Candidates for Degrees

Because the commencement program must be prepared in advance, this list of candidates is tentative. Certification of graduation must come from the registrar of the university.

Academic Honors

See descriptions on pages 30-32

* - cum laude

** - magna cum laude

*** - summa cum laude

# - Indicates students who completed degree requirements in August

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Courtney Denise Netherland
B.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Role of Type 2 Cannabinoid Receptor (CB2) in Atherosclerosis”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Douglas Thewke

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

E. Rowena Bailey
B.S., University of Southern Mississippi
M.S., University of Southern Mississippi
Dissertation: “Remedial Education: Addressing Contributing Factors”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Lana Lowe Becker
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University
B.M.E., Central Missouri State University
M.B.A., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Self-Regulated Learning in an Introductory Undergraduate Accounting Course”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Terrence Tollefson

Vickie McConell Brown
B.A., Berea College
M.Ed., Lincoln Memorial University
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University
Dissertation: “Perceptions of the Implementation of the Online Credit Recovery, Dropout Prevention, and Alternative Education Program Odyssey Ware, in Lee County, Virginia Public Schools”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Jennifer Anne Mooney Campbell
B.S., East Tennessee State University
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Ed.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Elementary School Teachers’ Perceptions of Effective Leadership Practices of Female Principals”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

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Ginger Russell Christian
B.S., Troy State University
M.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Internship Experiences for Aspiring Principals, Student Perceptions and Effectiveness”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Kathryn Ellen Crumm
B.S., University of Florida
M.Ed., University of Florida
Ed.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “The Reality of the Greene County School System Preschool Program”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

Tony L. Dalton
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University
Dissertation: “Entry Age and Reading Level by the End of Third Grade”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Jared Edwin Day
B.A., East Tennessee State University
M.A.T., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Correlation Between the TCAP Test and ThinkLink Learning’s Predictive Assessment Series Test in Reading, Math, and Science in a Tennessee School System”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Allison Leigh Gardenhour
B.S.Ed., Indiana U. Purdue University
Dissertation: “
Dissertation Director:

Lori Bellar Goodin
B.S., Tusculum College
Ed.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dissertation: “Perspectives of Special Education Teachers on Implementation of Inclusion in Four High Schools in East Tennessee”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Amanda Greene
B.S., East Tennessee State University
M.A., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Pedometers, Accelerometers, and Observational Methods: A Comparison of Measurements of Physical Activity in Fourth-grade Students”
Dissertation Director: Dr. James Lampley

Michele Rogers Harless
B.S., East Tennessee State University
M.A.T., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Disciplinary Referrals in Response to School-Wide Positive Behavior Plan in a Rural Middle School Setting”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Catherine Glascock

Paulette Jackson Johnson
B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
M.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University
Dissertation: “K-6 Classroom Teachers’ Perceptions of Effective Teacher Education Programs”
Dissertation Director: Dr. James Lampley

Melissa Ann Loveless
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

Nikki Lynn Manning
B.S., Radford University
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Ed.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Gary D. McCann
B.S., Lincoln Memorial University
M.A.T., East Tennessee State University
Ed.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “A Study to Examine Teacher Perceptions of Leadership Characteristics That Middle School Principals Should Have to Be an Effective Instructional Leader”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Catherine Glascock
Carissa Gail Mitchell  
B.A., Maryville College  
M.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Dissertation: “Common Characteristics of School Administrators Who are Perceived as Effective in Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Kenneth Huey Samuelson  
B.S., Lee University  
M.Ed., Western Carolina University  
Ed.S., East Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Interscholastic Sports, Academic Performance, and Attendance of Middle School Student Athletes and Non-Athletes”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Brenda G. Mize  
B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
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Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

