

Arkansas State University
Commencement



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“The listing of Summer 2023 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 by *Military Times*, 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 ASState.edu.

Degree Programs

Master's 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's, bachelor's 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's degree programs, master's 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 2022 was 14,109. 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.

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Dr. Charles L. Welch

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College of Sciences and Mathematics

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College of Engineering and Computer Science

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

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University College

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Ms. Donna Caldwell
Mace Bearer

Dr. William McLean
Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Relations

Ms. Mary Fincher
Graduating Senior

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Mr. Jonathan Reaves
Dr. Ryan Sullivan
Line Announcers

Mr. John Baine
Alumni Association President

Ms. Ally Summers
Student Vocalist, Graduating Senior

THE PROGRAM

*Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance*Edward Elgar

Order of Procession

Mace Bearer
Chancellor and Platform Party
Marshals
Faculty of the University

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

**The Star-Spangled Banner*.....Francis Scott Key
Ms. Ally Summers, Vocalist, Graduating Senior

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONSDr. Todd Shields
Chancellor

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASSMs. Mary Fincher
Graduating Senior

INDUCTION INTO ARKANSAS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONMr. John Baine
Alumni Association President

*THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATERMs. Ally Summers
Vocalist, Graduating Senior

Our Alma Mater A. S. U.
Your hallowed halls shall ring
With praise by daughter and noble son
Who proudly stand and sing
Mem'ries of your stirring glory
And of youthful friends we knew
The red and black shall ever wave
On high for A. S. U.

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES.....Dr. Calvin White, Jr.
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREESDr. Todd Shields

ACADEMIC RECEPTION

***Recessional: Pomp and Circumstance*Edward Elgar

***Please stand for the processional, anthem and alma mater.**

****Please be seated for the recessional.**



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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; 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,

John Baine '95 '97
President
A-State Alumni Association



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

August 12, 2023

Dear Class of 2023,

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.

The education and lessons you have learned during your time at this university will help unleash new, exciting opportunities for you to leave your mark on Arkansas and our nation. I look forward to seeing the tremendous impact you will have.

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. Work hard, strive to achieve your full potential, and realize the possibilities are endless.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders,
Governor of Arkansas

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Monica Austin

E.D.S., University of Arkansas
M.A., University of Arkansas
B.S., Arkansas Tech University
A.A., University of Arkansas Fort Smith
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: Examining the Influence of Teachers' Emotional Intelligence on Their Retention: A Case Study
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Matthew Balcom

E.D.S., Henderson State University
M.S.E., Henderson State University
B.S.E., Henderson State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: Effective Standards-Based Grading Protocol in Secondary Chemistry
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Karlinda Bass-Barlow

M.S.E., University of Hartford
M.S., University of Houston-Clear Lake
B.A., Houston Baptist University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: Examination of Public Montessori Schools: Experiences of People of Color Have in Montessori Schools
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Lindsey Bohler

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., University of Arkansas at Monticello
B.A., University of Arkansas at Monticello
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Phenomenological Study: Teachers' Perspectives on Qualities of an Effective Instructional Leader
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Margaret Campbell

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Phenomenological Study of Novice Teacher Perception of Classroom Preparedness
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Chelsea Clark

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., Delta State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Understanding Teacher Perceptions of Intentionally Nurturing Students' Social and Emotional Competencies in the General Education Classroom
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Brianna Comeaux

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S., Nicholls State University
B.A., University of Louisiana Lafayette
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: Types of Preschool Programs – Private, Public, and Head Start and Their Effects on Kindergarten Readiness Scores
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Kimberly Devers

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.A., Lagrange College
B.A., Lagrange College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: Crisis in South Carolina: A Phenomenological Study Examining Teacher Attrition Through the Experiences of Educators Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Bryan Lowe

M.B.A., Tennessee State University
B.S., Tennessee State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring Teachers' Perceived Sense of Efficacy in Impacting Black Student Achievement in Reading for Grades 5-8
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Marci Martin

