ANDANTE (L = 72)

Melody

Oh Towson, our Alma Mater set up on the hill, Where bells of our Shepleys Hall ring

Piano

proudly e-ver still. Make more than your me-mo-ries, Take the les-sons learned, They give us each our sto-ry, as the pa-ges turn. From

dif-ferent paths we've come, Down dif-ferent paths we'll go, With change and through time Our spir-its grow. Oh

Te-wson, our Al-ma Ma-ster Make your sto-ry told, And find mo-ments to look back to days of black and gold.
MARYLAND STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
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WELCOME FROM 
PRESIDENT KIM SCHATZEL

On behalf of Towson University, I congratulate you on your momentous achievement. Whether receiving your bachelor’s, post-baccalaureate certificate, master’s or doctoral degree, we are excited to celebrate your many accomplishments. Today you become members of a distinguished group: Towson University alumni. To get this far, you have had to exhibit discipline, commitment, resolve and leadership. These qualities will serve you well in any endeavors you may tackle. The presence of our trustees, faculty and staff at Commencement reflects the immense pride that our university has in its outstanding graduates.

Towson University works hard to ensure its students emerge well prepared for their professions and ready to make intellectual contributions and discoveries within their respective fields. Our faculty and staff feel privileged to have played a part in educating such an extraordinary group of students. We know that as our newest graduates, you will make notable contributions to the greater Baltimore region and to the world.

We also extend an especially warm welcome to the family members and friends who are joining our students on this special day. We know your presence means so much to them and we thank you for the support and encouragement you have given them throughout their time at Towson University.

Graduates, as you enter the next chapter of your lives, I want to remind you that you will always be a part of the Towson University family. I challenge you to show the world your capabilities by using the knowledge you have gained.

Be a shining example of why TU graduates matter to Maryland!

Kim Schatzel, Ph.D.
President
HISTORY OF TOWSON UNIVERSITY

In 1864, in the midst of the American Civil War, Maryland ratified a new state constitution and created a school for the instruction of teachers, naming it the Maryland State Normal School [MSNS]. Normal in this instance referred to the French term Ecole Normale, which were institutions in France that promoted standardized teaching methods.

A year later, McFadden Alexander Newell was appointed the first principal of MSNS, and on January 15, 1866, the school opened its doors in Baltimore. Besides Newell, there were three other faculty members who taught drawing, music and calisthenics, and 11 pupils. In June, MSNS graduated its first class of new teachers.

At first, counties selected promising students to attend for free, so long as those students signed pledges that their objective in attending MSNS was to earn a teaching certificate and teach in the state’s public school system. The curriculum was flexible, adjusting to the students’ needs as they entered the school. This was necessary because of the differences in educational practices across the counties. At the end of the program—whether it took one year or three—the graduates received a teaching certificate which allowed them to teach at any public school in Maryland.

Between 1866 and 1876, the school occupied three different buildings in Baltimore, renting them until Baltimore City built its first home at Carrollton and Lafayette avenues. This space was large enough for the now 206 students and 11 teachers, as well as the Model School, and the school remained here for almost 40 years.

While the school building was certainly larger and more comfortable, it didn’t remain so for long. The building was constructed to accommodate 226 students, but by 1909, the state needed 350 new teachers every year to fill vacant positions. Even with the construction of a second normal school in Frostburg in 1902, there weren’t enough graduates to fill the teacher shortage. And there were other concerns about its location. The Carrollton building had large lecture halls, but changes in teaching practices demanded smaller classrooms, and it was not easy to adapt the building to fit those needs. Because there were no dormitories, students who lived too far from the school to commute had to find boarding houses in Baltimore. The lack of space led to a campaign by the school’s fourth principal, Sarah Richmond, to convince the state to find a new location where MSNS could grow.

On September 20, 1915, the first classes were held at the new location in Towson. Three buildings were constructed—an Administration Building, today known as Stephens Hall, which held all the classes as well as a library, space for the model elementary school, and the offices for the staff and faculty; Newell Hall, which was a dormitory for women and also held a dining hall; and the Power House, now known as the Power Plant. Other buildings already stood on campus, including an elegant house named Glen Esk, which became the principal’s residence as well as the main focus for entertaining on the campus.

For the next 25 years, the school’s future was linked to the nation’s as America teetered from World War I, to the Depression, to World War II. The school numbers dwindled as students and teachers enlisted or found higher paying jobs.
civil-service jobs to aid the war effort. School leaders waged a campaign to raise the pay rates of state teachers, hoping that by doing so they could attract more prospective teachers to the school.

In the meantime, educational advances were underway. Summer sessions began in 1918. By 1920, standards for incoming students were changed and the course in remedial education was phased out. In 1931, the school curriculum was increased from a two-year course of study to three years.

The sixth principal, Lida Lee Tall, placed special emphasis on the students’ social and physical education needs. After her arrival, student organizations and sports teams grew. A student newspaper, *The Oriole*, began in 1921 and was re-named *The Towerlight* in 1927. The school began to celebrate May Day, which included dancing around the maypole and crowning the May queen. Donald “Doc” Minnegan joined the faculty as a physical education teacher in 1927 and established a men’s soccer team soon afterward. The school administration began giving serious thought to creating a sports program on campus.

In 1934, after a change in Maryland law that required teachers to have a baccalaureate degree, the curriculum was again amended, and the school was granted the ability to award four-year Bachelor of Science degrees in elementary education. This also led to name changes for the Maryland state normal schools, which were now called state teachers colleges, and the title of principal was changed to president. By 1936, Maryland State Teachers College (MSTC) was meeting accreditation standards set forth by the American Association of Teachers Colleges and the American Council of Education.

With the advent of World War II, the need for teachers across the state skyrocketed, while the enrollment at MSTC dwindled. Dr. M. Theresa Wiedefeld, who became president of MSTC in 1938, took a two-pronged approach to the dilemma. In 1943 she created an accelerated program so students could condense four years of study into three and enter the workforce sooner. Second, she created a junior college program for arts and sciences courses in 1946 that allowed returning military veterans to take background courses in the liberal arts and then matriculate into liberal arts colleges. This would pave the way for Towson University’s transformation into a liberal arts college.

