

MANSFIELD



SPRING 2025

*Commencement*

CONVOCATION

May 17, 2025  
Karl Van Norman Field

Please be informed that all candidates for degrees and all honors designated for degrees earned are determined according to the academic record that includes the student's last semester which becomes official once all grades have been submitted and posted. A student's receipt of degree and the declaration of related honors must be confirmed and validated by the final transcript.

In all cases, the actual awarding of a degree by the university is subject to verification by the registrar. Time limitations associated with commencement make such verification before this ceremony impossible. Therefore these exercises are to be considered as ceremonial only.

The views or opinions expressed by the guest speakers at today's commencement are their own and do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of Commonwealth University.

## **Mansfield Campus Emergency Procedures**

The Mansfield Campus of Commonwealth University is excited to welcome you to commencement, your safety is a priority, please read the below plan to help better prepare yourself in case of an emergency evacuation.

### **Evacuation:**

Should the need arise to evacuate Karl Van Norman Field for an emergency, everyone should immediately exit the venue following instructions provided via the public address system or event staff and emergency responders.

### **Shelter:**

You may need to shelter during an emergency evacuation. During an incident requiring shelter, everyone will be directed to locations and/or buildings closest to the area. Instructions will be provided via the public address system or event staff and emergency responders.

### **Mobility Impairments:**

Persons with mobility impairments who need assistance evacuating will be assisted by event staff and emergency responders.

### **Medical Emergencies:**

Call 911 if assistance is needed for a medical emergency.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Mansfield Campus Police Department – (570) 662-4900

Mansfield Borough Police Department – (570) 662-3093

Mansfield State Police – (570) 662-2151

Tioga County Emergency Services – 911 or (570) 724-4666 (Non-Emergency)

Tioga County District Attorney's Office – (570) 724-1350

Tioga County Prison – (570) 724-5911

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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Denise L. Dieter, Esquire**

*Lycoming County Magisterial District Judge*

**D**enise L. Dieter was elected to the position of Lycoming County Magisterial District Judge in 2021, based on her substantial legal experience and community reputation.

Dieter earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mansfield University and her Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law. At Mansfield, she was the Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior, Class of 1990, earned the Act 101 Motivation Award, was a member of the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity, and of the field hockey team from 1986 to 1987, and served as president of the Criminal Justice Club.

As a Magisterial District Judge, her duties include issuing warrants for arrest and search and emergency protection orders. Dieter presides over criminal preliminary arraignments to set bail; presides over and adjudicates summary criminal trials; presides over and adjudicates criminal preliminary hearings; presides over and adjudicates certain civil matters; presides over and adjudicates landlord-tenant disputes; presides over and adjudicates truancy hearings and performs weddings.

Dieter created the first "Juvenile Diversionary Program" in a Magisterial District Judge's office in Lycoming County. She also collaborated with the Jersey Shore Area School District to launch the first-ever Attendance Improvement Court at the Jersey Shore High School. In 2016, she established an annual scholarship for a Jersey Shore High School senior who will attend CU-Mansfield University. To date, the scholarship awards have exceeded \$6,000. She is also a member of the Lycoming County Autism Task Force.

Before she was elected a judge, Dieter was retained out of law school to join a growing general practice law firm with a concentration in municipal, estate, and social security disability law and litigation; contributing to doubling of business within 10 years. In 2014, she was the first attorney in Lycoming County to present a case under the Adult Protective Services Act and is a member of the

Lycoming County Elder Abuse Task Force.

Dieter handled multi-municipality regionalization for two sewage treatment plants from start to finish, including overseeing plant construction, facilitating Penn Vest loans, drafting and implementing industrial-user pretreatment plans, obtaining permits, and assuring EPA and DEP compliance.

She also advised and facilitated the regionalization of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department, including managing union, pension, and funding and budgeting issues, and assuring state regulatory compliance.

Dieter was selected to teach other lawyers and paralegals through the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Temple University School of Law. She has also conducted seminars to educate and assist hundreds of individuals with powers of attorney and guardianship issues.

In 1993, Dieter was appointed Solicitor to Lycoming and Clinton County Office of Aging with exclusive authority to employ the Older Adults Protective Services Act to protect seniors from risk of harm or death.