M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., University of Central Arkansas
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers' Perceptions and Self-Efficacy of the Implementation of Structured Literacy: A Case Study
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jackie McFarland

M.E.D., The University of West Alabama
B.S., Mississippi State University
A.A., Meridian Community College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers' Perceptions on Effective Strategies to Retain Black Ninth-Grade Students
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Kellie McGaha-Martin

M.A., Harding University
B.A., University of Central Arkansas
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Impact of Work Based Learning on Employability Skills of High School Students
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Heather Nutt

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
B.S., University Central Arkansas
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: How can an Early Assessment of Phonological Awareness Predict Overall Reading Success in Kindergarten Students
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Thelma Ramsey

M.A., University of Illinois at Urbana
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Impact of Trauma on the Behavior and English Language Arts Performance of Middle-School Black Boys
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jason Keith Reeves

EDS, Arkansas State University
M.A., University of Arkansas at Monticello
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Technology's Impact on K-12 Educators: Correlations Between Technostress and Burnout Among Rural High School Teachers
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Kellie Riggs

M.A., Truman State University
B.A., Truman State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Influence of a Teacher Education Program on Preparing Future Teachers to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Heather Stewart

M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., Henderson State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Arkansas K-2 Teachers' Perceptions of the Science of Reading: A Case Study
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Melinda Stewart

M.A., West Virginia University
B.A., Fairmont State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: Educational Leaders' Perception of Professional Development: A Phenomenological Study
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Shanna Vaughn

M.S.E., Union University
B.S., Blue Mountain College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: Accountability Measures and the Instructional Measures That Promote Student Achievement in Low Socioeconomic Status Students
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Kellen Washington

M.S., Thomas Edison State University
B.A., Bucknell University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Phenomenological Study of Social Networking Sites and Their Influence on the Collegiate Expectations and Experiences of Generation Z
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Nelson Ray Benson

M.S., University of Arkansas

B.S., University of Arkansas

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Tina G. Teague

DISSERTATION TITLE: Evaluation of Site-Specific, Zone Management in Northeast Arkansas Cotton

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Science

Pushpita Eshika

M.A., Bangladesh University

B.A., Khulna University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Edward Salo

DISSERTATION TITLE: Local Manifestation of Global Heritage: The Role of Local Communities in the Management of 'Somapura Mahavihara' – A World Heritage Site of Buddhist Origin in Bangladesh

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

Brittany Latrice McCall

M.S., Arkansas State University

B.S., Austin Peay State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Brook L. Fluker

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Potential Use of Madtom Catfishes (Ictaluridae: Noturus) As Conservation Tools for Headwater Streams of the Southeastern United States

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Science

Sepideh Mohammadhosseinpour

M.S., Stephen F. Austin State University

B.A., University of Tehran

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Fabricio FMB Medina-Bolivar

DISSERTATION TITLE: Prenylated Stilbenoids as Paclitaxel Ajuvants in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Treatment

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences

Ximai Shi

M.A., Arkansas State University

B.A., Shandong University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Lauri Umansky

DISSERTATION TITLE: Around the Table of Nianyefan: Transformation of Lu Cuisine, Rituals, and Gender Roles in the Mid and South of Shandong Since the 1980s

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science in Agriculture

Conner M. Catt
Adithya Sekhar Gummadi

Landon Garrett Smith

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Shacouria Desha Armstrong
Jack W. Chiles
Victoria Lauren Cupp
Slade H. Dalton
Wesley Craig Falwell Jr.
Greta Scott Hogan
Benjamin Neil Holcomb

Savannah Rae Hornback
Matthew Peyton Moore
Ryder Allen Nolen
Abigail Makenna Parker
Dalton Cale Yarbrough
Beau Carter Young

NEIL GRIFFIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Business Administration

Dashyra Shantrez Alexander
Christine Jo Boazzo
Audrey K. Boggs
Shalina Sultana Champa
Erykah Moenay Craft
Kaitlyn Baylee Dewberry
Alyssa Renae Follas
Gracie C. Fuller
Blake Allen Hegwood
Iris Hoxha
Hayden W. Knowles

