

*Arkansas State University*  
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*“The listing of Summer 2022 degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.”*

# Arkansas State University

## History and Overview

Arkansas State University is a Carnegie Foundation R2 national doctoral-granting institution serving the upper Mississippi Delta region. Dedicated to teaching, research and service, the university provides students with the broad educational foundations that help develop critical thinking and analytical skills, decision-making capabilities, and communication skills.

This institution was founded in Jonesboro in 1909 by the Arkansas General Assembly as a regional agricultural training school. It began offering a two-year college program in 1918, then became "First District Agricultural and Mechanical College" in 1925. A four-year degree program was begun in 1930, then A & M College became "Arkansas State College" in 1933. The Arkansas Legislature elevated the college to university status and changed the name to Arkansas State University in 1967. Today, the institution has more than 100,000 alumni. A-State has received notable rankings in recent years, moving into the "National Universities" category in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "Best Colleges" rankings in 2019, and being named Best in South by *Princeton Review*, gold-level Military Friendly Schools, and a top online value by a wide range of internet rating groups.

A-State has extended its global reach with the only U.S.-style campus in Queretaro, Mexico. A-State is also host to the first osteopathic medical school in Arkansas, the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. More information about A-State is available online at [AState.edu](http://AState.edu).

### **Degree Programs**

Master degree graduate programs were initiated in 1955, and Arkansas State began offering its first doctoral degree, in educational leadership, in the fall of 1992. In addition, doctoral programs are now offered in environmental science, heritage studies, molecular biosciences, nursing practice, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Programs at the specialist, master, bachelor and associate degree levels are available through the various colleges: Agriculture; Griffin Business; Education and Behavioral Science; Engineering and Computer Science; Liberal Arts and Communication; Nursing and Health Professions; Sciences and Mathematics; and University College.

### **Accreditation**

Arkansas State University's commitment to excellence in higher education is demonstrated through its accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission, based in Chicago, as well as 37 discipline-specific accrediting organizations. In addition, the university holds membership in numerous national organizations that support the highest educational standards.

### **The ASU System**

The Arkansas State University System includes the main campus of Arkansas State University, A-State, which is in Jonesboro; the newest addition, Henderson State University, a four-year institution in Arkadelphia; and five two-year institutions: ASU-Beebe, ASU-Newport, ASU-Mountain Home, ASU Mid-South, in West Memphis, and ASU Three Rivers, in Malvern. A-State includes Campus Queretaro in the State of Queretaro, Mexico. ASU-Beebe has campuses in Heber Springs and Searcy and an instructional site at Little Rock Air Force Base. ASU-Newport also has campuses in Jonesboro and Marked Tree.

Dr. Charles L. Welch is president of the ASU System, which was formally established by Board of Trustees resolution effective July 1, 2006, although it had operated as a system much longer. Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas joined the system in 1955 as ASC-Beebe, later becoming ASU-Beebe. White River Vo-Tech at Newport became associated with ASU-Beebe in 1992; that institution is now ASU-Newport. The Mountain Home campus officially became ASU-Mountain Home on July 1, 1995. Delta Technical Institute at Marked Tree, which came into the system in 2001, is now an ASU-Newport campus. ASU-Beebe opened a sister campus at Heber Springs in 1999. Foothills Technical Institute was merged with ASU-Beebe on July 1, 2003, and is now the Searcy campus of ASU-Beebe. Mid-South Community College in West Memphis became a system member in 2015 as ASU Mid-South. College of the Ouachitas in Malvern joined the system in 2020 as ASU Three Rivers. Henderson State University joined the system in February 2021. A-State also offers bachelor degree programs, master degree programs and upper level courses through degree centers at ASU-Beebe, ASU-Mountain Home, and ASU Mid-South.

### **Enrollment**

Arkansas State University has grown significantly over the past three decades. A-State's enrollment in the fall of 2021 was 13,752. Home to the largest online program in the State of Arkansas, A-State also has the largest graduate enrollment, largely through several 100% percent online programs.

# Arkansas State University

## Mission, Core Values, and Vision

### Mission

Arkansas State University **educates** leaders, **enhances** intellectual growth, and **enriches** lives.

