



CLASS OF 2020 COMMENCEMENT



OHIO
UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT Ceremony

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 5, 2021, 2 P.M.

Presiding Officer Hugh Sherman, Ph.D.
President

Convening Cary Cooper
*Chair, Ohio University
Board of Trustees*

The National Anthem Natalie Holley

Welcome President Sherman

Honorary Degree Conferral Presented by
President Sherman

Commencement Address Keith Hawkins, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor,
University of Texas at Austin*

Presentation of Graduates Elizabeth Sayrs, Ph.D.
*Executive Vice President
and Provost*

Recognition of Degrees
 Doctoral Degrees
 Master's Degrees
 Undergraduate Degrees

Adjournment of the 2020 Fall Commencement Chair Cooper

COMMENCEMENT Speaker

HONOR Cords

Undergraduates who are graduating with honors are wearing honor cords. Those who are graduating with honor, or cum laude (accumulative grade point average of 3.5 to 3.749), are wearing bronze cords; those graduating with high honor, or magna cum laude (3.75 to 3.899), are wearing silver cords; and those graduating with highest honor, or summa cum laude (3.9 to 4.0), are wearing gold cords.

Students who graduate with honor must have completed 30 semester hours of coursework with letter grades in residence at Ohio University and must be completing a bachelor's degree. Graduation with honor does not apply to recipients of associate's or graduate degrees.

CEREMONIAL MACE

For centuries, the mace has been used as a symbol of authority. Today, it represents the authority of monarchs, legislatures, and universities around the world. Designed by the late Professor of Art David R. Klahn, the Ohio University Ceremonial Mace is modeled after the balustrades of an original stairway of Cutler Hall, the oldest building on the Athens campus. It features the University seal and a stylized representation of the Cutler Hall cupola. The mace is carried and displayed during official ceremonies at Ohio University, including Commencement.

THE SEAL of Office

Worn by the president at official Ohio University functions, the Seal of Office was also designed by the late Professor David R. Klahn. Fabricated of silver and bronze, the primary medallion features a silhouette of Cutler Hall, the date of Ohio University's founding (1804), and the words, "Ohio's First University." The secondary medallion, at the back of the chain, is the University seal. Smaller medallions, replicas of the two center portions of the University Seal, are interspersed alternately with the chain's links.

KEITH HAWKINS, PH.D.

Keith Hawkins, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Astronomy at the University of Texas at Austin. His research is focused primarily on 'Galactic Archaeology' which is aimed at exploring the formation, evolution and structure of the Milky Way Galaxy.

His research work utilizes observational facilities to study the chemical fingerprint of the building blocks of the Galaxy; stars. He and his research team also work heavily with large spectroscopic surveys that chemically fingerprint hundreds of thousands of stars as well the space-based Gaia Mission, which maps the position and motions for more than 1 billion stars in the sky.

Dr. Hawkins completed a postdoctoral fellowship as a Simons Junior Research Fellow at Columbia University in the city of New York between 2016-18. Prior to that, he completed a 2.5 year Ph.D. in 2016 at the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge UK, under a Marshall Scholarship, and King's College Cambridge Studentship. He received his B.S. in Astrophysics (with minors in Mathematics and African Studies) from Ohio University in 2013.

Outside of teaching, he is deeply interested in mentoring students and in changing the way that society encourages underrepresented minorities in the STEM fields. He has helped to organize and run 'public observing' and given a series of outreach talks to middle school, high school, and undergraduate students as well as the general public. While at Ohio University, he developed, coordinated and ran a 2-day workshop on "Demystifying the Science Fair," geared for middle and high school students in Athens, Ohio. A proud Bobcat, he is looking forward to speaking with the graduates of the historic Class of 2020 and celebrating their accomplishments.

HONORARY DEGREE Recipient

FRANCIS A. PAPAY, M.D.

Francis A. Papay, M.D., is recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts in plastic surgery and facial reconstruction. He has driven fundamental medical advances through his innovative work and has truly changed lives for the better. He is currently the Institute Chair at the Cleveland Clinic Health System Dermatology & Plastic Surgery Institute. He is also Professor of Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

In 2008, Dr. Papay served as the chief craniofacial plastic surgeon during the first face transplant in America, in addition to the youngest face transplantation which was chronicled in National Geographic Journal. His work in plastic surgery has given hope back to people who have been seriously disfigured. He is said to be a "forward-thinker and a compassionate advocate for patients."

