

ALMA MATER HYMN



H A I L T O S N O W

*Our voices mingling in mighty chorus
Sing of Snow College dear;
So cherished shall be our memories
As we go on through the years*

*The S upon the hillside
In springtime gleaming white,
Or as flaming fires in autumn
Proclaim Homecoming night*

*We'll e'er be proud of our Alma Mater,
Wherever we may go,
We'll sing of her fame,
Always honor her name,
Hail to our beloved Snow!*

THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Dr. Vance Larsen

Professor of Music

Dr. Trent Hanna

Music Theory Area Director

Dr. Brent Smith

Director of Orchestras & Strings

Ben Harris

*Entertainment Industry Studies
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Brian Stucki

Vocal Area Director

MUSIC DEPARTMENT ADJUNCTS

Kyle Alm

Chris Petty

Melissa Draper

Susan Huff

Nelsen Campbell

Berin Stephens

Morgan Alm

Clayne Robison

Lucas Florin

Alisa Larsen

April Clayton

Tamara Tanner

Cherie Anderson

Matt Shumway

Rebekah Helm

Jennifer Madsen

Kathy Colton

Davis Underwood

Curtis Biggs

Jacob Silvester

Ted Hinckley

Alvaro Pastor

Rich Dixon

Jessica Wiley

David Blackinton

Marcie Smith

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

- Prelude Music Snow College Brass Quintet
- Processional Snow College Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar
- Musical Presentation Cadence Chamber Choir
The Star Spangled Banner - text by Francis Scott Key, arr. Lloyd Pfautch
- Welcome Dr. Michael Huff
- Student Address Ethan Enger
Software Engineering Academic Honor student
- Student Address Noah Sowby
Music Academic Honor student
- Outstanding Alumni Presentation..... Garth Sorenson
Zach Reiss – Class of 2021
- Outstanding Alumni Presentation..... Madeline LeBaron
Sarah Insalaco Olsen – Class of 2018
- Musical Selection..... Snow College Chamber Wind Ensemble
Serenade in E-flat Major, Op. 7 (1881) by Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
- Convocation Address Dr. Gary L. Carlston
- Presentation of Graduates President Stacey Yardley McIff
Provost Michael Austin
Madeline LeBaron and Garth Sorenson, Dept. Chairs
- Awarding of Diplomas President McIff,
Members of Snow College Board of Trustees
- Changing of Tassel..... Ethan Enger and
Noah Sowby
- Musical Presentation Cadence Chamber Choir/
Chamber Wind Ensemble
Alma Mater Hymn by McLoyd Ericksen and Doris Larsen
- Recessional Snow College Brass Quintet

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

WITH AN EMPHASIS IN COMMERCIAL MUSIC

Macy Badger	La Sal, UT
SaraJo Bangerter	Layton, UT
Ali B. Barton	West Jordan, UT
Jens Conlin Blades, CUM LAUDE	Woods Cross, UT
Marley Cardoza, CUM LAUDE	Fairview, UT
Benjamin R. Cardoza	Payson, UT
Hanna Cook Christensen, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Ephraim, UT
Kaylee A. Downing	Salt Lake City, UT
Tutasi Rosemary Fewell	Vineyard, UT
Azilee Meadows, CUM LAUDE	Stansbury Park, UT
Joshua A. Monson	St. George, UT
Rachael Papenfuss Draper, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Richfield, UT
Lydia Nicole Pugh, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Blanding, UT
Kaylee Ann Smith, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	North Salt Lake, UT
Parker Smith	Ephraim, UT
Noah C. Sowby, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Pleasant View, UT
Carter Wagstaff	Salt Lake City, UT
Samuel C. Weis, CUM LAUDE	Grantsville, UT

