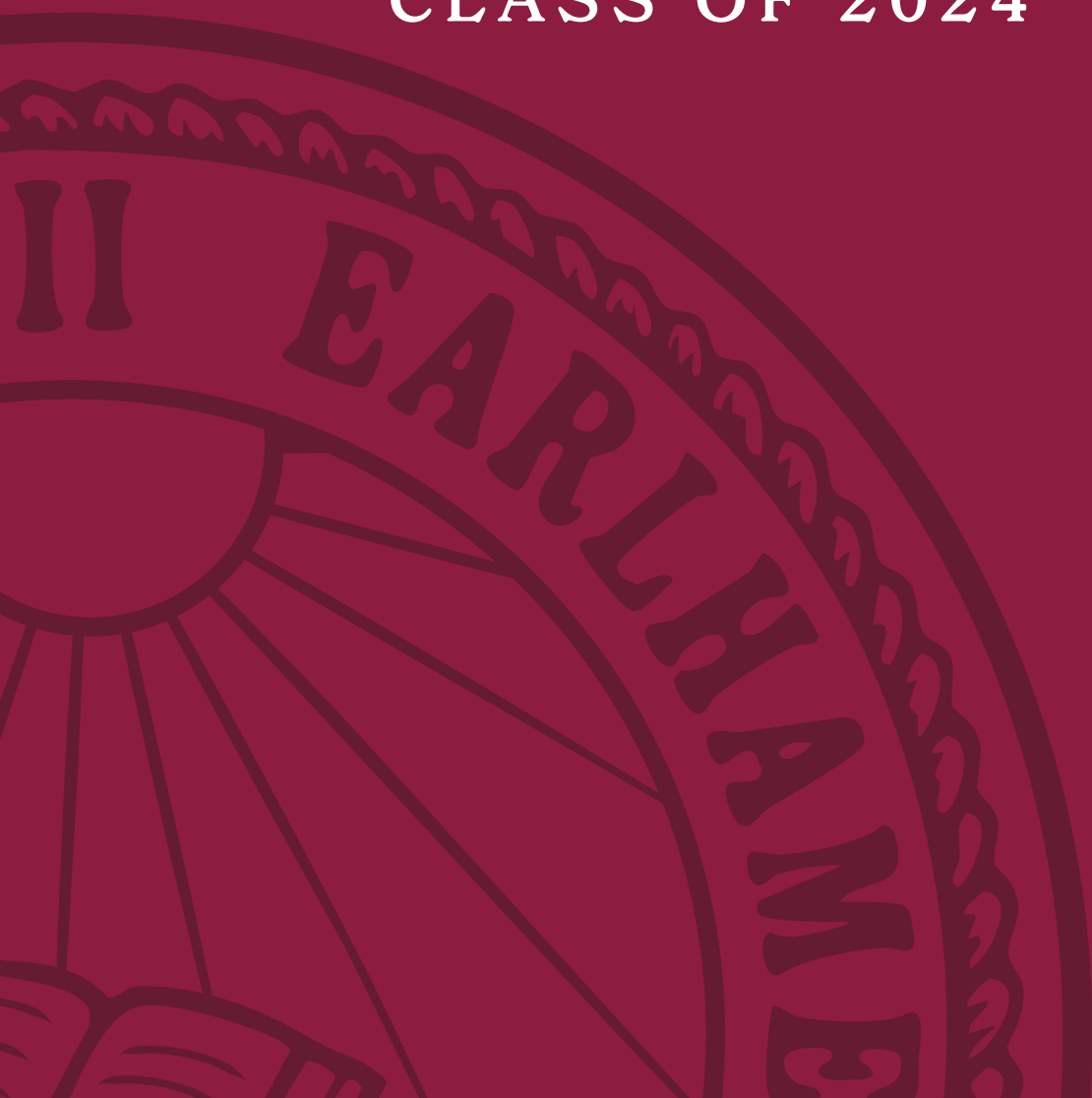


EARLHAM COLLEGE

Commencement

CLASS OF 2024



Earlham College · 177th year
COMMENCEMENT 2024

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SATURDAY
May 11, 2024
10:30 A.M.

About Earlham

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

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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:

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

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.

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CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Benjamin Adkins

Biochemistry
College Honors
Charleston, West Virginia

Leiny D. Aguilar Parada

Psychology
College Honors
Houston, Texas

Aniqa Ali

Peace & Global Studies
and Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Karachi, Pakistan

Muhammad Haider Ali

Sociology/Anthropology
Lahore, Pakistan

Rachel Alma

Psychology
College Honors
Naperville, Illinois

Edith Enehi Ameh

Global Management
and Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

Loki Anda

Computer Science
Portland, Maine

Zachariah Andre

Biochemistry
Orlando, Florida

Quentin John Berry

Biology
College Honors
Zionsville, Indiana

Caleb Bove

Public Policy
College Honors
Boston, Massachusetts

Cas Bowman

Biology
College Honors
Springfield, Ohio

Rose Bruny

Psychology
Indianapolis, Indiana

Jennifer Calderon

Peace & Global Studies
Chicago, Illinois

Talia Corazón Carter

Early Childhood Education
Seattle, Washington

Noah Collins

Global Management
Muncie, Indiana

Jingwei Dai

Computer Science
Guangdong, China

George Dizard

Global Management
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Maria Del Carmen Duran

Social Services
Chicago, Illinois

Mary Jo Easley

Global Management
College and Departmental Honors
Indianapolis, Indiana

Audrey June Elliott

Psychology
Richmond, Indiana

Cristina Esquivel Rodríguez

Global Management
and Psychology
College Honors
Alajuela, Costa Rica

Dillon Fischer

Global Management
Cincinnati, Ohio

Elijah Gamber

History
Moorestown, 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

Madaí 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

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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

Matías Montaña

Physics
Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Nathaly Montoya Jarquin
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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-Morscheck
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

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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.

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CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Claire Gerlach
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Elijah Gamber
Moorestown, New Jersey

Daniel Cheston Cox
Oxford, Ohio

**Mateo Canek Quiñonez
y 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

Noah Litu Kellum
Nairobi, Kenya

Kevin Lawrence Lovelady
Troy, New York

Sussie Ingosi Ndanyi
Nairobi, Kenya

Nicholas Johnston Pringle
Damascus, Maryland

Thomas Scott Rockwell
Lansing, Michigan

Elizabeth Christine Terney
Richmond, Indiana

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.

Souder Science and Technology Commons

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**
Momoha Hirose
Jessica Okomo Ongole

Lewis M. Hoskins Award
James Robert Freiburger 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
Isao 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**
Isaac 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

Message from the Alumni Council

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,
Wendy Wentworth Smiseck, Class of 1991

Earlham Board of Trustees

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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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