



BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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# COMMENCEMENT

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2023

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 10:30 AM

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*Bay Mills Community College,  
The Board of Regents, and the  
Graduating Class of 2023  
Welcome you to  
Commencement*

***Friday, May 12, 2023  
at 10:30 a.m.***

*Michael C. Parish Administration Center  
Lower Level, Adikameg Hall  
Brimley, Michigan*

## 2023 GRADUATION | ORDER OF CEREMONIES

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PROCESSIONAL.....                     | Mike Willis               |
| INVOCATION.....                       | Dwight Teeple             |
| MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT.....           | Duane A. Bedell           |
| COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....             | Brandon Fewins            |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS..... | Duane A. Bedell           |
| STUDENT BODY ADDRESS.....             | Quinten Schwander         |
| HONOR SONG.....                       | Mike Willis and MZ Thomas |
| PRESENTATION OF DEGREES.....          | Samantha Cameron          |
| BENEDICTION.....                      | Dwight Teeple             |
| RECESSIONAL.....                      | Mike Willis and MZ Thomas |
| ANNOUNCER.....                        | Tenniel McLeod            |

### BOARD OF REGENTS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| WHITNEY GRAVELLE..... | Chair, BMIC      |
| STEPHANIE WALDEN..... | Vice Chair, BMIC |
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| BEVERLY CARRICK.....  | Secretary, BMIC  |
| MIKE MCKERCHIE.....   | Member, STCI     |
| CANDICE LEBLANC.....  | Member, BMIC     |
| THERESA PELCHER.....  | Member, GTB      |
| L. JOHN LUFKINS.....  | Member, BMIC     |
| TBA.....              | Member, LTBB     |

### COLOR GUARD

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| DWIGHT TEEPLE.....       | Eagle Staff    |
| JACQUES LEBLANC, JR..... | Community Flag |
| RAY KAVO.....            | American Flag  |
| JIM MARTIN.....          | Canadian Flag  |
| JIM LEBLANC.....         | POW/MIA Flag   |



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Boozhoo, Class of 2023,

Congratulations on your achievement! All of us at BMCC are very proud of you. We are excited to see what you will accomplish after you leave BMCC.

Today, you become BMCC alumni! Your hard work, sacrifices, and dedication to your education led you to accomplish your educational goal of graduating. I am sure you will continue to succeed in any endeavor you decide to pursue. The lesson of learning how to balance your academic, personal, and professional life will help you continue to be successful. Everyone at BMCC is excited for you!

I am very excited and proud of your accomplishment! I hope that you will be successful in whatever endeavors you decide to pursue. Finally, remember that your BMCC Family will always be in your corner!

Gichi-apiitendaa gwad (Congratulations!)  
Minawaa giga-waabamin (I'll see you again)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Bedell".

Duane A. Bedell  
President

## MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Boozhoo,

Today we celebrate the graduates of 2023! Shtaataahaa!

Graduates, through hard work and long hours of studying, countless quizzes and assignments, your efforts have earned this day of honor and achievement. Balancing school, family, and work is no easy feat, but you did it! All of us at BMCC are very proud of what you have accomplished. We hope that as you continue to seek out challenges, overcome adversity, and continue to grow in your life, you will look back on this experience at BMCC and draw confidence from the knowledge that you set your goals and accomplished them.

Congratulations Graduates! It has been an honor to be a part of your educational journey!

Miigwech,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samantha Cameron".

Samantha Jackson Cameron  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**BRANDON FEWINS | STATE DIRECTOR FOR MICHIGAN | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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Brandon Fewins has served as Northern Michigan Regional Manager for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow for over 20 years. He has extensive experience working with elected officials, community leaders, USDA and agencies at all levels of government on local economic development and rural development initiatives. He has been an advisor to the Senator and staff of the U.S Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on issues related to Michigan agriculture, forestry, rural development, the Great Lakes, and conservation. Brandon is a lifelong resident of the Grand Traverse region, grew up on a centennial farm, and owns a small business.

