Black Hawk College
East Campus

2015 Commencement Ceremony

Kewanee National Guard Armory
7:00 p.m. | Friday, May 22, 2015
On Academic Regalia

On at least one solemn occasion during the academic calendar – Spring Commencement – the faculty of the college publicly display their full academic regalia and participate in the ritual of a processional and recessional from the commencement ceremony. The purposes of commencement are well-known, but the reasons for the peculiar dress of the celebrants and the order of the procession are often as confusing to the audience as they are, in fact, to the faculty. This note may help to explain academic costumes.

Today’s academics are descendants of clerical schoolmen in the universities of medieval Europe. Like clergy, members of the bench and bar, and other learned professionals, the medieval scholar clothed himself in heavy robes to keep out the draft from unheated, windowless buildings. Like all members of medieval society, faculty enjoyed the visible symbols of their rank. These outward signs of accomplishment and authority were tailored into the robes. The need for such voluminous garments to keep the scholar from catching a cold is long past but the use of them to symbolize the dignity of the profession remains.

Caps and gowns worn by our faculty are black. Black was the color adopted by mutual agreement among American colleges and universities at the end of the 19th century. In Europe, each university has its own distinctive gowns, varying in color and cut with each institution. A European commencement is a far more colorful occasion than its American counterpart.

There are four basic academic degrees: the associate degree, the baccalaureate or bachelor’s degree, the master’s degree and the doctorate. Each has a special robe. The associate and bachelor’s gowns are trim, neat and unadorned, as benefits apprentices. The master’s gown is still simple, but fuller, with a hood draped from the shoulders down the back. Once used to keep the shaved heads of medieval clerks from freezing, the hood now is solely a badge of degree of scholarly achievement. The master’s hood is small and narrow, but displays the colors of the institution that awarded the degree. The doctorate robe has a generous cut, is faced with velvet, and emblazoned with velvet stripes on the ample sleeves. Most of the velvet facings and chevrons or stripes are black, but some are other colors. According to personal taste, doctors may display the color of their doctoral degree on their sleeves and facings: for example; royal blue for philosophy, green for medicine, purple for law, scarlet for theology. The doctor’s hood is lined in satin with the colors of the degree itself. All academic costumes include the square cap called a mortarboard. The doctor’s tassels may be either black or gold. Tassels of all other degrees may be black or the colors of the college or department from which the student graduated or is graduating.

Stage party members wearing black, gold and red hoods are members of the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees. Their hoods do not represent academic rank; they indicate the trustees’ public service through their governance of the local college district. The three colors represent an integration of the colors of the college’s Quad-Cities Campus and East Campus.
Commencement Program

Processional .................................................................................................................. James D. Blucker, Pianist

(The audience will rise when the procession enters the gym and will remain standing until after the Moment of Silence.)

Academic Procession
The Honor Marshals.................................................................................................... Hannah G. Buser
Rachel R. Hoy
Debra L. Ramer

Posting of Colors ............................................................................................... Kewanee National Guard
HHT 2ND SQ 106TH CAV

National Anthem........................................................................................................... “The Star Spangled Banner”
arr. by John Philip Sousa
James D. Blucker, Pianist
Kerry E. Cortes & Devon N. Peterson, Vocalists

Moment of Silence

Student Remarks ......................................................................................................... Colton J. Geiger
President, Student Government Association

Presidential Address .................................................................................................. Dr. Bettie A. Truitt
President, Black Hawk College

Presentation of the Class of 2015 ........................................................................... Dr. Lee J. Weimer
Interim Vice President for Instruction and Student Services

Awarding of Certificates and Conferring of Degrees ........................................ Dr. Bettie A. Truitt
Board of Trustees
John Hartman, Professor, President, East Campus Faculty Senate

Recessional ................................................................................................................ James D. Blucker, Pianist

(The audience will rise and remain standing in place until the recession has exited the gymnasium.)

Guest Reception Honoring Graduates ................................................................. Armory Front Lawn
Sponsored by the Black Hawk College East Foundation

A sign language interpreter will be on the right-hand side of the stage.
The Black Hawk College Seal

The official college seal was adopted in May 1969. It incorporates some of the oldest symbols known. The “Y,” or fork, is a key sign symbolizing the up reaching spirit, the striving of being. Above the key sign is the flame which represents knowledge, specifically the knowledge of liberal arts and sciences programs. The old chemical sign at right is for basic metals, which represents vocational and technical education. On the left is the philosopher’s sign which describes the nature of human intellect and symbolizes the active intellect present in adults who continue their education. The enclosing circle represents the continuing circle of education. The Latin phrase, Collegium Pro Populo, identifies Black Hawk as the College for the People.

