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**KEITH AND THYRA  
THOMSON  
HONORS CONVOCATION  
2024**

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# Welcome

Welcome to the Keith and Thyra Thomson Honors Convocation, a well-established tradition in the College of Arts & Sciences to celebrate undergraduate success. Today we honor undergraduate students who have achieved excellence in their academic endeavors in the previous year.

In the College of Arts & Sciences, we understand the important role parents, extended family, and friends play in helping students set and achieve goals. We applaud you for your efforts and congratulate you on your student's success. We are also aware that teaching and mentoring are profoundly important to student success and the College of Arts & Sciences is fortunate to have dedicated faculty who do all they can to provide needed support for students.

Each year, top achieving College of Arts & Sciences undergraduates are selected to present their scholarly success during this event. We salute our student presenter and the professors who worked with her. In addition, the convocation is highlighted by performances by our outstanding students in the performing arts.

We are forever grateful to the late Thyra Thomson for her philanthropy and foresight, the foundation upon which this student-focused event was created. We also thank Thyra's family and many friends who created the endowment to support the Keith and Thyra Thomson Honors Convocation.

Following the ceremony, please join me at the reception. I look forward to meeting you. It is my sincere pleasure to get to know our students, their families, and their friends.



**J. Scott Turpen**

Dean  
College of Arts & Sciences

# Keith and Thyra Thomson

Keith and Thyra Thomson were married in 1939 and became one of Wyoming's most notable couples. Recognized for exemplary service and dedication to the University of Wyoming, Keith and Thyra Thomson "paid it forward" before the term was coined. In 1997, Thyra, along with her family and friends, established an endowment to ensure that academically successful College of Arts & Sciences undergraduates be recognized annually for their achievements.



**Keith Thomson**

After completing a law degree at UW, Keith, a Wyoming native, served in World War II. He received numerous medals, including the U.S. Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Italian Cross of Valor, and the Czech Medal of Merit. When he returned home from the war, Keith joined the Cheyenne law firm of Henderson and Thomson. Keith served two terms on the UW Board of Trustees and one term as president of the UW Alumni Association. In 1950 and 1952, he was elected to the Wyoming State Legislature. At age 35, in 1954, Keith was the first UW graduate to be elected to the United States House of Representatives. After three terms in the House, he was elected United States senator in 1960. Tragically, before he could assume office, Keith passed away.



**Thyra Thomson**

In 1962, Thyra was the first woman to be elected Wyoming's secretary of state. Although her name repeatedly was suggested for higher office, Thyra chose to remain secretary of state and ex-officio lieutenant governor. When she retired from office in 1987, Thyra had served 24 years—longer than any other statehouse official in Wyoming's history. She was acting governor in the absence of both Republican and Democratic chief executives, Governors Hansen, Hathaway, and Herschler. Thyra was named a UW Distinguished Alumna in 1969 and College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumna in 1987. Thyra, who died in June 2013, served on many advisory boards throughout the state, including the College of Arts and Sciences and Sciences Board of Visitors.

# Program of Events

**Presentation of Colors by Air Force ROTC Color Guard**

Happy Jacks - *Star-Spangled Banner*

**Welcome and Introductions**

J. Scott Turpen

College of Arts & Sciences Dean

**UW Music Department Performance**

The Collegiate Chorale, Directed by Dr. Brian Murray

**Greetings from the Thomson Family**

Bruce Thomson

**Keynote Speaker Address**

John Sargent

Former CEO of Macmillan Publishers

**Student Speaker**

Carissa Fostervold

Presentation Title: The Atomic Energy Commission's Influence in the Social Construction of Uranium

**Presentation of Student Honorees**

Susan Aronstein, Adrienne Freng, Carolyn Pepper

College of Arts & Sciences Associate Deans

**Closing Remarks**

J. Scott Turpen

College of Arts & Sciences Dean

**Happy Jacks Send-off**

Directed by Dr. Brian Murray

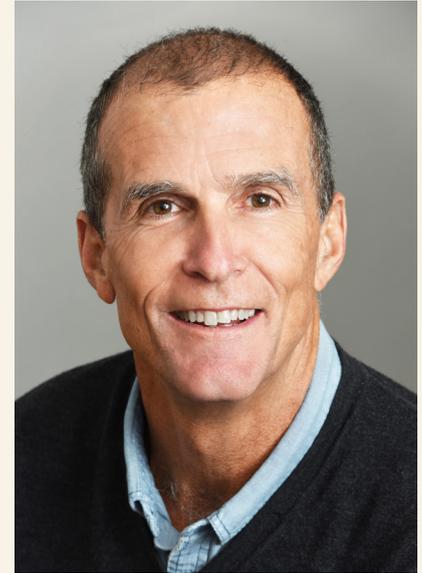
**Convocation Reception in the Arts & Sciences Lobby**

