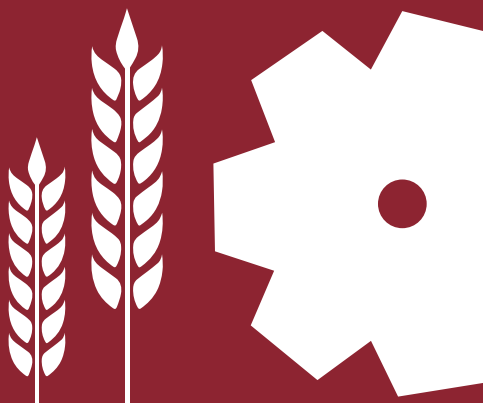


**BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
AND 131<sup>ST</sup> COMMENCEMENT**



**MAY 12**

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CLASS OF 2024

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# WELCOME

## Welcome to Bethel College's 131st Commencement.

Thank you for joining us as we recognize the accomplishments of our latest class of Bethel College graduates. Commencement is one of the most formal and significant ceremonial events of academic life. It represents the culmination of baccalaureate education and the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of our graduates. The splendor of regalia and the ceremony acknowledge the history and traditions of academic achievement.

Today we are pleased to recognize each graduate for their achievements. We are thankful for the role relationships have played – and will continue to play – in the lives of these students. We are proud to welcome them as alumni of Bethel College. May they be guided by their faith, and confident in their liberal arts education and readiness for employment.

These graduates are special. They have been through a challenging period of time in society. They've persisted, adapted, and stayed on course. I am proud of each one of them. I am proud that they are Threshers! I am confident that they will be successful in their future endeavors.



Jon C. Gering, Ph.D.  
President

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## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 10 a.m.**

Worship service with prelude  
Memorial Hall

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 4 p.m.**

Memorial Hall



## MISSION

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### **Bethel College**

prepares students for meaningful lives of work and service through faith formation, the liberal arts, and practical experience in career pathways.

## VISION

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### **Bethel College**

graduates students who increase human flourishing (shalom) in society by owning and enacting their faith, demonstrating compassion for the powerless, engaging in critical thought, and bringing value to the workplace.

# VALUES

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## **High standards and expectations**

for behavior and performance in all dimensions of campus life

## **Dialogue**

that transforms conflict within communities where there are differences in opinion and understanding

## **Peace and justice**

that seek fair and equitable treatment for all members of society

## **Vocational discernment**

that helps students identify their calling and God's purpose for their professional lives

## **Holistic wellness**

through a balance of mental, physical, and spiritual practices

## **Creative approaches**

for living harmoniously within a constantly changing world and workplace

## **Community with global consciousness**

that cherishes social connectivity, shared endeavors, and intergenerational living

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# BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

## *Theme*

*Fight the Good Fight*

## *Prelude*

*Prelude in G, Op. 28 No. 3*

Chopin

*Sonata in E, K 380*

Scarlatti

Phillip Balzer, piano

## *Brighter Days*

Blessing Offor

Hayden Honomichl, tenor

Sophie Girtz^, soprano

Peter Buller^, piano

## *Amazing Grace*

arr. Craig Courtney

Angelika Donaldson, soprano

## *i carry your heart*

Connor Koppin

Woven Road

## *Ain'a That Good News*

William L. Dawson

Woven Road

## *Welcome, call to worship & opening prayer*

On screen

Kaity Shima

## *Theme Scripture reading / from 2 Timothy 4:1-8*

Kylah Carter, English

Louis Etienne, Haitian Kréyol

Jazmin Levario-Espino, Spanish

Milan Bucek, Czech

## *Worship music / Concert Choir*

*We Were Not Made For Silence*

Melinda Bargreen

*Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey

arr. Arnold Sevier

## *Second Scripture reading / Isaiah 40:29-31*

Isaiah Bartel

## *Reflections*

Aaliyah Hunt

Joshua Kennell

## *\*Congregational song of response*

On screen

*My Life Flows On*

### ***Reflections***

Kayden Christiansen  
Jesse McMichael  
Ernest Ferrier

### ***Blessing and sand***

Dakota Piovesan

*When music begins, seniors are invited forward to pour a cup of sand into the vase.*

### ***Song of response / Concert Choir***

*Over the Rainbow*, from *The Wizard of Oz* arr. Jacob Narverud  
April Powls<sup>^</sup>, soloist  
Abby Chappell Deckert<sup>^</sup> & Caleb Garber<sup>^</sup>, cello

### ***Prayers***

Angelika Donaldson  
Lauren McCreary  
Jesse McMichael  
Schyler Entz

### ***\*Congregational singing***

*Guide My Feet* On screen  
v. 1-3, 6

### ***Sung benediction / Concert Choir***

*The Lord bless you and keep you* Peter C. Lutkin

### ***Postlude***

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

<sup>^</sup>Non-graduate

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Hymn leader: Henry S. Waters, D.M.A.

