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**SNOW
COLLEGE**

**EPHRAIM
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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!*

Words by Doris Larsen • Music by W. McLoyd Ericksen

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Susan Huff

Alisa Larsen

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, APR 30, 2026

Prelude Music	Snowstorm Saxophone Quartet
Processional	Snowstorm Saxophone Quartet <i>"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar</i>
Musical Presentation	Cadence Chamber Choir <i>"The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key, arranged by Lloyd Pfautsch</i>
Welcome	Lorie Hughes, Dean
Student Address	Audrey English Software Engineering Academic Honor Student
Student Address	Elizabeth Adams Music Academic Honor Student
Outstanding Alumni Presentation.....	Keith Steurer, Chair Mike Vance – Class of 2020
Outstanding Alumni Presentation.....	Madeline LeBaron, Chair Kyle Alm – Class of 2017 Morgan Alm – Class of 2018
Musical Selection	Merrill Osmond <i>"Let Me In" by Alan, Merrill, and Wayne Osmond</i>
Convocation Address	Merrill Osmond
Presentation of Graduates	Michael Austin, Provost; Madeline LeBaron, and Keith Steurer
Awarding of Diplomas	President Stacey Yardley McIff and Members of Snow College Board of Trustees
Changing of Tassel.....	Audrey English, Elizabeth Adams
Musical Presentation	Cadence Chamber Choir <i>"Alma Mater Hymn" by Doris Larsen and McLoyd Ericksen</i>
Recessional	Snowstorm Saxophone Quartet

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

WITH AN EMPHASIS IN COMMERCIAL MUSIC

Elizabeth Adams, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Blanding, UT
Crissa Allen, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Grantsville, UT
Kassida Bouck, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Farmington, UT
Tyler Boylan	Manti, UT
Kyle Burdette	North Las Vegas, NV
Kamron Byrd	Saratoga Springs, UT
Fabrizio Cotrino, CUM LAUDE	Norwalk, OH
Michael Donaldson	Riverton, UT
Wyatt Gatlin, CUM LAUDE	Toquerville, UT
Cody Howell, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Mount Pleasant, UT
Adam Huff, MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Ephraim, UT
Megan Jordan, CUM LAUDE	Cedar City, UT
Olivia Malouf, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	North Logan, UT
Doug Peterson	Woods Cross, UT
Alan Pettit, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Monticello, UT
Jaylyn Reid	Mapleton, UT
Ken Rhodes	Richfield, UT
Elowen Schmidt, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Mayfield, UT
Esther Simpson	Holladay, UT
Matthew Thompson	South Jordan, UT
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Rachel Wetzel	Richfield, UT



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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Taft Allen	Chester, UT
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Nathan Howell	Manti, UT
Audrey English, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Spring City, UT
Thomas Jones, SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Mount Pleasant, UT
Rhys Koerner	Draper, UT
Mateo Tomaszeuski	San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina
Jesús Sunuc Tuyuc, CUM LAUDE	Chimaltenango, Guatemala
Christopher Young, CUM LAUDE	Layton, 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

CONVOCATION ADDRESS



MERRILL OSMOND

Merrill Osmond is the lead singer of the world-famous Osmond family and an accomplished solo artist. Throughout his career, he has toured globally, performing in many of the world's most prestigious venues. With his brothers, Merrill has sung lead on 27 gold records. Alongside brothers Alan and Wayne, he has also written and produced the music and lyrics for five number-one hit records.

The Osmonds have earned an impressive 47 gold and platinum records. No other recording artist has achieved as many gold records in a single year as the Osmond family, who still hold the record with 11 Gold Award Certificates in one year. Merrill's powerful and distinctive voice can be heard on iconic hits such as *One Bad Apple*, *Let Me In*, *Love Me for a Reason*, and *Crazy Horses*.

Beyond performing, Merrill has played a significant role behind the scenes. He served as Executive Producer of the *Donny & Marie* show, which aired on ABC-TV. He also contributed to major national events, working closely on the production of Ronald Reagan's first inauguration and later producing the 1989 Inaugural Ball for George H. W. Bush. In 2003, The Osmonds were honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the entertainment industry. Merrill received further recognition in 2017 when he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Dixie State University. Merrill has also enjoyed tremendous success in England, performing to sold out venues and appearing on many major television networks. In 2025, Merrill released his memoir, *Black Bear*, telling of his extraordinary life, career, and experiences in the entertainment industry. Having spent decades performing around the world, Merrill has now retired from touring. He is enjoying this new chapter of his life focused on family, especially embracing his role as Grandpa.

AUDREY INGLISH

Academic Honor Student

Audrey English grew up just outside of Spring City, UT. She is the middle of three daughters, and enjoys playing the piano, running, and hiking. Her childhood was spent outdoors, riding horses, moving sprinkler pipe, and camping with her family. In 2021, she graduated from North Sanpete High School at the top of her class. Although she was offered generous scholarships to larger schools, Snow College felt the most like home.

Audrey has always had an interest in technology, making her the go-to tech support specialist for her family and neighbors. By age 14, she was involved in the family IT business—traveling with her dad, installing hardware, and training users on the company’s software products. Her experience working alongside her dad, combined with her enthusiasm for solving problems, led her to pursue a degree in software development.

Although programming does not come as easily to her as other subjects, Audrey has never been one to take the easy path. Her love for art, photography, and writing complement her web development skills. She joined Snow College’s Software Engineering program with a goal to learn more about user experience design. While she has a strong aptitude for the technical aspects of software development, the creative aspects still excite her the most.

