

Fall Commencement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 GREAT SOUTHERN BANK ARENA

10:00 a.m.

McQueary College of Health and Human Services

Judith Enyeart Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

College of Education

1:30 p.m.

William H. Darr College of Agriculture

College of Business

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Interdisciplinary Academic Programs

Fall Commencement CLASS OF 2024

Friday, December 13, 2024: 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Great Southern Bank Arena

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Commencement Committee

Terry Weber - Chair Melissa Blankenship

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Priscilla Childress

Karen Foster

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Carrisa Hoelscher

Tom Peters Cullen Smith Emma Vytlacil Elizabeth Walker

Angela Young

Kim Tebo



Welcome

ear Graduates, Family and Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on this momentous milestone. Your dedication, hard work, and sacrifice have brought you this well-deserved success.

As you step into the next chapter of your life and head out into the world full of possibilities, remember to embrace each experience with an open heart and mind. I hope the valuable lessons you've learned in and out of the classroom will guide you to make your Missouri Statement in whatever path you choose.

No matter what you do or where you go, continue living out our public affairs mission. Strive to be ethical leaders who respect and engage with those of other cultures and take the time to better your community. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." I'm confident you'll make a positive impact just like the thousands of alumni who came before you.

I celebrate with you and your loved ones today as you complete your degree and become a proud graduate of this university. Thank you for trusting us with your education. It's been a privilege to have you as a MO State Bear.

As you become an alumnus, know that you're a vital part of our university family, so stay connected with your alma mater. Visit, get involved, give back, and support the next generation of students. I look forward to hearing about your achievements and seeing the contributions you'll make in the years to come.

I wish you all the best and Go Bears!

Dr. Richard "Biff" Williams

Erebar B. William

President

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Missouri State University Jazz Studies II, Conducted by Dr. Jason Hausback

PROCESSIONAL*

Pomp and Circumstance Elgar, arr. Fischer Missouri State University Jazz Studies II, Conducted by Dr. Jason Hausback

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Over the Rainbow.....arr. Jacob Narverud Missouri State University Chorale,
Conducted by Dr. Cameron LaBarr

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

10:00 a.m. Ceremony
The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor, State of Missouri

PRESENTATION OF BRONZE BEAR AWARD

1:30 p.m. Ceremony Bryan Magers Owner, Magers Properties

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Dr. John Jasinski

Provost Missouri State University

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Richard "Biff' Williams

President

Missouri State University

INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Neosha Mackey

Emeritus Dean Library Services

Dr. Tonia Tinsley

Associate Professor Languages, Cultures and Religions

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Brent Dunn

Vice President for University Advancement

ALMA MATER*

Maroon and White arr. Dr. John Prescott Missouri State University Chorale, Conducted by Dr. Cameron LaBarr

Sing we praises
Now to our Alma Mater!
All hail, Maroon and White!
Missouri State, we pledge devotion
May you live
Ever in truth and right.

RECESSIONAL*

Missouri State University Jazz Studies II, Conducted by Dr. Jason Hausback

*The audience is requested to stand, if able, during the Processional and the singing of the National Anthem and Alma Mater and to remain in place in their seats until the completion of the Academic Recessional.

University Marshals

GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Scott Zimmerman

Associate Professor, School of Health Science

GRADUATE MARSHALS

Dr. Julie Masterson

Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate College

Dr. Carrisa Hoelscher

Associate Dean of the Graduate College

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Ms. Emma Vytlacil

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Admission Counselor, Admissions

Hanna Henroid

Admission Counselor, Admissions

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Dr. Andrea Weber

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Dr. Mike Wood

Associate Director, Career Center

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Director, Veteran Student Center

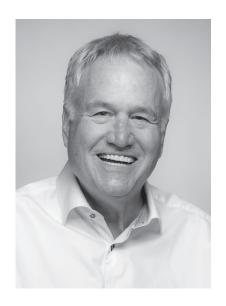


Presentation of Government Excellence Award – 10:00 a.m.

GOVERNOR MIKE PARSON

overnor Parson is a veteran who served six years in the U.S. Army. He served more than 22 years in law enforcement as the sheriff of Polk County. He also served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2005-2011, in the Missouri Senate from 2011-2017, and as Lieutenant Governor in 2017-2018. He was sworn in as Missouri's 57th Governor in 2018 and was reelected by a historic margin in 2020.

