

Earlham College · 179th year
COMMENCEMENT 2026

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SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2026
2:30 P.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 Paul Sniegowski, presiding

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PRELUDE

Selections from the Class of 2026

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance,” Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Earlham School of Religion

Jade Souza Rockwell

OPENING STILLNESS

Paul Sniegowski, President

Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion

WELCOME FROM THE CLASSES OF 2026

Earlham College

Yayah Barrie and

Reba McGloughlin

Earlham Graduate

Programs in Education

Indira Delacorte

Earlham School of Religion

Kurt Cadena-Mitchell

GREETINGS

Thomas Thornburg

Chair, Board of Trustees

Wendy Smiseck,

Chair, Academic Council

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Paul Sniegowski, President

Earlham College

Lori Schroeder,

Provost and Senior Vice

President of Academic Affairs

Earlham Graduate

Programs in Education

Camilla Fulvi, Director

Earlham School of Religion

Gretchen Castle, Dean

BENEDICTION

Augustus Fuller

MOMENT OF STILLNESS

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Selections from the Class of 2026

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

Africa Makasi, Assistant Professor of Marketing

Judy Wojcik, Associate Professor of Art, Ceramics



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 a liberal arts education, which is why Earlham consistently ranks in the Top 20 colleges for “Best Classroom Experience,” according to the Princeton Review.



CONFERRING
of DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Elijah Adamson

Media & Communications
Boulder, Colorado

Rayyan Afzal

Business, Quantitative Economics
College Honors
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Maya Akiyama Haule

Peace and Global Studies
College Honors
Dar es Salaam and Saitama,
Tanzania and Japan

Diana Nicolle A. Martinez

Social Services
College Honors
Choluteca, Honduras

Briana Aileen Ancalmo

Biochemistry
College Honors
Cincinnati, Ohio

Lucas Michael Anderson

History
Batesville, Indiana

Jalen Colin Yatco Ang

Quantitative Economics
College and Departmental Honors
Marikina, Manila, Philippines

Zohaib Asif

Business
College Honors
Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan

Fabijan Bagarifa

Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy
College and Departmental Honors
Mostar, Bosnia, and Herzegovina

Morgan E Ball

Earth & Environmental Science
College and Departmental Honors
Liberty, Indiana

Yayah Barrie

Chemistry
College and Departmental Honors
Bo Town, Southern Province,
Sierra Leone

Sarah Nguyen Bart

Psychology
College Honors
Bishop, Georgia, USA & Vietnam

Rainie Berns

Biology
Middletown, Ohio

Zachary Blair

Business
College and Departmental Honors
Austin, Texas

Sydney Rene Bleyle

Biology
College Honors
Hilliard, Ohio

Aija M Bowman

Environmental Sustainability
College Honors
Indianapolis, Indiana

Jack Briney

Computer Science
College Honors
Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

Stevie Tobin Bronsard

Computer Science
Kingston, New Jersey

Carter D. Brownrobie

History
Lexington, Kentucky

Quinn Bucher

Theater Arts
Athens, Ohio

Ian Michael Russell Bullis

Accounting, Business
College Honors
Batavia, Ohio

Elizabeth Burley

Psychology
College Honors
Hamilton, Ohio

Levi Richard Call

Business
Noblesville, Indiana

Dorian Valentine Campbell Himes

Art, Sociology/Anthropology
College and Departmental Honors
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Hans Carter

Business
College and Departmental Honors
Clayton, North Carolina

Hazel Ambrose Chambers

Art, Mathematics,
Museum Studies
College Honors
South Bend, Indiana

Samadhi Kalpani Chandrasena

Computer Science
College and Departmental Honors
Adelaide, South Australia

Felix Childress

Computer Science
Indianapolis, Indiana

Adrian William Francis Christie

Theater Arts
Oakwood, Ohio

Ariel Clarkston

Business
College Honors
Westville, Illinois

Madison Coyle

Biochemistry, Exercise,
Sport, & Health Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Batavia, Ohio

