

Messenger

Malone celebrates graduates

131st COMMENCEMENT SERVICES

May 6, 2023 – Johnson Center for Worship and the Fine Arts

Commencement honors a significant milestone in the life of a student. It's made particularly special by celebrating together in our Worship Center, surrounded by loved ones and members of the Malone community who have walked alongside our students during a unique time in history. The Class of 2023 is the class who spent

the whole of the pandemic on campus. They have faced unmatched challenges, and their dedication and perseverance is admirable. We are confident that these men and women are prepared to serve the Church, community, and world no matter where God has called them to go.

2023 Graduates

DAN CARMANY '20, '23: "Athletics has shaped my Malone experience and helped me know the True Pioneer, Jesus. Hebrews 12:2 reminds us that He is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Thank you, Malone, for helping me fix my eyes on the True Pioneer."

MADELAINE DWIER '18, '23: "After more than 20 years in practice, I realized that my clients needed specialized care that is unique to our day and age. My faculty helped me hone my skills in clinical mental health counseling so that I could be an agent of healing and grace."



Graduates celebrated with faculty, staff, fellow graduates, and their families.



TO THE MALONE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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s my first academic year in the presidency comes to a close, Psalm 100 keeps coming back to my mind. It's celebratory and reminds me of the many ways that God has been faithful to Malone this year:



PSALM 100

A Psalm for giving thanks.

- ¹ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**
- ² **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**
- ³ **Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- ⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
- ⁵ **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

In particular, I'm grateful for our students and don't take lightly that He entrusts us to care for them during this special season in their lives. Whether they graduated this spring or are planning to return to Malone this fall, I am praying that God will guard and protect them. We have been witnessing the Holy Spirit actively working in their hearts and lives this year, and I am reminded that our mission to nurture and challenge the next generation of servant leaders has perhaps never been so critical.

The work that we do on behalf of Malone students absolutely would not be possible without the prayers and support of our greater Malone family, so we thank you, too. Your fellowship over cups of coffee and emails, and through handshakes and hugs, has been encouraging in ways I never could have imagined.

God is blessing Malone abundantly and I am thankful for His good gifts to us.

Gregory J. Miller, Ph.D.

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SUE GRABOWSKI '91 CHARGES CLASS OF 2023 TO HAVE "THE COURAGE TO BE CANCELED"

Chief executive officer of Desidara, **Sue Grabowski**, is deeply connected to the Malone community as a graduate, a Pioneer parent, and serves as the secretary of the Board of Trustees. In her address to this year's graduates, she challenged them to look to Jesus as the greatest example for navigating truth in a divided society. As we interact with others in daily life—juggling isolation, accelerated technological advances, and "cancel culture"—we can remember that Jesus never

discarded the truth while, at the same time, offering hope.

"In a cagey society, people are looking for Due North, and we know Who to point them to," she said. "But will we? The world needs men and women who are bold yet gentle, and unwavering in conviction. It needs professionals who will seek Truth, even at high, personal cost. We must have the courage to be canceled, to lose our reputations for His glory."

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Sue Grabowski '91

Board of Trustees Highlights



a note from the board chair

As a graduate of Malone, I have personally experienced how our students are prepared for life and work in a complex and changing world. I adamantly desire the same experience for generations of students to come, and I know that our Board of Trustees shares this sentiment. This is achieved not only through uncompromising academics but also through intentional and meaningful community engagement rooted in Christ.

There were many things to be excited about at Malone this year; too many to list. Most recently, we celebrated the 131st Commencement ceremony and welcomed the newest class of Malone Pioneers to walk across the stage.

The Board invites you to find ways to get involved in Malone's mission; we are ready to walk with you to serve the place we all love.

Shari N. Hansen

Shari N. Hansen '99
Chair, Board of Trustees



HONORING TOM CRAWFORD '74: A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Rev. Tom Crawford is the retiring Executive Director of the Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region (EFC-ER) and Pastor Emeritus of Morningside Church in Port St. Lucie, Fla. He has served Malone as a trustee for 14 years. It's his desire to see others come to Christ, use their gifts in ministry, and develop personal lifestyles of worship. He has been a powerful advocate for Malone's current strategic vision and has been one of the University's wisest counselors.



Rev. Crawford invited Dr. Miller to visit Morningside Academy last February. While at the Academy, Dr. Miller engaged with students by speaking in Chapel and chatting with juniors and seniors about Christian higher education and Malone.

CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR

Spotlights

SENECA RANSOM

Communication Arts / Canton

"Reflecting on the last four years, I know I wouldn't have had such amazing experiences were it not for Malone's incredible community.

The faculty, staff, and my classmates have invested in me and helped me to not only discover my calling but feel emboldened to go out and pass it on. I will miss Malone and the community here, and that is what makes this goodbye so bittersweet."



