



# 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Friday, September 14, 2018 | Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum





# Commencement Convocation

Friday, September 14, 2018

**Processional (Please Stand)**

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

**Order of Procession**

Graduates, Faculty, Commencement Speaker, Academic Leadership

**Order of Events**

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

Commencement Speaker..... Travis Potter, Talent Development Specialist

Reader ..... Dr. Ryan Villwok, Center Director – Omaha

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

Graduate Recognition.....Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom

Closing Remarks .....Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom

Reciting of Alumni Creed.....Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom

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

**As a Courtesy...**

- Please remain seated throughout the ceremony. Professional photographers will take photographs of each graduate as he or she crosses the stage. Graduates will be emailed the photography website link 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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### TRAVIS POTTER

#### Talent Development Specialist, Omaha Steaks

Travis Potter earned his MBA in 2016 from Kaplan University (now Purdue University Global) and leads the Professional Development effort at Omaha Steaks, oversees Omaha Steaks University (OSU), and is the LMS System Administrator for OSU Online. He also earned both a bachelor's and an associate's degree in business administration from Kaplan University.

For over 10 years, Potter has been a corporate trainer focusing on system, sales, and service training. He is a member of the International Society for Performance Improvement, the Omaha Organization Development Network, and is the director of programming for the Association for Talent Development's Nebraska Chapter.

Potter volunteers at the Heartland Hope Mission, which serves to help community members in need, and he has also been involved in Junior Achievement USA. Additionally, he holds his USSF Youth Soccer Coaching License and is a certified steak judge through the Steak Cookoff Association.

## JOIN THE CELEBRATION

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### Twitter

Share your celebratory messages and photos with the Purdue University Global community by including **#PurdueGlobalProud** in your tweets.



### Live Stream

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## SPECIAL GUESTS

**Megan Eiben**, Executive Director Student Initiatives

**Dr. Ryan Villwok**, Center Director – Omaha

**Timothy Scholl**, Center Director – Lincoln

**Travis Potter**, Talent Development Specialist,  
Omaha Steaks (Commencement Speaker)

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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### **Hooding of Candidates:**

Julie Dort, Faculty, School of Business and Information Technology

### **Reader:**

Dr. Ryan Villwok, Center Director – Omaha

### **Assisting With Diplomas:**

Timothy Scholl, Center Director – Lincoln

### **Photography:**

Students will be contacted via email by Lifetouch Photography for picture orders.

*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.*



# 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

## 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) .....	Gold
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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.*

# 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 August 9, 2018.*

*This list of degree candidates includes only those who registered to participate in the graduation ceremony on or before July 31, 2018. Degree candidates are listed in the order in which they are expected to cross the stage: alphabetical order by last name within their program of study and degree level.*

## Doctoral Degree Candidates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### **Nursing Doctoral Degree**

Bauer, TyLynne

## Graduate Degree Candidates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### **Nursing Master's Degree**

Allen, Sandra  
Burgess, Melissa

Clark, Samantha  
Erickson, Shawntel  
Flores, Ferdinand  
Godsil, Heather M

Kimble, Tiffany  
Tippins, Ashley

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### **Business Master's Degree**

Douglas, Turkessa F  
Dunlap, Andrea  
John, Tashina

Garcia, Lastenia  
Lowe, Kimberly  
Martini, Jennifer  
Rosenberg, Sarah

#### **Information Technology Master's Degree**

Jones, Patrick

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

#### **Health Sciences Master's Degree**

Bykerk, Stacey  
Clark, Melanie

Klein, Sarah  
Taylor, Montavia  
Walker, Kieyona

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

#### **Teacher Education Master's Degree**

DaSilva, Pauletta



## Graduate Degree Candidates

### COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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

Alfarra, Abalhadi  
Healy, Rachel  
Lundvall, Jessica  
Woodis, Jennifer

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

*Human Services*  
Bourn, Mercedes  
Carson, Melissa  
Clemons, Patrice  
Giles, Erica  
Jordan, Phyllis