# Featured Speakers

John Sargent was CEO of Macmillan, one of the big five American publishers. At various times he also ran the U.S. operations of Holtzbrinck (Macmillan's parent company), including all the U.S. trade companies, the Macmillan Higher Education group, St. Martin's Scholarly and Reference, Hanley & Belfus Medical Publishers and Scientific American magazine. He started at Holtzbrinck as CEO of St. Martin's Press and was with Holtzbrinck/Macmillan for 24 years.

Sargent has also served as CEO of Dorling Kindersley, Inc. and the President of the Children's Book Division of Simon & Schuster. He was the board chair and longest serving board officer of the Association of American Publishers. He has been on the board of Graham Windham, a New York family and foster care agency for over 35 years, including four years as its chairman, and currently serves as the board chair of the Ocean Conservancy. He has written three books for children and a memoir.

Sargent received a B.A. in economics from Stanford and an MBA in finance from Columbia University. He grew up on a cattle ranch outside of Sheridan, Wyo.



**John Sargent**



**Carissa Fostervold**

**Presentation Title: The Atomic Energy Commission's Influence in the Social Construction of Uranium**

Carissa Fostervold is from Greybull, Wyoming, and is pursuing a BA in sociology at the University of Wyoming. Carissa's grant-funded project is theoretically significant, analyzing the Atomic Energy Commission as an element of the environmental state. According to the environmental state literature, the state is recognized as playing a more significant role in environmental governance and protection. However, the governance and protection processes are not straightforward and are influenced by numerous social dynamics. One contested realm is how nature and natural resources are socially constructed. Historically specific understandings of nature and natural resources influence policymaking and regulation. Organizations within the environmental state play a significant role in the social construction of nature. Carissa's work builds from this theoretical foundation and provides historical specificity through a case study. Specifically, Carissa is analyzing how the Atomic Energy Commission has socially constructed uranium as a source of energy.

# Honor Roll of Students 2024

Sierra Adams	Timothy Atkinson	Ellie Beveridge	Shawnee Boyd-Knowlton
Jaimie Adams	Blue Ayotte	Jordan Bila	Ashlee Braat
Annie Addlesperger	Shayla Babits	William Billings	Morgan Brandl
Kevin Aguilar Caballero	Katlyn Bailey	Zachary Birch	Baillie Brandt
Cian Ahern	Ashlyn Bailey	Brianna Bird	Joseph Brasher
Bryce Allen	Hallie Baker	Ethan Bishop	Jaxton Braten
Zachary Allison	Lauren Balcom	Carissa Bjorklund	Emma Brekhus
Eva Allred	Savannah Ball	Tait Bjornsen	Anna Brenner
Carson Almand	Stephanie Barella	Adam Black	Hannah Brin
Daniel Alsup	Tess Barnes	Harrison Blakely	Lauryn Brooks
Jocelyn Alvarado	Gregory Barr	Ethan Blaylock	Alexander Brown
Kennedy Anderson	Afton Barr	Presley Bloom	Carter Brown
Cord Anderson	Nicole Barthel	Emma Blossmo	Jonathan Brown
Chase Anderson	Mercedes Bartholomew	Alexander Blum	Aislyn Brown
Natalya Andre	Jayci Basse	Riley Bock	Lachlan Brown
Kai Andrews	Theresa Bautz	Kellie Bodin	Augusta Brown
Jake Andrus	Isaac Bayer	Hannah Bolthouse	Alexis Bryan
Ahmad Ansari	Jaden Becker	Willa Bonds	Natalie Bryson
Jeselle Ante	Tija Beckett	Brianna Bonefield	Yixuan Bu
Laura Antholzner	Jeth Beezley	Sadie Bosscher	Mia Buchanan
Marie Apostolou	Gordon Bender	Henry Bothwell	Connor Buchanan
Elijah Applegate	Teresa Bendokas	Zoey Boudette	Atira Buck
Ruston Armstrong	Mercedes Bennett	Chloe Bowden	Abbott Bull
Haylee Arneson	Daisy Bentley	Brittan Bower	Aydan Bullard
Ripleigh Atkins	River Bergquist	Jacqueline Bowlus	Fisher Burris