Dr. Papay has published more than 200 articles, papers, abstracts, and book chapters in his field. His research includes utilization of bone substitutes in craniofacial reconstruction, facial plastic surgery, augmented reality in surgical navigation, and recently, trans-facial approaches for neuromodulation of skull base nerve ganglion for cluster migraine headaches, in addition to new approaches of neuromodulation for sleep apnea and other chronic maladies. He has been a fellow or board director for some of the top professional societies including the National Society of Inventors, American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Board of Plastic Surgery and American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, in addition to membership of AOA National Medical Honor Society and more than 20 other medical/surgical organizations.

Dr. Papay is also the primary inventor on more than 40 medical devices and surgical procedures and holds numerous patents in addition to being a founder of several medical device companies. He has received countless honors including the 2014 WebMD Health Hero Award for Science, The Cleveland Clinic's George and Grace Crile Award and Golden Scalpel Award among other honors and awards. He was the 2016 Ohio University Medal of Merit Award recipient and the 2017 Northeast Ohio Medical University Outstanding Alumnus Award. He was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors class of 2017.

Dr. Papay received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology from Ohio University in 1975, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University in 1977, and a Doctor of Medicine from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1983. A proud Bobcat, Dr. Papay has also lectured to Ohio University students in recent years and continues to change lives for the better.

HONORARY DEGREE Recipient

RICHARD A. VINCENT, M.B.A.

Richard A. Vincent, M.B.A., is a dynamic leader, skilled administrator and steadfast champion of the osteopathic profession. He has dedicated his life to improving the health and quality of life in the community through active and effective support of education and research, and through his tireless service to others.

Mr. Vincent completed his undergraduate and graduate studies in Ohio, earning his master's degree in business administration from the University of Dayton. In 1971, Mr. Vincent joined Doctors Hospital in Columbus and began his career in osteopathic medical administration. During his tenure as President and CEO, Doctors Hospital expanded its health care delivery system to include more than 20 affiliate organizations. Mr. Vincent also successfully navigated the 1998 asset sale and transfer of corporate control from the Doctors Hospital Foundation to OhioHealth, resulting in an influx of funds into the surviving foundation, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations.

As the president of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations (OHF), Mr. Vincent led the Foundation's reorganization and development as the largest health supportive foundation in Ohio and the largest osteopathic supportive foundation in the United States. In 2011, Mr. Vincent's visionary leadership resulted in the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations Board of Directors' approval of the \$105 million transformational award to the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, which included the creation of the Dublin Campus. To date, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations has provided Ohio University with more than \$123 million in total approvals and has helped the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine become a national leader in training osteopathic primary care physicians and the number one producer of primary care physicians in the country. Mr. Vincent remains an influential advocate for health policy, medical education and high-quality accessible patient care.

OHIO UNIVERSITY Profile

UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

From the iconic Athens campus that merges seamlessly with one of America's best college small towns, to its statewide network of regional sites that provide in-demand degrees, Ohio University carries with it over 200 years of a tradition of excellence, setting the pace for higher education in the state of Ohio. OHIO provides an ideal blend of large university resources and the warmth and atmosphere of a tight-knit community that fosters self-exploration and encourages faculty to drive innovation without compromising instruction.

Established in 1804 as the first institution of higher learning in the old Northwest Territory, Ohio University is about more than just education – the experience is as much a part of the curriculum as the knowledge and skills gained. OHIO students receive a personalized learning experience on one of the most unique, and beautiful, college campuses in America.

Our graduates leave prepared to achieve their personal and professional goals as they join a passionate, proud alumni network. They are the promise of Ohio University, and the Ohio University community is very proud of their achievements.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students. Distinguished by its rich history, diverse campus, international community, and beautiful Appalachian setting, Ohio University is also known for its outstanding faculty of accomplished teachers whose research and creative activity advance knowledge across many disciplines.

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