### Core Values

Arkansas State University values the following as central to our success:

- **Student-Centered:** We are committed to education, inquiry and service in order to meet students' changing needs. We foster lifelong learning, civic and social responsibility, leadership, and individual and career growth.
- **Learning-Centered:** We nurture intellectual flexibility, knowledge and skills by integrating teaching, research, assessment and learning to promote continuous improvement of our scholarly community.
- **Excellence:** We pursue excellence within the campus community through opportunities for achievement in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity and service.
- **Diversity:** We embrace diversity in all of its dimensions realizing that mutual respect for individuality and the inclusion of all are vital for both personal and institutional success.
- **Service:** We support and recognize service at all levels of the university. We strive to contribute to the benefit of the university, the Delta, the state, the nation and the world.
- **Integrity:** We hold high standards of character and integrity as the foundations upon which the University is built.

### Vision

Arkansas State University aspires to be an academic leader recognized for innovation and quality in teaching and learning, international standing in strategic research areas, and commitment to outreach and service to the Delta and beyond.

# CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. Charles L. Welch

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Charles L. Welch  
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Chief Communications Officer

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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College of Agriculture

Dr. Jim Washam, Dean  
Neil Griffin College of Business

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College of Education & Behavioral Science

Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharyya, Dean  
College of Engineering & Computer Science

Dr. Carl Cates, Dean  
College of Liberal Arts & Communication

Dr. Scott Gordon, Dean  
College of Nursing & Health Professions

Dr. Lynn Boyd, Dean  
College of Sciences & Mathematics

Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, Dean  
Graduate School

Dr. Jill Simons, Dean  
University College

## OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Ms. Donna Caldwell  
President, Arkansas State University Faculty Association  
Mace Bearer

Dr. William McLean  
Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Relations

Ms. Zadie Coats  
Graduating Senior

LTC J. Morgan Weatherly  
Professor of Military Science

Ms. Daisy Dippel  
Interpreter

# THE PROGRAM

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance*.....Edward Elgar

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

*\*The Star-Spangled Banner*.....Francis Scott Key

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS .....Dr. Alan Utter  
*Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS .....Ms. Zadie Coats  
*Graduating Senior*

COMMISSIONING OF U.S. ARMY OFFICERS.....LTC J. Morgan Weatherly  
*Professor of Military Science*

INDUCTION INTO ARKANSAS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .....Ms. Peggy Wright  
*Alumni Association President*

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....Dr. Alan Utter

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....Dr. Alan Utter

**\*Please stand for the national anthem.**



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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

On behalf of the members of the Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University! Graduation signals the end of one era and the beginning of another as we welcome you to the family of more than 100,000 A-State alumni worldwide. It is our sincere hope that you continue your association with the university through active membership in the Alumni Association.

You and the members of your class are important to the Alumni Association and the alma mater we serve. Much that you have enjoyed here at Arkansas State has been made possible by the generous support of graduates who have preceded you. As alumni, we are proud of the time, energy and resources we have shared to help provide a quality institution for the current and future students at Arkansas State.

We invite you to continue this tradition by participating in Alumni Association activities such as homecoming, class reunions, recruiting events in your area and other alumni happenings. The Cooper Alumni Center will be your permanent home on the A-State campus. I invite you to stop by and see this wonderful place.

Most of all stay connected! Visit our website [AStateAlumni.org](http://AStateAlumni.org); join us on Facebook, Instagram and download our mobile app to keep us informed of your accomplishments, current email, and mailing address. We want to share in your pride and continue to keep you advised of University and Alumni Association events of interest. The friendships and associations you have built while at Arkansas State University will continue to grow through your participation in these activities.

We look forward to serving you and working with you in your new role as alumni of Arkansas State University.

Sincerely,

Peggy R. Wright '93 '96  
President  
A-State Alumni Association



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**ASA HUTCHINSON**  
GOVERNOR

Dear Arkansas State University Graduates,

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University. As Governor, I commend your tremendous achievement and join with your friends and family to celebrate your years of hard work and dedication to higher learning.

I am pleased to congratulate each and every member of this graduating class and look forward to the value you will bring to Arkansas and to the nation. Each of you can take pride in being part of an institution that is dedicated to standards of excellence and high achievement.

