



# 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, December 6, 2018 | Paramount Theatre





# Commencement Convocation

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## Processional (Please Stand)

“Pomp and Circumstance” ..... Sir Edward Elgar

## Order of Procession

Vice President, Commencement Speaker, Faculty, Graduates

## Order of Events

“The Star-Spangled Banner” ..... Francis Scott Key  
Sung by Ms. Marita May

Welcome and Remarks..... Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom, Vice President, Faculty and Academic Resources

Commencement Speaker ..... Tiffany O’Donnell, CEO, Iowa Women Lead Change

Nursing Presenting Speaker ..... Tonya Holian, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing

Nursing Student Speaker..... Tara Zwer, Associate of Science in Nursing

History of Nursing Pin..... Cathy Black, MSN, RN, CNE

Presentation of Pins..... Tonya Holian and Andrea Gibson, MSN, RN, Director of Programmatic Accreditation

Conferring of Degrees.....Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom

Closing Remarks .....Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom

Recessional (All guests to remain standing until the last graduate has exited)

## As a Courtesy...

- Please remain seated throughout the ceremony. Joe Photo, a professional photography company, will take photographs of each graduate as he or she crosses the stage. Graduates will receive information at the ceremony regarding how to view the photographs and purchase prints.
- For everyone’s safety, please do not stand in the aisles or on the chairs.
- Please turn off all cell phones or set them to vibrate.
- Please be respectful of other graduates and their families and remain seated until the end of the ceremony.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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### TIFFANY O'DONNELL

#### Chief Executive Officer, Iowa Women Lead Change

Tiffany O'Donnell is the Chief Executive Officer of Iowa Women Lead Change (IWLC), succeeding co-founder and CEO Diane Ramsey.

Since she joined the organization in 2015, IWLC has enjoyed growth including the acquisition of the Quad Cities Women's Connection, expansion of Women Connect (now in the Corridor, Metro Des Moines, and Siouxland), the launch of the statewide public/private partnership EPIC Corporate Challenge, the creation of Invest in She, a women's entrepreneur competition, and the addition of new programming tracks at the organization's hallmark conferences including a Men's track, Young Leaders high school track, Executive Women's track and Diversity & Inclusion track.

As the organization's first Chief Operating Officer, O'Donnell was instrumental in growing IWLC's team to include regional managers in all IWLC markets and the addition of a dedicated fund development manager.

In 2016, O'Donnell led Lead Iowa, IWLC's first annual giving campaign for individual donors. In its first year, the campaign engaged more than 100 statewide supporters offering a 3-year financial commitment.

Prior to joining IWLC, O'Donnell spent 25 years as a reporter and anchor at stations across the state including WQAD in the Quad Cities, WHO-TV in Des Moines, and most recently from 2001-2014 was the face and voice of CBS 2/Fox 28 in Cedar Rapids, serving as an Emmy award-winning television lead anchor. She is credited with launching two successful news programs there, *Fox News at 9* and *Live at Five*.

A lifelong volunteer, O'Donnell is a board member of the school-choice advocacy group Reaching Higher Iowa. She was a charter member of the board of directors of the state's only year-round market, NewBo City Market, and fulfilled a 6-year term on the board in December 2016. She is also an inaugural member of the board of directors of the Revival Theatre Company, now heading into its fourth season in the Corridor. Other organizations where she's held board leadership positions include the Iowa Children's Museum, Kids First Law Center, and the Alzheimer's Association of East Central Iowa.

In 2016, the *Corridor Business Journal* named O'Donnell a Woman of Influence.

Raised in Bettendorf, O'Donnell holds bachelor's degrees in communications and French from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and represented her home state in the 1989 Miss America Pageant after being crowned Miss Iowa 1988.