Sophie Claire Leathers
Nicko Lionard
Nathaniel Bert McMinn
Pedro A. Moreno
Hannah Morris
Gracen B. Newby
Riley Paul Payton
Myssara Moustafa Semeida
Bruce A. Stangle
Mark Randall Williams
Kevin Andrew Wiseman

Master of Science

Abhinay Reddy Vakiti

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Bachelor of Science

Javier Junior Amperez
Kate Barajas
Hayden W. Bedenbaugh
Lissette Beltran
Jacob B. Burris
Bin Chen

Chelsey L. Cole

Cum Laude

Courtney Paige Davis
Meghan Grace Denny
Christopher Matthew Finney
Samuel Lewis Freeman
Ashley Rae Gibbs
Derrionte' D'Allen Givhan
Lenesia Marie Gordon
Suzie J. Hall
Lucas Hollis
Lauren Merideth Joyner
Meritza Adriana López Torres
Xavier Madera
Misty Brooke Malone

Jose Francisco Miranda

Magna Cum Laude

Jerrid Kristopher Moore

Lucas C. Moye

Victoria Rae Pike

Cum Laude

Latisha Price
Rosa Irene Ramirez-Zermeño
Courtney A. Roberts
Kelly L. Sabin
Michael Colten Sedman
Tucker C. Stevens
Cooper Anthony Tremmel
Kyle Logan Vest
Hannah Grace Williams
Matthew Edward Williams
Parker N. Williams
Lydia Grace Wilson
Lillian H. Wray
Kelly R. Yarbrough

Tana Renae Younger

Cum Laude

Anum Zahid

Liuqing Zhang

Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Matthew Jon Balcom
KaLinda Latrese Bass-Barlow
Lindsey Renee Bohler
Olivia Phelice Cammon-Stevenson
Margaret Ann Campbell
Chelsea Austin Clark
Brianna Comeaux
Joyce Haigler Conyers
Kimberley Kristin Devers
Bryan David Lowe
Marc A. Martin
Jackie L. McFarland
Kelli Dawn McGaha-Martin
Heather Lynn Nutt

Shawana Lee Powell
Danielle Kay Pugsley
Thelma A. Ramsey-Bryant
Mitchell J. Reed
Jason K. Reeves
Kellie Ann Riggs
Heather Jade Stewart
Melinda J. Stewart
Corey Thomas Throckmorton
Shanna W. Vaughan
Marsha E. Wallace
Lori Johnson Washburn
Kellen Alexis Washington
Monica Ann Wilhelm

CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

Specialist in Education

Brian Abramovitz
Brittany Bailey
Kanasha A. Carmickle
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Nancy Virginia Chapman
Heath C. Curtis
Amanda Jean Dalton
Erica Dault
Amber Lynn Diggs
LaPrecious Nathan Edmonds
Joshua A. Edwards
Carla Smith Faulkner
Emily Anne Fowler
Jared Michael Frey
Beth A. Friederich
Shatel D. Gaines
Melanie Danille Gary
Mary-Martha Rebecca Gates
Benjamin Jason Glidewell
Stephanie Yvonne Gorham
Keturah Atrice Gray
Allison McClure Haithcock
Jeremy Reid Hall
Anne Noel Hammontree
Amanda K. Harris
Olivia Megan Heitt
James D. Henson

Kristen Marie Henson
Alyssa King Hicks
Emily Louise Hight
Bethany Rose Hogg
Shannon Taylor Holliman
Morgan Brooke Hutcheson
Michele DeAnne Johnston
Emily Nuelle Kickbohle
Grizel Amaris Kirkland
Katie Marie Lee
Christina Moore
Erica L. Peyton
Jacqueline Eileen Porter
Ascha Danielle Preston
Bradley Michael Reeves
Jennifer Riemann
Carrie Lynn Rockett
Danielle R. Staple
Jason Luke Steele
Cassy Story
Matthew Steven Street
Kelly Corrine Szczepanski
Aimee Tidwell
Kandy Tosh
Beverly Jean Welch
Akeya Treonne Works