Monet Calloway Samuelson  
B.M., Lee University  
M.Ed., Western Carolina University  
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Dissertation: “Student Outcomes and the Implementation of a Ninth Grade Academy in a Western North Carolina High School”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Martha Hughes Murray  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
M.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Dissertation: “Initially Budgeted Stimulus Funds for Special Education by Local Education Agencies in East Tennessee”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Mischele Gambill Simcox  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.Ed., Milligan College  
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Dissertation: “Intervention Program Graduate on Time as Related to the Number of High School Dropouts in a Rural Northeast Tennessee High School”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Joy Brown Parton  
B.S., Carson-Newman College  
M.Ed., Carson-Newman College  
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Dissertation: “Classroom Placement of Twins, Triplets, and Other Multiples in Grades Kindergarten Through Eighth in East Tennessee Schools: East Tennessee Principals’ Perceptions”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

David South  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Ashley Marie Stanley  
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University  
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Accelerated Mathematics and High-Ability Students’ Math Achievement in Grades Three and Four”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Lori Price  
B.S., University of North Alabama  
M.A., Tennessee Technological University  
Dissertation: “The Expectations and Experiences of Black Students in Two Predominantly White High Schools in Southern Appalachia”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Scott Anthony Starnes  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
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Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Foley

Karen Pierson Reach  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
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Dissertation: “An Investigation of Reading Instruction in Northeast Tennessee”  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover
Linda Karen Tilson
B.S., Lincoln Memorial University
M.A.Ed., Tusculum College
Ed.S., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “A Quantitative Analysis of
General Education Teachers’ Perceptions
of Their Knowledge of Special Education
Law, Processes, and Procedures”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Pamela Scott

Debra Walls Wolford
B.S.Ed., Radford University
M.A.Ed., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University
Dissertation: “Effective Leadership Practices
in the Sustainability of Professional
Learning Communities in Two Elementary
Schools”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Eric Glover

Vincent Sinclair Williams, Jr.
B.S., Lee University
M.A., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Perceptions of Bermudian
Leaders About the Philosophies, Major
Purposes, and Effectiveness of the Public
School System in Bermuda Since 1987”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Terrence Tollefson

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Nagesh Ramarao Aragam
B.E., Bangalore University
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M.S., University of New Brunswick
M.S., Bangalore University
Dissertation: “Genome-wide Association
Study of Major Depressive Disorder and
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Dissertation Director: Dr. James L. Anderson

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Teresa Ann Dobbs
B.S.W., East Tennessee State University
M.S., University of North Texas

MASTER OF ARTS

Megan Whitney Atwater
B.S., Appalachian State University
Benjamin Donald Austin
B.A., Wofford College

Jasen Lee Bacon
B.A., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “The Digital Folklore Project:
Tracking the Oral Tradition on the World
Wide Web”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Theresa Lloyd
Jesse Colte Barnhill  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Sheridan Nichols Crockett Batt  
B.J., Indiana University, Bloomington

Daniel Ryan Berry  
B.S., Christopher Newport University  
Thesis: “Manipulating Paradigm and Attention via a Mindfulness Meditation Training Program Improves P300-Based BCI”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Chad E. Lakey

Matthew L. Bowers  
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Tiffany Nicole Brown  
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James E. Chambers  
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Thesis: “Neither a Borrower nor a Lender Be: America Attempts to Collect its War Debts, 1922-1934”  
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Thesis: “Rural Parents’ Mental Health Service Delivery Preferences Overcoming Barriers to Care”  
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Thesis: “Military Women; A Content Analysis of United States and United Kingdom Newspapers’ Portrayal During the Iraq War”  
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Thesis: “Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders Among State and Federal Prison Inmates”  
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Thesis: “Psychopathy and Gender of Serial Killers: A Comparison Using the PCL-R”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Larry Miller

Claiborne Beth Ohlsson
B.S., McDaniel College
Thesis: “Traditional Story as a Tool in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Joseph Sobol

Dorothy Ornes
M.L.S., Emporia State University
B.F.A., California Institute of Art

Kathleen Raymond Osborn
B.S., Western Illinois University

Ethan M. Owens
B.S.Ed., University of Dayton
Thesis: “Use of Isometric Mid-Thigh Pull to Determine Asymmetrical Strength Differences in NCAA D-1 Athletes”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Michael Ramsey

Cristin Marie Patterson
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Thesis Chair: Dr. William D. Burgess, Jr.