I hope you will continue to pursue learning opportunities throughout your life and continually expand your horizons. You will soon be presented with new experiences and challenges that will shape your mind and your character. Always remember to stand by your beliefs and seek accurate information regardless of where life takes you in the coming years. Work hard, strive to achieve your full potential and realize the possibilities are endless in your bright future ahead.

Again, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University, and best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,  
  
Asa Hutchinson





## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Doctor of Education

#### *Chad Williams Martin*

Ed.S., Arkansas State University

M.S.E., Arkansas State University

B.S.E., University of Arkansas

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Topeka Singleton

DISSERTATION TITLE: A Case Study on the Consolidation of Two Schools in the Arkansas Mississippi River Delta

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

### Doctor of Philosophy

#### *Uddhab Karki*

M.S., Tribhuvan University

B.S., Tribhuvan University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Jianfeng Xu

DISSERTATION TITLE: Enhancing Production of Functional Proteins in Plant Cell Culture through Cellular Engineering and Rational Protein Design

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences



## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

### CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.

#### Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Dalen Ty Douglas  
Morgan Schrader Ludwig  
Audrey E. Pounders  
Landon Garrett Smith

Emilee Ray Thweatt  
Christian L. Vanhouten  
Haden L. Weems  
Mackenzie Lin Wilson

## NEIL GRIFFIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

#### Master of Business Administration

Erin Elizabeth Bradley  
Dever Thomas Carrison  
Alison Claire Dewitt  
Taylor Dayle Galloway  
Maegan Danielle Hutchins

Sarah Grace Pitts  
Amber C. Tillman  
Kenneth Gene Welch  
Bryoni Yun

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.

#### Bachelor of Science

Grace Elainebeth Acred  
Courtney Symone Atkins

***Carson Olivia Badger***  
***Magna Cum Laude***

Ryan Z. Baltz  
Payton S. Bentley  
Cassidy Alexis Biggers  
Alexa Rae Carroll  
Clayton William Cooper  
Elijah Emery Davis  
Dylan D. Dixon  
Parker R. Glaze  
Kaitlyn Elyse Gordon  
Katherine J. Green  
Mallory K. Guffey

***Gage Spencer Guthrie***  
***Cum Laude***

Gretchen Rinehart Hall  
Luke E. Harper  
Hunter Douglas Hartwick  
Alexus Shantel Hayes  
Easton Householder  
Kason Lane Irvin  
April Shenelle Jones  
Olivia Mae-Lea Langston  
Chase Wayne Matthews  
Blake Allen McDaniel  
Dallon David O'Donohue  
***Alena Alexandrovna Ovchinnikova***  
***Magna Cum Laude***

## **Bachelor of Science (continued)**

Drew Coco Raymer  
**Hunter Elizabeth Roper**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Quinton P. Sanders  
Alyson Shipp  
Jaycie Marie Smith  
Rikki Jo Smith  
Luke Gregory Sovine  
Heather Swindle

**Robert A. Virgil Jr.**  
*Cum Laude*  
**Hieu Minh Vu**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mallory E. Weitzel  
Anna Elizabeth Wood  
Reagan Faith Wright  
Seth R. Wyatt

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

### **CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES**

#### **Doctor of Education**

Chad Williams Martin

### **CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES**

#### **Specialist in Education**

Angela Dawn Andrews  
Jessica Renea Aryee  
Sheryl Bazley  
Rebecca Blakeney  
Stephanie C. Camp  
Carey J. Dahncke  
McKenzie Elise DeLoache  
Melanie K. Duddy  
Mandi Nicole Dunlap  
Joseph Ray Eason  
Courtney Leigh Eubanks  
David Fisher  
Melanie Danille Gary  
Takellia Gamble Glover  
Eleazarus Greenleaf  
Lindsay Suzanne Griffin  
Stephen Lucas Guenrich  
Jennifer Marie Harper  
Kerri McKesty Harrion  
Rachel Anne Heath  
Katrina Ardrese Hibler  
Rickey Theman Hicks

