



LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
**ONLINE ACADEMY**  
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Vines Center

May 10, 2025 | 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 2025!

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 2025!

Congratulations!

**Dr. Chris Rusk**

*Dean/Superintendent*



# LIST *of* AWARDS

## Valedictorian Award

*Isabella Tougas*

## Salutatorian Award

*Caden Weaver*

## Excellence in Community Service Award

*Benjamin Carrington*

*Kian Prohowich*

*Jordan Stewart*



# TEACHERS *of the* YEAR

**Lynn Bailey**

*Elementary Teacher*

**Sarah Hughes**

*High School English Teacher*

**Tricia Smith**

*Elementary Teacher*



# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Welcome and Opening Prayer . . . . . Dr. Chris Rusk**  
*Dean/Superintendent*

**National Anthem . . . . . Liberty University School of Music**  
*Secondary Text*

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

**Message from Valedictorian. . . . . Isabella Tougas**  
*Secondary Text*

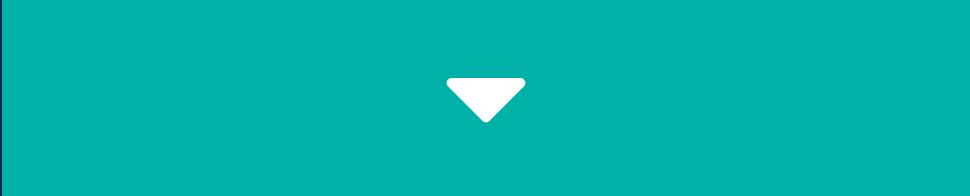
**Praise and Worship. . . . . Liberty University School of Music**

**Message from Salutatorian . . . . . Caden Weaver**  
*LUOA Salutatorian*

**Community Service Award . . . . . Dr. Nicholas Mustakas**  
*Associate Director of Student Relations*

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

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# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Presentation of Diplomas . . . . .Dr. Nicholas Mustakas**  
*Associate Director of Student Relations*

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

**Closing Prayer . . . . . Isabella Tougas**  
*LUOA Valedictorian*



# FACULTY *and* ADMINISTRATION ON STAGE

**Dr. Chris Rusk**

*Dean/Superintendent*

**Kelley Niblett**

*Principal*

**Dr. Nicholas Mustakas**

*Associate Director  
of Student Relations*

**April Long**

*Associate Director of Faculty*

**Cameron Ward**

*Director of Curriculum*

**Shelly Bailess**

*Associate Director of Curriculum  
Product Development*

**Mark Spaulding**

*Associate Director of Curriculum  
Development Support*

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# FACULTY *and* ADMINISTRATION ON STAGE

**Stacie Bell**

*Coordinator of 504/Special Education*

**Lynn Bailey**

*Elementary Teacher*

**Beth Norton**

*Middle School Teacher*

**Tricia Smith**

*Elementary Teacher*