Accompanist: Christina Liu, D.M.A

Student greeters: Tessa Lies, Lauren McCreary, Macy Sisco, Destiny Tollette

Student ushers: Emily Brandt, Kayden Christiansen, Lia Groves, Joshua Kennell,

Jabril Powell, Brenden Sanders

Baccalaureate Planning Committee: Kaity Shima (senior representative), Kylah Carter,

Schyler Entz, Ernest Ferrier, Hayden Honomichl, Aaliyah Hunt, Daniel Kaufman, Jazmin

Levario-Espino, Michael Unruh (campus pastor)



# CHORAL TEXTS

## *We Were Not Made For Silence*

*music & text by Melinda Bargreen*

We were not made for silence.  
We were made to sing.  
And through the darkest days and deepest hours we lift our voice,  
we lift our song out of despair into hopefulness.  
We were not made for silence.  
There is no halting,  
no halting of the human voice,  
no muting of our spirit.  
There is no way to stop,  
no way to stop our hopes, our dreams, our music:  
The songs we were meant for,  
the songs that were made for us.  
Come with us on this journey,  
lift your hearts in time with our voices.  
Celebrate the end of silence.  
Open your ears to the sounds they were meant to hear:  
The songs of our souls.  
We are not made for silence.  
We were made for song.

## *Precious Lord*

*music & text by Thomas A. Dorsey*  
*arr. Arnold Sevier*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
at the river, Lord, I stand,  
guide my feet and hold my hand:  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

# CHORAL TEXTS

## *Over the Rainbow, from The Wizard of Oz*

*arr. Jacob Narverud*

When all the world is a hopeless jumble and the raindrops tumble all around,  
heaven opens a magic lane.  
When all the clouds darken up the skyway, there's a rainbow highway to be found,  
leading from your window pane  
to a place behind the sun,  
just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high,  
there's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,  
and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.

Some day I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me.  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops, away above the chimney tops,  
that's where you'll find me!

Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly.  
Birds fly over the rainbow, why then, oh, why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow,  
why oh why can't I?

## *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*music & text by Peter C. Lutkin*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.  
Amen.

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## *\*Processional*

Thresher Brass Quintet  
Kyle Unruh '11, trumpet  
Evan Koch '14, trumpet  
Genevieve Rucker '13, horn  
Andrew Thiesen '17, trombone  
Trae Gehring '22, tuba

## *President's Welcome*

Jonathan C. Gering '94, Ph.D., President

## *Invocation*

Denzel Dixon, Student Chaplain, Graduate

## *Welcome from the Board of Directors*

Wynn Goering '77, Chair, Board of Directors

## *\*\*Presentation of the Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching Award*

Robert Milliman, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

## *Commencement Address*

*"Make today THE day"*

Stacy Middleton '95  
Athletic Operations Administrator and Senior Women Leader

## *Presentation of Candidates for Degrees and Honors*

Robert Milliman, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty  
Christine E. Crouse-Dick, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Arts

## *Conferring of Degrees*

Jonathan C. Gering, Ph.D., President

## *Welcome to New Alumni*

Jeffrey Graber '04, Alumni Association Representative

## *Closing Prayer*

Tucker Smith, Student Chaplain, Graduate

## *\*Recessional*

Thresher Brass Quintet

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\* Audience members who are able please stand.

\*\*The Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching Award is presented to a Bethel faculty member in recognition of outstanding classroom contributions and distinguished teaching. The award was endowed by the family of Ralph P. Schrag '37.

## STACY MIDDLETON, B.S.

Stacy (Koontz) Middleton is in her third year as Bethel's athletic operations administrator, while serving as the Senior Women Leader.

She is also in her 13th season on the softball coaching staff. Middleton started the women's softball program in 2011 and coaches with her husband, David.

Middleton, a graduate of Haven (Kan.) High School, was offered a scholarship from George "Jolly" Rogers '69 to join the Bethel College track program in 1991. As a Bethel student, Middleton also participated in both volleyball and track and field for four years, and played two years of basketball.