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B.S., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “From Confederate Deserter to Decorated Veteran Bible Scholar: Exploring the Life of C. I. Scofield, 1861-1921”
Thesis Chair: Dr. William D. Burgess, Jr.
David Benjamin Ryan  
B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Thesis: “Improving Brain-Computer Interface Performance: Giving the P300 Speller Some Color”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Eric W. Sellers

Megan Rochelle Sanders  
B.S., The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Cierra Antionette Sauls  
B.S., Emporia State University

Jessica L. Scott  
B.S., Heidelberg College  
Thesis: “Does SES Moderate the Relationship Between Temperament and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders?”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Wallace Dixon

Marjorie Moore Sheafer  
B.S., Texas Woman’s University  
M.A., Eastern Michigan University

Michael Jonathan Sheffield  
B.A., East Tennessee State University  
Thesis: “An International Reformer: Jessie Ackerman and American Progressivism”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Stephen Fritz

Julie Kaye Shortt  
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B.S., East Tennessee State University

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B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

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B.S., Wofford College

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B.A., Olivet Nazarene University  
Thesis: “The Direct and Indirect Contributions of Western Missionaries to Korean Nationalism During the Late Choson and Early Japanese Annexation Periods, 1884-1920”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Henry Antkiewicz

Shannon Ricker Suttle  
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

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B.A., King College

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B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

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B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

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B.S., Lees-McRae College

Weize Wang  
B.A., Nanchang University  
Thesis: “A Content Analysis of Reliability in Advertising Content Analysis”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Stephen W. Marshall

Elizabeth Conway Williams  
B.A., Furman University  
Thesis: “Forgiveness, Obsessive-Compulsive Symptoms, and Locus of Control in a College Sample”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Jon R. Webb

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Deborah Roberts Bailey  
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Amy L. Light Karlsson  
B.F.A., East Tennessee State University  
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B.S., Tennessee Technological University  
M.F.A., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Johnathan Thacker  
B.S., East Tennessee State University
MASTER OF EDUCATION

Mariel Yvette Jefferson Blair
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Christina D. Brayton
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B.A., East Tennessee State University

Erica Laws Preswood
B.S., Appalachian State University

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B.A., East Tennessee State University

Karen Mechelle Peters Seaver
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Rachel C. Silvers
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Christy Denise Starnes
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Ashley Leigh Tipton
B.A., East Tennessee State University

Rachael Griffin Toci
B.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Lucas Stephen Wade
B.A., East Tennessee State University

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Mark Daniel Compton
B.A., University of South Carolina, Columbia
M.A.L.S., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “Neo-Raconteur: Allocating Southern-Gothic Symbolism into Design Media”
Thesis Chair: M. Wayne Dyer

Elizabeth Trubue Gorham
B.F.A., University of Georgia, Athens
Thesis: “Boundaries”
Thesis Chair: Mike Smith

Charles E. Haskins, II
B.A., Shawnee State University
Thesis Chair: Mira Gerard

Kevin C. Reaves
B.F.A., East Tennessee State University
M.F.A., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “Raising the Machine”
Thesis Chair: Mindy Herrin
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Gary Carver
B.S., East Tennessee State University
Victor Dut Chol
B.A., East Tennessee State University
Julie Desai Bhagat
B.S., George Washington University
M.P.H., George Washington University
Paige Amanda Donaldson
B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Maria Raquel Fratta Bordon
B.A., Old Dominion University
Annika Shant’e Hampton
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

Thaddeus H. Jablonski, III
B.S., East Tennessee State University
M.P.H., East Tennessee State University
Lance Charles Lowery
B.S., East Tennessee State University
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B.S., Florida State University
Linda Paola Paternina
B.B.A., Universidad Del Norte
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B.S., East Tennessee State University

MASTER OF CITY MANAGEMENT

Lawrence S. Barfell
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Joseph Wayne Denton
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James M. Young
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Aaron Randall Abernethy
B.S.G., Appalachian State University
Thesis: “Extreme Variation in the Sagittal Crest of Tapirus Polkensis (Mammalia, Perissodactyla) at the Gray Fossil Site, Northeastern TN”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Steven Wallace