Governor Parson and First Lady Teresa live in Bolivar. Together they have two grown children and six grandchildren. He was raised on a farm in Hickory County and graduated from Wheatland High School in Wheatland, Missouri. He is a small business owner and a third generation farmer who currently owns and operates a cow and calf operation near their hometown of Bolivar. Governor Parson has a passion for sports, agriculture, Christ, and people.



Presentaion of Bronze Bear Award – 1:30 p.m. BRYAN MAGERS

Bryan Properties. Today, Bryan Properties boasts an extensive portfolio comprised of developing and managing student housing, single family residences, apartment complexes, and hotels.

The impact of Magers and his family can be felt throughout Springfield including Missouri State University's campus. In 2016, Magers made a gift to help fund the outdoor courtyard plaza at the Davis-Harrington Welcome Center.

Magers also supported the building of a new medical home for Missouri State University's students, faculty, and staff which doubled the space available for patient care. To honor his parents, the facility was named the Bill and Lucille Magers Family Health and Wellness Center in 2018.

More recently, Bryan Properties gave a gift in kind through the construction of Heitz House, Missouri State's newest residence hall which opened in 2022. The 400-room building is the first public-private partnership residence hall between Missouri State and Bryan Student Housing LLC.

Not only has Magers and his family helped grow the campus, but he has also given of his time. Throughout his life, Magers has been a friend and supporter of Missouri State. He serves on the Missouri State University Board of Trustees and previously was chairman of the board. Additionally, he served on the cabinet of Onward, Upward, the university's largest fundraising campaign to date – raising more than \$274 million.

Graduate Degree Candidates

DOCTOR OF DEFENSE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

Todd Michael Clawson Garrett Michael Glover Scott C. Nietzel

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

Stacy Alessio
Bryan Kelly Dance
Holly Burich Gurley
Susan Hannifan
Jennifer Marie McCabe
Mark Jupiter Pahed
Olusanmi Ayoola Peters
Benjamin G. Reuter
Margaret Sesay
Kathleen Marie Simmonds
Jared Williamson
Katrina Lynn Youngblood

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Morgan Ashley Anderson Enoc De Jesus Arciniegas Justin Alexander Battle Abigail Braun Sydney M. DeGunia Devin Luen Fisher Mckenzie Lynn Gagnebin Elizabeth Mae Grimm Bracie M. Hayakawa Hayden Ray Holloway Austin P. Huffman Jennifer Paige Jones Sean Michael Lamb
Andrew Jackson Lawrence
Tatum Kennedy Legan
Chase Andrew Keith McPherson
James Evan-Ray Miner
Megan Lynn Schimpf
Margaret Elise Todd
Madelyn Grace Whitney

MASTER OF APPLIED SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Anna R. Hernandez-Hedges Abigail Lauren Rogers Samantha S. Spencer Shelley R. Stark Hannah Marie Yonce

MASTER OF ART EDUCATION

Amaris E. Alfaro Rosanne Kay Harrott

MASTER OF ARTS

COMMUNICATION

Maria Celestina L. Jaime IV

ENGLISH

Jean Georges Emock Bakelak

HISTORY

Brittaney Brent Colin Nicholas Curtis Mark Saleh El-Dweek James Cameron Gillespie Grace Elizabeth Gray Heather Clarke Heppding Alexander Charles Katona Megan Elizabeth Klein Paola Carvalho Kovacs Todd Christopher Lamb Ivan Leon David Lindburg Shannon Mary McDermott Kari Elizabeth Petraiuolo Hannah Mae Plummer Randy Jay Richards Vanessa Lee Rockwell Nickolas W. Scheffer Brandon Tyler Thomas Samantha Josephine Weiberg

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Andrew Vaughn Hickman

WRITING

Kelsey Marie Brake Emily Jane Braun Donna J. Canan Tara J. Drosset-Stanfield

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Laura Caroline Anderson Scott A. Austin Amanda Lea Baird Anthony Lee Calbillo Carrie Renee Earls Hailee Leanne Hargus Ryan Douglas Jelinek Brandy Michelle Langston Colton Porter Lightner Elizabeth Marie McComas Andrew Jacob Perkins Clarissa Rachelle Pohlman Jonathan Thomas Spence Erin Michelle Wilson