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science

Asia Monique Agee-Burnett
Dante DiShon Atchison
Cynthia Mae Barnhill
Kellen Perry Bartel
Alex Jeffrey Bartlett
Breanna N. Beck
Maybelline Beiring
Ty Michael Benson
Stephanie Lee Blake
Ian Wayne Boline
Marika S. Bradley
David J. Brogioli
Aria Michelle Bullard
Ashley Nicole Burton-Jackson
Devon A. Camel
Shenethia Carter
LaShunda Javon Carter-Waterman
Jon Calvin Coleman Lewis
Michael Blake Combs

Regan Anne Cotter
Quincy L. Darden
Bransen Rashad Dickson
Michael Robert Dooley
Harold Roy Trey Dortch III
Rebecca Lacey Evans
Terrence Clement Fede
Kelly Givens
Aaron Joseph Gravely
Gladys Hernandez
Bartley M. Herring
Marissa Noelle Holmes
Maria Anne Howard
Jacqueline V. Hughes
Dominic D. Jenkins
Erin Renae Jenks
Keith Andre Jones Jr.
Ryan V. Kinne
Tyler Clayton Krone

Master of Science (continued)

Viorel Cristian Ravar Ladislau
Jennifer N. Long-Fowler
Jake Tanner Mackey
Cody Samuel Magill
Steffan André Mallory II
Joella Matheny
Taylor Charise McDaniel
Evan B. McGowan
Andrew P. Mendoza
Bradley Clark Miller
Yotshabell Marie Gálvez Miranda
Jamison Allen Montgomery
Anthony James Muscarella
Timothy Spencer Ogawa
Dakota David Ogles
Rosemary Anwuli Okoh
Nicholas Michael O'Neill
Stephen Andrew Owen
Leslie Ann Perry

Brady Michael Peters
Jeffrey Michael Peters
Sarah Kathleen Pipes
Jessica Quackenbush
Adra Camille Ragen
Cheryl Robinson
TracyLee Schimelfenig
Jon Schouten
Lindsey Paige Self
Jerry Wesley Shappley
Christiana L. Shields
Logan Jacob Simington
Stephanie Sitz
Tiffany Jean Smith-Morphis
Susan Templeton
Darnell J. Walker
Takeemah L. Warren
David Tucker Wilkinson
Trevin Terrel Wilson

Master of Science in Education

Sara Sami Abdelfattah
Salina Marie Allen
Stephanie Lynn Allison
Melody Appel
Allison Deelene Arnold
Crista Austin
Tiffany Authement
Caitlin Kelley Bothke
Brianna Nicole Bradshaw
Kenyari Louise Brooks
Lindsey C. Burdine
Andrea Michniok Calvert
Ashley N. Clark
Sheryl Denese Collins
Christopher Andrew Corby
Kaitlyn Briann Crumpler
Tia Davenport
Jessica Erin Difani
Carrie Donnell
Rita E. Dortch
Janie Beth Ellis
Rachel Anne Finnerty
Kayla Bagwell Fisackerly
Lindsay Anne Foldesi
Lori Ann Forbes
Paula Lynch Funk
Harmoni Lin Garner
Shannon Marie Griffing
Margaret Griffing
Linda Kay Grimmett
John Victor Harless
Talice Nicole Harper

Christina L. Hartman
Gaila K. Holowell
Tiffany Janean S. Hunter
Shelby Lynn Ivester
Arwen Ruth Jones
Karen L. Justice
Amy K. Keller
Robin Lakeshia Kelly
Bryan Kovalsky
Jake A. LaCross
Megan Moffett Landis
Mary Elizabeth LaPorte
Leah Elizabeth Laramore
Cheryl Lee
Emily Jane Lee-Stokes
Nicole Lenares
Olivia M. Pritchett Love
Ashley Barker Lowe
Ashley Elizabeth MacVarish
Alexis Rose Maenz
Zachary Evan Maenz
Samantha Rene Marion
Mariah Martin
Jillian Grace McCollum
Kristen Abigail McCormick
Nicole L. Merideth
Kelly Messerla
Rhonda Evelyn Michael
Nicole R. Mogish
Candi Morris
Patricia Diane Murray
Ryan Erik Naughton

