

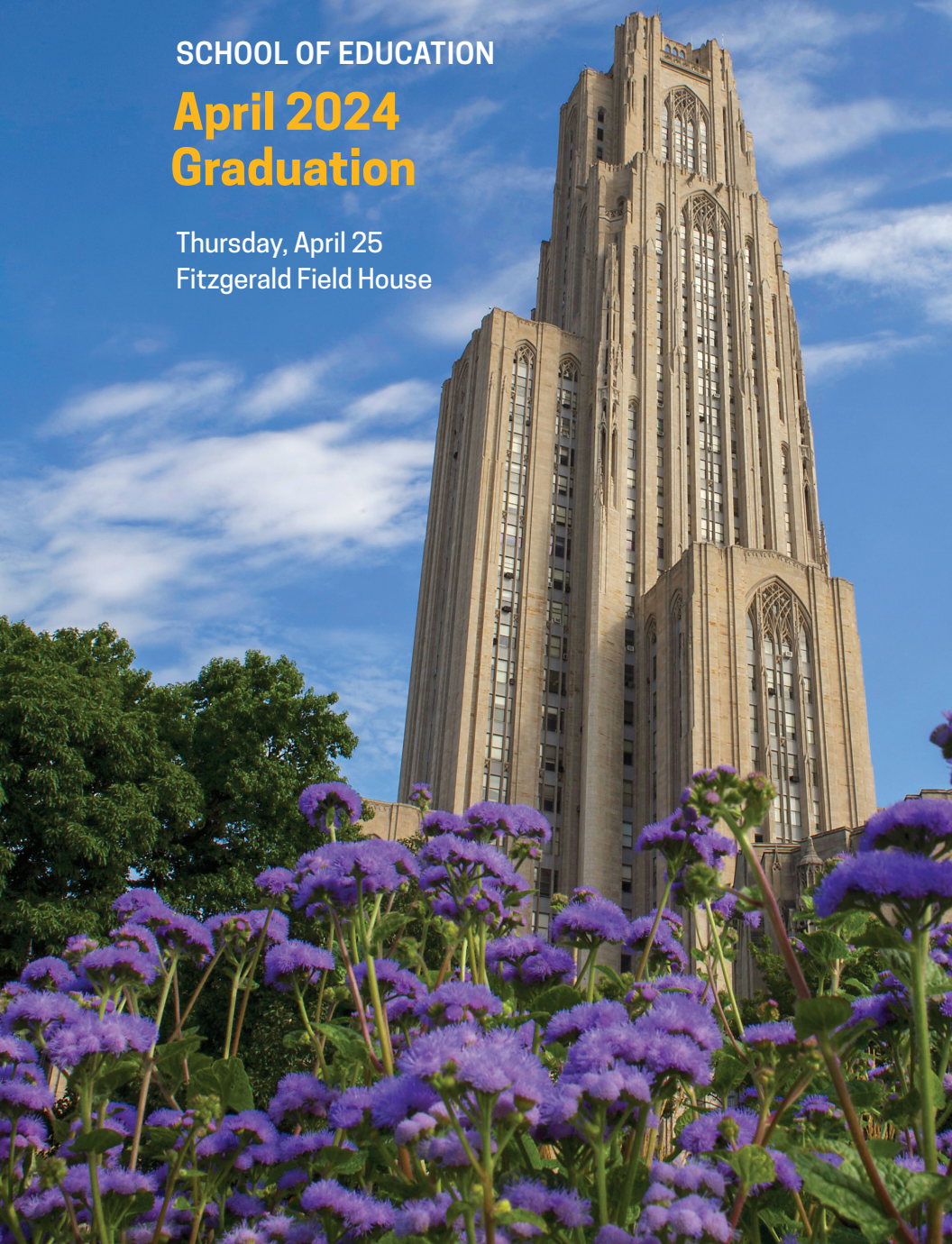


University of
Pittsburgh®

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

April 2024
Graduation

Thursday, April 25
Fitzgerald Field House



ORDER OF EVENTS

PRELUDE

ASSEMBLY OF CANDIDATES

Robert Scherrer, EdD

President, Pitt Education Alumni Society

COMMENCEMENT PROCESSIONAL

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

APRIL 2024 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Afroditi Agathokleous	Ricky Cho	Rachel Daum
Eli Anish	Samantha Clark	Drew Dorfman
Brooke Aymar	Kayli Clemens	Colleen Dougherty
Alexis Beinhauer	Allison Colgan	Abigail Duncan
Jessica Berger	Megan Collins	Lulu Ekberg
Maya Berger	Amanda Cooke	Madalyn Evason
Claudia Bohman	Amoy Crosbourne	Clare Fitzpatrick
Eliza Brennan	Julia Dailey	Haley Flynn
Grace Brown-Scherer	Keely Daniels	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 Zhang
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 Dwinell
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
Madysen 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
Kayo Mizobuchi
Emma Morganstein
Mariah Morris
Emily Nemtuda