Kimberly Dawn Homan  
Ava Grace Horton  
Bryan Jerkins  
Dannisha Monique Land  
Mandy M. Letort  
Pamela A. Long  
Christen Leigh Lonning  
Natalie Taylor McConnell  
Shilo Michelle McManus  
Kia M. Moore  
Stacey Douglas Overlin  
Lisa Beth Owen  
Dexter Monroe Pendergraft  
Emilee Paige Phillips  
Kaci Lynn Phipps  
Suzanne Ray Proctor  
Julie C. Sandy  
Amanda R. Sarver  
Leah Janelle Sarver  
Kim J. Saylor  
Nathan M. Sullivan  
Jennifer Morene Winkler

### **CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES**

#### **Master of Arts in Teaching**

Lakisha Monique Dowden

## Master of Science

Jacob Agee  
Travis Amendt  
Brandon Thomas Anderson  
Jerry Wayne Anderson Jr.  
Brandon Christopher Austin  
Leighla Belen Beteta  
Briana Sinclair Boone  
Ronald E. Bowers Jr.  
Davis Miles Bowne  
Haley Brosie  
Michael Patrick Broskowski  
Kevin Cantu  
Mac John Carder III  
Brian Thomas Cole  
Stephen D. Cukovecki  
Lisa Jeanette Cunningham  
Terrence Tyrone Davis  
James Ogden DeBerry  
Lauren Bryson Dentler  
Haley Downey  
Joseph Levi Dunn Jr.  
Thomas John Dyer  
Matthew Claude Earnest  
John Henry Fairris Jr.  
Carly Ferguson  
Melissa Dawn Field  
Henry Figueroa  
Allison Mia Fisher  
David A. Fluellen Jr.  
Jada Analyse Ford  
Kenna Brooke Foster  
Gerald Anthony Fuller  
Lacey Jayne Garnette  
Laticia Nyoka Garvin  
Mark Thomas Gurenlian  
Paige Elizabeth Hanssen  
Anna Brock Hawkins  
Ryan Taylor Hendricks  
Grayson Stanford Hodges  
Austin Scott Jamison  
Savignon Amahd Jones  
Jack Kaloogian  
Mollie Erin Kearns  
Benjamin Guiver Keddington

Julie Ann Kelly  
Scot Kirby  
Samuel Demetrios Lialios  
Megan Murphy Lopez  
Aimee Nicole MacFarland  
Chatori Major  
Shari Lynn Mangas  
Joseph Mangiero  
Harry Wayne Markotay  
Karla Victoria Marroquin  
Daijia T. Marshall  
Cameron Blake Martin  
Justin David Martin  
Peter J. Mayer  
Justin G. Medlin  
Porsha Nichole Neal McGregor  
Seanika F. Moore  
Tobey L. Nichols  
Dylan M. Owens  
Sarah Kathleen Pipes  
Gregory Shawn Price  
Gregory J. Rahn  
Wendy R. Richardson  
Abby Lynn Rogers  
Ryan Root  
Andrew Austin Saucedo  
Erich Da'Ron Seals  
Joshua Caleb Shepard  
Clayton Catrell Simpson  
James Heath Simpson  
Melissa Marie Slade  
Zachary William Stacy  
Gilbert James Talbot III  
Hayden Alexander Tapper  
Zachary J. Volner  
Casey Christin Volta  
Lindsey N. Walker  
Alfonzo Garrett Washington III  
James Leon Washington III  
Steven M. Wise  
Abby Ann Worrell  
Jami Yuri Yonekura-Jones  
Xiujing Zhao  
Ryan Charles Zinsmayer

## Master of Science in Education

Michelle Rene Allder  
Erica B. Anglin  
Dane Bacon  
Billie Barrie  
Tabitha L. Beasley  
Shantasia Best  
Sunny Boaz

Deborah Marie Brown  
Diana Brown  
McKenzie Beth Brown  
Zachariah Paul Brown  
Eric William Browne  
Heather Lynne Cantrell-Predy  
Amanda Marie Carlson

