



*75th Annual*  
**Oregon Institute of Technology**  
**Commencement**

*Class of 2023*

**Celebrating 75 Years of Applied Learning**



**Klamath Falls | Portland-Metro | Seattle**



# 75th Annual Commencement

## Klamath Falls Campus

Celebrating 75 Years of Applied Learning

Saturday, June 17, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | John F. Moehl Stadium

\*Please Stand

**Processional\*** | Murray Huggins Piper Band

**National Anthem\*** | Devin Walden Sound

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *President*

**Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks**

| John Davis, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Commencement Address** | Tobias Read, *Oregon State Treasurer*

**Awards and Recognitions** | President Naganathan

**Recognition of Golden Owls**

**Excellence in Teaching Awards**

**Introduction of Emeriti Faculty & Staff**

**Student Awards of Excellence** | Erin Foley, Ph.D., *Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students*

**Presentation by Graduating Seniors** | Ashley Ripplinger, *Dual Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences*; Trent LaMont, *Mechanical Engineering*

**Presentation of Graduates** | Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *Vice Provost of Research and Academic Affairs and Interim Dean, College of Engineering, Technology, and Management*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Chris Frazier, *Class of 2008, Communication Studies*

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional\*** | Murray Huggins Piper Band

**Announcers**

Carmen Morgan and Franny Howes, Ph.D.

**Ushers**

Campus Ambassadors

*Reception in honor of graduates follows near the fountain in the center of campus. All departmental gatherings also will take place near the fountain.*

### President's Message

Graduates,

You have the distinction of graduating in a special year as we celebrate Oregon Tech's 75th anniversary and thus share a special moment in our University's history. I am confident that the expertise and experience you gained during your journey at Oregon Tech will reflect Oregon Tech's time-honored commitment to innovation and excellence.

We are delighted you chose Oregon Tech for your educational journey and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Congratulations Class of 2023! Go Owls!

Dr. Nagi G. Naganathan  
*President, Oregon Tech*

**Marshals**

Don McDonnell Sean Sloan  
*Graduates Faculty*

Yanqing Gao, Ph.D. Terri Torres  
*Graduates President's Party*

Rachel Edwards, Ph.D.  
*Faculty*

**Faculty Marshals**

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

Jason Smith, *Applied Mathematics*

Kevin Brown, Ph.D., *Communication Studies*

Jeannie Bopp, *Dental Hygiene*

Michael Gilinsky, *Respiratory Care*

Edward Clint, Ph.D., *Humanities and Social Sciences*

Kyle Chapman, Ph.D., *Humanities and Social Sciences*

Robyn Cole, *Medical Imaging Technology*

Tara Guthrie, *Echocardiography*

Rick Hoylman, *Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technology*

Steve Schultz, *Radiologic Science*

Leah Jolly, *Vascular Technology*

Travis Lund, Ph.D., *Biology – Health Sciences*

Christy VanRooyen, *Environmental Sciences*

Sharon Brandsness, *Nursing*

**College of Engineering, Technology and Management**

Sean St.Clair, Ph.D., *Civil Engineering*

Troy Scevers, *Computer Systems Engineering Technology*

Feng Shi, Ph.D., *Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy Engineering*

SuJin Lee, Ph.D., *Geomatics*

Kristy Weidman, *Management*

Cliff Stover, *Manufacturing Engineering, Technology and Mechanical Engineering*



### Greeting and Remarks

**John Davis**

*Chair, Oregon Tech Board of Trustees*

John Davis is a business, nonprofit, and estate planning attorney at Lynch Murphy McLane, LLP, practicing in Portland and Bend.

Davis served as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives representing District 26 from 2013 until 2017. He was also a member of the Oregon Tech Foundation Board and recently served as Vice President.

### Commencement Speaker

**Tobias Read**

*Oregon State Treasurer*

Elected Oregon's 29th State Treasurer in 2016, Tobias Read draws upon his management, political, and finance policy experience to serve Oregonians as Treasurer.

Read worked in the U.S. Treasury and as a liaison between designers, engineers, and manufacturing units for Nike Inc. In 2006, he was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, where he served a decade and championed legislation to invest in public education, improve state financial management, finance critical infrastructure improvements, and help Oregonians save for a more secure future.

Read earned his bachelor's degree from Willamette University and his Master of Business Administration from the Michael G. Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. He lives in Beaverton with his wife, Heidi Eggert, and their two children.

### Graduating Speakers

**Ashley Ripplinger**

*Dual Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences  
College of Health, Arts, and Sciences*

Ashley Ripplinger is graduating from Oregon Tech with a 4.0 GPA and a double major in Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences. Ripplinger was chosen as the Outstanding Scholar for both Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, winner of the Health, Arts, and Sciences President's Senior Cup Award, and was nominated for the Student Achievement Award.

While at Oregon Tech, Ripplinger played collegiate volleyball and was named to the Cascade Collegiate Conference All-Academic team, the College Sports Communicators National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Academic All-District 4 team, and was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Scholar-Athlete for the 2022 season.

Ripplinger was involved in Oregon Tech clubs as Digital Media Officer of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Vice President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. She is also a member of the engineering honors society, Tau Beta Pi.

Ripplinger recently passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, which is the first of two examinations that engineers must pass to be licensed as a professional engineer in the United States. Upon graduation, Ripplinger will work for civil engineering consulting firm MacKay Sposito as an Engineer 1.

**Trent LaMont**

*Mechanical Engineering  
College of Engineering, Technology, and Management*

Trent LaMont is graduating from Oregon Tech's Mechanical Engineering program Magna Cum Laude and from the Oregon Tech Honors Program.

LaMont is a recipient of the DeArmond Manufacturing Fellows Scholarship, which provides an educational experience through Oregon Tech and the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center Research & Development (OMIC R&D). The fellow scholarship includes an internship at the OMIC R&D facility in Scappoose to work collaboratively with researchers and industry professionals. While at OMIC R&D, LaMont participated in hands-on applied professional development experience and mentored incoming fellows.

On campus, LaMont was involved in Housing and Residence Life for three years, working as a Resident Assistant, Senior Resident Assistant, and Senior Head Resident. He also worked at the Oregon Tech radio station KTEC as Programming Director and Station Manager, helping to bring back the Oregon Tech Music Garden event in 2023. LaMont volunteered on the university's Financial Allocation Committee from 2022-2023 and was a member of the new Student Housing Project Steering Committee.

LaMont graduates as a member of the engineering honors society, Tau Beta Pi, and has secured a job at OMIC R&D as an Associate Manufacturing Solutions Researcher-Additive.



## Graduates College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

### Bachelor of Science Radiologic Science

Bridget Bailey\*\*  
Kade Edwin Beer\*\*\*  
Jonathon M. Clough\*  
Kaleen Coker\*\*\*  
Kaitlin Crist\*\*  
Richard Michael Cullen\*  
Laura Raquel Curiel\*  
Kelsi LeeAnn Day\*  
Haley Eagles  
Joshua James Farnar\*  
Raegan Nicole Gail\*\*  
Sarah Mae Gehrke  
Ava Glaser\*  
Kelci Tayler Gould\*  
Jose Ruben Gutierrez Garcia\*  
Natalie O. Haffner\*\*\*  
Kamie Harris  
Karley Mae Harshman  
Orville Hayward\*  
Brianna Morgan Hladysh\*  
Trevor Dane Hladysh\*\*\*  
Kaylynn Howard-Kirtley  
*Business Minor*  
Keizer Edward Howerton\*  
Jenelle Kaupé\*  
Nyah Kendall\*  
Daniel Doh Hoon Kim\*\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Steven K. Kleespies\*  
Sophia N. Lardy  
Reed Michael Madsen\*\*\*  
McKuenzie Kaela McCormick\*\*  
Lindsey Renee McCutchen\*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Shiana Mae McKenzie\*  
Bailee Rose Moore\*\*\*  
Esmerelda Ortiz-Ventura\*  
Laurel Perreault  
Anthony Pham\*  
Mya Violet Phelps\*\*  
Aaliyah Powless\*\*\*  
Ashley Nicole Ripplinger\*\*  
Courtney Rae Sakraida\*  
Lana Faith Skeen\*\*\*  
Emmalee Paige Stevens\*\*\*  
Kaycie Mae Tidwell\*\*  
John Torgerson\*  
Mikayla Del Valle  
*Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Leilani Lana'i Feagaiga Vasquez  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Jake Weinhardt\*  
Samuel Jay Weissman Jr.

