



*Creighton University Heider College of Business*

# Graduate Business Programs Hooding Ceremony

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Thursday, May 10, 2018 | 4:30 p.m.  
Mike and Josie Harper Center | Hixson-Lied Auditorium

## Mission Statement

Guided by our Jesuit heritage, we form leaders who use their business education to promote justice and improve the world.



# Program

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## PROCESSIONAL

### **Ken Washer, DBA**

*Marshal and Professor of Economics and Finance*

## WELCOME

### **Todd Darnold, PhD**

*Director, Master of Business Administration Program  
and Associate Professor of Management*

## INVOCATION

### **Kelsey Haswell**

*Graduating MBA student*

## DEAN'S REMARKS

### **Anthony Hendrickson, PhD**

*Dean, Heider College of Business  
Professor of Business Intelligence and Analytics*

## HOODING OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

*Students will be hooded by a faculty member of their choice.*

### **Anthony Hendrickson, PhD**

### **Matt Seevers, PhD**

*Chair, Department of Marketing and Management  
and Professor of Marketing*

## 2018 GRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

*Presented by **Todd Darnold, PhD***

## 2018 GRADUATE BUSINESS FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

*Presented by **Todd Darnold, PhD***

## BENEDICTION

### **Darby Hugunin**

*Graduating MAC Student*

## RECESSIONAL

*Reception in 2nd Floor Atrium*

# Members of the Class of 2018

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**Christopher John Adams**

Master of Business Administration  
*Chandler, Arizona*

**Abigail Elizaga Alagao \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Kapolei, Hawaii*

**Anna Marie Alexander \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Aaron Paul Anderson \***

Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Fort Morgan, Colorado*

**Carrie Louise Anderson**

Master of Business Administration  
*Houston, Texas*

**Gad Azulay \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Tel Aviv, Israel*

**Mirza Begovic**

Master of Business Administration/  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
*San Diego, California*

**Amy E. Bellenbaum \***

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Carrie Marie Bender**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Marshall Berg ^**

Master of Science in Information  
Technology Management  
*Kansas City, Missouri*

**Ryan Michael Boen**

Master of Business Administration  
*Colton, South Dakota*

**David Brown**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Spence L. Byer**

Master of Finance  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Lauren C. Chinen**

Master of Business Administration/  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
*Honolulu, Hawaii*

**Tyler A. Clement**

Master of Business Administration  
*Shawnee, Kansas*

**Anafrancesca Comunale ^**

Master of Business Administration  
*La Jolla, California*

**Brittany A. Comunale**

Master of Business Administration  
*La Jolla, California*

**Mary Cooper**

Doctorate in Business Administration  
*Dissertation: "Impact of a Market Orientation  
on the Growth of Accounting Related Master's  
Options to Fulfill the 150-Hour Requirement"*  
*Fayetteville, New York*

**Kamber Durham**

Master of Business Administration  
*Papillion, Nebraska*

**Eman Elahmady \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Waukee, Iowa*

**Walter Frank Kok Wing Eng III**

Master of Business Administration/  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
*Los Altos, California*

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Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Taralynn Forman**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Connor Freeburg**

Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Stephanie Maria Gier**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**William Leighton Gier**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Lorelei E. Glenn\***

Master of Science in Business  
Intelligence and Analytics  
*Bellevue, Nebraska*

**Kristy C. Grayson**

Doctorate in Business Administration  
*Dissertation: "Employee-Based Brand Equity  
and Word-of-Mouth Product Referrals:  
A Grounded Theory Approach"*  
*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
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Master of Business Administration  
*Muscatine, Iowa*

**Kelsey Annette Haswell\***

Master of Business Administration  
*Plattsmouth, Nebraska*

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Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
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*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Accounting  
*Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

**Brady Scott Johnshoy**

Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
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*Prior Lake, Minnesota*

**Travis Alan Justis**

Master of Business Administration  
*Denver, Colorado*

**Nandini Mahesh Kanoi**

Master of Finance  
*Thane, India*

**Laura A. Kauzlarich\***

Doctorate in Business Administration  
*Dissertation: "Domestic violence (DV) at home,  
creativity at work: The effect of DV on workplace  
creativity among its survivors"*  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Joseph Frederick Kimes**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Sommer Star King**