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Adrianna Bush	Sean Clark	Drake Crawford	Frank Derksen
Samantha Butkovich	Natalie Clark	Cortney Criss	Gavin DeRosas
Eric Butler	Jacob Clause	Amy Culbreath	Monica Deru
Ethan Bye	Kailynne Clifford	David Cummiskey	Gabriela DeVoogd
Caitlyn Cabela	Whisper Cloward	Chantel Cunningham	Ellie Dewitz
Joshua Calhoun	Kayla Colburn	Kayla Cunningham	Lezly Diaz
Arthur Canaday	Miranda Cole	Annie Custard	Tillie Dibben
Elora Capps	Sarah Cole	Garrett Custis	Grant Dillivan
Mary Carbee	Taylor Cole	Alessandra Dalla Via	Sydni Dobbin
Aiden Carnahan	Julia Colvin	James Damey	Kaya Doll
Isabelle Carson	Morgan Compton	Arielle D'Arge	Joshua Dollar
Cole Cassell	Luke Condie	Rebecca Davies	Clare Doornbos
Hailey Cassidy	Camdyn Cook	Konner Davis	Ruby Dorrell
Gabriela Castro	Aubrey Cooper	Serenity Davis	Cheyenne Dorris
Trisha Cates	Daniela Cornejo Alvarez	Jaycie Davis	Chase Dorrity
Dylan Chatterley	Sienna Cortez	Chelsea Davis-Hearn	Laura Dotson
Paxton Chavez	Sage Coventry	Jacques De Villiers	Megan Doughty
Autumn Chavez	Katherine Cowel	Meghan Dean	Mikayla Drake
Noah Chavez	Jaxon Cox	Brandon Dearing	Mayoree Dresang
Scarlett Chavez	Hailey Cox	Damian Delaney	Jack Drew
Breeze Chavez	Rikki Cozad	Julian Delgadillo-Lovato	Ethan Ducca
Olga Chetkareva	Elizabeth Cozzens	Aide Delgado	Nathan Duda
Kimberly Choma	Carly Craig	Daniel Deming	Elijah Dugal
Brenton Church	Dylan Cranwell	Alea Denney	Karter Dunham
Sierra Clark	Ryan Crawford	Grace Derby	Allen Durham

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Sariah Durrant	Ceili Fallon	Damien Garcia	Matthew Green
Kassandra Dutro	Annelise Fandal	Leslie Garcia Cisneros	Kate Green
Ireland Earl	Abigail Farmer	Esther Garcia Morales	Madison Greenberg
Joan Easter	Maria Farnum	Antonia Garner	Michael Grempe
Michael Eckhardt	Kirby Federocko	Karina Garrison	Cameron Grieser
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Sydney Edmonds	Brian Fenn	Jayda Gatley	Garrett Grochowski
Aliya Edwards	Gage Feraud	Taylor Gay	Ivy Grover
Joseph Edwards	Lexus Fermelia	Aurora Gearhart	Ava Gunn
Kai Edwards	Lexx Ferrin	Abygale George	McKenna Guzman
Andrea Edwards	Bronwyn Field	Emily Ghaffari	Ashton Hacke
Daniel Egli	Avery Fister	Katrina Gilbert	Sache Hadley
Josie Elder	Benjamin Flickinger	Gisele Girones	Keeley Hagen
Brook Eldred	Jada Foss	Emma Gist	River Haggstrom
Haley Elliott	Brittney Foster	Sera Glass	Alyssa Haime
Jackson Ellison	Carissa Fostervold	Melissa Gleason	Gareth Haines
Duncan Emmons	Riley Frankel	Justen Glover	Bryson Hakala-Collins
Patrick Enderle	Aspen Fraughton	Samuel Godfrey	Constance Hall
Annastasia Erdmann	Kristina Fraughton	Rachel Goff	Nathan Hamilton
Oscar Erickson	Destiny Gabbidon	Sarah Gonda	Mikyn Hamlin
Ruby Erskine	Lily Gabriel	Rebekah Goodman	Eric Hanes
Morgan Evans	Gabrielle Gagne	Glenn Goodwin	Cal Hanly
Brianna Evelo	Nicole Galbraith	Samuel Govaerts	Micah Hanly
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Morgan Ewart	Alessandria Gaona	Grant Gramespacher	Eryrenna Hansen

