SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

April 2024 Graduation

Thursday, April 25
Fitzgerald Field House
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PRELUDE

ASSEMBLY OF CANDIDATES

Robert Scherrer, EdD
President, Pitt Education Alumni Society

COMMENCEMENT PROCESSIONAL

BS ................................................................. Carma Sprows-Repcheck, PhD
Graduate Certificate ......................................... Michelle Sobolak, PhD
MAT .................................................................. Michelle Sobolak, PhD
MEd ................................................................. Sheila Conway, PhD
MA ..................................................................... Robert Gallen, PhD
MS ..................................................................... Robert Gallen, PhD
EdD ................................................................. Tom Akiva, PhD
PhD .................................................................. Shannon Wanless, PhD
Faculty ............................................................ Michael Gunzenhauser, PhD
Platform ......................................................... Andrea Zito, EdD

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Allison Mascio, BS, Applied Developmental Psychology
Tasha Jordan, EdD, STEM Education

DEAN’S ADDRESS

Eboni M. Zamani-Gallaher, PhD, Interim Renée and Richard Goldman
Dean and Professor

CEREMONY ADDRESS

Christopher M. Span, PhD, Professor, Chief of Staff, and Associate
Chancellor for Administration and PreK-12 Initiatives, University of
Illinois Urbana-Champaign

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

ALUMNI WELCOME

Robert Scherrer, EdD, President, Pitt Education Alumni Society

RECESSIONAL
FEATURED SPEAKERS

CEREMONY SPEAKER

Christopher M. Span, PhD
Professor, Chief of Staff, and Associate Chancellor for Administration and PreK-12 Initiatives, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Christopher M. Span received his PhD at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2001. He is a professor in the Department of Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership and chief of staff and associate chancellor for administration and PreK-12 initiatives at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For the past decade, he served as an associate dean in the College of Education and the faculty athletics representative for Illinois and the Big Ten. He is a historian of education who specializes in the educational history of African Americans in the 19th century. He is the author of “From Cotton Field to Schoolhouse: African American Education in Mississippi, 1862-1875,” co-editor of “Using Past as Prologue: Contemporary Perspectives on African American Educational History,” and has published numerous articles and book chapters on the educational history of African Americans. He is the past vice president of Division F (History of American Education) for the American Educational Research Association and past president of the History of Education Society.

DEAN’S ADDRESS

Eboni M. Zamani-Gallaher, PhD
Interim Renée and Richard Goldman Dean and Professor, Pitt School of Education

An accomplished scholar, Eboni M. Zamani-Gallaher’s work focuses on equitable participation in higher education; transfer, access, and retention policies; minoritized student populations in marginalized institutional contexts; and racial equity and campus climate in postsecondary education pathways. Prior to her tenure as interim dean, Zamani-Gallaher served as the associate dean for equity, justice, and strategic partnerships in the School of Education. In this role, she advanced the school-wide strategy for equitable partnerships, which included partnering with colleagues to further deepen teaching excellence, strengthen programmatic offerings, and reimagine the school’s ongoing engagements. As a researcher, Zamani-Gallaher has amassed more than $10.4 million in external funding on projects aimed at improving the field of higher education. In addition to her work at Pitt, Zamani-Gallaher is a leader in a variety of professional organizations. She is executive director of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges and president-elect of the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Zamani-Gallaher holds a PhD in educational organization and leadership from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and an MS in general experimental psychology and BS in psychology from Western Illinois University.
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
At this ceremony, degrees are conferred upon persons who completed requirements in August and December 2023 and who are expected to for April and June 2024. Because candidates for April and June 2024 would not have completed degree requirements before the creation of the program, it was not possible to provide more than a tentative listing of candidates. The listing of a degree on a University academic transcript is the official testimony of degree conferral. This academic achievement is celebrated through the issuance of a University diploma.

JUNE 2024 GRADUATES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

- Staci Adams-Burnett
- Sharla Anke
- Jocelyn Artinger
- Duane Barlow
- Siroscur Barnes
- Constance Barnes-Watson
- Hope Beam Albert
- Audrey Bowser
- Raquel Cole
- Juliet Crowell
- Paula Davis
- Charmaine Davis-Bey
- Grace Drnach-Bonaventura
- Sarah Dunifon
- Nathan Einsig
- Andrew George
- Anthony Gomez
- Jamaal Gosa
- Susan Graff
- Anthony Graham
- Kimberly Gregory
- Sarah Hall
- Katie Hanford
- Sonia Jaiswal
- Kathleen Jatkiewicz-Chandler
- Tasha Jordan
- Karl Kemmerer
- Kristin Klingensmith
- Michele Lagnese
- Brandi Lawrence
- Mónica Lynn Vila-Geis
- Melanie Manes
- Nanyamkah Mars
- Kimberly Masloski
- Briana Mihok
- Christine Miller
- Allyce Pinchback-Johnson
- Nicholas Reffuge
- Nina Riivald
- Matt Roberts
- Megan Roberts
- Christine Rodgers
- Cherri Rogers
- Stephanie Romanishan
- Lynn Rosen
- Sonia Schilling-Mansour
- Jared Shade
- Laurie Speranzo
- Oksana Stalczynski
- Jennifer Tan
- Emily Tanzey
- Heather Thomas
- Edlyn Thompson-Mettle
- Selvon Waldron
- Meghan Watelet
- Kristen Williams
- Yvette Wischer