She was a two-year letter winner in volleyball as a defensive specialist and a four-year letter winner in track. She was a member of two KCAC volleyball championship teams as a sophomore and a senior. On the track and field team, Middleton was a standout javelin thrower and finished her career as a two-time NAIA All-American. She owns the women's javelin record for the KCAC championship meet, and the Bethel College program record.

In 2018, Middleton was inducted into the Bethel College Hall of Fame class for her athletic achievements as a student-athlete.

Middleton received a bachelor's degree from Bethel College in 1995 in Health and Physical Education/Elementary Education, with a minor in Coaching.

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### *Program notes*

When the Bethel bell, which is always rung to mark the beginning of the school year, begins to ring, you will know that the graduates are leaving the Luyken Fine Arts Center to make their way to Memorial Hall. The bell will continue to ring until all the graduates have entered Memorial Hall. As they approach the steps of Memorial Hall, the graduates are invited to touch the threshing stone to symbolize their going out into the world as Threshers.

Photographer Emily Timperley will be taking photographs of graduates receiving diplomas, as well as other photos. Please visit [bethelks.edu/graduation](http://bethelks.edu/graduation) for instructions on how to download or print photos.

During the recessional, the Memorial Hall chimes will ring, and the graduates will recess out of Memorial Hall to meet loved ones on the Green (Thresher Gym in case of rain).

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES 2023-24

All degrees granted May 12, 2024, unless listed with another date.  
Names of those graduating in absentia will not be read.

Junior Marshals: Shayla Dao and Benjamin Rudeen

**Mussawir Ahmed, B.A.**  
London, United Kingdom  
Psychology

**Osvaldo Alvarez, B.S.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Health and Physical Education (12/23)

**Grace Olivia Anderson, B.S.**  
Heath, Texas  
Business Administration (12/24)

**Kevin Alonso Applewhite, B.S.**  
Panama City, Panama  
Business Administration

**Kiara Marie Ashurst, B.S.N.**  
Independence, Missouri  
Nursing

**Phillip Andrew Balzer, B.A.\*\*\***  
Freeman, South Dakota  
Music

**Isaiah J. Bartel, B.S.N.\***  
Andover, Kansas  
Nursing

**Elly Grace Bertholf, B.S.\*\*\***  
Winfield, Kansas  
Elementary Education (12/24) †

**Joseph Arthur Blakesley, B.S.**  
Topeka, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Emily Grace Brandt, B.S.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Social Work

**Milan Bucek, B.S.\*\***  
Pelhrimov, Czechia  
Business Administration

**Tristen Kenneth Burger, B.S.**  
Larned, Kansas  
Business Administration (12/23)

**Kylah Dionne Carter, B.S.\***  
Houston, Texas  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
(12/24)

**Michael Cech, B.S.**  
Teplice, Czechia  
Business Administration

**Naomi Chavez, B.S.\***  
Newton, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Kayden James Christiansen, B.A.\*\*\***  
Lakin, Kansas  
Natural Sciences

**Brianna Anela Okalani Clark, B.S.\***  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Health and Physical Education

**Raven Briann Cobbins, B.S.N.\***  
Wichita, Kansas  
Nursing

**Michayla Denise Contreras, B.A.**  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Communication Arts,  
Business Administration (12/24)

**Robert Miles Crager, B.S.**  
Valley Center, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Adale Sandra Crawford, B.S.N.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Nursing

**Anthony Denzel Dixon, B.A.**  
Newark, Delaware  
Communication Arts

**Angelika Roxanne Donaldson, B.A.\*\***  
Highland, Illinois  
Music

**Sean Michael Drake, B.A.**  
Newton, Kansas  
History

**Ashtin Leigh Duerksen, B.S.N.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Nursing

**Alexis Mae Eddy, B.S.\*\*\***  
Valley Center, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Schylar Marie Entz, B.S.\***  
Newton, Kansas  
Elementary Education †