Avery Crockett

Neuroscience
College Honors
Bridgewater, Virginia

Indira Delacorte

English
College Honors
Kingston, New York

Alex Deutsch

Museum Studies
College Honors
Pittsboro, Indiana

John Arley Doub
Music Studies
Connersville, Indiana

Lily Doyle
Biology
College and Departmental Honors
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dera Jeremiah Driscoll
Japanese Studies, Mathematics
College and Departmental Honors
Greenwood, South Carolina

Miyu Enomoto
Creative Writing, Peace and
Global Studies
College Honors
Koshi, Kumamoto, Japan

Kanishka Fayyaz
Biochemistry
Cincinnati, Ohio

Lucas Kyros Flores
Japanese Studies
Newark, Delaware

Jimmy Freiberger
Peace and Global Studies,
Philosophy
College and Departmental Honors
Richmond, Indiana

Frederick Christopher Fry
Earth & Environmental Science
Dayton, Ohio

Augustus Fuller
Peace and Global Studies,
Religion
College and Departmental Honors
Colleyville, Texas

Ella Gallagher
Chemistry
College and Departmental Honor
Terre Haute, Indiana

Cyrus Garretson
Peace and Global Studies, Spanish &
Hispanic Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Elsa Mae Garry
Environmental Sustainability
College Honors
Grand Marais, Minnesota

Dylan Gayle
Sociology/Anthropology
College and Departmental Honors
Kingston, Jamaica

Gabriella Gerardi
Psychology
Sterling Heights, Michigan

Robert David Gift
Media & Communications
Georgetown, Kentucky

Levi Schirch Goldberg
Data Science, Mathematics
College and Departmental Honors
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Anthony David Gough
Mathematics
College Honors
Ellettsville, Indiana

Henry Gulyas
Environmental Sustainability
College Honors
Fishers, Indiana

Aniyah Shanyce Harrington
Psychology
Dallas, Texas

Cordelia Holst
Business
College and Departmental Honors
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ayman Husain
Business, Data Science
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sean Kenneth Jeffries
Exercise, Sport, & Health Studies
College Honors
Gilbert, Arizona

Ashley Jennings
Biochemistry
College Honors
Winchester, Indiana

Jonathan Jimenez
Exercise, Sport, & Health Studies
Rising Sun, Indiana

Christine Deena John
Business, Peace and
Global Studies
Trivandrum, Kerala

Katie Johnson
Business
Richmond, Indiana

Tyler Jones
Computer Science
Richmond, Indiana

Reeti Joshi
Physics, Pre-professional
Engineering
College and Departmental Honors
Kathmandu, Bagmati province

Eliza A Karnopp
Creative Writing
North Conway, New Hampshire

Maellynn Karuranga
Peace and Global Studies
College Honors
Reunion Island, France

Khalid Kishawi
Sociology/Anthropology, Spanish
& Hispanic Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Berkeley, California

Cayden Knight
Computer Science
Richmond, Indiana

Lina Ying Kremer
Psychology
College Honors
Bloomington, Indiana

Clay Kruger
Business
College Honors
Muncie, Indiana

Evan Konnor Kyrk
Art
College Honors
Cardington, Ohio

Macky Laughlin

Psychology
Richmond, Indiana

Roger Alexander Leal

Psychology
College Honors
San Antonio, Texas

Braeden Lewis

Exercise, Sport, & Health Studies
Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Steven Lewis