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## PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY IN ATTENDANCE

**ACADEMIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

**SCHOOL OF  
NURSING FACULTY**

**Cronbaugh, Terri**

**Lenger, Jennifer**

**Sporrer, Nikki**

**Gibson, Andrea**

**Bagley, Sara**

**Donovan, Allison**

**Manning, Jessica**

**Suhr, Lori**

**Holian, Tonya**

**Black, Cathy**

**Ernst, Jolynn**

**McNamara, Dee**

**Wessels, Brianne**

**Scheetz, Danielle**

**Boshart, Lisa**

**Ewers, Catherine**

**Moore, Danielle**

**Goldenstein, Rachel**

**Rodriguez, Felicia**

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## SPECIAL GUESTS

**Micaela Davis**, KHE Center Director - Cedar Rapids

**Andrew Gress**, KHE Center Director - Des Moines

**Lisa Balzaretta**, KHE Center Director - Cedar Falls

**Susan Spivey**, KHE Executive Director of Operations - Iowa

**Patti Eden**, KHE Center Director - Mason City

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Academic Honors

**Purdue University Global Degree Candidates:** Students earning an associate’s or bachelor’s degree through Purdue University Global are eligible to receive academic honors based on cumulative grade point average.

- \* Cum Laude
- \*\* Magna Cum Laude
- \*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

## Multiple Degrees

+ Recipient of multiple degrees

## Honor Societies

### Cords

Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society (All Majors) .....	Red and Blue
Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society (Criminal Justice Majors) .....	Rich Royal Blue and Gold Intertwined
Delta Mu Delta Honor Society (Business Majors) .....	Antique Gold and Royal Purple With Key Charm
Golden Key International Honour Society (All Majors) .....	Royal Blue and Gold
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (All Majors) .....	Burgundy and Gold With Ornament
Phi Theta Kappa (All Majors) .....	Blue and Gold With PTK Charm
Psi Chi International Honor Society (Psychology Majors) .....	Platinum and Dark Blue
Salute Military Veterans Honor Society (All Majors) .....	Red, White, and Blue
Sigma Theta Tau International (Nursing Majors) .....	Orchid and White
Tau Upsilon Alpha Human Services Honor Society (Human Services Majors) .....	Royal Blue and Gold

### Stoles

Iota Sigma Tau Honor Society (Information Technology Majors) .....	Blue With Silver Letters
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*Please note: these students were invited to join the above honor societies while a student at Purdue University Global because they met the academic requirements to join.*

### Gift of Knowledge Program

At Purdue University Global, we believe that investment in our employees and their education is an important component in the success of our community of professionals. The Gift of Knowledge program helps employees develop academically while they continue to develop professionally at Purdue University Global.

*A special thank you to the many employees who volunteered to serve as Ambassadors. Your dedication is a vital part of making the graduation ceremony a success.*

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL GRADUATE CANDIDATES

*The awarding of degrees to the candidates' names in this program is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate, as verified by the Registrar. The listing of a student's name in this program in no way implies or ensures his or her graduation or the award of honors. Academic honors statuses will be noted in this program based on the student's CGPA as of November 1, 2018.*

*This list of degree candidates includes only those who registered to participate in the graduation ceremony on or before October 5, 2018.*

## Doctoral Degree Candidates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### Nursing Doctoral Degree

Dygart, Kristy  
Leibli, Amy

## Graduate Degree Candidates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### Nursing Master's Degree

Adedayo, Aminat  
Arnoco, Glenn  
Boester, Stephanie  
Bugos, Jessica

Calalang, Ronalyn  
Chavez, David  
Davis, Akeeka  
Fritz, Ann  
Hornung, Michelle  
Ibrahim, Idriss

LaFrance, Diana  
Laraque, Francesse  
Lynch, Karrie  
Niedfeldt, Shelly  
Peterson, Jessica  
Piamonte, Jerami

Quiogue, Grace  
Turnipseed, Kim  
Webb, Kelsey  
Williams, Staci

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### Business Master's Degree

Chawla, Groney  
Cooper, Darcie  
Graham-Davis, April  
Grosse, Kaley

Johnson, Ashley  
Moultry, Olibeti  
Rabago, Pedro  
Rossetto, Jeffrey  
Rustan, Amber

#### Information Technology Master's Degree

Bisenius, Robert  
Lillie, Bruce  
Nielsen, Kayle

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

#### Health Sciences Master's Degree

Cherry, Evon  
Elkins, Terilea

Grimmett, Cambren  
Iannello, Heather  
Newkirk, Kia  
Powell, Brandon

Robinson, Jeremy  
Smajlovic, Admira  
Wheatley, Mallory

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

### **Criminal Justice/ Public Administration Master's Degree**

Bryant-Pemberton,  
Machelle

Hill, Kishi  
Kern, Genna  
Randle, Audrey  
Verhagen, Alexander

### **Psychology Master's Degree**

Abel, Catherine  
Ramadani, Dashmire  
Strangeland, Amanda

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences Master's Degree**

*Human Services*  
Wiese, Mallory

## Undergraduate Degree and Certificate Candidates

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### **Business Bachelor's Degree**