**Josie Dawn Epp, B.A.\*\***  
Marion, South Dakota  
Mathematical Sciences

**Brett August Esch, B.A.\*\***  
Carrollton, Texas  
Communication Arts (7/24) †

**Louis Vethner Etienne, B.S.**  
Port de Paix, Haiti  
Health and Physical Education (7/24)

**Ernest Ferrier, B.S.**  
Humble, Texas  
Health and Physical Education (12/24)

**Jaycee Renee Freshour, B.A.\*\*\***  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Natural Sciences (12/23)

**Meya Ryann Green, B.S.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Social Work (12/24)

**Lia-Jing Elizabeth Groves, B.S.\***  
Valley Center, Kansas  
Health and Physical Education

**Jaime Guardado Hernandez, B.S.**  
Durango, Mexico  
Business Administration

**Nathan Rolando Gutierrez, B.A.**  
Bixby, Oklahoma  
Natural Sciences (7/24)

**Hannah Marie Harris, B.S.N.**  
Chapman, Kansas  
Nursing

**Marissa Lynn Harrison, B.A.**  
Mountain Park, Oklahoma  
Biology (12/24)

**Claire Elizabeth Hedlund, B.S.**  
McPherson, Kansas  
Business Administration (12/23)

**Emma Nayellee Hershberger, B.S.**  
Buhler, Kansas  
Business Administration (12/23)

**Sean Maclorin David Holness, B.S.**  
London, United Kingdom  
Health and Physical Education (12/23)

**Hayden Kohl Honomichi, B.A.\*\*\***  
Great Bend, Kansas  
Communication Arts †

**Alexander L. Hooper, B.S.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Social Work

**Keyaun Namir Hoskin, B.S.**  
Dallas, Texas  
Business Administration (8/24)

**Aaliyah Levelle Hunt, B.A.**  
La Grange, Texas  
Psychology

**Harlie Marie Hunton, B.S.**  
El Dorado Hills, California  
Social Work

**Daniel Armin Kaufman, B.S.\*\*\***  
Moundridge, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Ashley Marie Kehrt, B.A.**  
Aledo, Texas  
Biology

**Macee Yvonne Kelsay, B.S.N.**  
Bentley, Kansas  
Nursing

**Tea N. Kennedy, B.S.**  
Miltonvale, Kansas  
Elementary Education (12/24) †

**Joshua Michael Kennell, B.A.\*\*\***  
Newton, Kansas  
Biology

**MacKenzie Jo Koehn, B.S.N.**  
Hesston, Kansas  
Nursing

**Halle Zhang Krehbiel, B.S.\*\*\***  
Hesston, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Kelsie Anne Kreutzer, B.A.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Psychology

**Marcus Alan LaBonde, B.S.\***  
Grand Junction, Colorado  
Business Administration (7/24)

**Darby Shaye LaBrayere, B.S.N.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Nursing

**Jazmin Azucena Levario-Espino, B.S.N.\*\***  
Elkhart, Kansas  
Nursing

**Marielena Guadalupe Licea, B.S.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Tessa Jane Lies, B.S.\*\***  
Wichita, Kansas  
Business Administration (8/24)

**Morgan Elizabeth Marsh, B.A.**  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Art

**Jakoby Kenneth Masters, B.S.**  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Health and Physical Education †

**Lauren Ashleigh McCreary, B.A.\***  
Skiatook, Oklahoma  
History and Political Science,  
Communication Arts

**Jesse Abigail McMichael, B.S.\*\***  
Highland, California  
Elementary Education †

**Meehlia Coltilde Mendiola, B.A.**  
Tumwater, Washington  
Natural Sciences

**Edel Brooke Miller, B.A.**  
Goessel, Kansas  
Art (12/23)

**Rylee Ann Moon, B.S.N.**  
Derby, Kansas  
Nursing

**Nicolas Roman Morgan, B.S.**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Health and Physical Education

**Lynzi Lea Myrick, B.S.N.**  
Larned, Kansas  
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**Lucas Pardo, B.S.**  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
Business Administration (12/24)

**Nalea Ann Payton, B.S.\*\*\***  
El Dorado, Kansas  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Kelsey Ryan Pent, B.S.N.**  
Parker, Colorado  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Health and Physical Education

**Dakota Marie Piovesan, B.S.**  
Vancouver, Washington  
Business Administration (7/24)

**Jabril Rahman Powell, B.A.**  
Waco, Texas  
Natural Sciences

**Tomas Agustin Quercia, B.S.\***  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Business Administration

**Mario Angel Quintero, B.S.**  
Haven, Kansas  
Elementary Education (12/24) †

**Katie Raleigh, B.S.**  
Hesston, Kansas  
Social Work (12/23)

**Myran Terrell Randle, B.A.**  
Bakersfield, California  
Communication Arts

**Jalyn Phillip Richardson, B.S.**  
Flower Mound, Texas  
Business Administration

**Jared Woodrow Richardson, B.S.**  
Flower Mound, Texas  
Business Administration

**Colton James Carter Rothwell, B.S.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Brenden Tariq Sanders, B.S.**  
Plano, Texas  
Health and Physical Education