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Avery Elise Adkins Maddison Augustine Ryan N. Augustine Randi Barber Nandin Erdene Battulga Lindsay Marie Bauer Mark S. Blevins II Adam Douglas Card Gretchen Gildehaus Carman Fan Chen Diane Marie Chicos Bolormaa Chimed-Ochir Kaitlyn Renee Coles Elizabeth Marie Coulter Aaron Tracy Daley Ethan Michael Danner Sergio Del Castillo Eric Dennis Elders Kaila M. Enslinger Wyatt Remington Farkas Alexander Fuerst Faith Anne Hoppe Spencer Andrew Ingram Morgen Elizabeth Jarus Adam Timothy Lacavich Hadi Fouad Mansour James Dylan Morris Jonathan Nash Hernan Nolasco-Carrasco Tanner Norman Docoda Jack Nunnery Lauren Elizabeth O'Hara Kristina Ellen Patterson Victoria Anne Penick Brooke Elizabeth Perkins

Ethan D. Quasius Craig J. Reid Cameron Hillis Rippee Joshua Lee Robertson Nolan S. Robertson Madison Brooke Roggensees Marisa Rossomano Maria D. Rueda Joseph Anthony Scaringello Laura A. Scheer Andre Daniel Simmons Katherine E. Soldink Greg W. Stark **Ethan James Straus** Londyn Angel Stuckenschneider Erin Elise Thompson Hallie Ann Turner Brendan P. Twenter Brock W. Utecht Chloe Wright Riley Julien Young

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

DRAMATIC WRITING

Shane Pascal Everett

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth A. Bridgers Terrence L. Clark II

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Kazuya J. Gavin Hedi Rashid Hamad Amin Farhang Faraidun Namdar Sabrina Wirekoah Opoku

MASTER OF MUSIC

Michaela M. Chybowski Samantha J. Silver-Peters

MASTER OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Claudia Patricia Colmenero Chacon Zachery Michael Lawrence Hannah Grace Lowery

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Megan Faith Berg Dakota Shyanne Burnett Kirby Ann Cave Jacob Michael Crosby Bailey Elizabeth Cunningham Anna Christine Davis Ysabelle Drage Jenna Christine Harris Mary Kate Heuer Leah Nicole Hinkle Eliott Nathaniel Johnson Anna May Main Elizabeth Jean Parrish Kaley Recke Alaina J. Schudel Madison Elizabeth Sherrill Mahalie Lorine Stafford Claire Ann Florante Torralba Ashley N. Uhlmann Madison Elaine Walter Adriann Jade Watson Morgan Wendling

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Stella Elizabethl Akinyi Aduda Tyler James Barton Sharron Brown Humaciu Danielson Uzochukwu Ike Samantha Jane Krebs Monica M. Lewin Baylee Ann McKinney Jake Andrew McMahill Taylor Jean Menzies Monika Pollick Anh Thi Tung Tran

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

AGRICULTURE

Emily Lynn Grussing

BIOLOGY

Rita Nkem Afagwu Melisa P. Blasky William Durstock Elaine A. Ewigman Samantha Renee Grove Tessa Nicole Irvine Emma Ann Loder Alex J. Meinders Basem Ahmed Rabia Motwaly Alexis Renéa Reifsteck Larissa Sage Saarel Jackson Warren Winslow

CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Summer Reign Moore

CHEMISTRY

Grace Marie Atkins

CHILD LIFE STUDIES

Abigail G. Anderson Lauren Betti Samantha Jo Brenneman Madison Buss Grace Ann Harrington Kaitlyn Rose Karcz Nina Hope Lira Kari Lynn Nofziger Hannah G. Seabrook

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sri Lakshmi Reddy Aare Asra Kulsum Datta Veera Venkata Mani Sai Dhanush Bavisetti Viswaja Chebrolu Bhargavi Chittiboina Rithish Dalavai Debaleen Das Spandan Vamshi Reddy Dasari Likitha Sai Devireddy Priya Lakshmi Devireddy Anh Doan Minh Nhat Rakesh Reddy Donthireddy Vitor Slaibi Freitas Pavan Gadde Mahanthi Gajjala Spandhana Priya Gajjala Sairupesh Garrepalli Mounika Gullapalli Rajasekhar Gullapalli Mohit Gurrala