Graduation Honors

**Summa Cum Laude graduates** are identified by a gold honor cord. (60 cumulative hours and a 3.95 GPA)

**Magna Cum Laude graduates** are identified by a white honor cord. (45 cumulative hours and a 3.85 GPA)

**Cum Laude graduates** are identified by a red honor cord. (30 cumulative hours and a 3.75 GPA)

**The honor marshals** are honor students chosen from the freshman class. They are selected by most cumulative hours completed at Black Hawk College and highest grade point average.
ADMINISTRATIVE VIRTUAL ASSISTANT
Marimar Rodriguez, Kewanee

AGRICULTURE MECHANICS
Cody Bennett, Neponset

ANIMAL SCIENCE
- Mackenzie Christine Brandt, Winamac, IN
- Brooke Eckstein, Neenah, WI
- Brett Farrell, Delphi, IN
- Colton T. Hickey, Ashland, OH
- Kevin A. Marlatt, Glenwood, IN
- Matthew R. O’Connor, Valparaiso, IN
- Brian Edward Pluimer, Middlebury, IN
- Brinton Sieferman, Crawfordsville, IN
- Matthew Dean Vatland, Ottawa

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
Tyler Hulslander, Kewanee

BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING
- Devon L. Abbot, Kewanee
- Destyne Bailey, Galva
- Abbigail M. Becket, Toulon
- Tiffany A. Britt, Kewanee
- Sara Carlson, Kewanee
- Elizabeth Carter, Kewanee
- Raeshanda Chandler, Kewanee
- Jameela Cliff, Kewanee
- Alexandria Cordrey, Kewanee
- Elizabeth Cordry, Kewanee
- Thalia Currie, Kewanee
- Jessica L. Davis, Kewanee
- Alexia Dickens, Kewanee
- Paul D. Eastman II, Galva
- Krystal Pinon Fierro, Kewanee
- Carmen Gamez, Kewanee
- Paige Hamilton, Kewanee
- Rhett Holt, Galva
- Katie Christine Kursock, Kewanee
- Megan Mansker, Cambridge
- Timara Matuszyk, Kewanee
- Rocio Anay Morales, Kewanee
- Curran Babcock O’Riley, Galva
- Stephanie Petty, Kewanee
- Anjelica Martinez Rangel, Kewanee
- Shannon Sall, Galva
- Mariah Ann Smith, Galva
- Angela M. Staley, Kewanee
- Clemencia E. Turner, Kewanee
- Courtney Marie Warner, Galva
- Amanda JoAnne Weir, Bradford

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST
Johnna Patterson, Wyanet

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- Tonya L. Chezum, Cambridge
- Robert J. Deter, Morrison
- Calep D. DeWitt, Clinton, WI
- Brooke Eckstein, Neenah, WI
- Brett Farrell, Delphi, IN
- Colton T. Hickey, Ashland, OH
- Garrett D. Kietzman, Clinton, WI
- Megan Elaine Knight, Ashton
- Matthew R. O’Connor, Valparaiso, IN
- Danielle Rykaert, Taylor Ridge
- Brinton Sieferman, Crawfordsville, IN
- Travis Smeltzly, Hillsdale
- Bryce J. Tiffany, Perry, IA
- Lakken Park Troxell, Loami
- Matthew Dean Vatland, Ottawa
- Steven Zampon, Crown Point, IN

AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT – HORTICULTURE OPTION
- Athens Autumn DeMartini, Laura
- Lisa M. Sprouse, East Moline

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY
- Robert J. Deter, Morrison
- Nolan Brady Dykema, Morrison
- Brooke Eckstein, Neenah, WI
- Kevin A. Marlatt, Glenwood, IN

AGRICULTURAL TRAVEL PROGRAM
Wireless Communications Technology
- Robert J. Deter, Morrison
- Nolan Brady Dykema, Morrison
- Brooke Eckstein, Neenah, WI
- Kevin A. Marlatt, Glenwood, IN
- Brian Edward Plumier, Middlebury, IN
  - Robert Swanson, Geneseo
  - Lakken Park Troy, Loami
  - Matthew Dean Vatland, Ottawa

**AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR TECHNOLOGY**
- Samuel Bilotti, Macomb
- Evan Blunk, Geneseo
- Ronald W. Wilder, Kewanee

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING**
- Johnna Patterson, Wyant
- Jessica Leigh-Turnbull Wilson, Galva

