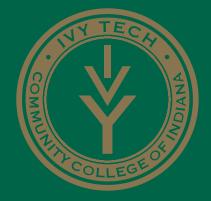
# CLASS OF 2024

Commencement Ceremony

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAFAYETTE



# COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF PROCESSION

# PRELUDE | PROCESSIONAL | NATIONAL ANTHEM Wes Campbell INVOCATION WELCOME Dr. Aaron Baute, Chancellor Dr. Sue Ellspermann, President PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE Dr. David Ely, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Chris Lowery, Commissioner, Indiana Commission for Higher Education MCALLISTER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING Dr. David Ely **AWARDS** DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD Rhonda Overman, Executive Director of Resource Development **DEANS AWARDS** Dr. David Ely **GRADUATE ADDRESS Zachary Barrett CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES &** Dr. Sue Ellspermann & Dr. David Ely **CONFERRING OF DEGREES** HONORS RECOGNITION Dr. Jessica Pitstick, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. David Ely PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES **AWARDING OF DEGREES & CERTIFICATES** Dr. Aaron Baute & Dr. David Ely PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2024 & **Dr. Aaron Baute CHANGING OF TASSELS**

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#### PROCESSIONAL

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

Dr. Jessica Pitstick, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

#### **Faculty Marshals**

Dr. Andrew Gibbs, Dean, School of Information Technology; School of Business, Logistics, & Supply Chain Management; & Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Dr. Ilicia Hall, Dean, Academic Support & Innovation

#### HONORS

Graduates with special recognitions had the option of wearing honor cords.

#### **Graduating Cum Laude**

Students graduating with honor or praise, completing with a cumulative 3.5 to 3.749 GPA.

#### **Graduating Magna Cum Laude**

Students graduating with great honor or praise, completing with a cumulative 3.75 to 3.999 GPA.

#### **Graduating Summa Cum Laude**

Students graduating with highest honor or praise, completing with a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

#### HONOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Alpha Tau Xi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recognizes students for their academic achievements. Membership is by invitation only and requires the student to have a 3.5 grade-point average or higher. Phi Theta Kappa members wear golden honor stoles at graduation.

The Ivy Tech Honors College is a selective honors program that helps students reach their academic and transfer goals. Students in the Honors College program have been accepted to dozens of public and private colleges and universities not only in Indiana, but across the country.

The Ivy Tech Student Leadership Academy provides opportunities to Ivy Tech students to develop their leadership and professional skills while learning more about the history and traditions of the College. Members wear Ivy Tech medallions.

# HONORARY DEGREE JAMES L. ANDERSON

Jim Anderson, the visionary, and President of JL Anderson Heating & Cooling, has deep ties to Lafayette, IN, where he has spent his entire life. Alongside his wife Cindy, with whom he has shared nearly four decades of marriage, Jim has raised a family of three children and is now the proud grandfather of eight.

Jim's journey in the HVAC industry began nearly forty years ago when he started as a technician, drawn to the company's dedication to its employees and customers. However, after the company changed hands, Jim explored new opportunities before ultimately pursuing his entrepreneurial aspirations.

JL Anderson Heating & Cooling began in Jim's garage on December 6th, 1999. Motivated by a vision to create a company that prioritizes its employees, upholds integrity in its service, and consistently makes ethical choices, Jim laid the foundation for what would become a cornerstone of the community.

Today, JL Anderson employs 47 individuals and caters to a vast clientele throughout the area, embodying Jim's unwavering commitment to excellence and ethical business practices.

Jim's life narrative is a testament to the American dream, illustrating how perseverance and resilience can transform ambitious visions into tangible realities and inspire others.

# ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES CHRIS LOWERY

Chris Lowery was appointed in 2022 to serve as Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education with the commitment to developing postsecondary attainment, economic and social mobility outcomes, and overall return on investment by increasing college-going and completion rates, engaging adult learners, and retaining college graduates.

Prior to joining the Commission, Lowery was senior vice president, workforce, careers, and adult strategy at Ivy Tech Community College where he led their workforce and career initiatives. Before working in higher education, Lowery held a variety of leadership roles at Hillenbrand, Inc. and served as an aide to former Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr and then-Senator Dan Quayle.

Lowery is a member of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Master of Science in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. Lowery and his wife Jerilyn live in Batesville and have two children and two grandchildren.

# MCALLISTER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS FULL TIME FACULTY AWARD

**Amanda Livingston** 

Amanda Livingston, MSN, RN, began her journey in the field of nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse after completing her Associate of Science degree at Ivy Tech Community College's Lafayette campus. She furthered her education by obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University Kokomo. Initially serving as an adjunct in the School of Nursing, Amanda's unwavering dedication to her profession led to her appointment as an instructor in 2022.

Amanda's expertise is rooted in patient mental health and pharmacology. She channels her passion for these subjects into her teaching, where she mentors and inspires her students. She encourages her students to strive towards their goals and leads by example, reflecting her commitment to excellence in her work and teaching.

