EARLHAM COLLEGE

Commencement

CLASS OF 2024
COMMENCEMENT 2024

Earlham College · 177th year

SATURDAY
May 11, 2024
10:30 A.M.
Earlham today includes Earlham College, an undergraduate liberal arts college, the Earlham College Graduate Programs in Education, and the Earlham School of Religion.

Earlham’s programs are informed by the distinctive perspectives and values of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). We challenge ourselves to seek truth, wherever truth may lead, so that we may grow in both intellect and spirit as we prepare to lead and to serve in today’s world.

Earlham’s faculty work to awaken the “teacher within,” encouraging students to become lifelong learners. Earlham students actively shape and influence their own education, both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we are an intentional community that seeks to make a difference in the world for good. We challenge one another to grow in our capabilities and commitment, and we seek to lead lives that demonstrate our guiding values.

The Graduate Programs in Education continue the Earlham tradition of excellence by preparing teachers who are student-centered. Education students are encouraged to enhance their unique pedagogical voices and draw on teaching strategies that encourage and excite learning in all students.

An Earlham School of Religion education is likewise shaped by Quaker principles and practices. A Christian graduate theological school in the Quaker tradition, ESR prepares students for leadership that empowers and ministry that serves. Using a transformative model of education, ESR encourages students to explore the intellectual, spiritual and practical dimensions of their calls to ministry.
Commencement Program

President Anne Houtman, presiding

PRELUDE
Selections from the Class of 2024

PROCESSIONAL
“Pomp and Circumstance,” Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION
*Earlham School of Religion*
Sussie Ndanyi

OPENING STILLNESS
Anne Houtman, President
Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion

WELCOME FROM THE CLASSES OF 2024
*Earlham College*
Olivia Kyrk, Nathen Peck
and Mia Wong

*Earlham Graduate Programs in Education*
Elijah Gamber and
Karina Steitz

*Earlham School of Religion*
Elizabeth Terney

GREETINGS
Thomas Thornburg
Chair, Board of Trustees
Wendy Smiseck
Chair, Alumni Council

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Anne Houtman, President
*Earlham College*
Rick Stephens, Interim Provost

*Earlham Graduate Programs in Education*
Camilla Fulvi, Director

*Earlham School of Religion*
Gretchen Castle, Dean

BENEDICTION
Jessica Ongole and Enehi Ameh

MOMENT OF STILLNESS

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE
Selections from the Class of 2024

*A Celebratory Reception for graduates and guests will follow in the Earlham Dining Hall.*
The Academic Procession

A colorful aspect of the Commencement ceremony is the academic procession. Strong traditions govern the use of the caps, gowns and hoods worn by many members of the academic community in the formal ceremony today. The academic apparel worn at Earlham’s Commencement dates back to the Middle Ages. Then, voluminous gowns were worn to ward off the damp and cold of medieval buildings, with mortar boards used as hats. When those styles were abandoned by laymen, clergy and scholars continued to wear the robes, with variations in style and color identifying different monastic orders.

From the three items of academic attire — the cap, gown and hood — it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer was graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of degree — bachelor, master or doctorate. The institution granting the degree is indicated by the colors of the lining of the hood. The degree is indicated by the width of the velvet trimming, becoming wider from bachelor’s to master’s to doctorate. The color of the velvet trimming indicates the discipline or field of study.

