

# CENTRALIA COLLEGE 1925 • CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION • 2025



Order of Ceremonies

**Processional** Pomp and Circumstance

#### **Grand Marshal**

Carmen Van Tuyl, Senior Faculty Counselor

Welcome Dr. Bob Mohrbacher, College President

### **Star Spangled Banner**

Lewis County Community Band

### **Keynote Presentation**

Dr. James Walton, College President Emeritus

### **Student Address**

Joshua Pickett, President of the Associated Students of Centralia College

### **Outstanding Student Awards**

Dr. Robert Cox, Vice President of Student Services

#### Presentation of the Class of 2025

Connie Smejkal, Vice President of Instruction

### **Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates**

Annalee Tobey and Pretrina Mullins, Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Readers

Andrea Seabert and Jeff McQuarrie

### **Certification of Graduates**

Annalee Tobey

### **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Bob Mohrbacher

#### Recessional

Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World Lewis County Community Band \*\*\* Highest Honors 3.90 - 4.00 Cumulative GPA through Winter 2025
\*\* High Honors 3.75 - 3.89 Cumulative GPA through Winter 2025
\* Honors 3.50 - 3.74 Cumulative GPA through Winter 2025

# Bachelor of Applied Science - Applied Management

Jake Benjamin Bradley Jamie Lynn Cline\*\*\* Gabriel Cuestas Jacie Kathryn Deebach Sophie N Duffy\* Mackenzie R Lindh\*\*\* Victoria Marie Pelagio\* Rebekah Grace Peters Joshua William Pickett Tyler S Powell\*\*\* Ashley Reyes Ibarra\*\* Esperanza Reyes-Calderon Marissa L Russell Lacey M Sellers\*\*\* Ryan C Sheedy Joseph C Weigle\*\*\* Isaiah H. Whatley\*\*\* Amber L White\* William K Willis\*\*

# Bachelor of Applied Science- Behavioral Healthcare

Gwen M Spencer\*\* Kylie R Baker\*\*\* Leah Marie Blevins Victoria Lynn Coats\* Javier Corona-Jacobo Cylas E Davidson Eryn M Duryea\*

- Anneka Rene English\*\* Chase Austin Gilbert\* Gina S Harwick\* Stephanie Marie Hughes\*\* Zoe Marie Mathson Colin Rae Menjivar Lindsay Miller-Rogers\*\*
- Derek W Robinson\*\* Stephanie A Smith\*\*\* Zipporah Wanja Stribling\* Andrew D Thompson Kaydence Elizabeth Thompson\*

Bachelor of Applied Science - Diesel Technology

JohnMatthew L Benefield\*\* David M Ethridge\*\* RaeLynn M Kuljis James David Lester\*\* Benjamin Lee Miley\*\* David J Sawicki\* Inoel Villanueva\*

Bachelor of Applied Science - Software Engineering

Edwin C Copeland Kyuss A Engler\* Sarah G Harlan Broc D Keeton\* Yareni Isabel Perez\*\*\* Rayleen Marie Roberts\*

Bachelor of Applied Science-Teacher Education-Elementary Education

Nanette Alvstad\*\*\* Michele Maria Barro\*\* Ava Lillian Bush Linda Costa\*\* Nanette Dalton Maggie Janine Fuller\* Ashton Haight Breaona R Haviland\*\*\* Daniel Paul Hawkins\* Jade T Hudson\* Samantha A Laughlin Tausha Naomi Lawrence\*\* Tammie Rhae Pettit\* Evie Faith Rooklidge\*\*\* Britan N Shoblom\* Aimee Carrie Jane Steppes\*

