



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

April 23, 2026

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

7:00 p.m.

*Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science
(Animation and Games, Bioinformatics, Data Science,
and Machine Learning), Geological Sciences,
and Physics and Astronomy*

Convocation Participants

Joshua Cahoon Christensen is the son of Jay and Amy Christensen of Cincinnati, Ohio, and is married to Anna Christensen. He is graduating summa cum laude as coaledictorian, receiving a bachelor's degree in computer science with a machine learning emphasis, a minor in mathematics, and University Honors. In addition to his studies at BYU, Joshua pursued research opportunities in snowpack modeling at the University of Alabama, leading to a publication and a presentation at AGU (American Geophysical Union). For the past three years, he has worked with Dr. Joe Price as a lead research assistant on a computer vision team focused on understanding genealogical records. He has presented this work at BYU's Family History Technology Workshop and at RootsTech. He also participated in BYU's Student Research Conference, where he earned first place. Joshua has spent the past year researching reinforcement learning and game theory with Dr. David Grimsman and Dr. Sean Warnick for his honors thesis. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was originally called to serve in the Japan Fukuoka Mission but was later reassigned to the North Carolina Raleigh Mission. That experience inspired him to study Japanese at BYU. Outside of academia, Joshua enjoys cooking, playing *Rocket League*, and working on "just one more" coding side project. He plans to continue his education at BYU this fall by pursuing a master's degree in computer science.

Ethan Max Hardy is the son of Aaron and Gina Hardy of Heber City, Utah. He is graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry with a minor in mathematics and is the recipient of four years of academic merit scholarship as well as the Richard L. Snow Family Scholarship. During his time at BYU, he studied blood vessel development in the lab of Ken Christensen with hopes to improve treatment for individuals with cancer. He was a Simmons Center for Cancer Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School, where he studied lung cancer. He was also an Undergraduate Research Fellow at Stanford, studying lipid metabolism. Outside of the lab, he enjoys riding his motorcycle and spending time at the beach. He plans to attend graduate school in biochemistry in the fall and develop innovative treatments for individuals with complex disease.

Natalie ReNae Parkinson is the daughter of Marcia and Matt Parkinson of State College, Pennsylvania. She is graduating with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry with University Honors. She is the recipient of the four-year National Merit Scholarship. In 2023, Natalie received the Garth L. Lee Undergraduate Teaching Award. She has performed physical chemistry research with Dr. Brian Woodfield and in 2024 was named an Ott Research Fellow. Natalie's research presentations were recognized at the college's Student Research Conference for three consecutive years. Last summer Natalie worked as a research intern for Octavian Solutions, a biotech company in Lehi, Utah. This summer she will present at the International Symposium on Chemical Thermodynamics for Young Researchers in Italy. Natalie sings with the BYU Women's Chorus. In her free time she also enjoys running, late-night conversations, sparkling water, thrifting, and K-pop. After graduation Natalie plans to attend graduate school.

Carson Allan Tenney is the son of Jeff and Susan Tenney of Gilbert, Arizona, and has been married to his wonderful wife, Emma, since May 2025. He is graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in physics and minors in both mathematics and astronomy. He received a four-year National Merit Scholarship. Since early 2024, Carson has worked with Dr. Chris Verhaaren on particle physics research, developing novel techniques for using particle colliders to test theories of fundamental physics. For his contributions to this research, Carson was included as an author on a publication in the summer of 2025. During his first three years at BYU, Carson worked as a tutor in the BYU Math Lab. He was the upper division head tutor from April 2024 to April 2025. Carson loves helping people learn, and his favorite subject to tutor is differential equations. Outside of school, Carson's biggest interest is music. He has played the piano since he was eight years old and is a big fan of drum corps. He and Emma love going to live symphony performances. After graduation Carson will attend graduate school, aiming for a PhD in physics. He hopes to become a professor.

Hannah Jane Wehrmeister is the daughter of Michael and Julie Wehrmeister of Columbia, Maryland. She is receiving her bachelor's degree in geology with a minor in environmental science. She is the recipient of the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship as well as the Julie Michele Baer Scholarship awarded by the BYU Geology Department. In 2021 Hannah began working as a research assistant in a hydrogeochemistry lab with Dr. Greg Carling. She has taken part in field and lab work on rivers, springs, and glaciers throughout Utah and Colorado as well as the Peruvian and Ecuadorian Andes. She has also had the opportunity to present her research at the American Geophysical Union Conference and the Student Research Conference at BYU. Hannah served in the Michigan Lansing Mission from 2023 to 2024. Along with rock climbing and backpacking, she loves painting in her free time, and her artwork has been published in BYU's *Inscape* journal. This fall she will continue her research with Dr. Carling as a graduate student.