Business
Indianapolis, Indiana

Ella Katherine Linder

Computer Science
Onarga, Illinois

Aoi Maeda

Sociology/Anthropology
Departmental Honors
Kagoshima, Japan

Travis Makabu

Business
College Honors
Champaign, Illinois

Tinaye Makasi

Neuroscience
College Honors
Harare, Zimbabwe

Parsa Mallik

Computer Science
College Honors
Higashimurayam, Tokyo, Japan

Lovie Malone

Psychology
Dayton, Ohio

Ekaterina Marchenko

Psychology
College Honors
Kaliningrad, Kaliningrad Oblast,
Russia

Michelle Marchesini Vanegas

Computer Science
Villavicencio, Meta, Colombia

Olivia Marshall

Art
College and Departmental Honors
Brookville, Ohio

Gwyn Martin

Earth & Environmental Science
College and Departmental Honors
Marion, Indiana

Carly Christine Mays

Media & Communications,
Theater Arts
Departmental Honors
Richmond, Indiana

Reba Yoder McGloughlin

Peace and Global Studies, Religion
College and Departmental Honors
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Jasmyn Marseilles Meeker

Biochemistry
College and Departmental Honors
Danville, Illinois

Brandon Mendoza-Gaytan

Computer Science
College and Departmental Honors
Richmond, Indiana

Mbali Farida Mhlongo

Business, Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Durban, South Africa

Anne Miyashita

Japanese Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Los Angeles, California

Mac Moore

Business
Delaware, Ohio

Kyle Moore

Biochemistry
College Honors
Valencia, California

Andre Moriel

Biology, Exercise, Sport, &
Health Studies
College Honors
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Shantanu Nagrath

Business
Ludhiana, Punjab, India

Momoko Nakata

Peace and Global Studies
College Honors
Bunkyoku, Tokyo, Japan

Giselle Nishimwe

African & African American
Studies, Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Mbabane, Hhohho, Eswatini

Brooke Len Noland

Politics
College Honors
Goshen, Ohio

Sora Owada

Computer Science,
Pre-professional Engineering
Tokyo, Japan

Marcus S. Paul

Business
Miramar, Florida

Willa Pettit

Psychology
Louisville, Kentucky

Sarah Sherif Petzold

Environmental Sustainability
Indianapolis, Indiana

Ashlin Sage Pfeifer-Winborn

Sociology/Anthropology
College and Departmental Honors
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Harley G. Pickett

Biology College
College and Departmental Honors
Georgetown, Indiana

Ryan Polack

History
Seville, Ohio

Yasmeen N. Porter

Business
College Honors
Cincinnati, Ohio

Laetitia Rakotoarisoa
International Studies
College Honors
Antananarivo, Madagascar

Meerab Rasheed
Psychology
Richmond, Indiana

Du vessa Rice-Snow
Music, Peace and Global Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Muncie, Indiana

Mitchell Roether
Business
College and Departmental Honors
Beavercreek, Ohio

Noah Rosato
Politics
College Honors
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Ethan Bentley Rose
Exercise, Sport, & Health Studies
Departmental Honors
Raleigh, North Carolina

Grace Russell
Japanese Studies
College and Departmental Honors
Westfield, Indiana

Blaise Andrew Rzeszut
Japanese Studies, Religion
College and Departmental Honors
Highland, Indiana

Aisha Samal
Business
College and Departmental Honors
Cuttack, Odisha, India

Armen Sargsyan
Business, Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Chambarak, Gegharkunik,
Armenia

Hayden Michael Scalf
Biochemistry
College Honors
Richmond, Indiana

Sophia L. Scheiber
Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Bloomington, Indiana

Lauren Suzanne Seibert
Psychology
Brookville, Indiana

Shubhangini Shah
Neuroscience
College and Departmental Honors
Kathmandu, Nepal

Stella Anne Shannon
Environmental Sustainability
College Honors
Indianapolis, Indiana

Brady J Shaw
Media & Communications
Departmental Honors
Elkton, Maryland

Isabella Leann Shelton
Accounting
College Honors
New Castle, Indiana

Madison Short
Business
College Honors
Martinsville, Indiana

Isa Slone
Biology
College Honors
Dayton, Ohio

Mallory Smith
Psychology
College and Departmental Honors
Oxford, Ohio

Grady Smitley
Business
College Honors
Charleston, Illinois

Sam Stassen
Creative Writing
College Honors
Leominster, Massachusetts

Mary Elizabeth Strickland
Museum Studies
College Honors
Franklin, Tennessee

Julia Thain
Biology
College Honors
Madison, Wisconsin

Musa Tora
Computer Science
College and Departmental Honors
Asburn, Virginia

Raegan Travelsted
Accounting
College Honors
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ethan Joel Upton
Business
College Honors
West Chester, Ohio

