



Brigham Young University
College of Humanities
Convocation

April 25, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Marriott Center

Program

University Representative	Renata Forste International Vice President
Organ Prelude and Processional	Miranda Wilcox Associate Professor, English
Conducting	J. Scott Miller Dean, College of Humanities
Invocation	Rachael Merrill Bachelor of Arts, Applied English Linguistics
Remarks	Dean Miller
Student Address	Siena Christensen Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics
Musical Number "Don't Let Go" Music and Lyrics by Jeremy Christensen Arranged by Stephen Nelson	Dallin Salway, vocalist Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics and Spanish Studies Avry Spencer and Dan VanOrmer, vocalists Cristian Torres, pianist
Graduation Address	Jon Ostenson Associate Professor, English
Presentation of Master's Degrees	
Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees	
Benediction	Beatrice Thurgood Smith Bachelor of Arts, French Teaching
Organ Recessional	Miranda Wilcox

The audience will please remain seated until the graduates have left the hall.

Convocation Participants

Rachael Merrill is graduating with a bachelor of arts in applied English linguistics and a minor in Japanese. Born and raised in Colorado with her twin and older sisters, she considers it a great blessing to have brought both her sister and the mountains with her to BYU. Early in her time at BYU, Merrill participated in a multicultural study abroad in Europe, which sparked a deep passion for the people, culture, and languages of the world. She further explored this passion through sociolinguistic research at BYU and the University of Utah. Some of her work is published in BYU's 2024 *Asian Studies Student Journal*. If you want to find her in her free time, you'll need her sisters' help to track her down—she's probably off on an adventure deep in the mountains. Merrill is excited to go forth and serve through her work at a global nonprofit humanitarian organization in Salt Lake City.

Siena Christensen is graduating with a bachelor of arts in linguistics and minors in Portuguese and linguistic computing. She is also a graduate of the BYU Honors Program. Born and raised in Provo, Utah, Christensen developed a love of language and the humanities from a young age. During her time at BYU, she worked as a neurolinguistics research assistant, a teaching assistant for several linguistics classes, and a Portuguese translator and translation project manager for BYU Speeches. Her experiences at BYU also led her to live in the Language Immersion Student Residence's Portuguese house for several years; intern with NIRx (a brain-scanning technology company) in Berlin, Germany; join the Portuguese honor society; and play violin in BYU's University Orchestra. Christensen loves to run, knit, solve puzzles, and watch films at BYU's International Cinema. She is planning to pursue a PhD in language science at the University of California, Irvine this fall.

Dallin Salway is graduating with a bachelor of arts in linguistics and Spanish studies. During his time at BYU, he was involved in various performance groups, including BYU Men's Chorus and BYU Folk Dance. Salway plans to become an administrator for skilled nursing facilities, using his passion for music, language, and social connection to foster a positive environment. He is grateful to his parents for their unwavering support and encouragement through every challenge.

Beatrice Thurgood Smith is graduating with a bachelor of arts in French teaching and a minor in Spanish. Originally from northern Virginia, she first found her affinity for languages in a Spanish immersion program. As a BYU freshman, she opted to swap Spanish 321 for French 101, and the excitement she felt on the first day of class is a feeling she has never forgotten. A few months later, she received her mission call to serve in the France Paris Mission (2019–2021), with the assignment to teach in Spanish. At BYU, she taught French 101 and 102 courses for two years; she also worked for BYU's French department as a curriculum designer for those same courses. She and her husband, Wesley Smith, are the soon-to-be proud parents of their first daughter. In the fall, Smith hopes to attend BYU's master's program in second language teaching.

Graduation Speaker

Jon Ostenson, associate professor of English, earned a bachelor of arts in English teaching at BYU. While teaching English at Timpview High School, he completed his MEd and PhD in teaching and learning at the University of Utah. He joined the BYU faculty in 2007 and during his time here has primarily taught courses in writing and grammar pedagogy and young adult literature; he has also enjoyed teaching general education courses like UNIV 101 and first-year writing. His research focuses on writing pedagogy, representations of adolescence in young adult literature, and the development of teachers. Ostenson and his wife, Kyla, have four children and five grandchildren. They love traveling, watching British detective shows, and spending time with their family.

Scholastic Recognition

ROTC Commissions

US AIR FORCE

APRIL 2025

Wilson Matthew Piper
Natali Renee Weiss

US ARMY

DECEMBER 2024

Tayson McClaine Shepherd

APRIL 2025

Stuart J Christiansen

University Honors

Students graduating with University Honors have completed several interdisciplinary General Education courses, performed educational service or studied in a foreign setting, written an interdisciplinary essay and a thesis, and defended a thesis in their major discipline.

