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**VETERANS  
CONVOCATION**  
Spring 2024

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## Office of the President

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Northern Arizona University, congratulations!

A convocation is a time to reflect on and celebrate your unique contributions and accomplishments. I hope you feel a deep sense of pride for the years of work it took to get here and the success you have achieved because of who you are.

As you go forth into the world as an NAU graduate, we know you will contribute to building a more diverse, inclusive, equitable, just, and prosperous society. Equipped with the knowledge you have gained, the lessons you have learned, and the determination and resilience you have shown time and again, we are confident that you will rise to the challenges of the future and shape a better world.

Continue to give back and be a leader. Approach the future with boundless optimism and curiosity. And draw on the foundation of knowledge and experience you have built here at NAU. Through your accomplishments and actions, you will inspire others to pursue their dreams. We will be cheering for you every step of the way throughout your journey, and we hope you will remain lifelong ambassadors for NAU and stay connected to your Lumberjack family.

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Thank you for choosing NAU. Again, on behalf of the entire Lumberjack community, congratulations!

With respect,



José Luis Cruz Rivera  
President

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# VETERAN CONVOCATION CEREMONY

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May 9, 2024, 4p.m. MST

Ashurst — Flagstaff, Arizona

The Veterans Convocation recognizes and celebrates the achievements of the students who heard the call and served our country, whether in the past or currently. These students have courageously embraced dual challenges, balancing the pursuit of their educational goals while navigating the transition into the civilian world for some, and for others, gearing up to continue their service commitment. Veterans, those on Active Duty, and members of the Guard and Reserve all play a crucial role in our community, consistently distinguishing themselves throughout their educational journey. The Veterans Convocation is an event to celebrate their unwavering commitment to this path. The University will officially recognize our Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve students for their leadership, successes, and academic achievements.

## **Processional**

The audience is requested to remain standing during the presentation of colors and the National Anthem

## **Presentation of Colors**

Army ROTC, Lumberjack Battalion

## **National Anthem**

Brett Friedman, Master of Music in Choral Conducting

## **Opening Remarks**

Pete Yanka, Director, Veteran & Military Services

## **President's Video Address**

Presented by Dr. Justin Mallett, Vice President of Inclusive Excellence

## **Presentation of Stoles**

Laurie Jordon, Assistant Director, Veteran & Military Services

## **Closing Remarks**

Pete Yanka, Director, Veteran & Military Services

Graduating students, please remain after the closing remarks to ensure you are part of the group photo.

## DEAR GRADUATING VETERANS,

I want to take a moment to congratulate you on your outstanding accomplishment of earning your degree with Northern Arizona University. It has been an honor for my team and I to be a part of your educational journey. The commitment and resiliency you demonstrated to reach your goals inspires us. Your insight, commitment to service, and willingness to face challenges head on has made this university a better place. As you transition into the next phase of your life and career, I wish you and your families Godspeed and want to thank you for lifting this community up to be better than it was before you arrived.

Very Respectfully,

**Peter A. Yanka**

Director

Veteran and Military Services

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NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
2024 VETERAN GRADUATES

*The names in this program do not constitute an official graduation list*

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Christine Mott	Forest Science (PHD)
Zachary Sweat	Clinical Psychology

■■■■■■■■■■ MASTER'S ■■■■■■■■■■

<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Michael Blackstone	Applied Criminology (MS)
Brandon Bourget	Org Ldrshp (M)
Brandon Brown	Public Administration (MPA)
Brandon Cahoe	Business Administration (MBA)
Carl Campbell	CI Mental Hlth Counseling (MA)
Ryan Ciulei	Org Ldrshp (M)
Thomas Coonradt	Geography (MS)
Zachariah Davis	Org Ldrshp (M)
Erin Hall	Org Ldrshp (M)
Troy Hartman	Org Ldrshp (M)
Lindsey Heflin	English-Rhet Wrtg DigMed (MA)
Rovonta Johnson	Org Ldrshp (M)
Bobbi Jones	Hlth Sci-Public Health (BS)
Lauren Kaibetoney	Org Ldrshp (M)
Stefanie Littlewood	Science Teaching (MA)
Jordan Macias	History (MA)
Colton Mayberry	Org Ldrshp (M)
Jennie Niccum	Org Ldrshp (M)
Ian Pieroni	Physician Asst Studies (MPAS)
Shelah Roanhorse	Nursing-FmlyNursPrac (MS)