## Master of Science in Education (continued)

Megan Lin Chambers  
Cody Dale Claridy  
Hollan Lee Clark  
Jana Renee Clark  
Annette Collins-Hearne  
Cameron Leigh Coon  
Elizabeth A. Coon  
Lori Pauline Corter  
Abby Margaret Cortez  
Shanda Craig  
Katie D. Criner  
Renee Yvette Crum  
Stephanie A. Dement  
Kimberly M. Dickens  
Jessica Dale Dove  
Kimberly Ann Drewry  
Alexandra Paige Dunlap  
Emily Elle Easley  
Kayla Keller Emmitt  
Samantha Anne Etkorn  
Amy Michelle Evans  
Nicholas James Fernandez  
Wendy Leigh Fewell  
Andrew Fredenburg  
Harlana Elizabeth Frye  
Ashley Nicole Garrison  
Melody Grace Gill  
Chrystal Renee Grandberry  
Rachel LeAnn Graves  
Jessica M. Green  
Josie Ann Grinder  
Tammy Hale  
Janice Hargrave  
Brandi Smith Harris  
Jan'etta Lynn Smith Hayden  
Rebecca Heinen  
Sarah Katherine Hester  
DaNeen R. Higgins  
Claire Marie Hopper  
Jessica Tucker Horton  
Alisa Ann Inman  
Stacey Jackson  
Seth Taylor Jernigan  
Jiali Ji  
Arthur Daniel Johnson  
Bene' Antoinette Johnson  
Markitia Roshell Johnson  
Nicki Jo Johnson  
Sarah Elizabeth Johnson  
Shenance C. Jones-Walker  
Chad Allan Lacy  
Lindsey Renee Leggitt  
Samantha Francis Lowe  
Tiffany Dale Lyles  
Jennifer Jon Maas

Kelsey Elaiyne Massey  
Alison Dru Matlock  
Tavia Jade Matthews  
Jennifer Lynn May  
Adrienne McElyea  
Meghan Marie McKee  
Amber D. McMillian  
Mary Kate McVay  
Skye Della Ruth Metcalf-Do  
Kate Erin Meyers  
Cassidy N. Morgan  
Sunny L. Morton  
Keeton Spidle Neal  
Lindsey Winter Necaize  
Danielle Paysley Nemcek  
Loren Michelle Newberry  
Miranda Nicole Norris  
Michelle Renee O'Guin  
Lindsay O'Mara  
Kristen Mary O'Quinn  
Daniel John Ostasiewski  
Allison Maria Overdorf  
Stephanie Penn  
Annalise N. Piechocki  
Cheyenne Love Postovoit  
Allison Mackenzie Priest  
Heather Marie Prout  
Jacklyn R. Raney  
Margaret Murphy Cahill Reed  
Alisha Holder Richardson  
Jamie Lynn Rodgers  
Madeline Brook Rose  
Lindsey Anne Rothenbach  
Samantha Ann Saldibar  
Marti Jo Salisbury  
Jeffrey Scott Savage  
Megan S. Shelby  
Ramona K. Sivils  
Selena D. Smith  
Stacy Anna Sosniecki  
Kathleen Sothman  
Tina Marie Spaeth  
Cassandra Elise St. Cin  
Ashley Brianna Stanphill  
April Suda  
Nelsa Sumsion  
Pamela Louise Sweeney  
Bridget A. Thompson  
Mary Elizabeth Thompson  
Lindsey Cox Ward  
Amber Denise Weeks  
Katherine Noel Williams  
Nina Jean Wise  
Marley Woods  
Abbey Wright

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.

### Bachelor of Arts

Morgan Lehann Carroll  
Nadja Renee Coleman  
Sarah Ann Cox  
Wakonda Lakisa Cox  
Alia A. Dewey  
Tiffany Michelle Easter  
**Kimberly Dawn Ellis**  
***Cum Laude***  
**Xitlali Aracely Estrada**  
***Cum Laude***  
Kelly R. Ezell  
Stephanie J. Finn  
Victoria Virginia France  
Erin B. Haverly  
Eric Matthew Hight  
Jennifer Brook Hill  
Breanna Mechelle Hughes  
Rebekah Shea Jaco  
Erica Denise Jones  
Kara A. Lee

