



THIEL COLLEGE

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The One Hundred Fortieth Commencement of Thiel College

*Sunday, May Fourth
Two Thousand Fourteen
Two O'Clock
William A. Passavant Memorial Center
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

OUR MISSION

Thiel College, an academic institution in the Lutheran tradition, empowers individuals to reach their full potential by assuring educational excellence, stimulating global awareness, promoting ethical and responsible leadership, and preparing students for careers so that lives inspired by truth and freedom may be committed to service in the world.

The Order of the Exercises

PRELUDE

Reverie.....Claude Debussy

Kathryn A. Gray, M.M., Adjunct Professor of Music & College Organist

Andrew S. Erb, Director of Bands & Trumpet

Rondeau and Fanfares.....Jean-Joseph Mouret

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.....J.S. Bach

Hornpipe Georg Frideric Handel

*PROCESSIONAL

Faculty Marshal, Candidates for Degrees, Faculty, Platform Party

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 9Edward Elgar

Ms. Gray & Mr. Erb

*PLACING OF THE COLLEGE MACE..... Christopher H. Moinet, Ph.D.

Professor of English - Faculty Marshal

*OPENING PRAYER..... The Rev. Jayne Thompson

College Pastor

WELCOME..... Troy D. VanAken, Ph.D.

President

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER..... President VanAken

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSM. Roy Strausbaugh, Ph.D.

“There’s a Ship Lies Rigged and Ready in the Harbor”

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREEMark A. Benninghoff ’82

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Dr. M. Roy Strausbaugh Presented by Dr. Barry D. Stamm ’70

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RECOGNITION OF EMERITI FACULTYLynn Franken, Ph.D.

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Nicholas Despo, Ph.D., Paul M. Rike Professor of Life Sciences..... Presented by Dr. Franken

Judith Newton, M.A., M.S. Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Presented by Dr. Franken

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arranged by Alice Parker
Worthy to be Praised Byron J. Smith
The Thiel Choir ~ Michael A. Bray, D.M.A., Conductor

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES..... Mary Theresa Hall, Ph.D.
Professor of English, Faculty Chair

GREETINGS FROM THE CLASS OF 2014 Ryan Carson, Senior Class President

PRESENTATION OF THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT Ryan Carson, Senior Class President

SENIOR ADDRESS..... Sarah J. Jefferson
“The Home I’ve Ever Loved” (THIEL)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN Dr. M. T. Hall

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS Dr. Franken

AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS President VanAken
Chairman Benninghoff

DISTRIBUTION OF ALUMNI FLOWERS Charles Goodrick ’74
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

CONFERRING OF DEGREES President VanAken

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Moinet

*HAIL, ALMA MATER Friedrich F. Flemming
lyrics by E. Grace Hunton, c. 1900

1. Hail, Alma Mater, on thy hill enthroned,
Firm as a mountain may’st thou stand enduring
Fair as the Valley of thine own Shenango.
Hail, Alma Mater!

2. Hail, Alma Mater, may thy torch forever
Shed light resplendent for thy God and Country;
Send the flame onward to all generations.
Hail, Alma Mater!

3. Hail, Alma Mater, we thy children pledge thee
Here our devotion, loyal, true and tender;
Thee will we cherish, praise thy name forever.
Hail, Alma Mater!

*CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Thompson

*REMOVAL OF THE COLLEGE MACE Dr. Moinet

*RECESSIONAL

Procesión Alegre Garry A. Cornell
Ms. Gray, Mr. Erb

**The audience will please rise.*

M. Roy Strausbaugh, Ph.D.



☞ *Commencement Speaker* ☞

Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree Awardee

Dr. M. Roy Strausbaugh is a retired Visiting Professor and Dean at Mercyhurst University and a former Dean and Professor Emeritus at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He spent forty-seven years in higher education, serving twenty-nine years as a professor. His tenure included five years as department chair of history at Edinboro; six years as chair of history at Mercyhurst; and twenty-eight years in progressively responsible leadership positions in management and administration – including substantial experience in academic affairs and financial management. Dr. Strausbaugh also served in a leadership capacity on Edinboro's and Mercyhurst's accreditation planning teams four times. A graduate of Millersville State College with a BS in Social Studies Education, Dr. Strausbaugh furthered his education earning an MA in History at Indiana University (Bloomington), and a Ph.D. in History (European Diplomatic) from Case Western Reserve University with post-doctoral studies in the History of Medicine at the University of London.

Dr. Strausbaugh received commendation from the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and citation for leadership and service as the President and Co-founder of the Flagship Niagara League, an affiliate of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He has received the Distinguished Service and Excellence in Teaching awards at Edinboro State College/University.

Dr. Strausbaugh has authored two books on higher education: **Edinboro University, An Administrative History, 1963-1993**. Edinboro University Services, 1996, and **The Foundations of a University, Mercyhurst in the Twentieth Century**. Mercyhurst University, 2013. He served as a Trustee of the Thiel College Board from 2000-2011 and as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2007-2011. He is former chair and board member of Edinboro University Services, Inc. and founding president of the Edinboro University Foundation, Inc. He is former Commodore and member of the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club.

Roy and his wife, Rosanna, a retired teacher, live in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Nicholas Despo, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology and Paul M. Rike Professor of Life Sciences
☞ *Professor Emeritus* ☞



Dr. Despo received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Penn State, a Master of Science in biological sciences from Duquesne University, and a doctorate in physiology from Rutgers University. After an interim appointment at Juniata College, he was hired at Thiel College in 1974. In his more than 39 years at Thiel, Dr. Despo has served on numerous committees as chair and member, including Curriculum Study, Enrollment Management, Faculty Council, Executive Committee of Faculty Council, and the Institutional Planning and Budget Committee. He established Thiel College's Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Utilization Committee (these last two concerning human and animal research, respectively). Dr. Despo was Chair of the Faculty and in 2002, received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, he received the Professor of the Year Award in February 2014. He served as faculty adviser to Alpha Chi, Thiel College's National Honorary Society, in addition to Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honorary Society. In 2012, he was named the Paul M. Rike Professor of Life Sciences, one of two endowed chairs at Thiel. Additionally, he is on the Resch Scholarship Selection Committee.

Dr. Despo served as Chair of the Biology department for 17 years and is the interim director of the Neuroscience program. Nick is the “vertebrate” person in the Biology department, teaching comparative and human anatomy and animal and human physiology. He has taught Developmental Biology, Cell Biology, and Foundations of Biology and has mentored numerous students for their senior research projects. During his career, he has also taught in the Dietrich Honors Program and the First-Year Seminar, in addition to serving as coordinator of core course “The Sciences and Our Global Heritage” and founder of the Thiel Research Symposium.

Despo assumed a hefty advising load as the coordinator of Thiel College's Medical Technology and Cytotechnology programs and advised pre-professional students for medical and veterinary schools, physician assistant and physical therapy schools. He holds active membership in many professional organizations, including the Western PA Chapter of Sigma Xi, the American Society of Zoologists, the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (where he is chair of the Animal Use Committee), and is an affiliate of the American Physiological Society. He and his wife, Pamela Despo, M.S., NP-C, coordinator of Health Services at Thiel College, have two children, John and Tacia, and share a home with four cats on Pymatuning Lake.

Judith Newton, M.A., M.S.
Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science
☞ *Professor Emerita* ☞



Professor Judith Newton earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Santa Clara University and a Master of Arts in mathematics from the University of New Mexico. She also holds a Master of Science degree in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh. She began her tenure at Thiel in 1973 and has served in a variety of administrative and academic capacities. She was instrumental in helping to create the computer science major at Thiel and has served as the Chair of the math and Computer Science Departments and on many college committees, including Academic Standing, Faculty Council, Promotion and Tenure, Enrollment Management, Faculty Executive, Strategic Planning, Salary and Fringe Benefits, Institutional Planning and Budgeting, and Honorary Degree.

Professional activities include a 30-year membership in the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and frequently sponsoring student participation in the annual ACM regional contest. She has accompanied student teams to competition in the U.S. and Canada and developed two systems for outside agencies – a contract management database for the West Central Job Partnership, and a client monitoring system for the Literacy Council of Mercer County. She has written computer code for student registration, managed the administrative computer system during transition, and served as an assistant academic dean.

Professor Newton was recognized for excellence in teaching by the Thiel chapter of Lambda Sigma honor society and has received the President's Award for Teaching Excellence, the Distinguished Teaching Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and was named the Professor of the Year in February 2014. She has served on the board of the Literacy Council of Mercer County for many years. She has one daughter, Marguerite Reynolds, and resides in Greenville, PA.