The school’s post-World War II period was one of amazing growth and expansion in enrollment, campus facilities and academic programs. Earle Taylor Hawkins became president of the school in 1947. During his 22 years of leadership enrollment increased over 2,100 percent and over 12 structures were built on campus (more than doubling the number of existing buildings). The Lida Lee Tall School, built in 1960, was the second building to bear her name on campus. It housed the campus elementary school until 1991, when the experiment in campus elementary schools ended. In 1949, the curriculum was expanded and students could
now opt for a degree in elementary education or primary education. This is also the year that the school was first accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

As the nation's postwar economy grew, so did the school’s enrollment, and for the first time, enrollment of men was high. In 1951, the school built two dormitories, Ward and West hall, to accommodate male students. Before this, men who needed to live on or near campus had been housed in various non-academic buildings, such as The Cottage or on the top floor of the Power Plant, or in boarding houses in Towson. Thanks in large part to Minnegan’s efforts, the sports teams continued to grow with the addition of baseball, gymnastics, track, wrestling and, in 1958, lacrosse.

The Master of Education program began in 1958. Two years later, the bachelor’s program was expanded once again, this time to include a specialization in high-school education. At the same time, the junior college begun by Wiedefeld was extended to a four-year program, and students could now earn a Bachelor of Science or Arts in art, biology, English, speech and drama, elementary education, geography, history, mathematics, or physical education. This was due in part to the huge influx of students generated by the coming of age of the baby boom generation. Higher education was flooded with students, and in order to accommodate them all, teachers colleges could no longer afford to specialize only in education.

In 1963, the state made the five teachers colleges—Towson as well as Bowie, Coppin, Frostburg, and Salisbury—into liberal arts colleges, and the name changed to Towson State College. And almost 10 years later, in 1972, the Pledge to Teach tuition waiver was abolished—over 100 years since it was first put into place. However, Towson University still focused heavily on education for teachers, as it does to the present day.

This period was another of expansive growth in Towson University’s history. Ten more buildings were added to the campus. Enrollment for day and evening students had climbed to over 14,000 by 1976. In 1965, evening and summer classes, which had begun in 1958 for employed students working on their master’s degrees in education, expanded to include more offerings in other concentrations. And by 1976, the academic program offered 40 majors including art, business administration, English, nursing, political science, and theater, and six master’s programs in geography, psychology, audiovisual communications, biology, speech pathology and audiology, and education.

The school’s sports programs also grew. In 1963, the Towson Tiger was adopted as the school’s mascot. In 1968, Towson University established a football team, which lost its first homecoming game played against Gallaudet College. This is the same year that Wiedefeld Gymnasium was razed and replaced by a more state-of-the-art facility, Burdick Hall.
After specific guidelines were created to establish the difference between a college and university, Towson State College became Towson State University (TSU) on July 1, 1976.

Twelve more buildings were added to the campus, most of them student service buildings like dormitories and parking garages. A stadium, originally called Minnegan Stadium opened in 1977, highlighting TSU’s dedication to growing its athletic programs. In fact, in the 1980s, the football team would win the Eastern College Athletic Conference for Division II.

Academic programs were also expanding during this time. The departments themselves were re-structured into six colleges, which still stand today.

Higher education in Maryland was also re-organized. In 1988, TSU, along with other Maryland schools, merged to form the University of Maryland System, headed by a Board of Regents and chancellor. This organization was renamed the University System of Maryland in 1997.

In 1997, after years of discussion and debate, Towson State University dropped the word “State” from its name. It was considered a step that would elevate the university in people’s minds, and also allow the school to develop its own identity while remaining in the university system. This change, which had been made by schools in neighboring states, reflected the lack of funding the school received from the state.

Since its latest name change, Towson University (TU) has continued to grow and expand in terms of enrollment, academic programs and campus facilities. Since 2000, the campus has erected or is in the process of constructing 14 new structures. The new College of Liberal Arts building, the first phase of which was completed in 2009, was the first academic building constructed on campus in 30 years. Residence hall space has also continued to increase with the construction of the West Village residence halls. These residence halls, like Millennium Hall, which was constructed in 2000, are privatized and co-managed by an outside company. Since 2000, the campus has created residence space for over 1,000 students and has plans to continue expanding those numbers.

In 2001, TU inaugurated its first doctoral programs, one in audiology and another in occupational science.

Towson University endeavors to create and continue partnerships within the community, underscoring the school’s history as an organization that applies methods learned in the classroom to real-world experiences. The ability to adapt to a constantly changing world while continuing to build on its long history has helped to make Towson University the outstanding institution it is today.
UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

Regalia

Commencement is both a celebration and an academic ceremony. As such, Towson University is guided by the Academic Costume Code as outlined by the American Council on Education (ACE). All commencement participants are encouraged to maintain a measure of decorum consonant with the occasion.

The black caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the traditional costume of the scholar since medieval times and probably represent an adaptation of the ecclesiastical dress since many of the scholars of that period were members of monastic orders.

The bachelor’s gown is distinguished by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown has longer, narrower closed sleeves, extending below the knee; the arm is passed through a slit at the elbow. Finally, the doctoral gown has a full bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet and an opening faced with wide velvet bands. The velvet trim may be black or of a color indicating wearers’ field of learning or the institution from which they earned their highest degree.

Candidates for graduate degrees wear hoods on top of their gowns, trimmed in a colored velvet band to indicate the degree earned.

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Commencement Promise

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony and, as such, all participants and guests are expected to demonstrate courtesies and behaviors befitting the dignity of the occasion.
Ceremonial Mace

The ceremonial academic mace first appeared in European universities during the 14th century and was carried before royalty, mayors of cities, and chief officers of the medieval universities. The academic mace represented the amalgamation of two much older pieces of history, the regal scepter and the medieval battle mace.

In modern times, the ceremonial academic mace is used on formal occasions in the life of the university, such as commencement, as an object vested with power and specifically indicating the authority of the university president to award degrees.

The mace immediately precedes the presidential party in the ceremonial procession and is considered one of academia’s most treasured symbols of office. It is a fitting symbol and combination of the requisite discipline and earned stature that comes with the academic achievement.

Towson University’s mace is beautifully constructed in glass, black metal, gold and maplewood coming together to represent institutional concepts and a visual history of the university.

A Maryland State Normal School seal serves at the base of the mace, representing the school’s foundation. The stem of the mace grows from this foundation, passing through rings representing the remaining five major historical moments in the university’s history beginning with 1915—the year Maryland State Normal School moved from Baltimore City to the Towson campus—and the evolution of the institution’s four name changes and growth in mission through the years: State Teachers College at Towson, Towson State College, Towson State University and Towson University.

A set of prongs at the base connects the seal to four black aluminum metal forms encompassing the maple stem. This merging of materials and shapes represents the fusion of the analytical and abstract thinking offered in a liberal arts education at Towson University.

The cupola’s rounder and more geometric outer shape mimics the cupola atop our iconic Stephens Hall, and is lined with a touch of gold to reflect light. Inset in the cupola is a glass sculpture. An interpretation of a Fresnel lighthouse lens, it provides a figurative guiding light representing our graduates and their futures.

