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Liberty Arena

May 11, 2024 | 10 a.m.

*But seek first His kingdom and
His righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.”*

MATTHEW 6:33



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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

You and your classmates are here today to celebrate an exciting milestone in your lives. You finished one chapter—a chapter that required hard work and diligence — and are now anticipating the next. The steadfastness and integrity you demonstrated as you completed your school years will serve you well as you take the next step in life.

Today you are surrounded by people who love you: your parents, siblings, grandparents, and guardians who gave you the guidance and support you needed to achieve your best. None of us achieve great things alone, so make sure to express gratitude to those who have helped you along the way.

As you take the next steps and look forward to your future, carry with you the memories made, lessons learned, and growth experienced while here at Liberty University Online Academy (LUOA). Use your gifts to pursue your dreams, accomplish your goals, and love and serve others.

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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Above all, seek the Lord in all you do, and remember that you are ultimately serving Him. No matter where life takes you and what circumstances you face, you can trust Him.

Thank you for allowing LUOA to partner with you and your family during this exciting time in your life. We are proud of you, Class of 2024!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Chris Runk

Dean/Superintendent



LIST *of* AWARDS

Valedictorian Award

Samuel Foraker

Salutatorian Award

Marta Leslie

Excellence in Community Service Award

Emma Jansen

Emily Sechler

Kara Westbrook

Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Lynn Hudgins

Liberty University Online Academy

Middle School Teacher of the Year

Ashley Bobo

Liberty University Online Academy

High School Teacher of the Year:

Anne Marie Dempsey

Liberty University Online Academy



ORDER *of* CEREMONY

Welcome. Mr. Nick Mustakas
Associate Director of Student Relations

Opening Prayer Dr. Bunnie Claxton
*Former Superintendent and
Member of the LUOA Advisory Committee*

National Anthem Liberty University School of Music

LUOA Teacher Awards Dr. Chris Rusk
Dean/Superintendent
Mrs. Kelley Niblett
Principal

Praise and Worship. Liberty University School of Music

**Message from Valedictorian
and Salutatorian. Samuel Foraker**
Marta Leslie

Community Service Award Mr. Nick Mustakas
Associate Director of Student Relations

Charge to the Graduates Dr. Dondi E. Costin
President, Liberty University

Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Nick Mustakas
Associate Director of Student Relations

**Conferral of
High School Diplomas Dr. Chris Rusk**
Dean/Superintendent

Closing Prayer Samuel Foraker
LUOA Valedictorian



FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION ON STAGE:

Dr. Chris Rusk
Dean/Superintendent

Kelley Niblett
Principal

Nicholas Mustakas
*Associate Director
of Student Relations*

April Long
Associate Director of Faculty

Cameron Ward
Director of Curriculum

Matt Luckey
Director of Admissions

Shelly Bailess
*Associate Director
of Curriculum
Product Development*

Mark Spaulding
*Associate Director
of Curriculum
Development Support*

Stacey Bell
*Coordinator of 504/
Special Education*

Lynn Hudgins
1st Grade Teacher

Ashley Bobo
Middle School Science Teacher

Anne Ryan Dempsey
High School English Teacher

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