### Bachelor of Science Vascular Technology

Hannah Marie Abbott\*\*\*  
Faith Brinnon  
Jacquelyn R. Butler †  
Melissa Ann Craft  
Harriet Nicole Evans †  
Bailey Virginia Ann Ganta  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Kayla Nicole Hamilton  
Nathan James Horton\*  
Kelsey Anne Kuhnhausen\*  
Kisha E. Laneaux-Rodriguez  
Jonathan C. Ma\*\*  
Carissa Ann Pixley\*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Andrea Santillan  
Anna Audrey Thorud

### Bachelor of Science Biology-Health Sciences

Laurana Steele Alford  
Samuel Peter Avallone\*\*\*  
Courtney Bennett  
Maggie Box  
Alyx Burkhartzmeyer\*\*\*  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Cameron Robert Caldwell\*\*\*  
William Edward Caldwell\*\*\*  
Reilly J. Combs  
Alexandra Elaine Conley  
Cullan Richard Davitt  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Anna Edwards  
Cody Joseph Fort\*  
Patrick Giraud\*\*  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Michael Joseph Gray\*\*\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Kevin Michael Harber †  
Daniel DeShawn Hartsell\*\*  
*Chemistry Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Ialee Anne Hering  
Jesse George Higgins\*\*\*  
Georgi Hill  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Tiange Ma †  
Kolby Michael Mahoney\*\*\*  
Nicholas Anthony McMillen\*\*  
Amber Nicole Miller\*\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Angel U. Mondragon  
Paris Newdall  
Mackenzie Louise Peterson\*\*\*

Aja Phelps\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Teddie Faith Pitt  
Kirsten L. Reed\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Myr Selvage\*  
*Chemistry Minor*  
Jessie Loriann VanBlaricum\*\*\*  
Claire E. Wilson\*  
Jared Wilson

### Bachelor of Science Environmental Sciences

Theo Giles (*honorary certificate awarded posthumously*)  
Elijah David Hayes  
*Biology Minor*  
Gabriella Inice Hering  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
*Sustainability Minor*  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp\*\*\*  
Brodie Maloney  
Quintilus Jonmai McDowell  
Ashley Marie Ripplinger\*\*\*  
Lindsey Lore Sampson  
Mattie Jo Smith\*\*  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
Hayley Shae Woodward  
*Sustainability Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Nursing

Samantha Adams  
Mckenzie Berg  
Karen Crawford  
Jessa Donaldson  
Alexa Fanning  
Rachel Fick\*\*  
Santos Marisela Flores-Pena  
Violeta Godino Montano  
Meghan Gorbett  
Dalton Gray  
Jane Hang\*\*  
Grace Hull\*\*  
Tanishia Jameson  
Eunjin Lee\*\*  
Cassidy Lusson\*\*  
Nicholas Lynch  
Michaela McKelvie\*\*\*  
Mary Catherine Mincher  
Karla Morales\*\*  
Jessica Pettigrew\*\*\*  
Fatima Pinedo Botello\*  
Cheyenne Reichert\*\*  
Josiah Rourk



## Honor Societies

### Alpha Epsilon Delta AEA

*Pre-Professional Health Honors Society*  
Alyx Burkhartzmeyer  
Michael Joseph Gray  
Ialee Anne Hering  
Kolby Michael Mahoney  
Nicholas Anthony McMillen  
Angel U. Mondragon  
Aja Phelps  
Claire E. Wilson

### Lambda Pi Eta ΛΠΗ

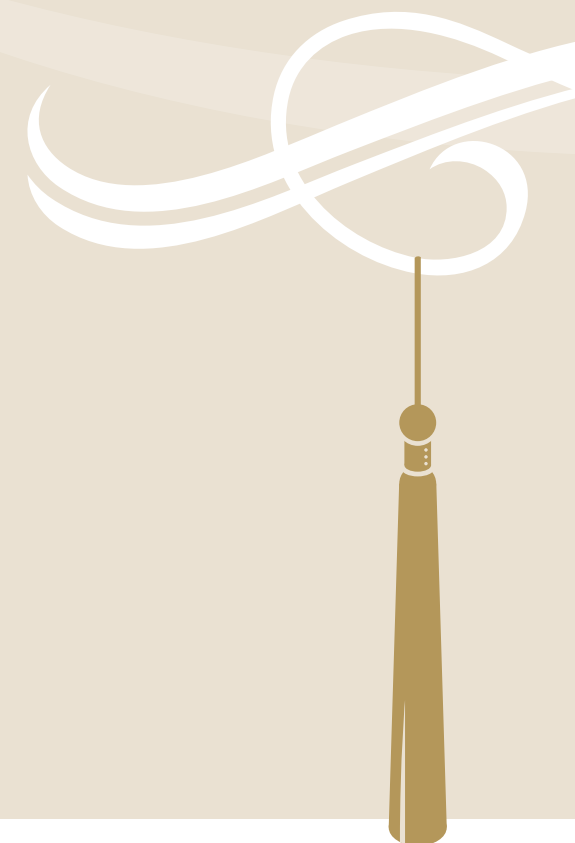
*National Communication Honor Society*  
Courtney LeAnn Clemmer  
Kaison Faust  
Adam Timothy Gerhards  
Sarah Lynn Handyside  
Abigail G. Kreiser

### Sigma Theta Tau ΣΘΤ

*National Nursing Honor Society*  
Rachel Fick  
Jane Hang  
Grace Hull  
Jessica Pettigrew  
Michaela McKelvie  
Cassidy Lusson  
Karla Morales  
Cheyenne Reichert

### Lambda Nu ΛΝ

*National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences*  
Kaitlin Crist  
Richard Michael Cullen  
Laura Raquel Curiel  
Kelsi LeeAnn Day  
Lauryn Edwards  
Raegan Nicole Gail  
Sarah Mae Gehrke  
Kelci Tayler Gould  
Jose Ruben Gutierrez Garcia  
Sydney Hedlund  
Nathan James Horton  
Kaylynn Howard-Kirtley  
Keizer Edward Howerton  
Nyah Kendall  
Kelsey Anne Kuhnhausen  
Sahalie Rose Levine  
Keegan Losinski  
Shiana Mae McKenzie  
Bailee Rose Moore  
Halleigh Noga  
Megan Olson  
Esmerelda Ortiz-Ventura  
Carissa Ann Pixley  
Averie L. Richter  
Ashley Nicole Ripplinger  
Michelle Sekafetz  
Lana Faith Skeen  
Emmalee Paige Stevens  
Allyson McKenzie Thompson  
John Torgerson  
Tuyen Thi Ngoc Tran  
Leilani Lana'I Feagaiga Vasquez





**Master of Science  
Civil Engineering**

Jonathan Rick Toshio Connor  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp  
Cynthia Lee Roe  
Caroline Schulze  
Keanu Srivongsana  
Baelie May Werner  
Carter Boyd Willson

**Bachelor of Science  
Civil Engineering**

Devin Dominick Anderson-Moser  
Gabriel Thomas Chaussee  
Jonathan Rick Toshio Connor  
*Surveying Minor*  
Petyr Hayden  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp\*\*\*  
Jacob Kenneth Keller  
Mitchell Douglas Leach  
Skyler Bryce Lizakowski  
Ashley Marie Ripplinger\*\*\*  
Conor Roark\*\*\*  
Cynthia Lee Roe  
Caroline Schulze  
Keanu Srivongsana  
Hunter Eugenia Stubbs\*\*\*  
William R. Timmons  
Leif Michael Tuel  
Mark Reginald Leomo Villanueva\*\*\*  
Zachary A. Walker  
Baelie May Werner\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Carter Boyd Willson

**Bachelor of Science  
Computer Engineering Technology**

Alex Diaz-Rodriguez\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Jonah Elias Cross\*  
Mark A. Nation

**Bachelor of Science  
Embedded Systems Engineering  
Technology**

Zackery Gregory Clark  
Jacob Vander Karr\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Donna Ruth Kelley  
JayCe Patrick Leonard  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Colton Ian Rhodes  
*Human Interaction Minor*  
Andrew Snowden  
Oliver Robert Voorhis  
Mason Wichmann  
Seth Eugene WorthyLake\*\*

**Associate of Engineering  
Software Engineering Technology**

Andrew J. Mullenix

**Bachelor of Science  
Software Engineering Technology**

Jason Thomas Adam  
Nathaniel Thomas Arnold  
Curtis Michael Cle Bernier †  
Justin Eric Boehnen †  
Victor Bonnet  
Casey N. Bradley (*awarded posthumously*)  
Andrew Wade Bryant\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

Jonah Elias Cross\*  
Destin Dahlgren  
Joshua M. Davies  
Alex Diaz-Rodriguez\*\*\*  
Kaitlyn Dickinson †  
Eli Bryse Jones\*\*\*  
Jacob Vander Karr\*\*  
Kohlton Kuczler\*  
JayCe Patrick Leonard  
Reeb Tyler Lucas  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Andrew McDowell  
Mark A. Nation †  
Tucker Nulty  
Marco A. Ortega  
Jacob Pressley\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Jonathan David Rhodes  
Graham Shively\*\*\*  
Nicholas Strode\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Brandon J. Toledo  
Mason Wichmann  
Joseph Patrick Wilkinson\*  
Devin Wolford  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

**Master of Science  
Engineering**

Ashley Allycen Zhu

**Master of Science  
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Abdallah Adwan  
Tony Augustine  
William Stobaugh

**Bachelor of Science  
Electrical Engineering**

Benjamin Adams\*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Cameron Berreman\*  
Darin Dean Chitwood\*\*  
Benjamin Roy Driggers

**Academic Honors**

Oregon Institute of Technology is pleased to recognize the academically outstanding students who will be receiving their baccalaureate degree with academic honors. This honor is based on all academic work, including transfer credits in some cases, and indicates a high level of scholastic achievement.

