



# MIDYEAR

UNDERGRADUATE

# COMMENCEMENT

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

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BAUMAN AUDITORIUM | NEWBERG, OREGON

PRELUDE

*Festive Organ Prelude* ..... Various  
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

Joseph Clair, *associate provost, Division of Humanities & Honors*

\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision* ..... arr. Eleanor Hull  
Danielle Warner, *conductor;*  
*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

Luke 1:68-79  
Heidi Pullman-Lindsley, *assistant professor of biology*  
John 15:9-17  
Matthew Hodges, *assistant professor of cinematic arts*

ADDRESS

“Grow Your Spiritual Fruit”  
Pam Fifer, *dean, College of Nursing*

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2025

Mary Peterson, *provost*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Robin E. Baker

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Robin E. Baker

*Assisted by Daniel Kang, associate provost, Division of Health and Behavioral Sciences*

\* BENEDICTION

Brandy Walton, *assistant professor of business*

\* 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

Gary Tandy, *professor of English*  
Melanie Mock, *professor of English*

HONOR GUARD

Christopher M. Griffin, *cybersecurity management graduate, U.S. Army veteran*  
Marcus Wolford, *psych and mental health studies graduate, U.S. Air Force veteran*

LEGACY STUDENTS

*Legacy students are those who have at least one parent or grandparent who is considered an alumnus of an undergraduate or graduate degree program at George Fox University.*  
Andrew Jacobson, Kiara Lee, Chloe Rogers

*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

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES



Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Summa cum laude – with highest distinction, GPA of 3.90 or higher  
Magna cum laude – with great distinction, GPA of 3.70 or higher  
Cum laude – with distinction, GPA of 3.50 or higher

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Pam Fifer, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE

Dean, College of Nursing; professor of nursing

Dr. Pamela Fifer has been the dean of the College of Nursing at George Fox University since 2017. A dedicated nurse for 33 years, Fifer brings extensive experience across diverse healthcare settings, including acute care, long-term care, and hospital administration.



Under her leadership, the College of Nursing has seen substantial growth. The undergraduate nursing program has doubled in size and is now one of the top three majors at George Fox. She has also been instrumental in developing graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs during her tenure. Before serving as dean, Fifer spent 22 years in nursing education, holding both teaching and administrative roles in associate degree and baccalaureate programs.

Fifer is highly committed to advancing the nursing profession through scholarship and service. Her research interests focus on nurse faculty development, student nurse success, and innovative teaching and learning practices. She has served as an item writer for national certification exams (NCSBN and NLN) and previously chaired the NLN Certification Board of Commissioners.

Her leadership extends beyond George Fox, as she currently serves as board president for the Oregon Center for Nursing and is a member of the prestigious National Advisory Council on Nursing Education and Practice (NACNEP).

Fifer’s academic credentials include a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master of science in nursing from the University of Portland, as well as a doctor of education from George Fox University. She holds the recognized credential of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE).

Fifer and her husband, David, greatly enjoy spending time with their son and daughter-in-law, as well as their two granddaughters.

Isaac Amaro, BA, Business Administration: Marketing, *summa cum laude*  
Howard Darold Andrews, BS, Project Management  
Mahmoud Ashour, BS, Biology  
Rosie M. Bardakji, BA, Healthcare Administration, *summa cum laude*  
Stacey Barrett, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership, *summa cum laude*  
Sharmayne Joy Bautista Alcaraz, BSN, Nursing  
Ashley Marinela Bec, BA, Business Administration: Management/Marketing, *summa cum laude*  
Jorie Leanne Berhar, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*  
Lauren Virginia Bletko, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*  
Megan Abigail Boren, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership  
Madison Bradley, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership  
Cody Kainalu Kazuyoshi Chikamori Branco, BA, Business Administration: Management  
Anya Branson, BS, Education  
Eva Macthanie Brownell, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Leonard Freedom William Buck, BA, Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Emily Ann Presten Butts, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Sara Camilon, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership  
Dylainee Reise Carmony, BS, Kinesiology: Physical Activity and Health Promotion  
Jessica Leighanne Chambers, BA, Psychology  
Hannah Chapin, BSN, Nursing  
Stephanie Clark, BS, Cybersecurity Management  
Jesus Cuevas, BA, Cinematic Arts: Film and Video Production, *cum laude*  
Rayna Dickinson, BSN, Nursing  
Laura Estrada, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Charlee Faulk, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*  
Michael Jerome Ferguson, BS, Cybersecurity Management  
Anna Lilia Garcia Morales, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership, *magna cum laude*  
Daniel Garland, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies: English/Psychology  
Matthew James Gay, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Phillip Michael Gillespie, BS, Project Management, *magna cum laude*

