

# FINLANDIA

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## UNIVERSITY

### Commencement

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023, 1:30 P.M.

HIRVONEN AUDITORIUM

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

# 2023 Commencement Speakers

## Student Representative – Kaitlyn Lundeen

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The 2023 Student Representative, Kaitlyn Lundeen, is a healthcare management major from Maple, Wisc. Lundeen earned a 3.92 grade point average and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude with an associate physical therapist assistant (PTA) degree, a Bachelor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management and a minor in psychology.



While studying at FinnU, Lundeen played for the Lions Women's Basketball team and served as a member of Finlandia's Student PTA Club. On January 6, 2022, Lundeen became the 7th women's basketball player in school history to reach 1,000 points. In 82 games played, Lundeen sits as the all-time leader in free throws made and free throw percentage, second in free throw attempts (398) and field goal percentage (.501), fifth in scoring (1,206) and seventh in rebounding (563). After an injury in her final season, Lundeen stepped up to lead her teammates as an assistant coach.

Off the court, Lundeen is known for her dedication to academic excellence, uplifting spirit and deep commitment to community service – the embodiment of Finlandia University's mission. On April 14, Lundeen was awarded membership in the Sampo Society for graduating students whose academic success is the highest and most well-rounded. Recipients must have earned a cumulative grade point average above 3.7 and have shown leadership, commitment, achievement, initiative, and involvement in the cultural and intellectual life of the campus and community.

After graduation, Lundeen plans to move to the Greater Seattle Area to pursue a career in physical therapy.

## Commencement Speaker – Tom Boldt

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Tom Boldt has served as CEO of The Boldt Company since 1998. He represents the fourth generation of family leadership at the Appleton, WI-based construction management and general contracting firm. The Boldt Company is one of the top 70 firms in the nation. An early advocate for sustainable building practices and lean processes, Boldt serves as a link between his firm's past and present, positioning the company as one of America's most respected industry leaders.

Boldt's many accomplishments include induction into the Wisconsin Safety Hall of Fame and receiving the UW-Madison Construction Club Lifetime Achievement Award, Constructor of the Year Award by the American Institute of Constructors, Rotarian of the Year Award by the Appleton Downtown Rotary Club, and being named a Wisconsin Academy Fellow. Boldt is an active community volunteer. He speaks on topics related to business, ethics, sustainability and safety.

Boldt's ties to Finlandia University date back to his childhood, spending many summers in the U.P. with his grandparents, Ken and Marcella Hamar. His parents, OC and Pat Hamar Boldt, were attracted to Finlandia's mission.

Feeling their financial support would make a difference at Finlandia, The Boldt Family has created an extraordinary legacy of generosity through personal and company gifts for over 30 years.

An alumnus of fellow ELCA affiliate St. Olaf College, Tom and his wife Renee share a passion for liberal arts education, volunteer service and goodwill. They have two children, Phillip and Claire.

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<b>Instrumental</b> .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> by Alex Frazier
<b>Land Acknowledgment &amp; Invocation</b> .....	Pr. Sarah Semmler Smith Campus Pastor
<b>Welcome &amp; Remarks</b> .....	Stephen Nikander Trustee
<b>President's Address</b> .....	Timothy Pinnow President
<b>Student Representative</b> .....	Kaitlyn Lundeen AAS Physical Therapist Assistant, BBA Healthcare Management
<b>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</b> .....	Timothy Pinnow President
<b>Commencement Address</b> .....	Tom Boldt CEO, The Boldt Company
<b>Presentation of the Class of 2023</b> .....	Dr. Fredi de Yampert Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b>Conferring of Degrees</b> .....	Timothy Pinnow President
<b>Awarding of Diplomas</b> .....	Dr. Fredi de Yampert Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b>Benediction</b> .....	Pr. Sarah Semmler Smith Campus Pastor
<b>Congratulations</b> .....	<i>This is My Song</i> (Finlandia) by Alex Frazier

# Candidates for Graduation

## ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

### Criminal Justice

Shannon Patricia Mattson \*\*  
Charles Valente Ramirez \*\* (H)  
Hope Reinarz  
Mary Madison Wiggins \*\* (H)

### Physical Therapist Assistant

Veronica Jo Buchweitz \*\*^+  
Sofia De Ycaza \*\*+  
Hunter James DuPont +  
Jacob Danny Godoshian +  
Logan Latvis \*\* (H)+  
Shannon Vanabel +

## ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES

### General Studies

Samonshva Anderson-Oliver  
Halley Elizabeth Basolo #  
Caleb Matthew Burger  
Jacob Clark \*  
Patrick John Donnelly \*  
Jacob Scott Glarner  
Jaron Michael Hembroff \*  
Mitchell Robert Kehn \*\*\* (H)  
Breann Jean Kieliszewski (H)  
Kara Laramore  
Karla Marlene Lovell \* (H)  
Danielle Marie Lypsinmaa  
Gavin Walter Mackey \*\*  
Dakota James Meyer (H)  
Jaycie Lyn Monticello #  
Raymond Emmanuel Naasko  
Stephanie Lynn Ollila \*\*\* (H)  
Peter Edwin Ordonio \*  
Gabriel Anthony Poirier \*\*  
Larkyn Elisabeth Ripley \*  
Marc Anthony Robles  
Gavin Todd Simonson \*\*  
Mikko A. Surenkin  
Nathan Alexander Walerowicz \*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Art Therapy