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Keegan Hansen Bennett McDonnell	Kassidy Henning	Hazel Homer-Wambeam	Hannah Jackim
Gweneth Hargett	Ashtyn Heny	Alexander Hong	Parker Jackson
Annette Harlan	Virginia Herboldsheimer	Jenna Hoobler	Rachel Jahiel
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Jammye Haroldson	Tori Herrboldt	Adeline Hoskins	Joshua Jensen
Hannah Harper	Danielle Hershey	Zachary Houghtaling	Declan Jensen
Katherine Harris	Olivia Hess	Hunter Hout	Avey Jespersen
Preston Harrison	Mariah Heuer	Cassandra Howard	Ary Jimenez Garcia
Monet Hauger	Taylor Hibbard	Cole Howard	Kathryn Johnson
Kai Haukaas	Addison Hill	Annabelle Howard	Aidan Johnson
Hailey Hautala	Katelyn Hillhouse	Emily Hudson	Kodi Johnson
Jolene Hawkins	Chase Hilton	Dylan Huelskamp	Anna Johnston
Andrew He	Katie Hines	Sarah Huggins	Kynlee Jolley
Jake Healey	Adrianna Hix	Sokhee Huh	Ronan Jones
Bryce Hebert	IylieMae Hobbs	Edi Hull	Jeremy Jones
Caitlin Heddins	Alyssa Hodge	Isabelle Hunt	Gwenevieve Jones
Jade Hefenieder	Charles Hoenes	Peyton Hunt	Rosalynne Jones
Deacan Heinz	Megan Hoffmann	Carter Huntsman	Delaney Jones
Alayna Helms	Daphne Mun Yue Hoh	Karley Hutchins	Jody Jones
Gerald Henderson	Seth Holestine	Alayna Hutchison	Johana Juarez
	Irelynn Holland	Leah Innocci	Savannah Judkins

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Tanya Karr	Caleb Kunsman	Benjamin Logue	Nikki Martin
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Nicholas Kassel	Brynley LaChance	Savannah Long	McKenna Martinez
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Kaitlynn Keller	Hope Langseth	Reece Lowe	Alexandria Matthews
Rowan Kelly	Louise Larrew	Thomas Loyd	Avery Maxner
David Kelly	Ryan Larsen	Amerikus Lucas	Carson May
Joshua Kentof	Luke Lass	Logan Ludwig	Enola Mayes
Max Kessler	Lorilei Lassen	Duanne Lueloff	Morgan McAdams
Saad Khan	Sadie Lathan	Garrett Lynde	Lisa McBride
Sophia Killean	Katelyn Lathrop	Karryn MacDonald	Kathryn McCarty
Kayla King	Ashley Laughlin	Hayden Mackenzie	Jenna McConnell
Harvest Kinn	Olivia Lay	Daryn Macy	Ashley McCrery
Claire Knerr	Parker Lee	Victoria Madden	William McDonald
Kyla Knox	Kira Leland	Sterling Madry	Payton McEntire-Larimer
Paden Knull	Lily Leman	Taylor Maese	Elizabeth McFall
Jade Kosmicki	Chloe Lenz	Matthew Malcom	Aidan McGuire
Abigail Krolikowski	Kambry Lightfoot	Erin Maloney	Kalena McGuire
Mckenna Kromarek	Rachel Linde	Shulav Manandhar	Kacey McIntire
Grace Krumwiede	Hannah Linford	Kannon Manke	Brett McIntosh
Trinady Kufeldt	Rebecca Lockhart	Cappel Mann	Charles McIntyre

