



# TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## *Spring Commencement*

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

STOKES STADIUM

2:00 P.M.

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

The music for commencement is provided by the  
Truman State University Wind Symphony under the direction of Curran Prendergast, conductor.

*First Suite in Eb* — Gustav Holst  
*Pomp and Circumstance* — Edward Elgar

## PROCESSIONAL

United States Army ROTC Color Guard

Grand Marshal  
Elizabeth Wiles, *Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Studies*

President of the University  
Sue Thomas

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Eric Freedman

Commencement Speaker  
Kayla Jackson-Williams

Student Speaker  
Kateri Gutting  
*Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science*

Board of Governors

Vocal Soloist  
Zoe Rundquist  
*Senior Music (Pre-Certification) and Modern Language Major*

Readers  
Jay Self, *Professor of Communication*  
Alex Tetlak, *Instructor in Classics*

Marshal  
K. Scott Alberts, *Professor of Statistics*

Candidates for the Degree Master of Accountancy  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Athletic Training  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Science  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science

Faculty Honorees

Faculty and Administration

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*The Star-Spangled Banner* — Francis Scott Key

Zoe Rundquist

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Thomas

## **GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

President Thomas

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Kayla Jackson-Williams

## **RECOGNITION OF FACULTY HONOREES**

Provost Freedman and President Thomas

Mark Hatala, *Professor Emeritus of Psychology*  
Eric J. Howard, *Professor Emeritus of Mathematics*  
John G. O'Brien, *Professor Emeritus of Chemistry*  
Benjamin C. Ogden, *Assistant Professor Emeritus of Spanish\**  
Stephen Pollard, *Professor Emeritus of Philosophy*

## **INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER**

Provost Freedman

## **STUDENT ADDRESS**

Kateri Gutting

## **RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS**

Provost Freedman

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Provost Freedman and President Thomas

Jay Self  
Alex Tetlak

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Accountancy  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Athletic Training  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Science

## **TURNING OF TASSELS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

President Thomas

### **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

arranged by Roger Cody

Zoe Rundquist

### **RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE**

*Stars and Stripes Forever* – John Philip Sousa

*Second Suite in F* – Gustav Holst

### **JUNIOR MARSHALS**

The Junior Marshals, robed in white, serve as escorts  
during the Commencement ceremony.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## KAYLA JACKSON-WILLIAMS



Judge Kayla Jackson-Williams measures success not only in the courtroom but also in the lives she touches in her local community of Boone County, Missouri, where she lives with her beautiful daughter. In 2012, Kayla graduated from Truman State University with a degree in justice systems before continuing her education at the University of Missouri School of Law. Her exceptional skills in trial and oral advocacy, as well as brief writing, earned her membership to the Order of Barristers, an honor awarded to only ten Mizzou Law graduates each year.

Following her law school graduation, Kayla began her legal career representing families in Boone County. She ensured that each individual she assisted received not only a skilled attorney in the courtroom but also a representative who listened and explained each part of the legal process encountered.

Kayla continued her service to her community by serving as a public defender where she handled hundreds of criminal cases from the date a charge was filed to the final disposition of the case. She viewed her position as a public defender as another avenue to demonstrate excellence and an opportunity to advance her skills in her advocacy through making oral arguments, preparing witnesses, researching legal issues, preparing motions, and conducting trials. More importantly, she took this opportunity to provide a voice to individuals who often felt overlooked and unheard.

Looking for a change, Kayla left the Public Defender's Office in 2020 and worked as a senior associate at Rogers | Ehrhardt Attorneys at Law, where she practiced civil litigation. During this time, she also served as an adjunct professor, teaching client interviewing and counseling at Mizzou Law.

In 2021, the Supreme Court of Missouri appointed Kayla as a member of the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness and a member of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee. In 2022, the Supreme Court of Missouri appointed Kayla to a second committee, this time focused on reforming the juvenile justice system in Missouri.

Kayla was elected the first black judge in Boone County on August 2, 2022, and has served since January 1, 2023.