**Taylor Rose Sanfillippo, B.S.N.**  
Corona, California  
Nursing

**Keaton Lane Shaffer, B.S.**  
Stigler, Oklahoma  
Business Administration

**Kaitlyn Marie Shima, B.A.\*\*\***  
Topeka, Kansas  
Natural Sciences

**Macy Dawn Sisco, B.S.**  
Wylie, Texas  
Business Administration

**Garrett William Slater, B.S.**  
Hesston, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Tucker Harrison Smith, B.A.**  
Muscotah, Kansas  
Natural Sciences (12/23)

**Jordyn Gabrielle Smith, B.S.\*\***  
Axtell, Kansas  
Health and Physical Education

**Francisco Juvenal Soto, B.S.**  
Wichita, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Christopher Wayne Strecker Jr., B.A.**  
Goessel, Kansas  
History and Political Science

**Meghan J. Symonds, B.S.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Social Work

**Jalyn C. Todd, B.A.**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Biology (7/24)

**Destiny Janai Tollette, B.S.**  
Killeen, Texas  
Elementary Education (12/24) †

**Stefanie Torres, B.A.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Natural Sciences

**Nicole Nicole Tran, B.S.**  
Newton, Kansas  
Business Administration

**Bryce Underwood, B.A.**  
Bakersfield, California  
History (12/23)

**Miguel Mateo Vojtova, B.S.**  
Madrid, Spain  
Health and Physical Education

**Juan Ignacio Volker Vergara, B.S.\*\***  
Vina del Mar, Chile  
Business Administration (12/24)

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GPA honors for graduates are indicated by (an) asterisk(s) behind their degree and by the color of their cords.

\*Cum Laude: 3.500-3.649 G.P.A. | Cords: Gray

\*\*Magna Cum Laude: 3.650-3.799 G.P.A. | Cords: Maroon and Gray

\*\*\*Summa Cum Laude: 3.800-4.0 G.P.A. | Cords: Maroon, Gray and White

† Teacher Education

B.A. Bachelor of Arts

B.S. Bachelor of Science

B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Degree honors are listed as of the program print date and may be subject to change based on final grades. Honor cords are given when students have completed all degree coursework, and are based on final cumulative GPA.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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The ceremonial gowns worn in the academic process speak by their shape and color of both the breadth and the historic dignity of intellectual pursuits. Their design derives from that of the gowns of the clerics who were the teachers and students in the first universities, founded in the Middle Ages. The gown is a symbol of the democracy of scholarship, since it covers any clothing indicating other rank or status.

The doctor's gown is ankle-length, with wide lapels of velvet and full, bell-shaped sleeves marked with three bars or chevrons of velvet. The color of the gown is usually black, but some American universities have adopted gowns of a color appropriate for each school. The master's gown is black with sleeves that are squared at the end. Individuals with bachelor's degrees wear a black gown that has long, pointed sleeves.

The gown also tells the academic history of the scholar who wears it. The lining of the hood displays the heraldic colors of the university that granted the degree, whereas the border of the hood and the chevrons on the gown announce the scholar's field of study—white, for example, stands for history, scarlet for theology, pink for music, drab for business administration, etc.

The cap has its own traditions. The first right of a freed Roman slave was the privilege of wearing a cap, so the academic cap is the sign of the freedom of scholarship. Although the flat square cap or mortarboard is most usual, the doctoral cap is an octagonal tam of velvet.

The tassel is used in commencement ceremonies both for differentiation and unifying purposes. The graduation tassel, attached to a mortarboard for a college or university, represents belonging to a particular class that has completed its goals. Tassels on the cap most often are the color or colors of the particular institution; in the case of Bethel College, the tassel is maroon. At commencement, graduates wear the tassel on the right side, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred. Faculty participating in academic ceremonies wear the tassel to the left throughout the proceedings.

Bachelor's degree candidates may have a stole provided by their major department to indicate their field of study or ethnic group. The following are represented in the Bethel College commencement: light blue for education; pink for music; gold for math; apricot for nursing; citron for social work; Kente cloth for students recognized by the African American Alumni Association; serape for students who identify as Latinx/Hispanic; blue and white for students who identify as Asian American/Pacific Islander; multicolor for students who identify as Native American or Alaska Native. International students wear a stole in the colors of their nation's flag.

Each student wearing a green ribbon has signed the pledge organized by KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution): "I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work." Since 1987, this Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility has been offered at colleges and universities throughout the world.

Nursing students inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International honor society receive purple and white honor cords.





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