Our mace was commissioned and gifted by the late President Emerita Maravene Loeschke. It was designed and executed by four faculty members in the College of Fine Arts and Communication: Joshua DeMonte, Jenn Figg, Kimberly Hopkins and Jon Lundak.

The Alma Mater

A graduating student sings the Towson University Alma Mater at the close of every Commencement ceremony. In celebration of TU’s 150th anniversary, members of a committee collaborated to write a new Alma Mater. The music was composed by J. Kyle Richards and orchestrated by Brian Balmages. The soloist is accompanied by a graduating student signer.
Gonfolans and Banner Carriers
Gonfolans are ceremonial banners carried on a long pole by students to represent each college, graduate studies and the Honors College. The student banner carriers are specially selected by their colleges to represent one of the three entities for each ceremony. Banner carriers symbolically lead their classmates into the future by carrying the banner at the head of the commencement procession into the SECU Arena. This is a very special honor, and we thank our banner carriers.

International Flags
The university is dedicated to cultivating a global learning community and international focus in programs and curricula. As such, the flags displayed on stage during commencement represent the 517 international students from over 80 countries who call Towson University home along with our foreign faculty, exchange scholars and visiting faculty.

The Presidential Medallion
The medallion is circular, symbolizing the continuous impact that Towson University has in the lives of those who learn here. The outermost circle contains the university name and location. At the center is the University Seal with its shield which incorporates the Great Seal of Maryland’s Calvert and Crossland arms quartered. Above the shield are the original earl’s coronet and the pennants. The university’s founding year, 1866, is inscribed on a banner beneath.

Stephens Hall Bell Tower
Stephens Hall is the oldest original building on the campus. Its history and lore have become part of our students’ college experience. The bell tower is especially beautiful, and as part of a fairly new tradition in honor of our new graduates, the Stephens Hall bells will toll 11 times at the start of our ceremony, one for each member of the first graduating class.

University Commencement
Every May, one Commencement ceremony features a prominent Commencement speaker from outside of the university community. The ceremony with this notable speaker will be designated as the University Commencement. Although one ceremony will carry this designation, all ceremonies are equally significant to our university community.

University Seal
The University Seal is adapted from the reverse of the Great Seal of Maryland. At its center is an escutcheon, or shield, bearing the Calvert and Crossland arms, quartered on an antiqued gold background. Above is an earl’s coronet and the pennants that inspired the Towson University logo. The university’s founding year, 1866, is inscribed on a banner beneath.
VENUE/EVENT INFORMATION

Ceremony Length
Each ceremony lasts approximately 90 minutes to two hours, depending on the number of graduates.

Concessions
Concessions are available when the doors open (90 minutes before start of ceremony) and remain open throughout the ceremony.

Digital Media
We also encourage graduates and guests to download the free TU Commencement App in the iOS App Store or Google Play. For pictures and ceremony information, follow TU on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Emergencies
Contact University Police 410-704-4444 and/or 911. The following coordinates can be used when giving the location of SECU arena 39.38980 -76.61565 or 7500 Osler Drive.

Lost Child
If a child has been separated from his or her family, immediately notify the nearest TU event staff member or police officer, who will attend to the child. Event staff members will be wearing a visible access pass. TUPD can be reached at 410-704-4444.

First Aid
A first-aid station is provided inside the arena in case of an emergency. It is located on the concourse level (on the same side of the arena as the will call area).

Flowers/Gifts
Flowers are available for purchase outside the University Store tent.

Graduate Procession
The graduates will be in alphabetical order when the procession enters the arena, alternating on each side. The JumboTron allows parents and guests to see all graduates well, despite not knowing on which side they will enter the arena.

Lost and Found
Lost and found items can be claimed by contacting a staff member on the day of the ceremonies, or after by calling the information desk of the University Union, 410-704-4636.

Meeting Location
Families can meet their graduates after the recession in the Tiger Courtyard (between Towson Center and SECU Arena). There are flags numbered 1 through 4 placed throughout the courtyard to serve as meeting locations. We suggest that you use your cell phone to determine a meeting point.

Mobility Impaired Assistance
Seating: These areas are located on the concourse level of SECU Arena (Sections 104 and 106) and are limited to the person with mobility impaired plus one guest.

Shuttle Service: Shuttle buses will run continuously between the Union Garage and the Towson Center 90 minutes before the ceremony, during the ceremony and for 90 minutes after each ceremony. Regular shuttle routes will not be in operation.

Restrooms
Restrooms are located on all three sides of the arena. (Please see map.)

Seating
All seats in the upper deck are open and most seats below are open, except Sections 104 and the black club seats (mobility impaired seating), which are located at the top rows of all three sides. Once the lower seating is full, guests will be directed to sit in the upper level. There is no “bad” seat in the arena. Guests will be able to see everything well from any section. Please note: no saved seats.
Sign Language Interpreters
Sign Language interpreters are available in Section 104. This section is limited in seating, so please be courteous to other guests.

Tickets
All guests entering the arena will need a ticket, due to Fire Marshal regulations. This applies to children of all ages, including infants in carriers. Will Call is located at the ticket office on the second floor concourse adjacent to the Tiger courtyard entrance.

University Store
There will be a concession stand open at the southwest corner of the concourse level to sell Towson University apparel, giftware and souvenirs. This concession stand will open when doors open and remain open for the duration of the ceremony.

Video Recordings
All ceremonies will be streamed live. This will be done as it was in the past, which is an embedded video player at the top of www.towson.edu/commencement. In addition, TU will post all ceremonies in their entirety on YouTube within 48 to 72 hours of the last ceremony.
CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

Given the solemn yet celebratory nature of commencement, all participants are expected to follow basic guidelines of etiquette for such occasions. Failure to comply with the guidelines below may result in removal from the venue.

For Graduates

- All graduates are expected to remain at their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony and not leave before the final recessional.
- Candidates for bachelor’s degrees, please note that the mortarboard should be worn so that it sits parallel with the ground, with the tassel hanging to the right. During the ceremony, the officiant will ask graduates to move their tassels from the right front side of the mortarboard to the left as a mark of the official awarding of their degree. Master’s and doctoral candidates should wear caps with the attached tassel hanging to the left.
- Recognize this accomplishment in a way that is in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. Keep in mind that many people have worked diligently to enjoy this day. Excessive celebrations are not appropriate.
- Please remain seated for the duration of the ceremony. Graduates will be directed to stand and exit the arena when appropriate.