## 2023 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

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James St. Onge (right) has been selected as the American Indian College Fund's Student of the Year and Dante Cardella (left) has been selected as BMCC's Student of the Year. Both were nominated by their instructors based on their GPA, ability to overcome challenges, and community involvement while attending BMCC. Dante and James are both studying

Computer Information Systems and have been commended highly by their advisors and instructors, earning them this outstanding achievement.



St. Onge is a parent to two daughters and states they are the driving force behind his determination. “They’ve inspired me to pursue an education, push my limits, and convince me to step out of my comfort zone every day. They are my world, and I owe everything to them.” said St. Onge. After graduation, St. Onge plans to continue his education in the Computer Information Systems bachelor's program at BMCC. “I am currently on course to graduate in the spring with an associate degree in computer information systems and am looking to turn that into a career to better myself and my family. Currently, I am working in an IT (Information Technology) security position for a Tribal Entity, which is only the first step on my journey.”

Cardella has also made a positive impression on the staff at BMCC. Cardella has been employed as a student worker in the IT department since May of 2022. “Dante’s hardworking attitude, inquisitive nature, friendly personality, and joyful demeanor have left a lasting impression on everyone around him. Dante’s dedication to his work and eagerness to learn have made him an invaluable member of the team.” said Tyler Postma, CIS Department Chair. Cardella plans to continue his education at Bay Mills Community College in the bachelor's program for Computer Information Systems. “I am so grateful for the opportunities I have had at BMCC. My instructors, fellow students, and everyone in TRiO have helped me along this path and prepared me for the future.”

## 2023 GRADUATES

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### **BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM**

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| *Allen, Phelicia          | Cantu-Orozco, Nancy |
| Cook, Jennifer Ruth       | Gaston, Melody      |
| Kjohede, Justice          | Larson, Rachael     |
| Miranda, Natalie Virginia | *Nault, Robin       |
| Renk, Mandy               | Sexton, Sydni       |
| Shaw, Tiffany             | Skutt, Kaylie       |
| Wilcox, Kelly Marie       | Wolkoff, Caroline   |

### **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

#### **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cardella, Dante | St. Onge, James |
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#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE – WEB DEVELOPMENT**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Guilmette, Daniel | Reyes, Roberto |
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#### **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Burton, Gabriel D. | Donnelly, Sarah L.   |
| Hawker, Abby M.    | *Shinault, Ashley N. |
| Wilkins, Helen     |                      |

## **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS PROGRAMS**

### **ANISHINAABE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION**

\*Carrick, Elizabeth

\*Shea, Amanda

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Biondi, Thomas  
Elie-Wolkoff, Patricia  
\*Gaus, Katrina  
Latrielle, Kimberly  
Libby, Kristyn  
Thibert, Annette Jean

\*Burton, Oona  
Ferraro, Nicole Elaine  
Holbrook, Kristine  
Lewis, Crimson  
Tadgerson, Angela M.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Bartlett, Danielle  
Hunter, Raelynn  
Jacobson, Paige Elizabeth  
Jarrell, Brittany  
Littlewolf, Rebecca  
Moore, Miranda  
Powell, Rebecca  
Stahlman, Alyssa

Elie-Wolkoff, Patricia  
Izzard, Felicia  
Jamieson, Laura  
LaBlanc, Elizabeth  
\*McCafferty, Amanda Leigh  
Mourufas, Mary  
Sanford, Alicia  
White, Dakota

### **LIBERAL ARTS**

Carrick, Marcus A.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES**

\*LeBlanc, Jalyn R.

\*Thibert, Annette Jean

### **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

\*Drennan, Cherry M.  
Mondragon, Jonni  
Perron, Jamie

Massaglikuhaneck, Leslie  
Odom, Sandra



## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

### **GENERAL SCIENCE**

Carter, Samuel

Dumas, Cort

### **HEALTH SCIENCE**

Heyrman, Catalina

Leask, Madalyn

## **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

### **MEDICAL OFFICE**

Shinault, Ashley

### **MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Burden, Briar E.

Forrest, John

LaJoie, Alivia S.

