



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON COMMENCEMENT

# ENGLISH FOLKLORE AND PUBLIC CULTURE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT  
FOLKLORE AND PUBLIC CULTURE PROGRAM

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 · 4:00 P.M.

EMU BALLROOM

Prelude

**Quartetto Capriccio**

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

**Mark Whalan**

Robert and Eve Horn Professor of English  
English Department Head

Commencement Address

**Elizabeth Wheeler**

Professor of English

Presentation of Doctoral and Master's Candidates

**Stacy Alaimo**

Director of Graduate Studies

Recognition of Awards

**Corbett Upton**

Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies

Valedictorian Address

**Alana Cole**

**Sophia Freeman**

Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates

**Stephanie Clark**

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Presentation of Folklore Master's  
and Baccalaureate Candidates

**Gordon Sayre**

Director of Folklore

Closing Remarks

**Mark Whalan**

Postlude

**Quartetto Capriccio**

Adjournment and Reception

Faculty in Attendance

**Elizabeth Bohls**

**Kirby Brown**

**Mattie Burkert**

**José Cortez**

**Rachel Eccleston**

**Addison Koneval**

**Tres Pyle**

**Ben Saunders**

**Elizabeth Wheeler**

**Mary Wood**

# UNIVERSITY HONORS

## Summa Cum Laude

*Top 2 percent of the university graduating class*

Nancy Elizabeth Biegel  
Alana M. Cole  
Anika Carin Cusimano

Sophia Marilyn Freeman  
Elena Lillian Kirschner  
Aoibhinn Vasil O'Shea

## Magna Cum Laude

*Top 5 percent of the university graduating class*

Lara Akmeahmet  
Kai J DeCarli  
Maddy Marie Duquette  
Ella Simone Gordon  
Emily Ann Housley

Corrin Elizabeth Hoyer  
Emma O. Kaisner  
Kayla M. Kuo  
Kyla Marie Schmitt  
Claire Roselyn Siala

## Cum Laude

*Top 10 percent of the university graduating class*

Francisco B. Benedetto  
Malou Zoe Blom  
Hannah Kathryn Flewell  
Jordan Elizabeth Gegus  
Milan S. Geurin  
Patrick David Henslee  
Taya Jean Kendrick  
John Bjorn Knutson

Haven Sue Nasif  
Danielle Alexandra Richard  
Skyla Jade Rosario  
Charlotte Jane Stoeger  
Anna Elizabeth Tiritilli  
Sadie June Tresnit  
Madison L. Yarbrough

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

Note: Not an official degree list. Students listed are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony at the time this program was printed.

## Doctoral Candidates

Michael George Donkin  
Min Young Park

Maddie A. Pflueger

## Master’s Candidates

Adrienne Clara Bosworth  
Frida Katharina Heitland  
Shane Hoyle  
Addison Alexis Knight

Katheryne Grace Laqua  
Rebeca Rivera Silva  
Samantha Stringham

## Master’s Degree Candidates Folklore and Public Culture

Kieran AW Blokhuis  
Linnea Catherine Hill

Nat Rose Ivy  
Salma Valadez Marquez

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<sup>1</sup> summa cum laude <sup>2</sup> magna cum laude <sup>3</sup> cum laude <sup>4</sup> Phi Beta Kappa <sup>5</sup> Oregon Six <sup>6</sup> department honors