Parkins, James  
Smith, Martin

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

Jovel Villanueva, Jennifer  
McDonell, Jennifer  
Sorensen, Katelyn  
Wofford, Shayna

## Undergraduate Degree, Certificate, and Diploma Candidates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### **Nursing Graduate Certificate**

Millin, Shannon

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

Atungsiri, Julia  
Campos, Nohely\*  
Dawiczuk, Martha\*\*  
Duncan, Kyrie\*\*  
Halverson, Jennifer\*\*  
Harris, Mercedes  
Johnson, Elicia\*\*  
Lundquist, Casey

Marshall, Tonja\*\*  
McClendon, Allison  
Murphy, Kerri\*\*  
Paulsen, Miranda\*\*  
Sanne, Toni\*  
Wallin, Michelle

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

Alsalo, Mohsin  
Bartek, Julia  
Bittinger, Kelly  
Bowen, Karis  
Bush, Erma

Hall, Jenna\*\*\*  
Harris, Jennifer  
Jones, Ashleigh  
Kerley, Michelle\*\*  
Lenhoff, Kayla  
Lieser, Rebecca  
Payne, Jillian\*\*

## Undergraduate Degree, Certificate, and Diploma Candidates

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

Epps, Ashley\*\*\*  
Furse, Jennifer  
McCall, Sheneka  
Meays, Janet\*\*  
Miles, Bobby  
Naeve, Andrea

Schwab, John R\*\*  
Smith, Shane  
Taylor, Samaria

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

Bolden, Anna  
Duncan, Amy\*\*

Mensching, Tiffany  
Sutton, Damon

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

Graff, Mia\*  
Lubben, Elizabeth\*\*\*  
Tuck, Charles\*\*

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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

Anaya, Deanna\*\*  
Avila, Genevieve\*\*  
Burton, Deanna  
Craig, Robin\*\*  
Crenshaw, William  
Ebenezer, Waqas  
Glenn, Patience  
Hurt, Jasmine  
Knobbe, Kristen  
Lahoda, Alyssa\*\*

Legaspi, Kathreena  
Mays, Misti  
Rothenberg, Kimberly\*\*  
Thomson, Erin

#### **Health Sciences Certificate**

Davis-Smith, Tiana  
Dykstra, Kari  
Grant, Jalissa  
Haite, Courtney  
Tyson, Travis

Zach, Donna

#### **Health Sciences Diploma**

##### *Dental Program*

Alvoid, Darnesha  
Daeges, Jade  
Jacoby, Zoey  
Lawrence, Chamille  
McTizic, Kiana  
Robinson, Andrell

### COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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

Cormier, Keri\*  
Douglas, Dena\*  
Earhart, Joshua\*\*  
Hess, Amy\*\*

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

Sinclair, Sackeh

#### **Fire Science Bachelor's Degree**

Harvey, Roger

#### **Legal Studies Bachelor's Degree**

Fluck, Chad  
Nance, Shanterria  
Wasilowski, Shawn

#### **Legal Studies Associate's Degree**

Wright, Latrease  
Zapata, Yvette

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

Juarez, Emily  
Lazo, Crystalyn\*\*  
Lopez, Breanna\*\*  
Martinez, Alexis\*\*\*  
Rice, April  
Vodehnal, Heather

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

*Communications, Early Childhood  
Development, Human Services,  
Liberal Studies*

Ambrose, Mary\*  
Badke, Tiffany

Boucher, Emily  
Brewer, Scentera  
Dady, Rebecca  
Giles, Karrie\*\*  
Jenkins, Cyarra  
Johnson, Ericka  
Shewey, Loni  
Storey, Nicole  
Williams, Delawrance

#### **Social and Behavioral Sciences Certificate**

##### *Human Services*

Mader, Kristina  
Martinez, Patricia

## ALUMNI CREED

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.