Beumer, Chelsee \*\*  
Curtin, DeKote  
Hazard, Sara  
Hurst, Amanda \*\*  
Keller, Nolan

Lafferty, Elizabeth \*\*  
Mata, Danlee  
Mattix, Stacia  
Ochoa, Victoria  
Rasmussen, Cami  
Resonno, Lakenya \*\*  
Runde, Luke \*\*\*

Samuel, Sabrina \*\*\*  
Schwartz, Susan \*  
Thomas, Jessica \*  
Wright, Tracy

#### **Business Associate's Degree**

Hughes, Nancy \*\*

Kamaziwe, Abide \*\*\*  
Taylor, Cristina

#### **Information Technology Bachelor's Degree**

Cedeno, Erlin \*\*\*  
Penrod, David  
Proudfoot, Anna

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

#### **Health Sciences Bachelor's Degree**

Dixon Johnson, Lori  
Hanks, Knichole  
Mahbou, Malackneez  
Manson, Korin  
McLaughlin, Rebecca \*

Ross, Lynz  
Snyder, Justin  
Torres, Alicia  
Wozniak, Holly \*\*

#### **Health Sciences Certificate**

Allfree, Christina

Arnold, Brian  
Christensen, Shana  
Fisk, Samantha  
Grummitt, Tiffany  
Hartzell, Jessica  
Johnson, Jordan  
Kpeayeh, Ruth  
Martinez, Joshua

Morgan, Lolita  
Nelson, Kasey  
Radeboldt, Ashley  
Ross, Lori  
Scott, Melissa  
Shannon, Lakeisha  
Smith, Keisha

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### **Nursing Bachelor's Degree**

Gage, Michelle \*\*  
Hilgen, Nicole \*\*  
Johnson, Nancy \*\*\*

Binsfield, Jessica  
Brown, Melissa \*  
Conway, Sycrisha  
Driscoll, Sandra \*\*  
Hager, Elizabeth  
Harwood, Chelsey  
Heard, Denisha  
Hernandez, Patricia  
Johnson, Katherine \*\*  
Johnson, Kylee  
Johnson, Samantha  
Jordan, Melissa

Kilcher, Karli  
Kisler, Morgan \*\*\*  
Kula, Kacie  
Landau, Madelaine  
Martin, Kierstin  
McVey, Jennifer  
Morris, Lisa  
Perez, Yanet  
Phelps, Jessica  
Plume, Lloyd \*\*  
Ray, Michelle \*\*  
Schmidt, Angela

Tappan, Carly  
Thornton, David  
Timm, Jaidyn \*\*\*  
Woodhouse, Tina  
Wuthrich, Staci \*\*  
Zwer, Tara \*\*\*

#### **Nursing Associate's Degree**

Akinola, Oluwatoyin \*\*  
Ames, Julie \*\*  
Becker, Jacqueline \*  
Biehler, Nicole \*\*



## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

### **Criminal Justice Bachelor's Degree**

Coggeshall, Kristin \*\*\*  
Fangman, Samantha \*\*  
Iantorno, Michelle \*\*  
Landsgard, Tyson \*\*\*  
Reineke-Spencer,  
Ashley \*\*  
Smith, Philip  
Steverson, Laborshia  
Welch, Sophia

### **Criminal Justice Associate's Degree**

Shook, Jennifer

### **Early Childhood Administration Bachelor's Degree**

Horne, Margaret \*\*  
Winter, Aryel \*\*

### **Psychology Bachelor's Degree**

Croft, Angelise  
Pett, Stephanie  
Tackett, Sarah \*\*

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences Bachelor's Degree**

#### *Human Services*

Arkebauer, Kayla  
Flowers, Amanda  
Green, Toshiba  
Irmiter, Linsey  
Westbrook, Keiante

## ALUMNI CREED

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As an alumnus/alumna, I will support the values of Purdue University Global by being a living example of a lifelong learner.

I will use my knowledge to strive for excellence, and will do so with integrity. I will find opportunities to encourage others to unlock their talent through the pursuit of education, and I will proudly share the results of my academic achievements.



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