Kayla is a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

# THE GRADUATES

*The Commencement program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of graduates.  
Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete all  
requirements by established deadlines.*

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Zoe Jennifer Aldrich, Creative Writing  
Heather Grace Beard, Design  
Regan Deborah Bohanan (also BA), Creative Writing  
Craig Butler, Creative Writing  
Josh Anthony Drilingas, Design  
Gabriel D. Fortel (also BA), Creative Writing  
Samantha Gran\*, Creative Writing  
Evelyn Lane Jones\*, Art  
Zitong Liu\*, Design  
Alyssa Marie Lozano, Design  
Ethan Miller, Design  
Michaela Joann Raveill, Design  
Sedona Louise Sayers, Creative Writing  
Lillian Renee Stassi, Creative Writing  
Linqi Yuan, Art  
Xinyue Zhang\*, Design

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Carson Merical, Music Emphasis Groups (BM)  
Yinuo Zhang, Music Emphasis Groups (BM)

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kayden Alderman  
Makenna Baptist  
Emma Catherine Beach  
Olivia Faith Bergman  
Zoë Lydia Collett  
Elizabeth Kay Collier  
Katherine Cunningham  
Julia Darmody\*  
Kathleen Marie Duncan  
Claire Finter  
Erin Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Elijah Patrick Fogarty  
Mollie Fogarty  
Helen Gari  
Joshua William Guiot  
Abigail Haage  
Elana Mae Hamner  
Abigail Hart  
Dreston Thomas Scott Hoffman\*  
Emilie Grace Humes

Leah Elizabeth Kaye Lawatsch  
Emily Leer  
Lydia Marie Lehmbeck  
Jennifer Li  
Baylee Marquez  
Addison Marie Mathis  
Savanah Rose McCafferty  
Chloe Renee Montigny  
Savanna Noel  
Sydney Norton  
Allison Nicole Paleen  
Mikayla Reimann  
Kaitlyn Rindom\*  
Jenna Frances Roling  
Lydia Elyce Salazar  
Alexandra Savala  
Shelby Stapleton  
Macy Rae Steber  
Paige Elizabeth Taylor  
Jessica Eleanor Toczek  
Isabelle Wood

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Faisal Al Ajeel, Political Science & International  
Relations  
Olivia Kirsten Altomari, Business Administration  
Ellen Kathleen Baldus\*, Psychology  
Regan Deborah Bohanan (also BFA), Theatre  
Carolann Diana Boyer\*, Modern Language  
Joshua Bonaventure Brungardt, Communication  
Gina Cappelli\*, Communication  
Sydney Michelle Carl, Psychology  
Anasofia Carrillo, Biology  
Caroline Casel, Communication Disorders  
Anna Colette Cooper, Psychology  
Kayla Clarice Cotter, Theatre  
Nyssia James Louise Crandall, Psychology  
Riccardo Crapanzano, Business Administration  
Emily Cutler, Applied Linguistics  
Yuanzhi Ding, Business Administration  
Katrina Noelle Doering, Music (Pre-Certification)  
Katelyn Grace Doolin, English  
Elise Corinne Duncan, Communication Disorders  
Jayelynn Duvall, English  
Hailey Lynn Elder, Sociology/Anthropology  
Sydney Ellison, English



