



University of MOUNT OLIVE

SEVENTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT SPRING 2025

George & Annie Dail Kornegay Arena

Friday, May 9 | 10:00 AM

Live Stream Link
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The University of Mount Olive is a ministry of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar arr. Holcombe
*National Anthem	"The Star-Spangled Banner" F. Scott Key arr. Ferrari Carolina Sound
President's Welcome & Invocation	H. Edward Croom, Ed.D. President
Greetings	Mr. Donnie E. Lassiter Chair, Board of Trustees
Commencement Remarks	Dr. Croom
Presentation of Graduating Class	Burt Lewis, Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Croom
Recognition of the Graduates	Stephen Edwards, Ph.D. Assistant Dean of Agricultural and Biological Academic Programs
Turning of the Tassels	Dr. Lewis
Alumni Board Welcome	Norman Crumpacker, DBA President, Alumni Association
Graduate Challenge	Dr. Croom

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Alma Mater	"University of Mount Olive Alma Mater" By Mauney and Fagg UMO Concert Choir
Hail Mount Olive, Alma Mater, Endless years shall crown thy head; Praise we then our great creator, Who through all the years shall lead. May thy torch of truth grow brighter Still supplied with light divine; Strong, and clear, and ever burning, On the path of wisdom shine.	Alma Mater, our dear mother, Honored ever honored now; Courage, faith, and love devoted, Be the laurels on thy brow. O, Mount Olive, how we love thee, Dowered with thy fost'ring care; Kindest Heaven smile above thee, God exalt and keep thee fair.
*Benediction	Mr. Lassiter
*Recessional	"Trumpet Voluntary"

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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Abigail Faith Deitz

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Conner James Grimes

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Cum Laude

Julie McKinney*

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Summa Cum Laude

Crystal Elizabeth Nichols

Bachelor of Arts

Agricultural Communication

& Leadership

Cum Laude

Tyler Brett Senter

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Grayson Smith Turner

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Ana-Grace Worsley Wells

Bachelor of Arts

Agribusiness

Abhy Elizabeth Alvarado Faña

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Associate of Science General

Studies: Pre-Nursing

Magna Cum Laude

Catherine Godwin Anderson

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture: Agribusiness

Cum Laude

Emily Cassidy

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Lena Kimberly DeFilippo

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Magna Cum Laude

Amber Skylah Dercksen

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Summa Cum Laude

Audrey Ann Fleming

Bachelor of Science

Veterinary Bioscience

Cum Laude

Sophia Katherine Frugoni

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Chemistry: Biochemistry

Magna Cum Laude

Cameron Whitaker Harper

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture: Agribusiness

Samantha Hohm

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

Blake Avery Hosic

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Makayla Grace Jackson

Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Education

Zachary Johnson

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

Rachel Jones

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Ecological &

Environmental Science

Abigail Elaine Kitchton

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

* In Absentia

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Rileigh Evans Kucera

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Cum Laude

Hannah Elizabeth Loftin

Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Education

Agriculture: Agribusiness

Magna Cum Laude

John Cooper McCrimmon

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

Elizabeth Carolyn McDonald

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture: Plant Science

Tanner Ashton Mejias

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture: Environmental

& Natural Resources

Annefleur Josephine Moerkerken

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Magna Cum Laude

Riley Elizabeth Morrison

Bachelor of Science

Veterinary Bioscience

Magna Cum Laude

Amber Skye Nealy

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Zoe Nunez-Bauer

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Katlyn Grace Parrish

Bachelor of Science

Veterinary Bioscience

Nicholas D. Richardson

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Chemistry: Biochemistry

Cum Laude

Tate Steven Sandvig

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Madelyn Grace Siler*

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

Raeleigh Nicole Silvernail

Bachelor of Science

Veterinary Bioscience

Morgan Faith Simpson

Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Education

Summa Cum Laude

Abigail Paige Sliepen

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture Production Systems

Meredith Caroline Smith

Bachelor of Science

Veterinary Bioscience

Alyssa Smothers

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Cum Laude

Elena Stewart

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Rileigh Kathleen Marie White