Massaglikuhaneck, Leslie

Perron, Jamie

Dumas, Cort

Heyrman, Catalina

Latrielle, Kimberly

Odom, Sandra

## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETIONS**

### **CERTIFIED NURSE AID**

Bradley, Caleb  
Chimoski, Katherine  
McDonald-Klein, Julie  
Walden, Paula  
Warner, Sharolynn

Brundage, Jessica  
Leask, Jamie  
McNeill, Elliotte  
Wanic, Caitlin

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Bigelow, Rodney  
Bowling-Miller, Kellie  
DeLisle, Amanda  
Erickson, Saralyn  
Gatling, Naomi  
Johnson, Auguste  
Ley, Kiersten  
McDonald, Shelby  
Paton, Morgan  
Pelton, Erika  
Razo, Nancy  
Roberts, Samantha  
TenHagen, Mackenzie  
Westerlund, Michelle  
Yoder, Breanna

Bigelow, Sierra  
Cagle, AnnaMarie  
Ellsworth, Michele  
Gaston, Melody  
Hull, Stefanie  
Kassuba, Amy  
Mastej, Aimee  
McTiver, Carroll  
Payne, Brooklynn  
Pugh, Kaitlin  
Rinas, Brianna  
Roossien, Kathryn  
Touchtone, Randilynn  
Wilson, Samantha  
Young, Nichole

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC**

Dangler, Justin  
Hoornstra, Katherine

Fitzgerald, Avery  
LeBlanc, Gabe

### **MEDICAL CODING & BILLING**

Alexander, Nicole R.  
Stapleton, Holli J.

Pratt, Samantha G.

## **DIPLOMA**

### **ANISHINAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM-6 YEAR**

Dillard, Renee'



## BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAIN CAMPUS

### FULL-TIME FACULTY & DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

|                               |                                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Adair, Kathy .....            | <i>Social Science Department Chair</i>               |
| Ball, Brandy .....            | <i>Business Administration</i>                       |
| Chugunov, Natalia .....       | <i>Science Department Chair</i>                      |
| Church, Heather .....         | <i>Office Administration Department Chair</i>        |
| Corey-Spiker, Terri.....      | <i>Criminal Justice Department Chair</i>             |
| Elder, Richard.....           | <i>Liberal Arts Department Chair</i>                 |
| Gaubault, Faith .....         | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>                     |
| Gidcumb, Bob.....             | <i>Communication</i>                                 |
| Hallai, Tanecia .....         | <i>Health and Fitness Department Chair</i>           |
| Hutcheson, Jana .....         | <i>Communication Department Chair</i>                |
| Karzon, Michael .....         | <i>Computer Information Systems</i>                  |
| Jones, Shannon .....          | <i>Business Administration Department Chair</i>      |
| Miller, Janet .....           | <i>Mathematics Department Chair</i>                  |
| Miller, Randy .....           | <i>E. M. T., Paramedic Department Chair</i>          |
| Postma, Tyler .....           | <i>Computer Information Systems Department Chair</i> |
| Sawaski, James .....          | <i>Mathematics</i>                                   |
| Stelzer, Heather .....        | <i>Early Childhood Education Department Chair</i>    |
| Tassier, Katherine .....      | <i>Education Department Chair</i>                    |
| Thompson, Al .....            | <i>Construction Technologies Department Chair</i>    |
| Wellman-Teeple, Michele ..... | <i>Anishinaabemwin Pane Immersion Director</i>       |
| Willis, Michael .....         | <i>Native American Studies Department Chair</i>      |