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

*Listed below are all full-time faculty members and academic administration personnel, in addition to adjunct faculty members attending the commencement. Please note: not all faculty members and administrators are in attendance.*

### Academic Administration

Adams, Jason  
Awe, Angela  
Christensen, Leslie  
Dombrowski, Lauren  
Faxon, Crystal  
Flahive, Tim  
Franklin, Les  
Glover, Janelle  
Hendrix, Sheena  
Kazebeer, Katie  
Kemp, Jeffrey  
Lemon, Jason  
Mathers, Jill  
McGruder, Trey  
Otto, Megan  
Parmer, Alisa  
Polk, Kristin  
Putnam, Krissy  
Rodriguez, Richard  
Wiese, Marissa  
Wortman, Courtney

### Business and Information Technology

Aguiar, Robert  
Altinoz, Cuneyt  
Anweiler, Larry  
Argo, Robin  
Ayanou, Tilahun  
Boone, Joyce  
Bourne, Bea

Boyer, Nate  
Brown, Sharon  
Byers, Rachel  
Cade, Jason  
Carter, Richard  
Cates, Steven  
Chicone, Rhonda  
DeAngelo, Syl  
DePriest, Desiree  
DiGiammarino, Sam  
Dort, Julie  
Doyle, Sean  
Eaton, Kevin  
Edginton, Vilma  
Edwards, Carol  
Escudier, Blake  
Fail, Charles  
Felder-Strauss, Jaclyn  
Ferebee, Susan  
Ferguson, Toney  
Finamore, Dora  
Flores, Jimmie  
Flynn, Catherine  
Ford-Torres, Karin  
Fudge, Tamara  
Godsall, Lyndon  
Gough, Mimi  
Greenfield, Alfred  
Gunzelman, Rita  
Harper, Brenda  
Herman, Rebecca  
Hochanadel, Aaron  
Hopkins, Laurie  
Hubler, Monica  
Huskins, Jim  
Jackson, Jason  
Jenewein, Glen  
Jones, Michael  
Kamradt, Sherry  
Kelly, Kathryn  
Knapp, Susan  
Lecomte, David  
Levenstam, David  
Litz, Jason  
Litz, Stefanie  
Machuca, Ana  
Martinez, Broderick  
McCoy, Craig  
McCracken, Donald  
McCullough, Tonjua  
McDermott, Martin  
McKenna, Barbara  
Nicholson, Kathi  
Norris, Ernest  
Okrepkie, William  
Olson, Joel  
Pettine, Susan  
Quisenberry, William  
Reinhardt, Michelle  
Ringler, Ilene  
Roy, Jan  
Rynarzewski, Alan  
Sanders, Donna  
Savage, Stephen  
Schoenherr, Denise  
Schubert, Carol  
Self, Stanley  
Sjuib, Fahline  
Stauber, Randy  
Strouble, Dennis

Swisher, Kristen  
Taylor, Jerry  
Teague, Jennifer  
Tyler, Jeff  
VanderPal, Geoffrey  
Waddell, Cynthia  
Walters, Kimberly  
Walton, Glenn  
Weaver, Danyell  
Williams, Lynne  
Zapalski, Christopher

### General Education

Abrams, Brook  
Allen, Kimberly  
Allison, Laura  
Aubuchon, Debora  
Bahle, Melissa  
Bailey, James  
Beach, Brenda  
Bianco, M.  
Bone, Sheryl  
Booth, Heather  
Bracey, Kimberly  
Bruce, Mary  
Burlingame, Mark  
Burrello, Daniel  
Caseldine-Bracht, Jennifer  
Chicoine, David  
Coblish, Denise  
Collins, Stuart  
Cox, Pamela  
Davenport, R. Dean