\*\*\* Summa cum laude  
(with highest honors) GPA 3.90-4.00  
\*\* Magna cum laude  
(with high honors) GPA 3.75-3.89  
\* Cum laude  
(with honors) GPA 3.50-3.74  
† Summer graduate

Jaden A Hall\*  
Alexandria Hovden †  
Andrew Huang\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Gustavo M. Perez Uribe\*  
Aaron Sprouse\*  
Vitaliy Tveritin †  
Mathew J. Warren  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Thomas Jax Young  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Ashley Allycen Zhu\*\*\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Renewable Energy Engineering**

Mohsin Al Mufargi\*\*\*  
Tony Augustine\*  
*Psychology, Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
Steven A. Barton\*  
*Professional Writing & Tech Communication Minor*  
Cameron Berreman\*  
Jacob Joseph Cometto †  
Kyle David Gallegos  
Dylan Grogan\*\*  
Ryan James Kile\*\*  
*Psychology, Arts, Literature & Philosophy Minor*  
Elizabeth M. Loiacono\*  
Josiah A Rygh  
Rayan Sagga\*\*\*  
William Stobaugh  
Vitaliy Tveritin †  
Alessandro Vittorio Zago\*\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Geomatics: Geographic  
Information Systems Option**

Jamie Sue Blankenship  
*Surveying Minor*  
Jesse R. Crofutt  
*Surveying Minor*  
Kayla Franklin\*\*  
McKenna Hein\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Geomatics: Surveying Option**

Aaron Gerald Acord\*\*\*  
Matthew Tyler Bradshaw †  
Maxim Dzul  
Tyler Ryan Kropp\*\*\*  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
Ethan Michael Moritz\*  
*Geographic Information Systems Minor*  
Peter Daniel Sherwood  
Matthew Jameison Smith  
Brendan Talonen †

**Bachelor of Science  
Accounting**

Rajvi J. Patel\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Business: Management Option**

Dale Harrison Ervin III\*\*  
Dale James Fenters †  
Carlos Garcia †  
Payton Krug\* †  
Erick Medina †  
Jared Odell †  
Neel N. Patel  
Camilla Tatiana Peterson †  
Liliana Tapia\* †  
Gavin Owen Wilmott\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Business: Marketing Option**

Bradley Charles Everest  
Jose Manuel Lepe Gonzalez\*\*  
Taylor Alexandra Hampton  
Kiernan Mateo †  
Ethan Roe\*\* †

**Bachelor of Science  
Cybersecurity**

Brandon Dixon Bensen  
*Information Technology Minor*  
Travis Jones  
Jackson McRae †  
Donovan J. Miller\*  
*Business Minor*  
Alexander John Reiss\*  
Claire Adele Tapken\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Daniel Jesse Vann\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Brooke Adlynn Yancey  
*Business Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Health Care Management:  
Administration Option**

Shelby C. Armistead\*  
Jasper Adam Calk

*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Connie A. Duran-Gomez †  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Kristin Farrell\*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Kaylee Breeann Jimenez  
Karen E. Lawrence\*\*\*  
Mckenzie Morgan †  
*Psychology Minor*  
Katherine Nielsen  
*Psychology Minor*  
Charise Riley Rich  
*Psychology Minor*  
Sylvia Rose Sloss\*  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Alexander W. Smith †  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Kaylin Anne Talonen\*\*  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Carina Villegas\*  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Alicia Marie Volk\*\*\*  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
*Professional Writing & Tech Communication Minor*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Amy Elizabeth Wahl †  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Dylon Michael Yoshinaga\*\*\*  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
*Medical Sociology Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Health Care Management: Clinical  
Management Option**

Landry Ann Bloo\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Eric Ross Darnell\*\*  
Trevor Adam Gillies\*\*  
Brittany Mitchell\*  
Jason J. Platzer  
Laura Ashley Townsel\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
*Professional Writing & Tech Communication Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Health Care Management:  
Radiologic Science Option**

Teresa L. Adams\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Health Informatics**

Jessica Marie Emhof †  
Katie Lynne Greer †  
Sharon Elizabeth Hill\*\*\*

*Business Minor*  
Andrea Dawn Mebane  
Jomayra Bermudez Otero\*\*  
*Information Technology Minor*

**Bachelor of Science  
Information Technology**

Kyle Jay Baker  
Anna Derheim\*\*\*  
Gerardo Nunez Dominguez\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Alvin Jaime Garcia  
*Health Informatics Minor*  
Henry Hien Hoang  
Danielle Howard\*\*\*  
Dylan Miguel\*\*  
Parker Glenhall Myers  
Corbin Riley Pacheco Toye †  
Dallas Raymond Rea\*\*\*  
Bryant Jalos Ruiz\*\*  
Christian Bradley Rupe\*\*\*  
Connor Wyatt Smith\*\*\*  
Jacob Tabares\*\*\*  
Kurtis Vallee\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Kevin Vang  
Jammy Vue\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Operations Management**

Michael James Dutton  
Travis J. Gaul\*  
Courtney N. Isom\*\*\*  
Bradley Johnston  
Cody Steven Kemble\*\*\*  
Matthew Macias †  
Andie Nicole Reeves\*\*  
William Ralph Reno\*\*  
*Psychology Minor*  
Kyle Ethan Wright\*\*

**Bachelor of Applied Science  
Technology and Management**

Danielle Howard\*\*\*  
Alex Alexander  
*International Business Minor*  
Taylor Renee Haugen\*\*\*  
Ariah Hunt-Kelly  
Justin David Krieger\*  
*Applied Statistics Minor*  
Stephan Mathew Jean-Paul  
Robert Marion Stewart Jr.  
Roberto Iriche Vargas\*

**Bachelor of Science  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology**

Grant Patrick Lima  
Adam Joseph Neiwert  
Zachary Vincent Noble  
Nicole Alexandra Reyes\*\*\*

## Graduates College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

Chancellor T. Alford\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Cole Brendan Alsop  
Nicholas A. G. Armbrust\*  
Benjamin Keefe Bagley †  
Jacob Baker †  
Timothy Michael Brooks\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Derrick Camron Cadle  
Trevor Cary †  
Nicolas Cassaday\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Marcus Delamarter\*  
Darien Devine  
Alejandro D. Garcia-Chagolla\*  
Brendan James Hagood †  
Ryan Hanson †  
Jeffrey Lee Jones II †  
Trent M. LaMont\*\*  
Cole Norman Little  
Brendan Matthew Lloyd\*

Christopher R. Martinez  
Edward J. Metcalf  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Austin T. Morris  
Jeff C. Nagel  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Caedmon O'Neill\*\*  
Ian R. Peters\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Corban Joel Remsburg  
Noah Joseph Rens\*  
Nicole Alexandra Reyes\*\*\*  
Roni Jack Rountree\*\*  
Eduardo Ruiz Lamas  
Corlis Ashbey Russell\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Lauren Sadrin\*  
Dakota Salerno  
John Possum Sarna  
Victoria Grace Steelman  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Luis Valadez-Ramos\*

Hayden Vandehey\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Aiden Jeffrey Williamson  
Kenden Wilson\*  
Paul A. Winkler III  
Mitchel Wright  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jorge Manuel Andrade †  
Ian Martin\*  
Casey Taylor Roark †

### Honor Society

#### Tau Beta Pi TBPI

*Engineering Honor Society*  
Mohsin Al Mufargi  
Chancellor T. Alford  
Nicholas A. G. Armbrust  
Joshua Ray Fritzier  
Christopher B. Gorden  
Karoline Elisabeth Herkamp  
Andrew Huang  
Ryan James Kile  
Trent M. LaMont  
Jema Louise Matthews

Myles T. McElroy  
Nicole Alexandra Reyes  
Ashley Marie Ripplinger  
Corlis Ashbey Russell  
Rayan Saggaf  
Luis Valadez-Ramos  
Mark Reginald Leomo Villanueva  
Icek David Warnecke  
Baelie May Werner  
Alessandro Vittorio Zago  
John Zoucha

### Honors Program

*The Oregon Tech Honors Program provides its Honors students with an academic curriculum and a collection of extracurricular learning experiences designed to help them become well-rounded future career professionals, socially responsible people, and liberally educated students. The Program's mission is to "foster the person in the future professional."*

Christopher J. Syrnyk, Ph.D., *Executive Director* | Jesse M. Kinder, Ph.D. *Assistant Director*

Nicholas A.G. Armbrust  
Trent M. LaMont

Rajvi J. Patel  
Jacob Pressley  
Victoria Grace Steelman



## University Student Awards

The **Hiram M. Hunt Award** is eponymously named for a former Oregon Tech faculty member and presented to a student or group who, in the opinion of the faculty, has completed a project that is judged to have made a significant contribution to their field. This year's recipient is **Laura Ashley Townsel**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management, Clinical Management.