Katherine N. Leis  
Emily Michelle Mason  
Lizbeth Maricela Moyeda  
**Karlie Renee Poe**  
***Cum Laude***  
Kathleen Anne Porter  
Allison N. Price  
Keira Breanne Price  
McKenzie R. Roberts  
Soundra Nichole Rogers  
Amanda Sharp  
Brian B. Sledge  
**Shannon J. Speer**  
***Cum Laude***  
**Conya M. Spencer**  
***Cum Laude***  
Ericka Leanne Starks  
Dejah Vinson  
Hannah Caroline Williamson  
Megan Brianna Woodle

### Bachelor of Science

Hawra Mohammed Alsaalem  
**Johnathon S. Ashcraft**  
***Honors Program***  
**Matthew Beachy**  
***Magna Cum Laude/Honors Program***  
Garrett James Becker  
**William Fielding Belk**  
***Cum Laude/University Honors***  
Erica Brooke Bradley  
**Hannah Ashley Brockette**  
***Cum Laude***  
**Alyssa L. D. Brockway**  
***Magna Cum Laude***  
Haley R. Brown  
La'Tavia Mone' Brown-Miller  
**Emily Michelle Burke**  
***Cum Laude/Honors Program***  
**Curtis Leon Burnett Jr.**  
***Honors Program***  
Tiffany Lynn Camp  
Miranda R. Chambers  
**Zadie Nicole Coats**  
***Summa Cum Laude***  
Kendra Lee Cobb  
Cortley Drake Darby  
**Mattison Trevon Walter Davis**  
***Magna Cum Laude***

Mackenzie A. Ertle  
Lessly M. Fuentes  
Ryan Neil Graham  
Leah M. Grimes  
Rachel Li Heard  
Molly Elisabeth Henson  
Eyan Nathaniel Hicks  
Collin B. Hill  
Kevon Bernard Holder  
William Patrick Huber  
Haley Mercedes Husted  
Seth Hunter Ishmael  
Tyler Craig Jeans I  
Robert Lee Johnson  
**Meredith Blaire Kennon**  
***Cum Laude***  
Samara L. Kilgore  
**Benjamin William Klutts**  
***Cum Laude***  
**Keigo Kobayashi**  
***Cum Laude***  
Taylor Christopher Koen  
Addison Elizabeth Kruse  
**Peyton Kanady Lace**  
***Cum Laude***  
**Sarah Danielle Lynch**  
***Cum Laude***