APRIL 2024 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Afrodit Agathokleous
- Eli Anish
- Brooke Aymar
- Alexis Beinhauer
- Jessica Berger
- Maya Berger
- Claudia Bohman
- Eliza Brennan
- Grace Brown-Scherer
- Ricky Cho
- Samantha Clark
- Kayli Clemens
- Allison Colgan
- Megan Collins
- Amanda Cooke
- Amoy Crosbourne
- Julia Dailey
- Keely Daniels
- Rachel Daum
- Drew Dorfman
- Colleen Dougherty
- Abigail Duncan
- Lulu Ekberg
- Madalyn Eason
- Clare Fitzpatrick
- Haley Flynn
- Lindsey Fortes
Kathleen Francis
Lauren Galbreath
Jillian Gaudioso
Elizabeth Giordano
Amanda Giunta
Grace Greene
Caleigh Hahn-Kline
Claire Hartung
Ariana Henderson
Megan Hoke
Irene Hong
Shayna Josowitz
Nate Keller
Abigayle Koontz
Nellia Kostadinova
Yuheng Liu
Emily Maher
Mary-Catherine Mahoney
Victoria Malomo
Isaiah Marsalis
Allison Mascio
Olivia Mekhail
Hannah Miller
Julia Monaco
Christopher Mulcahy Jr
Isabella Narduzzi
Leah Natt
Christopher Nicholson
Grace O’Sullivan
Claire Park
Lauren Paulus
Antonio Petrucelli
Daniel Pollock
Elodie Prigent
Ava Quinn
Samyak Rana
Brooklyn Rensberger
Theresa Rinker
Olivia Rose
Roland Rosenberg
Madeline Rushford
Jack Schaffner
Hallie Sill
Tyler Smida
James Smith
Olivia Sobkowiak
Kara Soles
Claire Terry
Molly Tiplady
Gabrielle Trojan
Isabelle Voltz
Nekiya Washington-Butler
Ashlyn Weidenhammer
Amelia White
Sydney Williams
Tierra Wilson
Matthew Zeiler
Hanson Zeiler
Zihui Zhang

CERTIFICATE

Madyson Bingham
Anna Bout
Allison Curtis
Rachel Hidek
Mia Manganaro
Kaitlyn Parisi
Sarah Sass
Nicole Scherer
Cara Senger
Alexa Signore
Kevin Smetak
Kelly Swidorsky
Kristen Venturino
Lauren Yost
Ronald Ziccardi

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Scott Branagan
Emma Christensen
Madison Dean
Elizabeth Dolan
Caitlin Dwinnell
Ethan Hale
Santino Hartford
Kelly Jackson
Rachael Jones
Joshua Junko
Alma Mamani
Noelle McKinney
Duncan Miller
Haley Mitchell
Zora Mosley
Ellis Peet
Matthew Picklo
Charles Rice
Theo Segura
Julia Trunzo
Brooke Vietmeier
Apanchanit Viranuvat
Ryan Wagner
Samuel Weiner
Sam Wong
Alexander Yaskolko
Katrina Yaworski
MASTER OF EDUCATION

Briana Albright
Kawthar Almarzooq
Molly Ayoob
Madyson Bingham
Mary Borkoski
Anna Bout
Peter Cappucci
Alethea Carroll
Gabrielle Charles-Lindia
Bryanna Checo
Megan Collins
Brooke Dant
Lola Dardzinski
Suzie d’Herve
Hannah Doughty
Ji Duojie
Jennifer Espinoza
Xuesongzi Fang
Jace Garnick

Jason Glancy
Adia Hearns
Grace Hourigan
Julianne Jacques
Jennifer Kaplan
Duncan Kelley
Rachel Keyser
Audrey Kreitz
Rebecca Labovitz
Brandon Lee
Kailyn Lukaszewski
Mackenzie Mallich
Emily McBeth
Sarah McIntire
Mara Miranda
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Katherine Sullivan
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Olivia Vioral