Amanda Vasconcellos
Biology
College and Departmental Honors
Beaverton, Oregon

Hazel Salix Vernon
English
College Honors
Bellingham, Washington

Sarah Vivas
Art
College Honors
Oak Park, Illinois

Ava Elizabeth Walters
Social Services
College and Departmental Honors
Marion, Indiana

Moises Ezekiel Zacatelco
Environmental Sustainability
College Honors
Richmond, Indiana

This program represents a complete and accurate record of the candidates' degrees and 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

Indira Delacorte

Kingston, New York

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION

Ethan Getman

Vestavia, Alabama

Victoria Hope Long

Kettering, Ohio

Meg Olivia Stanley

Middletown, Indiana

Davin James Ikert

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

George Rickett

Vinton, Ohio

Adam Michael Strecker

Apopka, Florida

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 Endowment Inc. 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

Justin Scott Duenne
Indianapolis, Indiana

Lakshmi Marie Noëlle Piette
Carlisle, Cumbria

Kurt Pawlosky de Cadena
Dripping Springs, Texas

Demarius J. Walker
Richmond, Indiana

Jade Amanna Rockwell
Portland, Oregon

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOPOETICS AND WRITING

Eleanor Elizabeth Catlin
Chicago, Illinois

Emily Felt
Davis, California

Emmye Vernet
Bethel, Maine

Andrea Lee Dunn
Indianapolis, Indiana

Kayla Marrero Vadnais
Dayton, Ohio

Victoria West
Greensboro, North Carolina

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Larrick Campo
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Kira Nicolle Kyle
Dayton, Ohio

Nicholas Johnston Pringle
Richmond, Indiana

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Benjamin Andrew Shaw
Cincinnati, Ohio

The background of the page is a faded, light-colored photograph of a park. It features several large, mature trees with dense foliage, casting shadows on the ground. In the middle ground, a park bench is visible, and a paved path or walkway winds through the trees. The overall tone is soft and naturalistic.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

J. Arthur Funston Scholarship

Eric Hlavaty

Claude Stinneford Award in EconomicsJalen Colin Ang
Arjun Lakshmipriya**Bub Hanes Prize**Eric Bindus
Oghenemaro Imieye
Tara Sandiford**Monteze Snyder 'Business for Good' Award**Zohaib Asif
Mbali Mhlongo
Armen Sargsyan**Lewis M. Hoskins Award**

Anzu Fujino

Peace Studies Faculty AwardGina Manhiça
Kimberly Nakiyingi**Pi Sigma Alpha**Hiyori Kobayashi
Brooke Noland
Laetitia Rakotoarisoa
Noah Rosato**Psychology Department Award**Giselle Nishimwe
Mallory Smith**Karen Keller LaFollette Award**James Freiburger
Shubhangini Shah
Sage Smith**David Koch '66 Award in Public Service**Landry Cox
Si Guntzel
Michelle Marchesini Vanegas
Duessa Rice-Snow**Projects for Peace Award**

Armen Sargsyan

Earlham Peace Award

Malou Gum Cithiec

Earlham Environmental Leadership AwardMorgan Ball
Gwyn Martin**Designation of Distinction in Global Engagement**Miyu Enomoto
Armen Sargsyan**Bain-Swiggett Poetry Prize**

Jack Henderson

Anna Eves Award

Hazel Vernon

Anna Eves Scholarship

Chloe Cook

Gettman Prize

Mali Cloeter

Meade Short Fiction Award

Jude Rea-Hedrick

Kendall-Reagan Prize in English

Gavin Kissling

Arthur M. Charles Fellowship for International Studies

Dera Driscoll

Arthur M. Charles Service AwardLucas Flores
Khalid Kishawi**Lillian Broox Manis Scholarship**

