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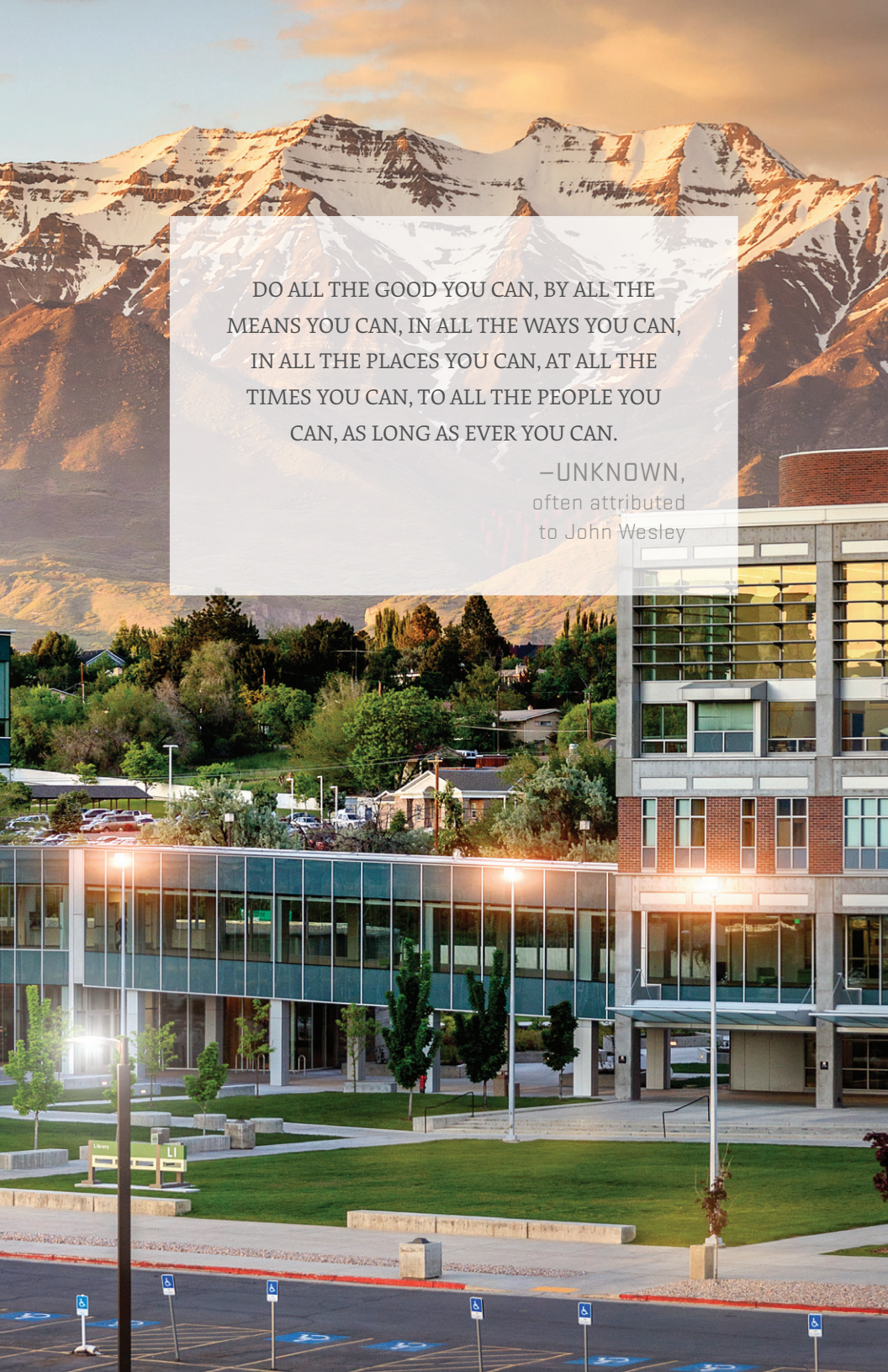
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MASTER *of* ARTS

CONVOCATION

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TWENTY EIGHTH OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, BY ALL THE
MEANS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN, AT ALL THE
TIMES YOU CAN, TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU
CAN, AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

—UNKNOWN,
often attributed
to John Wesley

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Utah Valley University

10:00 am, Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Grand Ballroom, Sorensen Student Center

Introduction.....Elizabeth B. Fawcett, Ph.D., LMFT
MFT Program Director

Welcoming Remarks Rachel Arocho, Ph.D.
Social & Behavioral Sciences Department Chair

Keynote..... Jeremy Boden, Ph.D., MFT, CFLE
Associate Professor

Presentation and Hooding of Graduates

Closing Remarks Steven C. Clark, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Immediately following the ceremony, an MFT cohort photo will be taken on the stairs outside the UVU Student Life and Wellness Center.

A celebration and reception for graduates and guests will soon follow in SC Center Stage.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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DEAR 2026 GRADUATES OF THE MFT PROGRAM,

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! As the dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I am honored to celebrate this moment with you and to recognize the dedication, hard work, and perseverance that has brought you to this day.



