

**HONORARY DEGREES
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

2022-May	Lily M. Ng, Ph.D. Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree
2021-Dec	Scott Mueller Honorary Doctor of Arts and Humanities Degree
2021-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2020-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2020-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred (virtual commencement)
2019-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2019-May	Michael Schwartz, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree
2018-May	Carmen Twillie Ambar (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-May	Honorable Patricia Ann Blackmon (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-May	Honorable Jo Ann Davidson (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree
2018-May	Honorable Melody J. Stewart (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-Dec	Serena Silvestro-awarded posthumously A pre-med student who died (in 2018) due to complications from Cystic Fibrosis.
2017-May	William (Bill) M. Denihan (D.P.S.) Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree
2017-May	Linda A. Klein (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2017-May	Steven W. Percy (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony

- 2017-May Richard W. Pogue (L.L.D.)
Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2017-May Dr. Piotr Wilczek (L.H.D.)
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree and Commencement Speaker
- 2017-Dec E. Gordon Gee, Ed.D., J.D. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree and Commencement Speaker
- 2017-Dec Magnolia “Maggie” Jackson, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
Degree
- 2016-May Norman Krumholz
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs
- 2016-May Robert H. Rawson, Jr. (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2016-May Mary Therese Winifred Robinson (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2016-Dec Richard A. Paul (B.B.A. H.D.)
Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and Commencement
Speaker
- 2015-May Christopher M. Connor (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2015-May Art J. Falco (D.F.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
- 2015-May Ira A. Harkavy, Ph.D.
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Studies
- 2015-Dec Roberta Steinbacher, Ph.D.
Distinguished Emerita Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs
- 2014-May Julian M. Earls, Ph.D. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 2014-May Toshinori Munakata, Ph.D. (D.Sc.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 2014-Dec Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, J.D. (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

- 2013-May Mayor Frank G. Jackson (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 2013-May Brent Larkin (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2013-May Dianne McIntyre (D.F.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
- 2013-May Lewis E. Patterson, Ed.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2013-May Nina Totenberg (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2013-Dec Congressman John R. Lewis (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 2012-May Larry C. Glasscock (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2012-May Valarie J. McCall (D.P.S.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Service
- 2012-May Allan D. Waren, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2012-March Anna "Annie" Margaret Castor Glenn (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, Received at CSU Luncheon
Celebrating John Glenn's Legacy: 50 Years of Americans in Orbit
- 2012-March John H. Glenn, Jr. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, Received at CSU Luncheon Celebrating
John Glenn's Legacy: 50 Years of Americans in Orbit
- 2012-Dec Steven A. Minter (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2012-Dec Albert B. Ratner (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2011-May Lillian W. Burke (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2011-May William E. Conway (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

- 2011-May Edna Shalala (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2011-May Leonard M. Trawick, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2011-May Anthony Yuan Tai Yen (D.Ed.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
- 2011-Dec No Honorary Degrees conferred
- 2010-May Jonathan D. Jansen, Ph.D.
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Higher Education Administration
- 2010-May William R. Martin, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2010-Dec Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2010-Dec Eduardo J. Padrón, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2009-May Jean Murrell Capers (LL. D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2009-May Kent W. Clapp (D.B.A.)
Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2009-May Lawrence (Larry) J. Dolan (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 2009-May Roger B. Manning, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2009-May Thomas J. Moyer (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2009-May Les Roberts (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2009-May James A. Thomas (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony
- 2009-May Ellis Yan (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2009-Dec Glenn R. Brown, Ph.D. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2008-May Martha Collins (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2008-May Timothy J. Cosgrove, Esq. (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2008-May Paul J. Everson (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

2008-May Morton L. Mandel (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2008-May Stephen C. Morris (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2008-May Elizabeth A. Pugh (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2008-May Carl B. Stokes (LL.D.)
Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of
Law Commencement Ceremony

2008-Dec Harriet M. Fulbright (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2008-Dec Henry J. Goodman (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2008-Dec Jerry Sue Thornton, Ph.D. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2007-May Stephanie Tubbs Jones (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2007-May Stephen F. Kirk (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

2007-May Nicholas Rescher (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2007-May Timothy J. Russert (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Commencement Ceremony

2007-Dec Paul A. Unger (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2007-Dec Andrew A. Venable, Jr. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2006-May Jeong-gu Cho
Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs

2006-May Bertram L. Wolstein (LL.D.)
Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2006-May Iris S. Wolstein (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2006-Dec Delos M. (Toby) Cosgrove, M.D. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2006-Dec Masumi Hayashi (D.F.A.)
Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts

2006-Dec Jennie Jones (D.F.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts

2006-Dec Trevor O. Jones (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2005-May Carola Bamberger (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2005-May David Bamberger (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2005-May John F. "Jack" Cassidy (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

2005-May Peter B. Lewis (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2005-Dec Steven C. LaTourette (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2005-Dec Sandra Pianalto (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

2004-May David L. Hobson (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2004-May Donald E. Washkewicz (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2004-Jan Floyd Loop, M.D. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2004-Dec George V. Voinovich (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2003-May Antwone Q. Fisher (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