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Cielo Corinne Bake
Lauren Andrea Schmalz

APRIL 2025

Annabella May Blowers
Siena Christensen
Kaia Kadi-Marie Hathaway
Sophie Elisabeth Hirtle
Ellen Elisabeth Jensen
Elijah Lorence Pearce

JUNE 2025

Luka Christian Romney
Brooke Noelle Smith
Janai Ruth Wright

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi inductees are required to uphold superior scholarship and good character. Unlike a fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi is an honor society.

DECEMBER 2024

Cutter Bronc Mendenhall

APRIL 2025

Sophie Elisabeth Hirtle
Kylie Holladay
Rachael Merrill
Alison West

Academic Honors

Students who receive the academic honors summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude will have this designation indicated on their individual transcripts after final grades are posted.

Graduate Programs

MASTER OF ARTS

Comparative Arts and Letters

COMPARATIVE STUDIES

DECEMBER 2024

Kendall Evonne da Silva
Merry Ling Riddle

APRIL 2025

Claire Marguerite Farnsworth
Nicole Francis
Hannah Kimberle Johansson
Caroline Elizabeth Johnson
Anne Marie Watson

AUGUST 2025

Suzette Kathleen Forston

English

ENGLISH

APRIL 2025

Mercedes Rose Allen
Zerin Eliza Biehn
Elizabeth Katheryne Muir
Busby
Tricia Lynn Cope
Holden Orval d'Evegnée
Rachel Diane Gouff

Tabetha Anne Madsen
Washington Carlyle Pearce
Eli Marchant Phillips
Matthew William Rudy
Kaylee Anne Smedley
Makenzi Strate
Rachel Marie Terry
Briley Nicole Wyckoff

AUGUST 2025

Annalisa Kimberly
Gulbrandsen
Lacey Madison Hamilton

Language Studies

SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHING (SLAT)

APRIL 2025

Emma Hancock Calderwood
Minha Lee
HaoTian Ye

JUNE 2025

Maria Isabelle Lyon

Linguistics

LINGUISTICS

DECEMBER 2024

Morgan Lindsay Hassell

APRIL 2025

Reid Powell Empey
Kateryna Kravchenko

AUGUST 2025

Nathan Orié Browne

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

APRIL 2025

Nathan Burgess
Aimee Clayton
Joclyn May Farrales
Sarah Jean Freeman
Tessakiree Yvette Garber
Jenna Marie Smith

AUGUST 2025

Merrie Kay Ames

Spanish and Portuguese

PORTUGUESE

APRIL 2025

Alondra Valentina Ramirez
Herrera
Priscila Isabel Rebicki Prestes

SPANISH

DECEMBER 2024

Andrea Isabel Amado-Fajardo

APRIL 2025

Rachel Emily Koncurat
Raquel Olivia Macías Del Valle

Kaitlyn Thiriot Morin
Charlotte Joy Peterson
Silke McKay Schnebly

JUNE 2025

Megan Elise Magleby
Townsend

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

English

CREATIVE WRITING

DECEMBER 2024

Rebecca Catherine Callahan

APRIL 2025

Ammon Timothy Gillins
Tacey Giraldez

Madison Brooke Hancey
Noah Trenton Hickman
Mikayla Renee Johnson
Katherine Elizabeth Romney
Samantha M. Sorenson
W. Gerrit van Dyk

Baccalaureate Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Asian and Near Eastern Languages

Rick McBride, Chair

CHINESE

DECEMBER 2024

Ian Gregory Jones
Max Stewart Strong

APRIL 2025

Heather Lynn Condie
Ryan Giles
Talia Joelle Gluch
Karstina Diane Sorenson

JUNE 2025

Hyrum Troy Ercanbrack

AUGUST 2025

Sarai Isabel Brown

JAPANESE

APRIL 2025

Braden Thomas Hatchett

JUNE 2025

Tyler Embley
Joseph Hyrum Shurtleff

KOREAN

APRIL 2025

Susanna Valerie Clark
Wilson Matthew Piper

JUNE 2025

Chandler Avery Sosa

Comparative Arts and Letters

Kerry Soper, Chair

ART HISTORY AND CURATORIAL STUDIES

DECEMBER 2024

Lucy Ann Jowers Anderson
Melissa Diana Bennett
Annie Mary Cantoran Temple
Isabella Ruby Christensen
Elise Rose Roberts
Kathryn Beth Summerhays
Jane Tingey