The academic disciplines of Earlham faculty, trustees and distinguished guests are represented by the following colors:

- Agriculture: Maize
- Arts, Letters, Humanities: White
- Commerce, Business: Drab
- Economics: Copper
- Education: Light Blue
- Engineering: Orange
- Fine Arts: Brown
- Journalism: Crimson
- Law: Purple
- Library Science: Lemon
- Medicine: Green
- Music: Pink
- Nursing: Apricot
- Oratory: Silver Gray
- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Physical Education: Sage Green
- Science: Golden Yellow
- Social Work: Citron
- Theology: Scarlet

Honorary Faculty Ushers
Rodolfo Guzman, Professor of Spanish and Hispanic Studies
Meg Streepy-Smith, Professor of Geology

Honorary Commencement Ushers for the Class of 2024
Mary Asch
Kaibre Stephan
Vela Mkhonta
CONFERRING
of DEGREES
Earlham College

Earlham is a nationally recognized liberal arts institution whose mission, centered on Quaker principles, is “to be a learning community that seeks to envision and achieve a more perfect human society.” Earlham’s long devotion to academic excellence has been matched by its concern for spiritual values and high social purpose. Noticeable on campus is a spirit of concern, a sense of responsibility for world issues and freedom of thought.

Earlham students earn the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Major studies encompass 41 departmental and interdisciplinary fields. Innovation in educational programs and cross-cultural education are hallmarks of Earlham College. A leader in international education, Earlham currently offers off-campus programs in several countries around the world and within the United States. Students are intellectually challenged by faculty that are both excited about teaching and committed to the development of genuine enthusiasm for liberal learning, which is why Earlham consistently ranks in the top 20 colleges for “Best Classroom Experience” according to the Princeton Review. Earlham programs have received national recognition for their ability to prepare students for excellence in leadership for an increasingly complex, global society.

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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Cristina Esquivel Rodriguez
Global Management and Psychology
College Honors
Alajuela, Costa Rica

Dillon Fischer
Global Management
Cincinnati, Ohio

Elijah Gamber
History
Mooresstown, New Jersey

Karolayne Isabel Gaona Chong
Computer Science and Earth & Environmental Science
College and Departmental Honors
Antón, Coclé, Panamá

Marlenne Garcia
Sociology/Anthropology and Spanish and Hispanic Studies
Departmental Honors
Chicago, Illinois

Rene Gaudreau
Peace & Global Studies
Portland, Oregon

Brian Gin
Exercise, Health & Sports Studies
Fishers, Indiana

Kevin Gin
Exercise, Health & Sports Studies
Fishers, Indiana

Nicholas Goode
Neuroscience
West Lafayette, Indiana

Keegan Grabow
Business
Powell, Ohio

Kaylee Ann Griffin
Biochemistry
College Honors
Antioch, Illinois

Evan Griswold
Computer Science
Cincinnati, Ohio

Andrew Guerard-Adie
Ancient & Classical Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Bethlehem, New Hampshire

Madai Guzmán Delgado
Music and Peace & Global Studies
Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, México

Diana Guzman Rivera
Sociology/Anthropology
Departmental Honors
Chicago, Illinois

Phoenix Guzzi
Exercise, Health & Sports Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Rockwood, Michigan

Ashley Elizabeth Hernandez
Psychology
Houston, Texas

Edgar Hernandez
Biochemistry
Houston, Texas

Momoha Hirose
Global Management and Computer Science
College and Departmental Honors
Osaka, Japan

Cleo Virginia Johnson
English
College Honors
Lake Bluff, Illinois

Kiyomi Johnson
Museum Studies
Brooklyn, New York

Hazel Ann Jordan
Biology
College Honors
Olympia, Washington

Uapingena Prudence Kandjoze
Neuroscience
College Honors
Windhoek, Namibia

Arata M Katayama
Computer Science
Yokohama, Japan

Medrine Lazaro Kihanga
Biochemistry
College and Departmental Honors
Musoma, Mara, Tanzania

Justin Kwapong
Biochemistry
College Honors
Middlebury, Connecticut

Olivia Kyrk
Art
College and Departmental Honors
Cardington, Ohio

Stephanie Lane
Art
Queens, New York

Nghi Bui Gai Le
Data Science
Sa Dec, Dong Thap, Vietnam

Robert Lemon Jr.
Biochemistry
College Honors
Michigan City, Indiana

Rose Abigail León-Alvarado
Neuroscience
College and Departmental Honors
Siguatepeque, Comayagua, Honduras