Drew King

Warren Staebler Award

Sam Stassen

William Fuson Award in Sociology/AnthropologyDorian Campbell-Himes
Ashlin Pfeifer-Winborn**Sociology/Anthropology Faculty Award**

Khalid Kishawi

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry

Grace Meister

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry

Caleb Reddington

American Institute of Chemistry Student Award

Jasmyn Meeker

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement AwardLucas Munoz-Jetmore
An Thai Nguyen**Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence**

Ella Gallagher

Charles A. Frueauff Foundation AwardNour Al-Sheikh
Hannah Skene
Luticia Youssef**Thomas Clarkson Grave and Anna Hubbard Grave Graduate Scholarship in Natural Sciences**Briana Ancalmo
Yayah Barrie
Aija Bowman
Cayden Knight
Harley Pickett**Natural Science Division Outstanding Student Award**Ella Gallagher
Julia Thain**Gertrude Pardieck Hubbard Distinguished Student Award**Fabijan Bagaric
Levi Goldberg**Lucy Moore Grave Marine Biology Award**

Rainie Berns

Millard S. Markle Award in BiologyLena Bill
Moises Zacatelco

William Harvey Bio-Medical and Health Careers Award

Kymara Kennedy

Russell M. Lawall Award in Biomedical Research

Owen Hodges
Sohyun Park

Grady "Gil" Landers Pettigrew '95 Field Biology Award

Lily Doyle

William Roha Computer Science Endowed Award

Parsa Mallik
Michelle Marchesini Vanegas
Musa Tora

William Roha Math Award

Adriana Benitez

Howard Alexander Award

Hazel Chambers
Levi Goldberg

Florence Long Mathematics Award

Dera Driscoll

Russell L. Malcolm Pre-Medicine Award

Ashley Jennings

Malcolm Scholarship

Colleen Durkan
Malou Gum Cithiec
Garret Odey
Dawt Sang

Anthony Maggard Neuroscience Award

Shubhangini Shah

Verne F. Swaim Memorial Scholarship

Fabijan Bagaric

Russell M. Lawall Physics Award in Memory of Howard S. Brinton

Christina Brindle

George Van Dyke Distinguished Student in Physics Award

Reeti Joshi

Vicki Penziner Matson Photographic Award

Jalen Colin Yatco Ang

Mary Jane Harvey Memorial Award

Alice Howard

Janica Zuck Richards Memorial Award

Sage Smith

Clifford Crump Phi Beta Kappa Award

Isabelle Fisher
Carlos Lopez Campos

Jay Scholarship

Samuel Allen
Evelyn Bergus
Noah Fitz
Si Guntzel
Emerson LaWall-Shane

Manning Marable-AAAB Endowed Scholarship

Travis Makabu
Yasmeen Porter

Bayard Rustin Award

Samuel Allen

Joseph and Mary Thorne Moore Graduate Scholarship in Religion

Blaise Rzeszut

Charles Stubbs Award

Yayah Barrie
Augustus Fuller
Cyrus Garretson
Katia Marchenko

Janice Beard Kem and Charles Kem Award in Education

Gabby Gerardi

George Van Dyke Outstanding Athlete Award

Mitchell Roether
Mallory Smith

Kathryn Weber-Wendell M. Stanley Senior Scholar-Athlete Award

Zohaib Asif
Fabijan Bagaric

Sydney Bleyle
Jack Briney
Ian Bullis
Liz Burley
Hans Carter
Ariel Clarkston
Orin Gentner
Aniyah Harrington
Sean Jeffries
Roger Leal
Steven Lewis
Travis Makabu
Jasmyn Meeker
Kyle Moore
Mac Moore
Andre Moriel
Shantanu Nagrath
Mitchell Roether
Ethan Rose
Noah Rosato
Hayden Scalf
Stella Shannon
Madison Short
Mallory Smith
Grady Smitley
Raegan Travelsted
E.J. Upton
Ava Walters