Deaver, Linda  
 DeLong, Stephan  
 Deno, Susan  
 Erickson, Paige  
 Erickson, Shawn  
 Fail, Russell  
 Furr, Annissa  
 Fussell, Galia  
 Garland, Nicole  
 Genao, Alvaro  
 Gussis, Shelly  
 Hall-Pogar, Tyra  
 Harrison, Jennifer  
 Hayes, David  
 Healey, David  
 Heeren, Michael  
 Holmes, Eric  
 Jewell, Gabriel  
 Johnson, William  
 Kaltenbach, Jacob  
 Kelly, Teresa Marie  
 Krishnan, Rathi  
 Langat, Daudi  
 Laska, Mary  
 Lee, Beth  
 Leet, Laurie  
 Long, Peggy  
 Love, Jessica  
 Marusiak, Sharon  
 Meymaris, Kirsten  
 Mowen, Candy  
 Muir, Kevin  
 Munoz, Jesse  
 Musolino, Larry  
 O'Neil, Kathrine  
 Painter, Holly  
 Parenti, Lisa  
 Pearson, January  
 Powers, Christopher  
 Racster, Jonathan  
 Rafalovich, Adam  
 Rennie, Alissa  
 Rice, Catherine

Roberts, Toby  
 Rosenberry, Lea  
 Scranton, Melissa  
 Shank, Kira  
 Sharma, Ritu  
 Smith, Amy  
 Stevenson, Carolyn  
 Tacker, Tami  
 Teitler, Lisa  
 Thompson, Emily  
 Thompson, Stephanie  
 Thornton, Jamie  
 Torres-Roman, Julie  
 Vaughan, Robert  
 Vice, Josef  
 Watson, Jan

### **Health Sciences**

Alexander, Margaret  
 Anderson, Shantel  
 Arenz, Russell  
 Ask, Angela  
 Benton, Wesley  
 Brocato, Chad  
 Burke, Tracy  
 Cameron, Ginger  
 Chambers, Dawn,  
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 Program Chair*  
 Claire, Jennifer  
 Daniel, Charles  
 Davis, Earon  
 Day, Jill, *Dental  
 Program Chair*  
 Dunn, Kim  
 Finley, Lacey  
 Ghosedastidar, Jayasri  
 Giarda, Lisa  
 Green, Eboni  
 Heim, Nicole  
 Henningsen, Kristin  
 Hollander, Chris

Hollis, Brina  
 Iannelli, Grant  
 Johnson, Monique  
 Kane, R. Todd  
 Kennedy, Katia  
 Krishnamoorthy, Sriya  
 Lee, Andre  
 Lemire, Stephen  
 Mack, Deb  
 Mainard, Rachelle  
 Masten, Sandra  
 Maule, Mark  
 Mileski, Michael  
 Montgomery, Kim  
 Murray, Louise  
 Nichols, Julie  
 Nysewander, Dorette  
 Parker, Holly  
 Perkins, Kimberly  
 Perrino, Kevin  
 Portis, Darrell  
 Silva, Nancy  
 Snell, Michael  
 Sobel, Kathleen  
 Sorensen, Katelyn  
 Tedeschi, Robert  
 Williams, Kelly  
 Yang, Yu-Wei  
 Young, Leslie

### **Nursing**

Adelman, Deborah  
 Akpati, Frank  
 Allen, Jessica  
 Anderson, Janelle  
 Antolin, Monica  
 Arnold, Sandra  
 Austin, Raciela  
 Bartek, Aaron  
 Baumfalk, Sherrill  
 Bivens, Megan  
 Black, Cathy

Boshart, Lisa  
 Brown, Sarah  
 Caldwell, Pamela  
 Carrera, Lori  
 Cerra, Carla  
 Chickering, Glenna  
 Copeland, Elizabeth  
 Daly, Amy  
 Diggins, Kristene  
 Dorner, Michelle  
 Dutler, Morgan  
 Ewers, Catherine  
 Flurry, Kellee  
 Forsythe, Lydia  
 Goetz, Suzie  
 Goldenstein, Rachel  
 Goodwin, Melissa  
 Gordon, Jessica  
 Gould, Roxanne  
 Grissom, Julie  
 Hardy, Elizabeth  
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 Heald, Lisa  
 Hill, Anne  
 Hoover, Tom  
 Hvingelby, H. Eva  
 Isnetto, Jessica  
 Langham, Debra  
 Lehmann, Shelly  
 Lehosit, Melody  
 Lenger, Jennifer  
 Loguda, Barb  
 Lyle, Jerrica  
 MacDonald, Tracy  
 Madick, Kelley  
 Mahlan, Elaina  
 Malate, Orlando  
 Mangiafico, Tony  
 Manning, Jessica  
 Mason, Patricia  
 Mason, Wendy  
 McCarthy, Jonathan  
 McDonald, Marilyn