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Carolyn Antall
Huiwen Chen
Conor Coleman
Allison Curtis
Leah Frank
Mikaela Freeman
Yitian Huang
Yinuo Jin

Aishwarya Karanam
Grace Krah
Ashley Lee
Grace Lekberg
Mia Manganaro
Ariana McElwain
Nicolette Meade
Mina Mehdizadeh

Madelyn Norris
Sarah Peters
Mikayla Robinson
Sarah Sass
Kelly Swidorsky
Grace Whited
Samantha Wittenberg

MASTER OF ARTS

Liying Cheng
Charlie Diaz

Gerard Dorvè-Lewis
Richard Romano

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Carla Escribano Ramallo
Abigail Fite

Craig Grooms
Scott Hwang

Cara Senger
Antionette Stith

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Meghan Orman
Holly Plank

Anna Premo
Debralyn Woodberry-Shaw
DECEMBER 2023 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Delphie Backs  Emily Nemtuda  Jessica Uhl
Mary Borkoski  Hannah Sekelsky
Zora Mosley  Zheng Sun

CERTIFICATE
Rachel Courbis  Maria Harvey  Kenady O’Neil
Elspeth Cunningham  Kaitlin Kernan  Joel Panach
Joanna Graham  Sara Lujan  Christian Whitehead

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Elspeth Cunningham  Sara Lujan  Candice Rumble
Jacqueline Friedman  Kenady O’Neil  LaToya Walters
Joanna Graham  Veronica Paulo  Hannah Williams
Marcie Johnson  Christiana Raftis  Brandon Yee
Kaitlin Kernan  Tiffany Robinson

MASTER OF ARTS
Rebecca Daugherty

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
Daren Ellerbee  Rebecca Hoffman  Catherine Pope
Haley Hayden  Kyoungah Lee

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Caitlin Cheruka  Shangmou Xu
AUGUST 2023 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brooke Dant
Jack DeGurian
Suzie d’Herve
Michael Dowling

Jennifer Espinoza
Emily McBeth
Zoe Miller
Mara Miranda

Emma Morganstein
Katelyn Osman
Kate Sullivan
Olivia Vioral

CERTIFICATE

Briana Albright
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Katelyn Carson
Carly Chrostowski
Frances Mary D’Andrea
Hannah Deichler
Sydney DonGiovanni
Carly Erdmann
Margaret Gilchrist

Kenneth Hale
Liz Hwang
Joanna Kemp
Kimberly Kohler
Sherry Light
Kiera Loftus
Kerri McCowien
Megan McQuaide
Colin Merrigan
Jennifer Panasko

Allison Pietrusinski
Bill Price
Sarah Raptosh
Donna Ruff
Anthony Sendro
Julia Stich
Megan Wood
Miranda Zarlino

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Aiden Marcelis
Brooke Ross

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Shannon Baker
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Lucia Bonacchi
John Burkhalter
Michaela Buzzard
Madison Cieri
Hannah Deichler
Sydney DonGiovanni
Carly Erdmann

Amanda Gaydos
Margaret Gilchrist
Hana Goodman
Kenneth Hale
Courtney Hill
Candace McComb
Emily McKain
Colin Merrigan
Cody Pawlowski

Sarah Raptosh
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

| Carli Liguori                    | Dao Nguyen              | Jenay Willis        |
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Robert Scherrer, EdD
President, Pitt Education Alumni Society

Robert Scherrer (EdD ’09) is president of the University of Pittsburgh School of Education Alumni Society. He is executive director of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, a regional education services agency serving the greater Pittsburgh area. In this role, he has developed and implemented a new strategic plan and supported school entities throughout the region. Previously, he was superintendent of the North Allegheny School District and a principal at Pittsburgh Allderdice High School and the Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy, both in the Pittsburgh Public Schools District. Scherrer earned his Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility and EdD in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh School of Education. He also holds a BS in business education, an MEd in business education, and Principal’s Certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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OUR MISSION-VISION
The Pitt School of Education has an unwavering commitment to equity, justice, and innovation.

The following statement is our mission-vision. It encapsulates what we do, what we believe, and who we continually seek to become as members of the school community.

We ignite learning. We strive for well-being for all. We teach. We commit to student, family, and community success. We commit to educational equity. We advocate. We work for justice. We cultivate relationships. We forge engaged partnerships. We collaborate. We learn with and from communities. We innovate and agitate. We pursue and produce knowledge. We research. We disrupt and transform inequitable educational structures. We approach learning as intertwined with health, wellness, and human development. We address how national, global, social, and technological change impacts learning. We shape practice and policy. We teach with and for dignity. We think. We dream. We lead with integrity. **We are the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh.**
We ignite learning.