Kira Neszpaul
Lindsay Newman
Katelyn Osman
Haley Passione
Preena Patel
Amanda Price
Cara Roth
Rylie Sano
Rebecca Scales
Shannon Schreckengost
Alexa Signore
Samantha Solenday
Lindsey Spritzler
Peter Su
Katherine Sullivan
Binhang Sun
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

Liyang 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
Debraly Woodberry-Shaw

DECEMBER 2023 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Delphie Backs
Mary Borkoski
Zora Mosley

Emily Nemtuda
Hannah Sekelsky
Zheng Sun

Jessica Uhl

CERTIFICATE

Rachel Courbis
Elspeth Cunningham
Joanna Graham

Maria Harvey
Kaitlin Kernan
Sara Lujan

Kenady O'Neil
Joel Panach
Christian Whitehead

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Elspeth Cunningham
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Marcie Johnson
Kaitlin Kernan

Sara Lujan
Kenady O'Neil
Veronica Paulo
Christiana Raftis
Tiffany Robinson

Candice Rumble
LaToya Walters
Hannah Williams
Brandon Yee

MASTER OF ARTS

Rebecca Daugherty

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Daren Ellerbee
Haley Hayden

Rebecca Hoffman
Kyoungah Lee

Catherine Pope

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
Cailyn Bennett
Michaela Buzzard
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

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

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

Sarah Raptosh
Donna Ruff
Erin Schreiber
Anthony Sendro
Julia Stich
Rachel Taylor
Tyler Trichilo
Megan Wood
Miranda Zarlino

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Andrew Beane
Eliana Benia
Andrew Biegler
John Byler
Hannah Corey
Joshua Davis
Jantrell Drakes
Dalton Jones

Malina Kamienski
Noah Kane
Anna Kenyon
Christopher Maloney
Chloe Neely
Daniel Neofes
Montrell Newton Jr
Kristen Parenteau

Alisa Roberts
Zain Skalos
Maggie Slavin
Brittney Villhauer
Wenxiao Zheng

MASTER OF ARTS

Kimberly Abraham

Musaad Alquruni

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Dalzell
Denise Esposto
Derek Fischer
Michelle Fullem
Sean Gess
Anthony Hall

Cassandra Hayt
Shenay Jeffrey
Ebonie Lamb
Sherry Light
Anastasia Mazur
Joanna Mittereder

Charissa Reardon
Justin Schwartz
Briea St. Clair
Christa Togans
Amira Wolfson

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Carli Liguori
Shali Liu

Dao Nguyen
Jawanza Rand

Jenay Willis



ALUMNI WELCOME

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

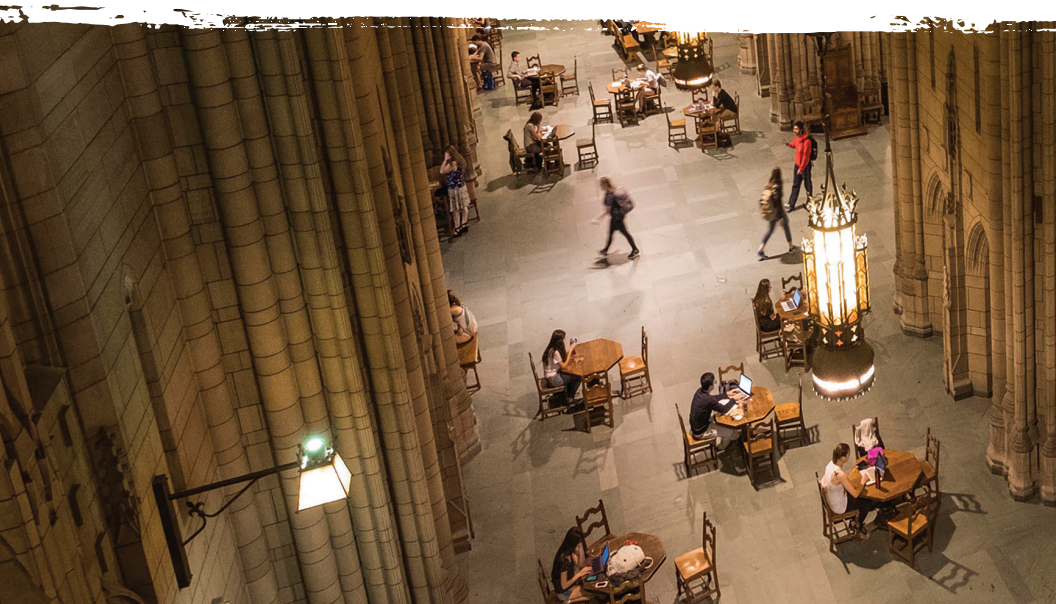
Public Schools District. Scherrer earned his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility and EdD in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh School of Education. He also holds a BS in business education, an MEd in business education, and Principal's Certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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- Read our alumni e-newsletter and magazine.
- Join the Pitt Commons platform to network with your peers and support students.

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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.**



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