The **Most Dedicated Student Award** was established in 1967 by alumnus Jesse Barker. The award is presented to one student each year who, in the opinion of the faculty, has been involved in campus activities and helped make a difference on campus for the students. This year's recipient is **Kolby Mahoney**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology – Health Sciences.

The **Oregon Tech Pride Award** was introduced in 2003 by the Student Awards Commission to honor the student or students whose accomplishments bring outstanding recognition and pride to Oregon Tech. This year's recipient is **Nicholas McMillen**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology – Health Sciences.

The **Outstanding Community Service Award** is intended for the student or students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. This is exemplified by high moral standards, a cooperative attitude with community leaders, and demonstrated service to others. This year's recipients are members of the **L.A.N. Party** who are: **Levi Hallock**, graduating in 2024 in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mathematics; **Anesti Audeh**, graduating in 2026 in Applied Mathematics; and **Noah Azzopardi**, graduating in 2024 in Mechanical Engineering.

The **Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Award** was established in 2012 by the Student Awards Commission to recognize a non-traditional student as an exemplary role model and for their contributions to Oregon Tech and/or other communities. This year's recipient is **Arthur Spears (Portland-Metro)**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering Technology.

The **Outstanding Student Veteran Award** was established in 2010 by the Student Awards Commission to recognize a student veteran who has been involved on campus or in the local community, and has helped make a positive difference for students who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This year's recipient is **Clinton Lytle**, graduating in December 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering.

The **Owens Citizenship Award** was established by the family of the late Rose and Vern J. Owens. It is intended for the student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has made outstanding contributions to the university. This is exemplified by high moral standards, participation in school activities, interest in the betterment of the student body standards, a cooperative attitude toward the faculty and fellow students, and a spirit of adventure in academic activities. This year's recipient is **Monte Schell**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology – Health Sciences.

The **Student Achievement Award** is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as senior projects, papers, presentations, or externship/practicum

experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient is **Courtney Isom**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Operations Management.

The **Graduate Student Achievement Award** was created by the Student Awards Commission in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as graduate projects, papers, presentations, or research experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient is **Carter B. Willson**, graduating with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil Engineering.

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major (bachelor's degrees).

### Outstanding Scholars Award (Klamath)

#### College of Health, Arts, and Sciences

**Annie Taha** *Diagnostic Medical Sonography*  
**Ashley Marie Ripplinger** *Environmental Sciences*  
**Duane Munjar II** *Professional Writing*  
**Emmalee Stevens** *Radiologic Science*  
**Irene Aguirre** *Applied Psychology*  
**Jenifer Webb** *Dental Hygiene*  
**Lily Lavine** *Nuclear Medicine Molecular Imaging*  
**Michael Gray** *Biology – Health Sciences*  
**Nathan Horton** *Vascular Technology*  
**Sarah Handyside** *Communication Studies*  
**Tuyen Tran** *Echocardiography*

#### College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

**Aaron Acord** *Geomatics – Option in Surveying*  
**Alex Diaz-Rodriguez** *Computer Engineering Technology*  
**Alicia Marie Volk** *Health Care Management, Administration*  
**Ashley Marie Ripplinger** *Civil Engineering*  
**Benjamin Adams** *Electrical Engineering*  
**Clairise Tapken** *Cybersecurity*  
**Courtney Isom** *Operations Management*  
**Drew Bryant** *Software Engineering Technology*  
**Ethan Roe** *Business with Marketing Option*  
**Gerardo Nunez** *Information Technology*  
**Ian Martin** *Mechanical Engineering Technology*  
**Jesse Crofutt** *Geomatics – Option in GIS*  
**Liliana Tapia** *Business with Management Option*  
**Mohsin Al Mufargi** *Renewable Energy Engineering*  
**Nicole Reyes** *Manufacturing Engineering Technology*  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
**Rajvi Patel** *Accounting*  
**Roberto Iriche Vargas** *Technology and Management*  
**Seth Worthylake** *Embedded Systems Engineering Technology*

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## University Student Awards (cont.)

### Outstanding Scholars (Online)

**Annette A. Duhon** *Applied Psychology*

**Gavin Wilmott** *Business, Management Option*

**Karen Lawrence** *Health Care Management, Administration Option*

**Laura Townsel** *Health Care Management, Clinical Management Option*

**Teresa Adams** *Health Care Management, Radiologic Science Option*

**Jessica Emhof** *Health Informatics*

**Brianna Derheim** *Information Technology*

**William Reno** *Operations Management*

**Taylor Haugen** *Technology and Management*

### President's Senior Cup

The **President's Senior Cup** is chosen from the list of Outstanding Scholars nominated by their academic department who have demonstrated superior academic excellence as evidenced by very high cumulative grade-point averages, impressive senior projects, published work or acceptance into graduate school; and other criteria such as dependability, willingness to help others, or involvement in activities and organizations. The 2022-23 academic year consisted of **14** Portland-Metro and **30** Klamath Falls Outstanding Scholars, **9** Online Learning Outstanding Scholars, **1** Chemeketa Outstanding Scholar, and **2** Seattle Outstanding Scholars of which **4** students were nominated for the President's Senior Cup.

This year's recipients are **Rajvi Patel** (*Accounting*) from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Management; and **Ashley Ripplinger** (*Environmental Sciences*) from the College of Health, Arts, and Sciences.

### Alumni Awards

The Oregon Tech Alumni Association presents awards to recognize the accomplishments and support of Oregon Tech alumni and friends.

#### Distinguished Alumna Award

Dianne E. Appell '92  
*Manufacturing Engineering Technology*

#### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Stan L. Carr '88  
*Electronics Engineering Technology*

#### Recent Alumni Achievement Award

Daniel R. Helmricks '13  
*Geomatics/Surveying Option*

#### Scientific Achievement Award

Larkin Breeze Carey '04  
*Laser Optical Engineering Technology*

#### Outstanding Alumni Veteran

Brandon Wright '21  
*Communication Studies*

#### Alumni Spirit Award

Ken Vandehey '90  
*Electronics Engineering Technology*  
Roger Patteson '91  
*Electronics Engineering Technology*

#### Honorary Alumnus Award

Jim Owens

#### Golden Owl Society

The Golden Owl Society is an organization for Oregon Tech alumni who graduated 40 or more years ago. Its purpose is to inform, maintain interest, and involve older alumni in Oregon Tech activities and to promote the university in the activities of its alumni. Membership is free and automatic. Some members are participating in our ceremony today.

## Oregon Tech Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award

This student-selected award honors faculty members who have made a difference in the lives of students via student engagement and positive interactions, intellectual excitement, availability, teaching practices, and timely and effective student feedback.

This year's recipient from the College of Health, Arts, and Sciences is **David Johnston, Ph.D.**, Instructor in the Department of Natural Science at the Portland-Metro campus.

This year's recipient from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Management is **Kristy Weidman**, Associate Professor in the Department of Management at the Klamath Falls campus.

## Emeriti Administration and Faculty

Two members of administration and four faculty members received emeritus status this academic year. Emeritus status is an honor granted to those who have served the institute for at least 10 years with distinction and who have applied for this status.

**Erin Foley, Ph.D.** | April 5, 1999–June 30, 2023  
*Vice President and Dean of Students, Student Affairs*

Dr. Erin Foley has held various positions at Oregon Tech, including Director of Housing and Residence Life, Director of the College Union, Strategic Enrollment Management lead, Interim Director of Student Health, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dean of Students. Dr. Foley was also an Adjunct Faculty member in Mathematics for eight years and an Assistant Coach for women's soccer.

