



THE FIFTY FOURTH COMMENCEMENT OF
RHODES STATE COLLEGE

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024

PROGRAM

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar
Ceremony Opening	Ms. Jill Hay <i>Macebearer, President, Rhodes State College Faculty Association</i>
Advancement of the Colors	Marine Corps League Detachment 1063
Invocation	Dr. Nanette L. Smith <i>Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness Planning</i>
National Anthem	Dr. Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw <i>Soloist</i> <i>(Please be seated)</i>
Greetings	Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers <i>President</i>
Outstanding Alumni Award	Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers Recipient, Dr. Nicholas J. Pratt, RN <i>Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – 2014</i>
Address	Ms. Tracie Sanchez <i>President, Lima Pallet Company, Inc.</i>
Candidates for Graduation	Dr. Eric L. Mason-Guffey <i>Vice President, Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers
Presentation of Diplomas	Everett "Butch" S. Kirk III <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i> Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers
Readers	Ms. Angela M. Heaton <i>Dean, Health Sciences & Public Service</i> Dr. David R. Haus <i>Dean, Technology & Liberal Studies</i> <i>(Audience remains seated until Recessional is concluded)</i>
Retirement of the Colors.....	Marine Corps League Detachment 1063
Recessional	"Trumpet Voluntary" <i>by Henry Purcell</i>

Ms. Jill Hay, Macebearer
President, Rhodes State College Faculty Association

Student Marshalls:

Mr. Jacob King, President-Elect Rhodes State College Faculty Association, Associate Professor, Humanities
Mr. Joel Harris, Coordinator and Associate Professor, Health Systems Technology and Simulations

Faculty Marshalls:

Dr. Nora Beerline, Program Coordinator and Associate Professor, Humanities
Mr. David Justin Thornton, Professor, Nursing

The program is being interpreted for the hearing impaired by Jodi Pierstorff.
The Commencement Program is being recorded.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. Nicholas J. Pratt, RN
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – 2014



Nicholas Pratt, MD, RN has represented himself as an alumnus of Rhodes State College on both the national and international level. He is one of the nation's few graduates of nursing school and medical school. He is currently a resident physician at one of the nation's top psychiatric residency training programs at Yale University. He has authored several peer-reviewed publications on important topics like the impact of artificial intelligence and social media. Additionally, he has contributed to the arts through photography and was named a three-time Featured Artist in art shows in New York City and Connecticut.

In 2014, Dr. Pratt earned his Associate of Science in Nursing degree from Rhodes State College and went on to attain two bachelor's degrees, one in Nursing from The Ohio State University, and the other in Health Science from Cleveland State University. In 2022, he earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and went on to his residency at the Yale University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry in New Haven, Connecticut.

He began his career in the medical field as a Patient Care Technician in the Cardiac Intervention Unit at Lima Memorial Health System in 2013. He moved on to Blanchard Valley Health System as a Registered Staff Nurse and, then, to the Vascular Institute as a Critical Care Nursing Intern. He returned to Lima Memorial Health System in 2015 as a Registered Nurse in Critical Care, and from there went on to medical school.

Dr. Pratt currently serves as a member of the American Psychiatric Association and Alpha Omega Alpha. At Rhodes State, he has returned to encourage and instruct students as well as serve as the featured speaker at the 2017 Scholarship Awards Reception.

"My time at Rhodes State College has tremendously impacted my personal and professional life," said Pratt. "I would characterize it as my most impactful academic experience. It provided me with real-world experience, ignited my passion for the healing arts, and kick-started my career. My journey at Rhodes enriched me with invaluable mentorship and a community that championed my ambitions. Rhodes State College provides our community with transformative impacts. I am proud to have represented Rhodes State on both the national and, now, international scale. I look forward to continuing to do so."

2024 ALUMNI CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE INDUCTEES

Mr. Richard Kortokrax, Associate of Applied Business, Business Management – 1982
Banking Community President, Huntington National Bank

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Fire Inspector, Lima Fire Department; US Army Veteran

Ms. Melissa States, Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Development – 1992
Preschool Intervention Specialist, Allen County Educational Service Center

Mr. Ezekial Wiechart, Associate of Applied Science, Respiratory Care – 2016
Program Director of Respiratory Care, Edison State Community College

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ms. Tracie Sanchez
President, Lima Pallet Company, Inc.



Tracie Sanchez has devoted her life to championing the cause of others. Born with an unwavering commitment for equity and opportunities for all members of society, she undertook a significant journey aimed at empowering women and uplifting communities.

From a young age, Ms. Sanchez demonstrated a keen sense of empathy and a strong desire to make a difference. Born in Lima, Ohio, she is a graduate of Bath High School, and attended Rhodes State College before beginning her time at Lima Pallet Company, Inc., a family-owned business started by her parents. She has spent the last 40+ years at Lima Pallet, becoming President in 1998. Shortly after, in 2008, Lima Pallet became a certified Woman Owned Business, and she has been the sole owner since 2012. Throughout her academic and professional pursuits, Ms. Sanchez continually challenged norms and shattered glass ceilings, paving the way for future generations of women.