Master of Science in Education (continued)

Kathleen Nancy Neis
Jenna Nicole Nijse
Sarah Jean Norman
Kathleen Patria Obendorf
Kasey G. Orellana
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Amy Kristine Schenker
Taylor Nichole Scott
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Samantha Marie Shanteau

Joshua Dale Shelton
Christy Show
Shannon Marie Siler
Daisy Marie Sims
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Kristopher W. Smith
Olivia Erin Smith
Megan Marie Stanley
Lauren Tiffany Stearns
Alexandria Danielle Sterling
Amanda Jan Templin
Whitney Anne Thomas
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Cathryn Nikole Townsend
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Rose Marie Zank
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Bachelor of Arts

Hannah Caroline Coles
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Magna Cum Laude
Karime Ruby Corona
Magna Cum Laude
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Kathryn Day
Magna Cum Laude
Madison A. Denham
Cum Laude
Kandice Lea Renee Fields
Adriana R. Gatewood
Ashley F. Gibson
McKinley Marie Dulcie Isenhour

Kara Autumn Lee
Aide Habibeh Marrón
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Jessica C. Mcilwain
Brandy Mechelle Melton
Amber Dawn Nailling
Emily B. Quinn
Cum Laude
Chelsee M. Shores
Paul W. Stepp
Dominique L. Stewart
Rhonda Unruh

Bachelor of Science

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Cum Laude
Philip Andrew Ball
Mattie Ann Ballard
Magna Cum Laude
Allie K. Barnes
Magna Cum Laude
Brayden Allen Berry
Logan Vance Bowlan

Grayson Brand
Cum Laude
Haley Sierra Brewer
La'Metria Nicole Butler
Olivia Grace Cagle
Tristan H. Cato
Jessica Kristine Cisco
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Bachelor of Science (continued)

RaeAnn E. Dunigan
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Mary Caitlyn Fincher
Summa Cum Laude
Olivia Ashley Ford
Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Tyler Frey
Cum Laude
Lauren E. Futrell
Abigail A. Gonzalez
Dylan P. Guy
Cum Laude
Isabella Ashley Haley
Magna Cum Laude
Lexi Lee Hall
Casey Brooke Harper
Jaden D. Harris
Tyler Keith Hickman
Cum Laude
Bennett Major Holt
Cum Laude
Aidan Scott Hughes
Cum Laude
Kennedi Lynn Jackson
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Magna Cum Laude
Kayci Lane Kellar
Cum Laude
Camryn Rashae Larry
Maranda Breann Lee
Jude Tyler Lindsey
Zachary Chase Lowery
Cum Laude

Emily Raegen Magby
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Gabriel T. Martens
Magna Cum Laude
Gracie Nicole May
Abigail Lee McBroom
Magna Cum Laude
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Makenzie A. McMellon
Jade M. Moore
Balqees Mraihan
Stephen Hays Ousley
Ruth Ann Quintero
Magna Cum Laude
Morgan E. Red
Vershaud S. Richardson
Baileigh A. Schmidt
Bethany C. Simmons
Ayami Takada
Cum Laude
Andrea Jacell Thomas
Trenton R. Thomas
Sarah Marie Trammel
Chloe Grace Turner
Magna Cum Laude
Faith Marie Welch
Cum Laude
Nyah Janay Williams
Kyosha D. Wilson
Anna Victoria Wolford

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bailey M. Boyce
Hunter D. Hicks
Alexis Tayler Himschoot
Cum Laude

Savannah Marie Sharp
Magna Cum Laude/University Honors
Kandace Marie Smallman

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Engineering Management

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David Wayne Durham
Robert Hale Hoerauf

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Travis Simpson
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Master of Science