Natalie Kate Greener, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership, *summa cum laude*  
Christopher Medina Griffin, BS, Cybersecurity Management  
Larry J. Gutierrez, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies, *magna cum laude*  
Laura Elizabeth Haas, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Ian Kenneth Hall, BS, Education  
Karissa Lancaster Hartung, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Sean Thomas Haslett, BS, Project Management  
Santos David Hernandez Sanchez, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*  
Pammeigh Rochelle Raelene Herndon, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies  
Gabrielle Hill, BA, History: Politics  
Reagan Elaine House, BA, Healthcare Administration  
Holly Elizabeth Huberd, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*  
Nadine Michelle Huey, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*  
Andrew Paul Jacobson, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies, *cum laude*  
Luke Ian Janssen, BA, Business Administration: Management

Erika J. Jensen, BS, Project Management

Sarah Johnson, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Kennadi Johnston, BA, Cinematic Arts: Animation/Audio Production, *summa cum laude*

Lisa Kay Jones, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Jeffrey Douglas Juker, BS, Project Management

Cory Kilpatrick, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership

Jillian Marie Knight, BA, Healthcare Administration

Jenna Phyllis Langendorfer, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Kathryne Xochitl Lawson, BA, Healthcare Administration, *summa cum laude*

Jaliza Ann Dolleton Lazaro, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies: Psychology/Social Work

Kiara Lee, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Cody Kin Hoi Leong, BA, Business Administration: Management, *cum laude*

Seth S. Lewis, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Hector Lopez, BS, Project Management

Maira Elizabeth Lopez, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Joy Xili Lusby, BSN, Nursing

John Philip Marino, BA, Healthcare Administration

Cassidy Renee Mattos, BSW, Social Work

Alondra Maya Zamora, BS, Education, *summa cum laude*

Jonathan Mayben, BA, Business Administration: Marketing

Riona Mc Cormack, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*

Miryn Ailie McGuire, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Babylyn R. McHenry, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Austin Blake McQuilliams, BA, Business Administration: Management, *cum laude*

Katherine Michelle Medley, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies, *summa cum laude*

Mulugeta Chekol Mengistu, BS, Cybersecurity Management

Daniel William Wulf Molloy, BSN, Nursing, *summa cum laude*

Gabriel Alejandro Morales, BS, Project Management, *magna cum laude*

Chad J. Murray, BS, Project Management

Emily Nash, BSN, Nursing

Jenna Wreece Neal, BSN, Nursing, *summa cum laude*

Anna Christine Nygren, BS, Biology, *cum laude*

Perry James Ordeman, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership

Patricia Idalia Orozco, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership

Ellise Sienna Pap, BS, Biology

Son Hong Pham, BA, Business Administration: Finance

Kelsea Phillips, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Kati Dawn Pinardi, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Skylar Renee Pires, BSN, Nursing

Carrie Nicole Plett, BS, Education, *summa cum laude*

Bella Marie Prestopine, BS, Kinesiology: Physical Activity and Health Promotion

Ava June Raycraft, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Elizabeth Rose Reed, BS, Project Management, *summa cum laude*

Teodora Aylene Renner, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Emily Elizabeth Reynolds, BA, Healthcare Administration, *summa cum laude*

Grant Richmond, BA, Management and Organizational Leadership

Abigail Patricia Rivers, BSN, Nursing, *cum laude*

Krysta Rodgers, BS, Education, *summa cum laude*

Katie Roetcisoender, BSN, Nursing, *summa cum laude*

Chloe Rogers, BSN, Nursing

Clyde Robert Rowan, IV., BS, Biology

Dulce Catheryn Salazar Ochoa, BSN, Nursing

Stephanie W. Sampson, BS, Project Management, *magna cum laude*

Lily Belle Schloegl, BA, Business Administration: Management, *cum laude*

Cory John Schramm, BS, Engineering: Mechanical Engineering

Alicialeigh Brittany Selwyn, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

Yisel Silva Bravo, BSN, Nursing

Breanna Kaylie Sue Simpson, BA, Business Administration: Management/Marketing

Mia Elizabeth Smith, BSN, Nursing, *magna cum laude*

Tristan Stein, BS, Cybersecurity Management

Mitsue Steward, BSN, Nursing, *summa cum laude*

Esther Suh, BS, Biology, *cum laude*

Demontre Jordan Thomas II, BA, Business Administration: Management, *cum laude*

Katherine Rachel Treptow, BS, Psychological Science: Experimental Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Huy Truong, BSN, Nursing

Raquel Sofia Vasquez, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies, *summa cum laude*

Tori Faith Ward, BS, Kinesiology: Exercise Science

Lydia Marie Whyte, BSN, Nursing

Paige A. Williams, BS, Education, *magna cum laude*

Marcus Christian Wolford, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

George Preston Wright, BS, Project Management

Jason Bullit Young, BS, Project Management

Tianna Marie Zanakis, BA, Psychology & Mental Health Studies

## 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.*