Through your coursework, clinical training, and community engagement, you have learned to listen deeply, think critically, respond ethically, and advocate for those whose voices are too often unheard. We live in a time when there is an increasing need for people with your skill set. I am deeply grateful for your dedication to this work and am excited about the impact that you will have on our community.

To the families, friends, supervisors, and supporters who have walked alongside these graduates — thank you for the essential role you have played in this achievement!

Class of 2026, you will always be part of the UVU and College of Humanities and Social Sciences community. I look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments and hope you will stay connected with the university and with each other.

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement. I wish you the best in your careers and in your personal lives.

Sincerely,

STEVEN C. CLARK, PH.D.

Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

MESSAGE FROM THE MFT FACULTY

DEAR 2026 GRADUATES,

We are proud of you and the therapists you have become. We are delighted to welcome you into our profession as colleagues.

Virginia Satir said, “I want you to get excited about who you are, what you are, what you have, and what can still be for you. I want to inspire you to see that you can go far beyond where you are right now.” Today, we celebrate who and what you are. We congratulate you on the effort and mastery that have brought you to this moment. We are also excited for all that can still be for you.

We wish you joy and inspiration for your future steps in your personal and professional journeys.

YOUR MFT FACULTY



MFT PROGRAM FACULTY

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Rachel Augustus, Ph.D., LMFT

*Assistant Professor, MFT Program
UVU Clinic Assistant Director*

Jeremy S. Boden, Ph.D., LMFT

Associate Professor, Family Science

Megan Story Chavez, Ph.D., LMFT

*Assistant Professor, MFT Program
Assistant Department Chair*

Lori L. Duke, MAMFT, AMFT

MFT Program Manager

Elizabeth B. Fawcett, Ph.D., LMFT

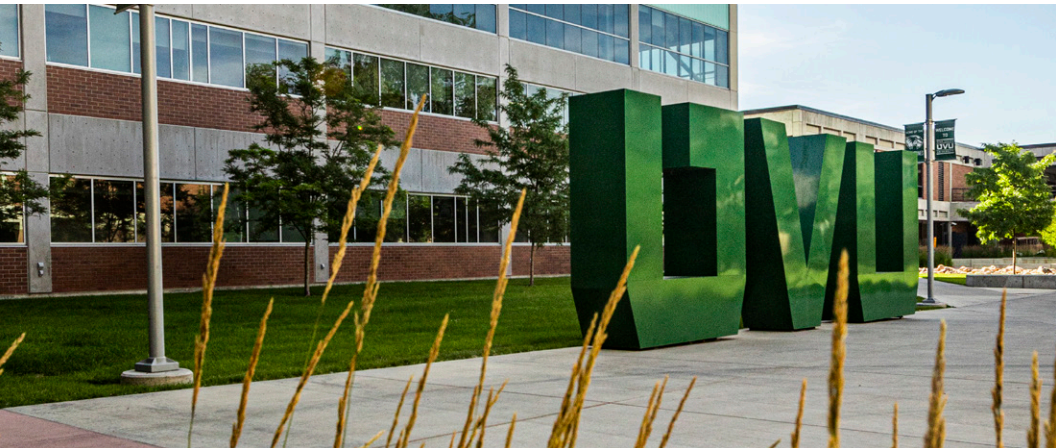
*MFT Program Director
UVU Interim Director of Clinical Studies*

Colleen Peterson, Ph.D., LMFT

*MFT Clinical Director
Assistant Professor, MFT Program*

Matthew Withers, Ph.D., LMFT

Associate Professor, MFT Program



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

**The following individuals have earned or are completing a
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy:**

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Aubrey Bardsley

Danielle Kuresa

Briquelle Burnett

Dru Martin

Jeff Burnett

Emma Nielsen

Melissa Chavez

Caterina Pehrson

Savanna Cummings

Savannah Pinegar

Joshua Doxey

Jennica Robinson

Kylan Draper

Thomas Sowers

Jewel Foutz

Brandie Statham

Aaron Mart Frazier, Jr.

Mat Stokes

Madeline Rose Gabor

Autumn Thomson McCoy

Taylor Mae Human Rooks

Kell Troff

Laura Ann Johnson

Alena Woods

WITH APPRECIATION

The Marriage and Family Therapy Program sincerely thanks the following community partners for supporting our students' learning and growth:

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Beehive Child and Family Counseling, Lehi
Cascade Counseling, Orem
Center for Couples and Families, Orem
Diagonal House Family Therapy, Sandy
Journey Family Counseling, Lehi
Monarch Family Counseling, Draper
Monarch Family Counseling, Herriman
Monarch Family Counseling, South Jordan
Northern Utah Center for Couples & Families, Orem
Purple Sky Counseling, Murray
Sage Family Counseling, Draper
Sandcastle Family Counseling, Riverton
Sandstone Psychology, Spanish Fork
Simple Modern, Salt Lake City
Utah Family Therapy, American Fork
Wasatch Behavioral Health, American Fork
Wasatch Behavioral Health, Eagle Mountain
Willow Shore Counseling, Lehi



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