For Guests

- Doors open for guests an hour and a half before the start of the ceremony (8:30 a.m. for the morning ceremonies and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon ceremonies). All seating is first-come, first-served general seating. Please note: There is no assigned seating in any sections of the arena.
- Guests are not permitted to stand on the concourse level to watch the ceremony and will be directed to a seat. Please remain seated for the duration of the ceremony. Guests should not block the aisles or passageways by attempting to greet or take photos with graduates.
- Tripods and other photographic or video equipment may not be placed on the floor of the arena or in the aisles as doing so creates congestion in walkways that must remain clear for safety reasons.
- To allow for the names of all graduates to be heard, we ask audience members to be considerate of other graduates’ guests by providing no more than 2–3 seconds of celebration or applause for their graduate. Guests who bring or use signs, fireworks, beach balls, balloons, air horns, bells or noisemakers will be asked to leave the arena.
TOWSON UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED
FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

Today the Towson University community honors L. Scott Johnson as an exemplary
educator, scholar and mentor. A member of the Department of Biological Sciences
for 23 years, he is particularly noted for his passion in promoting student success.

Dr. Johnson earned his B.A. in biology from St. Olaf College, his M.S. in zoology
from Northern Arizona University and his Ph.D. in biological sciences from the
University of Calgary.

He joined Towson University’s faculty in 1994 as an assistant professor. In 2000 he
was promoted to associate professor, and in 2006 to full professor.

He is a highly effective professor who emphasizes critical thinking and hypothesis-
driven inquiry. He links current literature to real-world applications, providing
a competitive edge for students as they enter the job market. Students routinely
comment that “Dr. Johnson is the best professor I have had at Towson.”

An accomplished ornithologist, he received grants totaling $750,000 from various
external agencies and served as a reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals.
He has published 67 articles in prestigious peer-reviewed journals. As a mentor,
he included undergraduate and graduate students as co-authors in 29 of these
publications. He also involved students in ecological field studies to research
songbirds in Wyoming.

He is at the forefront in revising advising processes within his department, where
he chaired the Advising Committee. He spearheaded the creation of a course to
guide biology majors to develop efficient degree completion plans and to consider
multiple career paths that matched their goals and abilities. Indicative of its success,
other departments have investigated implementing a similar course.

He also wrote the Biology Majors Handbook, an online reference to aid students in
their search for scholarships, internships, research experiences, career opportunities
and graduate school.

As co-director of the Biology Graduate Program for three years, he revamped
the graduate program, making major modifications in admission and curriculum
requirements. When he chaired the Rank and Merit Committee, he revised
departmental criteria to assess faculty performance.

In his field of study, he has served in leadership capacities as a governing councilor,
vice president, president, past president and investment trustee for the Association
of Field Ornithologists. Highly respected for his professional contributions, he was
elected as fellow of the American Ornithologists’ Union in 2011.

For his sustained dedication to the advancement of excellence in higher education
and the field of ornithology, Towson University recognizes Dr. Johnson with the
Distinguished Faculty Service Award.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SPEAKERS

Distinguished Alumni and Young Distinguished Alumni award recipients have been recognized for outstanding achievement in their chosen professions or fields. These are the most prestigious awards the Towson University Alumni Association bestows. We are pleased to welcome our Distinguished Alumni back to their alma mater to provide inspirational remarks to our newest graduates and welcome them to the alumni community.

Sherman L. Ragland, II ’84

Sherman L. Ragland II is the president/CEO and founder of Tradewinds International. Since 1990, Tradewinds has helped several agencies of the federal government, the District of Columbia and a number of private-sector clients to sell more than $60 billion in commercial real estate, real estate loans, business loans and other intangible assets. Tradewinds designed and developed the online auction system for the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, recognized as the world’s first successful online auction.

Before forming Tradewinds, Ragland was a development project manager for the Oliver Carr Co. Before that, he was an associate development director and the CFO for Lansdowne, Virginia, a 2,300-acre mixed-use development.

After receiving a B.A. in mass communication from TU, Ragland earned an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds an M.A. in urban & environmental planning from School of Architecture at the University of Virginia. He is currently pursuing a law degree.

Emily J. Taylor, AuD., FAAA ’12

Emily Taylor earned a bachelor’s degree in hearing and speech sciences from the University of Maryland and a Doctor of Audiology degree from Towson University. Her doctoral thesis, “Assessment of the Efficacy of a Hearing Screening Program for College Students,” was accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Academy of Audiology in 2013.

Taylor opened Taylor Listening Center, a full-service audiology private practice, shortly after graduation. There she specializes in diagnostic audiology and works with all age groups to develop patient rapport and an atmosphere where people feel at ease. She finds audiology fulfilling because she can improve the quality of life on a daily basis for people with hearing loss.

Each month Taylor Listening Center donates proceeds from hearing testing to a different charity. The center also accepts donated hearing aids, which Taylor cleans and donates to those in need.
Crystal J. Neely, Ph.D., ’06

Crystal J. Neely graduated from TU in 2006 with a B.S. degree in molecular biology, biochemistry and bioinformatics. She began a graduate program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied the immune response following severe burn injury. After earning a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology in 2013, Dr. Neely accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and investigated the immune response in the tumor microenvironment and during infection.

While at St. Jude, she also served as the chair of Career Development and organized a variety of services that addressed the career and professional needs of St. Jude’s postdoc population. Most recently, Dr. Neely accepted an assistant director position in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s Career Services Office, where she pursues her passion for helping the next generation of researchers successfully transition into their chosen careers.
COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKERS

Student Speaker Selection

In recognition of the student experience and excellence demonstrated by the entire class, it is the university’s tradition to invite individual graduates to give remarks during each ceremony. Student speakers join a long list of outstanding graduates who have shared their personal journey, perspective and vision for the future at Commencement.

Selection of speakers is made by each academic college and is based upon the extent to which their achievement represents sustained efforts over the course of their academic career and is an exceptional model for Towson University graduates.

Erin Dudley | Grasonville, Maryland

Erin Dudley will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education with dual certification in early childhood education. While earning her degree, Erin has consistently made the Dean’s List, worked as a tutor and volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for fourth and fifth grade students at Kent Island United Methodist Church. She will continue with these experiences to contribute to her growth and passion for education following graduation. In addition to these roles, she hopes to educate young students in the Maryland public school system, return to school for a master’s degree in administration, and eventually work toward writing children’s books. Her most memorable TU experiences were the moments spent with her students. They provided immeasurable love and inspiration that have carried her through her career thus far.