HANNAH DAMEWOOD

Zoo & Wildlife Biology / Reedsville

"Malone has helped me strengthen my faith by finding other ways I am able to worship God—by keeping and caring for His creation! I took classes like Creation and Evolution, Ecology, and Chemistry for Animal Managers, all of which helped

me to see God through a scientific lens and experience just how amazing He made creation. So many small details come together to make the big picture that we see before our eyes and it shows us how creative and intricate He really is."



QUINCY SCOTT

Sport Management / Oakwood Village

"On the field as a soccer player and off the field as a student, Malone helped me to grow as a person and as a Christian. My coaches helped me take my endurance to the next level and my professors helped me hone the skills I will need as a professional in the workplace. Overall, I learned patience and to never give up."





REBEKAH STRANGER

Integrated Social Studies and Integrated Language Arts / Canton

“Community at Malone is not abstract but a real thing made up of real people. The beauty and messiness that comes with living, working, and studying alongside so many others is what makes Malone so transformative. The community at Malone is real and good and beautiful, not because it’s perfect, but because it allows for imperfect interactions between imperfect people who are all journeying—step by step—along their individual paths together.”



MITCH BODAGER

Business Administration / Wooster

“Malone has helped my faith not just grow, but flourish. While I had a pretty solid faith background when I arrived, during my time here I was given space to ask questions, to live in community with others from different faith backgrounds, and to be intentional about solidifying what I believe. I’ve built relationships with others that have challenged me in the best ways, and it’s hard to place a value on my experience here. My Malone experience has been priceless.”



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Why I GIVE

Testimonials from faithful Malone University supporters

“People at Malone showed me that they care, and taught me how to care in ways that help students excel.”

Larry Durstine '73

LARRY '73 DURSTINE

Larry Durstine is a distinguished professor emeritus and co-director of the Preventative Exercise program at the University of South Carolina

"I will always be indebted to Malone. Not only did I meet my wife, **Linda Durstine '73**, while I was a student on campus, Malone also reinforced principles that I was brought up with: about growing in faith, perseverance, hard work, and putting other people first. I received a great education and a lot of personal attention. My experience here reinforced that, even if you go out in the world and do not work in a Christian environment, your faith can inform your work and you can thrive quite well. I discovered that you can get a fantastic education at a small school and do well in society.

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excel. **Jack Hazen** was the epitome of that care, and he had an impact on my development, and helping me become the man I am today. Faculty like **Dale Thomson**, **Millard Niver**, **Glenn Lipely**, **Don Murray Sr.**, and **Alvin Anderson** helped me to know how to be constant in faith, work hard, and thrive. I believe they are the core crew that affected the whole spectrum of students at Malone during my time on campus. They really lived what their beliefs were founded in: good Christianity.

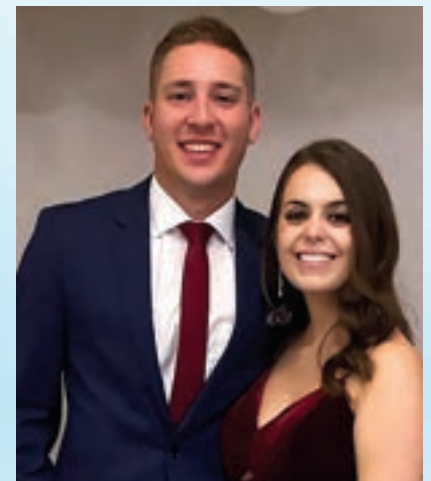
I feel it is important to pay it forward and continue supporting Malone because Malone saw me through difficult times, encouraged me, and gave me the opportunity to get a good education."

BRADY '17 AND NICOLE (OSTROWSKI) '16 YODER

*Brady is a sales professional at the Vasco Group and a member of Malone's Alumni Board
Nicole is a communications specialist at DCG Communications*

Brady: "Malone gave me the foundational knowledge I needed to succeed in business. Through hands-on experience with faculty, I built relationships with professors and learned how to interact with them. The faith-based environment was great because I learned not only how to be a good employee, but also how to be a person of integrity, as well. Incorporating faith into my daily work was a key takeaway from the Malone experience."

Nicole: "My experience was unique because it was well-rounded. Participating in many different activities helped me to grow in ways I couldn't have at a bigger college. Being involved on campus gave me a chance to meet new people who helped me become the woman I am today. Malone gave me every opportunity I needed to land a job in my field right after college. I felt prepared for the workforce because of my Malone education."





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UPCOMING MALONE EVENTS

- Aug 21** Pioneer Classic
Aug 28 First Day of Fall Classes
Aug 30 Opening Convocation
Oct 6-7 Homecoming & Family Weekend
Oct 9 Admissions Discover Day
Oct 25 Admissions Homeschool Day
Oct 25 Admissions Christian School Day
Nov 10 Admissions Discover Day
Nov 16 Christmas Market
Dec 1-2 Christmas at Malone

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