Neil Lindop
Art
College and Departmental Honors
Canaan, New York

Margaret Lyczak
Peace & Global Studies
Bristol, Vermont

Edee Malley
Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies
College Honors
Columbus, Ohio

Cristobal Josue Martinez
Psychology
Houston, Texas

Risa McFee
Biochemistry
College and Departmental Honors
Wayne, Pennsylvania

Matias Montaño
Physics
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Nathaly Montoya Jarquin  
Global Management  
College and Departmental Honors  
Managua, Nicaragua

Jacob Munday  
Spanish & Hispanic Studies  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Lucas Murray  
Japanese Studies and  
Music Studies  
Brookline, Massachusetts

Seth Johnathan Niemann  
Biochemistry  
College and Departmental Honors  
Toledo, Ohio

August Amber Nord  
Computer Science and  
Music Studies  
College and Departmental Honors  
Valparaiso, Indiana

Liesl Nunemacher  
Music  
Nederland, Colorado

Jessica Okomo Ongole  
Global Management and Media & Communications  
College and Departmental Honors  
Uganda/Eswatini

Meryl Pawlick  
Sociology/Anthropology  
College and Departmental Honors  
Bozeman, Montana

Nathen Peck  
Art and Biology  
College and Departmental Honors  
Rathdrum, Idaho

Luke Peters  
Environmental Sustainability  
Richmond, Indiana

Gideon Pickering-Polstra  
Public Policy  
College Honors  
Hillsboro, Ohio

Aaditya Babu Pillai  
Global Management, Public Policy and Quantitative Economics  
College Honors  
Mumbai, India

Cameron L. Powell  
Media & Communications  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Elizabeth Rakes  
Biology  
Centerville, Ohio

Cameron Riley  
Art and Religion  
College and Departmental Honors  
West Chester, Ohio

Emma Glorianna Byrne Roberts  
Biochemistry  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Ab Sadiq  
Global Management  
Richmond, Texas

Isao Sakai  
Peace & Global Studies  
College Honors  
Tokyo, Japan

Diana Santiago-Cruz  
Psychology  
College Honors  
Richmond, Indiana

Cierra Sage Schreck  
Media & Communications  
College and Departmental Honors  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Steven Shaughnessy  
Psychology  
St. Paul Minnesota

Donovan Shea  
Biology  
College Honors  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Leigh Siler  
Spanish & Hispanic Studies  
College Honors  
Asheville, North Carolina

Sinclair Simelane  
Quantitative Economics  
College Honors  
Mbabane, Eswatini

Tyler Smith  
English and Media & Communications  
College Honors  
Germantown, Ohio

Isaac Snediker-Morschek  
Physics  
College Honors  
Worthington, Ohio

Leila Soliman  
Creative Writing  
College and Departmental Honors  
Osceola, Indiana

Megan Steinhiser  
Biology  
College Honors  
Michigan City, Indiana

Amy Stewart  
Biology  
College Honors  
South Charleston, Ohio

Jordan Stolle  
Business  
Richmond, Indiana

Tristan Sturm  
Biochemistry  
College and Departmental Honors  
Davis, California

Blake Taylor  
Global Management  
Chicago, Illinois

Sarah Tierney  
Comparative Languages & Linguistics  
College Honors  
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Alice Selene Torres Castillo  
Biology  
Waukegan, Illinois

Long Vo Hai Trinh  
Computer Science  
Hatinh, Vietnam

Clayton Vignon  
Psychology  
Dayton, Ohio

Patrick Wande  
Computer Science  
Maryland Lagos, Nigeria

Calamity Webster  
Environmental Sustainability  
College Honors  
Cincinnati, Ohio
Nathaniel J. Whetstine
Exercise, Sports & Health Studies
Franklin, Indiana

Magnolia Wilcox
Peace & Global Studies
College and Departmental Honors
San Diego, California