Associate in Applied Science - Transfer - Early Childhood Education

Hailee Nacole Brown

Taylor Renee Lara\*

Haylee A Vogele

Associate in Applied Science - Transfer - Registered Nursing

Matthew Gross Avery\*\*\* Sharon L Beall\* Hailey Elisabeth Brann\*\* Ava Joy Brenner\*\* Gracelin Meline Carrell\* Courtney Marie De Guzman Cassell\* Meagan L. Counts\* Hannah Renae Demaris\* Roberto Garibay Grace Hodel\* Kenzie Lee Holcomb\* Morgan K Kanouse\* Megan D Krafczyk\* DeeAnn T Lansford\* Samee Jo Lyn Moon\*\*\* Kendall Paige Russell-Tutty\* Sydney Diane Shaner\*\*\* Makennia Chrystine Strauss Kambriah Alexis Taylor\*\* Vaneza Villasenor Avalos\* Linnea M Weilacher\*\*

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Davis O Barbee\* Robert Ruben Cruz\*\*\* Destitny Demeo Alaura R Emmons\*\*\* Taryn Mackenzie Etherington Monique Anne Farland\* Natasha Ruthann Hatch\*\*\* Jessica M Hearn\* Jennifer Alejandra Lopez Erika Meza\*\* Leonardo Perez Brandy Cassandra Yale\*\* William K Willis\*\*

Associate in Applied Science Administrative Assistant

Marissa Loudeen Briggs\*

Franscia L Sweeney

Associate in Applied Science Application Development

Todd Holloman Blake Dyann Hunt Blake G Riley Jean Paul Sidibe\*\* Daniel J Turner\*\*\* Christopher L Varner\*\*

Associate in Applied Science Business Admin/Management

Gracee Brianne Cline Amy Nichole Daker\*\*\* Cassandra B Elmore Tosha R Jeffers Angel Luis Montejo-Miguel\*\*\* Shannon C Mullins\* Amanda Jo Riffel\*\*\* Layla Sue Smith Carrie Jo Spratt

Associate in Applied Science Criminal Justice

Ana L Encinas-Estrada\* Ryli M Gray\*\* Jaylene I Hernandez Cervantes Matthew Tokestad

Associate in Applied Science Diesel Equipment Technology

**Brock Michael Boone\*** Daniel Isai Cisneros Clark Daniel Henderson\*\*\* Marlen A Kimbrel\*\* Steven Lee Lucht Noah Mackey\*\*\*

Kelly Dee Pakar\*\* James David Lester\*\* Benjamin Lee Miley\*\*

Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education

Karlee Delores Bolling\* Madison M Buchanan\*

Averi Lvnne Foster Olivia K Mckinstrv\*\* Lauren Payne Dannica R Stanton

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Dakota S Smith\*

Kitty Starr\*\*

David J Sawicki\*

Associate in Applied Science Medical Administrative Assistant

Leila A Hargreeves

Griselda Rodas

Associate in Applied Science Medical Assistant

Amanda Rae Carlisle\*\* Joseph M Costa Anna-Grace Theresa Dvorak Tammie Laura Gosnell\*

- **RaeAnne Nichole Hanson** Caleigh Mae Henton\*\* James E Hills Jared I Klein
- Alexandra Jeanine Mathson Danika Erin Sparks\*\*\* McKenna Lynn Thysell\* Meletava Havea Fonohea

Associate in Applied Science Office Manager

Cassandra Lee Levin\*\*

Associate in Applied Science Substance Use Disorder Professional

Angela D Anderson Kaleb Baldwin\* Stephanie Alexsandra-Nellie Bedwell Jacqueline M Kilmer Krystal K Bonds Danielle R Dobbs\*

Lindsev Frazier\*\*\* Lyle Brian Givens\*\*\* Shannon Marie Leupold **Rachel R Robidoux\*** 

Shannon Marie Smith-Leupold Gwen M Spencer\*\* Sean Whittaker Trevor Christian Yunker

Associate in Applied Science Welding

John Robert Beckman-Rostad Thomas Robert Doyle

Brian P Gomez Kristina Marie Robinson

Associate in Arts (Direct Transfer Agreement)