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- ❖ Honors Program Graduate
- Candidate for Pennsylvania Department of Education Teacher Certification
- ◆ These students met requirements for the American Chemical Society Certification
- * These students satisfied degree requirements in December 2013.
- + These students will satisfy degree requirements during summer 2014.
- These students will satisfy degree requirements in December 2014.
- Student of the month
- ▷ Student of the month, honorable mention

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The gowns, hoods and caps worn in the academic ceremonies today are relics of clothing worn in medieval times by students and professors. In the early universities—Bologna, Paris, Oxford—professors wore more colorful academic regalia than do their modern-day descendants. The gowns and hoods were probably worn for warmth in the unheated halls where lectures were delivered.

Since 1895, in the United States, the colors and types of caps and gowns have been largely standardized. In 1932, the code was revised to some extent, and in 1960, it was revised once more. A few American universities have adopted gowns other than black in color, and in European universities there is more diversity in cut and in the cap than prevails in the United States.

TASSELS

The tassels worn on the caps may or may not be of the same types. In some institutions, all masters' and bachelors' tassels are black; in others, the tassels, which are the same as the colors on the facing of the hoods, reflect the degree received. The tassels worn by doctors may be black or gold thread.

GOWNS

The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves, and is designed to be worn open or closed.

TRIMMINGS

None for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves; or these facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

HOODS

The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree is three feet; for the master's degree it is three and one-half feet; and for the doctor's degree, it is four feet; that worn for the doctor's degree shall have panels at the sides.

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as chevron or chevrons, equal divisions, etc.

The binding or edging of the hood is of velvet or velveteen, two, three and five inches in width for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively, while the color is distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

COLORS

For all academic purposes, including trimming of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown
Forestry, Environmental Studies, Sustainability	Russet
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science, Information Management	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Oratory, Speech, Communications	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education, Manual Therapy, Physical Therapy	Sage Green
Public Administration, Public Policy, Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science (both "Social" & "Natural")	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology, Divinity.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Grey

GRADUATION HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kelsey Elizabeth Adair ♦
Kimberly Ann Ault
Alyssa Jo Bartlett
John Wright Beal ♦
Jacquelyn Laura-Ann Buentello ♦
Jared Luke Hoffacker ♦
Samantha Donn Hoffman ♦
Leah Marie Kook ♦
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Melissa Kate Sloan
Casey Elizabeth Smith
Kayla Brienne Smith
Shyanne Michele Stouffer
Bryce Robert Whittingham
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Graduation Honors: Seniors who have completed at least 60 credit hours in residence at Thiel are eligible for graduation honors. Those who have a grade point average of 3.80 or higher are graduated summa cum laude. Those who have attained a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79 are graduated magna cum laude, while those who have a grade point average of 3.40 to 3.59 are awarded cum laude.

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Thiel is approaching its 150th anniversary in 2016. As you have come to expect, we enjoy a rich history of accomplishment and graduate success. Much like your experience at Thiel, the growth of the college continues through our strategic plan, forging a path filled with excitement, challenge and learning opportunities. As you have witnessed, success could not be achieved without a tremendous amount of hard work, patience and perseverance.

Today marks a day of notable achievement in your young life. This achievement represents a special time when you, your family and friends might pause and recognize your achievement(s) and celebrate the memories and friendships developed over your years at Thiel College. It is well recognized that this day represents the formation of a solid foundation for your future.

This period also signifies a crossroads. Do you continue with your education, or enter the world to seek your fortune and fame? The world you are about to enter has become extremely complex. Do not be discouraged by the negative and misleading news headlines. The world is changing rapidly and offers more opportunities today than at any time in history—opportunities that are there for the taking, especially for those individuals willing and able to open their minds to the possibilities.

Regardless of your chosen path, remain true to your values, live simply, speak kindly, care deeply and love generously. Somewhere in your future, you will find the right person, a rewarding career and be able to make a positive difference in someone's life.

The Alumni Board requests that you begin this positive difference journey by giving back to those who gave to you. The best way to achieve this is to become an active member of the Thiel College Alumni Association. Start the next phase of your life by making the decision to help the next generation of Thiel College graduates on their path to success. Join the Alumni Association today.

Wishing you the very best health and happiness,

*Charles Goodrick '74
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*DVDs of today's Commencement exercises will be available for purchase.
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