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7:00 p.m.

Please remain seated during the processional.

Prelude and Postlude	Kent E. Seamons Computer Science Faculty
University Representative	Rosemary Thackeray Assistant to the President, Assessment and Planning
Welcome and Conducting	Kevin D. Seppi Associate Dean
Invocation	Natalie ReNae Parkinson Biochemistry
Speaker	Joshua Cahoon Christensen Computer Science
Speaker	Hannah Jane Wehrmeister Geology
“Clair de Lune” By Claude Debussy Arranged by Ethan Max Hardy	Ethan Max Hardy Biochemistry
Remarks	Grant J. Jensen Dean
Presentation of Doctoral, Master’s, 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.*

Closing	Kevin D. Seppi Associate Dean
Benediction	Carson Allan Tenney Physics

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

Graduates

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Chemistry and Biochemistry

BIOCHEMISTRY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

DECEMBER 2025

Fangfang Jiang

AUGUST 2026

Wisdom Oshireku Abiodun
Cecilia Starr Sanders

CHEMISTRY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

DECEMBER 2025

Terungwa Hange Iorkula
Conner Joseph Nelson
Joshua Woodruff Pinder

APRIL 2026

Callum Etienne Flowerday
Siqi Huang
Samira Jafari
Sudam Shivaji Mane

JUNE 2026

Samantha C Hatfield Egbert
Adeyemi Demilade Ojaide

AUGUST 2026

Liahona Angelie
Stephanie Graciela Garcia
Morin
Alexis Christine Gibson
Timothy Bahler Skaggs

Physics and Astronomy

PHYSICS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

DECEMBER 2025

Joshua Jordan Vawdrey

APRIL 2026

Mark Charles Anderson
Tyce Wayne Olaveson

JUNE 2026

Daniel Steven Hodge

AUGUST 2026

Nicholas Elden Allen
Taylor Jordan Buckway
Andrew James Carroll
Joshua David Forsyth
J. Nicholas Porter

MASTER'S DEGREES

Chemistry and Biochemistry

BIOCHEMISTRY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Oshira Peiris

CHEMISTRY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Sudam Shivaji Mane

Geological Sciences

GEOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Kate Elizabeth Hales
Tanner Allen Nielsen
Kristen Elizabeth Smith

APRIL 2026

Camille Farol Cowan
Troy William Day
Levi James Decrescenzo
Carter Jacob McClellan
Alexander Jason Nye

JUNE 2026

Delaney Claire Rose

AUGUST 2026

Lillian Jewell
Lerato Mangoako Rebecca
Thoka-Cole

Physics and Astronomy

PHYSICS

MASTER OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Molly Elizabeth Christensen
Sampson
Joshua David Hancock
Nathaniel Stefan Wells

APRIL 2026

Kolten Lex Barfuss
Crystal-Lynn Jacqueline
Bartier
Levi Thomas Moats

JUNE 2026

Nonnie Belle Bash
Kendra D. Gillis

AUGUST 2026

Michael Jesse DeFord

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Chemistry and Biochemistry

BIOCHEMISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Jacob Carlyle Averett
Adam Benjamin Guertler
Elijah Jack Pehrson
Riley Carol Pehrson

APRIL 2026

Braden Christian Barfuss
Ryan Oliver Chandler
Zachary Bennett Cluff
Noah Ethan Earls
Christian Brooks Evans
Christian Timothy Garrard
Zachary Cutler Giauque
Ava Gladwell
Ethan Max Hardy
Troy Orlin Hess
Kay Howey Higgins
Spencer Dickson Jeffries
Jayden Allan Johnson
Liam Joshua Moss
Jared Robert Moyer
Riley Ashton Nickles
Mitchell Farnsworth Poulson
Connor Coulson Rich
Amanda Ruth Richael
Emily Denise Richards
Abigail Elsa Robinson
Zachary Joseph Rose
Lina Marie Sabin
Samantha Nichole Sleight
Nathan Steven Smith
Martin David Sorensen
Evan Hisao Tsubaki
Logan Patrick Thomas
Wallace
Elijah Walker Wilson

JUNE 2026

Alieta Kanani O Ka'iulani
Christiansen
Lauren Diane Cook
Caitlin Kelly
Seth M Kelly
Jackson Trent Mattingley

AUGUST 2026

Megan Anne Aichele
Gregory C Bacon
Mikaela Louise Burtch
Kayla Elizabeth Krstic
Natalie ReNae Parkinson