Kahleeka Nikkiya Perry | Charlotte, North Carolina

Kahleeka Nikkiya Perry will be graduating with a Master of Science degree in communication management. During her time at TU, Kahleeka maintained a 3.9 grade point average while working full time as a marketing manager for the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Medicine. Kahleeka is actively involved in the development of leaders within the field of communication studies by serving as a guest lecturer for undergraduate Introduction to Public Relations and Strategic Communication classes at TU as well as participating as a guest panelist at the 2016 PRSA Maryland Conference on the campus of Loyola University. Kahleeka also received the 2017 MacGruder/Passano Scholarship Award. With the completion of her master’s degree, Kahleeka has fulfilled a personal goal of becoming the first person ever in her family to acquire an advanced degree.
Natalie Reeder | Boonsboro, Maryland

Natalie Reeder is graduating a semester early with a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in human resource management. Her most meaningful experience at TU has been establishing relationships with faculty and staff as well as utilizing all of the resources the College of Business and Economics (CBE) provided her. Natalie made the Dean’s List every semester, was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), and also worked as a CBE student consultant. She mentored Baltimore City high school students, inspiring these girls to pursue a college education through the college’s MentHER program. She is scheduled to take the SHRM-CP exam to become a certified professional in the human resources field. After graduation, she plans to return to her hometown to pursue her career.

Caroline Johnson | Millersville, Maryland

Caroline Johnson will be graduating with a Master of Science degree in nursing, with a concentration in nursing education. Caroline had the opportunity at TU to create and lead a community-based program to study the effects of dance on quality of life for patients with dementia. She has represented TU by presenting her research at various seminars. Caroline was hired to work as adjunct faculty for TU’s undergraduate course, Fundamentals of Nursing, after successfully completing her graduate teaching practicum. She consistently made the Dean’s list and will be graduating with honors. She is a registered nurse at the University of Maryland Medical Center and is working full time on the Medical Intermediate Care Unit. She is a certified progressive care nurse, a certification awarded by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). After graduation, Caroline hopes to continue to work for TU as an adjunct faculty member and to pursue further education.

Muhammad Waleed | Baltimore, Maryland

Muhammad Waleed will be graduating with a Master of Science degree in applied information technology. He previously received a Bachelor of Science in information technology from TU in 2016. During his time as a graduate student, Muhammad continuously made the Dean’s List and was a Honeywell Scholar. Muhammad’s most meaningful TU experience has been connecting with his professors and being a member of the Towson TOPS Community, which has inspired him to understand and pursue his career passions. Muhammad works as a computer information systems analyst for IZI Medical Products and plans to continue in this position after graduation.

Mackenzie Rice | Barrie, Ontario, Canada

Mackenzie Rice is a graduating political science and economics major. She spent four years living in Canberra, Australia, before attending TU. She was a Division I student-athlete, competing on the TU women’s golf team. She was selected for the Colonial Athletic Association All-Academic Team and received the Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars honors for three consecutive years. Mackenzie is an associate editor for the Towson University Journal of International Affairs, for which she has written a number of substantive blog posts, and works as an intern at the Regional Economic Studies Institute at Towson University. She anticipates graduate work, pursuing her interest in immigration policies around the world.
ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Honors College

The Honors College at Towson University provides an enhanced undergraduate experience for talented and high-level achieving students. Honors College graduates have pursued scholarly opportunities including interdisciplinary seminars and research. Upon completion of 24 honors credits, graduates earn the designation of University Scholar. This appears on each graduate’s transcript and diploma.

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Grace Abraham
Madelyn Fraley Anderson
Heidi Cobb
Tiana Cobbs
Nicholas Fioravante
Nature Gemmell
Justin Harvie
Darre’ll Joseph
Aliyah Khalifa
Mariah Lucernoni

Melissa Mazur
Paige Pacheco
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Maria Ritchie
Sarah Shaw
Molly Sokolis
Erin Toomey
Marissa Whitby
Brian Whitt

Latin Honors

Latin Honors are awarded by college to undergraduate students in the top 10 percent of each graduating class based on the calculated grade point average of the final 60 units completed at Towson University. Students’ records are also reviewed based on their total record at Towson University. Latin Honors will be awarded if the cumulative GPA equals or exceeds the cutoffs by college. Students with majors in two or more colleges earn the highest Latin Honors for which they are eligible. Latin Honors are evaluated after the ceremony and will appear on the transcript and diploma when awarded.

College Recognition

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College of Fine Arts and Communication Banner Carrier

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UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKER ADDRESS
Erin Dudley, Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education

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MASTER’S DEGREE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Stephen Schroth, Program Director
Derek Dyonte Jackson
Janna Karina Murr

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Carla Finkelstein, Program Director
Katherine McCann Berman
Sean Michael Boettinger
Lauren Marie Cody
Nicole Kristine Deavers
Andrew Jason Enck
Gregory L. Hewitt
Sabrina Brittany Horton
Gregory Eric McRoberts
Kristine Marie Stahm
Allison Celeste Sweeney

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Liyan Song, Program Director
Laura Ann Abraham
Adi Emmanuel Adi
Keishauna Mable Banks
Shannell Jamiae Baynard
Stephanie Ellen Kiefer
Tanisha Stephanie Peterkin

READING EDUCATION

Gilda Martinez-Alba, Program Director
Naomi Lauren Fleshman
Rizpah Charmaine Forbes

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

William Sadera, Program Director

Tamara Douglass Burton
Tamara Douglass Burton previously earned a B.S. in therapeutic recreation from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, and an M.S. in community health education and gerontology from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Her dissertation, The Impact of Learning Environment on Knowledge Outcomes and Student Satisfaction in Sleep Medicine Education, was completed under the supervision of Dr. David Wizer and committee members Dr. Scot McNary, Dr. Marcie Weinstein and Dr. Devon Dobrosielski.

Carrie Ann McFadden
Carrie Ann McFadden previously earned a B.S. in exercise science from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, and an M.S. in exercise physiology from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. Her dissertation, Motivational readiness to change exercise behaviors; An analysis of the relationship between exercise, wearable exercise tracking technology, FIT values and BMI scores, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Qing Li and committee members Dr. Bill Sadera, Dr. Liyan Song and Dr. Andrea Brace.

Amy Ledbetter McGinn
Amy Ledbetter McGinn previously earned a B.A. in english literature from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, an M.A.T. in Teaching in secondary education and an M.A. in English literature from University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. Her dissertation, Teacher Experiences with Professional Development for Technology Integration at an Independent K-12 School: A Multi-Case Study, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Liyan Song and committee members Dr. Bill Sadera, Dr. David Wizer and Dr. Michael Hickey.

Andrea H. Parrish
Andrea Harkins Parrish previously earned a B.S. in special education from Towson University and an M.S. in special education from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Her dissertation, A Delphi Study to Develop an Inventory of Competencies Needed to Facilitate Instruction in Student-Centered, One-to-One Learning Environments, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Bill Sadera and committee members Dr. Scot McNary and Dr. Laila Richman.