Amanda is an active member of several prestigious organizations, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the National League for Nursing, the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, and the Circle of Ivy. Her involvement with the Circle of Ivy underscores her deep appreciation for the support she has received from Ivy Tech students, faculty members, and her family.

#### ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD Kenneth Wilson

Kenneth Wilson is an award-winning, innovative web communications and IT professional with a 13-year background in creating and executing strategic plans. He holds an MBA from Purdue University's Mitchel E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business, a Master of Science in Strategic Communication & Leadership from Purdue University's Brian Lamb School of Communication, and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Graphics Technology from Purdue University's College of Technology. He has been recognized with the Bravo Award for Innovation from Purdue University in 2016 and 2023.

Kenneth is a certified Agile Project Manager and a robust user experience advocate. He is recognized for his ability to understand complex problems and create valuable solutions to deliver projects on time and within budget. His core competencies include teaching & mentoring, system design, continuous improvement, team building & development, agile project management, excellent communication & presentation skills, collaboration, mission & vision development, goal-oriented, experienced-based learning, and negotiation & problem-solving skills.

Currently, Kenneth is the Assistant Director of Software Development at Purdue University Information Technology, leading a team of skilled engineers and user experience designers in deploying Agile principles, the Scrum framework, and Extreme programming (XP). He drives a culture of continuous improvement, collaboration, and rapid product development.

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS BYRAN ZICHERL

Byran Zicherl graduated in 2015 with an associate degree in Energy Technology, then in 2018 from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology and a Master's in Engineering Technology in 2020. He has certifications in Lean 6 Sigma, is a certified Energy Manager, and is an accredited building operator.

Byran, an Ivy Tech Alumni Council member, has volunteered with Lafayette Transitional Housing Homeless Services, Food Finders, and Lighthouse Recovery Center.

He is a Program Manager for CLEAResult, the largest energy efficiency program implementer in the US and Canada. He manages and directs a team of around 30 programs, including engineering professionals, community outreach, energy advisors, and marketing.

# STUDENT ADDRESS ZACHARY BARRETT SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Zachary Barrett served as a Platoon Guide in the Marines before discovering his passion for software development and embracing the chance to embark on a new professional journey at Ivy Tech as a non-traditional student. Demonstrating remarkable drive and commitment, Zachary was the first student at the Lafayette campus to participate in Ivy+ Career Link's Work-and-Learn initiative, securing an internship that led to a job offer while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Zachary's story is a beacon of motivation, fostering a culture of achievement and growth. His triumphs have been highlighted in Ivy+ Career Link marketing campaigns across the state, inspiring countless students to pursue experiential learning opportunities at Ivy Tech to ensure success after graduation.

# **DEANS AWARDS**

One graduating student from each academic program receives a Dean's Award at commencement. Recipients are chosen by their program chair based on scholastic achievement, related occupational performance, college leadership, and community involvement.

Diego Alanis Regalado	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology
Catherine Angell	Elementary Education
Kyle Ashcraft	Advanced Automation and Robotics Technology
Zachary Barrett	Software Development
Emmanuel Chang	Engineering
Arin Cicchelli	Dental Assisting
Mitchell Crum	Industrial Electrical Tech
Mercy Egbulem	Nursing
Tania Flores Jimenez	Respiratory Therapy
Jose Gaeta	Cyber Security/Information Assurance
Lynette Garcia Gonzalez	Entrepreneurship
Charlotte Johnson	Surgical Technology
Aidan Kartchner	Computer Science
Emma Lewis	Accounting
Salvador Martinez Serna Jr.	Mechanical Engineering Technology
Elizabeth McBee	Criminal Justice
Kaitlin McKinsey	Legal Studies
Briana McKnight	Human Services
Paul Mills	Data Analytics
Camryn Moore	Business Operations, Applications, and Technology
Ygnacio Munoz	Business Administration
Molly Orellana	Therapeutic Massage
Jessica Pursell	Early Childhood Education
Alita Stout	Practical Nursing
Zachary Walsh	Network Infrastructure
Rylan Whalen	Information Technology Support
Thaddeus Wireman	Cloud Technologies
Rachael Wolf	Medical Assisting

### **GRADUATE NAMES**

Graduate names will be added at a later date.

### FALL 2023 GRADUATES AND SPRING 2024 GRADUATES:

Graduates can expect names to be added approximately one month after the end of the spring term.

#### SUMMER 2024 GRADUATES:

Graduates can expect names to be added approximately one month after the end of the summer term.

#### COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

Graduates participating in the May 5, 2024 ceremony will receive two (2) commemorative copies of the Commencement program mailed to them in September. Please make sure your official address is updated in order to receive your copy.