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Bhavya Sree Kommareddy
Sirisha Kummitha
Madhan Gopal Kusu
Suvarna Mandadi
Vyshnavi Manubolu
Adnan Soheb Mohammed
Manoj Kumar Pentela
Dharani Putluru
Shahista Tazeen
Eswar Sai Ganesh Sirimella
Md Zoheb Ullah Sohel
Aishwarya Subramaniam

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Jayati Roy

Socrate Chancelier Siekapet Liale

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DEFENSE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

Emily Claire Barielle Dominic Joseph Elting Robert Hebert

Leandro Antonio Lovato Jenny Rose Metzler Gary Lyn Murley

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Magda Stephanie Fossett Makayla Reann Koon Katherine Senack Victoria Vossman Danielle Denise Wenger

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Safrulla Pathan
Jashwanth Polemoni
Labiba Rahman
Rachana Rajarapu
Tanner James Rojewski
Nikita Pravallika Sonnathi

Pavani Sonti Teja Sri Thurupu Sai Navya Tejaswini Vemuri

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Lashonda M. Paulsell

Jairo Rueda

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Shane Michael Carlson Sai Praneeth Muthamsetty

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Megan Leann Martin

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Abby Grace Combs
Claire Deegan
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Shiva Kanth Reddy Surkanti

Olayemi Saheed Windokun Sunil Krishna Yallamandala

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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Lindsay M. Peterson
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Laythen Reed Utke
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Milana Olivia Hainline
Jrae Tishell Hawkins
Rebekah Laura-Anne Mann Dauner
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Kamryn Grace O'Dell
Quinn Marie Peterson
Mckenzie Lee Pon
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Kaley Jo Smithson

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Rana Deanna Hudson
Lindsay Paige Inman
Stacy Lynn Lear
Tia R. Lucks
Daria Ann Scheuerman
Sierra Beth Spencer
Lacy J. Wiehe
Taylor Duff Yocum

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Elizabeth A. Beattie Bellanne Marie Johnson Katie Danae Reece Kassidy Robertson Lindsay R. Smith

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Degrees with Honors

THE HONORS COLLEGE

Some undergraduate students have chosen to pursue a more rigorous academic curriculum. They are identified by a royal blue stole. Some of these students may have pursued departmental honors as well and their major distinctions are noted here.

Shields Fleetwood Bartee Dalton Ray Dzurick Kailey Joy Pond Jessica C. Jansen Kayla Y. Thayer Ellie Ann Brewer Makaylee Elizabeth Doza

Jaden T. Just with distinction in Political Science

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Special distinction for high scholarship is awarded to certain undergraduate students as follows:

Summa cum laude (with highest honor) for those who have a grade point average of at least 3.90.

Magna cum laude (with great honor) for those who have a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89.

Cum laude (with honor) for those who have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74.

The GPA is based on the lowest of the student's Missouri State cumulative GPA or the student's combined (Missouri State and transfer) cumulative GPA. Students must complete a minimum of 30 undergraduate credit hours prior to graduation at Missouri State University to be eligible for scholastic honors. Students meeting the above GPA criteria at the close of the semester immediately preceding their final semester of college work are honored at commencement ceremonies. The final eligibility of students for scholastic honors is based on credit hour totals and grade point averages at the end of the semester of graduation. Final eligibility is recorded on the University diploma and transcript.

These students are identified by a cordon worn with their academic regalia. The colors designating the honors are: summa cum laude, gold; magna cum laude, silver; cum laude, bronze.

Scholastic honors eligibility for candidates in the Cooperative Engineering Program is based on Missouri University of Science and Technology scholastic honors requirements.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Alexis Jade Burr Austin D. Aardema Faigh Michael Sidney Adkison Madeleine Elaina Carpenter Alana M. Alexander Mackenzi L. Cassara Sarah M. Amburgy Emily Kathryn Chace Abhishu Chand Caroline Ruth Arensberg Mallory Faith Clifton Lydia Ash Kayla Renee Conklin Briona Grace Elizabeth Beckham Carly Rebecca Billings Bailey Lynn Culver Rosalia A. Bolyard Lanette Ann den Hollander Austin Patrick Bullock Elias Quinn Denney