Master of Business Administration  
*Las Vegas, Nevada*

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Master of Business Administration  
*Hiawatha, Iowa*

**Zachary Taylor Kloska\***

Master of Business Administration  
*Highlands Ranch, Colorado*

**Margaret Eileen Knight**

Doctorate in Business Administration  
*Dissertation: "The Millennial Impact on  
Alternative Work Arrangement (AWA)  
Support and the Profile of AWA Naysayers  
in Public Accounting"*  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Sean R. Kroeger**

Master of Business Administration  
*Rock Port, Missouri*

**Erik Bradley Larson**

Master of Business Administration  
*Sunland, California*

**Dillon James Liebenritt**

Master of Finance  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Science in Business  
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*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Business Administration/  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
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**Patrick Mack**

Master of Business Administration  
*St. Johns, Florida*

**Arumayta Martinez†**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Tucson, Arizona*

**Jason Stanley Mayers**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Hays, Kansas*

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Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Benjamin Richard Milder**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Hylan Miller**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Michael Robert Molitoris<sup>^</sup>**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Cary, North Carolina*

**Shane Vincent Moncus**

Master of Business Administration  
*Denton, Texas*

**Kah Meng Moo**

Master of Business Administration  
*Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

**Hugo Morth**

Master of Business Administration  
*Cayenne, French Guiana*

**Kristin Murray\***

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Investment Management  
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*Leawood, Kansas*

**Richele Takeko Oshio Ohara**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Bailey Marie Norby**

Master of Business Administration  
*Forest Lake, Minnesota*

**Sarah Lynn Oliver\***

Master of Business Administration  
*Bellevue, Nebraska*

**Anica C. Olson**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Travis John Owens**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

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Master of Business Administration  
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Master of Science in Business  
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Master of Finance  
*St. Helena, Nebraska*

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Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Dousman, Wisconsin*

**Sydney E. Richards**

Master of Business Administration  
*Denver, Colorado*

**Anna Christina Rooney**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Tyler Sawyer**

Master of Business Administration  
*Council Bluffs, Iowa*

**Trevor Patrick Scannell**

Master of Business Administration  
*Greenwood Village, Colorado*

**Thomas Kelly Scardino Jr. \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Savannah, Georgia*

**Matthew Quinn Schmidt**

Master of Business Administration  
*Denver, Colorado*

**Elizabeth Ann Spurny \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Lee's Summit, Missouri*

**Rudy Spurr**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Kingston, Ontario*

**Alanna Machele Stadstad \***

Master of Business Administration/  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
*Plentywood, Montana*

**Andrew R. Synhorst**

Master of Business Administration  
*Papillion, Nebraska*

**Andrew Samuel Taylor \***

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Brian Arthur Thesenvitz**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Woodbury, Minnesota*

**Olena Tsiovkh**

Master of Business Administration  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Matthew Wallis**

Master of Business Administration/  
Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Scottsdale, Arizona*

**Raymond Wellman**

Master of Business Administration  
*Neola, Iowa*

**Robert W. Wilberg**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Chicago, Illinois*

**Lara Marie Williams**

Master of Business Administration  
*Pierre, South Dakota*

**Tanya Antoinette Wilson**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Indianapolis, Indiana*

**Caitlin Rose Wiste**

Master of Business Administration  
*Fargo, North Dakota*

**Shawn Wolf-Lewis**

Master of Investment Management  
and Financial Analysis  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

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**SYMBOL KEY**

† Degree conferred August 2017

^ Degree conferred December 2017

\* Candidate for degree August 2018

§ Candidate for degree December 2018

# Honors and Awards

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Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, a national business administration honor society awarded to graduate students who rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

- Doctorate in Business Administration students  
**Mary Cooper; Kristy Grayson; Margaret Knight**
- Master of Accounting student **Darby Hugunin**
- Master of Business Administration students **Abigail Alago; Aaron Anderson; Anafrancesca Comunale; Brittany Comunale; Laura Chinen; Tyler Clement; Kamber Durham; Walter Frank Eng; Stephanie Gier; William Gier; Meghan Harris; Sommer King; Travis Klopfenstein; Bailey Norby; Sarah Oliver; Andrew Synhorst; Caitlin Wiste**
- Master of Science in Business Intelligence and Analytics student  
**Lorelei Glenn**
- Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis student  
**Amy Bellenbaum**
- Master of Finance student **Nandini Kanoi**
- Master of Business Administration/Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis student **Connor Freeburg**



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Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility recognizes Heider College of Business graduate students who serve their community each semester in a leadership role or perform 15 hours of confirmed community service and attend a synthesis session.