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**MASTER'S (CONTINUED)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Sara Rodriguez	Educ Ldrshp-Comm Coll/HE (MED)
Amanda Lynn Sanchez	Org Ldrshp (M)
James Simpson	Org Ldrshp (M)
Samuel Smith	Business Administration (MBA)
Michael Terry	Public Administration (MPA)
Elma Williamson	Nursing-FmlyNursPrac (MS)
Daniel Wojcik	Public Administration (MPA)
Hannah Wynn	Org Ldrshp (M)

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**BACHELOR'S**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Ismael Angulo	Criminology&CrimJust (BS); Military Leadership (MINOR)
Melissa Ayon	Psychological Sciences (BS) PB
Toa Barclay	Electrical Engineering (BS)
Quinn Bennett	Management (BSBA); Business Economics (UCERT)
Michelle Blackwell	IntSt-StratLdrshp 90-30 (B)
Sarah Cotrofeld	Sociology (BS); Biomedical Science (BS) 2M
Luke Derry	IntSt-StratLdrshp 90-30 (B)
Ryder Desalvo	Forestry (BSF); ForHlth/EcolRestor (UCERT)
Christopher Duenas Sr	ApSci-EarlyChildhood (BAS)
Jason Eisenbacher	Construction Mgt (BS); Business (MINOR)
Maria Estrada	Nursing-OptRgstrNurs(BSN)
James Ewing	Parks & Rec Mgt (BS)
John Fenslage	Car & Tech Ed 90-30 (BSED)
Vania Gushoney	Social Work (BSW)
Kristyn Hahn	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Moriah Henderson	Psychological Sciences (BS)

**BACHELOR'S (CONTINUED)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Emily HERRICK	IntSt-EmMgt 90-30 (B)
Madison Holzner	Psychology (BS); Health/Wellness Coach (MINOR)
Deborah Hoover	Parks & Rec Mgt (BS) PB
Julia Igneri	Hlth Sci-Public Health (BS); Biology (MINOR)
Carlos Iturriaga	ApSci-Log&SupplyChMgt (BAS)
Daniel Khalilov	IntSt-JusStd 90-30 (B)
Angelita Angelita Salazar King	Nursing-OptRgstrNurs(BSN)
Courtney Kronenbitter	ApSci-Log&SupplyChMgt (BAS)
Forest Iapp	HlthSci-Phys Ed (BSED); Health/Wellness Coach (MINOR)
Ian Lee	Forestry (BSF); Biology (MINOR); Wildlife Ecol/Mgmt (UCERT)
Thomas Lopez	IntSt-JusStd 90-30 (B)
Zachary Lunow	Biology (BS)
Dylan MacFarlane	Forestry (BSF); Justice Stds (MINOR); Wildlife Ecol/Mgmt (UCERT)
Alexander Madden	Nursing (BSN) PB
Sabine Mahi	Nursing-OptRgstrNurs(BSN)
Jackelyn Meza Moreno	Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
Angel Montijo	IntSt-EmMgt 90-30 (B)
Cassandra Moss	Criminology&CrimJust (BS); Navajo (MINOR)
Whittney Oby	Comm Sci & Disorders (BS)
Debany Olson	Nursing-OptRgstrNurs(BSN)
Austin Paca	Information Systems (BSBA)
Nikole Sanders	Psychological Sciences (BS); Social Work (MINOR)
Casey Santorelli	Criminology&CrimJust (BS); Law, Rights & Justice (MINOR)
William Stanley	IntSt-Tech Mgt 90-30 (B)



**BACHELOR'S (CONTINUED)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree/Major</b>
Cheyenne Tatures	Social Work (BSW); Psychology (MINOR)
Dylan Tisher	Criminology&CrimJust (BS); Emrgcy Mgt (MINOR)
Melanie Van Oss	IntSt-JusStd 90-30 (B)
Alec Vanness	ApSci-JusStd (BAS)
Jessica Vega	Comm Sci & Disorders (BS)
Payton Waldroup	IntSt-PubAd 90-30 (B)
Uriah Whitaker	Mechanical Engineering (BS)
Devon Wooten	Comm Sci & Disorders (BS)
Gabriel Gonzales	University Studies (BUS); Parks & Rec Mgt (MINOR); Individualized Minor (MINOR)
Ashlan Lindo	English (BA)
Sean Makens-Ewing	Justice Studies (B)
Isabel Rivera	IntSt-JusStd 90-30 (B)
Priscilla Villegas	Hlth Sci-Public Health (BS); Biology (MINOR)
James Whitman	Hotel & Rstrnt Mgt (BS)



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