APRIL 2025

Kelina Noel Anderson
Alisa Caroline Bartlett
Brooke Elizabeth Bettinger
Marlee Gayle Ormsby
Chamberlain
Hannah Elizabeth Clark
Pacey Errabella Forge
Ariel Celeste Fox
Isabella Bonyata Frazier
Alex Anna Leishman
Emily Eleanor Payne
McCrary
Cordelia Lavender McPhie
Sarah Petersen
Addie Kate Ressler
Bela Roney
Elise Nicole Wells

JUNE 2025

Mekenzie Abigale Johnston
Ashley Michelle Rice

AUGUST 2025

Elise Marie Hatch
Lauryn Anne Platt
Evyne Elise Tanner
Katy Jean Turner

CLASSICAL STUDIES

APRIL 2025

Katie Mykenna Johnson
Abigail Jean Meyers
Clifford Burnell Simpson Jr.
Dallin Grant Skinner

JUNE 2025

Clare Marie Johnson
Victoria A. Nielsen

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

DECEMBER 2024

Kali Sarah Austin

APRIL 2025

Sophie Elisabeth Hirtle
Sadie Anne Richardson

INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES

DECEMBER 2024

Cielo Corinne Bake
Madeleine Eliason
Adriana Dorotea Ferrara
Emma Jenkins
Emily Katherine Johnson
Mary Jane Pedersen
Carol Sebaske Smith

APRIL 2025

Eliza Barber
Lindsay Anne Argyle Becker
Mabel Kay Court
Samantha Susannah Elton
Kylie Holladay
Leah Linda Karren
Sariah Carolyn Kiana
Schuerch King
Satchel John Morgan
Emma Kate Soper
Bryn Elizabeth Stewart

JUNE 2025

Caroline Guilott
 Maren Elizabeth Kennedy
 Luka Christian Romney
 Malia Pearl Thomas

AUGUST 2025

Olivia Anne Barney

English

Deborah Dean, Chair

ENGLISH**DECEMBER 2024**

Payton Marie Andreadakis
 JT Ashby
 Meishe Lyn Asmus
 Kally Ann Billings
 Dahlia Lindsay Breiter
 Melissa Danielle Chevrier
 Spencer Alan Day
 Christyn Michelle Duncan
 Charity Ford
 Madalyn Turgoose Hansen
 Danielle Rae Law
 Isaac Bentley Huerta Lyles
 Anna Pauline Lyman
 Samuel James McIntosh
 Isabella M. McTavish
 Cutter Bronc Mendenhall
 Alike Priscilla Mitchell
 Ansley Annice Morris
 Julia K. Nebeker
 Sarah Michelle Nelson
 Katharine Julia Parsons
 Elizabeth Marilyn Petersen
 Tanner Austin Savage
 Lauren Andrea Schmalz
 Jacobeau Steven Schultz
 Abby Marie Stirland
 Andrea Taylor
 Audrey Brown Windsor

APRIL 2025

Calder Brett Allen
 Chloe Isabelle Chytraus
 Anderl
 Elizabeth Ann Anderson
 Spencer Ellis Anderson
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 Dagny Ball
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 Alyson Bishop
 Annabella May Blowers
 Sarah Michele Burlett
 Kathryn Camille Charles
 Aubrey Charlesworth
 Emily Clifford
 Harrison Lee Dansie
 Madeline Marie Davis
 Katie Elizabeth Fastabend
 Diehl
 Rebekah RaNae Dizes
 Breann Kay Eardley
 Micah Brian Eastwood

Marjorie Jeannette Ferguson
 Talavao Kimoana Tutulu
 Peatau Vaka Folaumahina
 Landry Joice French-Folsom
 Kenna E. Fry
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 Natalya Kaylynn Gamett
 Natalia Garcia
 Michael Scott Gerber
 Emma Michelle Ghiz
 Kara Janae Gibbons
 Jaicie Clayton Graham
 Reese Legara Grindstaff
 Garrett Steven Gunnell
 Jordyn Marie Hansen
 Hayden Keith Hart
 Sabrina Rose Haycock
 Isabella Hunter
 Samuel Jacob Hall Jafek
 Ellen Elisabeth Jensen
 Shelby Lynn Johnson
 Emily Jordan Kennerley
 Ciel Olivia Larson
 Spencer Joseph Ayson Llana
 Avery Gene Lloyd
 Cassidy Elizabeth Matheney
 Caroline Marie McDonald
 Richard Seth Means
 Miriam Brantley Merrill
 Jake Tyler Mitchell
 Melinda Jane Morgan
 Kaden Brent Nelson
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 Lauren Jeannette Palmer
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 Alison West
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 Violet Joy Williams

JUNE 2025

Laura Marie Boyer
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 Kammerman
 Alissa Merrill
 Abigail Rae Overson
 Kayley Alexis Smoot
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 Emily Joann Whitney