Phi Beta Kappa

Fabijan Bagaric
Sydney Rene Bleyle
Dera Driscoll
Augustus Michael Fuller
Eleanor Louise Gallagher
Levi Schirch Goldberg
Reeti Joshi
Ekaterina Marchenko
Anne O Miyashita
Blaise Rzeszut
Mallory Victoria Smith
Moises E Zacatelco

Fulbright Scholars

Dera Driscoll
Reba Yoder McGloughlin

SPECIAL MESSAGES
to the Class of 2026



Message from the President

Dear Class of 2026,

Today, we celebrate your graduation from Earlham! Please accept my warmest congratulations on behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, all of whom take great pride in this moment and in you! We are proud to send you out into the world to represent Earlham's values as you share the knowledge and skills you have gained here.

You leave here with an education in the liberal arts tradition — an approach to learning for which Earlham is nationally recognized, grounded in close partnership between students and faculty who engage one another directly in the shared work of discovery. In the liberal arts, we engage in earnest dialogue in search of reliable understanding of ourselves, each other, our world, and our universe. Such understanding is intrinsically beautiful and meaningful, and that's all the motivation many need to seek it. It also serves the common good by guiding us in how we can best live together in the world.

Ample human experience shows that almost nothing is reliable forever, so in the liberal arts we continually reexamine what we think we understand, and why. Living in this tradition of critical thinking *frees* us. It invites us to move beyond assumptions and limited perspectives. It deepens our understanding of the world and one another, and opens before us a wider life — rich with possibility, curiosity, and growth.

The opportunities your education here affords you come also with responsibilities: We cherish, above all, the hope that you will use your education in the freedom of critical thinking to help promote just, open-minded human community wherever life takes you.

Today, we celebrate the liberation of mind that you have attained in your years at Earlham. We send you off with joy in your accomplishments and sorrow at your parting from us. Your time here has been a gift to us. We give you now to the world in hope, trusting that you will do your best to further the understanding that will make the world better for the generations to come.

Congratulations and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Sniegowski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paul Sniegowski
President, Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion

Message from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Earlham Board of Trustees, I am privileged and proud to congratulate the May 2026 graduates of Earlham College, the Earlham School of Religion, and Earlham's Graduate Programs in Education. I also congratulate and thank the family, friends, faculty, and staff who have supported our graduates on their way to this day. Like many other Trustees, I can recall vividly and fondly my own graduation from Earlham.

Earlham students are smart, enthusiastic, thoughtful, fun, and full of promise — we know this from decades of working with Earlham students and graduates. 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 our world, and engaged your passions whether they are intellectual, athletic, social, political, or all the above. While it has not always been comfortable or easy, you have grown in this hotbed of reflection, discussion, and action we call Earlham.

Let me predict who you will be in the future, whether that is five 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, as a result, 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.

We Trustees are constantly aware that Earlham is preparing students to live in a world we can hardly imagine. Please help us evolve toward the future. Please return to the warmth of the Earlham community frequently and contribute to our rich heritage. Earlham, now more than ever, needs our ongoing care and support to continue for future generations the educational excellence you have taken part in.

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 2026!

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 alum. 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 2026!

On behalf of the Alumni Council,
Wendy Wentworth Smiseck, Class of 1991

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Faculty Retirements



JIM HIGGINBOTHAM

Jim Higginbotham, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling and Associate Academic Dean at Earlham School of Religion (ESR) joined the ESR faculty full-time in 2005. Since then, he has served twice as Associate Dean and Acting Dean of ESR. Over the years, Jim's scholarship has focused on topics like trauma and crisis, mass incarceration, scapegoating and shame, personality theory, community organizing, and Christianity in China. The opportunity to do grant-funded research with students and colleagues at ESR and Bethany Seminary was a highlight of his research. In his work with students, Jim had the meaningful opportunity to help them find Clinical Pastoral Education placements and accompany them on the often challenging journey of being a chaplain intern. Jim's deep care extended beyond his work with students to the entire community. Every year at ESR, for example, he organized All Saints services, taking the time to honor and remember the community's loved ones. While Jim made significant contributions to the ESR community, he also had the opportunity to take his work international. During a sabbatical, Jim taught at Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya, and helped them develop their very successful Advanced Certificate in Chaplaincy. Shortly after Jim retires, he plans to take a weeklong silent retreat at the Abbey of Gethsemani. He is looking forward to traveling in his retirement, especially on an early fall bucket-list trip to Machu Picchu.