## **Bachelor of Science (continued)**

Benjamin LeShone Mack II

Steffan Andre' Mallory II

William T. Martin

**Kendall Layne Maxwell**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Hannah Nicole McCall

**Anna Isabella McIlvoy**

**Cum Laude**

**Camryn Alexis Meyer**

**Cum Laude**

**Bradley Clark Miller**

**Cum Laude**

Lauren Noelle Mitchell

Aaron Mobley

Jose D. Munoz

**Ethan Mychajlonka**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Grayce Mckenzie Oswald

**Kendra Lea Pascoe**

**Magna Cum Laude/Honors Program**

Lukas A. Reddick

Teresa Marie Reed

**Karli Ann Rieves**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Emily Elizabeth Riley

**Nicole A. Roper**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Olivia A. Sanders

Michael Anthony Shepherd

Taylor M. Sledge

Murphy D. Taber

Mattie A. Taylor

**Claire A. Vest**

**Cum Laude**

Kayla Nicole Wade

Anna Vae Waleszonia

Jireh Danielle Washington

Emily N. Wilson

**Bryson Woods**

**Cum Laude**

**Haden Grant Yancey**

**Cum Laude**

Javier Antonio Zamora

## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

Hannah M. Bridger

Haley Marie Brown

**Lakeshia M. Bruce**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Ellie Y. Busby

Taylor Victoria Crane

**Molly Ann Dinot**

**Cum Laude**

**Cassidy L. Fontenot**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Savannah Rose Glass

Keyla Nataly Almaraz Hernandez

Mackenzie Kohl Jamison

Nina C. Ramsey

**Bailee Jo Shirley**

**Cum Laude**

Jessica Raven Wilson

## **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

### **CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES**

#### **Master of Engineering Management**

Daniel A. Baker

Braxton Thomas Conners

Mohamed El-Khiat

Lok Bahadur Ghimire

Cody Alexander Jackson

Justin Matthew Lyons

Akshitha Namireddy

Katie D. Neau

Davy Mbaku Ngoma

Adayeshi Isaac Ochogwu

Victor Ayomide Omowonuola

Amanee O'Neal

Chuma Martins Onyenyeonwu

Joshua Dean Osgood

Prapti Pandey

Rachel Smith

Shabreen Fatima Syed

## **Master of Science**

Hema Chowdary Bodapati  
Sindhu Chowdary Chirumamilla  
Srinithya Daroori

Ramya Konduru  
Prasanth Paidipally  
Pavan Parise

## **Master of Science in Engineering**

Mohammad Najmush Sakib Oyan

## **CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

**Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.**

## **Bachelor of Arts**

Isaiah Giovanni Lee Haywood

Trevor Eugene Hovis

## **Bachelor of Science**

Caleb R. Adams  
Michael W. Kemp

Eli William Scott McGlothlin  
Kelvin J. Tisdell

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THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Eric M Scudamore

THESIS TITLE: Predictors of NCAA Division I Women's and Men's Cross-Country Performance

***Terrence Davis***

THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Wayne Wilkinson

THESIS TITLE: The Influence of Media Exposure and Colorism on the African American Community

***Lauren Bryson Dentler***

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THESIS TITLE: The Impact of Athlete Activism Against Social Justice a Research Study of Young Adults Perspectives

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THESIS TITLE: University Media Coverage of Rape Cases and its Contribution to Victim Blaming

***Porsha Nichole Neal McGregor***

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THESIS TITLE: Undergraduate Perceptions of Warmth and Competence Across Academic Professions

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THESIS TITLE: Media Multitasking and Sustained Attention: An Experimental Investigation

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THESIS TITLE: Feasibility Assessment of Warm Mix Asphalt in Arkansas

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THESIS TITLE: From #STOPTHESTEAL to an Insurrection: A Fantasy Theme Analysis of the Discourse Surrounding the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election

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THESIS TITLE: Association of Functional Movement Screen and Y-Balance Test Scores with Injury in Elite Fast-Pitch Softball Athletes

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THESIS TITLE: Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Point-and-Click Accuracy and Motor Reaction Time in Esports Athletes

# ACADEMIC APPAREL

The present-day academic costume probably originated at Oxford and Cambridge universities and is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late middle ages. As the universities passed from ecclesiastical control, the academic gown used brighter colors to distinguish it from the totally drab clerical robe. Although colonial American universities used academic gowns based upon the British system, people continued to associate them with the clergy.

Late in the nineteenth century, a student movement centering in New England instigated the establishment of a “senior badge” to improve commencement week exercises and revive the traditions of university life. In the 1890’s, American universities and colleges established a uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods for the various degrees, thereby standardizing academic styles in this country. The gown, the cap, and the hood are the characteristic elements of academic apparel.

The *gown* is usually of black material. However, some doctors’ gowns are of the school color. Bachelors’ gowns have pointed sleeves; masters’ have long, closed sleeves, with slits from which the arms protrude; the doctors’ have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors’ gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The *cap*, the square mortar-board in American universities, but a round, soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters.

The *hood*, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree, while its lining of silk bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

Originally, the hood had three uses: as a head covering, as a shoulder cape, and as a bag in which alms could be collected. When large wigs were in vogue in Britain, the cape part of the hood was split in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire cape and hood was allowed to fall back as it is today, and it was never restored to the original style.