Emily W. Ziegler
Emily Wyatt Ziegler previously earned a B.A. in English from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and an M.A.T. in secondary education from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Her dissertation, An Analysis of Co-Construction of Knowledge and the Role of Social Networks in Asynchronous Discussions, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Bill Sadera and committee members Dr. Elizabeth Berquist, Dr. Scot McNary and Dr. Liyan Song.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE (CAS)
Carla Finkelstein, Program Director
Emily E.K. Perry
Gregory Todd Wright

MASTER’S DEGREE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Stephen Schroth, Program Director
Camyll Anne Bontems
Taylor Lynn DeMoss
Marisa Elizabeth Fowler
Pei Ge
Aleena Noor Hassan
Chelsey M. H IPP
Dawn Marie Ingram
Dailin H. Lee
Carolyn Moore
Jenna K. Nickles
Shanye N. Owens
Katie Lauren Perry
Lisa Michele Rains
Ashley Nicole Reynolds
Heather Marie Sferlazza
Dorothy D. Strobel
Laura Vitiello
Tamar K. Volosov
Rebecca Leigh Wassel
Monica Marie Wiedel

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Carla Finkelstein, Program Director
Thomas Matthew Arentz
Michael R. Bennett
Jordan Michael Birnbaum
Kelly Bernice Clark
Amanda Dawn Cook
Tara Anne Corona
LaTisha Marie Davis
Paige Nicole Fahr
Samantha Lynn Gargano
Stephanie Anne Gewont
Nehal Neel Ghodasara

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
Liyan Song, Program Director
Melissa Marie Chenoweth
Peter Joseph deBorja
Brooke Dawn Fakunnujo
Christopher Scott Fishpaw
Samantha L. Vindigni
Shelly Lynn Wilke

READING EDUCATION
Gilda Martinez-Alba, Program Director
Brittany K. Connelly
Alyssa Lauren Falber
Carolyn Adele Roberts Reid

SECONDARY EDUCATION
Todd Kenreich, Director
Amanda Nicole Roberge

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Andrea Parrish, Program Director
Jillian Rose Attanasio
Sarah Ann Bory
Lindsay J. Bosley
Madeline Claire Bradley
Douglas Lee DeHaan
Caitlin T. Deremeik
Alyssa Ann DeVita
Jacqueline Anne Hardwick
Thomas Jack Hennigan
Karen Mary Horn
Jessica Evelyn Johnson
Jacqueline Nicole Kenny
Diehra Dawn King
Amy Lorraine Kisler
Lauren Colleen Kohne
Helene Rebecca Mahaney
Molly Meredith
Alyssa Renee Odom

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

SUMMER 2017

MASTER’S DEGREE
ART EDUCATION
Ray Martens, Program Director
Keisha Vanessa Farmer
MUSIC EDUCATION
Melissa McCabe, Director
Kristin Marie Farrell
Christopher Matthew Moore

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

INTERACTIVE MEDIA DESIGN (PBC)
Bridget Sullivan, Director
Aloysius Joseph Muscella
Perrin H. Shapiro

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WINTER 2017

MASTER’S DEGREE
ART EDUCATION
Ray Martens, Program Director
Vernon Edward Fains
Montatip D. Oncharoen

COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT
Beth Haller, Program Director
Kahleeka N. Perry
Lindsay Elizabeth Prokopetz
Tyler Benjamin Scheff

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS INFUSION
Kate Collins, Program Director
Jaclyn Claudine Martin
Caitlin Leigh Winegrove

MUSIC
Terry Ew ell, Director
Christopher Lawrence Young

MUSIC EDUCATION
Melissa McCabe, Director
Matthew Todd Benner
Scott Christopher Engel
Ann Marie Fritton
Hailey Ann Humbert

STUDIO ART
Tonia Matthews, Director
Seonju Choi Townsend

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

INTERACTIVE MEDIA DESIGN (PBC)
Bridget Sullivan, Director
Ebony Bianca Perry

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

SUMMER 2017

BACHELOR’S DEGREE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Janese Daniels, Chair
April Renee Miller
INTEGRATED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION
Toni Guidi, Program Coordinator
Jonathan Santiago Rius

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Elizabeth Neville, Chair
Erik Alan Keller

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
WINTER 2017

BACHELOR’S DEGREE

DEAF STUDIES AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Sheryl Cooper, Program Director
Robert Blake Jr., Chair
Jessica M. Hunt
Kylie E. Williams

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Janese Daniels, Chair
Sarah Lynn Allen
Eve F. Anzola
Avery Morgan Black
Erik Victoria Castro
Angelina M. Delabre
Julie Kristen Grantham
Zoe Ricquel Mone’ Hardy
Kelly Jean Hickman
Rachel Lynn Hunter
Katherine M. Knies
Jonathan Todd McFarland
Melissa Harris Mullin
Haley Eileen Newlin
Colleen Laurie Newman
Sarah Elizabeth Nicholson
Melanie Carole Packett
Caroline McAlexander Paper
Gabrielle Alicea Pearson
Kristen E. Peel
Olivia Taylor Roberts
Christina Marie Robey
Yomaly Yasmin Segovia
Jillian Rose Stebbins
Alexandra Marie Stephens
Jeannine Elizabeth Stephens
Alyssa Brooke Williams
Christen Amber Woolford

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Robert Blake Jr., Chair
Nicole Marie Albrecht
Kelly Marie Amann
Gabrielle M. Amaro
Courtney Awalt
Tali Azoolin
Tiana Allyss Barnett
Rachel Lauren Carpenter
Andrew Joseph Deitemyer
Carly Ann DeLauder
Lindsey Elizabeth Dewey
Erin Nicole Dudley
Sarah Durkin
Katie Marie Erwin
Nicole Lee Fiorenza
Meghan E. Furth
Kathryn Elizabeth Gibson
Sarah J. Goshen
Justin T. Harvie
Maya V. Herndon
Lauren Elaine Hutchison
Brittany Mary Jones
Yo Seob Kim
Christine Grace Lahay
Rebecca E. Leary
Morgan Paige McDaniel
Niya LaShay Mills
Sarah Haviland Morris
Erica Moy
Lilia Nativi
Pooja Parkash
Rachel L. Protzko
Adam G. Ritkin
Laura M. Savary
Elizabeth Eden Scalco
Ann-Marie Seipp
Ashley Serpas
Rola Lofti Shehata
Jessica Marie South
Alexa Payton Vecchio
Zachary A. Watson
Timothy J. Wenger
Morgan E. Williams

INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION
Amy Noggle, Program Coordinator
Donna Michele Ridgely

INTEGRATED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION
Toni Guidi, Program Coordinator
Meghann Alaine Porter

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION
Heather Haverback, Program Coordinator
Jennifer Ann Barbee