Willow Helena Adams Parker T Aldrich **Kimberly Almanza-Campos** Dalia Jasmin Almontes Valdez\*\* Isabella Alin Alvarez\* Oscar Humberto Alvarez\*\*\* Alecea D Anderson Larry Ray Anderson\*\* Rosa Marie Anzelini\*\* Andrea I Arellano Giuliana R Argeris\*\* Brianna J Asay Maya Isabella Ashlee Brooklyn Mia Bain\* Marisa Winter Ball Alfonso Barragan-Cruz Kaetyn E Barton\* Alvssa J Bataeff Caleb C Baum\* Madison Lynn Beck-Peevey\* Caleb Michael Isaac Beeching Stevie Rae Bennett **Ronin Laried Blair\*** Graci M Bonney-Spradlin\*\* Eric W Bragg Avery M Braun\*\* Emma Pearl Bridges\* Amanda Chery Brossard\*\*\* McKenna Jade Bryan\*\*\* Madison Marie Buchanan\* Yarely Cabrera Andrea L Campuzano\*\*\* Natalie Cardenas Hernandez Naomi I Chavez\*\*\* Emily Chavez Valdez\*\* Kellen M Chrisman Willow R Coyne Monroe Louise Dalrymple\* **Racquel Davis** Colby Lee Dunkin Lilly LuRay Emerson Yuliana Escalera-Zamudio Mary Grace Ethridge\*\* Meletava Havea Fonohea Chloe M Ford

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Kalyn A Rivera Sarah Joy Robbins\*\*\* Yesica Naomy Romero Barrera Nahomi Valeria Ruedas-Guido Evan Adair Sanchez\* Arely Sanchez Medina\*\* Seanna D Satterlee Arwen Renee Schoolcraft Kaden Michael Schow\*\*\* Josephine F Schultz Meredith Elaine Scott-Vanneste Ruhi Serrato Yusuf Shakirov Sophia Danielle Shetler\*\* Colin James Shields Alan Silvestre Gonzalez

Ajae McCall Belliston\* Marissa Ann Dallaire\*\*\*

Emily Rose Burdette\*\*\* Halle Adriana Dahl\*

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Zackaree P Verhei Layla Von Wald\* Makenna Gene Wayland Misty A Weddle\*\*\* Aly Jo Wiens\*\*\* Sophia Joy Wiley\*\*\* Kevin Hal Williams\* Gloria J Wilcox\*\* Lucy N Wilson\*\* Emmalia E Woodard\*\*\* Olivia M Worthey Amy Nichole Daker\*\*\*

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Associate in Biology

Yvette Lambert Delaney Rose Marshall\*

Associate in Business

Jocelyn Guerrero Morales Layla Sue Smith

Associate in General Studies

Taytm O Hauge Orion Alan Hunter\* Allison Jo Kalkus Loren M. B. Kattenbraker\* Linda G Mayfield Addison R McDougal\*\*\* Carter E Nash\*\*\* Anthony S Padgett Payton D Peterson\*\*\* Grace E Robison\*\* Angel D Rojas Adeliah M Saling\* Christina Danielle Taylor\* Kristanna J Thorson\*\* Matthew Stephen Trent Jr. Ethan S Wohld\*

Associate in Pre-Nursing

Alexis Lucero Marianna R Sanchez Kezra Morgan Smith\*\*

Associate in Science

Aurora Nichell Thurgood\*

Ethan Alexis Vazquez

Victoria Anne Watkins

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James David Lester\*\*

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Certificate of Completion - Special Education

Breaona R Haviland\*\*\*

Certificate of Proficiency - Early Childhood Education State Certificate

Karlee Delores Bolling\* Blakeli B Jerles Jade T Hudson\* Britan N Shoblom\* Aimee Carrie Jane Steppes\*