AUGUST 2025

Aubrey Kimiko Boyle
 Kate Jane Boyle

Haley Diana Cranney
 Sophia Dawn Brittany Gerald
 Hallie Marissa Hilton
 Hannah Nicole Hunt
 Kayla Morgan Munger
 Gwendolyn Dannyel Rich
 Boyd William Smith
 Sonora Michelle Stephens
 Hannah Rose Swenson
 Jennifer Rachel Tenney

ENGLISH TEACHING**DECEMBER 2024**

Gabriela Marie Hawkes
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 Talia Naomi McKinney

APRIL 2025

Toni Michelle Aguiar
 Sheyla Emaliakawahineali'i
 okaho'owaiwai Pafuti Tai
 Hook Aken
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 Lucy Louise Draper
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 Moana Vavale Mahuika
 Merrill
 Tara Lynn Miller
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 Abigail Ellen Watson
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JUNE 2025

Larissa Ann Beatty
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French and Italian

Bob Hudson, Chair

FRENCH**DECEMBER 2024**

Jennifer Marie Connell
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APRIL 2025

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AUGUST 2025

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FRENCH TEACHING

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APRIL 2025

Katelyn Hannah Flake

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DECEMBER 2024

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Christie Kae Burr
Hannah Daniela Schleith
Nichols
Madison Kaye Sharp

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Alexander Ryan Bills
Morgan Rise Fultz
Jacob Scott Wiley

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Blake Ian Bullock
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Linguistics

Dan Dewey, Chair

APPLIED ENGLISH LINGUISTICS

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Sydney Christley
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Rachael Merrill
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Kayla Rachel Echols

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LINGUISTICS

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Joseph Douglas Blake
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Julie Dianne Anderson
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Shondeen Desiree Lucero
Jessica Pérez Granados
Hannah Noel Smith

AUGUST 2025

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Philosophy

David Jensen, Chair

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 Jackson Aaron Hawkins
 Eva Marie Laraway
 London Lola Warnick
 Sean Joseph Willden
 Jonathan Malachi Williams
 Ethan M Woodruff

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Brooke Noelle Smith
 Janai Ruth Wright

Spanish and Portuguese

Scott Alvord, Chair

PORTUGUESE

DECEMBER 2024

Rebeca Munton

APRIL 2025

Sebastian Michael Demetter
 Alan D. Jones
 Tausala Schwalger Okonah

SPANISH

DECEMBER 2024

Cooper Arndt
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 Naomi Elizabeth Johnson
 Katelynn Brooke Jones
 Jorgen Eric Lowry
 Laurel Noelle Quigley
 Tayson McClaine Shepherd
 Sydney Thomas
 Ramon Luis Torres
 Hernandez Jr

APRIL 2025

Maxwell Bryan Adams
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 Adelyn Belle Berg
 Elise Olivia Cutler
 Camilla Ann Evans
 Thomas Jefferson Glenn
 Grant Farnsworth Gurr
 Wade Alexander Jellings
 Christie Allison Juarez
 Kyle Matthew Ludlow
 Spencer Wyatt Maloy
 Marilyn Kay Michalsky
 Preston R Moe
 Benson Caleb Scoffield
 Joshua Seth Stratford
 Jeffrey David Walch
 Anna Rose Young

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Noah Gilbert Jorgensen
 Corrie Jane Lykins
 Tyler Hamilton Webb

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Joseph Michael James
 Cantrell
 William Benjamin Houseman
 Jeremy Daniel Loewen
 Nicholas Russell Nelson
 Elizabeth Alexis Oliveros
 Audrey Anne Payne

SPANISH TEACHING

DECEMBER 2024

Camille Henrie Acosta
 Samuel Enrique Gunn

APRIL 2025

Madeline Rose Narvaez
 Kayla Elizabeth Peless
 Jessica Christine McNiven
 Pratt

JUNE 2025

Kristen Leah Taylor

SPANISH TRANSLATION

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Elle Jo Richards
 Karla Selene Torres Chavez

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Natally Rachel Mendoza
 Cardenas

JUNE 2025

Irina Arévalo Valverde
 Conner Russell Covey
 Sarah A Mathusek
 Esther Schwartz

AUGUST 2025

Mary Watson-Olivares

**BACHELOR OF
GENERAL STUDIES**

General Studies

DECEMBER 2024

Brendan John Huber
 Julie Hayden Shafer

APRIL 2025

Alyssa L. Cluff Brownrigg
 Leanne Bingham Hansen
 Rebekah Ann Hartshorn
 Kimberly L Staker
 Lisa D Petersen Tippetts

JUNE 2025

Colette Cathey Steele

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 Ceremony participants walking early are not listed in this program.*