

FINLANDIA

UNIVERSITY

Commencement

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017, 1:30 P.M.
PAAVO NURMI CENTER

*A learning community dedicated to academic
excellence, spiritual growth, and service*

2017 Commencement Speakers

Alumnus

At Wisconsin Public Television (WPT), Jordan Siegler works with corporate and community partners that wish to align their marketing and philanthropic efforts with WPT's and PBS's mission to educate, entertain and inspire. A member of Wisconsin Broadcast & Media Innovations' Change Team, and recent participant in a national diversity and inclusion summit with PBS, Jordan is recognized as an advocate for equity, inclusion and diversity within public media's workplace culture and products. Jordan serves as board president for The ArtWrite Collective, co-president of Finlandia University's Alumni Board, director-at-large on Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's Volunteers Board, and grants review panelist for Dane Arts. Following one year of studies in Kuopio, Finland, Jordan graduated with honors from Finlandia University's International School of Art & Design with a BFA in sustainable design. He and his partner (both proud Yoopers) live in Madison, Wisconsin.



Class of 2017 Student Representative



Matt McLaughlin is a West Bloomfield, Michigan native graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology. McLaughlin is graduating summa cum laude after maintaining a 3.99 grade point average. He was a four-year athlete with the Finlandia Lions hockey team. In addition to graduation, this weekend he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army after spending four years in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He plans to stay active with the army as a Medical Service Officer and continue his path towards medical school.

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Manu Virtamo currently serves as the Consul General of Finland to New York. Virtamo has been with the Foreign Service of Finland for the last 36 years, holding more than a dozen positions during that time. Most recently that included serving as the Ambassador of Finland to Japan from 2013-16. His current stint in the U.S. is his fourth. He served as Consul General of Finland to Los Angeles from 2004-08 and as Minister-Counselor of Economic Affairs at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. from 1991-94 and 2000-04. Virtamo graduated from University of Helsinki in 1979.



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Prelude	Jennifer Wenger Pianist
Audience will stand through the invocation.	
Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>
Invocation	Soren Schmidt Campus Pastor
Welcome and Remarks	Philip Johnson President
An Alumnus Speaks	Jordan Siegler Class of '09
Student Representative	Matthew McLaughlin BA, Biology
Hymn	<i>Finlandia</i> by Jean Sibelius Led by Soren Schmidt Accompanied by Jennifer Wenger
Board of Trustees' Distinguished Faculty Award	Julie Badel Board of Trustees, Chair
Awarding of Honorary Degree Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Philip Johnson President
Commencement Address	Ambassador Manu Virtamo Consul General of Finland
Presentation of the Class of 2017	Fredi de Yampert Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Philip Johnson President
Awarding of Diplomas	Luanne Skrenes Finlandia University Board of Trustees
Benediction	Soren Schmidt Campus Pastor
Recessional	Jennifer Wenger Organist

Candidates for Graduation

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Medical Assistant

Kailee Lynn Bastian
Paige Dakota Obermiller
Nancy Lee Riopelle

Medical Billing and Coding

Dylan Tyler Farmer +

Physical Therapist Assistant

Carly Erin Babrick +
Chelsea Rose Benson +
Rachel Lynn Bode +
Dianne Ashley Doeblen +
Makayla Marie Mayo +
Krista Raelynn Metcalf +
Emma Elizabeth Nelson +
Sarah RayAnn Penkivech +
Kristina Ann Prater + *
Amelia Irene Rikard + *
Devin S. Smith +
Rebecca Ann Steffensen + **
Courtney Anne Wagner +

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES

Taylor Amanda Bowen #
Sean Mar'ice Daniels
Colin Tyler Immel

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art Therapy

Laurin Helen LaBonte

Biology

Matthew Edward McLaughlin ***
Cody William Wickstrom *

Criminal Justice

Alena Janelle Fiala
Abby Ann Gallaher
Thomas Phillip Kerr
Liliana Marlene Lazo

English

Timothy Paul Bolthouse #

History

Grant A. Holmstrom

Liberal Studies

Chelsea Leigh Blanck +
Kristy Jayne Kerstner (H) **
Samantha Jo Morris
Jordan Matthew Wood #

Psychology

Rachel Marianne Chase #
Sarah Michele Keller #
Leah Renee Ruotsala (H) *

Sociology

Hailee E. Johnson *
Daniel B. Weldon +

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Administration

Katelyn Marie Anderson **
Lisa Marie Anderson # *
Kirsten Elizabeth Berg # (H) **
Aoi Buto *
Ryan Bruce Daavettila +
Nathan Michael Ekdahl
Walker Sullivan Enstad ***
Taylor Eve Gustafson
Mikayla Ann Hakala *
Christopher William Hoffman
Jennifer Nicole Hueter
Tyler L. Jacobson
Schwartz Lormand Jarmond **
Pavel Igorevich Kuzmin
Andrew K. Martin
Sara Elizabeth Martin
Kaylamarie Elizabeth Nuttall
Brandon T. Robinson +
Isaac Tringleth Tucker
Theresa Anna Katharina Wolf