Payton Daniel Ellsworth (also BS), Modern Language  
 Michael Emfinger, Theatre  
 Lauren M. Fick, Liberal Studies  
 Benjamin Finchamp, History  
 Mark Richmond Fisher, Communication and Business  
 Administration  
 Gabriel D. Fortel (also BFA), Psychology  
 Keana Fox, English  
 Abigail Funkhouser, English  
 Cameron Glenn\*, Business Administration  
 Madeline Kate Godfrey, English and Philosophy &  
 Religion  
 Claire Goldsby, Sociology/Anthropology  
 Elaina Michelle Gorton, Classics  
 Erin Griffin, Liberal Studies  
 James R. Haessig, Music (General)  
 Dongmyoung Han, Business Administration  
 Andrew Stephen Heise, History  
 Robert Bennett Henderson, Communication  
 Sara Hlavac, Political Science & International Relations  
 Evan Timothy Holway, Political Science & International  
 Relations  
 Cameron Ray Horosewski, Business Administration  
 Collin Hudgens\*, Music (Pre-Certification)  
 Elizabeth Louise Keeley, English  
 Hannah Kimsey, Modern Language  
 Zoe Kirby, Political Science & International Relations  
 Haili Klusman, Psychology  
 Mizushige Koseki, Art  
 Molly Ellen Laiben, Modern Language  
 Nicole Landwehr, Art  
 Jeffrey K. Laubscher, Psychology  
 Stefani Maricic, Classics  
 Mattie Grace Marlette, Modern Language  
 Emma G. Mathews, Communication  
 Lucy Maureen McCormick, English  
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Merla, Applied Linguistics  
 Lacey Jade Mihalevich, Music (Pre-Certification)  
 Andrew Lloyd Miller, Physics  
 Jacob Minner, Music (Pre-Certification)  
 Ford Mirowski, Music (General)  
 Veronica Mystique Moots, Communication Disorders  
 Lauren Elizabeth Munns, English  
 Reagan Murrish, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Margaret Cordelia Nimock, Psychology  
 Ajah Irene Njeru, Psychology  
 Rin Ohtake, Business Administration  
 Colleen Elizabeth O'Reilly, Political Science &  
 International Relations and Communication  
 Alexander Otto, Political Science & International  
 Relations  
 Joshua Perlman, Liberal Studies  
 Pranavi Govind Pitchayiah (also BS), Communication  
 Alex Potter, English

Naomi Xela Quedensley, History  
 Claire Grace Raichle, Liberal Studies  
 Bailey Redford, Modern Language  
 Micaela Rose Reiss, Sociology/Anthropology and  
 History  
 Mary Roth, English and Sociology/Anthropology  
 Joshua William Ryan, Music (Pre-Certification)  
 Anthony Walter Sarullo, Psychology  
 Johanna Schramm, History  
 Luciana LaVon Scuderi, Mathematics  
 Madeline Seymore\*, Psychology  
 Arreya Merita Shaw, History  
 Mikel Edgar Short, History  
 Kari Ann Siegel, English  
 Josie Katherine Sneed, Psychology  
 Kimzey Joan Spreeman, Linguistics  
 Mikayla Ann Stokes, English  
 Manuel Suarez Sanchez, Biology  
 Cossette Sutterley, Liberal Studies  
 Yiwen Tan, Music  
 David Joseph Anthony Thomas, Liberal Studies  
 Alexandra Cecile Thornhill (also BS), Classics  
 Haley VanDyke, Biology  
 Elizabeth Anne Vehige, English  
 Elizabeth Louise Walcott, Music  
 Audrey Weidlick, Communication  
 Julia Grace Welsh, Biology  
 Alexandria Lee Werner, Communication and English  
 Katherine Isabelle Whiteford, Business Administration  
 Ainsley Whiting, Psychology  
 Emma Caroline Whittenburg, Biology and Psychology  
 Hannah Marie Wilson, Modern Language  
 Sophia Skye Zarrillo, Psychology  
 Olivia Zerega, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Emily Michelle Zuehlke, Political Science &  
 International Relations

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Megan M. Acklin, Exercise Science  
 Mar Agelet de Saracibar Ariet, Biochemistry &  
 Molecular Biology  
 Jenna Marie Alberson, Psychology  
 Austin Edward Alvarado, Political Science &  
 International Relations  
 Joseph Armour, Accounting and Business  
 Administration  
 Chloe M. Atkins, Mathematics and Criminal Justice  
 Studies  
 Evan Philip AuBuchon, Statistics  
 Aubrey Nicole Bachman, Agricultural Science  
 Emma Christine Baierl, Biology  
 Caragan Baker, Health Science  
 Krista Kay Baker, Biology

Greycie Bardo, Biology  
 Shelby Mae Baughman, Psychology  
 Connor Scott Baxley, Business Administration  
 Grant J. Beck, Exercise Science  
 Gavin Bergmann, Business Administration  
 Kylie Betz\*, Psychology  
 Molly Jo Bies, Exercise Science  
 Jacob Blasdel, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Livia Bloomer, Exercise Science  
 Mackenzie Boekhoff, Communication Disorders  
 Sullivan Bolles, Business Administration  
 Alison Boschert, Biology  
 Nathaniel Boyd, Political Science & International Relations  
 Hannah Mahri Branch, Health Science  
 Nathan Louis Bresette, Statistics  
 Madisen Bromfman, Health Science  
 Cole Brunnert, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Andrew Bryant, Health Science  
 Olivia Bryner, Biology  
 Alexander Buck, Business Administration  
 Matthew Buck, Business Administration  
 Emma Kaye Bulman, Business Administration  
 John Edward Butchko, Accounting  
 Carlos Orion Byrd\*, Data Science  
 Lyra Caroline Byrd, Environmental Science  
 Collin Campbell, Political Science & International Relations  
 Kaitlin Elizabeth Campbell, Agricultural Science  
 Elizabeth Grace Capps, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Justin Alexander Caringal, Computer Science  
 McKenna M. Casey, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Samantha Wynter Charleville, Chemistry  
 Christine Wenting Chen, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Kate Jacquelyn Chevalier, Biology  
 Katelyn Nicole Chimienti, Biology  
 Zachary Austin Christian, Psychology  
 Aaron Clevenger, Business Administration  
 Jacob Lee Closser, Health Science  
 Megan Brooke Cluck, Biology and Environmental Science  
 Declan Robert Coady\*, Health Science  
 Emily Christine Cobb, Health Science  
 Kelsey Rae Cohagan, Business Administration  
 Rachael Colley, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Abby Corey\*, Exercise Science  
 Riley Cranfill, Mathematics  
 Joseph Ryan Crawford\*, Psychology  
 Kayla Jean Cunningham, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Dominic Dabney, Psychology  
 Tatumn Damron, Political Science & International Relations and Criminal Justice Studies  
 Joseph M. Danner, Agricultural Science  
 Micah Lyn Davis, Business Administration  
 Caleb Day, Business Administration  
 Ashley Mae Deierling, Agricultural Science  
 Valeria Di Francesco, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Michael Dobrich, Biology  
 Cooper Doolin, Exercise Science  
 Avery Claire Drake, Exercise Science  
 Spencer J. Duffendack, Biology  
 Jackson David Dumler, Accounting  
 Sidney Durbin, Exercise Science  
 Andrew Nicholas Dwyer, Business Administration  
 Alexander Eby, Business Administration  
 Colton Eggerding, Business Administration  
 Landon Eiland, Business Administration  
 Payton Daniel Ellsworth (also BA), Linguistics  
 Grace Lavina Eness, Psychology  
 Austyn Frances Evans, Accounting and Business Administration  
 Andrew Freund, Philosophy & Religion and Psychology  
 Frederic James Garvey, Mathematics  
 Jean-Jacques Dzidula Gbekou, Computer Science  
 Brooke Elizabeth Geary, Communication Disorders  
 Kathryn George, Sociology/Anthropology  
 Grace Ellen Gibson, Chemistry  
 Matthew Gilley, Biology  
 Alyssa Gipe, Exercise Science  
 Grant Gouwens, Psychology  
 Alexis Breanne Graber, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Joslyn Paige Griego, Chemistry  
 Yixuan Guo, Accounting  
 Kateri Rose Therese Gutting, Exercise Science  
 Mykaela Elisabeth Jeanette Halleman, Exercise Science  
 Owen Hamill, Physics  
 Christopher Logan Hammock, Business Administration  
 Kara Leigh Hardin, Communication Disorders  
 Riley Hardin, Exercise Science  
 Benjamin Harris, Accounting  
 Claire Elizabeth Harris, Accounting  
 Emma Harris, Business Administration  
 Kyle Richard Hatch, Chemistry and Physics  
 Hannah Marie Helvey, Biology  
 Alexis Louise Henrikson, Exercise Science and Biology  
 Meg Heveroh, Accounting  
 Jacob Ryan Higgs, Accounting  
 Hannah M. Hilsenbeck, Accounting and Business Administration  
 Hunter Lee Hobbs, Agricultural Science  
 Caden Hoehns, Business Administration

Connor Michael Hof, Chemistry  
 Mitchel Darold Hoffman, Business Administration  
 Jacob Hoke, Computer Science  
 Lily Grace Holland, Mathematics  
 Shelby Lynn Holst, Exercise Science  
 Chandler Earl Holt, Accounting  
 Jeongmin Hong, Computer Science  
 Ryon Joseph Hric, Business Administration  
 Matthew Huemann, Biology  
 Carly Lynn Hunsaker, Communication Disorders  
 Suejeong Hwang, Exercise Science  
 Jesus M. Ituarte, Exercise Science  
 Jessica Lee Jacobs\*, Psychology  
 Sydney Elizabeth Janiesch, Agricultural Science  
 Ethan J. Jennings, Business Administration  
 Grant Johnson, Accounting and Business Administration  
 Kaylyn Jones, Liberal Studies  
 Ryleigh Jade Jones, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Deeptika Karki, Accounting  
 Jessica Kendell, Health Science  
 Christopher Kerr-Blackhall, Exercise Science  
 Dylan Thomas Kinney, Exercise Science  
 Matthew Alan Klein, Mathematics  
 Kody Jed Klingensmith, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Audrey Rose Kneip, Chemistry  
 Jessica Kozol, Biology  
 Reagan Mackenzie Kuennen, History  
 Gracie Danielle LaFoe, Biology  
 Bishal Lama, Computer Science  
 Jennifer Erin Lamp, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Ashley T. Landau, Liberal Studies  
 Grace A. LaSalle, Health Science  
 Nathan Tanner Hercule Lavigne, Business Administration  
 Rachel Erin Lay, Business Administration  
 Nguyen Anh Le, Computer Science  
 Caleb James Levy, Statistics and Mathematics  
 Olivia Linde, Sociology/Anthropology  
 Margaret Liu, Biology  
 Dalton Lyle Lodge, Sociology/Anthropology  
 Anna Lauren Loucks, Accounting and Agricultural Science  
 Michael Lucero, Biology  
 Troy Ludwig, Accounting  
 Caitlyn Elizabeth Mabry, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Brendan Mahoney, Physics  
 Jonathan Truman Mann, Agricultural Science  
 McKena Renee McClellan, Accounting  
 Mya Christine McCubbin, Psychology  
 Megan Caroline McGhee, Mathematics  
 Daniel Edward McGurn, Business Administration  
 Craigmiles McIntyre, Business Administration  
 Cameron J. McKenzie, Biology

Sydney Elizabeth McLain, Biology  
 Connor McLaughlin, Music Business  
 Leithym Boone Messer, Exercise Science  
 Zachary Thomas Miesner, Health Science  
 Bryndal Miller, Psychology  
 Jacksyn Lee Miller, Biology  
 Jackson Ray Mitchell, Mathematics  
 Jake Allan Mitchell, Exercise Science  
 Mohammadhossein Momeni, Computer Science and Mathematics  
 Mary Grace Monach, Accounting  
 Brody Monaghan, Psychology  
 Claire Morris, Biology  
 Olivia Morris, Health Science  
 Levon Alexander Muradyan, Exercise Science  
 Owen Murphy, Computer Science  
 Hannah Carlene Nardi, Biology  
 Akansha Negi, Computer Science  
 Emily Nguyen, Biology  
 Ethan Edwardson Nguyen, Biology  
 Madison Nicole Niemeier, Exercise Science  
 Addison Georgia Noecker, Psychology and Sociology/Anthropology  
 Courtney Jade Odemis, Psychology  
 Justin Thomas Olwig, Business Administration  
 Samuel Lee Padella, Biology  
 Sydney Grace Parkerson, Communication Disorders  
 Kaitlyn Jade Patke, Business Administration  
 Madison Grace Payne, Business Administration  
 Emily Nicole Pearson, Exercise Science  
 Madison Peavler, Psychology  
 Sydney Eileen Percival, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Abigail Lynne Peters, Biology  
 Raiden Petty, Business Administration  
 Parker Lee Pfannenstiel, Liberal Studies  
 Pranavi Govind Pitchyaiah (also BA), Psychology  
 Matthew Ernest Potter, Liberal Studies  
 Margaret Elizabeth Poyser, Exercise Science  
 Artemy Prikhodko, Psychology  
 Brendan Quinn, Statistics  
 Kyle Edward Ratliff, Linguistics  
 Lauren Reid, Exercise Science  
 Bryan Austin Renner, Environmental Science  
 Julianna Rice, Political Science & International Relations  
 Andrew R. Richter, Accounting  
 Payton Layne Robertson, Health Science  
 Maximus Roed, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Emma Grace Rohrbach, Political Science & International Relations and Economics  
 Ulysses Ross IV, Business Administration  
 Zachary B. Rouland, Business Administration  
 Luke Roussel, Business Administration  
 Andrew Brian Ruff, Computer Science