Bachelor of Science

Biology: Biomedical Science

Cameron Gray Woodard

Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Education

Summa Cum Laude

Alexis Katherine Ziff

Bachelor of Science

Agriculture: Agribusiness

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Kimsey Ann Bagley

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Troy Oliver Blakley

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Carter Thomas Butler

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Isabelle Olivia Coble

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Laney Grace Davis

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Carter Adam Foster

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Amelia Lynn Lackey*

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Eric Villanueva Jr.

Associate of Science

Agriculture

Austin Robert Williams

Associate of Science

Agriculture

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Jeffery Alexander Billups II

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Shelby Ellen Brown

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Donna Michelle Colson

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Wendi Lynn Ferrell

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Laura Guderian Gausling

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Tyshayla Chardai Joyner

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Sharlene Adrienne Knight

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Mervin Edward Kurtz

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

MaKenna Lagaly Richardson

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Alexa Lee

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

Jordan Lucas*

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Marchelle Denise Nixon

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Mierra Kawanda Reid

Master of Science

Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Madeline Marie Russell

Master of Science

*Counseling: Clinical Mental Health
With Distinction*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Emily Aparicio*

Bachelor of Arts

*Applied Psychology
Magna Cum Laude*

Twanda Nicole Battle

Bachelor of Arts

Applied Psychology

Katrina Marie Blizzard

Bachelor of Arts

Applied Psychology

Michael Brand*

Bachelor of Arts

*History
Cum Laude*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Joan Bowie Carr
Bachelor of Arts
Applied Psychology

Leston Francois*
Bachelor of Arts
Applied Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Autumn Gray Goodman
Bachelor of Arts
Art

Nathan Joseph Lassiter Jr.
Bachelor of Arts
History

Newassa Ann Kennedy Martin*
Bachelor of Arts
Applied Psychology

Matthew Messer*
Bachelor of Arts
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Paula Rivenbark
Bachelor of Arts
Applied Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Victor Isaiah Skinner
Bachelor of Arts
Art

Caroline Carew Allred
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Alexandra Rose Baker
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Montana Baysden
Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Jevon Antonio Benjamin
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Felisha Perry Benson
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Summa Cum Laude

Tylaniah Blizzard
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education

Gregory Boko
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure

Aubrey Bowens
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Gabrielle Bowen-Schwanke
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Jakson Patrick Bowran
Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Madison Branson
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure

Cailey Maria Bruni
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science
Magna Cum Laude

DaWanda Cissell Burrus*
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude

Taiylor S. Bussey
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science

Leigha Michelle Byrd
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Felisha Renee' Canady
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Addison Carter
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education

Kaitlyn Combs
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Jayden Cowan
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management

Karoline Cox
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management

Brianna Cruz
Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design

Michael Carmine DeLeo
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Communication
Cum Laude

Rolanda Desir-Moreau
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education

Teagan Dunnett
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Gabriel Ekholm
Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design

Anna Beth Faircloth
Bachelor of Science
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Babacar Fall
Bachelor of Science
Sports Management

Ashly Favela Gonzalez
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Kristin Ferriman
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure

Heather Garcia Cruz
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Samantha Jo Gildner
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure
Summa Cum Laude

Michelle J. Giroux
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Fredy Alexis Gomez Ramirez
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Avy Gonzalez
Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Dylan Cole Gottuso
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management

Katelyn Elizabeth Gregory
Bachelor of Science
Christian Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Dawn Hager*
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Cum Laude

Emily Grace Hein
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

* In Absentia

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Alyssa Hernan*
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Cum Laude

Logan Barbara Hibbard
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Karla Maria Hormazabal Bauer
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science

Jeffrey Dallas Howard
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Jamesha Deonna Howell
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure

Davin James Ikert
Bachelor of Science
Health & Physical Education
Cum Laude

Anna James
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management

Julissa Jaramillo
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Ta'Kayla Ty'Quana Jenkins
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Weston Matthew Johnson
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Joselyn Paige Kilborn
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Christopher Dean Kirksey
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management

Wagner Esleyter Lainez-Pelico
Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure

Chase J. Lambuth
Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

Carly Danielle Lancaster
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Chloe Angelica Lawler
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Andrew Ledbetter*
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

John Michael Lewis
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Vivian Ann Lindsey
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Summa Cum Laude

Christian Mathew Luker
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management
Cum Laude

Jacob Andrew Mabe
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Psychology
Cum Laude

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Morgan Elizabeth Marshall
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Cum Laude

Lens Mathurin
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Communication

Darius McKenzie
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Brenda Gale McLamore
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Jenna Lee Mish
Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Anthony Louis Mitta
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management
Magna Cum Laude

María Victoria Morelli
Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design
Magna Cum Laude

Cassidy Madeline Morris
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education

Lasira L. Nicholson
Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Jake C. Nicolosi
Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice & Criminology

Andrew Nixon
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Jennifer Orringer
Bachelor of Science
Music: Voice

Noah Overton
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science

Shaunda Lana' Parish
Bachelor of Science
Human Services
Cum Laude

Kevin Lamont Parker
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Kiwanna Ishanna Ashanti Pemberton
Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies

Edvin Vilhelm August Perman
Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design
Summa Cum Laude

Riley Michelle Pike
Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice & Criminology
Cum Laude

Dominic Puhaj
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management
Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Ramski
Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science
Summa Cum Laude

Jasmine Patricia Raynor
Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Cum Laude

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CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Sandra Riecken

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies
Summa Cum Laude*

Kendra Boyce Robinson*

*Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Magna Cum Laude*

Derrick Rodgers Jr.

*Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design*

Jessica Jasmin Ruiz Castro

*Bachelor of Science
Art Education*

Jule Marie Schuurmann

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management
Summa Cum Laude*

Rocky Daryle Sparks*

*Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies
Magna Cum Laude*

Deborah Allen Stephenson

*Bachelor of Science
Nursing: Pre-Licensure
Summa Cum Laude*

Kayla Sullivan

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Criminal Justice & Criminology*

Catherine Leanne Summerlin

*Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Caleb Andrew Tatum

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Communication*

Evelyn Trejo

*Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude*

Tylyia London Triggs

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management*

Aman Tsegay

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management*

Ashton Caroline Utsey

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science*

Richard Villafranco

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Exercise Science*

Jontavus Walker

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management*

Brittney Ja'Kell Watkins

*Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education*

Slade Zephaniah Watkins

*Bachelor of Science
Recreation & Leisure Studies:
Sports Management*

Tammy G. Welsh

*Bachelor of Science
Nursing
Cum Laude*

Kilra Verneice Williams

*Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Cum Laude*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Olivia Tyler Womack

*Bachelor of Science
Psychology*

Marissa Yowell

*Bachelor of Science
Justice Studies*

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Ryan Alexander Delgado

*Associate of Science
General Studies
High Distinction*

Jeremi Devone

*Associate of Science
General Studies*

Savannah Grace Earls*

*Associate of Science
General Studies*

Anzerea Z. Fryar*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Haley Gipson*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Keza Green

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Malika Haines*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing
High Distinction*

Melanie Christine Holzhauer

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Hailey Jones*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Paige Whitfield Lancaster*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Genesis S. Mende*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Tomasio Iyanna Merritt

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Reina Dawn Moore*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing
Distinction*

Ethan Moreno*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing
Distinction*

Martha Roxana Munoz*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Jasmine Brianne Perez

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing
Distinction*

Nicole P. Peterson

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Deborah Caroline Prebel*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Felicia Santana Walker