Mia Wong
Peace & Global Studies
College Honors
Kingston, Jamaica

Quinn Wood
Psychology
College Honors
Flagstaff, Arizona

Kathryn Wurst
Theatre Arts
Indianapolis, Indiana

Maria Young
Earth & Environmental Science
College and Departmental Honors
Bedford, Virginia

Katarina Zack
Theatre Arts
College Honors
Madeira, Ohio

This program represents a complete and accurate record of the candidates’ degrees and departmental honors at the time of publication. Some information may change between the time of publication and commencement.
Earlham Graduate Programs in Education

“It is worth acknowledging, in all humility, that, though there are many great, beautiful, noble callings for human beings — ministry, healing, protecting the powerless through the law, making art, music and literature, the most wonderful things that human beings are privileged to do — none of them is more valuable to the human race, to the future of the planet, or to our own souls, than the work of teaching.”

— Professor Emeritus of English Paul Lacey

Earlham is proud to contribute to this valuable work through the Graduate Programs in Education. These programs are unique, as they focus on the discovery and renewal of the teacher within. Both the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education degrees are designed to be transformational for individuals who wish, in turn, to transform the lives of others. Both programs are grounded in Quaker principles including a respect for persons, integrity, simplicity, community, peace and justice. These values are manifested throughout both the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education programs.

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Claire Gerlach
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Elijah Gamber
Moorestown, New Jersey

Daniel Cheston Cox
Oxford, Ohio

Mateo Canek Quiñonez
Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION

Richard Jefferson Annorat
Naples, Florida

Maxwell Allen Fries
Cleves, Ohio

Kate Marie Wallace
Cambridge City, Indiana

Malcolm McGee Catlett
Louisville, Kentucky

Blake Peterson
Baxter, Minnesota

Darin Patrick Douglas
Winchester, Virginia

Karina Marie Steitz
Antioch, Illinois
Earlham School of Religion

Earlham School of Religion is a seminary of the Religious Society of Friends. Here, Friends and those from other traditions undertake formal theological study and ministry preparation. The School of Religion operates with its own dean and faculty and offers the Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees and several certificates. ESR manages the Lilly grant which supports the Quaker Leadership Center, offering non-degree learning and Quaker leadership development.

The presence of ESR in close association with Earlham College brings it in touch with many currents of contemporary intellectual life. As Earlham College is known nationally for its high academic standards, these same standards characterize ESR. Further enriching the ESR learning experience, a partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary began in 1994.

ESR assists students in developing a faith consistent with personal Christian revelation and religious experience. Students achieve competence in the biblical, historical and theological disciplines while developing practical skills and an empowering style of ministry. ESR students and faculty participate in the larger Christian community and its concern for the peoples of the world.

As a graduate center serving all Quakers, ESR develops Friends leadership for both programmed and unprogrammed meetings. The school provides a research and study center for Friends and encourages Friends’ involvement in theological and cultural dialogue. While fostering unity in the Religious Society of Friends, ESR continues to clarify and sustain the Quaker vision.

A note on regalia

The practice of wearing academic regalia originated in the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. Scholars, whether student or teacher, customarily wore the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, these medieval scholars had taken orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head.

The American tradition of hooding extends approximately 100 years. The Earlham tradition began approximately 70 years ago, while the School of Religion’s practice is about 40 years old. These hoods connect us with an honored tradition associated with intellectual and spiritual freedom.