Makaylee Elizabeth Doza Brooke LeAnn Emehiser Ashley A. Fennewald Riley Mae Fisher Ashley N. Foster Zachary Philip Frey Joy Wanjun Gilson Lexi Paige Glaser Rebecca Goebel

Kendall Dixon

Emme Hall

Megan Ting Harrison Malena Meg Hemenway Maci Drew Henderson

William Parker Hopkins Addison Malynn Hudson

Hayden R. Humes Alexia Rose Jacobs Matthew Steven Juhlin

Haley Thu Kaiser Nathanael Chan Kim

AryAhna Marguerite Korth

Sarah Abigail Land Katelyn Rose Legan Katie Lea Lenhardt Connor Gray Liebman

Kathryn Leann McConnaughey

Daisy Rae McDonald

Reilley Joseph Moore Samuel Noah Nadel

Nicole M. Nalley Tin Nguyen

Maycee M. Nichols Daniel Normann

Kylie Marie Overbaugh Hailey Elizabeth Palmer Hannah G. Pendleton Emily R. Phillips

Kailey Joy Pond

Riley Elizabeth Pope-Buss Megan Hannah Ravela Claudia Rose Reed

Amanda Jordan Reifschneider

Maxwell Owen Roberts Emma Elizabeth Romine Amanda Danielle Scarbrough Leah D. Martin

Clare Elizabeth Scheier Allison Nicole Schoonbeck

Robert-Scott Schram

Liam Patrick Curtis Sikes Laura Danielle Slayden

Gwynndolyn Ann Smail

Kai Le So Mohan Thapa Clay Thornton Tavania Tran

Madalyn Lea Tuning Shane Christopher Valdes

Abigail Rose Van Hoye Justin Mathis Williams Collin James Wilson Kylee Kathryn Winkert

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Alexis Jo Baillargeon Amber Gabrielle Baker

Austin B. Bennett

Logan Alexander Bissey

Buster L. Brown Jessica Lynn Chapins

Christopher Leo Cherry Makenna Renae Coble

Faith Ann Cochran Maggi A. Davidson

(Missouri S&T)

Parker D'Elia

Abigail LeaAnn DeWitt

Lexie Faye Eaton

Hannah Rose Marie Evers Lathan Wyman Farwell

Jillian Isabelle Frogge

Dora J. Gilreath Veola D. Golovin

Kiaria Kei Toyama Gould

Mikayla Ruth Green

Bianca Lilian Guzman

Morgan Hagler

Jordan Frances Hall Andrew D. Hanafin

Abigail Grace Hanson

Bucky D. Harrell

Natalie A. Heckman

Heather L. Hill

Rebecca G. Horning

Madison Lynn Huff Robyn Koelling Hurst

Sophie Dorothea Ivens

Aidan Robert Ives

Liam L. Judson

(Missouri S&T) Bethany M. Julius

Jaden T. Just

Allison Christine Kalbfleisch

Karson Renee Kershner

Aubrey C. Klemish China Panda Lapach

Camryn Jade Lee

Jordan M. Lewis

Grace A. Livgren

Alexis Nicole Logan

Franklin Alexis Lopez

(Missouri S&T)

Christine Awuya Lotigo Jessie Anthony Lucero

Samuel Atticus MacPherson

Anna Marie McDaniel

Abbie Rose McDonald

Wyatt William McFall

Bailey Morgan Meesey

Abigail Jeanne Mitchell

Gabrielle Michelle Moenkhoff

Tabitha Lee Mumford

Andrew James Murry

Cazzi Joann Norgren

Haley Meismer O'Brien

Ellison Anne Osborne

Halli RaeAnn Mitchelle Otte

Taylor B. Perry

Grace Catherine Pupillo

Joe Fredrick Rexroat
(Missouri S&T)
Alexi Danielle Ridenhour
Grace Lauren Roberts
Dayna Roy
Avery Kimber Schiereck
Morgan Schmidt
Max L. Schnelle
Grace Mackensie Slayden
Amara Lynn Smith
Hannah Rose Smith

Aria Jade Spurgeon
Jeffrey David Steinkamp
Stephen Alexander Terrell
Kayla Y. Thayer
Brayden C. Thompson
Anthony Paul Thornton
Megan Lee Tiller
Iris Aurora Vermillion
Emily Nicole Wallace
Sydney Isabella Watson

