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COMMENCEMENT

*School of
Communication
& the Arts*

Liberty Arena

May 10, 2024 | 10 a.m.

*“Being confident of this, that He who began
a good work in you will carry it on to
completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)



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MESSAGE *from* THE DEAN

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the School of Communication & the Arts (SCA) faculty and staff, please allow me to extend my deepest respect and admiration for your outstanding accomplishments and for having reached this landmark day. Congratulations are also extended to your families, whose love and support have undoubtedly contributed to your success.

In the SCA, our celebrations and accomplishments are merely attempts to imitate and worship the Creator (Psalm 19; Isaiah 55:12; Romans 1:19). Artist Makoto Fujimura, in his book *Art+Faith: A Theology of Making*, gives an appropriate charge for this special day: “Let us reclaim creativity and imagination as essential, central, and necessary parts of our faith journey. Imagination is a gift given to us by the Creator to steward. ... The Bible begins in Creation and ends in New Creation.”

Congratulations again, and may God continue to guide your path!

Scott Hayes, Ph.D., MFA

Dean



LIST *of* DEGREES

Graduate Degrees (Ph.D., MFA, M.A., and M.S.)

Doctor of Philosophy

Department of Strategic & Personal Communication

Master of Fine Arts

Department of Studio & Digital Arts

Master of Arts

Department of Studio & Digital Arts

Department of Strategic & Personal Communication

Master of Science

Department of Strategic & Personal Communication

Undergraduate Degrees (BFA, B.A., and B.S.)

Cinematic Arts, Zaki Gordon Center

Department of Digital Media & Journalism

**Department of Strategic & Personal
Communication**

Department of Studio & Digital Arts

Department of Theatre Arts



ORDER *of* CEREMONY

Invocation Durrell Nelson, Ph.D.

Welcome Kevin L. Rawls, Ph.D.

**Recognition of
Outstanding Students Scott Hayes, Ph.D., MFA**

**Liberty University Online
Communication Programs Robert Mott, Ph.D.**

**Liberty University Online
Arts Programs Pamela Miller, MFA**

Cinematic Arts Stephan Schultze, MFA

Digital Media & Journalism John Rost, MFA

**Strategic &
Personal Communication Marie Mallory, Ph.D.**

Studio & Digital Arts Todd Smith, MFA

Theatre Arts Linda Nell Cooper, M.A.

Charge to the Graduates Scott Hayes, Ph.D., MFA

Presentation of Degrees Barry Gawinski, MFA

Jonas Larson, M.A.

Carey Martin, Ph.D.

Paul Reynolds, MIS

James Walz, MBA

Benediction Joseph Wright, MFA