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

Camri Wee Ellis*

*Associate of Science
General Studies: Pre-Nursing*

** In Absentia*



**ROBERT L. TILLMAN
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Derrick A. Boone

*Master of Business Administration
Healthcare Management*

Jocelyn Marie Cooley

*Master of Business Administration
Healthcare Management*

Brittany Elizabeth Creech

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Kimberly Stefy Cuellar

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Kenneth Trey Deutsch

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

James Cade Hancock

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Sara Kylie Livingstone

*Master of Business Administration
Healthcare Management*

Tiffany Marie Milliron

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Hayden Dane Myrick

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Ella Pierce

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration
With Distinction*

Dorian Khalill Tolbert*

*Master of Business Administration
Business Administration*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Erika De La Cruz Brewer

*Bachelor of Arts
Healthcare Management
Cum Laude*

Joshua Aaron Hurley

*Bachelor of Arts
Business Management
Magna Cum Laude*

Dava Michelle Johnson

*Bachelor of Arts
Healthcare Management*

Catherine Perry

*Bachelor of Arts
Healthcare Management*

Kayla Reney*

*Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude*

Brittany Sanders

*Bachelor of Arts
Accounting*

LaToya Renee' White

*Bachelor of Arts
Healthcare Management*

Jennifer Danielle Davis Woods

*Bachelor of Arts
Human Resource Management
Magna Cum Laude*

Andrea Tonice Evans Artis

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Allana Mikel Atwell

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Mary Beth Bass

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude*

Amanda Bray*

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Devin Britt

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Jane A. Collins*

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration
Summa Cum Laude*

Lindsay Goupil

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration
Summa Cum Laude*

Alexis Kincaid*

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Daniel E. Ray

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude*

David Allen Rose

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Elizabeth Diane Sumrell

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Mollie E. Tetterton*

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration
Cum Laude*

Cameron Scott Wilt

*Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration*

Déja Adelle Adams

*Bachelor of Science
Leadership
Magna Cum Laude*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Paul Thomas Battaglia

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Finance*

Trystan D. Beckett

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Marketing*

Jalen Treshawn Branch

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management*

Briana Damae' Brockington

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Healthcare Management*

Kimberlee Kate Carter

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Accounting
Summa Cum Laude*

Nicholas J. Cloud

*Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity & Applied Computer Science*

Redford Piercy Dunton

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management*

Gabriel Shea Fiamingo

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Marketing*

Nathaniel Owen Furlough

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management*

Breanna Garrett*

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management*

Matthew Grayling Hammonds

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Computer Information Systems*

Zackery Hankins*

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Computer Information Systems*

Michelle Hare*

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Healthcare Management*

Cynthia Hernandez*

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management
Cum Laude*

Tianna Leshelle Hill

*Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity & Applied Computer Science*

Seth Tomek Houston*

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Computer Information Systems*

Colbie Benjamin Howell

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration:
Business Management*

Kolby Landon Jessup

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Accounting
Magna Cum Laude*

Kaitlin Tiera Kenan

*Bachelor of Science
Business Administration: Healthcare
Management*

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CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Michael Patrick Kenney Jr.*

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Accounting

Summa Cum Laude

Brady Laurance

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Finance

Business Administration: Accounting

Christen Alban Reginald Lugo-Elibox

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Cum Laude

Holden Nathaniel Maryott

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Joshua Graham Mauer*

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Marketing

Khushal Mehta

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Accounting

Motonia Messan

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Human Resource Management

Allen Eduardo Meza-Ramos

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Cameron Alexander Norton

Bachelor of Science

Cybersecurity & Applied Computer Science

Rafael Obraczka

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Business Administration: Marketing

Christopher Padilla

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Finance

Macy Lee-Ann Parkhurst

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Accounting

Summa Cum Laude

Mikia S. Parks

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Healthcare Management

Tiffany Phillips

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Healthcare Management

Emily Schneider

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Cum Laude

Guilherme Siqueira Semola

Bachelor of Science

Cybersecurity & Applied Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude

Robert Simmons

Bachelor of Science

Aviation & Business Management:

Pilot Manned

Latrisha C. Smith

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Healthcare Management

Cum Laude

Ashlyn Marie Stone

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Human Resource Management

Magna Cum Laude

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

Quira Nicole Deluca Warner

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Marketing

Caroline White*

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Gwen Wood

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration:

Business Management

Earl Williamson Worley III

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration: Accounting

UNIVERSITY MISSION

The University of Mount Olive is a faith-based educational institution committed to creating nurturing, student-centric experiences that promote sustainable opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn in the formal academic ceremonies are patterned after the academic regalia common in medieval European universities where both students and faculty were required to wear gowns at all times. Today these gowns represent an adaptation of the cape or mantle that was worn by church officials in religious processions. In 1896, colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress.

The bachelor's degree gown is distinguished by the long pleated front, and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master degree gown is similar, but has square sleeves and a slit at the elbow. The doctoral gown features broad velvet panels down the front and flowing sleeves each with three bars of velvet. The velvet trimming may be either black or the distinctive color of the field of learning represented by the degree. Master and doctoral gowns may be worn either open or closed.

Caps worn may vary with the university and individual choice. The black Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is the traditional headgear. Also worn are the soft beret style and Florentine style. The distinctive hoods vary in size according to the level of degree held. Colors of the inner silk indicate the institution from which the wearer received the degree. The outer velvet border is trimmed in a color indicating the field of learning.

The school colors are shown on the satin lining which can be seen on the back of the hood.

Agriculture	Maize	Medicine	Hunter Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Business (<i>Accountancy, Commerce</i>)	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Clinical Counseling	Gold	Oratory (<i>including speech</i>)	Silver-Gray
Communications (<i>including Journalism</i>)	Crimson	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Dentistry	Lilac	Philosophy	Rich Royal Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Admin. (<i>includes Foreign Service</i>) ..	Peacock Blue
Engineering	Orange	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts (<i>including Architecture</i>)	Brown	Science	Gold
Forestry	Russet	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology (<i>Divinity, Ministry, Religion</i>)	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon Yellow	Veterinary Science	Gray

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The University of Mount Olive maintains its own traditions practiced during various ceremonies and services. Among those that are included in the University Commencement exercises are the carrying of the University Mace, Processional Cross, and the Presidential Medallion.

The mace is carried by a faculty member. It was presented to the University by the Town of Mount Olive on November 5, 1994. The Cross is carried by either a faculty member or a student. It was presented to the University by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists on March 19, 2010. The President's Medallion is given to the President at the time of the installation by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Medallion is worn by the President at all University ceremonial functions.



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CORDS, STOLES, AND MEDALLIONS

Cords, stoles, and medallions are worn around the neck of graduates, signifying academic honors or other achievements. Cords are made of braided nylon in a variety of colors. Stoles are panels of silk that can be embroidered with letters or symbols. Medallions are made of metal or glass-like material and hang on colored ribbon.

Red, white, and blue cords, braided

Veteran, United States of America

Crimson and cobalt blue, braided

Upsilon Phi Delta (Healthcare Administration)

Green and white cord

Admissions Tour Guide

Medallion with green ribbon

Honors Program Graduate

Gold stole

University Marshal

Apricot stole

Nursing

White stole

Pi Lambda Theta (Education)

RECOGNITIONS

Graduate candidates who have met all degree requirements and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher and no grade below a B- will be awarded their degree "With Distinction." Baccalaureate candidates must have earned a minimum of 30 graded semester hours at the University of Mount Olive with no grade below a C to graduate with Latin Honors. Associate candidates must have earned a minimum of 30 graded semester hours at the University of Mount Olive with no grade below a C to graduate with Distinction.

Baccalaureate Candidates:

Cum Laude (Bronze)

3.70 grade point average

Magna Cum Laude (Silver)

3.80 grade point average

Summa Cum Laude (Gold)

3.90 grade point average

Associate Candidates:

High Distinction (Green)

3.90 grade point average

Distinction (Green)

3.70 grade point average



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