Ruby Wayne

Kaia A. Cobleigh

Christyn Riese Cofield

Dalton Joseph Homer Coomes

Emma Jean Wernex
Chase L. Westover
Brooklyn Shae Whittle
Alicia Nichole Wilson
Shaunti Grace Woodell
Greyson Hal Yang
Eric Young
(Missouri S&T)
Hannah Marie Zoll
Benjamin W. Zweerink
Trent Lawrence Zyka

CUM LAUDE

Isabella Jewell Alden Jake Derek Allen Gracie Nicole Anderson Mckenna Leann Atherton Allison Nicole Bailey Haley Mae Ball Jesus Barea Barroso Shields Fleetwood Bartee Bailey Marie Behrens William M. Berry Avery Nicole Bloss Faith Annmarie Bonacker Leah Malanie Bounous Madelyn M. Bourner Zoe B. Bouthillier Paige Danielle Bowser Megan Amanda Brassard Ellie Ann Brewer Abigail E. Brown Joseph Leland Bruce Andrew Michael Burns Susan Canote

Kaitlin Ann Capkovic

Jessica Lynn Chapman

Gary Buell Clinton III

Baylee Lauren Coats

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**Candidates who applied to graduate by October 31, 2024, are listed in today's program.

The Academic Dress

The history of academic dress goes back to the Medieval European universities of the fourteenth century. European universities continue to follow varied patterns in cut and color of gown and type of headdress. In the United States, colleges and universities have standardized the academic dress so that its features are common and uniform throughout the country. The standard dress in the United States is as follows:

The Gown. At Missouri State University, bachelor's degree gowns are maroon and the master's and doctoral degree gowns are black. The pattern varies with the degree held; pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit for the arm for the master's degree; and round, open sleeves for the doctoral degree. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and three bars across the sleeves.

The Hood. Hoods are not worn for the bachelor's degree. The master's hood is shorter than the doctoral hood and lacks the panels of the doctoral hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the school granting the degree, while the color of the binding or edging of the hood indicates the subject in which the degree was attained. The colors designating the subject of the degree are:

Arts and Letters	White
Arts and Letters	Scarlet
Laws	Purple
Medicine	
Music	Pink
Engineering Library Science Philosophy Science	Orange
Library Science	Lemon
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Science	Gold-Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown
Education	Light Blue
Economics	Copper
Economics	Sage Green
Business	Drab
Agriculture	Maize
Agriculture Nursing	Apricot
Public Administration	Peacock Blue

The Cap. At Missouri State University, bachelor's degree candidates wear a maroon mortarboard.

Members of the Board of Governors are uniformly attired in Governors' robes. The gown is maroon with velvet chevrons and panels. The hood is lined with maroon and white – the colors of Missouri State University.

Academic dress markedly different from the above description indicates a degree from a foreign university.

Degrees Conferred

The University, under the authority of state law, confers the following degrees:

The *Bachelor of Applied Science* degree provides graduates of associate programs the opportunity to enhance and expand their general education and technical core competencies.

The Bachelor of Arts degree is designed to give a student a broad background in the liberal arts.

The *Bachelor of Fine Arts* degree is designed to provide sufficient training and experience so that the holder of the degree is qualified for professional work and/or graduate study in the fields of art or theatre.

The *Bachelor of General Studies* degree provides an interdisciplinary degree for students with broad interests and capabilities rather than a focused area of specialization.

The *Bachelor of Music* degree is designed to prepare a student for graduate study and/or as a performing artist and/or as a private teacher in the field of music.

The Bachelor of Music Education degree is designed for the training of music teachers.

The Bachelor of Science degree is designed to permit a high degree of specialization in one or more fields.

The *Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training* degree is designed to prepare athletic trainers for professional responsibilities and leadership roles in athletic training.

The Bachelor of Science in Education degree is designed for the training of teachers.

The *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* degree is designed to prepare students to work in any health care setting and to prepare registered nurses for leadership roles in healthcare facilities.

The *Bachelor of Social Work* degree is designed to prepare professional social workers for generalist practice in the human services, supporting the values of individual self-determination and social justice.

The Master of Accountancy degree is designed to prepare graduates for the professional practice of accountancy.

