



# MIDYEAR

GRADUATE

# COMMENCEMENT

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

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BAUMAN AUDITORIUM | NEWBERG, OREGON

PRELUDE

*Festive Organ Prelude* .....arr. Dan Miller  
Dan Miller, organist

\* PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39* ..... Edward Elgar  
Dan Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin E. Baker, president, George Fox University

\* INVOCATION

Daniel Kang, associate provost, Division of Health and Behavioral Sciences

\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision* .....arr. Eleanor Hull  
Danielle Warner, conductor;  
associate professor of music and director of choral programs  
Dan Miller, accompanist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

\* Audience please stand

\* SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8  
Cristy Alcaraz-Juarez, assistant professor of education

ADDRESS

“Life Is No Brief Candle”  
Shawn Daley, dean, College of Education; vice president of strategic initiatives

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2025

Mary Peterson, provost

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Robin E. Baker

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Robin E. Baker  
Assisted by Robert Harder, associate provost, Division of Engineering, Science, Art & Business/  
Industry Engagement

\* BENEDICTION

Kristy Asbell, assistant professor of medical science

\* RECESSIONAL

*Now Thank We All Our God* ..... J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox  
Dan Miller

POSTLUDE

*Toccata, from Symphony No. 5* ..... Charles-Marie Widor  
Dan Miller

FACULTY MARSHALS

Erin Johnson, associate dean, behavioral health sciences  
Yong Qiang Zheng, director of master of social work program

HONOR GUARD

Dillon Lawhon, business administration-management major, U.S. marine corps veteran  
Jermaine Streeter, theology major, U.S. marine corps veteran

As a courtesy to others, we ask that you remain seated and do not use flash photography during the program. For that portion of the program in which degrees are awarded, there will be a photography area at the base of the stage on your left. You are asked to stand within the roped area to allow passage of graduates.

\* Audience please stand

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Shawn Daley, dean, College of Education;  
vice president of strategic initiatives

Dr. Shawn Daley serves as dean of the College of Education at George Fox University. He oversees programs in teacher preparation, educational leadership, and an expanding set of innovative partnerships with K-12 districts across Oregon. In addition to his role as dean, he continues to guide the university's Early College Program and strategic educational services team through his ongoing service as vice president of strategic relationships.



His career before joining George Fox spanned more than 25 years, including stints as a high school history teacher, a professor of educational technology, and a chief innovation officer. He is a consultant to colleges, universities, and K-12 systems nationwide on program design, technology integration, and institutional strategy.

Daley's research sits at the intersection of history education, emerging technologies, and expanding access for learners with disabilities. He has presented internationally on immersive technologies, artificial intelligence, and robots in education. His work has earned recognition as an Apple Distinguished Educator, a Christa McAuliffe Award from the National Council for the Social Studies, and the Community Leadership Award from SEDCOR. Recently, his focus has turned toward improving postsecondary access for rural learners and reversing the exodus of young men from postsecondary education and the teaching profession.

Daley holds a PhD in educational psychology and educational technology from Michigan State University, an MA in history from Portland State University, an MAT from George Fox University, and a BA in history from Loyola University Maryland. He is also a graduate of the Academy for Higher Education Innovation Leadership, the Council of Independent Colleges Executive Leader Academy, and the P3EDU Fellowship program.

He and his wife, Cadie – a longtime Portland Public Schools teacher – live in North Portland. He's active in his parish community and serves on several nonprofit boards.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION (MA)

Christopher Hugh Gilmartin

Richard Alan Roth

Carrie L. Sinclair

## MASTER OF ARTS: SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST (MA)

Jessica Lynne Edwards  
Katherine Ann Koenig

Jennifer Pressnall  
K. Jewel Stone

Ebony Ronnisha Taylor

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT)

April Jean Wenger  
Frank Adolph, II.  
Emily Anastasi  
Morgan Anderson  
Hannah Jean Arritola  
Fin Aton  
Madeline Auxiliadora Ayers  
Bethany Grace Barton  
Madison Michelle Bilodeau  
Nadine Boes  
Hailey Brechbiel

Kaci Cadiz  
Charles Carlin  
Chloe Ilisa Caseday  
Caitlin Costello  
Frances A. Davis  
Olivia Jourdan Salihah Dirks  
Kyle Patrick Hayes  
Jade Antonio Hermida  
James G. Holstein  
Willa Huttinger  
Lindsay Victoria Maudru

Nicole Lynne McShane  
Richard Nathan Newell  
Kylee Nunez  
Riley Elizabeth Orner  
Amanda Renee Pasinetti  
Sushyam Ravi  
Ryder Sanders  
Daniel Schmidt  
Alexander Grant Solomon  
Grace-Marie Elizabeth Strong  
Elizabeth Logan Wood

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT) PLUS ESOL ENDORSEMENT

Jaret Luke Carlson  
Julie Ivonne Connell

Lucia Gaxiola-Diaz  
Talida Adina Lui

Moah Parker

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT) PLUS READING ENDORSEMENT

Danielle Schneider

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT) PLUS SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