# 2025 Class Valedictorians

Alana Cole

Sophia Freeman

## Baccalaureate Candidates English

Aisha Lise Abdoul

Lara Akmeahmet <sup>2</sup>

Rachel Marianne Allen

Francisco B. Benedetto <sup>3</sup>

Isabel Antonia Benton

Nancy Elizabeth Biegel <sup>1</sup>

Malou Zoe Blom <sup>3 4 7</sup>

Ashleen Kaur Brar <sup>6</sup>

Chloe Anneliese Brindell

Elizabeth A Burket-Thoene

Ashley Kay Cadiente

Ava Renee Caporizzo

Maya Chesak

Jeffrey Robert Cleasby-Mayeda

Alana M. Cole <sup>1 4 6</sup>

Bridget Nicole Collins

Anika Carin Cusimano <sup>1</sup>

Abbigale Lou Dean

Kai J. DeCarli <sup>2</sup>

Alexis Renee DePew

Samara Nicole DePew

Kloee Dillingham

Dawson D. Duckworth

Maddy Marie Duquette <sup>2 4 6</sup>

Emily Dannette Dutton <sup>7</sup>

Hannah Rose Estrella

Katy Elisa Feist

Hannah Kathryn Flewell <sup>3 4 6</sup>

Sophia Marilyn Freeman <sup>1 4 6 7</sup>

Jordan Elizabeth Gegus <sup>3</sup>

Milan S. Geurin <sup>3</sup>

Beau Gregory Glynn

Esmeralda Gonzalez

Ella Simone Gordon <sup>2</sup>

Emilee Hannan

Pluma Lee Haarstad

Ally O. Hartney

Patrick David Henslee <sup>3</sup>

Emily Ann Hill

Dariian Layne Alissa Holloway

Emily Ann Housley <sup>2 6</sup>

Corrin Elizabeth Hoyer <sup>2 4 6</sup>

Ella O'Neil Hudson

Claire C Hultgren

Alice Helene Judge

Abbey Kadlec <sup>6 7</sup>

Emma O. Kaisner <sup>2 6 7</sup>

CeCe Cynthia Kasper

Taya Jean Kendrick <sup>3 6</sup>

Elena Lillian Kirschner <sup>1 7</sup>

John Bjorn Knutson <sup>3 7</sup>

Peri Elizabeth Krolczyk

Kayla M. Kuo <sup>2 6 7</sup>

Grant D. Kyung

Sierra Lane

Benjamin Thomas LeBlanc

Jude Rose Lee

Isaac Eugene Means

Jaiden Christine Mitchell

Hannah Josephine Mogenson

Malachi Tyler Murphy

Haven Sue Nasif <sup>3 4</sup>

Shawn Marquese Nauden

Anilah Elyse Neal

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Aoibhinn Vasil O'Shea <sup>1</sup>  
Chloe Lorraine Oshins  
Madeline Grace Peil  
Alex Nicole Pelayo  
Tomas Renato Peña Rosales <sup>7</sup>  
Lillian Frances Pitkin  
Kaelan Anne Reagan  
Danielle Alexandra Richard <sup>3 4 7</sup>  
Lucy Norma Roache  
Skyla Jade Rosario <sup>3</sup>  
Payton Maryann Rosello  
Kyla Marie Schmitt <sup>2 6</sup>  
Claire Roselyn Siala <sup>2</sup>

Ashley Kimura Simunic  
Cassidy Smith  
Tessa Emilie Stensaas  
Elizabeth Stocking  
Charlotte Jane Stoeger <sup>3 7</sup>  
Lexi Sutter  
Anna Elizabeth Tiritilli <sup>3</sup>  
Sadie June Tresnit <sup>3 4 6</sup>  
Hailey Ann Upton  
Lucia Ventura  
Dani Paige Waltman  
Alexis Allyn Woodrum  
Madison L. Yarbrough <sup>3 7</sup>

## Baccalaureate Candidates Folklore and Public Culture

Ashley-Rose Ione Bellendaine  
Abby Camila Cain Bushman  
Juno Alexandra Ellerbee

Olivia Anne Kuehl  
Keira Lisa Lin

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# UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

**John Karl Scholz**, President

**Christopher P. Long**, Provost and Senior Vice President

**Chris Poulsen**, Tykeson Dean of Arts and Sciences  
College of Arts and Sciences

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## HONORING NATIVE PEOPLES AND LANDS

The University of Oregon is located on Kalapuya Ilihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of the Kalapuya people. Following treaties between 1851 and 1855, Kalapuya people were dispossessed of their indigenous homeland by the United States government and forcibly removed to the Coast Reservation in Western Oregon. Today, descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon, and continue to make important contributions in their communities, at UO, and across the land we now refer to as Oregon.

We express our respect for all federally recognized tribal nations of Oregon. This includes the Burns Paiute Tribe; the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; the Coquille Indian Tribe; the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; and the Klamath Tribes. We also express our respect for all other displaced Indigenous peoples who call Oregon home.