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Hali McLean	Mackenzie Miller	Mark Murray	Keith Olson
Mary McMillan	Henry Miller	Marly Myers	Ava Olson
Aspen McMullen	Alexandra Moeller	Tyrel Myhre	Ryan Olson
Katelyn McPherson	Sydney Mohr	Larissa Myles	Sarah O'Malley
Harley Meadows	Morgan Moller	Camryn Nagy	Haley Omoto
Benjamin Meek	Jeremy Molt	Addison Nance	Jonathan O'Neil
Riley Meester	Esbeidy Montano	Hanna Needles	Kharesse Orr
Alexandra Mellado	Bryan Monzon-Mendoza	Jaydee Neilson	Benny Ortiz
Joshua Merager	Kelcey Moon	Celia Nelson	Jared Osterlund
Rachel Merchant	Cameron Moore	Odin Nelson	Emily Ottoes
Audrey Merwin	McCall Moore	Robert Nelson	Bethany Ouellette
Alyssa Meskel	Issac Morales	Tatum Nepl	Kaleigh Padgett
Dustin Mesrobian	Edwin Morales	Jennifer Newby	Taylor Pafford
Shaylee Messersmith	Alex Moreno	Jenny Nguyen	Jaedynn Page
Colin Meyer	Emma Morris	Colten Nielsen	Lori Pallak
Kyle Middagh	Sophie Morris	Ethan Nixon	Jensen Palm
Laurissa Miech	Hayvn Morrison	Katelyn Noble	Blake Palmer
Matison Mikesell	Sydney Mosher	Logan Nugent	John Pappas
Nickolas Miles	Grace Moyers	Liam O'Connor	Samuel Parks
Holly Miller	Kaia Muffett	Paige O'Connor	Katarzyna Partyka
Sean Miller	Alicia Munguia	Katelynn Oden	Gabrielle Pasquinelli
Charly Miller	Quinton Murcray	Brenden O'Haire	Dylan Patterson
Sahla Miller	Bradley Murdock	Elizabeth Oldfather	Kristin Paxton
Aspen Miller	Thomas Murdock	Curtis Olender	Amelia Payne

Paloma Pearson	Morgan Post	Emma Reed	Alexa Rizzuto
Shelby Peloquin	Delaney Powell	Jordyn Reed	Allison Roberts
Hugh Peltz	Edward Powers	Owen Reese	Whitney Roberts
Morgan Pennington	Kaylee Price	Elias Reichenbach	Jenna Robertson
Mariah Percy	Mia Priola	Christina Reilly	Reece Robertson
Genevieve Perea	Casey Prior	Kira Reisner	Abigail Robinson-Kim
Anastasiia Pereverten	Kirsten Prosenick	Rashelle Resendez	Jadyn Robson
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Adrianna Perez	Haley Purifoy	Taylor Reynolds	Kaylyn Rollefson
Kellie Perkins	Sierra Quinn	Forbes Reynolds	Antonio Roman
Dakota Perry	Maddison Race	Olivia Rhoads	Mindy Roney
Jocelyn Petersen	Karlea Radke	Chloe Richards	Raylynn Roney
Maya Peterson	Callie Rafferty	Amy Richards	Cheyann Roose
Emma Peterson	Mary Ragold	Ethan Rickett	Charlsie Rose
Aidan Pettitt	Olivia Raicevich	Mason Riding	Leah Rose
Jessica Petri	Gage Raicevich	Matthew Riekens	Brandon Ross
Abby Pfeiffer	Carrie Rakestraw-Axtell	Peyton Rigg	Torin Rueter
Camryn Pierantoni	Jaelyn Ramirez	Olivia Rigsby	Charlie Rushin
Grace Pike	Molly Rampulla	Alexa Rigsby	Morgan Ryan
Jennifer Piver	Erin Ramsey	Chloe Riley	Joseph Rzeszut
Savannah Plaisted	Victoria Ransom	Liliana Rios	Gabriel Saint
Anna Platt	Caleb Ray	Faith Riter	Paolo Salminen
Kaitlyn Polley	Kathryn Redd	Elijah Ritter	Kathryn Salmons-Midgett
Brittany Pope	Amy Reed	Victoria Rivas Zambrano	Cecilia Sambrano
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Noemi Sanchez	Haleigh Seyfang	DaSha Slaughter	Bailey Steele
Curtis Sanders	Kaden Shelledy	Sara Sleep	Emily Steele
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Grace Sanford	Victoria Shepard	Jeffrey Smart	Kylin Stephens
Jackson Sauls	Casey Shields	Joseph Smiley	Daniel Sterling
Olivia Sauve	Ashley Shimic	Jada Smith	Porter Stevens
Hannah Saville	Nina Shober	Saber Smith	Emily Stevens
Allyson Sawyer	Olivia Shoemaker	Grace Smith	Justin Stevenson
Santiago Giovanni Scalise	Calla Shosh	Lauren Smith	Andrea Stigers
Camilla Scanlon	Colin Sieger	Tennyson Smith	Jensey Stitt
Brenden Schatz	Brittany Silva	Kendra Sollars	Jolie Strahan
Kacey Scheiderer	Kurtis Silvernale	Emma Sorensen	Samantha Strahan
Riley Schiller	Lacie Simkins	Laney Sorensen	Brooke Studebaker
Bryce Schlachter	Hailey Simons	Bailey Sorensen	Seneva Sullivan
Emma Schlichting	Stephen Simpson	Cole Sorenson	Jett Sunderland
Cole Schliebe	Frank Sinclair	Zackary Southerland	Athena Suridis
Marina Scholten	Camryn Sinicki	Piper Spahn	Hannah Swan
McKenzie Schrag	Kendra Sinner	Amaya Spartz	Aaron Swaney
Cade Schroeder	Jonas Sirtautas	Andrew Speight	Jordan Swayze
Aiden Schroeder	Sarah Sisk St John	Mia Spicer	Kaelen Swenson
Haley Schuman	Erin Sitsler	Abigail Spiegel	Eric Swingley
Aspen Schupman	Sydney Sjolin	Elsie Spomer	Emily Taucher
Hannah Scott	Sedona Skenderian	Baylee Stafford	Elizabeth Taylor
Julie Seidel	Cyrus Skidmore	Ashlee Stalcup	Allyse Taylor
Malena Seipel	Chet Slater	Jessie Standley	Elijah Telkamp