## ADJUNCT FACULTY – ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Adair, John .....          | <i>Criminal Justice</i>                      |
| Adair, Kathy .....         | <i>Social Science/Liberal Arts</i>           |
| Baker, Raymond .....       | <i>Construction</i>                          |
| Barrett, Mike .....        | <i>Mathematics</i>                           |
| Bartley, Brittany .....    | <i>Exercise Science</i>                      |
| Boulette, Leslie .....     | <i>Medical Office</i>                        |
| Billet, Cortney .....      | <i>Mathematics</i>                           |
| Church, Heather .....      | <i>Education/Office Administration</i>       |
| Clark, Michelle .....      | <i>Communication</i>                         |
| Connors, Kathleen .....    | <i>Communication</i>                         |
| DeWildt, Lucy .....        | <i>Medical Office</i>                        |
| Downey, Monica .....       | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Ellis, Larry .....         | <i>Business Administration</i>               |
| Farrow, Jamie .....        | <i>General Science</i>                       |
| Galer, Eric .....          | <i>Computer Information Systems</i>          |
| Gidcumb, Bob .....         | <i>Communication</i>                         |
| Gravelle, Whitney .....    | <i>Native American Studies</i>               |
| Haines, Deborah .....      | <i>Social Science</i>                        |
| Hank, Michelle .....       | <i>Business Administration</i>               |
| Harris, Michael .....      | <i>Criminal Justice</i>                      |
| Helm, Phyllis .....        | <i>Certified Nurse Aide</i>                  |
| Heyrman, Wendy .....       | <i>Education/Early Childhood Education</i>   |
| Hooks, Quatasha .....      | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Kangas Otten, Briana ..... | <i>Exercise Science</i>                      |
| King, Sandi .....          | <i>Health Science</i>                        |
| Kontos, Stephanie .....    | <i>Office Administration</i>                 |
| Lawson, Amie .....         | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Lamont, Caleb .....        | <i>Communication</i>                         |
| LeBlanc, Kathleen .....    | <i>Native American Studies</i>               |
| Lewis-Hill, Mable .....    | <i>Pane Immersion Program</i>                |
| Matresse, Cathy .....      | <i>Social Science</i>                        |
| McKechnie, Destiny .....   | <i>Computer Information Systems</i>          |
| McLeod, Jennifer .....     | <i>Native American Studies</i>               |
| McLeod, Tenniel .....      | <i>Social Science</i>                        |
| Menard, Tiffany .....      | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Morley, Laurie .....       | <i>Business Administration</i>               |
| Morningstar, Susan .....   | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Newland, Erica .....       | <i>Business Administration</i>               |
| O'Connor, Mary .....       | <i>Mathematics</i>                           |
| Osawamick, Carla .....     | <i>Native American Studies</i>               |
| Peller, Jill .....         | <i>Social Science</i>                        |
| Quinlan, Lena .....        | <i>Communication</i>                         |
| Recollet, Shirley .....    | <i>Pane Immersion Program</i>                |
| Riley, Lori .....          | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Smith, Valerie .....       | <i>Social Science/Communication</i>          |
| Stayner, Lori .....        | <i>Early Childhood Education</i>             |
| Svoboda, Christopher ..... | <i>General Science</i>                       |
| Talty, Morgan .....        | <i>Native American Studies/Communication</i> |
| Kathy Tassier .....        | <i>Education</i>                             |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Thomas, Vicki.....         | Early Childhood Education               |
| Turco, Mike .....          | Mathematics                             |
| Vanderpoel, Richard .....  | Emergency Medical Technician            |
| Vann, Kamiesha.....        | Early Childhood Education               |
| Voris, Kendra .....        | Computer Information Systems/ Education |
| Walden, Stacey .....       | Native American Studies/ Business       |
| Waybrant, Brody .....      | Communication                           |
| Wellman, Sarah .....       | Native American Studies/ Social Science |
| Wenglikowski, Patti.....   | Computer Information Systems            |
| White-Thomas, Shelley..... | Criminal Justice                        |
| Wiegand, Julie .....       | Early Childhood Education               |
| Wilson, Debra.....         | Computer Information Systems            |
| Wolniakowski, Holly .....  | Business Administration                 |
| Woolcocks, Phillip .....   | Emergency Medical Technician            |