- 2003-May Scott Hamilton (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2003-Dec Donald E. Bently (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 2003-Dec Dan O'Shannon (L.H.D. and B.A.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters and Honorary Bachelor of Arts
Degree in Communications
- 2003-Dec George R. Stark (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 2002-May Barbara Byrd-Bennett (D.Ed.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
- 2002-May Robert Lockwood Jr. (D.Mus.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
- 2002-May William F. Patient (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2002-May Ralph Regula (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 2002-May William B. Summers, Jr. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2002-Dec Kenneth J. Semelsberger (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2002-Dec Robert J. Tomsich (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 2001-May Monte Ahuja (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 2001-May Milan Kucan (D.P.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Administration
- 2001-May Alfred Lerner (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 2001-May Norma Lerner (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2001-May Hope Taft (D.Ed.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
- 2001-May Lloyd G. Trotter (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

2000-May Jeanette Grasselli Brown (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2000-May Drew Carey (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

2000-May Grace L. Drake (D.P.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Administration

2000-May Robert P. Madison (D.F.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts

2000-May Larry R. Robinson (D.Com.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Commerce

2000-May Chung-Won Suh (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1999 Linda Darling-Hammond, Ph.D (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1999 Timothy Hagan (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1999 Samuel H. Miller (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration

1999 A. Grace Lee Mims (D.Mus.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music

1999 Hugh B. Price (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1998 John Coyne (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1998 George L. Forbes (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1998 Marye Anne Fox (Ph.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1998 Herbert E. Strawbridge (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1998 Xie Xide (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1997 Richard A. Boyd (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

- 1997 William H. Compton (Ph.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1997 The Reverend Otis Moss, Jr. (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1997 Alberta T. Turner (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1997 George W. White (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1997 Jacqueline F. Woods (D.B.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
- 1996 Thomas F. Campbell (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1996 Richard Celeste (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1996 James Comer (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1996 Carole Hoover (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1995 Alva Bonda (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1995 Frank Albert Cotton (Ph.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1995 Claire E. Freeman (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1995 Alex Machaskee (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1994 Louise Ingalls Brown (D. Mus.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
- 1994 Joan Brown Campbell (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1994 Alvin I. Krenzler (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1993 Bernadine P. Healy (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

- 1993 John B. McLendon, Jr. (P.Ed.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Physical Education
- 1993 J Maurice Struchen (D.CS.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Commerce
- 1992 Evan Turner (D.F.A.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
- 1992 Walter B. Waetjen (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1991 Anthony M. Pilla (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1991 Patrick A. Sweeney (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1991 Shiu-hau Yin (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1990 John D. Drinko (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1990 Harold L. Enarson (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1990 Jane W. Kessler (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1990 Aleksander Koj (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1990 Maxine Goodman Levin (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humanities
- 1990 Max Ratner (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1989 Arden L. Bement (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1989 Karen Horn (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1989 Louis Stokes (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1988 William E. MacDonald (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

- 1987 William S. Kiser (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1987 David Myers (L.H. D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1986 Joseph E. Cole (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1986 Desmond J. Everett (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1985 Coretta Scott King (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1984 Terrel H. Bell (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1983 Paulo Gama Filho (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1983 Ervin J. Gaines (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1983 James A. Rhodes (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1983 Donna E. Shalala (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1982 Leonard Bernstein (L.H. D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1982 Douglas A. Fraser (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1982 Richard G. Hatcher (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1982 Ray Marshall (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1981 David Broder (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1981 Rev. James A. Hickey (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1981 Mary A. Mendelson (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1981 Gunther Schuller (D. Mus.) (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degrees, Doctor of Music and Doctor of Humane Letters

1981 W. O. Walker (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1980 Berry Commoner (D.Sc.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1980 Howard Nemerov (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1980 Robert J. White (D.Sc.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor Science

1980 Milton Wolf (LL.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1979 No Honorary Degrees conferred

1978 Robert Coles (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1978 E. Mandel De Windt (LL.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1978 Harriet P. Dustan (D.Sc.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1977 Effie O. Ellis (D.Sc.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1977 Margaret A. Mahoney (LL.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1977 Robert K. Merton (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1976 Russell Atkins (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1976 Rev. Edward J. Camille (L.H.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1976 Simon Ramo (D.Sc.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1976 A.A. Sommer, Jr. (LL.D.)
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

- 1976 Leonard Woodcock (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1975 Ada Louise Huxtable (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1975 James J. Nance (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1975 Terry Sanford (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1975 Carl Stern (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1975 Herbert J. Sturz (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1974 Mrs. Zelma George (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1974 Joel Grey (L. Litt.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Letters
- 1974 Louis Lane (D.Mus.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
- 1973 Harry K. Newburn (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1973 Sam Pollock (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1973 Thomas Vail (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1972 Dean Burl H. Bush (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1972 Herbert Elwell (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1971 Charles F. Clark (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1971 Bruce L. Newman (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1970 Wilbur Joseph Cohen (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

- 1970 Irvine Heinly Page (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1970 Richard B. Teare, Jr. (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1969 Robben W. Fleming (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1969 Lars Onsager (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1968 Walter K. Bailey (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1968 John H. Fisher (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1968 John S. Millis (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1968 Bertram D. Thomas (D.Sc.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
- 1967 T. Keith Glennan (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1967 Rowena W. Jelliffe (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1967 Russell Wesley Jelliffe (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1966 Paul W. Briggs (LL.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
- 1966 Rev. Dr. John Bruere (L.H.D.)
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters