



**Brigham Young University**  
*College of Computational, Mathematical,  
and Physical Sciences*

April 24, 2025

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

2:00 p.m.

*Department of Computer Science*  
*(Computer Science and Computer Science: Software Engineering)*

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## Convocation Participants

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**Stephen Michael Amos**, son of Daniel and Caroline Amos of Cambridgeshire, England, is receiving his bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in music. Throughout college he has supported himself by working in various student jobs, including accounting clerk, research assistant, web developer, and teaching assistant. As a research assistant for the Physics Department, he presented in England on using machine learning to estimate the acoustic properties of seabeds, later publishing his work in *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*. As a teaching assistant in the Computer Science Department, he coauthored a DevOps and quality assurance class with Professor Lee Jensen. In his free time Stephen enjoys reading, photography, and playing basketball. After graduation he hopes to launch his career as a software engineer in Utah.

**David Udo Gaag** is the son of Lisa Krulish and Udo Gaag. He is graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in computer science. From 2018 to 2020 he served a mission in Russia and the Baltics. At BYU, David was a member of the renowned a cappella group Vocal Point, performing in nearly 150 concerts, appearing in more than 15 music videos, and touring widely. It was through Vocal Point that he met his wife, Kelsey Gaag, whom he married in May 2023. Beyond music, David explored various areas of computer science, participating in research labs with Dr. Jones in human-computer interaction, Dr. Zappala in usable security and privacy, and Dr. Farrell in computer vision. In his free time he enjoys making music, playing video games, and spending time with friends and family. After graduation he and Kelsey look forward to starting a family and embracing new adventures together.

**Olivia Louise Harrison** is the daughter of Andrea and Matt Harrison of Bountiful, Utah. She is graduating summa cum laude and as coaledictorian, receiving a bachelor's degree in computer science with minors in mathematics and global women's studies. Recipient of the Russell M. Nelson Presidential Scholarship, she has worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant, and software development intern at local startups and has performed as a violinist in the BYU Symphony Orchestra. Involved in leadership for Women in Computer Science, she currently volunteers as the club's events director. Olivia served in the China Hong Kong Mission and likes to run, ski, and knit. She will spend the summer working in New York as a software engineering intern with Bloomberg and will then spend the fall interning and studying abroad in Berlin before beginning full-time employment.

**Brandon Vaughn Pulsipher** is receiving a bachelor's degree in computer science, completing a journey that began more than 30 years ago. Brandon began his education at BYU in 1991 and then returned from a mission in Seoul, Korea, to study computer science and business. Just one semester before completing his degree, Brandon accepted a role as a full-time software developer, launching his successful career in software engineering and technology leadership. He recently retired after 25-plus years with Omniture and Adobe, where he concluded his career as vice president of Cloud Engineering and Operations. A sought-after speaker at major industry events, including Amazon's AWS re:Invent, Gartner IT Symposium/Xpo, DevOps Enterprise Summit, and SAP Customer Experience Live, he also serves on the board of directors for Humanitarian Experience (HXP). He has been married for 29 years and is the proud father of four children. Brandon enjoys golf, pickleball, canyoneering, and outdoor adventures with his family.

**Collin Mark Webb** is the son of Mark and Angel Webb of Cedar Hills, Utah. He is married to Eliza Lee Webb, and they have a son, Rex Lee Webb. Collin served a Spanish-speaking mission in New York City before pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science. Last summer he interned at Oracle in Austin, Texas, where he worked on a team developing management and analysis software for power grid companies. After graduation he will return to Oracle to continue his career in the tech industry. Collin is actively involved in his community as a coach for a local high school soccer team and in his free time enjoys gaming, skiing, coding, and spending time with his family.

**Grace Choi Lan Wong** is the daughter of Christina and Roy Wong from Sandy, Utah. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree in computer science with a software engineering emphasis and an entrepreneurship minor. Recipient of the Regent's Scholarship, AFCEA Diversity Scholarship, and BYU Heritage Scholarship, she is also a National Cybersecurity Scholar. She was a member of the Heritage Halls Residence Hall Association as well as a mentor and mentee for the Women Who Succeed Program. She served on her college's Women in STEM board, worked in the Family History Technology Lab as project lead for rewriting the lab's Virtual Pedigree program, and was part of the Sandbox start-up incubator program's fourth cohort. She enjoys working for FSU and teaching tennis to kids and also likes to rock climb, read, bake, and play the piano and ukulele. After graduation she plans to do FSU for the summer and then work as a software engineer.

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Software Engineering)  
2:00 p.m.**

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*Please remain seated during the processional.*

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| Prelude and Postlude  | Kent Seamons<br>Computer Science Faculty   |
| University Representative   | Larry L. Howell<br>Associate Academic Vice<br>President for Research and<br>Graduate Studies                   |
| Welcome and Conducting  | Grant J. Jensen<br>Dean  |
| Invocation  | Grace Choi Lan Wong<br>Computer Science  |
| Speaker   | Collin Mark Webb<br>Computer Science   |
| Speaker   | Olivia Louise Harrison<br>Computer Science   |
| “Amazing Grace”<br>Text by John Newton, 1779<br>American 19th-Century Folk Tune | Stephen Michael Amos,<br>voice and guitar<br>Computer Science<br><br>David Udo Gaag, voice<br>Computer Science |
| Remarks   | Kevin D. Seppi<br>Associate Dean   |
| Presentation of Doctoral, Master’s,<br>and Baccalaureate Degrees                |  |

*Please hold applause until each department completes its awards.*

*Audience members are welcome to use the front row to take pictures of graduates.  
Please wait until your graduate is within 10 students  
of arriving onstage before entering the front row.*

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| Closing     | Grant J. Jensen<br>Dean                      |
| Benediction | Brandon Vaughn Pulsipher<br>Computer Science |

*Please remain seated during the recessional and meet your graduate  
in the Terrace after all graduates have exited the Ballroom.*

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# Graduates

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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

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### Computer Science

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#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

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#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

##### DECEMBER 2024

Michael Alan DeBuse  
Puneet Jain

##### APRIL 2025

James S Connors

##### JUNE 2025

Robert Kenneth Morain  
Jonathan Berry Skaggs  
Garrett Dickerson Smith  
Warda Usman

##### AUGUST 2025

Taylor Neil Archibald  
Piper Rae Vasicek

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## MASTER'S DEGREES

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### Computer Science

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#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

##### DECEMBER 2024

Thomas Victor Cole

##### APRIL 2025

Cayden Karl Blake  
James Patrick Michael Lucia  
Fitzgerald  
Kevin James  
Ethan Nishimoto Low  
Hao Yu  
Tong Zhou

##### JUNE 2025

Makenna Jae Allred  
McKay Thomas Bowcut  
Davis Paul Forster  
Brendan Thomas Hatch  
Bryce Charles Hepner  
Koby Joshua Lewis  
Melissa Amber Morris  
Haleigh Abigail Oeser  
Bernhardt Supelet Ramat  
Justin Carl Tackett  
Angel Jo Wheelwright

##### AUGUST 2025

Johannes-Jacobus Arthur  
Crawford  
Parker Brent Hanson

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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### Computer Science

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#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

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#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

##### DECEMBER 2024

Anton Marcus Alley  
Anna Christina Anderson  
Bryson Vaughn Armstrong  
Evan Tanner Bearman  
Samuel Lowell Bennion  
Gregory Allen Bullard  
Trisha Chandramouli  
Jaycelyn Dmay Chino  
Hunter Mark Corry  
Caleb Stephen Crandall  
Hunter Mark Crandall  
Halsey Evelyn Curry  
Keiffer Jordan da Silva  
Cannon Erickson Farr  
Spencer Alexandre Fund  
David Udo Gaag  
Matthew Aaron Glaus  
Rachel Christine Grant  
Ryan Scott Harper  
Dakota Kay Harward  
Caleb Anthony Hill  
Mackenzie Grace Hill  
Khai Jadin Hirschi  
Alden Chandler Howard  
Dallin James Huff  
Jacob Howard Hunter  
Braydon Michael Jones  
Grace Elizabeth Kenny  
Daniel McCauley Kingery  
Jake Andrew Kolander  
Talin Ward Kretchmer  
Alec Richard Larson  
HongZhi Li  
Andi Jane Ellis Madsen  
Austin J McKamey  
Alexandria Isabella Mercer  
Steven James Mitchell  
Logan Jesse Orr  
Jaren Reid Petersen  
Tyson Noel Peterson  
Taj Pham Poulsen  
Adam Jared Rounsville  
Kenneth Steven Salomonson  
Elias Gabriel Sanabria  
Grayson Kent Schmalz  
Benjamin Jeffrey Shafer  
Ty Scott Sorensen  
Aleksandr James Spackman  
Jaden Edward Spotten  
Jaden Sterner

Ishmael Taleo  
Emma Karen Tappen  
John Tianen Tappen  
Matthew Americo Thorin  
Tyler John Timothy  
Toren S Trauntvein  
Ethan Charles Williams  
Olivia Grace Wilson  
Walker James Wolfgramm

##### APRIL 2025

Stephen Michael Amos  
Bretton Scott Ashcraft  
Jonah Louis Austin  
Tiberius Alexander Baker  
Samuel Alan Berrey  
Yvett Betlej  
Trevor Jacob Bickmore  
Brent Dylan Bishoff  
Connor Imiola Blackburn  
Diego Nathanael Blaylock  
Chase Alan Bledsoe  
Kyle Edwin Boden  
Weslee David Bovee  
Brendon Hyrum Bown  
Jason Fowers Brown  
Nathanael Jared Bulloch  
Carson Randall Call  
Johnathan Call  
Nathan D Carter  
Axel Leopoldo Castro-Romero  
Evan Kirk Chase  
Yu Hin Chau  
Holden Daniel Clark  
Harrison Daniel Cole  
Austin Grover Cook  
Michael William Croxall  
Luke Tyler Dachenhausen  
Michael Gordon Davenport  
Rebekah Dayton  
Connor Allen Dunn  
Nikolas Alan Earl  
Connor Glenn Ellis  
Steven Christopher Elzinga  
Isaac Anthony Erdman  
Rebekah Ross Erikson  
Zachary Todd Erikson  
Landon Robert Fackrell  
Aaron Farr  
Joshua Allen Fernelius  
James Frank Finlinson  
Devin Lane Frandsen  
Matthew W. Gabbitas  
Zachary Kenneth Getz  
Layton Reid Goeckeritz  
Max Clyde Gollaher  
Adam Lawrence Griffin  
Samuel Bills Gwilliam  
Mason Dennis Hamilton

Travis Blake Hansen  
Trevor Corwin Harmon  
Ammon D Harps  
Kyer Justyce Harris  
Allison N Hart  
Tanner Newton Hartwell  
Daniel David Hatch  
Joshua Reed Hendershot  
Tess Herrington  
Tyler Nathan Hiatt  
Chloe Yvonne Hilton  
Spencer Scott Hodson  
Todd Kenneth Hoskisson  
Megan Loertscher Huff  
Aaron David Jensen  
Jordan Dale Jensen  
Ryan Michael Jensen  
Zachary Donald Johnson  
Dylan Thomas Jones  
Jacob Douglas Jones  
Keaweimoku Ethan Kaloi  
Ryan Taylor Kane  
Matthew David Kennedy  
Kangjin Kim  
Ty Robert Klabacka  
Jakob Klobcic  
Kelly Eunseo Ko  
Spencer Seth Kunkel  
Jonah Robert Kunzler  
David Thomas Lancaster  
John David Larsen  
Brayden Robert Lewis  
Ruge Li  
Bryson Clair Lichtenberg  
Yirang Lim  
Rui Lin  
Joseph Roger Lu  
Chidera Benjamin  
Maduabuchi  
Anthony Richard Marquez  
Madelynn Isabella Martin  
Keanna Irene McCrady  
Megan E McKeehan  
Kimberly Irene McKinnon  
Austin C McMaster  
Andrea Nathaly Melgoza  
Samuel Mera Ricardo  
Mason Kemp Miller  
Jared Ryan Moon  
Stephen Kent Morgan