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BACHELOR’S DEGREE

ART + DESIGN
Jenee Mateer, Chair
Belynda Busabong Kristiana
Bailey
Leanne Nicole Harris
Fallon Eileen Keavney
Kathryn Theresa Lively
Joshua Wayne Somera Pierce
McKensie Noel Schepers
Wade Lee Shifflett Jr.
Darius Doante White

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Jung-Sook Lee, Chair
Jung-Sook Lee, Chair
Cynthia Cates, Chair
Alexandra Mae Silber

MUSIC
Phillip Collister, Chair
John Brockenbrough Fox

MUSIC EDUCATION
Alicia Mueller, Division Leader
Richard Davis Auffarth

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ACTING
Peter Wray, Program Coordinator
Paul Joseph America
Karim Darwish
Michaella Marie Howell
Zoe Claire Johnston Irving
Yakima Akim Rich

ART + DESIGN
Jenee Mateer, Chair
Helen Josephine Eve Bell
Miranda Marie Besaw
Amber Brittany Carey
Khalani Jamal Chapman
Cari-Lynne Cheelsman
Courtney Susan Clark
Jacqueline Cruz
Jennifer R. Davis
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Demetra A. Farantos
Emily Rose Friedlander
Ibrahim Najja Harris
William M.L. Humphrey
Sydney Atie Issa
Briona Jessica Jones
Caitlin Michelle Jones
Congyue Lin
Ryan Patrick Malone
Ambar Yelitza Marcus
Rodney Steven McDaniel Jr.
Susie C. McGregor
Collin David Miles
Jasmine Sharise Mobley
Justin Tyler Nepomuceno
Adam J. Newell
Delanie Ostrow
Rebecca Marie Piazza
Catherine Elizabeth Rappazzo
Courtney Ann Ray
Jordan E. Stephenson
Rachel Alayna Stershic
Ilana H. Strauss
Jessica Lynn Taylor
Lane P. Walbert
Tonya Dorothy Wheade-Pugh

ART HISTORY
Susan Isaacs, Program Coordinator
Maggie McBride Allison
Carmen Mattingly D’Anna
William M.L. Humphrey
Collyn Christine Mangini
Corey Elizabeth Sentz

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Jung-Sook Lee, Chair
Beatrice Boateng
Marissa Janai Carrasquillo
Helen Rose Chiamulera
Diamond Clinkscales
Patrick O’Neil Conrad
D’Angela Lanai Dixon
Kristin Marie Floyd
Brandon Lee Scott Haight
Erika Harrison
Edwin Ralph Jean-Paul
Asya D. Jones
Clifton Jones
Mary Katherine Keefe
Landon Scott Kestner
Jordyn Schettino
ELECTRONIC MEDIA & FILM
Michael Angelella, Chair
Jason Bruye
Robert Lawson Turner Cade
Adriano Paulo Biette Cassoma
Corey Taylor Chenoweth
Bryan H. Contreras
James M. Crawford
Thomas Henry Faison
Alex Neil Gordon
Jeffrey Clark Gray
Gary Martinez Hall II
Reginald E. Hyman
Zoe Claire Johnston Irving
Monte Demetrius Kerney
Matthew Christopher LaSalvia
Ibrahim K. Magoola
Josephine Marie Marcellino
Nikhom Sapadith Nguyen
Nickolas Thomas Phebus
Jeremy Vailauta Ponafula
Jessica Anne Ray
Ryan Paul Resnick
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Travon Leon Smith
Corey Ryan Snyder
Taylor Ann Thomas
Nicholas Vonakis
Lane P. Walbert
Curtis Brian Wilson

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Jung-Sook Lee, Chair
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Awoyinka
Avenda Baparva
Zachary David Brook
Maria Paula Centeno Mora
Kara Lynn Collins
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Madison Noel Eurice
Sarah Louise FitzHugh
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Erin A. Garnes
Hannah Agnete Hildebrandt
Sydney Atie Issa
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Sarah Elizabeth Kerr
William Campbell Kistner

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Timothy S. Houston
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Hannah Elizabeth Potts
Allison Brooke Redman
John Alexander Roman
Justin James Taylor

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Robyn Quick, Chair
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Natalie Reeder
Business Administration

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OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE
Beth Merryman, Chair

Ann Garrett Greenbaum
Ann Garrett Greenbaum previously earned a B.A. in biology from Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia, and an M.S. in marine-estuarine-environmental science from University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. Her dissertation, Activity patterns and well-being of commuters: An occupational perspective, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Beth Merryman and committee members Dr. Jenna Yeager, Dr. Barbara Demchick and Dr. Frederick Parente.

Maren Wright Voss
Maren Wright Voss previously earned a B.S. from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and an M.S. from University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. Her dissertation, Understanding Well-being among Retirees Experiencing Late-Life Unemployment, was completed under the supervision of Dr. M. Beth Merryman and committee members Dr. Kathleen Subasic, Dr. Lisa Crabtree and Dr. Man Hung.
Danielle Valente
Sheridan Mckenzie Webb
Erica Nicole Wirth
Jennifer Marie Wong

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
Mark McKinnon, Program Director
Nchedochukwu Idahosa

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

AUTISM STUDIES (PBC)
Connie Anderson, Program Director
Michelle Paige Bowers
Bethann Marie Bowles
Renee Buckler Campbell
Elizabeth Katherine Louise Cole
Alicia Marie Delcoco
Regina Ann Fugate
Mary Ellen Huss
Mary K. Lavin
Amy Morrell
Maria Theresa Morris
Pamela Dawn Peter
Rachael Ann Sichko
Jeremy Paul Whitaker

CLINICIAN TO ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION (PBC)
Marcie Weinstein, Program Director
Lisa Marie Faith

NURSING EDUCATION (PBC)
Nikki Austin, Program Director
Laura Lee Darragh
Joy Zenny Glory Felix
Caroline Elizabeth Johnson
Elizabeth Ann Malek
Jacqueline Katherine Pieterse
Megan Ashley Roesler
Rebecca Alane Shindledecker
Bethlehem Temesgen

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

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ACCOUNTING
Rodney Stump, Chair
Edwin Joseph G. Banania
Ryan Justin Dowrick
Bryce Thomas Harrison
Antonio Javon Henderson
Brandon Jeffrey Lipscomb
Craig Edward Medley
Maia Shane Morgan
Allison Frances Ruddy
Gyanendra Shrestha