The master’s hood which we award today is three-and-one-half feet long. It is black in color, with two white stripes which distinguish it from a bachelor’s or doctorate hood. The hood is trimmed with a scarlet border, signifying the theology degree. It is lined with fabric representing the institutional colors — in our case, maroon and white.
CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF DIVINITY

Brother Francis Jonathan Bullock, BSG
Richmond, Indiana

Kevin Lawrence Lovelady
Troy, New York

Thomas Scott Rockwell
Lansing, Michigan

Noah Litu Kellum
Nairobi, Kenya

Sussie Ingosi Ndanyi
Nairobi, Kenya

Elizabeth Christine Terney
Richmond, Indiana

Nicholas Johnston Pringle
Damascus, Maryland

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

Melanie Fabian Holland
Richmond, Indiana

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOPOETICS AND WRITING

Laura Elizabeth Beasley
Madisonville, Tennessee

Brianna CG Kempe
Miamisburg, Ohio

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

O.H. Jackson Napier
Jackson, Kentucky

Laura Middlebrooks Kelley
Atlanta, Georgia

Elizabeth Calvert Bondar
Rochester Hills, Michigan

CERTIFICATE IN QUAKER STUDIES

Aaron Niel Johnson
Washington, D.C.
ACADEMIC AWARDS
J. Arthur Funston Scholarship
Rafael Rodrigo Pereira Gonçalves
Gregório Peres

Bub Hanes Prize
Aruna Bharati
Eric Ford

Monteze Snyder ‘Business for Good’ Award
Momoh Hirose
Jessica Okomo Ongole

Lewis M. Hoskins Award
James Robert Freiberger II

Peace Studies Faculty Award
Dylan Andrew Gayle
Tae Sakazaki

Pi Sigma Alpha
Caleb Bove
Gideon J. Pickering-Polstra
Aaditya Pillai

Psychology Department Award
Edith Enehi Ameh

Karen Keller LaFollette Award
Aniqa Ali
Edith Enehi Ameh
Rose Abigail Leon Alvarado

Earlham Environmental Leadership Award
Mary Jo Easley
Calamity Webster

Janice Beard Kem and Charles Kem Award in Education
Talia Corazón Carter

Bain-Swiggett Poetry Prize
Jojo-Noelle Michael-Addy

Anna Eves Award
Leila Soliman

Anna Eves Scholarship
Dove Molly Rice-Snow

Gettman Prize
Samuel H. Stassen

Kendall-Reagan Prize in English
K. Hughes

Lillian Broox Manis Scholarship
Anne Miyashita

Warren Staebler Award
Cleo Johnson

Joseph and Mary Thorne Moore Graduate Scholarship in Religion
Meg Lyczak
Maxine Scherz

Charles Stubbs Award
Aniqa Ali
Indira Delacorte
Hazel Jordan
August Amber Nord
Cameron Riley
Isaak Sakai

Mat Johnson ’93 Award
Gina Mariana Magno Manhiça

Simone Leigh ’90 Award
Ronan Gallagher

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry
Edith Byrum

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry
Fabijan Bagarić

American Institute of Chemistry Student Award
Medrine Lazaro Kihanga

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award
Ashutosh Mishra
Grace Meister

Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence
Kaylee A. Griffin

Charles A. Frueauff Foundation Award
Jui Hsuan (Sharon) Wong

Thomas Clarkson Grave and Anna Hubbard Grave Graduate Scholarship in Natural Sciences
Kaylee A. Griffin
Uapingena Prudence Kandjoze

Natural Sciences Division Outstanding Student Award
Quentin Berry
Nick Goode
Medrine Lazaro Kihanga
Nathen Peck

Gertrude Pardieck Hubbard Distinguished Student Award
Gannon Murray

Lucy Moore Grave Marine Biology Award
Risa Mcfee

Millard S. Markle Award in Biology
Hazel Jordan
Nathen Peck

William Harvey Bio-Medical and Health Careers Scholarship
Noah Radtke Kishimoto

Russell M. Lawall Award in Biomedical Research
Samantha Ackley
Seth Niemann

Verne F. Swaim Memorial Scholarship
Madison L. Ruwersma

George Van Dyke Distinguished Student in Physics Award
Isaak Snediker-Morscheck

William Roha Computer Science Endowed Award
Karolayne Isabel Gaona Chong

William Roha Math Award
Arata Katayama
Nathen Peck

Russell L. Malcolm Pre-Medicine Award
Robert Lemon Jr.
The Malcolm Scholarship
Yayah Barrie
Shubhangini Shah
Bailey Weaver