In the community, Dieter is a member of the Jersey Shore YMCA Board (Past President), Jersey Shore Hospital Board, Jersey Shore Historical Committee, Jersey Shore Business and Professional Women's Association, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, a Rescue Road Warriors Emergency Animal Transporter, Big Brothers — Big Sisters and serves as a Little League Coach.



# COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

**May 17, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

*Mace Bearer: Brad Lint, Ph.D.*

*Marshals: Catherine D'Ortona, Ph.D., Glorianne Dziuba, DHSc., Atika Benaddi, Ph.D., Xiaoxuan (Shelly) Ji, Ph.D.*

*Reader: Brad Lint, Ph.D.*

## PROCESSIONAL

### WELCOME

Gretchen Sechrist, Ph.D., Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor, Justin Knarr, Soloist

### INVOCATION (Prayer)

Mara Wilcox, President of Campus Ministry

### PROVOST'S REMARKS

Michelle Kiec, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

### GREETINGS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Ms. Angela Smith, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ms. Denise Dieter, Magisterial District Judge

### GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Mr. Justin Knarr, Vice President, Student Government Association, Mansfield

### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Gretchen Sechrist, Ph.D., Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Michelle Kiec, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

### ALUMNI WELCOME

Bryan Lane, President of Alumni Board, Class of 1987

### ALMA MATER

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor, Justin Knarr, Student Soloist

### RECESSIONAL

Mountaineer Brass Band, Nathan D. Rinnert, Ph.D., Conductor

# HONOR GRADUATES

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Daniel James Barker Jr.  
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Kendal Warren  
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## *Magna Cum Laude*

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Morgan Elizabeth Brian	Miah Noel Lehman
Kiefer Austin Brien	Jessa Rene Lohr
Emalie Yvonne Caccia	Tarah Rose Loziere
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Winona Crawford	Colby Alan Pentecost
Lindsey Grace Croll	Jackson Woods Pritchard
Melissa Kate Demo	Annabella Rose Putnam
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Stephanie Harkenrider	Lucas James Sherwood
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Kylea Skyler Cloud Higgins	Victoria Rose Wormuth

*Associate Degree with Honors* \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Smith

# COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

***Art History (BA)***

Melissa Ann DeJoseph  
Cali M. Phares  
Hannah Irene Starinieri

***Communication (BS)***

Ja'Quan Carter  
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***Criminal Justice (AS)***

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***Criminal Justice (BS)***

Destiny Marie Hill  
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***Criminal Justice  
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Shelby L. Retorto

***Criminal Justice  
Administration (BS)***

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Brian Jonathan Aybar  
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Natalie Marie Blackstone  
Benjamin Josiah Briggs  
Joce Mikael Carter  
Autumn Eve Dixon  
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Lake Reid Merryman  
Jonathan Perez  
Kaitlin Lea Pritchky  
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Reichelderfer  
Lucas James Sherwood  
Isaac Samuel Showers  
Owen Jacob Showers  
Ashley Elizabeth Stille  
Ryan R. Verbonitz  
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***Curriculum & Instruction  
(MED)***

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***Early Childhood  
& Elementary Education  
(BSEd)***

Ashleigh Rose Allen  
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Joshua Michael Beers  
Hayley Marie Bogart  
Jessica Marie Brooks  
Makenzie Destiny Cratsley  
Charisma Danielle Grega  
Jenna Ann Hemighaus  
Morgan Grace Joner  
Miah Noel Lehman  
Jessa Rene Lohr  
Kaylie Rose Patterson  
Bryce Maquel Ripley  
Madelyn G. Rudy  
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***Early Childhood Education  
(BSEd)***

Gabriella Nicole Stephens

***English (BA)***

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***Graphic Design (BS)***

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# COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## *History (BA)*

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Molly Taylor Hyde  
Devin Micheal Marsh  
Kobe Charles Terwilliger  
Kendal Warren

## *Liberal Studies (BA)*

Jordan C. Montgomery

## *Media & Journalism (BA)*

Blaze Elizabeth Wood

## *Multidisciplinary Studies (BA)*

Heather L. Blackman  
Nasir Juana Brown  
Lacey Elizabeth Anne Hiles  
Patton Bradley Montgomery  
Ashley Marie Neff  
Sheena L. Owen  
Amy M. Potter  
Simon R. Richards  
Emma Grace Richman  
Emily Santillana  
Hayley E. Skillens

## *Music (BA)*

Mitchell Eugene Freeland  
Shaojing Guo  
David James Hull  
Kreslynn Glory Kilmer  
Bryce D. Klinger  
Sierra Jade Ramsey  
Mathew Alexander Thomas

## *Music (BM)*

Steven Thomas Backenstoos  
Kiefer Austin Brien  
Zane Miles Herzog  
Samuel Ethan Jacobsen  
Kyla Nicole Kemper  
Jeremiah Daniel Loubriel  
Ashley Rae Newell  
Carter Ray Route  
Ella Mae Sherman  
Taylor Renee Stevens  
Carson Joseph Witherite  
Victoria Rose Wormuth

## *Music Education (BM)*

Jennifer Grace Andrianos  
Alexzander Scott  
O'Rourke Baer  
Emalie Yvonne Caccia  
Ariana Mae Carleton  
Angelina Colón  
Sarah Nichole Cronin  
Haleigh Renee Moore  
Martha Rosella Roes  
Taylor Renee Stevens  
Carson Joseph Witherite  
Victoria Rose Wormuth

## *Political Science (BA)*

Hännah Marie Hind  
Jacob Eldon Houtz  
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Mackenzie Gloria Warner  
Deja Rose Monae Weaver

## *Professional Studies in Secondary Education (BSEd)*

Sarah B. Cassavaugh  
Chad D. Coleman  
Isabelle Joy Edwards  
Ashley Mackenzie LaGrelus  
Anna Elizabeth Lewis  
Jackson Woods Pritchard  
Caden Roys  
Abigail Marie Taylor  
David Michael Wootten

## *Psychology (BS)*

Alexis Lynn Adams  
Grace A. Bakewell  
Daniel James Barker Jr.  
Morgan Elizabeth Brian  
# Lia Michelle Caridad  
Cassidy Nichole Chandler  
Brett Barry John Chilson  
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# COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

***Social Work (BSW)***

Mya Morgan Allen  
Marcus Clayton  
Anna Jeanne Comly  
Ashley Dexter  
Jacob S. Foster  
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Joyce Ruiz  
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***Special Education (BSEd)***

Alexander Sabastian Bloss

***Special Education (MEd)***

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***Special Education  
& Early Childhood  
Education (BSEd)***

Danielle Adora Drain  
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Katelyn Vivian Mae Mesch  
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***Visual Arts (BA)***

Jeffrey William Coakley  
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# COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## ***Biology (BS)***

Sadie M. Beers  
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Shardonnia Shatayia Raquelle  
Drummond  
# Magi Marie Earnest  
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Cole Spencer Pennington  
Beaux Michael Spurgeon  
Rohrbaugh  
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Kana D. Showers  
Cole J. Sutton

## ***Biology (MS)***

Deanna Michelle Lamphere  
Johnson  
Kade K. Showers  
Graham Zechman

## ***Biomedical Sciences (BS)***

Gina Perrin Mazariegos  
Autumn Rose Renfro

## ***Chemistry (BS)***

Hailey M. Jayne  
Tessa M. Oberther  
William J. O'Brien

## ***Computer & Information Science (BS)***

Dalton Gabriel Bedell  
Dominic Francis Cherry  
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Austin T. Lewis  
Kyle William Smith  
Jacob Ryan Walk

## ***Environmental, Geographical, & Geological Sciences (BS)***

Andrew Peter Janelli  
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## ***Environmental Technology (AAS)***

Genesis Bushnell

## ***Geosciences (BS)***

Carrie Claypool  
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## ***Mathematics (BS)***

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## ***Nursing (BSN)***

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Kerrah Leigh Clymer  
Cassidy Jordyn  
Winona Crawford  
Kelly J. Decker  
Matthew Tyler Dimick  
Tawyana Sue Dinsmore  
Sariannah Brinae Ellis  
Jefe Francisque  
Ian Thomas Gibbons  
Sophia K. Gleckner  
Lauren Mary Grello  
Katlyn Delfine Gusse  
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Margaret A. Merillat  
Jaime Renee Palmer  
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Kathleen Mary Seewald  
Sydney Lynn Shatzer  
Catherine Elizabeth Simone  
Kristy Lynn Smith  
Taylor Grace Vanderpool  
Madison Grace Weiser

# COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

***Nutrition (BS)***

Jackson Adams Doughty  
Grace Ann Foltz  
Jadyn Ann Gardner  
Colin Joseph Holzman  
Joseph Andrew Krause  
Ryan James Lambert  
Taylar Paige Luckenbill  
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Katelyn Rueppel

***Radiologic Technology (AAS)***

Emillie Anne Carson  
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Kendall Lee Wilson

***Respiratory Care (BS)***

Catrina Marie Bagwell  
Shelby Park

***Sport & Performance  
Psychology (MS)***

Emily R. Smith  
L.J. Stansbury

# ZEIGLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## ***Business Administration (AS)***

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Mason David Shultz  
Linda Smith

## ***Business Administration (BS)***

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Baldwin Gerard  
Katie May Glover  
Jackson Edward Halla  
Mohamed Jalloh  
Sophia Madeline Kurtz  
Alexander J. Moon  
Chase David Moser  
Lillian Marie Pedro  
Ashtyn Makenzie Price  
Latrenton Chase Randle  
Alexandria Robinson  
Kiara B. Thetga  
Aaron W. Thomas  
Madison C. Watts

## ***Business Administration (BSBA)***

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Abigail Novick  
Nicholas T. Shores  
Andrew Tkatch

## ***Business Administration (MBA)***

Mary Anne Morrow  
Kenedy Ann Stroup

## ***Sport Management (MS)***

Trey Michael Gibson  
Corey James Williams

# THE UNIVERSITY

**M**ansfield University dates to 1857 when the Mansfield Classical Seminary opened with 105 students. In 1862, the institution was designated a State Normal School for the training of teachers.

Enrollment had grown to 400 by 1905. In 1927, Mansfield became the first school in Pennsylvania to be designated a State Teachers College, authorized by the State Board of Education to grant bachelor of science degrees in elementary and secondary education, music, and home economics.

In 1960, the school became Mansfield State College, a multi-purpose institution offering a broad range of curricula. On July 1, 1983, Mansfield University became a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. In an effort to expand high-quality, affordable academic opportunities to support the needs of all learners,

Mansfield integrated with Bloomsburg and Lock Haven universities to form Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania in 2022.

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**T**he Mansfield University Alumni Association congratulates all of today's graduates, and we welcome each of you as our newest members. Today, Mansfield alumni benefit from an expanded network that now includes 145,000 graduates of Mansfield, Lock Haven, and Bloomsburg.

Mansfield continues to have professional staff on campus dedicated to support Mansfield alumni of all generations. Mansfield-specific alumni

programming includes Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, and regional receptions.

The Alumni Office and Career and Professional Development have been combined to create the Alumni and Professional Engagement Office to expand alumni engagement with students through Professional U. Professional U is Commonwealth University's focus on more fully integrating alumni and employers in the student experience to ensure our graduates are well-positioned for their careers.

## FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Alumni Affairs and Advancement, Ground Floor, Alumni Hall, 888-305-6505

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# MANSFIELD ALMA MATER

## MANSFIELD, HAIL!

Written in 1917.

Words and Music by  
WILL GEORGE BUTLER, Mus. Doc.

Class of 1897

*Vigorous.*

1. Old Mans-field, high up - on the east - ern hill, Dear Mans-field, hail to thee!  
2. The world is bet - ter for the bea - con light Which thou hast shed a - broad,  
3. We nev - er can for - get the days we've spent With - in thy hal - low'd walls,  
4. The vis - ion that we caught be - neath thy spell Has o - pened up the way

Thy loy - al sons and daughters with a will Sa - lute in mel - o - dy.  
Strong hearts are stronger for the test - ing fight That leads men up to God.  
We'll learn sometime what all your les - sons meant When lar - ger du - ty calls,  
To op - por - tun - i - ty and serv - ing well Up - on the King's high-way.

We bring a lau - rel wreath of praise, And pledge our love thro' all the days;  
In all the va - ried walks of life, In peace - ful paths and stress of strife,  
For ev - 'ry law and rule of thine Is made to fit our life's de - sign.  
We love the mem - 'ry of thy ways, Strong lads and lass - ies fair as says:

Our Al - ma Ma - ter, dear, all hail to thee! Old Mans-field, hail to thee!  
We find thy sons and daughters true to thee, Old Mans-field, hail to thee!  
We'll con - se - crate our lives to Truth and thee, Old Mans-field, hail to thee!  
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, dear, all hail to thee, Old Mans-field, hail to thee!

MANSFIELD 

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