CHEMISTRY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APRIL 2026

Joshua Richardson Brown
Maria Fernanda Castro-Gonzales

Tin Long Angus Lam
Koa Christopher Antonio Shutt

Amelia Pauline Steed Simmons

Aeja Ruth Wilson

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Abigail Katherine Banks
Benjamin Thomas Karlinsey
Laura Catherine McPhie
Jonathan Collier Robison
Collette Eddine Sommerville
Nathanael Austin Taylor

JUNE 2026

James Lyman Corey
Dallin James Winstryg

CHEMISTRY EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Jonas Hideki Maetani
Tyrus W Willden

JUNE 2026

Ethan Jerome Harris

Computer Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Gwang Hong Ahn
Chapman Peterson Beaird
Spencer Wayne Blanchard
Tanner Dickson Child
Matthew Yamada Crandall
Tanner Dru England
Julio Matheus Ferreira
Merek Helmer
Jiayong Ou
Calvin Robert Seamons
Jennifer Lynn Stone

APRIL 2026

Derek Brent Ashby
Taylor Robert Aydelotte
Ethaniel Winn Bishop
Ezra Scott Bradley
Tristan Luke Brown
Jacob Glenn Bullock
James Haffner Chan
Dallin Bret Clark
Lucy Jane Collins
Michael Crandall

Kyle Matthew Frazier
Andrew Mark Gardner
Grant B Gardner
Sydney Anne Leister Gardner

Hunter Mcneil Gonzales
Andrew Martin Hall
Cayson James Hamilton
Carlee Elizabeth Hansen
Joshua Louis Hunsaker
Daniel Kent Jones
Samuel Hugh Jones
Isaac Jacob Keenan
Juneon Kim
Will Murray Knisley
Hugh John Kolowich II
Jaden Scott Kunzler
Allison Christina Lambert
Lizzy McClellan
Matthew Stanley Minson
Kaden Thomas Mullin
Isaac Bradley

Neuenschwander
Lecio Joao Orsi Ribeiro
Joshua Steven Phelps
Nathan Thomas Prisbrey
Adam Grant Rencher
Joshua Peter Riley
Elijah Christopher Ryan
Matthew Heath Sheppard
Johnny Slagle
Seth Evan Smurthwaite
Jeremy Scott Summers
Derek Mark Vawdrey
Maxwell Tyler Whitney

JUNE 2026

Mali J Allen
Joshua Cahoon Christensen
Nathan Asay Dong
Brandon Larsen Graham
Robert Kapuaakalani
Greathouse III
Eden Camille Hilson
Jeffrey Samuel Alex Lewis
Daniel Todd Mehr
Lindsay Brooke Slemboski
Katie Anne Willard

AUGUST 2026

Dallin Richard Jankovich
Jordan Trey Patton
Joan Marie Siasoyco
Samuel Robert Stewart
Preston David Thomas

MACHINE LEARNING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Carson William Karren

APRIL 2026

Spencer Paul Marshall
Grace Fumi-Un Pasion
Samuel Jay Turner

Geological Sciences

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Leanna Marie Litster

ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Caleb Sims Harris

GEOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Zachary Frederick Hafner

JUNE 2026

Jakobi Duane Baumann
Brynlee Kate Harmon
Nanette Evelyn Nyce
Angela Lyn Tennant
Austin David Toner
Hannah Jane Wehrmeister
Seth Reilly Wuthrich

AUGUST 2026

Macy Alyssa Lym

Physics and Astronomy

APPLIED PHYSICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

David Kurt Hayes
Marcus Thaxton Perkins

APRIL 2026

Joshua Paul Blaser
Jeremy Andrus Cook
Timothy Porter Harlow
Hannah Marie Kunkel
Regal Worth Ledbetter
David Scott Lewis
Lauren Whitesides Miner
Brock C Schindler
Jacob Ryan Uibel