Certificate of Proficiency - Industrial Trades

Daniel Isai Cisneros

Marlen A Kimbrel\*\*

Steven Lee Lucht

Certificate of Proficiency - Medical Office Assistant

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Annette Bond

Certificate of Proficiency - Medical Scribe

Amber Kpl Yamamoto

Certificate of Proficiency - Office Assistant

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Amanda Rae Carlisle\*\* Joseph M Costa Tammie Laura Gosnell\* Andrea L Campuzano\*\*\* Susannah May Berry\* Abbigale Lolene Carper\*\* Michael Anthony Esparza\* Samara Destiny Lopez\*\* McKenna Lynn Thysell\*

Certificate of Proficiency - Welding

John Robert Beckman-Rostad Brian P Gomez Anthony S Padgett Justin M Jacoby\*

State Short Early Childhood Education Certificate

Dannica R Stanton

Averi Lynne Foster

Haylee A Vogele

RMT

**Travis Lee Stalker** 

CES

Sasha Siobhan Guy

Amalia Guzman

High School Diploma

DeeAnn T Lansford\* Korbin Dallas Klawitter Taylor Lynn Craig Crystal M Chambers Edith Mojica-Cardenas Gwen M Spencer Cassandra Lee Levin **Rachel Rayna Robidoux** DeeAnn T Lansford Andrea Lane Redden **Brody W Turner** Chloe Adelaide Protsman Cody D Patton Gil Vazguez Jr Grace A. Freeman Isabella Ulrich

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### Outstanding Student Awards

Centralia College is committed to student success, academic excellence, and supporting the community in an inclusive and equitable learning environment. Outstanding Students, as living examples of the Centralia College mission, are chosen each year for overcoming obstacles in the pursuit of their degree, for achieving their educational goals, and for being an active and engaged member of the college community.



**Timothy Brinkley** is a Centralia College student at Washington Corrections Center. He is finishing his associate degree. He works full time as a teaching assistant for the Construction Trades Apprenticeship program and tutors other students in his free time. He volunteers with the Brigadoon Service Dogs program and has made and donated more than 1,000 teddy bears for the Bears Behind Bars program. He does additional learning outside the college, amounting to 422 extra education hours. And, in 2023, he was commended for saving the life of another inmate. He says his focus in life is learning something new every day and using what he learns to help others. He would like to add that he attributes his academic success to the dedicated staff of Centralia College (though they counter that it's all him).



**Addison McDougal** is a Running Start student from Rochester High School. She is the valedictorian of Rochester High School's Class of 2025. She is active in the Valley Ranchers 4-H Club and previously played softball and basketball. She is president of CC's Speech Club and says that public speaking has helped her to express her beliefs and gain confidence. She has a perfect 4.0 GPA at CC and plans to study dental hygiene.



**Grace Morgan** is a Running Start student from Rochester High School. She is an Eagle Scout from Scouts BSA Troop 317. She is a competitive Scottish highland dancer, varsity swimmer, and practices jiu-jitsu. She also is involved in many volunteer projects through Boy Scouts, National Honors Society, and many more groups. Morgan is studying Korean and Chinese and has been selected for a scholarship language exchange program in South Korea in 2026 through the US State Department. After that, she plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi to double major in international studies and Chinese and double minor in Korean and economics.



Joshua Pickett is completing his bachelor's degree in Applied Management. He served as student body president for the 2024–25 academic year, demonstrating a deep commitment to leadership and civic engagement. Under his leadership, the student government earned Centralia College its Civic Engagement Seal and introduced legislative agenda topics at the state level to advocate for all Centralia College students. Pickett's team also led the launch of three new student organizations-the Black Student Union, the Leisure Club, and the Theatre Club-while actively supporting all existing clubs. A United States Marine Corps veteran, Joshua was a strong advocate for student veterans on campus. He earned academic honors every quarter and plans to pursue a master's degree in organizational leadership at Washington State University, Vancouver.