MARY LACEY

Mary Lacey earned her Bachelor of Arts from Earlham College (Class of 1983) and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. After graduation, Mary worked for the College in several administrative roles and later joined the English department in 1991. At Earlham, she has taught courses in English, Creative Writing, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Her scholarship focuses on 19th- and 20th-Century literature from England, the United States, and Ireland, with a special focus on literary influences. She has also led Earlham's off-campus program in London, guiding immersive international learning experiences that extend classroom study into global contexts. She has described her commitment to teaching at Earlham this way: "I teach at Earlham because I think it combines the best elements of a meaningful life — intellectual activity, spiritual seeking, social activism, and other commitments to the health of the larger world, companionship, collaboration, and competition. We are all striving to be our best selves and contribute to a better world pretty much all the time — a great rarity in American life."

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KARIM SAGNA

Karim Sagna joined Earlham's faculty in 2000, and for 26 years, he has exemplified Earlham's focus on global education, community care, and teaching excellence. Thanks to Karim's passion for teaching French, Francophone African literature, and cinema across cultures, he has made significant contributions to the French and Francophone Studies Department over the years. Creating global learning opportunities for his students has always been a focus of his teaching, and he has been able to provide them right here on campus and abroad. In fact, Karim led off-campus programs in France, Senegal, Haïti, Martinique, and the Commonwealth of Dominica. He also co-led faculty programs to Ghana and Senegal, showcasing his dedication not only to the students, but to the entire Earlham community. Earlham encouraged Karim's continued commitment to

advancing scholarly engagement within academia, particularly in his area of research, African and Caribbean Francophone Literature and Film: Mandinka Oral Traditions. Karim deeply appreciates Earlham students' willingness to learn beyond barriers and the community's collegiality across borders. He has given and received great respect and support from his students and colleagues, and has developed a deep sense of belonging within this community. As he transitions into retirement, Karim looks forward to connecting with extended family and childhood friends while also taking time to read and travel. If you're ever in West Africa, and in the lower river of Casamance in Southern Senegal, you are welcome at Karim's place in his native village of Bignona.



JUDY WOJCIK

Since Judy Wojcik joined Earlham's faculty in 2007, she has embodied Earlham's values and longstanding tradition of excellence in teaching. Over the years, she meaningfully shaped the art department and ceramics studio, and she contributed to the community through workshops for faculty retreats, arts days, and admissions events. She looks back fondly on the hard work and laughter shared with students, especially while firing the wood kiln in the old kiln shed during her first seven years at Earlham. She and her students also worked together to prepare for the Richmond Art Museum's Pottery Palooza sale and Empty Bowl fundraisers each year. Her scholarship focused on historical and contemporary sustainable practices in ceramics and on Japanese ceramic history. Judy worked with students, both through a Ford-Knight research project

and faculty-student research sessions, to investigate sustainable practices in ceramics, including lower-temperature glazes and firings, local clay use, and maintaining a creative life. She also reflects fondly on traveling in Japan with emeritus faculty member Yasumi Kuriya to develop an off-campus program called "Building STEAM in Japan: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Japanese Arts & Environment." Unfortunately, the trip was canceled due to COVID-19. As she looks ahead to retirement, Judy is excited to focus on organizing her own personal studio and practice. She also looks forward to traveling, including a visit to Yasumi and friends in Japan, who just built a wood kiln. Judy felt a deep sense of belonging at Earlham.