AUGUST 2026

Natalie Leone Coy
Lincoln Spencer Stewart
Kadyn Toanui Wright

PHYSICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Jennifer Lynn Warnock

APRIL 2026

Blake Michael Stillwell

PHYSICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Joshua Trajano Mills

APRIL 2026

Nathan Fisher Carlston

Maeser Jay Flake

James Craven Hecht

Peter Kainoakenekona Jensen

Samuel Kunzler

Rhett Tyler Lundell

Alexander Kent Michas

Jaxon Glen Phillips

Matthew Hunt Rundquist

Devin Quinn Sieverts

Nathaniel Russell Stevenson

Carson Allan Tenney

JUNE 2026

Andrew Kimball Jones

Eben Jacob Lonsdale

Bronson Max White

AUGUST 2026

Shadrach Alonzo

Christiansen

Tyler Joseph Hamm

Levi Jordan Hancock

Dylan Palmer Harris

Zadia Aspen Hughes

Bridget Kemper

McKenzie Leininger

Matthew Stewart Miller

Isaac James Willden

**PHYSICS AND
ASTRONOMY**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2025

Ethan Reid Wuthrich

APRIL 2026

Penelope Claire Bowden

Colin Harrison Derieg

Oliver Thomas Hancock

David Wallace Jensen

William Steven Lyons IV

Joshua A Miller

Niklas Andrew Mohsen-

Crellin

Kade Langley Vickers

Joseph B Williams

Madeline Sally Wright

JUNE 2026

Steven Matthew Blodgett

AUGUST 2026

Zachary Andrew Hampson

PHYSICS EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

APRIL 2026

Spencer Reed Brinton

Spencer Richard Jespersen

Scholastic Recognition

University Honors

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 2026

Maeser Jay Flake
James Craven Hecht
Hannah Marie Kunkel
Martin David Sorensen
Nathanael Austin Taylor

JUNE 2026

Joshua Cahoon Christensen
Andrew Kimball Jones
Eben Jacob Lonsdale

AUGUST 2026

Natalie ReNae Parkinson

Summa Cum Laude

DECEMBER 2025

Garrett Alexander Bennett
Talmage R Bird
Trevor Kristofer Bond
Caleb Joseph Bradshaw
Tanner Dickson Child
Katherine Grace Greer
Olivia Louise Harrison
Noah Douglas Holliday
Meri Grace Hunt
Charles Cardwell Johnson
Joshua Gavin Klingonsmith
Isabel Quynh-Lan Pho Mason
German Rios-Lazo
Evan Daniel Smith

APRIL 2026

Kenneth Duane Applegate
Madeline Marie Benson
Tyler Angus Blackham
Yu Chen
Katelyn Rose Seager Clark
William Elijah Clayton
Zachary Bennett Cluff
Benjamin Garrett DeVries

Nathan Noah Gordon
Cayson James Hamilton
Tiara Ruth Eddington Huang
Peter Kainoakenekona Jensen
Olivia Anne Leavitt
Nicholas Shaun Lewis
Gene Alexander Mannewitz
Connor Jeffery McBride
Shayla Ann McMillan
Isaac Bradley
 Neuenschwander
Jason Travis Oliphant
Ethan Richard Palenske
Wyatt Jackson Pochman
Merica Rowley
Daniel Ray Sumsion
Carson Allan Tenney
Matthew Benjamin Walker
Nathan Richard Weed
Hailey Whetten

Magna Cum Laude

DECEMBER 2025

Calvin Robert Boyce
David Kurt Hayes
Tae-hoon Kim

APRIL 2026

Benjamin Philip Brittain
Alexander McRae Burgess
Kristian Kemper Green
Hannah Grace Spigarelli
Jeremy Scott Summers
Ethan Lucas Wait
Brixtin Lee Walker
Danika Elisabeth West
Skyler Anthony Williams

Cum Laude

DECEMBER 2025

Carter Lewis Adams
Dylan Grant Christensen
Emmelia Grace Cieslewicz
Kyla McKay Edgar
Tanner Dru England
Ka Po Kwok
Reid Lafe Merrell
Miles Howard Spencer

APRIL 2026

Matthew Flynn Bailey
Austin Christopher Beckstead
Elizabeth Hannah Cornaby
Ethan Max Hardy
Timothy James Hart
Troy Orlin Hess
Ashlyn Paige Hill
Austin Jacob Hillyard
David Kartchner
Alden Son'u Kim
Hannah Marie Kunkel
Rhett Tyler Lundell
Benjamin David Madsen
Connor James Meredith
Colby J Miller
Connor James Nesbit
Grace Fumi-Un Pasion
Nathan Thomas Prisbrey
Emily Denise Richards
Nathaniel Scott Sill
Ashley Spencer
Spencer William
 Summerhays
Hongting Wang
Spencer Robert Winward
Seokkwon Yoon

Phi Kappa Phi

DECEMBER 2025

Taylor Neil Archibald
Andrew Joseph Haviland
Charles Cardwell Johnson
Ethan Michael Pedersen
Jonathan Berry Skaggs

APRIL 2026

Kolten Lex Barfuss
Madeline Marie Benson
Samira Jafari
Nicholas Shaun Lewis
Brock C Schindler
Nathan Richard Weed

JUNE 2026

Michael Charles Clark

AUGUST 2026

Kayla Elizabeth Krstic

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.