**Rayleen Roberts** was a homeschool mom to her three children for 20 years. At age 48, she enrolled in Centralia College and will be graduating in June with her bachelor's degree in Software Engineering. She has been part of student leadership for two years, most recently serving as the Coordinator for Civic Engagement. She is active in Phi Theta Kappa and has been involved in numerous volunteer projects on-campus and off. She spends her off time hanging with her kids and two granddaughters. After graduation, she plans to seek a degree in family law with a domestic violence concentration. She plans to return to Lewis County and use her law degree to help the underprivileged abuse victims who can't afford legal representation otherwise.

### Centralia College Faculty

Teresa Adams, M.S. – Mathematics Toby Avalos, Ph.D. – Anthropology Jeffrey Birkenstein, Ph.D. – English Jeremiah Boydstun, M.A. – Basic Education for Adults Francis Bozzolo, Ph.D. – Plant Biology Rachel Bryant-Anderson, Ph.D. – Sociology Bobby Burger, M.B.A. – Business Administration Joe Burr, M.Ed. – Transitional Education English Mary Capen, M.S. – Nursing **Bruce Carley** – Building Maintenance Jacob Conrad, B.S. – Diesel Technology Richard Cowan, B.A. – Career Transition Assistance Plan Rulon Crawford, M.B.A. – Energy Technology Kelly Erickson, M.A. – English Elizabeth Frey, M.F.A. – Art Lisa Fritch, M.A. – Early Childhood Education Makayla Garner, B.A. – Nursing Amaninder Gill, M.S. – Mechanical Engineering Mark Gorecki, M.A. – Spanish Clayton Graham, Ph.D. – ABE/Basic Skills Ann Grande Moody, M.A. – Teacher Education Teneal Gustafson, M.S. – Nursing Josh Hall, M.L.I.S. – Librarian Emily Hammargren, M.Ed. – Adult Basic Education Jesse Harlan, A.A. – Information Technology Justin Harris, B.A.S. - Industrial Trades Michelle Harris, M.S. – Geosciences Charles Hegsted, A.A. – Welding Kelsea Jewell, Ph.D. – Biology/Nutrition Carrie Johnson, M.S. – Physical Education Kelley Jones, Psy.D. – Counselor Ellen H. Jung, Ph.D. – Biology Preston Kiekel, Ph.D. – Mathematics Emmy Kreilkamp, Ph.D. – Drama Tara Layton, A.A.S. – Medical Assistant

Brian Lipp, B.A.S. – Diesel Equipment Technology Atara MacNamara, Ph.D. – Psychology Sarah "Beth" May, Ph.D. - Music Timothy Malroy, Ph.D. - Counselor Mary McClain, M.B.A. – Business Technology Michael McFadden, M.S. – Criminal Justice Jeff McQuarrie, M.S. – English Patricia Meierdiercks, Ph. D. – Basic Skills Tionna Miller, Ph.D. – Criminal Justice Sharon Mitchler, Ph.D. – English Lenore Montalbano, M.S. – Application Development April Morgenroth, Ph.D. – Nursing Jessica O'Hern, M.Ed. – Business Technology Angela Peck, M.S. – Chemistry Zachary Peters, B.A. - Welding Jody Peterson, Ph.D. – History Shyla Rabe, Ph.D. – Chemical Dependency Lilliam Rodriguez, Ph.D.– Economics Andrea Seabert, M.A. – Counselor **Torin Shriver, M.A.** – English Language Acquisition Lori Sirs, D.S.W. – Behavioral Healthcare Alexander Solomon, M.F.A. – Art Lorraine Speer, B.S. – Nursing Lisa Spitzer, M.A. – Developmental Math Emily Sprafka Coleman, M.S. – Chemistry John Steidel, B.S. – Robotics Kyle Sutton, M.L.I.S. – Librarian Daniel Taylor, M.S. – Mathematics Michael Threapleton, M.S. – Physics/Math Meredith Tummeti, M.L.I.S – Librarian Alexander Ushmann, Ph.D. – Accounting Carmen VanTuyl, M.Ed. – Counselor Theresa Waliezer, M.A. – English Suzanne Weil, Ph.D. – English Alisha Williams, M.A. – English Matthew Young, M.A. – English Roberta Ziegler, M. Ed. – Developmental Math

### In Appreciation – 2025 Retirees

Centralia College wishes to honor and recognize the service of the following 2024-25 retirees.