Dr. Foley has served on numerous committees and supervised various departments such as Admissions, Athletics, Campus Safety, Career Services, College Union, Disability Services, Emergency Management, Financial Aid, Housing and Residence, Integrated Student Health Center, Retention, Student Involvement and Belonging, Student Success Center (Testing and Peer Tutoring), TOP, and Wilsonville/Portland Metro Student Services. Some notable projects she was involved in include the College Union renovation, the Village Apartments construction, Tech Rec, and leading Oregon Tech's COVID response.

While at Oregon Tech, Dr. Foley received awards such as the President's Staff Award in 2013 and the Honorary Alumnus Award in 2015.

**Kelly Caleb** | August 1, 2007–September 15, 2022  
*Head Athletic Trainer, Athletics*

Kelly Caleb joined Oregon Tech Athletics as an Assistant Athletic Trainer and later became Head Athletic Trainer.

Caleb pursued a master's degree in Sport Psychology, which enhanced her ability to provide comprehensive support to student-athletes. Over the years, she traveled with numerous teams to conferences and national tournaments to serve athletes while on the road.

Caleb mentored countless student-athletes as a trainer and non-athlete students through teaching Introduction to Athletic Training courses and core strength and balance fitness classes.

In addition to her professional duties as Athletic Trainer, Caleb served on several committees dedicated to public health issues impacting the Oregon Tech community, including the Substance Abuse Committee and Title IX Steering Committee.

**Lloyd Parratt** | January 5, 2009–June 16, 2023  
*Associate Professor, Natural Sciences*

While at Oregon Tech, Lloyd Parratt taught critical courses within the Environmental Sciences and pre-allied health programs. Among his wide range of classes are general biology, human anatomy, and stream ecology. Parratt has also developed life skills courses for students at Oregon Tech, including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tai chi and qigong, wilderness navigation, and relaxation and flexibility courses.

Over the years, Parratt has been an active attendee and presenter at the Oregon Tech Excellence in Teaching workshop, sharing insights on non-verbal communication. Demonstrating his commitment to service, he assumed the Associate Department Chair of Natural Sciences role from 2017 to 2022.

As Chair of the Sustainability Committee, Parratt oversaw several projects, including the installation of water bottle refill stations on campus, supporting National Bike to Work Day, various Earth Week activities, and a cross-Oregon Earth Day Zoom talk attended by all Oregon colleges and universities. For over a decade, he led the development and maintenance of Oregon Tech's first native garden—recruiting volunteers and coordinating educational activities that utilized the garden for vegetation surveys.

**Sherry Yang, Ph.D.** | July 1, 1997–June 16, 2023  
*Professor, Computer Systems Engineering Technology*

Dr. Sherry Yang has significantly impacted Computer Systems Engineering Technology (CSET) and her students, earning her promotion to full Professor in 2007. Dr. Yang's administrative roles include serving as Curriculum Coordinator for the Software Engineering Technology program from 2009 to 2012 and as Program Director for the same program at Portland-Metro since 2015.

From 2002 to 2004, Yang was the Project Director for the Preparing Future Faculty in Engineering, Math, and Science Program. This initiative, funded

by a Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education grant, aimed to develop curriculum and attract more women to consider academic careers. From 2002 to 2007, Yang served as Program Director and Principal Investigator for the Computer Science, Engineering, and Math Scholarships program. This program was supported by two National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics grants totaling nearly one million dollars. The grants were divided into two projects: Expanding Participation in Computing and the Computer Science, Engineering, and Math Scholarship Program.

Yang also developed several new senior technical electives for the CSET department, including Human-Computer Interaction, Effective C++/STL, XML, Mobile Application Development, Apple iOS Development, and Xbox 360 programming.

Throughout her tenure at Oregon Tech, Yang served on multiple departmental and institutional committees, including Promotion Advisory Committee and the Curriculum Planning Commission chair for six years. Her service extends to participation on both Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee and acting as faculty advisor to Oregon Tech's Society of Women Engineers student chapter for many years.

**Maureen Sevigny, Ph.D.** | March 1, 1995–June 18, 2023  
*Distance Education Program Director, Management*

Dr. Maureen Sevigny has provided extensive contributions to the Management Department and the Environmental Sciences program, developing and teaching various on-campus and online courses.

Dr. Sevigny's leadership positions include serving twice as the Chair of the Management Department and as Program Director for three fully online degree programs: Information Technology, Operations Management, and Healthcare Management. Additionally, she has authored or co-authored several degree proposals.

As an accomplished researcher, Dr. Sevigny secured several grants, acting as the principal or co-principal investigator. She also served as a grant review panelist for the National Science Foundation on three occasions.

Dr. Sevigny was appointed to statewide boards such as the Joint Boards Articulation Commission and to the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee by Governor Kulongoski. She served eight years on the latter committee.

Her professional involvement extends to consulting for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and authoring studies on wood-burning behavior in various counties.

Furthermore, she collaborated with high schools in dual credit programs like Northwest Promise and Willamette Promise. She played a crucial role in securing a grant for developing a process to award course credits for industry training certified by the American Council on Education.

**Michael Spektor, Ph.D.** | September 15, 1985–June 30, 2007  
*Executive Director for Industry Partnerships, The Boeing Company*

Born and educated in Ukraine, Dr. Michael Spektor's experience includes work in industry and academia in the former Soviet Union, Israel, and the U.S. Bringing that knowledge to Oregon Tech, he taught in Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology (MMET) at Portland-Metro was Director of bachelor and master degree programs at Boeing, Seattle.

Dr. Spektor is a member of the American Society of Engineering Education and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Before his retirement, he was a member of the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) Head Committee at ASME, Chair of the MET By-Law Committee at ASME, and representative of Region VIII at ASME.

Before retiring, Dr. Spektor published numerous scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals throughout his career. His articles from the Journal of Terramechanics were reviewed and indexed in the Applied Mechanics Reviews journal. Most of the co-authors were his graduate students.

Recognitions received during his career include his leadership as Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology Department Chair; Society of Manufacturing Engineers Outstanding Achievement In Education; Director – The Boeing Project; and Exemplary Service as Professor, Department Head, and Program Director of MMET.

# 37th Annual Commencement

## Portland-Metro Campus



Sunday, June 18, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. | Wilsonville, Oregon

*\*Please Stand*

**Processional\*** | *Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar*

**National Anthem\***

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *President*

**Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Greeting and Remarks**

| John Davis, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Commencement Address** | Janelle Bynum, *Oregon State Representative for House District 39*

**Awards and Recognitions** | President Naganathan

**Student Awards of Excellence** | Erin Foley, Ph.D., *Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students*

**Presentation by Graduating Senior** | Icek Warnecke, *Electrical Engineering*

**Presentation of Graduates** | Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D., ASME Fellow, *Vice Provost of Research and Academic Affairs and Interim Dean, College of Engineering, Technology, and Management*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Jacen Bridges, *Class of 2004, Communication Studies*

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional\*** | *Trumpet Voluntary*

**Announcer**

Hugh Jarrard, Ph.D.

### Commencement Speaker

**Janelle Bynum**

*Oregon State Representative for House District 39*

State Representative Janelle Bynum is serving her fourth term as the Oregon State Representative for House District 39 (Happy Valley and north Clackamas). In the Legislature, she is chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business/Economic Development and the Joint Committee on Semiconductors co-chair. She also serves as a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee.

In the 2023 session, Bynum led a bipartisan effort to pass Senate Bill 4 to support Oregon's semiconductor and advance manufacturing sectors. The bill allocates \$210 million to revitalize Oregon's semiconductor industry, building a foundation for Oregon to grow thousands of jobs through investments in small businesses, housing, childcare, and land availability.

Concurrent with her leadership in public service, Bynum and her husband, Mark, are parents to four children and own four McDonald's restaurants. She serves on the board of Grand Central Bakery, and she has served on the Board of Trustees for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon, Business Oregon, the Center for Women's Leadership, and the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs.

Bynum earned her undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from Florida A&M University and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan—Ross Business School.