Anthony Maggard
Neuroscience Award
Rose Abigail Leon Alvarado
Uapingena Prudence Kandjoze

D.J. Angus Scientech
Educational Foundation Award
Stanley Dale Snider III

Vicki Penziner Matson
Photographic Award
Martin Olate Pinochet
Cierra Sage Schreck

Janica Zuck Richards
Memorial Award
Leila Soliman

Jay Scholarship
Hazel Jordan
Blaise Rzeszut

Manning Marable-AAAB
Endowed Scholarship
Amari Bradford
Edith Enehi Ameh
Yasmeen Porter
Eric Potter
Amari Wright

Bayard Rustin Award
Dorothy Venus Pettet
Dove Molly Rice-Snow
Sylvan Kenric Gilkey

George Van Dyke Outstanding
Athlete Award
Dillon Fischer
Maria Josephine Young

Kathryn Weber-Wendell M.
Stanley Senior
Scholar-Athlete Award
Ben Adkins
Rachel Alma
Koen Arthaud-Day
Quentin Berry
Connor Del Carmen
Noah Collins
Mary Jo Easley
Dillon Fischer
Devin Fitzgibbon
Keegan Delaney Grabow
Kaylee A. Griffin
Evan Michael Griswold
Phoenix Guzzi
Cleo Johnson
Olivia Kyrk
Robert Lemon Jr.
Meredith McGraw
Nathen Peck
Cameron L. Powell
Andrew Sale
Donny Shea
Sinclair Simelane
Tyler Smith
Tristan Sturm
Akiko Tajima
Sarah Fu Tierney
Nate Whetstine
Mia Wong
Maria Josephine Young

Phi Beta Kappa
Samantha Ackley
Aniqa Ali
Momoha Hirose
Hazel Jordan
Medrine Lazaro Kihanga
Risa McFee
August Amber Nord
Meryl Pawlick
Magnolia Wilcox

Fulbright Scholars
Mary Jo Easley
Meg Lyczak
Diana Guzman Rivera

William Funson Award in
Sociology/Anthropology
Jessica Okomo Ongole

Sociology/Anthropology
Faculty Award
Meryl Pawlick
Cierra Schreck
SPECIAL MESSAGES

to the Class of 2024
Message from the President

Dear Class of 2024,

Since 1847, generations of Earlham students have experienced a blend of classroom learning and experiential education that has transformed their lives — and the world — for good.

However, few students have shown the remarkable resilience that you have. In your senior year of high school, the whole world changed over the course of one week in March. At a time when you should have been celebrating your achievements and looking forward to a bright future, that future was plunged into uncertainty.

I imagine your first year in college was wildly different from how you imagined it — that year certainly was for me. But even in the midst of a pandemic, one thing remained unchangeable: the uncommon commitment to community that Earlhamites share.

Even masks, Zoom meetings and distance — whether 6 feet or 600 miles — couldn’t change that. You found new ways of learning and building meaningful friendships. You spoke out against injustice. You stood up for the most vulnerable members of our community — on campus and off.

In true Earlhamite fashion, you worked through this uncertainty with grace, creativity and resolve. And when life returned to normal — whatever that means anymore — you and your classmates emerged stronger, wiser and more committed to making a difference.

As you graduate today, I hope you will reflect on your time at Earlham and the tremendous resilience you have demonstrated to get here. Over the last four years, you have not only earned a degree, you have also learned how to adapt and thrive.

In doing so, I have no doubt that you will go on to make the world a better, more just and more interesting place.

Congratulations and best wishes to you on this momentous day!

Anne Houtman, D.Phil.
President, Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion
Message from the Board

On behalf of the Earlham Board of Trustees, I am privileged and proud to congratulate the Class of 2024 graduates of Earlham College, the Earlham School of Religion and Earlham’s Graduate Programs in Education. I also congratulate and thank the family, friends and faculty and staff who have supported our graduates on the way to this day.