**Candi Fetch – 35 Years** Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Human Resources and Equity

> Anita Carr – 32 Years IT Customer Support Manager

Carmen VanTuyl – 31 Years Faculty Counselor

Margret Friedley – 25 Years Director of Worker Retraining **Kelly Thunberg – 22 Years** Instruction and Classroom Support Technician 2

> Michael Threapleton – 20 Years Professor of Physics/Math

**David Thietje – 10 Years** Instruction and Classroom Support Technician 2

> Krys Carney – 4 years MERIT Director

## Exceptional Faculty Awards



In 1990, the Centralia College Foundation, through the generosity of the community, raised more than \$50,000 during a one-year span, earning a matching grant from the state to create the Exceptional Faculty Endowment of \$100,000.

The Centralia College Foundation selected **Ann Grande Moody** and **Jeff McQuarrie** to receive the 2025 Exceptional Faculty Awards for their commitment to and excellence in their subject areas, and participation in campus activities, civic organizations, community service, and/or professional organization.



#### **Past Recipients**

- 1992 Greg Garman, Dr. David Martin, and Dr. Bert Woodland
- 1993 Dr. Don Foran, Vic Freund, Dr. John Pratt, and Marge Wieland
- 1994 Laura Brener, David White, and Chris Hobson
- 1995 Dexter Rammage and Doris Wood
- 1996 Dr. Heesoon Jun and Todd Lovington
- 1997 Dr. Donna Huffman and Dr. Warren "Doc" Clare
- 1998 Wade Fisher and Julie Priday
- 1999 Nola Ormrod and Laura Yocom
- 2000 T.R. Gratz and Brian Tyrrell
- 2001 Dr. Ruby Nagelkerke and Dr. Greg van Alstyne
- 2002 Jill Johnson and Cal Taylor
- 2003 Stephanie Carter and Linda Foss
- 2004 Sharon Mitchler and Dr. Jody Peterson
- 2005 Terry Carver and Randy Kostick
- 2006 Greg Garman and Doris Wood

- 2007 Jack Bishop
- 2008 Randy Johnson and Dr. Susanne Weil
- 2009 John Fasler and Patrick Pringle
- 2010 Dr. Stephen Norton and Ken Rakoz
- 2011 Dr. Lisa Carlson and Jacob Lund
- 2012 Judith Aguilar and Nola Ormrod
- 2013 Sharon Mitchler and Cal Taylor
- 2014 Michael Threapleton and Dr. Atara MacNamara
- 2015 Brian Tyrrell and Dr. Greg van Alstyne
- 2016 Carmen VanTuyl and Karen Goodwin
- 2017 Connie Smejkal and Jeff McQuarrie
- 2018 Dr. Preston Kiekel and David Peterson
- 2019 Peggy Goldberg and Dr. Sharon Mitchler
- 2020 Georganne Copeland and Emily Kreilkamp
- 2021 Teneal Gustafson and Michelle Harris
- 2022 Joe Burr and Brian Rauscher
- 2023 Lisa Spitzer and Dan Taylor
- 2024 Kelly Erickson and Rachel Bryant-Anderson

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### 2025 Distinguished Alumni



### **Brandy Clark**

The Centralia College Foundation has named Grammy Awardwinning musician Brandy Clark its 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award winner. She has written countless hits for some of country music's most popular artists, including Miranda Lambert, Sheryl Crow, the Band Perry, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes, Billy Currington, Darius Rucker, and Kacey Musgraves, and is one of the country's most sought after performers and songwriters.

"Our committee has had Brandy on our radar for a while now and, with female country artists in the spotlight, we felt this was a great

time to shine the light on our own bright star," said Renee Lawson, a member of the Foundation's selection committee. "We could not be prouder of Brandy!"