Paola Terrazas Olmedo	Joshua Tuttle	Brianna Warner	Rachel Woods
Abigail Tharp	Mason Unger	Allana Warren	Mattie Wordeman
Darby Thayer	Jared Urdiales	Amy Weigel	Mia Worrell
Kassidy Thomas	Mikayla Ury-Foist	Brooke Weinmann	Silas Wotkyns
Maisyn Thomas	Aleksandra Ustowska	Aurora Welker	Daniel Wozney
Samantha Thomas	Ethan Valentine	Jackson Weller	Autumn Wright
Madison Thomas	Tyler Van Etten	Jessica Weller	Violet Wright
Maryn Thomas	Paige Vance	Emma Welniak	Jordyn Wright
Cheyenne Thommes	Keyle Vandenberg	Heidi Welniak	Wolfgang Wuerker
Parker Thompson	Vincent VanVugt	Keaton Westhoff	Bethany Wunibald
Teagan Thompson	Ellie Vaughn	Jacob Westover	Chloe Yeend
Sarah Thomson	Charles Vaughters	Eleccia Wharton	Brooklyn Youmans
Carolyn Thornton	Julianne Vicari	Scott Wheeler	Elizabeth Youngman
Jack Tinnell	Maximo Vicente	Calum Wheeler	Alexis Zaharas
Megan Torluccio	Gabrielle Vinkemeier	Savannah Whittecar	Eric Zappa
Louis Torres	Mackenzie Vogel	Caden Wiederspahn	Anatoliy Zayarko
Crystal Torres	Emmaline Vrska	Cody Wilcox	Sophie Zehender
Krista Trees	Tyler Wade	Ali Wilkinson	Nicole Zehenny Martin
Gracelyn Troxell	Christian Walker	Colton Williams	Jonah Zeimens
Abigail Truax	Sean Walker	Sheldon Williams	Anastasia Zettl
Rachelle Trujillo	Jacob Walker	Nicholis Williams	Abigale Zick
Sophie Tucker	Booker Walsh	Ethan Williams	Whitney Zigweid
Carson Tulis	John Walsh	Shane Williamson	Madeline Zimmer
Douglas Tumminello	Charlotte Walston	Jean-Luc Willson	Weston Zimmerman
Tracey Turner	Molly Walters	Alexei Wood	Elizabeth Zorn
Colby Turpen	Megan Walters	Kyle Woodruff	
Courtney Turpen	Reese Ward	Karli Woodruff	