Earlham students are smart, passionate, thoughtful, fun and full of promise, as I have learned over my four decades of volunteering for the College. You work hard, love well, play exuberantly, and care deeply about making the world a better place. You have strengthened your knowledge and understanding of the world around us, and engaged your passions whether they are intellectual, athletic, social, and/or political. While it has not always been comfortable or easy, you have grown in this hotbed of thought, reflection, discussion, argument and action we call Earlham.

Let me predict who you will be in the future, whether that is 10, 25, or 40 years from now. My confidence in seeing your future is based on the special nature of Earlham and knowing and hearing the life stories of scores of fellow alumni who have preceded you. You will live lives that make a difference to your families, your communities, and our world. You will have the ability and will to see the world differently and thereby be a part of creating solutions to problems that seem intractable. You will be good shepherds for society, the environment, and the world in which we live. You will be innovators and agents for positive change. You will be peacemakers and agreement finders.

As a trustee, I am constantly aware that Earlham is trying to prepare students to live in a world we can hardly imagine. Let us know where and how it should evolve toward the future. Please return to the warmth of the Earlham community frequently and contribute to our rich heritage. The College, School of Religion and the Graduate Programs in Education need your ongoing care and support to continue for future generations the educational excellence you have enjoyed.

Please accept our good hopes and well wishes. Congratulations!

Thomas H. Thornburg, Class of 1984
Chair, Board of Trustees
Greetings Class of 2024!

So here it is, the moment you’ve all been waiting for! Commencement. And with that comes a warm welcome to the ranks of the Alumni Association — nearly 18,000 alumni who are living in every state in the nation and six continents (maybe all seven, knowing how Earlhamites are).

I’ve never met a boring Earlham student or alumnus. Every single one has a rich story to tell, has been to interesting places and has done things that are astounding. Whether they are a biodiversity cataloger in the Amazon, true crime author in the Midwest, teacher in Japan, geological surveyor in Alaska, fire investigator in New York City, journalist in Hollywood, healthcare provider in Africa, mathematician for NASA or a potter in a commune in New Mexico, they work for good in the world.

I encourage you to make a connection with them. Ask for their story and share yours because you never know where that might lead — Earlhamite comradery and even collaboration certainly don’t stop once you’ve graduated. Use the resources Earlham and its alumni have to offer and be that resource when you have those insights and gifts to share.

Earlhamites do amazing things in small and large ways. Do your amazing thing. Gather those sticks and light a fire and leave it burning, because when you leave the light for someone else, they have a chance to do amazing things, too.

Welcome to the Earlham Alumni Association, Class of 2024.

On behalf of the Alumni Council,
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KEVIN THOMAS MILES

Kevin Thomas Miles began teaching at Earlham College in 2004 after more than 10 years of university teaching in Pennsylvania and one year as a visiting professor at Haverford College. One of his many highlights at Earlham was collaboration with colleagues from other departments. He also enjoyed working with Earlham’s Fulbright liaison and participating in the August Wilderness Program. In retirement, he is looking forward to continuing his scholarly preoccupations with ancient Greek philosophy, most notably, engagements with Heraclitus appearing in Plato and Nietzsche. Those who know him have good reason to suspect that some of his time in retirement will involve at least a little bit of bicycle riding both stateside and abroad.

RAJARAM KRISHNAN

Rajaram Krishnan is ready to move on to new adventures after 25 years as a faculty member for the Department of Economics at Earlham College. During his time with the College, he led off-campus programs (semester and summer programs) in four different continents, including Kenya, India/Sri Lanka, London, Japan, Singapore, China and Utah. He was also part of a number of student-faculty collaborative research projects. His administrative roles included serving as the Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. As he looks ahead, he cherishes his joyful memories of interactions with students, many of whom he is still in contact with.
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