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Master of Science in Engineering

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Evangelynn L. Harris

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Timothy Micah Wakefield

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

Pushpita Eshika

Ximai Shi

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Arts

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Wakonda Lakisa Cox
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Master of Science

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Imelda Jasmine Eskew
Erica Molina Johnson
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Lori Anne Schaeffer
Amanda Caroline Smiley

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Master of Science in Mass Communications

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Charles Ryan Hill
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Summa Cum Laude
Kyah Alyssa Mancil
Ashley M. Russell
Jenny K. Storey
Anna Geneva Whitfield
Millie Ann Winkelman
Alexis Symone Woodall

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Rebekah Joyce Person
Cum Laude

Youssef Maged Makram Sheroubi

Bachelor of Music

Holly Rae Henson

Bachelor of Music Education

Ally Faith Summers

Bachelor of Science

Carlee M. Bird
Rheanna L. Branscum
Michael Joseph Buck
Yasmine Cranford
Breanna Faith Hodge
Magna Cum Laude

Macie Christine Lowery
Summa Cum Laude
Tamara Fawn Towns

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

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Chasity Marie Garrett
Taelor Lyn Gartman
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Christian Lee Halterman
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Hannah Jean Irvin
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Lapascious Nicole Jones
Chamy Dawn Keough
Paige Danielle Lunceford
Rebecca Dale Northcutt
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Marlee June Stepp
Jennifer Huong Tran
Sydney Claire Walker
Mabry Elizabeth Watson
Savannah Hope Williams
Kyra Lakese Wright

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science

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Bruce Robert Kelii
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Master of Science in Nursing

Alexandra Ann Bates
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Danielle Allison Davidson
Madison Harris Dover
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Hannah Leigh Guthrey
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McKenzie Ann Lively
Alexandria Grace McCord
Dana Michelle Money-Cox
Elizabeth Abigail Moore
Abby Eddleman Myers
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Ashley Nicole Beecroft
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Summa Cum Laude
Amber Leah Carpenter

Callie Madison Cater
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (continued)

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Cum Laude
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Summa Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Derick D. Barnes
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Sara Kamille Evans
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Alexis Faith Gerner
Madison Taylor Hodge
Lily E. Johnson
Cum Laude
Sydney C. Lee
Cum Laude
Elexia Marie Lucio
Cum Laude
Mary Catherine Manuel
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Raeshell Montgomery
Madison Jade Palmer
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Charlotte Alexandria Rice
Cum Laude
Darby L. Scott
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Rozalon Marie Shipp
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Cum Laude
Mary Grace Simonton
Cum Laude
Darby Elise Vancamp
Cum Laude
Anastasia Gail West
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Misty Dawn Wilder
Cum Laude
Audrey D. Winn

Bachelor of Social Work

Bethanie Gail Tramel
Magna Cum Laude

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Associate of Applied Science

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Kaitlyn Brooke Mitchell
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Bree Wade Smith
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Abigail Lynn Thompson
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Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

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Stephanie Ray
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Sherry Williams Warren
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

Nelson Ray Benson

Sepideh Mohammadhosseinpour

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science

Sanjay Adhikary
Anthony Arron Adkins
Sarah Joy Kinnison

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Bachelor of Science

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Bachelor of Science

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Amanda L. Stout

Associate of Arts

Yasmine Aly
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Avery Jones
Alandria Rameria Maddox

Harvey Leon Mardis
Patrina S. Pruitt
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Associate of Science

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Camarean Dwandria Allen
Fallon Backus
Jaleel Tremaine Balentine
Jasmine Blevins
William Buster Slade Buie
Sarah Grace Bullen
Kinley Wade Carpenter
Braylan Edward Childs
Ashlyn Claiborne
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Jaiden Mist Giffin
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Maxwell Hanner
Hannah Danae Harper
Leah Hope Henson
Megan Hannah Hewitt
Christina Marie Jarrett
Taysia Donielle Johnson
Alexander King
Sequoyah Monaye King