**COMPUTER SPECIALIST – PROGRAMMING**
- Damian Paxton, Kewanee

**EQUESTRIAN SCIENCE**
- Jennifer Grace Bathe, Davis Junction
  - Alana Katherine Ann Bentz, Beloit, WI
  - Heather Burroughs, Muscatine, IA
  - Abigail Marie Burton, Lafayette, IN
  - Brittany Kaylynn Butler, Warsaw, IN
  - Heath J. Dufek, Platteville, WI
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  - Mary Kandis, East Moline
  - Jessica Marie Lane-Jackson, Toulon
  - Briana Lenzi, Brimfield
  - Makayla Ray Maciejewski, Downs
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  - Alex Miller, Claypool, IN
  - Cassidy Myre, Milton, WI
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  - Morgan C. Smith, Russell, MN
  - Kaitlyn Wendling, Kaneville

**GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES**
- Cynthia L. Hardy, Bradford

**HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**
- Elizabeth Ast, Kewanee

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- Rosemary E. Phillips, New Windsor

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- Kami Branom, Kewanee
- Chase William Burghgrave, Geneseo
- Nicola A. Cone, Galva
- Madison A. Costenson-Segura, Kewanee
- Presley Jo Grant, Galva
- Breanna Elizabeth Grebin, Rochester, MN
- Sarah Elizabeth Hughes, Kewanee
- Zachary M. Moody, Neponset
- Danielle Neisendorf, Genoa
- Connor J. Oetzel, Kewanee
- Kathleen Anne Reay, Princeville
- Shelby Riley, Noblesville, IN
- Hunter Macensie Rogers, Kewanee
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  Clayton Robert Boyert, Seville, OH
  Mark Allen Breckenridge, Wyoming
- Carlos Bretado, Kewanee
- Emalee P. Brink, Cambridge
  Felisha Brunson, Kewanee
- Marissa Chapa, Maple Park
  Chelsea Noelle Chayer, Kewanee
  Rebekah Clancy, Bradford
  Tanner Clementz, Mt. Pulaski
  Tyler Cole Dawson, Rushville, IN
  Oliver Breckenridge Debnam Hillyerd, Gaithersburg, MD
  Emily Sue DeMay, Galva
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  Stephanie Nicole Dorsey, Toulon
  Jared P. Ekstrand, Atkinson
  Eden Violet Endress, Camp Grove
  Mallory Espenscheid, Traer, IA
  Isabella Mae Frisk, Galva
  Dylan J. Galloway, Kewanee
- Colton Jacob Geiger, Columbia City, IN
  Brandon Lee Gruber, Woodbine, MD
  Nick Harding, Galva
- Melissa Hill, Kewanee
- Rachel Hill, Dixon
- Brianna M. Hobbs, St. David
- Hope Kensinger, Delavan
  Conner Jay King, Kewanee
  Kassandra King, Kewanee
  Kade Justin Knapp, Stanwood, IA
  Melissa Carol Knowles, Deland, FL
  Jessica Rose Lewis, Kewanee
- Guadalupe Lopez, Kewanee
  Emily Lowdahl, Monmouth
- Jessica Manthe, Kewanee
  Ashley Marie Matuszyk, Kewanee
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  Anna Marie Moore, Mulberry, IN
- Reiha Morgan, Galva
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- Kristi Lynn Smith, Princeville
- Savannah L. Speckhart, Princeville
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  Hanna Swanson, Cambridge
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- Jamie Wall, Pierceton, IN
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- Kimberly S. Wilkins, Kewanee
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  Alysha Paige Winn, Kewanee
- Nicole Lee Withrow, Galva
• Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges
  
  Note: Phi Theta Kappa graduates may be identified by a gold stole.

■ Alpha Beta Gamma, International Business Honor Society
  
  Note: Alpha Beta Gamma graduates may be identified by a blue stole with Greek letters or a blue stole with emblem and Greek letters.

▲ Psi Beta, National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges
  
  Note: Psi Beta graduates may be identified by a blue and gold cord.

❖ Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges
  
  Note: Sigma Kappa Delta graduates may be identified by a green and gold cord.

⊙ Academic All-American – Livestock Judging Team

❖ Distinguished Academic All-American – National Horse Judging Team
  
  Note: These graduates are identified by the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association as being in the Top 10 overall at the national level and must have a 4.0 GPA.

❖ Academic All-American – National Horse Judging Team
  
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☆ Academic All-American – National Horse Show 1st Team
  
  Note: These graduates are identified by participating at the national level in at least two shows and achieving a 3.8 or higher GPA.

❖ Academic All-American – National Horse Show 2nd Team
  
  Note: These graduates are identified by participating at the national level in at least two shows and achieving a 3.5 or higher GPA.

❑ NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement
  
  Note: These graduates are identified by the National Junior College Athletic Association as having achieved a GPA of 3.80 to 3.99 on a 4.0 scale for 60 quarter hours or 45 semester hours.
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