Clark grew up in Morton and attended Centralia College starting in January 1995. She completed her Associate in Arts degree in 1997 and transferred to Belmont University in Nashville to study music in 1998.

She had her first hit as a songwriter in 2011 with "Mama's Broken Heart," which she co-wrote with Shane McAnally and Kacey Musgraves. The song was a hit for Miranda Lambert and earned Song of the Year nominations from the Country Music Association (CMA), the Grammy Awards, and the Academy of Country Music (ACM). A follow up song, "Follow Your Arrow," co-written by Clark and performed by Kacey Musgraves, was the 2014 CMA Song of Year.

Clark released a self-titled EP in 2012 and her debut album, 12 Stories, in 2013. For that album, the acclaim was immediate, and Clark was nominated for multiple awards in the year following its release. She was a 2014 nominee for New Artist of the Year from the CMA, a nominee for Female Artist of the Year from ACM in 2015 and nominated for Best Country Album and Best New Artist at the 2015 Grammy Awards.

She has since released several more albums, including Big Day in a Small Town (2016), Your Life is a Record (2020), and Brandy Clark (2023), earning a total of 17 Grammy nominations overall. She won a Grammy in 2025 in the Best Americana Performance for her song "Dear Insecurity" featuring Brandi Carlile from her self-titled 2023 album.

She also wrote the score for the Broadway musical "Shucked," a comedy about a young woman who sets out to save her small town when the corn starts dying. The show received nine Tony Award nominations, including Best Original Score.

Clark begins a North American tour with Mary Chapin Carpenter in June. She will be formally honored by the Centralia College Foundation at a later date.

### 2025 Centralia College Foundation

You've done it! Now it's time to celebrate your academic achievement. We would like to join with your family and friends to congratulate you on this grand milestone in your life. You've met your goals to this point, and all of us at Centralia College and the Centralia College Foundation are proud to have played a part in your success.

As you look back on these moments, we're sure you'll remember those who helped you succeed. Family and friends offered support and encouragement, and faculty and staff were there to make sure your educational objectives were addressed. There may have even been people you never met who helped make this day a reality through their generosity and kindness.

You've now gone from student to alumnus of Centralia College, and we'd like to remain a part of your success and your future. Being a part of the Alumni Association will keep you up to date on class news, alumni events, and campus development. After all, it may be your generosity and compassion that helps another student experience the joy and satisfaction you've earned today.

We're honored to salute you and all you've accomplished at Centralia College. We hope to share the successes and victories we're confident your future will bring.

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### The Centralia College Ceremonial Mace

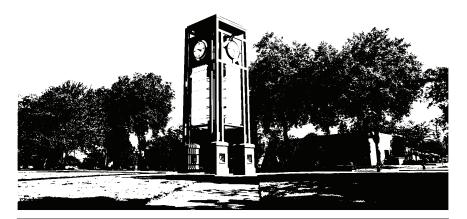
Ceremonial maces have been carried in college and university academic processions for centuries. The first dated record of such solemnities goes back to Vienna University in 1385.

During a summer study tour of England in 1992, Dr. Henry Kirk, President, and Dr. John Pratt, English faculty, were impressed by the ceremonial mace collections. A committee was formed to explore the development of a ceremonial mace for Centralia College. Committee members included Philip Meany, Librarian; Neena Stoskopf, Director of Admissions and Records; Rich Henry, Director of Computer Services; Rob Nesland, student; and Dr. Henry Kirk, President.

Bill Batie, former science instructor and dean, and Bob MacCannell, former community services instructor, both accomplished woodworkers, designed and constructed the mace and cabinet in late 1993. The mace was first used in the 1994 ceremonies. It is carried by the senior faculty member each year.

Alma Mater

To thee with loyal hearts Let our praises ring; 'Though the time does quickly glide Yet our mem'ries cling. When doors behind us close, You will carry on As in the days gone past When first we sang our song. Stewart West, 1939







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