Isaac Douglas La Ferney
Gertie Langford Langford
Emma Faith Martin
Nicolas Mata
Emily Taylor May
JaKiyah McKinney
Audra Bryanne McMillen
Hannah Gail Miller
Keith Andzrej Castillo Monsalud
Binyu Nie
Samuel Dale Niswonger
Tucker James Bradley Oxner
Jade Parker
Jacie Parnell
Sujaata Ranabhat
Faith E. Rogers
Kara Lynn Salazar
Emily Faith Sevor
Joshua Wayne Sheets
Ashley Nicole Smelser
Shaylee D. Smith
Taylor Smith
Anna Rebecca Lauren Thompson
DeAnna Walker
Sonia Annette Walker
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NEIL GRIFFIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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Esther Canales Tecuatl
Sandra García Banda

Alessandra Itzel Guzmán Brena
Ericka Adriana Limón Sánchez
Carolina Reyes Crivelli

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Bachelor of Science

Iker Aragón Concha
María José Ayala Villanueva
Claudia Elba Cano Lefort
Daniela de León Gallardo
Miguel Escobar Andrade

Adrian Mendez Morales
Nicolás Corral Ruiz-Sandoval
Juan Pablo Tapia Urrea
José Pablo Urquiza Luna
Maximiliano Vargas Mendiola

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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Bachelor of Science

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Alejandro Nájjar Villarreal

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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Bachelor of Science

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Bruno Aaron Trejo Pimentel

MASTER THESES

Sanjay Adhikary

THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. David F. Gilmore

THESIS TITLE: Antimelanoma Activities of Fused Thiazole Derivatives

Dany Clem

THESIS ADVISOR: Kristen Ruccio

THESIS TITLE: Accessible and Activist Rhetorics: TikTok as a Learning Tool

Thurel James George

THESIS ADVISOR: Veena Kulkarni

THESIS TITLE: Breastfeeding Practices in the Midsouth: Exploring Husbands' Experiences

Adithya Sekhar Gummadi

THESIS ADVISOR: Jacob Manlove

THESIS TITLE: Impacts of Pre-Existing Medical Conditions on Willingness to Pay for Fortified Rice in India

Hilal Huseyinli

THESIS ADVISOR: Niamat Hossain

THESIS TITLE: Development and Validation of Transportation resilience Scale: An Empirical Study

MdAzharul Islam

THESIS ADVISOR: Robert Dr. Fleming

THESIS TITLE: Structural Configuration of Amorphous SiO₂ Surface with Different Terminating Groups Using Classical and Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics

Sarah Joy Kinnison

THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Jie Maio

THESIS TITLE: Euler's Infinite Product Formula of Sine

Viorel Cristian Ravar Ladislau

THESIS ADVISOR: Brian Church

THESIS TITLE: Effects of Velocity-Based Training and Resistance Training on Acute Recovery Based on Sport-Specific Performance in Soccer Players

Alyson Elaine Marie Nichols

THESIS ADVISOR: Jake Qualls

THESIS TITLE: Framing and Intentionality in Artificial Intelligence Poetry

Allegra Christiane Pieri

THESIS ADVISOR: John Nowlin

THESIS TITLE: Managed Aquifer Recharge: Installation and Early Evaluation of Infiltration Galleries in the Cache River Critical Groundwater Area, Northeast Arkansas

Christopher L. Pitts

THESIS ADVISOR: Averi Fegadel

THESIS TITLE: The Impact of Mentorship Programs: Unearthing Toxic Mentorships and Advancing Trauma-Informed Care

Sangit Regmi

THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Hao Yang

THESIS TITLE: Topics in Absolute and Relative Treatment Effects in Medical Data Models and Applications with a Continuous Response

HONORS SENIOR THESES

STUDENT: Abigail McBroome
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Brian Church
THESIS TITLE: Comparative Analysis: Fine Motor Skills with Phone Usage and Handgrip Strength

STUDENT: Savannah Sharp
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Dixie Keyes
THESIS TITLE: Representations of Queer Individuals in Young Adult Novels

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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