### **BMCC ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF**

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Adair, Kathy .....      | Director of Development                                |
| Baker, Ray .....        | Owner Representative                                   |
| Bedell, Duane A.....    | President                                              |
| Bedell, Kelly .....     | Student Support Services Specialist                    |
| Bergstrom, Tiffany..... | Administrative Assistant to the Financial Aid Director |
| Bowen, Trinity .....    | IT Service Coordinator                                 |
| Cameron, Samantha ..... | Vice President for Academic Affairs                    |
| Carrick, Craig .....    | Risk Manager and HR Specialist                         |
| Carrick, Serina.....    | Grants Accountant                                      |
| Carrick, Suzanne.....   | Purchasing Specialist/ Administrative Assistant        |
| Church, Heather .....   | Assistant Registrar                                    |
| Clarke, Megan .....     | Library Director                                       |
| Clor, Brenda.....       | Institutional Research & Data Analyst                  |
| Corbiere, Katie .....   | Financial Aid Specialist                               |
| Green, Crystal.....     | TRIO/SSS Coach                                         |
| Halvorsen, Joe .....    | Senior Accountant                                      |
| Hammock, Sheryl.....    | Dean of Occupational Education                         |
| Healy, Karol .....      | Land Grant Program Coordinator                         |
| Heyrman, Wendy .....    | Vice President for Student Affairs                     |
| Huffman, Tina .....     | Financial Aid Director                                 |
| Hunter, Raelynn .....   | Student Services Administrative Assistant              |
| Hutchinson, Tyler.....  | General Maintenance                                    |
| Kasper, Chet.....       | Chief Information Officer                              |
| Kuzmik, Lily .....      | Academic Affairs Specialist                            |
| LeBlanc, Kathleen.....  | Cultural Services Director                             |
| LeBlanc, LaTara.....    | Student Engagement Specialist                          |
| Lehre, Elaine .....     | Director of Admissions                                 |
| Lindsay, Justin .....   | Assistant Library Director                             |
| Lyons, Heather .....    | HR/Payroll Specialist                                  |
| McCoy, Amy .....        | Sustainable Agricultural Educator                      |
| McKechnie, Rheanna..... | Marketing and Recruiting Specialist                    |
| McKenzie, Diana .....   | Dean of Science and Allied Health Education            |
| McLeod, Tenniel.....    | Director of TRIO/SSS                                   |
| Mitchell, Betty.....    | Bookkeeper                                             |
| Moran, Caden .....      | IT Service Coordinator                                 |



Munz, Kamalia.....General Maintenance  
 Parish, Laura.....Distance Learning Specialist  
 Passage, Shelby.....Academics Administrative Assistant  
 Piche, Mindy.....Accounting Specialist  
 Postma, Laura.....Vice President for Business and Finance  
 Powless, Holly.....Policy Analyst & Title IX Coordinator  
 Schofield, Danielle.....Student Advising Specialist  
 Schofield Jr., Richard.....Maintenance Coordinator  
 Schofield, Sherri.....Registrar/Institutional Information Systems Manager  
 Schroeder, Dylan.....General Maintenance  
 Schroeder, Samantha.....Executive Assistant to the President  
 Shuman, Stephanie.....MCAN College Completion Coach  
 Sparks, Holly.....Receptionist and Purchasing Assistant  
 Teeple, Wade.....Off Campus & Non-Credit Program Coord./Cashier  
 Thomas, Mzzhickkekahbah (MZ).....TRIO/SSS Coach  
 Voris, Kendra.....Dean of Distance Education  
 Walden, Stacey.....Human Resources Director  
 Wellman-Teeple, Victoria.....IT Systems Engineer  
 Yanni, Stephen.....Land Grant Director/ Accreditation Liaison Officer

#### **BMCC CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE**

Carrick, Karen.....Compliance Coordinator  
 Mikolowski, Abigail.....Finance Specialist  
 Ringuette, Megan.....CSO Administrative Assistant  
 Tadgerson, Pat.....Information Systems Administrator  
 Tassier, Kathy.....Curriculum Specialist  
 Wanic, Mariah.....Director of Charter Schools

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER**

Stephan, Amber.....Community Health & Fitness Coordinator

#### **WAISHKEY BAY FARM**

Carrick, Dennis.....Farm Technician  
 Corey, Dave.....Livestock Educator  
 Forgrave, Mark.....Farm Technician  
 Jacques, Kathryn.....Farm Manager