SUMMA CUM LAUDE – GPA OF 3.90 TO 4.0
MAGNA CUM LAUDE – GPA OF 3.75 TO 3.89
CUM LAUDE – GPA OF 3.50 TO 3.74

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Aaron Allen Spring City, UT
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Benson John Bird Ephraim, UT
Carlos Blanco Castro, SUMMA CUM LAUDE Bogota, Columbia
Bryce Gabriel Coon, MAGNA CUM LAUDE West Valley City, UT
Dorian A. Cottle, CUM LAUDE West Jordan, UT
Cortlynd John Cox Manti, UT
Garion Cox, MAGNA CUM LAUDE Tooele, UT
Ethan Matthew Enger, SUMMA CUM LAUDE Heber, UT
Ahmad Mustafa Jebran, CUM LAUDE Kabul, Afghanistan
Kalin R. Nebeker, CUM LAUDE Hyrum, UT
Seth Forrest Pattee, CUM LAUDE Manitowoc, WI
Dallin Phelps Lindon, UT
Dusty Shaw, MAGNA CUM LAUDE Elwood, UT
Luris Maria Solis Danli, Honduras
Parker Brent Swenson, CUM LAUDE Manti, UT
Enoch Benjamin Whitaker Elwood, UT

CONVOCATION ADDRESS



DR. GARY L. CARLSTON

Originally from Fairview in Sanpete County, Dr. Carlston graduated from North Sanpete High School. He then graduated from Snow College with an associate degree and from Utah State University with bachelors and masters of education degrees. He earned a doctorate in Educational Administration at Brigham Young University. Dr. Carlston worked in the Center for Improvement of Teacher Education at Brigham Young University. In addition to that role, Carlston has been a junior high school teacher, a school principal, district curriculum director, and was superintendent of the Logan City School District. Carlston was a tenured faculty member at Utah State University, associate dean in the College of Education, and interim department head of secondary education at USU. He has also been deputy state superintendent and served as Governor Mike Leavitt's Deputy for Education. Dr. Carlston served for twelve years on the Snow College Institutional Council/Board of Trustees and was its chair for ten years before becoming the president of the school in 2014. Dr. Carlston retired in 2019 after a long and dedicated career as an educator. He and his wife, Janet, enjoy spending time with their four children and 14 grandchildren.



ETHAN MATTHEW ENGER

Academic Honor Student

Ethan Enger was born in Sandy, Utah. He grew up in Reno, Nevada, San Jose, California, and other parts of Utah. When he is not in Ephraim studying, he is in Lindon, Utah where he lives with his fiancé. Ethan went to Wasatch High School. He was known there as what some people call a nerd. He would wear video game related paraphernalia and always had his nose in a computer or gaming device. From an early age, Ethan was fascinated with how computers worked and how video games were made. In elementary school, his favorite day of the year was coding day. Ethan was never interested in sports or playing instruments, although he did play trumpet for two years in middle school and he broke his arm playing flag football in elementary school.

Ethan's first foray was in robotics and he often drew pictures of robots doing chores so he didn't have to. In middle school, Ethan played with Legos and often took machines apart to examine how they worked. In high school, Ethan took programming and computer building courses. Ethan loves the eureka moment when he can derive a solution from a complex problem.

The next challenge for Ethan was finding the right college. When searching for a college, Snow's Computer Science degree caught his eye. His plan was to get an associate in computer science, then transfer to a bigger college to continue his academic career. After consulting with Garth Sorenson about his plan, Garth convinced Ethan to stay at Snow and pursue Software Engineering instead.

Throughout these four years, Ethan grew close to his classmates and teachers. They teach him valuable lessons every single day. Classmates often turned to Ethan with questions, and he loved being able to help them and share his passion for coding. For the last couple of years, Ethan has been tutoring and has been a teacher assistant. Ethan strives every day to become better and learn more skills to master. He is extremely thankful to the people around him that continue to love and support him.

NOAH SOWBY

Academic Honor Student

Noah Sowby is the son of David and Shannon Sowby and is the fourth of their eight kids and grew up in Pleasant View Utah. He attended Weber High School where he participated in band, choir, and the school musicals. He was the assistant Drum Major for the marching band and ran track and field. He began piano lessons at age seven where he learned to read music and grew up singing with his family. He started playing clarinet in 7th grade band at Orion Jr. High where his dad was the band teacher.

