# EARLHAM COLLEGE

# Commencement

# CLASS OF 2024



# Earlham College · 177<sup>th</sup> 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	Earlham Graduate	Earlham School of Religion
Rick Stephens,	Programs in Education	Gretchen Castle, Dean of
Interim Provost	Camilla Fulvi, Director	Earlham School of Religion

### BENEDICTION

Jessica Ongole and Enehi Ameh

### MOMENT OF STILLNESS

### RECESSIONAL

### POSTLUDE

Selections from the Class of 2024

# 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

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# 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 Classrooom 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 Honors Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

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**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

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Global Management and Psychology College Honors Alajuela, Costa Rica

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Antón, Coclé, Panamá

Karolayne Isabel Gaona Chong Computer Science and Earth & Environmental Science College and Departmental Honors

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**Brian Gin** Exercise, Health & Sports Studies Fishers, Indiana

**Kevin Gin** Exercise, Health & Sports Studies Fishers, Indiana

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**Edgar Hernandez** Biochemistry Houston, Texas

Momoha Hirose Global Management and Computer Science College 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 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 But Gia 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

**Christobal Josue Martinez** Psychology Houston, Texas

**Risa McFee** Biochemistry College and Departmental Honors Wayne, Pennsylvania

**Matías Montaño** Physics Santa Cruz, Bolivia **Nathaly Montoya Jarquin** Global Management College 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

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Jesscia 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

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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

**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

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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

**Daniel Cheston Cox** Oxford, Ohio **Elijah Gamber** Moorestown, New Jersey

**Mateo Canek Quiñonez** y **Quiñonez** Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala

### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION

**Richard Jefferson Annorat** Naples, Florida

Malcolm McGee Catlett Louisville, Kentucky

**Darin Patrick Douglas** Winchester, Virginia Maxwell Allen Fries Cleves, Ohio

**Blake Peterson** Baxter, Minnesota

Karina Marie Steitz Antioch, Illinois Kate Marie Wallace Cambridge City, Indiana

# 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.

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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.

# ACADEMIC AWARDS

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**J. Arthur Funston Scholarship** Rafael Rodrigo Pereira Gonçalves Gregório Peres

**Bub Hanes Prize** Aruna Bharati Eric Ford

Monteze Snyder 'Business for Good' Award Momo 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 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

Martín 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 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

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### 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 Kvrk 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 Aniga Ali Mimosa 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

# 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!

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**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 — more than 20,000 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

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# FACULTY RETIREMENT

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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.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

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