secondary Education – English

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Secondary Education – Health and Fitness

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Secondary Education – History

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Secondary Education – Social Studies

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School of Ministry

Biblical Literature

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General Ministries

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Intercultural Studies

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Pastoral Ministries

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Youth Ministries

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School of Nursing

Nursing

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Lori Lynn SextonTucson, AZ

Cindi Leigh Smith.....Cashmere, WA

Megan Marie UlreyEmporia, KS

Christine J. ZylstraRedmond, WA

Master of Arts Degrees

School of Graduate Psychology

Counseling Psychology

Constance Myst Barcus	Redmond, WA
Michelle Renéé Bearce	Covington, WA
Mary West Brandenburg	Kirkland, WA
Vera P. Dragonchuk	Federal Way, WA
Julia Catherine Getsch	Maple Grove, MN
Deborah Louise Gietz	Kent, WA
Sonya L. Gray	Everett, WA
Fabrienne N. Hart	Las Vegas, NV
Stacey Ann Porter	Bellingham, WA
Joyce Rockwell	Kirkland, WA
David T. Salmons	Racine, OH
Christina Siemons	Kirkland, WA
Sims Mei	Shanghai, China
Angela Swanson	Kent, WA
Vickie Tse	Los Angeles, CA
Jan Tweedt	Seattle, WA
Brian Wesley Wood	Renton, WA

The Pageantry of Academic Regalia

The traditional academic attire originated in the middle ages. It began as the regular garb of scholars, whether cleric or lay. In the unheated buildings and lecture halls of the day, the robes, hoods and caps were very practical wear.

The GOWN, whether it developed from clerical or civilian dress, was useful outerwear. In addition, it provided a uniform dress that served to equalize class and wealth distinctions in the community of scholars.

Today, in the United States, the gown is customarily black, though it may be one of the colors of the school (especially of universities following a European model). The wearing of the gown open or closed, the sleeve style, and added trim serve to distinguish the degree levels of the wearers. Bachelor gowns are very simple and are worn closed, while masters' gowns are frequently worn open at the front, sometimes with the arms exposed below the elbows. The doctoral gown commonly has trim down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves, in black or in the color of the degree field. The sleeve is bell shaped, close-fitting at the wrist.

The HOOD originated as a practical head covering. In modern times it is strictly decorative and ceremonial. The hood is commonly worn by those holding master's or doctoral degrees and differs in length according to the degree (three and one-half feet, and four feet). The hoods are lined with the colors of the conferring institution, and trimmed with an edging (of three inches or five inches width) in the color of the degree field. The act of "hooding" is part of the traditional ceremony of conferral of advanced degrees.

The "Oxford" CAP or MORTARBOARD possibly developed as a ceremonial combination of a close fitting indoor cap and a soft square-topped academic cap for outdoor wear. (Some schools use a type of beret or tam for doctoral degrees.) The cap is topped by a button holding a tassel which may be black or the color of the degree field (gold for a doctoral degree in some schools).

The TASSEL is customarily worn on the left by degree holders, thus the bachelor's degree candidates wear the tassel on the right until the symbolic "moving of the tassel" at a climactic point in the graduation ceremony.

The faculty of Northwest College hold degrees in a variety of fields identifiable from the following commonly used color scheme:

Business	Drab	Music	Pink
Economics	Copper	Nursing	Salmon
Education	Light Blue	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Fine Arts	Brown	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Humanities	White	Physical Education	Sage Green
Journalism	Crimson	Science	Golden Yellow
Law	Purple	Social Work	Citron
Library Science	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine	Green		

The College MACE is the symbol of authority of the faculty and is carried in the Commencement Processional by the official representative of the faculty, the Faculty Marshal.

The central emblem of the mace is the SEAL, which embodies the history, character and purpose of the College. The College Seal, pictured on the back cover of the Graduation Program, contains nine elements: the legal name of the institution; its year of founding; the shield of faith; the centrality of the cross; the lamp of learning; the open Bible; and the small cross and crown denoting the temporal and eternal aspects of the Christian life; and underlying the crest is a ribbon in which are inscribed the first words of the Northwest College Alma Mater, "Let Light Shine Out."