**Marshals**

Lara Pracht, Ph.D. – *Graduates*

Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D. – *Faculty and President's Party*

**Faculty Marshals**

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

Adam Wagner, *Emergency Medical Services*

Dawn Bailey, Ph.D., *Applied Behavior Analysis*

Sophie Nathanson, Ph.D., *Applied Psychology*

**College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**

Phong Nguyen, *Computer Systems Engineering Technology*

Aaron Scher, Ph.D., *Electrical Engineering and Electronics*

*Engineering Technology*

Chitra Venugopal, Ph.D., *Renewable Energy Engineering*

Gary Lompfrey, *Management*

Derrick Speaks, Ph.D., *Manufacturing Engineering Technology,*

*Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering*

*Technology*

*Refreshments available following the ceremony.*

*Opportunity provided for graduate and family/friend pictures on the second floor landing.*

### Graduating Speaker

**Icek Warnecke**

*Electrical Engineering*

Icek Warnecke is graduating from Oregon Tech with a 4.0 GPA and both a bachelor's and master's degree in Electrical Engineering.

Recognized for academic excellence, Warnecke was nominated for the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in 2022.

Throughout his time at Oregon Tech, Warnecke participated in various organizations, including the Oregon Tech Food Pantry, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the prestigious engineering honors society, Tau Beta Pi. Notably, within Oregon Tech's Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers student branch, Warnecke held numerous leadership positions and contributed significantly to the group's success.

Warnecke's dedication to personal growth and academic support is evident from his involvement on campus. Initially working as a student at a welcome desk, Warnecke quickly transitioned to becoming a tutor and, later, a teaching assistant. Warnecke began an internship at Tektronix during his senior year, where he excelled as a Field Programmable Gate Array Designer. Recognizing his talent and contributions, Tektronix extended an offer to continue working with Warnecke following his graduation.

### Portland-Metro Student Awards

The **Outstanding Community Service Award** is intended for the Portland-Metro student or students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. This is exemplified by high moral standards, a cooperative attitude with community leaders, and demonstrated service to others. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award is **Anthony Koch**. Anthony is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.

The **Outstanding Student Involvement Award** is presented to a Portland-Metro student each year who exemplified strong student engagement across campus, worked in a collaborative spirit with students, staff, and faculty, and demonstrated commitment to inspire students in the academic learning environment. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Student Involvement Award is **Billy Kimmel**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering.

The **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** is presented to a Portland-Metro student in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as senior projects, papers, presentations, or externship/practicum experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the student's academic area of interest. This year's recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award is **CJ Hieronimus**, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology.

The **Graduate Student Achievement Award** is presented to students in recognition of outstanding accomplishments such as graduate/senior projects, papers, presentations, or research/externship/practicum experiences that are judged overall to have made a significant contribution to the students' academic areas of interest. This year's recipient is **Abdallah Adwan**, graduating with a Master of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering.

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major (bachelor's degrees).

The **Portland-Metro Outstanding Scholars** are:

**College of Health, Arts, and Sciences**

**Teo Le** *Medical Laboratory Science*

**Tiana Warner** *Applied Psychology*

**College of Engineering, Technology, and Management**

**Arthur Spears** *Software Engineering Technology*

**CJ Hieronimus** *Embedded Systems Engineering Technology*

**Charles Matthews** *Manufacturing Engineering Technology*

**Connor Nye** *Electronics Engineering Technology*

**Curtis Keller** *Technology and Management*

**James Kobelenz** *Electrical Engineering*

**Cameron Cornelius** *Cybersecurity*

**Douglas Freiley** *Operations Management*

**Jema Matthews** *Mechanical Engineering*

**Laird Robertson** *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

**Michael Shiiki-Morris** *Information Technology*

**Myles McElroy** *Renewable Energy Engineering*



## Graduates College of Health, Arts, and Sciences



### Master of Science Allied Health

Carolina Melendez Rodriguez

### Bachelor of Science Respiratory Care

Anthony G. Silva

### Bachelor of Science Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Desiree Sandoval\*

### Bachelor of Science Echocardiography

Amy Micaela Bankowski

### Bachelor of Science Emergency Medical Services Management

Angela Hannan †  
Joshua Michlitsch\*

### Associate of Applied Science Emergency Medical Technology Paramedic

Kameron Barone  
Andrew Bassett  
Tony Aguilar Becerra  
Matthew Bringman  
Tyler J. Carroll  
James Cornforth  
Forrest Davis  
Diego De La Rosa Nava  
Connor McLain Fitzgerald  
Cayla R. Forsythe  
Brittany Nicole Fox  
Janamjeet Kaur Gill  
Taylor J. Hunter  
Nicole Jones  
Will McDonough  
Tanner Pfaff  
Ryan Roberts  
Joshuah Tachouet  
Alessandra Tawney

### Bachelor of Science Medical Laboratory Science

Afrah Ahmed\*\*\*  
Jordan Gilbert Andrews\*  
Dane Baccarat  
Justin Michael Brand\*  
Rona Campbell\*\*\*  
Valentina Cingel\*\*\*  
Teodoro Strong Esparza  
Phillip Fang  
Paige Marie Gillespie\*  
Ray Lee Gillespie\*\*

Isabelle Eva Guerra\*\*\*  
Aliyah Helling\*\*\*  
Marina Hitchcock\*\*\*  
Hannah Lee Hoogs\*\*\*  
Javan William Kargel\*\*\*  
Teo Le\*\*\*  
Kenneth A. Manzano\*  
Lucie Mitregova  
Akiko Nagai\*\*\*  
Mahesh Nepal\*  
Khanh Ngo\*  
Dao Nguyen\*\*  
Tammie Thu Nguyen\*\*\*  
Ricardo Orozco  
Natalie Sue Phillips\*  
David D. Prather\*\*\*  
Regina Marie Reynolds\*  
Paul Zoi Samarxhi\*  
Jeff Kiyoji Sigrist\*  
Sarah Paige Sprauer\*\*\*  
Whitney D. Tofell\*  
Jessie Loriann VanBlaricum\*\*\*  
Melissa Anne Williams\*\*\*  
Alexis Zigala\*

### Bachelor of Science Applied Psychology

Katelyn Marie Barry  
Annette Artemise Duhon\*\*\*  
Melinda Junia Kirstein Gonzales  
Tessa Rae Lessard  
Daniela Joana Perez Rivera †  
*Medical Sociology Minor*  
Renee Ann Russell\*\*  
Lacey R. Vann  
*Applied Statistics Minor*  
Tiana Victoria Warner\*\*

### Bachelor of Science Population Health Management

Anthony Santillan  
*Business Minor*

### Master of Science Applied Behavior Analysis

Amy Geraldine Cotter  
Madeline Claire Croen  
Aracely Curiel †  
Ara Kelly Duddleston  
Shanne C. Medina-Mirasol  
Anahita Pirouzmand  
Yasameen Saadat-Moghaddam  
Heidi M. Schmidt

### Bachelor of Science Biology-Health Sciences

Jessie Loriann VanBlaricum\*\*\*

### Academic Honors

Oregon Institute of Technology is pleased to recognize the academically outstanding students who will be receiving their baccalaureate degree with academic honors. This honor is based on all academic work, including transfer credits in some cases, and indicates a high level of scholastic achievement.

\*\*\* Summa cum laude  
(with highest honors) GPA 3.90-4.00  
\*\* Magna cum laude  
(with high honors) GPA 3.75-3.89  
\* Cum laude  
(with honors) GPA 3.50-3.74

† Summer graduate

*Emergency Medical Technology - Paramedic and Medical Laboratory Science students graduated in separate ceremonies in September and December, respectively.*

## Graduates College of Engineering, Technology, and Management

### Bachelor of Science Computer Engineering Technology

Alex Diaz-Rodriguez\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

### Associate of Engineering Software Engineering Technology

Thomas Sumner Miller

### Bachelor of Science Embedded Systems Engineering Technology

Corey Joseph Allen Hieronimus\*\*\*  
Wyatt Henry McCuen\*  
Chris Michalsen\*\*  
Michael Christopher Roberts

### Bachelor of Science Software Engineering Technology

Joetta G. Ayres  
Kyle Mark Bates †  
Brett Bertrand  
Lehi "Tha Man" Bates Briggs  
Juan Antonio Canseco Martinez  
Alex Diaz-Rodriguez\*\*\*  
Kaitlyn Dickinson\*  
Simeon Florea\*\*  
Logan Wade Francisco  
Shawn Gibbons  
Jared Glasser  
Olexandr Goloshchapov\*  
Javen Kazebee\*  
Chandler LeBlanc\*\*  
Brian Curtis Locke  
Nicholas David Luther\*\*\*  
Elijah Mason  
Patrick McDaniel\*  
Samuel Mukaida  
Tony Ngninlabhe Fouetio  
Jamie Renee Penner\*\*  
Alexander Stanton Porter\*\*  
Ryan Rea Rupert\*  
Armando L. Santillan\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Arthur T. Spears\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
Nathan Tout  
Forrest James Warner  
David White\*\*\*  
John Paul Widell\*\*\*  
Dixon James Yant