Mary A. Addy
B.S., University of Cape Coast, Ghana
Thesis: “Modified Organoclay Containing Chelating Ligand for Adsorption of Heavy Metals in Solution”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Aleksey Vasiliev

Jacob Lynn Allen
B.S., Carson-Newman College
Thesis Chair: Dr. Edith Seier

Jeffrey Aaron Bonnell
B.S., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “Implementation of a New Sigmoid Function in Backpropagation Neural Networks”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Kneisle

Ralitsa Bogomilova Borisova
B.S., East Tennessee State University
Thesis: “Isolation of a Rhodococcus Soil Bacterium that Produces a Strong Antibacterial Compound”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Bert Lampson

Pavan Chandra Chigurupati
B.S.T., Sathyabama University
Thesis: “Role of SABP2 in Tobacco Non-host Resistance”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Dhirendra Kumar

John Russell Corn
B.S., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Thesis: “Optimization Problems in Hilbert Space with POSS Complexes”
Thesis Chair: Dr. Frank Hagelberg
Kevin E. Cummins  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
Thesis: “Quenching of the Fluorescence of Tris (2,2'-Bipyridine) Ruthenium(II), [Ru(bpy)3]2+, by a Dimeric Copper(II) Complex”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Wardeska

Chuan Erglu  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.S., East Tennessee State University  
Thesis: “Ommisculptures”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Anant Godbole

Mir Ashad Hossain  
B.S., University of Dhaka  
M.S., East Tennessee State University  
Thesis: “Does SABP2 Exist as a Dimer?”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Dhirendra Kumar

Stanley Mofo Jiing  
B.S., University of Buea  
Thesis: “Synthesis of Resveratrol Esters and Aliphatic Acids”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Yu-Lin Jiang

Alexander Kamash  
B.S., University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
Thesis: “Using Electrochemical Method to Study The Interaction Between DNA and a Compound Known to Have Anticancer Property”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Peng Sun

Winn Addison Ketchum  
B.S., Northern Arizona University  
Thesis: “Using Geographical Information Systems to Investigate Spatial Patterns in Fossils of Tapirus polkensis from the Gray Fossil Site, Washington County, Tennessee”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Steven Wallace

Vivian Koka  
B.S., University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
Thesis: “A Study of the Effects of Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticles on the Fluorescent Intensity of Fluorescent Compounds in the Presence of Known Quenchers”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Chu-Ngi Ho

Jude Chimi Lakbub  
B.S., University of Buea  
Thesis: “Fabrication of Chemically Modified Nanometer-sized Gold Electrodes and Their Application in Electrocatalysis at Pt Nanoparticles”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Peng Sun

Diana Ochoa Lozano  
B.S., University Industrial De Santander  
Thesis: “Neogene Palynology of the Gray Fossil Site, Tennessee, USA Floristic Implications”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Yusheng Liu

Cornelius N. Ndi  
B.S., University of Buea  
Thesis: “Synthesis of Chemical Models of Hydrolase Enzymes for Intramolecular Catalysis”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Ismail Kady

Kolade Omoniyi Ojo  
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Thesis: “Mesoporous Functionalized Materials for Post-Combustion Carbon Dioxide Capture”  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Aleksey Vasiliev

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B.S., Kwame Nkrumah University

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Thesis Chair: Dr. Chu-Ngi Ho
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Thesis: "Biopharmaceutically and Pharmacokinetic Studies of Sucrose Acetate Isobutyrate as an Excipient for Oral Drug Delivery"  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Tom W. Eary

Neva S. Winters  
B.A., Western Carolina University

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Thesis: "Effect of Pesticides on Salicylic Acid Binding Protein 2 (SABP2) and Plant Defense"  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Dhirendra Kumar

Junior Kom Tayou  
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Chad William Barnett  
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Krystle Noel Barton #  
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Trumpet Fanfare
ETSU Wind Ensemble Brass and Percussion

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Announcement of Candidates
Mr. Fred Sauceman, Senior Writer, Executive Assistant to the President for University Relations,
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Prelude Music
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