The *Master of Applied Second Language Acquisition* degree provides a solid foundation in second language acquisition theory and practice and qualifies graduates to teach English and other languages in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad.

The *Master of Art Education degree* is designed to provide artists, art teachers, and art education students an opportunity to upgrade their preparation in both professional education and subject matter areas appropriate to their teaching fields.

The *Master of Arts* degree is designed to provide intensive study in the subject matter of an academic field beyond the baccalaureate level and in preparation for study toward the doctorate degree.

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree is designed to provide Missouri teacher certification and a graduate degree for qualified students.

The *Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning* degree is designed to help individual teachers improve their teaching, while aiding whole school communities with identifying and responding to the needs or problems in their schools and communities.

The *Master of Athletic Training* degree is a professional degree designed to prepare students to become certified athletic trainers and function as healthcare providers within an evolving healthcare delivery system.

The *Master of Business Administration* degree is designed to prepare graduates with expertise in serving the business community, teaching in higher education, or continuing in advanced study.

The Master of Fine Arts degree is designed to prepare graduates to be cultural leaders in the fields of visual art and design.

The *Master of Health Administration* degree is designed to provide advanced studies for graduates who wish to further their careers in the administration of health organizations.

The Master of International Affairs degree is designed to prepare students for internationally oriented careers in the public, private, and non-profit sections.

The *Master of Music* degree is designed to prepare graduates for professional careers in music.

The Master of Natural and Applied Science degree is designed to provide those working in an environment where scientific knowledge is a priority the opportunity to expand their knowledge and experiences consistent with their professional goals and objectives.

The Master of Occupational Therapy degree is designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of occupational therapy.

The *Master of Professional Studies* degree is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are seeking professional growth and advancement within their vocations.

- The *Master of Public Administration* degree is designed to prepare graduates with expertise in serving as administrators in public and private non-profit agencies.
- The *Master of Public Health* degree is designed to prepare graduates to be practitioners, administrators, researchers, educators, and consultants in a wide variety of public health settings.
- The *Master of Science* degree is designed to provide intensive study in the subject matter beyond the baccalaureate level as related to professional interest and applicability.
- The Master of Science in Education degree is designed for advanced study beyond the baccalaureate level for teachers and educators.
- The *Master of Science in Nursing* degree is designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced professional responsibilities and leadership roles in health care.
- The Master of Social Work degree is designed to prepare professionals for advanced social work practice, program/policy planning, and evaluation roles.
- The Specialist in Education degree is a graduate program designed to prepare graduates to be superintendents or principals in the public schools.
- The *Doctor of Audiology* degree is designed to prepare professionals to enter the workplace with a high level of skills and knowledge through intensive academic and clinical experiences.
- The Doctor of Defense and Strategic Studies is designed to provide knowledge and skills in the field of international security studies.
- The *Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice* degree is designed to provide the scientific foundation and clinical training that prepares graduates to be certified registered nurse anesthetists.
- The *Doctor of Nursing Practice* degree is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses at the highest clinical level.
- The *Doctor of Occupational Therapy* degree is designed to provide post-professional graduate education opportunities for currently practicing occupational therapists.
- The *Doctor of Physical Therapy* degree is designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of physical therapy.
- The *Doctor of Psychology* degree is designed to train and develop clinical psychologists to meet the immense mental health challenges that our communities experience today and will continue to face in the future.

Scholarships

The Missouri State University faculty and staff take pride in recognizing the members of the graduating class who have distinguished themselves by their academic achievement and leadership. Many members of the graduating class earned academic or performance scholarships as undergraduates. Funding for many of these scholarships is made possible by alumni and friends of Missouri State University.

Photographs

In respect for the dignity of the commencement ceremony, and in accordance with the fire codes, we ask individuals to remain at their seats during the commencement ceremony. Photographers representing the news media will be permitted on the arena floor prior to the presentation of the candidates. The Grad Team graduation photography is pleased to provide this complimentary service for each graduate who crosses the dais during the commencement ceremony. Go to http://thegradteam.com/events/ for information about commencement photographs. A link to commencement photograph proofs will also be sent to participating graduates via e-mail. Any questions can be addressed to gradteam@thegradteam.com, 833-4MY-GRAD Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm EST, or via the website http://thegradteam.com/contact/.



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