### Master of Science Engineering

Zach Brantner  
Nathan Isaiah Eggleston  
Dario Octavio Scotto  
Jason Lee Sullins  
Matthew Preston Tugg  
Icek David Warnecke  
John Zoucha

### Master of Science Renewable Energy Engineering

Abdallah Adwan  
Justin Ringle  
William Stobaugh

### Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

James Truong  
Matthew Hennessy Bloemer\*\*  
Zach Brantner\*\*\*  
Brendan Dickerson\*\*  
Christopher B Gorden\*\*\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*  
James David Kobelenz\*\*\*  
Myles Thomas McElroy †  
Melanie Rae Parker  
Paul J. Plancich  
Gustavo M. Perez Uribe\*  
Icek David Warnecke\*\*\*  
Leo Alexander Zenuhin\*\*\*

### Bachelor of Science Electronics Engineering Technology

Dakota Aaron Meeker\*\*  
Connor L Nye\*  
Zachary Whitlock

### Bachelor of Science Renewable Energy Engineering

Peter Kesting\*  
Billy Kimmel\*  
Melanie Leyson\*\*\*  
Myles Thomas McElroy †  
Lucas David Miller\*\*  
Justin Ringle †  
William Stobaugh  
James Truong  
Matthew Preston Tugg  
Gregory McKim Wetlaufer  
*Chemistry Minor*  
John Zoucha\*\*\*

### Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity

Vincent Bifano  
Austris Aris Bloms III †  
Daniel Botello-Rodriguez\* †  
*Business Minor*  
Maria A Botello-Rodriguez\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Cameron Cornelius\*\*\*  
Irene Deer\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Tyler James Gamble\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Jerome Tual Mun Khai †  
Bobby Joe Mahaffey Jr.  
Brian Carl Maroney\*  
*Business Minor*  
Jose Guadalupe Martinez\*  
Megan Elizabeth Mattie †  
Joshua Parker  
Michael Robert Rask  
*Business Minor*  
Elijah Moss Shotola  
Jordan Paul Waletich\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Kelly West

### Bachelor of Science Health Informatics

Jessica Marie Emhof †  
Paul Robin Charles Harwood  
*Information Technology Minor*  
Stephen Matthew Korotkih  
Geoff Manton

### Bachelor of Science Information Technology

Paul David Coulter\*\*\*  
*Business Minor*  
Henry Hien Hoang  
Donyell Xavier Johnson †  
Long Vinh Nguyen Kieu  
John Nordal\*\*  
Samuel Simnitt  
Chanler Ray Simpson\*\*\*  
Michael Shiiki-Morris\*\*\*  
Amy Jo Smith †  
*Psychology Minor*  
Jamyi Vue\*  
Emily Kay Zeng\*\*\*

### Bachelor of Science Operations Management

Cory J. Doyle  
Douglas William Freiley\*\*  
Rashid Saleh Shanneb\*  
Ethan Yoshio Szlovak  
Zachary H. Zottola\*

### Bachelor of Applied Science Technology and Management

Kenneth W. Bells  
Curtis Keller\*\*  
Joshua DaWayne Moore  
Miguel Angel Ramirez Perez\*\*\*  
Efrain Rodriguez  
Aditya Mayank Vyas

### Bachelor of Science Manufacturing Engineering Technology

David P. Brammer\*  
Peyton Delp\*  
Natasha Marie Ely  
Jacob Falk\*  
Neal R. Kaminski\*  
Charles E. Matthews IV\*  
Jacob Mitchell

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

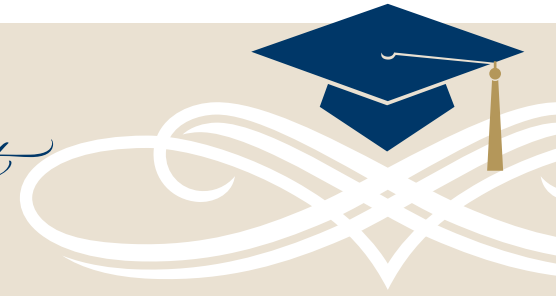
Garrett Allen\*\*  
*Applied Physics Minor*  
Jacob Baker\*\*\*  
Ronald Lee Collins †  
Amber Marie Conord\*  
Waleed J. Hakkoum\*  
Desty Jenny Jeniva Inas  
Jema Louise Matthews\*\*\*  
Seth Miles  
Esther Ceron Sotelo †  
Cherinet Tagesse Sumamo  
Kole Van Klein Pitts\*  
*Applied Mathematics Minor*

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jessie Fisher-Baggett †  
Noah Cayson  
Carmelo F. DiFede †  
Erik C. Edberg  
Kee Her  
Georgia Ann Hutchings †  
Corey Chon Peters  
Laird McKenzie Robertson\*\*\*

# 23rd Annual Commencement

## Seattle Campus



Tuesday, June 20, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. | Point Elliott Room, Rosehill Community Center | Mukilteo, Washington

\* Please Stand

**Processional\*** | *Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar*

**National Anthem\***

**Welcome and Introductions** | Wahab Abrous, Ph.D.,  
*Associate Professor, Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology*

**President's Address** | Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME  
*Fellow, President*

**Commencement Address** | Matt Knighton, *Executive Chief Production Engineer for the 767 Program*

**Outstanding Scholar Award** | Dr. Abrous

**Graduating Speaker** | Sam Dirton, *Mechanical Engineering*

**Presentation of the Graduates** | Abdy Afjeh, Ph.D.,  
*ASME Fellow, Vice Provost of Research and Academic Affairs and Interim Dean, College of Engineering, Technology and Management*

**Conferring of Degrees** | President Naganathan

**Alumni Association Greeting** | Tom Brown, *Class of 2012, Mechanical Engineering*

**Introduction of Graduates** | Dr. Abrous

**Final Remarks** | President Naganathan

**Recessional\*** | *Trumpet Voluntary*

### Marshals

Dr. Abrous  
Steven Lemery

### Boeing Faculty

Dr. Abrous  
Steve Addison, Ph.D.  
John W. Bridge, Ph.D.  
Jordan DiFranco  
Javier Herrero, Ph.D.  
Kenneth Johnson  
Batholomew Kimani  
Tony Koung, Ph.D.  
Steven Lemery  
Nassiri Mahnaz  
Steve Martin

Nathan D. Mead, Ph.D.  
Brad Moravec, Ph.D.  
Richard J. Muirhead, Ph.D.  
Mel Oyler, Ph.D.  
Sarah Pettey  
Ananya Rabeya  
Randall R. Rochester  
Jillene Seiver, Ph.D.  
Lou Tylee, Ph.D.  
Conrad Webster, Ph.D.

*Reception in honor of graduates follows. A photographer will be available after the ceremony for individual, group and family/friend photographs.*

## Commencement Speaker

### Matt Knighton

*Executive Chief Production Engineer for the 767 program*

Matt Knighton's Boeing career began in June 1996. Since then, he has worked as a Liaison Engineer on the 747/767/777 programs and a Stress Engineer on the 777 and 787 programs. His technical career focused primarily on wing structures, emphasizing wing-to-body joins. As a manager, Knighton led various teams on the 777, 787, and at the Everett Delivery Center in Liaison Engineering, Stress, Manufacturing Engineering, and Tool Engineering. As a leader, Knighton has led the 747/767 Production Engineering team, the Everett Site Environment Health and Safety team, and the Everett Delivery Center Engineering team, along with the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Airplane on Ground engineering team.

Knighton received a bachelor's degree in Engineering from LeTourneau University in Texas. He also has a Composite Structure Design and Analysis certificate from the University of Washington and was a licensed professional engineer with the State of Washington.

Matt and his wife, Julie, live in Granite Falls, Washington. The couple has four grown children who left home without taking their five dogs, two rabbits, a cat, a guinea pig, several fish, and a 21-year-old frog.

## Graduating Speaker

### Sam Dirton

*Mechanical Engineering*

Sam Dirton moved to Washington in 1995, from his hometown of Baltimore, Maryland, to serve in the United States Army as a 13B E4/Specialist Cannon Crew Member at Ft. Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, now called Joint Based Lewis-McChord. After serving, he decided to make Washington his new place of residency. He returned to school, earned his associate degree in Design Drafting at Green River Community College in 2008, and worked as a drafter for a decade.

Joining The Boeing Company in 2008, Dirton worked on the 737 programs in Equipment Installation and Wire Install for 11 years. In 2020, he transitioned to the Boeing Defense, Space & Security Design Center, working as a Technical Designer on multiple programs, including the Presidential Aircraft.