McNamara, Dee  
 Moore, Danielle  
 Morton, Bobby  
 Moser, Hope  
 Nelton, Angelina  
 Puiia, Kim  
 Redboy, Simone  
 Riecke, Lisa  
 Robinson, Marlo  
 Rodriguez, Felicia  
 Rogers, Megan  
 Royster, Tomeka  
 Rucki, Sheila  
 Samos, Adrienne  
 Shell, Renee  
 Shenkman, Laura  
 Smith, Lynnette  
 Stubbe, Cody  
 Summer, Georgianne  
 Theiss, Mary Anne  
 Towne, Tracy  
 Turner, Cynthia  
 Vaughn, Tina  
 Ware, Kathleen  
 Weaver, Amy  
 Wegmann, Jo Ann  
 Wood, Laura  
 Ziegler, Shawna

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Anderson, Thomas  
 Atkins, Ramona  
 Bailie, Jeff  
 Beath, Melanie  
 Beckett, Kelvin  
 Berry, Diane  
 Berube, John  
 Bilodeau, Daniel  
 Blackman, Gabrielle  
 Bradley, Juliet  
 Budzinski, Jessie

Campbell, Terry  
 Campbell, William  
 Carlin, Tim  
 Clouston, Derrick  
 Craig, Brian  
 Cumella, Edward  
 Danigole, Brian  
 Dixon, Nelly  
 Dolecki, Constance  
 Donnellan, Beth  
 Drenner, Karla  
 Duncan, Nancy  
 Early, Kristin  
 Figueroa, Rhonda  
 Findley, Jerry  
 Fischer, Michelle  
 Frank, Harla  
 Gibbons, Jack  
 Gill, Sally  
 Goodwin, William  
 Russell  
 Gray, John Philip  
 Gulley, Jeffrey  
 Hale, Lynne  
 Harrison, Antonio  
 Horton, Nancy  
 Hughes, Will  
 Humber, Roger  
 Jerome, Marilyn  
 Kozyra, Tim  
 LaCour, Misty  
 Laman, Carol  
 Lampariello, Ann  
 Lenz, Peter  
 Levit, Jodi  
 McElligott, Jane  
 McKeon, Carolyn  
 Mead, Jonathan  
 Merck, Patricia  
 Moline, Scott  
 Nolan, Cristina  
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 Nyberg, Julia

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 Reese Tarhan, Sait  
 Rivera, Bridget  
 Savarese, Karen  
 Simon, Linda  
 Stiles, Karen  
 Strbiak, Dee  
 Thompson, Angela  
 Valdes, Heather  
 Vandemark, Marney  
 Vukoder, Kristy  
 Watson, Karen  
 White, David  
 Winters, Robert  
 Wright, Lisa  
 Yohman, Donna  
 Zukowski, Susan



*Students at the American Institute of Commerce, later known as Purdue University Global (formerly Kaplan University).  
Davenport, Iowa. October 7, 1938.*

## **PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL HISTORY**

Purdue University Global (formerly Kaplan University) traces its roots back to back to 1937 with the founding of the American Institute of Commerce. The University was one of the first institutions to offer higher education online, starting with just 34 students and a handful of degree options. Over the years it expanded its academic offerings and in 2004 began to offer master's programs. The University was acquired by Purdue University in March 2018 and renamed Purdue University Global. Purdue Global is a separate and distinct institution within the Purdue University system.