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Judy Harris, Program Coordinator
Carmen Adrianna Agramonte
Ahmed Awad Masoud Alshamisi
Alexandros Avramidis
Joshua Ryan Bauman
Kyle William Bensen
Joseph John Brinster
David Robert Cordell
Daniel Corro
Riad Dahrouj Manneh
Kaitlin Elizabeth Davis
Abel Eduardo De Mena
Joseph Michael Dredger
Samuel Trevor Edmondson
Joel Michael Epstein
Shaina Michele Gleberman
Michael J Gullion
Daniel Tehbohm Han
Gavin Lee Hendrick
Christopher Stephen Henze
Raul Ho
Jonathan Christopher Holcomb
Ali Jafari
Jeffrey Christopher Johnson
Adam Evan Katz
Andrew Russell Klimon
Sahil Shyam Lakhyani Lakhyani
Christopher A. Loiselle
Joseph Robert Maranto
Kelly Amelia Martinez
Olivia Marie Mboussi Djomo
Alexa Riley McGee
Madelyn Grace McGovern
William Carroll Midwig
Shane J. Moore
Gabriel Moutrane Pasos
Noel Munga
Colin James Nicholson
Stefany Pacheco
Saudah Aslam Patel Nawab
Hoang Thanh Phan
Colin John Pribula
Jason William Radomsky
Jon Recalde
Luis Alejandro Rico Urgelles
Kristen Eileen Robinson
Daniel Robles
Brandon Zachary Ropiski
Valerie Angela Schnack
Tamburelli
Keshav Naresh Shivnani
Alyssa Marie Summers
Maria Teresa Tabares
Kwaku Tabiri
Terric Jamal Townsend
Jesse Calvin Vancherie
Troy Michael Vassalotti
Carlos Vivas
Armone D. Williams
John Paul Wilson
Melysa Yin Chen
Gerardo Anthony Zuccaro

ECONOMICS
Matthew Chambers, Chair
Eugene Harold Bowens III
Nicholas Sebastian Boyd
Gregory Ches Fasick
Parker Reynolds Koppelman

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS
Sharma Pillutla, Chair
Dylan James Kiser
Trevor Howard Lynch

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

WINTER 2017

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ACCOUNTING
Rodney Stump, Chair
Grace O. Abraham
Peace Adebanjo
Veronica Cheryse Alexander
Kaitlin Ann Badders
Yvette Renee Bellamy
Ryan P. Berry
Temitope Olawale Biobaku
Alex Brian Calderon
Kolby S. Caplin
John Charalamopoulos
Janie Chen
Jinnan Chen
Jose Cruz
Nicholas Bijnar Darwish
Jui Chun Dirkes
Shanika Elizabeth Doggett
Zachary Dorn
Kalu Eke
Dana Nicole Fontenot
Timothy Robert Ford
Michael Arthur Geiss
Amanuel Tesfaye Gizaw
Crystal Lynn Gonzales
Caroline Allerton Goode
Timothy Michael Hart
Lakeyna S. Henderson
Robert James Hoffmann
Carna Hogan
Joshua O. Ikotun
Natasa Ivkovic
Joshua Benjamin Jersey
Taheira S. Johnson
Bezayet K. Kifle
Christina Marie Lashley
Danielle Marie Lombardi
Ibrahim Magadji
Carlos Gerardo Martinez
China Dominique McNeal
Kelly Jean Mears
Nicole Miller
Kyle Patrick Mullinix
Alexis Murphy
Tin Nan Nwe
Meghan Frances Phillips
Patrick A. Pinnock
Larry William Randall Jr.
Nikolaus J. Remshifski
Christopher Anthony Sadowski
Nicole Jaclyn Severino
Martina Marina Shikova
Mohammad Adnan Siddiqi
Amanda Nicole Sinchak
Ryan Patrick Smith
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Katie Elizabeth Francavilla
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Fisher College of Science and Mathematics Banner Carrier
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Sara Jacobs, Signer
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WELCOME
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES
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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,
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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

So that you may find your particular graduate in the procession, graduates will come forward alphabetically. It is a Towson University tradition for faculty members to read the names of graduates as they walk across the stage at each ceremony. This act represents the close relationship faculty members have with their students. Each college’s faculty readers recognize this role as one of the most important during the ceremony and do their best to pronounce every graduate’s name correctly. While the goal is to be accurate, please understand that any pronunciation errors are unintentional. In addition, Towson University has made every attempt to include the names of all degree candidates and honors recipients in this program. We apologize if your name is missing. The list of candidates is tentative only.

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DOCTORAL PROGRAM

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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Hojin Chang previously earned a B.S. in computer science from Soongsil University in Seoul, South Korea, and an M.S. in computer science from Soongsil University in Seoul, South Korea. Chang’s dissertation, *Multi-Core Implementation for Bare machine Computing*, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Ramesh K. Karne and committee members Dr. Alexander L. Wijesinha, Dr. Sungchul Hong and Dr. Ziying Tang.

Jie Lian
Jie Lian previously earned a B.S. in computer science from Qingdao University in Qingdao, China, and an M.S. in applied information technology from Towson University. Lian’s dissertation, *A Cloud-Based System for Exploring Tornado Events*, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Michael McGuire and committee members Dr. Ziying Tang, Dr. Nam Nguyen and Dr. Todd Moore.

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Mohammed Abdulkareem Alyami
Mohammed Abdulkareem Alyami previously earned a B.A. in business administration from King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and an M.S. in information systems & technology from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. His dissertation, Toward Patient-Centered: Personal Health Records Systems to Promote Evidence-Based Decision-Making and Information Sharing, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Yeong-Tae Song, and committee members Dr. Ramesh K. Karne, Dr. Acharya Subrata and Dr. Nadim Alkharouf.

Beomseok Hong
Beomseok Hong previously earned a B.S. in computer engineering from National Institute for Lifelong Education in Seoul, South Korea, and an M.S. in computer science from Towson University. His dissertation, A Study on Textual Contents in Online Communities and Social Media using Text Mining Approaches, was completed under the supervision of Dr. Yanggon Kim, and committee members Dr. Sungchul Hong, Dr. Ziying Tang and Dr. Nam Nguyen.

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ALUMNI BY THE NUMBERS

160,233
Number of TU Alumni to date

1,802
Number of Winter 2017 candidates

23
Number of states represented by our graduating class

71
Percentage of TU Alumni who live in Maryland

85
Number of countries that are home to TU Alumni

1,112
Number of alumni who have returned to TU as faculty or staff

Towson University Commencement Ensemble

Luis Engelke, trumpet
Rene Hernandez, trumpet
Dave Ballou, trumpet
Kevin Stacey ’19, trumpet
Emily Wose ’21, trumpet
Joshua Fleming ’20, born
Jason Ayoub, born
David Perkel, trombone
David Scianella, trombone
Richard Segovia ’17, trombone
James Hicks, tuba
Justin Woodbury ’19, tuba
Michelle Humphreys, percussion

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