## Graduates

### Academic Honors

*Oregon Institute of Technology is pleased to recognize the academically outstanding students who will be receiving their baccalaureate degree with academic honors. This honor is based on all academic work, including transfer credits, and indicates a high level of scholastic achievement.*

*** Summa cum laude (with highest honors)	GPA 3.90-4.00
** Magna cum laude (with high honors)	GPA 3.75-3.89
* Cum laude (with honors)	GPA 3.50-3.74

† Summer graduate

### Master of Science Manufacturing Engineering Technology

John Hugh Baldwin  
Jeremy C. Dickson  
Larry C. Raymond  
Mark Gregory Thompson  
Ngoc Bich Truong

### Bachelor of Science Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Denys Bondarenko †  
Mandeep Singh

### Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

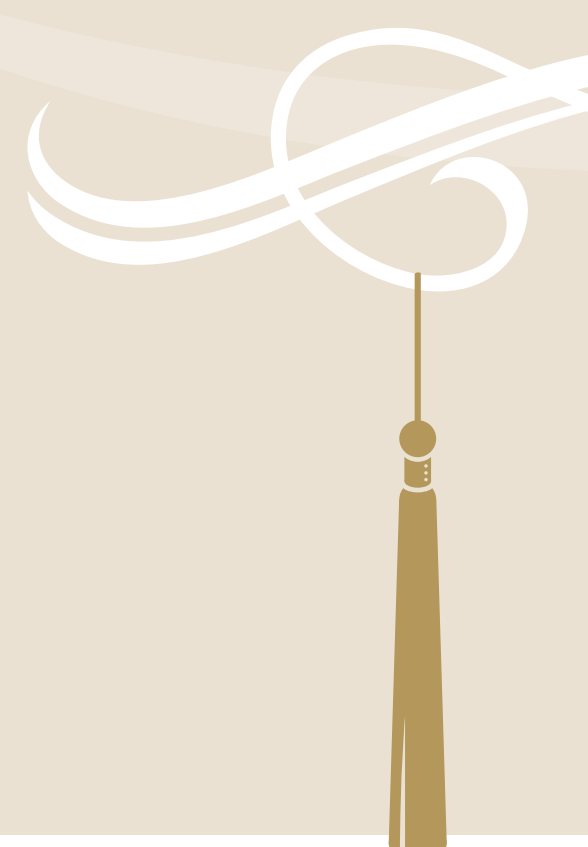
Annette Bazaldua  
Samuel Dirton  
Joshua Ray Fritzler\*\*\*  
Jonathan Lambeth\*\*\*  
M. A. Lundberg †  
Xiaohui Nie †  
Cory D. Poznanski\*  
Jason Simoneaux\*\*\*  
Vitaliy Tsuz\*\*\*

## Seattle Student Awards

The **Outstanding Scholars Award** honors those students appointed by their respective department chairpersons or program directors who, in the opinion of the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their majors. Only one Outstanding Scholar is awarded per major. This year's award recipients are:

**Denys Bondarenko** *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

**Joshua Fritzler** *Mechanical Engineering*



## Other Notes

### List of Graduates

The list of graduate names was provided to the printer several days prior to commencement to allow production of this program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. The listing of a name in this program does not obligate Oregon Institute of Technology to award a degree. For official purposes, a final corrected list of graduates will be retained by the Office of the Registrar.

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic; Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Service Management; and Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science participated in ceremonies earlier this year.

This commencement program was produced by the Oregon Tech Marketing, Communications, and Public Affairs Office and the Registrar's Office. Special thanks to Graphic Designer Doug Halvorsen for layout of this publication and SmithBates Marcomm Solutions for printing of this publication.

### Personal Photographs

To allow all families to take photographs, we ask that you move into the family camera area as your graduate approaches the ramp. As soon as you complete your photo, please move out of the area so others may move forward.

## Klamath Falls

### Medical Services

Emergency medical services are available at the tent located at the west end of the stadium. If you need assistance, please go directly there or notify an usher.

### Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be taken to the First Aid Tent. After the ceremony items may be retrieved at the College Union Information Desk.

### Professional Photography

Each graduate will have their photograph taken after receiving their diploma. Please visit [www.events.lifetouch.com](http://www.events.lifetouch.com) for purchase.

### Special Thanks

Commencement is a collaborative effort, planned and organized through the Registrar's Office and the Oregon Tech Commencement Committee, which includes representatives from Admissions, Alumni Relations, Campus Dining, College Union, Disability Services, Facility Services, Information Technology Services, Marketing and Communications, President's Office, Resilience, Emergency Management and Safety, Student Affairs, and the Tech Nest Bookstore.

The Commencement Committee is grateful for the additional support of the Board of Trustees, Campus Ambassadors, Campus Safety, and Integrated Student Health Center.

## Portland-Metro

### Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be taken to the Front Desk.

### Professional Photography

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### Special Thanks

Commencement is a collaborative effort, planned and organized through the Portland-Metro Commencement Committee, which includes representatives from Facility Services, Student Affairs, Library Services, Registrar's Office, and members of the administrative staff. The Commencement Committee is grateful for the additional support of student employees and volunteers.

## Academic Regalia



The dress worn by faculty and graduates during commencement ceremonies is based upon costumes used in 14th- and 15th-century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge in England. This style of academic dress and accouterments, used in the United States since colonial times, was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895.

The variety of styles and colors reflects the wide variety of designs in doctoral robes. When a university is granted the right to confer doctoral degrees, one of the accompanying privileges is the opportunity to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates.

The academic costume typically consists of the cap or mortar-board, the gown and the hood. The cap, patterned after those worn at Oxford, is generally black and may be of any material—except velvet, which is reserved for doctoral caps. The color of tassel worn on the cap indicates what kind of degree the wearer has earned.

The gown indicates the level of the degree. Gowns for bachelor's or master's degrees lack any trim, while doctoral gowns are distinguished by velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeve. As with the tassel, the trim color indicates the subject of the degree. The academic gown is usually black; however, blue gowns are being donned today by those receiving the associate degrees.

The hood is worn with master's and doctoral degree gowns only, with the exception of Nursing. Doctoral robes have a larger and more open hood, but both are decorated with colors indicating the subject area of the degree received and the institution which granted it.

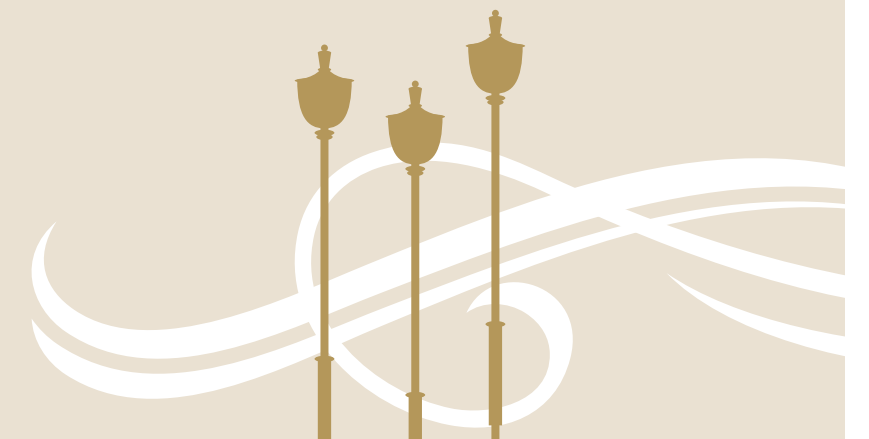
## Oregon Institute of Technology Graduation Overview

The Class of 2023 numbers **712** individuals—inclusive of those who have completed degree requirements last Summer and Fall, Winter and Spring terms this academic year, and another **78** who are expected to complete requirements this Summer.

Among the Oregon Tech graduates are **392** from the Klamath Falls campus, **193** from the Portland-Metro campus, **166** from the Online programs, and the remaining graduates are through our partnerships with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon and employees of The Boeing Company in Oregon Tech's Seattle program.

The colors indicating Oregon Tech's degrees:

Health, Arts, and Sciences	
Applied Mathematics	Golden Yellow
Communication	White
Dental Hygiene	Lilac
Applied Psychology	Golden Yellow
Population Health Management	White
Medical	Kelly Green
Environmental Sciences	Old Gold
Nursing	Apricot
Engineering, Technology, and Management	
Engineering	Orange
Business and Management	Tan
Associate Degrees	Black



# Oregon TECH

## Alma Mater

*The gold and blue of hill and sky,*

*Her glorious colors shown.*

*The truths, unfading from our hearts,*

*The friendships we have known.*

*We vow with time to hold them true*

*In cherished memory.*

*Our loyalty we pledge to you*

*Alma Mater OIT.*