Jacob Barreiro

## MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd)

Mia Cha Bustamante

## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MEd)

Roy Adams  
Bryce Owen Bennett

Winter Rose Chung  
Andrew Martin Johnson  
Nikolas James Mason

Cassandra Jo Purkey-Babcock  
Carol Elizabeth Yelvington

## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (MEd)

Heather R. Pelroy

EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
LICENSE (EDS)

|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Kevin John Coleman | Emily Renee Dias<br>Hana Elizabeth Brandt | Brandi Marie Fulton |
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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nathalie Angulo Velderrain | Lance Mathew Hanson          | Kevin May                     |
| Joshua Bigelow             | Dustin Harper                | Madison Ellie Marie McChesney |
| Devin Boekhoff             | Amanda Kate Howard           | Kali Jeannine Miller          |
| Sarah K. Boltz             | Ajay Lawrence Hulme          | Carter Garrett Munsch         |
| Kailey Helena Brook Bravo  | Justin Nicholas Huttinger    | Wendy L. Obenauf              |
| Anthony Carlos Brown       | Matney Jamieson              | Heather L. Rainey             |
| Jacob Daniel Coleman       | Brian William Johnson        | Odra A. Randall               |
| Chanelle Curfman           | Isabelle Rose Jones          | Kendra Rathkey                |
| Mason Andrew Eastman       | Tawnia Annetta Maria Ancheta | Ethan Bradley Saunders        |
| Kyle Stephen Frank         | Jones                        | Kathleen E. Severeid          |
| Chad Jesse Gilliland       | Fredrik Paul Joseph Kaas     | Sonia Yvonne Sherlock         |
| Veronica Rosa Gonzalez     | Anthony David Langton        | Brooke Noel Thompson          |
| Gavin Todd Grass           | Jake Dillion Lee             | Nathalie Angulo Velderrain    |
| Mason Hunter Gronewald     | Connor van Loveren           | Jacqueline Willis             |

MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE (MMSc)

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abby Louise Anderson      | Morgan Kuiper           | Maya Naem Saafein            |
| Kate Marie Averett        | Jacob Christian Lease   | Fatima Castillo Sarreal      |
| Jordan Nicole Bevans      | Kyle Caldwell McCartt   | Bevan Schroeder              |
| Kori Brianne Conlon       | Jenna Marie Mihelich    | Michael Josef Seigneur       |
| Addison Grace DeBoer      | Ellie Lynn Morrow       | Jonah Christian Short-Miller |
| Hannah Jewel Downing      | Michael Nguyen          | Erin Marie Skelton           |
| Terese Rose Foster        | Chloe Niemeyer          | Teresa Tamashiro             |
| Zachary Ryan Herron       | Colin McLaine Rafter    | Ryan Nicholas Walker         |
| Cameron Hirahara          | Brittany Nicole Ralston | Sarah Kathryn Ingrid Wilber  |
| Angelique Victoria Holley | Joseph Rief             | Thomas Harold Yacoe          |
| Joseph Kasali             | Ariane Valdez Rosas     | Ian James Yadao              |
| Katia Krane               | Maria Jeanette Russell  |                              |

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EDD)

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| Nicholas Brodell  | Doyle Christopher Huelsman | Kelli Renne Ruby |
| Lee Michael Ellis | Melanie Morgan Morris      |                  |

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DBA)

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Kirk M. Bennett         | Joe M. Jones         | Linda Anna Maria Fipe   |
| Brian Michael Humphreys | Richard Allan McNeal | Penitusi-Burford        |
| Donald L. Jones         | Lori Okami           | Annette Cherie Vargason |

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia generally consist of cap, gown and hood worn on formal occasions at institutions of higher learning. It originated in the medieval period, when the vast majority of scholars were of the clergy. The gown evolved from what most likely was the clergy’s robe. The gown was originally black, but color was introduced as institutions left ecclesiastical control. The bachelor’s gown is worn closed and is distinguished by its pointed sleeves. A master’s gown is designed to be worn closed with long, crescent-shaped sleeves. The doctor’s garb may be worn open or closed with velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, bell-shaped sleeves.

The most distinguishing feature of the academic attire is the hood. The hood originated as the skull cap worn by the clergy to protect their heads from the elements. The hood served a three-fold purpose: head covering, shoulder cap, and bag for alms. The size and shape of the hood designates not only the college degree of the wearer, but also the university he or she attended. The master’s hood is three and one-half feet in length, while the doctor’s hood is rounded and measures four feet in length. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The official colors of George Fox University are old gold and navy blue. The binding around the hood is velvet, with the color indicative of the major field of study.

*The list of graduate names was provided to the printer several days prior to commencement to allow production of this program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. Some candidates will not have completed all requirements for their degrees; others not listed will have completed requirements. The listing of a name in this program does not obligate George Fox University to award a degree. For official purposes, a final corrected list of graduates will be retained by the Office of the Registrar.*