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts

Jordanne Elizabeth Bowen *
Kelsey Kaarina Dowd
Taylor Katherine Pomroy #

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nursing

Christina Ann Anderson
Richard Cody Anderson
Chloe Anne Ashley *
Carrie Lou Cassell #
Rachel Victoria Clauda *
Alyssa Elizabeth Ann Debelak **
Trudy Ann Duquette #
Lauren Bertolino Grzelak **
Kari Ann Jewett
Alexandra Rae Kaat
Jennifer Colleen-Mallee Kennedy **
Laura Frances Kent **
Sarah Kathleen Khoury
Lisa Diane Kline **
Philip Vincent Roman LoCicero **
Nathan Joseph Meyette (H) **
Janis A. Motl **
Elizabeth Ann Olson
Kyle K. Paquin *
Scott David Rose *
Taylor Lynn Ross
Brianna Mae Shanahan *
Lee Alexandra Shippey *
Daniel Roger Stanglewicz **
Amanda Grace Youker *

*** *summa cum laude* (3.9-4.0 gpa)

** *magna cum laude* (3.7-3.899 gpa)

* *cum laude* (3.5-3.699 gpa)

(H) *Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society*

Fall 2016 Graduate

+ *Summer 2017 Graduate*

Commencement Information

The Sampo Society

Each spring semester, faculty members nominate graduating students for the Sampo Society, the university's honor society established in 1930. Nominees must have earned an overall grade point average of 3.70 to 4.0 and demonstrated exceptional leadership, commitment, achievement, initiative, and involvement in the cultural and

intellectual life of the campus and community. Four to six of the most outstanding nominees are selected for lifelong Sampo Society membership by the university's Academic Achievement Committee. Sampo Society members are recognized at the Honors and Awards Banquet, and they wear a special pin on their graduation gowns.

Graduating with Honors

Finlandia University recognizes the exceptional academic achievements of graduation candidates at an annual Honors and Awards Banquet. During this celebration students receive the regalia representing the degree of honor that they have achieved. The regalia—tassels, cords and medals—is worn during the commencement ceremony and graduates are identified as honor students when their names and degrees are announced. The three levels of honor are:

Cum Laude— Students have earned an overall 3.50 to 3.69 grade point average. They wear a gold honors tassel.

Magna Cum Laude— Students have earned an overall 3.70 to 3.89 grade point average. In addition to the honors tassel, these graduates also wear a gold honors cord.

Summa Cum Laude— Students have earned an overall 3.90 to 4.0 grade point average. In addition to the honors tassel and gold honors cord, these graduates wear a medal with royal blue and white ribbon.

Academic Attire

How did it all start? Academic attire has endured for centuries, and is still widely worn by graduates during commencement ceremonies all over the world. It had its origins in the 12th and 13th centuries during the early formation of universities in Europe, and it had a practical aspect back then: the long robes and hoods provided warmth to the scholars and clerics who roamed the unheated buildings. The "one size fits all" academic robe discouraged "excess" in apparel. Though no longer worn regularly, academic attire continues to lend both uniformity and identity during commencement exercises.

Today, the different types of academic attire, though still deeply traditional, have evolved into something quite different. Though not exactly stylish with its billowing, tent-like design, academic attire can be colorful, ornate, and highly symbolic.

During commencement, Finlandia faculty who have earned master's and doctoral degrees will wear gowns that reflect their academic achievements. The black master's gown sports elongated sleeves, while the distinguished doctoral robe is identified by its more elaborate design and velvet stripes on its voluminous sleeves. Hoods are also worn with the master's and doctoral robes and bear colors representing the degree earned and institution from which the individual graduated. The medal worn by President Philip Johnson during commencement represents the office that he holds at Finlandia.

Colleges and universities develop their own traditions. Finlandia graduates wear blue gowns, to represent the blue and white school colors. Some Finlandia faculty wear a special white velveteen cap, which replicates a Finnish graduation hat.



Finlandia University Faculty

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ryan Bessolo, B.S.N.
Fred de Yampert, Ph.D
Geri Hawley, B.S.
Mark Miron, M.S.N. Ed.
Suzanne Miron, M.S.N.
Nicole Polakowski, B.S.P.T.
Theresa Rajala-Halsey, M.S.N.
Paula Roth, M.S.N.
Samantha Saint-Onge, B.B.A., C.M.A.
Irina Sergeyeva, M.S.N. Ed.
Hilary Sproule, M.H.S.A.
Lori Sullivan, D.N.P.
Johnna Therrian, M.S.N.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN

Tom Adolphi, M.S.
Phyllis Fredendall, M.F.A.
Kenyon Hansen, B.F.A.
Denise Vandeville, M.F.A.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Rekha Ambardar, M.B.A.
Mary Jane Hatton, M.P.A.
Kevin Manninen, M.B.A.
Steven Nordstrom, M.A.

SUOMI COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Monique Bourdage, Ph.D.
Judith Budd, Ph.D.
Janice Cox-Adolphi, M.A.
Rebecca Daly, M.L.I.S.
Carolyn Dekker, Ph.D.
Richard Gee, Ph.D.
Emily Geiger, Ph.D.
Philip Johnson, Ph.D.
René Johnson, Ph.D.
Stephanie Kajpust, M.S.
William Knoblauch, Ph.D.
Mark Lounibos, Ph.D.
Juan Marin, Ph.D.
Jason Oyadomari, Ph.D.
Casey Rentmeester, Ph.D.
Joshua Smith, M.A.
Jillian Stuart, Ph.D.
Hilary Virtanen, Ph.D.
Claudia Youakim, Ph.D.

“This is My Song” (Finlandia)

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Finlandia University expresses its appreciation to:

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017 AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THEM

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LUANNE SKRENES, BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION

JENNIFER WENGER, PIANIST

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