While at Snow College, Noah has been a member of Snow College's Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Cadence Chamber Choir. He has served as Snow College's CNAfME Collegiate National Association for Music Education president during the '24-'25 school year. Noah is planning to attend Weber State University in the fall where he will enter the Teaching Licensure program.

Noah has been selected this summer to serve as a clarinetist in the Nauvoo Brass Band in Nauvoo, Illinois as a Nauvoo Performing Missionary for the summer cast. He has already served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Knoxville Tennessee Mission between October 2018-2020. During the past two summers he has worked as a camp youth counselor for FSJ, For the Strength of Youth conferences in different parts of the country.

Noah is working towards becoming a music teacher and wants to teach band. He believes students will find meaning and purpose in their lives through music. He says, "I am grateful for my college experience—for the friends I made, things I've learned, experiences I've had, and my professors. I am honored to be graduating from Snow College, and I am thankful for the people who have supported me in my education—to my parents who are a huge advocate for music education and for my grandparents willing to support me with scholarship."

ZACH REISS

Outstanding Software Engineering Alumni Class of 2021

Zach is an exceptional alumnus of the Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering Degree Program at Snow College. He graduated from the program in 2021. During his senior year, he completed an internship with Micron, which led to a full-time position after graduation. After two years at Micron, he joined PurpleJay, an information security company, as one of the initial employees and has helped in the company's growth to now over 25 employees.

One of his most notable professional achievements has been leading the development of a critical application used inside FEMA to track system vulnerabilities, automate report generation, and aggregate mission critical data. This project exemplifies his passion for developing innovative solutions and his dedication to continuous learning.

While enrolled at Snow College, Zach actively contributed to the growth of the software engineering program by sharing ideas with faculty and mentoring fellow students. He continues to value the innovative spirit fostered at Snow and credits it as a foundation for his career.

Zach, his wife, and their three children reside in Heber, Utah, where he works remotely for PurpleJay.

We proudly recognize Zach as an outstanding alumnus who embodies the spirit of Snow College.

SARAH INSALACO OLSEN

Outstanding Music Alumni Class of 2018

Sarah Insalaco Olsen has always been a compulsive multitasker. After learning the piano and violin, she instantly wanted to try out the viola, cello, and bass as well. Then, Sarah wanted to learn how to write music and arrangements for these instruments as well. She wrote her first compositions at age six and was eventually writing music for her symphony orchestras by age 17, including one that debuted at Abravanel Hall.

When Sarah attended Snow College, she brought the same attitude with her. Never one to pass up an opportunity, Sarah found herself at one point taking 22 music credits, performing with two ensembles, taking two sets of private lessons, and working as a music theory tutor and as a tech in Snow's music studio. She also had the chance to write music for two of the drama department's plays, a few slot machine games, and live performances for both the rock cover band and the symphony orchestra. She will be forever grateful to the professors in the music department (and Barbara Dalene) who took her inexhaustible thirst for more and more creative projects in stride. Although, they did recommend she refrain from joining too many more ensembles.

Since graduating from Snow College in 2018, Sarah has continued to pursue numerous passions simultaneously. She has worked as a composer, arranger, and orchestrator for film and television music, and she also has performed professionally in string quartets, rock bands, and studio orchestras. Sometimes those two worlds collide when Sarah is hired as an orchestrator for a studio session or concert and then later hired as a performer for the same ensemble she orchestrated for.

Fulfilling her passion for teaching, Sarah also taught orchestra at two junior highs simultaneously and helped run the Junior High All State Orchestra Festival for a few years. Sarah has also run a small private music studio for many years and loves cultivating a life-long love for music in her students.

Above all else, Sarah's proudest accomplishment is her family. She and her husband live with their children in Salt Lake City, Utah.