She is extremely grateful for her peers, professors, and experiences at Snow College, and is excited to continue learning as she enters the workforce.

ELIZABETH PUGH ADAMS

Academic Honor Student

Elizabeth Pugh Adams is a pianist, composer, and producer, and the daughter of Kathleen and Riley Pugh. Her love for music began while listening to the scores of *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *The Lord of the Rings*, inspiring her early passion for film scoring and composition. She began piano lessons at age eight and studied throughout her training under Utah Music Teachers Association President Denise Frost. During this time, she participated in AIM, Guild, and Piano Composition competitions, earning high marks and numerous awards.

While attending Snow College, Elizabeth has worked as an accompanist for fellow students and for the Snow College Women's Chorale. Over the past two semesters, she has performed as a keyboardist in the Commercial Music Ensemble (CME) band 50Five50, where she also served as rhythm section leader. Additionally, she has worked as a music theory tutor for two years, supporting and mentoring fellow students – an experience she has found especially rewarding. During her time at Snow College, she discovered a passion for music production and studied under Jacob Silvester and Ben Harris, maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Elizabeth plans to continue developing her music production studio, "Pinion Ridge Studio," alongside her sisters in Blanding, Utah. She has recently begun scoring for *Picture It Palmer* and *Nizhoni Films*, contributing to several short films and portions of the feature-length film *Fragmented* with her sister Lydia Pugh Pemberton. She also plans to continue recording and releasing original compositions and collaborating with artists in her community. Above all, she looks forward to building a family with her husband, Bryce Adams.

Elizabeth is deeply grateful to her teachers, professors, friends, and family for their encouragement and support. She would especially like to thank her husband, Bryce, for his constant support and belief in her potential.

MORGAN ALM
Outstanding Music Alumni
Class of 2018

Morgan Brook Alm is a pianist, educator, arranger, author, and content creator based in Ephraim, Utah, where she serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at Snow College. A genre-fluid musician, she brings over 15 years of teaching experience and over two decades of piano study to her work with students both locally and around the world.

Morgan maintains a high-demand private studio alongside her husband, Kyle, offering instruction in piano and music theory to students across the United States and internationally. Her teaching emphasizes creativity, versatility, and real-world musicianship while ensuring students are engaged in the process.

In addition to her work as an educator, Morgan Brook has built a rapidly growing online presence, reaching over 75,000 followers across platforms. Her recordings have gained significant traction on streaming services, with releases earning hundreds of thousands of streams within months and monthly listeners in the tens of thousands and millions of streams. Her work as a performer has taken her to international stages, including appearances in Paris and Tokyo. She is a published arranger with sheet music sales across the globe.

Morgan holds a Master of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Utah and a Bachelor of Music from Snow College, where she graduated summa cum laude. She remains an active performer and collaborator in Utah's music scene, known for her expressive playing and ability to connect with diverse audiences. Her book, "Ear Training for the Working Musician," has reached students all over the world.

KYLE ALM
Outstanding Music Alumni
Class of 2017

Kyle James Alm is a composer, pianist, and educator recognized for his dynamic arrangements and genre-spanning work across concert, commercial, and digital media spaces. He serves as Adjunct Faculty at Snow College while maintaining an active freelancing career.

Kyle is a Korg-sponsored artist whose online presence has reached close to 100,000 followers, with performances viewed by millions worldwide. His work often blends jazz, pop, and cinematic influences, with a particular focus on video game and contemporary music. Kyle's online presence has helped him reach larger audiences with his released tracks and published scores. He performs both solo and with various ensembles internationally and across the US.

As a composer and arranger, Kyle has written for a wide range of ensembles and projects, including symphony orchestras, chamber groups, film, and video games. His music has been featured at institutions such as the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Kansas State University, and Texas A&M University-Commerce, as well as with ensembles including the American Fork Symphony and the Snow College Symphony Orchestra. He is an active arranger for the Korean publisher My Music 5.

He holds a Master of Music in Music Technology from Southern Utah University and a Bachelor of Music in Commercial Music from Snow College, where he graduated summa cum laude. In addition to his academic and creative work, Kyle co-directs an international private music studio with his wife, Morgan, where they teach students of all ages and background

MIKE VANCE
Outstanding Software Engineering Alumni
Class of 2020

Mike Vance is an exceptional alumnus of the Snow College Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering program, graduating in 2020. During his studies, he spent three years interning at Incline Software and helped organize a local software learning group that brought students and aspiring developers together to learn and collaborate.

Following graduation, Mike joined Christensen Arms as an IT Systems Specialist, where his talent and leadership quickly led him to the role of IT Lead. There he guided major ERP initiatives, improved business processes, and developed custom software solutions that strengthened operational efficiency across the organization.

In 2025, Mike was appointed Director of Information Technology and Information Systems at HUXWRX Safety Co., where he leads major technology initiatives, including recently completing a long-awaited enterprise system modernization.

During periods of rapid company growth at both companies, Mike played a key role in helping teams utilize software to scale production and achieve record levels of performance.

Mike credits the Snow College Software Engineering program for developing the systems thinking and problem-solving approach that has guided his career and leadership in technology.

Mike, his wife Rebekah, and their daughter, currently live in Nephi, Utah.



If you know someone who would thrive at Snow, invite them to explore their future here. Scan the QR code to connect them with the path to becoming a Badger—and perhaps one day celebrating a moment just like this.

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