Annie Lynne Miller

### Biology

Samantha Lepisto  
Tyler Turcotte \*

### Criminal Justice

Eleanor M. Babiash  
Paulyne Anne Cantilero Catacutan  
Kyle John Forsman

### English

Shawn J. Cox  
Mary Brooke Mills \*\* (H)^

### History

Liam Patrick McKeage #  
William Alex Richwine

### Liberal Studies

Sheldon William Brett #  
Seth Randall Dahl \*\*  
Elijah Ray Emmer  
Harold Allan Noble  
Sydney RyAnne Wilmot #  
Daniel Robert Zuchak

### Psychology

Paulyne Anne Cantilero Catacutan  
Vanessa M. Cormier  
Nevin Marnell Klein  
Daisia Knowles \*#  
Lauren Rebecca Monger  
Sarah Parker +  
Casana Carole Ryyanen \*\*  
Melanie Rose Torres +

### Sociology

Nevin Marnell Klein

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Accounting

Chloe Achatz  
Janie Marie Berg \*\*#  
Brendan Richard Christian \*\*\*^  
Steven Michael Knudson #  
Laison Thomas Ruonavaara \*^  
Joseph Robert Watson \*\*^

### Healthcare Management

Peyton Elizabeth Airaudi  
Nicholas James Hantz +  
Joseph Hugo Heinonen #  
Kaitlyn Rose Lundeen \*\*\*^  
Bryanna Verhoven

### International Business

Dimitri Samusev (H)  
Philip Schader \*\*^

### Management and Entrepreneurship

Delaney Marie Anderson \*\*^  
Brendan Richard Christian \*\*\*^  
Austin Gage Cover  
Brandon D. Hale +  
Philip Schader \*\*^  
Kenneth Weimer

### Marketing

Tyler Gene Hale \* (H)  
Laura Jensen +  
Ella Christine Lindgren \*  
Madelyn Faye Waterman

### Sports Management

Joshua Eve #  
Luke A. Mattson  
Joshua J. Merced  
Sarah Moir \*\*^

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Biology

Elizabeth Demontano Ayala  
Brooke Dalgord \*\*\*  
Martina Kay Jahfetson  
Austin C. Keranen \*\* (H)^

### Criminal Justice

Chance Bowdrie White

### Nursing

Allison Marie Cooper \*\*^  
Hillary Olivia Hantz \*  
Kylee Rae Hopp \*\*\* (H)  
Makenzie Ann Phillips \*\*  
Marissa Schilling

### Psychology

Brooke Dalgord \*\*\*

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

\*\*magna cum laude (3.7-3.89 gpa)

\*cum laude (3.5-3.69 gpa)

(H) Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

^Sampo Society

#Fall 2022 Graduate

+Summer 2023 Graduate

# Commencement Information

## Graduating with Honors

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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.

## The Sampo Society

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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.

## Academic Attire

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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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Timothy Pinnow 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**

Cindy Blake, M.S.N., R.N.  
Fred de Yampert, Ph.D., R.N.  
Sami Dowling, P.T.A., C.T.R.S.  
Mark Miron, M.S.N. Ed., R.N.  
Marnie Polkky, M.S.N., R.N.  
Nicole Polakowski, B.S., P.T., P.T.  
Aliina Radcliff, M.S.N, B.S.N., R.N.  
Theresa Rajala-Halsey, M.S.N., R.N.  
Irina Sergeyeva, M.S.N. Ed., R.N.  
Lori Sullivan, D.N.P., R.N.  
Melanie Thurmond, P.T., D.P.T.

### **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN**

Lindsey Heiden, M.F.A.

### **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Kevin Manninen, M.B.A.  
Steven Nordstrom, M.A.  
Nathan Perreault, M.B.A.  
Laura Sieders, M.S.A.  
Charles Smothermon, M.B.A.

### **SUOMI COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

Rebecca Daly, M.L.I.S.  
Carolyn Dekker, Ph.D.  
Richard Gee, Ph.D.  
Cassandra Hill, Ph.D.  
Austin Johnson, M.S.  
René Johnson, Ph.D.  
William Knoblauch, Ph.D.  
Mark Lounibos, Ph.D.  
Juan Marin, Ph.D.  
Jason Oyadomari, Ph.D.  
Jeff Pettibone, Ph.D.  
Michael Reay, Ph.D.  
Hilary Virtanen, 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.

## Land Acknowledgment

This is the ancestral land of the Ojibwa (Anishinaabe) people. It was ceded in the Treaty of 1842. We seek to honor the sacred and enduring kinship of the Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) people with this land. We commit to joining in the work of respecting and caring for the land on which we operate, for the sake of generations to come.

Finlandia University expresses its appreciation to:

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023 AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THEM

THE 2023 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

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