# **ACADEMIC DEANS**

### **BRYCE EATON**

School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, and Applied Sciences

### SANDRA FIGHTS, PH.D.

School of Nursing

### ANDREW R. GIBBS, PH.D.

Schools of Business, Logistics & Supply Chain; Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; and School of Information Technology

### ILICIA HALL, PH.D.

Academic Support and Innovation

### **TERESSA HALLMEN**

**School of Health Sciences** 

### **KRISTIN OAKES**

School of Arts, Sciences, and Education and School of Public Affairs and Social Services

# **ACADEMIC CHAIRS**

JASON ALLEN Automotive Technology, Program Chair

TAMI ANDRADE Nursing, Assistant Program Chair

JUSTIN BAITZ Server Administration, Department Chair

HEIDI BARRY Surgical Technology, Program Chair

HEATHER BERNT-SANTY Early Childhood Education, Program Chair

KRAIG BOWERS Agriculture, Program Chair

KELLEY BUTLER Accounting, Program Chair

# **CAROLINE CAMFIELD**

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MIKE CULLEN Logistics and Business Administration, Program Chair

LIZA HAYDEN Respiratory Therapy, Program Chair

HEIDI HERRON Humanities, Department Chair

CLIFFORD JACK Public Affairs & Social Services, Department Chair

MARY KENNELL Design Technology, Program Chair

ANN LEMASTER, PH.D. Life Sciences, Program Chair

MARK LOWE Entrepreneurship, Program Chair PUNAM MITTAL Database Management, Program Chair

JONATHAN MOHN

Electronics & Computer Technology, Program Chair

KEN MUELLER, PH.D. History, Political Science, Geography and Social Studies, Program Chair

SOMA MUKHOPADHYAY, PH.D. Physical Sciences, Program Chair

GARY NETHERTON Mathematics, Program Chair

JOY RATCLIFF Dental Assisting, Program Chair

SHALIN RAYE English, Program Chair

**COY RILEY** Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning, Program Chair

JOHN ROACH, J.D. Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, Department Chair

JOHN ROUDEBUSH Energy Technology, Program Chair

YVONNE SMITH Human Services, Program Chair

SHARON SNYDERS, PH.D. College & Life Sciences, Program Chair

# **COURTNEY STEPHENSON**

Healthcare Specialist, Department Chair and Program Chair

## **KEVIN SWEENEY**

Advanced Automation & Robotics Technology, Industrial Technology, and Smart Manufacturing & Digital Integration, Department Chair

# **BRYAN THOMPSON**

English, Communications and Student Success, Department Chair

SARAH TOEBBE Nursing, Department Chair

# **NICK VARKONYI**

Business, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Department Chair; Business, Program Chair

### **REBECCA WULF**

Math Science, Department Chair; Non-Programmatic and Programmatic Math, Program Chair

LAURA YETMAN Health Sciences Program Chair

CHRISTINE YETMAN Medical Assisting, Program Chair

# **FULL-TIME FACULTY**

JUSTIN ADAMS **RONKE ADEJUMO** STAN ALEXANDER, PH.D. **JASON ALLEN** TAMI ANDRADE JUSTIN BAITZ **HEIDI BARRY HEATHER BERNT-SANTY** LANE BLOOME **KRAIG BOWERS** JANET BRODSKY JAMES BURKHART II **KELLEY BUTLER CAROLINE CAMFIELD** JESSICA CLAWSON **BAILEY CROWDER MIKE CULLEN** MARISSA DALLAS **KIRYL DATSENKA, PH.D. KELLY DICKEY BRYCE EATON GORDON EMORE** SANDY FIGHTS, PH.D. RAMONNA FRATENA ANDREW GIBBS, PH.D. **MICK GILLEN** SARAH GUERRETTAZ ILICIA HALL, PH.D. **TERESA HALLMEN DAGNE HARTMAN** LIZA HAYDEN **HFIDI HFRRON ANDREW HOWE CLIFFORD JACK** MIKE JOVANOVICH MARY KENNELL ANN LEMASTER, PH.D. AMANDA LIVINGSTON LYNDA LOGAN

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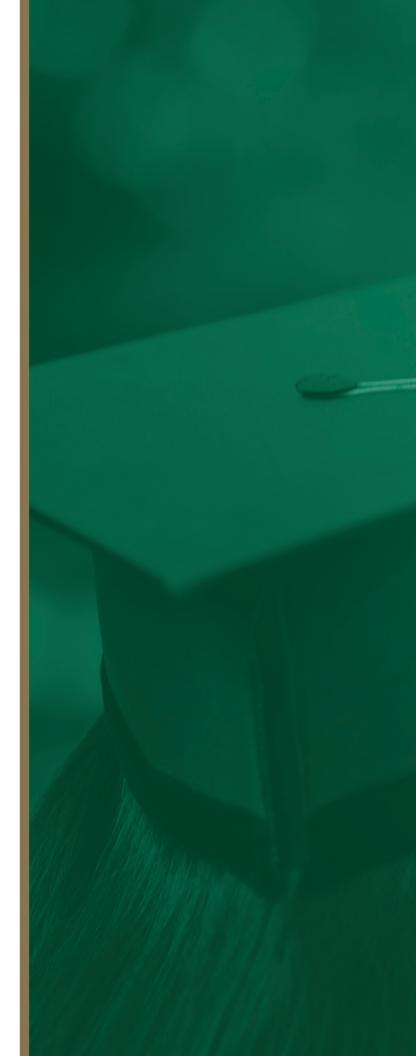
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