The *degree* colors in the hood are appropriate to the category of the degree, rather than to the scholar’s major subject. Appropriate colors for degrees:

## Agriculture

Agriculture	Maize
Agriculture Education	Maize

## Business

Accounting	Drab Brown
Business Administration	Drab Brown

## Education and Behavioral Science

College Student Personnel Services	Peacock Blue
Early Childhood Services	Golden Yellow
Education	Light Blue
Exercise Science	Sage Green
Mental Health Counseling	Golden Yellow
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychological Science	Gold
Rehabilitation Counseling	Sage Green
School Psychology	Light Blue
Sports Administration	Sage Green
Teaching	Light Blue

Engineering and Computer Science	
Engineering	Orange
Computer Science	Orange
Liberal Arts and Communication	
Art & Design	Brown
Communication Studies	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Golden Yellow
English Education	Light Blue
Heritage Studies — MS/PhD	White
Humanities	White
Journalism	Crimson
Music	Pink
Music Education	Pink
Political Science	Dark Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Radio-Television	Crimson
Social Science Education	Light Blue
Theatre	Brown
Nursing and Health Professions	
Communication Disorders	Gray
Disaster Preparedness	White
Health Science	Sage Green
Nursing	Apricot
Nursing Practice — DNP	Apricot
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Social Work	Citron
Sciences and Mathematics	
Mathematics	Golden Yellow
Mathematics Education	Light Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Science Education	Light Blue

Black and scarlet tassels are correct for all degrees, but gold metallic tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees or by presidents of universities and colleges. The tassel should be worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap.

## THE MEDALLION

Medallions were used as adornments in biblical days and also served as symbols of authority. The Arkansas State University chancellor's medallion bears the seal of the university. The Arkansas State University president's medallion bears the seal of the ASU System. The Alumni Association president's medallion bears a 1924 emblem marking the establishment of the Alumni Association. The medallions are worn at all official academic ceremonies.

## THE MACE

Originally a weapon of the Middle Ages, the mace gradually became ceremonial in character. A mace was carried by church officials, guards of kings, and other high officials. Today it is used symbolically in academic ceremonies.

The current mace, introduced in 2015, is the result of a collaborative effort involving students, alumni, faculty and staff. From concept and design to production and assembly, the mace utilizes state-of-the-art technology and equipment to symbolically represent Arkansas State University.

The mace is composed of two parts: the head and the staff. The head is comprised of the Memorial Arch, a globe and two university seals. When dedicated in 1927, the Memorial Arch served as the entrance to A&M College. Now, the oldest structure on campus, the arch is an established icon that symbolizes the opportunities to advance in life through the educational experience offered by Arkansas State. The international impact of the university, her students, faculty and staff is symbolized by a globe suspended in the arch. Seals are attached to the sides of the globe to represent the tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

The staff is made of wenge, a dark-colored, highly durable wood symbolic of the rich experiences students receive when pursuing an education at A-State. The shape of the staff is patterned after the pillars of the Memorial Arch, giving it a distinct look.

The mace rests on a base symbolic of the Memorial Arch. Once the gateway to the institution, the Memorial Arch continues to occupy a prominent position in the heart of the Arkansas State University campus.

## THE SEAL

The official seal of Arkansas State University has been designed for the purpose of authentication, and to both represent and build upon the impact of an education at Arkansas State.

The current design of the Arkansas State University seal was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2013. The new design incorporates current concepts and goals of the university.

The seal has three distinct characteristics:

- 1) The Memorial Arch symbolizes a portal or entrance to new life, balance in form and university tradition. It was given as a gift by the Class of 1927.
- 2) The inset date of 1909 is the date the institution was established.
- 3) The laurel wreath signifies the high achievement of its attendees.

These three features represent qualities of tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

## GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION/HONORS

Arkansas State University recognizes the academic achievement of graduating baccalaureate-degree students in the following ways:

1. Students graduating summa cum laude (4.00 grade point average) will wear a gold cord.
2. Students graduating magna cum laude (3.80-3.99 grade point average) will wear a red cord.
3. Students graduating cum laude (3.60-3.79 grade point average) will wear a white cord.
4. Students who complete the Honors Program or the University Honors program shall be designated as graduating "In Honors" or "In University Honors." The Honors Medal, developed in 2006, is a means of recognizing undergraduate students who graduate from The Honors College at Arkansas State University. The medal's design is taken from "The Scholar" character, which is an architectural relief on Wilson Hall, the university's oldest building. There are two separate medals, gold and silver. Students who graduate "In Honors" are awarded the silver medal. Students who complete an honors thesis and graduate "In University Honors" are awarded the gold medal. Students graduating "In University Honors" or "In Honors" will wear blue cords.





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