Collin Anthony Morrison  
Nathan Bradley Neilson  
Jacob Ong Nienhuis  
Parker Nilson  
Aaron Christopher Onstott  
Jaclyn Louise Palmer  
Sungjin Park  
Brandon James Paul  
Joseph Colter Paulson  
Timothy Justin Pitts  
Matheus F. Plinta  
Kayler Pope  
Tyler Gary Porter  
Elaine Prathiksha  
Brandon Vaughn Pulsipher  
Tatsunosuke Joshua Purba  
Briggs Christopher Reed  
Seth Eric Remer  
Philip Harold Richey  
Alfredo Rios  
Chance Ty Robinson  
Jared Rodriguez  
Tad Bladen Rosenberg  
Joseph Benjamin Sherrill  
Nathan Tanner Serrine  
Nathan Benjamin Skonnard  
Savannah Ella Smith  
Sterling Gilbert Smith  
Taylor Scott Smith  
McKay Quinn Snell  
Jacob William Speakman  
Nathen David Stark  
John Nelson Stewart  
Matthew Dean Stutzman  
Helaman Jungmin Sung  
Anika Chien-chien Taylor  
Daniel J Terry  
Haile Diana Terry  
Cordell Gordon Thompson  
David Harold Thompson  
Brent Alexander Thomson  
Molly Mikayla Thornton  
Marcus Adam Tracy  
Jacob Dean Trader  
Tyler Ashton Trommlitz  
Erik Anthony Vagil  
Garrett Steven Vance  
Bryce D. Wall  
Conner Randle Wattles  
David Christian Weatherford

Collin Mark Webb  
Hayden Lake Welton  
Sophie Patricia Welton  
Noelle Brynne Hunter Winn  
Joshua Allen Wiseman  
Grace Choi Lan Wong  
Andrew Jared Wood  
Jeffry Min Hyok Yoon  
Stuart Brent Yorgason  
Zachary Thomas York  
Spencer Clark Young  
Aaron Paul Zelenski

#### **JUNE 2025**

Mark Taylor Bradshaw  
Michael Bruce Bradshaw  
Perry Porter Dickinson  
Tyler Alec Driggs  
Lauren Michelle Flanders  
Minami Ford  
Peter John Fullmer  
Andrew Michael Hammond  
Arvi Haxhillari  
Warren David Mangum  
Benjamin Glen Peek  
Elijah Casey Pettitt  
Chad Everett Sauder  
Garrett Reece Southam  
Kyle Joseph Standing  
Dongyu Tian  
Dallin Michael Webecke  
Garett Paton Whimple  
Andrew Michael Whiting

#### **AUGUST 2025**

Zachary Scott Allen  
Quinn Michael Barret  
Kevin Tanner Buss  
Venus Cheuk Yan Chan  
Rebekah Anne Daniels  
Andrew Michael Hillen  
Jason Wayne Lockard  
Mario Alberto Rodriguez  
Rodriguez  
Curtis David Rosenvall  
Tyler Wentz Seegmiller  
Clayton Matthew Sharp  
Ethan Taylor Walch  
Sarah Nicole Smalley Wilson  
Gary Suarez Zabala  
Benjamin Jan Tveten

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# Scholastic Recognition

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## University Honors

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*Students graduating with University Honors have completed several interdisciplinary general education courses, leadership development experiences, an interdisciplinary essay, and a thesis and have also defended their thesis in their major discipline.*

### APRIL 2025

Holden Daniel Clark

## Summa Cum Laude

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### DECEMBER 2024

Bryson Vaughn Armstrong  
Alexander Lawrence de la Bruere

Dakota Kay Harward  
Caleb Anthony Hill  
Mackenzie Grace Hill  
Grace Elizabeth Kenny  
Keegan Brady Lloyd  
Seth James Peterson  
Adam Jared Rounsville  
Jaden Sterner  
Eric Heywood Thomas

### APRIL 2025

Cameron Neil Birrell  
Jacob Benjamin Cahoon  
Andrew Brennen Cambridge  
Austin Grover Cook  
Caleb Packard Crowther  
Cody McCabe Daniels  
Trevor Beowulf Garrity  
Ian Hyrum Goodwin  
Caleb Marshall Harding  
Joshua Reed Hendershot  
David Glen Jorgensen  
Trevor James Larsen  
Joseph Colter Paulson  
Daniel Bernard Perkins  
Hunter James Pratt  
Seth Eric Remer  
Philip Harold Richey

Matthew Wallace Shumway  
Brylee Wilcox Smith  
Sterling Gilbert Smith  
Brent Alexander Thomson  
Tyler Ashton Trommlitz  
Samuel Charles Vance  
Sophie Patricia Welton  
Luke Laurin Westhoff

## Magna Cum Laude

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### DECEMBER 2024

Joshua Max Bergstrom  
James Mark Christensen  
Jenna Helene Fitzsimmons  
David Udo Gaag  
Joseph Rand Henderson  
Amber Elizabeth Petersen  
Tyson Noel Peterson

### APRIL 2025

Jarom Isaac Asher  
Diego Nathanael Blaylock  
Darcey Mae Britton  
Drake Benjamin Brown  
Nathanael Jared Bulloch  
Stephen Ward Crawford  
Benjamin Nicholas Cullen  
Zachary Todd Erikson  
Megan Nicole Flexhaug  
Max Clyde Gollaher  
Kimball Nolan Jardine  
Ethan Henry Katz  
Morgan E. Kurth  
Jeffrey John Olmo  
Brett Ivan Pedersen  
Briggs Christopher Reed  
David Harold Thompson  
Bryce Alan Tolman  
Jacob Dean Trader

## Cum Laude

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### DECEMBER 2024

Anna Christina Anderson  
Alden Chandler Howard  
Dallin James Huff  
Braydon Michael Jones  
Michael Ray Stafford  
Jazz Andrew Weller

### APRIL 2025

Adam Michael Call  
Andrew Patrick Cherpeski  
Aaron Jakob Chipman  
Harrison Daniel Cole  
Callie Anne Lunt Curtis  
Jacob Ellis DeGraw  
Rebekah Ross Erikson  
Maysen Paul Fielding  
Lauren Nicole Green  
Dallin Thomas Harwood  
Noah Dane Hebdon  
Tyler Nathan Hiatt  
Levi K Homer  
Spencer Seth Kunkel  
Collin Bruce McGregor  
Aaron Christopher Onstott  
Samantha Mari Rasch  
Nathan Tanner Serrine  
Nathan Cannon Todd  
Nicholas Anton Vorster

## Phi Kappa Phi

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### DECEMBER 2024

James Mark Christensen  
Mackenzie Grace Hill  
Keegan Brady Lloyd  
Benjamin Jeffrey Shafer

### APRIL 2025

Kolten Lex Barfuss  
Cayden Karl Blake  
Brendon Hyrum Bown  
Caleb Marshall Harding  
Brylee Wilcox Smith  
Nicholas Hyrum Smith  
Nathan Cannon Todd  
Noelle Brynne Hunter Winn

### JUNE 2025

Jonathan Berry Skaggs

### AUGUST 2025

Taylor Neil Archibald  
Tyler Ray Brady

*Students who received or will receive the scholastic honors summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude will have this designation indicated on their individual diplomas and transcripts after final grades are posted. These honors for June and August candidates have not yet been determined and therefore are not listed in the program.*

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# ROTC

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## Air Force

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APRIL 2025

Jesse D Blaine

JUNE 2025

Lauren Michelle Flanders