Purdue Global strives to help adult students unlock their talent by providing a practical, student-centered education that prepares them for careers in fast-growing industries. Graduates receive comprehensive education through disciplined, professional programs of instruction. The University was founded to provide professional business training and has achieved this objective for 80-plus years by keeping abreast of employment demands, employer needs, teaching methods, and the use of various educational resources and industry-standard technology and equipment.

Today, Purdue Global serves approximately 30,000 online and campus-based students throughout the country and around the world. In addition to many associate's and bachelor's degree programs, the University offers several online master's degree programs in business, legal studies, education, nursing, and criminal justice, among others. Concord Law School, Purdue Global's online law school, also offers Juris Doctor and Executive Juris Doctor<sup>SM</sup> programs. Purdue Global provides students a suite of personalized services and rich academic support through online tutoring, writing and mathematics labs, and web-based career planning diagnostics that help students craft a course of study to maximize their career potential.

The University has ground locations in Iowa, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Purdue University Global, which has its main campus in Indianapolis, Indiana, and its academic headquarters in Chicago, is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. This accreditation covers all Purdue Global's academic programs, all branch campuses, and all programs provided via distance education. For more information, please visit the HLC website at [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

# ACADEMIC REGALIA AND DRESS

Robes and hoods worn during the commencement are steeped in a tradition that dates back to the eleventh century, when the monks who administered Oxford University in England wore shoulder capes to protect themselves from scratches when they gathered alms and hoods to protect their shaven heads from the cold. Eventually, the garb became daily attire and served as insulation from the damp and cold inside the University's walls, and as identification that one had permission to pass into specific college buildings.

In the United States, the academic robes and hoods were first adopted as ceremonial attire for college officials in 1754 at the institution now known as Columbia University. In 1885, students in many of the country's colleges and universities launched a movement to permit graduating candidates to wear robes and caps during the commencement. Eight years later, an intercollegiate commission of university officials adopted the country's first code of color and design for the academic garb. Faculty soon adopted the custom of wearing gowns at commencement and other academic ceremonies. Although the code has been revised many times, today's academic regalia represent those modifications accepted in 1960 and adopted by nearly 95 percent of the nation's postsecondary institutions.

In the United States today, the academic robe is most often black; some institutions, however, sanction the use of specific colors. The length of the robe, the width of the sleeves' borders, and the length of the hood all increase with each advanced degree. Colors in the hood identify both the specific field of study in which the degree was earned, as shown by the velvet border, as well as the institution that granted it, as shown by the lining. Master's and doctoral level tassels are black; undergraduate level tassels are colored to represent the field of study. The following color table provides a key to the fields of study according to the Intercollegiate Code:

## Intercollegiate Colors:

Agriculture .....	Maize (Pale Yellow)	Library Science .....	Lemon
Arts, Letters, and Humanities .....	White	Medicine .....	Green
Business Administration.....	Drab (Tan)	Music.....	Pink
Criminal Justice .....	Blue, Peacock (Green Blue)	Nursing .....	Apricot (Yellow Orange)
Dentistry .....	Lilac	Pharmacy.....	Green, Olive
Economics .....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Blue, Dark
Education.....	Blue, Light	Physical Education .....	Green, Sage
Engineering.....	Orange	Psychology.....	Gold
Fine Arts and Architecture .....	Brown	Public Administration .....	Blue, Peacock (Green Blue)
Fire Science.....	Blue, Peacock (Green Blue)	Science .....	Gold
Forestry.....	Russet	Social Science .....	Citron (Green Yellow)
Health Sciences (Public Health) .....	Pink, Salmon (Orange Pink)	Speech (Oratory) .....	Grey, Silver
Home Economics.....	Cardinal, Dark (Red)	Technology.....	Red
Journalism .....	Maroon (Dark Red)	Theology or Divinity.....	Scarlet (Bright Red)
Legal Studies (Law) .....	Purple	Veterinary Science.....	Grey



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