# Performers



## The Collegiate Chorale

With keyboard from Francine Cancian

- “O Fortuna” from Carmina Burana – Carl Orff
- “Dirait-on” from Chansons de Rose – Morten Lauridsen
- “La Vie en Rose” – Piaf & Louguy, arr. Rutherford

The Collegiate Chorale is the flagship auditioned choral ensemble at the University of Wyoming. These talented musicians are dedicated to performing compositions from the fifteenth century through the present, including commissions

written especially for them. The Chorale has appeared on numerous state, regional and national convention programs of the American Choral Directors Association, Music Educators National Conference and the Music Teachers National Conference. Touring opportunities have led to performances at the Grand Teton Music Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver, Colorado; and Avery Fisher Hall in New York. On the international stage, the Chorale has performed in the finest concert halls and cathedrals of England, Wales, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Mexico, and Brazil. The Chorale regularly collaborates with the University of Wyoming Symphony Orchestra as well as regional orchestras in performances of choral/orchestral masterworks.



## Happy Jacks

- “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” – arr. Shaw
- “Ragtime Cowboy Joe”

The University of Wyoming Happy Jacks enjoy a sense of camaraderie and congeniality that permeates rehearsals and performances alike. They are an auditioned tenor-bass ensemble that are also members of the UW Singing Statesmen. Through performances of a diverse body of repertoire, the Happy Jacks strive to continually increase their musicianship skills, thereby positively contributing to high-quality musical endeavors.

# Keith and Thyra Thomson Fund

Since Thyra Thomson established the fund in 1997, the Keith and Thyra Thomson Fund has aided the College of Arts & Sciences in celebrating the academic achievements of A&S undergraduate students. The generosity of the Thomson family has been an integral part of our legacy and will continue to be crucial for the future of the college.

The Keith and Thyra Thomson Fund directly benefits the Honors Convocation, as well as being a fund for celebrating the success of our exemplary students. If you wish to be a part of and contribute to this legacy, you are able to do so at the following link: [give.uwyo.edu/campaigns/24954/donations/new](https://give.uwyo.edu/campaigns/24954/donations/new)

To give to the Keith and Thyra Thomson Fund, visit the above link, click the College of Arts & Sciences drop-down menu as your giving priority, select other, and please specify that your gift is to contribute to the Keith and Thyra Thomson Fund.

The College of Arts & Sciences thanks the Thomson family, as well as all of our generous donors that help give us the opportunity to celebrate our students each year.

# Oliver Walter Dean's Excellence Fund

Looking to the future and its exciting possibilities, the College of Arts and Science recently created the Oliver Walter Dean's Excellence Fund. Ollie, as he is affectionately known, was dean of the college for 23 years and retired as the country's longest serving Arts and Sciences Dean. This fund honors his commitment to the college and its faculty, students, and staff by investing in a wide range of ventures such as research projects, travel opportunities, and experiential learning.



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# Acknowledgments

The Keith and Thyra Thomson Honors Convocation is a prestigious event and an opportunity to acknowledge the academic excellence of the best and brightest Arts & Sciences has to offer. While it is an occasion to celebrate this achievement, it is also important to acknowledge all those who make it possible. Thank you to all of our students, as well as the faculty and staff of A&S who support our students' academic journeys. Thank you to the parents, family and friends that are in attendance as well as those who are not but play an important role in our students' lives. A&S would also like to thank our generous supporters, the Thomson family, and countless others who allow the college to produce events like these to honor academic greatness. Finally, we would like to give a special thanks to the UW students who shared their artistic performances for today's event.

## Thank You to the UW Department of Music

The College of Arts & Sciences would like to give a special thank you to the performers from the Happy Jacks and Collegiate Chorale, directed by Dr. Brian Murray. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us.

## College of Arts & Sciences Administration

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*Associate Dean*

# Arts & Sciences Board of Visitors

The College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors (BOV) supports the college in fundraising and constituent relations. The BOV sponsors Student Service Awards and the Student Summer Independent Study Awards which are funded by annual gifts to the BOV Scholarship Fund and individual endowments.

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