As a true trailblazer in her profession, Ms. Sanchez has fearlessly tackled obstacles and pioneered innovative solutions. Her relentless dedication to this community has earned her recognition as a leader and inspiration to many. Ms. Sanchez is very active at the State and Local level, serving on the board of Directors for the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, in which she was appointed by Governor Kasich, Board of Directors for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), served as a delegate for the State of Ohio in 2016, 2020, and 2024, as well as various other local boards, such as the Lima Memorial Health System Board of Trustees and Finance, Audit, and Investment Committees; the Lima Chamber of Commerce Executive Board, and the Greater Lima Region Board. Ms. Sanchez also served on the Lima Rotary Board and as President of Rotary from 2017-2018.

Apart from her professional achievements, Ms. Sanchez has shown unwavering dedication to supporting those in need. Through volunteering, mentoring, and philanthropy, she has consistently exhibited her commitment to improving the community and effecting positive change.

Today, Ms. Sanchez stands before us as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Her unwavering passion, resilience, and compassion serve as a reminder of the transformative power of advocacy and engagement.

GRADUATES WITH HONORS

Honors are calculated at the end of Fall Semester 2023

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Amanda D Bils	Christine LeeAnn Ricker
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GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.70 - 3.94

Brayden William Bellman	Addison Grace Lewis
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* Degree requirements completed Summer Semester 2023

** Degree requirements completed Fall Semester 2023

+ Degree requirements will be completed after May 2024

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COMMENCEMENT

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

The academic processional which officially precludes the graduation ceremonies on college and university campuses is an old and colorful custom which links 21st century education with its early origins.

To recognize the achievements of their students, American institutions of higher learning conduct a formal ceremony to award the appropriate degrees earned at the conclusion of prescribed study. The action of taking the degree—associate, bachelor, masters, or doctors—as well as the designation of the day itself—is Commencement. It may be in May or at the end of other formal periods of study, as the faculty may designate. Various explanations of the term Commencement are possible. The most likely is that centuries ago the bachelor, originally an apprentice, began his apprenticeship upon that day; and with the degree of M.A. and Ph.D—the masters and the doctors commenced their work upon the day their degrees were conferred. So today, the student having finished the required preliminary training sets out upon the new career.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn at Commencement is of medieval origin. The scholars of Bologna, Salamanca, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, Louvain and Heidelberg dressed in a manner to distinguish themselves from the merchants and other townspeople. Since the 11th century, when the rise of the universities began, “learned clerks” robed themselves in gowns, caps and hoods, thus marking a difference between “town and gown.”

By this apparel, they were recognized as belonging to the teaching guild, which was the Guild of the Masters of Arts. The gown, in origin, may have been simply a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in the unheated buildings; the cut or style seems to be derived from ecclesiastical attire. The cap or “mortarboard” may have come from the squarish cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the books which occupied so much of the time of the scholar. The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer’s degree; the colors of the lining are those of the college or university from which the degree was granted. Members of the governing body of a college or university, whatever their degrees, may wear doctor’s gowns.

A good deal of variation characterizes the order of the academic processional or march. Commonly the Marshall leads the procession and directs its course. The Marshall is followed by the faculty in order of rank: professors; associate professors; assistant professors; instructors; recipients of honorary degrees and others to be honored; and, the President and Trustees of the institution accompanying the chief speaker.

CEREMONIAL MACE

The Mace, which dates back to medieval time when it was used as a weapon, has become a symbol of authority. Traditionally, colleges or universities design their mace to symbolize a theme or message that is central to their mission. The mace is carried in all formal academic processions in which the institution’s president participates.

The central motif of the College seal reflects the geographical shape of Ohio, signifying state ownership. The torch, which is placed in the center of the seal, is symbolic of the light of knowledge and wisdom. The bronze enameled piece sets on top of a fluted cherry wood staff with engravable bronze rings. The institution’s core values: Integrity, Caring, Responsibility, Respect and Quality are engraved in the mace’s bronze head piece.

PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION

The medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President. It is suspended on a bronze chain which incorporates the names of the College’s past presidents in its links. When the current president’s term ends, her name will be inscribed on the unbroken chain of Rhodes State College’s former presidents. The President’s Medallion central motif reflects the geographical shape of Ohio, signifying state ownership. The torch, which is placed in the center of the seal, is symbolic of the light of knowledge and wisdom.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Beta Gamma is a National Two-Year Business Honorary Society symbolized by a gold stole and tassel.

Alpha Delta Nu is a National Two-Year Nursing Honor Society symbolized by an apricot cord and pin.

Lambda Nu is a National Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honorary Society symbolized by a gold stole with maroon emblem.

Lambda Beta is a National Respiratory Care Honorary Society symbolized by a green sash.

Phi Theta Kappa is a National Community, Technical, and Junior College Honorary Society symbolized by a gold stole with blue lettering.

Sigma Phi Alpha is the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society symbolized by a white stole with gold lettering.

Tau Alpha Pi is an Engineering Technologies Honorary Society symbolized by a gold pin.

Tau Upsilon Alpha is a National Human Services Honorary Society symbolized by a medallion on a gold and royal blue ribbon.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Medallion	Highest GPA (3.95 - 4.0)
Gold Honors Cord.....	3.5 and Above
Military Service	Red, White and Blue Cord
Concurrent high school (CCP)/Rhodes State graduates.....	Blue and White Cord

TASSELS

Allied Health	Green
Agriculture Technology	Maize
Associate of Arts.....	White
Associate of Science	Gold
Associate of Technical Studies	White
Business Professions	Drab
Engineering Technology	Orange
Human Services	Citron
Information Technology	Drab
Nursing	Apricot