- Master of Business Administration students **Brittany Comunale; Kamber Durham; Kelsey Haswell**
- Master of Business Administration/Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis student **Brady Johnshoy**
- Master of Finance student **Nandini Kanoi**
- Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis student **Michael Molitoris**

Graduate assistants assist Heider College of Business endowed chairholders and faculty with research and special projects.

- Master of Business Administration students **Gad Azulay; Tyler Clement; Sommer King**
- Master of Finance student **Nandini Kanoi**
- Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis student **Quang Nguyen**

# The History of Academic Regalia

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The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates as they march into the commencement hall, and even the different colors you see on them, have historical origins and significance. During the Middle Ages, scholars at the earliest English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in the poorly heated, drafty stone buildings. Most of the scholars were also monks or priests and, as such, had the hair shaved from the crowns of their heads in the distinctive clerical tonsure. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time, and the hood was chosen by the early scholars to indicate by color, trim or binding the degree held by the wearer.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates to colonial times, although it was not formally adopted until near the end of the 19th Century, when it was chosen as appropriate attire by the Intercollegiate Commission during a meeting in New York. Since, it has remained the general standard in America, with some variations occurring at individual institutions. In the United States, black is the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions allow holders of doctoral degrees to wear robes in the university's colors.

The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The bachelor's robe has long, pointed sleeves. The master's robe has sleeves that are oblong and closed at the ends, with slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with a velvet facing on the front and at the neck and three velvet bars on each sleeve. The velvet may be black or of a color that symbolizes the degree held by the wearer.

The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square, tasseled "mortarboard." Some American universities, however, use berets, and in other countries a variety of styles of head coverings is worn with academic regalia. The tassel is worn over the right front quarter of the mortarboard and then moved to the left side once the student receives his/her diploma.

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The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress, which through color and design may indicate the wearer's degree and the institution at which that degree was earned. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded. Hoods vary in length. The bachelor's hood is about three feet long, the master's slightly longer and the doctoral version is longer still and is decorated with broad color panels.

Candidates have the hood ceremoniously placed upon them at the appropriate time during the ceremony. Additionally, the Inter-Collegiate Code allows for the wearing of the hood into the commencement ceremony as part of the academic procession.

Only one hood may be worn at any given time. Trim colors may not be combined or displayed together in any way to indicate more than one academic field. The regalia indicating the highest degree attained is usually worn, though the Code seems to allow for a graduate to revert for some occasion to the entire academic costume (e.g., robe style, trim width, hood length, etc.) of a lesser degree earned. Those who hold multiple degrees of the same level (i.e., more than one master's or doctorate degree) may wear at any given time the regalia, in its entirety, of any one degree earned.

The Code does not allow for "mixing-and-matching." The regalia prescribed by an academic institution and the degree awarded by that institution to the wearer (as indicated by trim color, hood length, robe style, etc.) must be consistent. The one exception is for officers of the academic institution who, while wearing a doctoral gown of the University being served, may display one hood from any degree earned from any institution.

## Alumni Association

On behalf of the Creighton Alumni Association, we congratulate you on your significant achievement and welcome you to the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Creighton University. With your degree, you commence a new connection with Creighton, joining a worldwide community of Creighton alumni as an official member of the Alumni Association. Through the association, you gain access to networking and mentoring opportunities, event invitations, and much more. Additional information is available at [alumni.creighton.edu](http://alumni.creighton.edu). For those that wish to extend their Creighton experience to the next generation of Creighton students, please do so through a gift of any size at [creighton.edu/giving](http://creighton.edu/giving).

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