Emma Rule, Criminal Justice Studies  
 Jared C. Sacquitne-Darrington, Accounting  
 Cole Schelling, Accounting  
 Mary Grace Schneller, Psychology  
 Kathryn Ann Schoeneberg, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Sophia Christine Seibert, Agricultural Science  
 Nathan Charles Shaw, Physics  
 Lauren Shirk, Psychology  
 Grace Socorro Siems, Business Administration  
 Shelby Teresa Skinner, Exercise Science  
 Melanie Lynn Smith, Biology  
 Brooklyn Jesstina Smyser, Exercise Science  
 Ella Elizabeth Sowle, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Avery Speelman\*, Exercise Science  
 Kaitlyn Stauffer, Psychology  
 Emily Stiles, Exercise Science  
 Kyle Louis Stockmann, Business Administration  
 Kyle Joseph Stratman, Exercise Science  
 Tian Yang Shu Strege, Communication Disorders  
 Kylie Strobl, Business Administration  
 Chase Strub, Political Science & International Relations  
 Andrew C. Struckhoff, Political Science & International Relations and Philosophy & Religion  
 Ashton Marie Stuber, Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Bret Michael Stuerman, Accounting  
 Justine Margaret Suba, Biology  
 Mackenzie Elizabeth Sweeney, Biology  
 Hasset Teferi, Biology  
 Rachel Temmen, Exercise Science  
 Bitanya A. Tenaw, Liberal Studies  
 Emma Christine Thompson, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Alexandra Cecile Thornhill (also BA), Linguistics  
 Emily Traube, Psychology  
 Erica Dawn Treasure, Exercise Science  
 Isaac Draven Tune, Mathematics  
 Zoe Vetter, Chemistry  
 Bryce Hunter Viehmann, Exercise Science  
 Isaac Vilchis, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 John Samuel Vincent Jr., Accounting  
 Christian Paul Vitale, History  
 Keegan Alexander Vosmith, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
 Addison Lynn Walker, Exercise Science  
 Shelby Walker, Psychology  
 Kristin Shalyn Ward, Communication Disorders  
 Noah Michael Washburn, Business Administration  
 Symphony Weston, Biology  
 Hudson Wilburn, Business Administration and Accounting  
 Christopher Charles Williams, Philosophy & Religion  
 Julian Andrew Williams, Computer Science  
 Samuel Truman Willoughby, Psychology

Charles Wills, Psychology  
 Emmanuelle Wilson, Linguistics  
 Haisley Mae Windsor, Chemistry  
 Dane Winterboer, Statistics  
 Abigail Grace Wolf, Biology  
 Tyler James Woods, Accounting  
 Abigail Worster, Biology  
 Zile Xu, Psychology

## MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Olivia Baumann  
 Juliet Sung Bauta Motty  
 Matthew Joe Boyce  
 Madelyn Kay Brueggeman  
 Collin Scott Buss  
 Jonathan Bryan Buss  
 Dylan Robert de Leon  
 Kiersten Marie Dooley  
 Jenna Michele Foelsing  
 Matthew David Foster  
 Leah Katherine Gehrke  
 Emily D. Hildrich  
 Brock K. Jones  
 Tyler Allan Jones  
 Rachel Kelly  
 Megan Koch  
 Aaron Jacob Kohler  
 Lotus MacDonald  
 Sydney Olivia Mattas  
 Kyle Miller  
 Holden Potter  
 Kyle Dwight Seabaugh  
 Xinran Yu

## MASTER OF ARTS

Marianna Baizabal Andrade, Mental Health Counseling  
 Aspyrn Loraine Baker, School Counseling  
 Abbigail Renee Bendle, English  
 Steve Michael Beutel II, Gifted Education  
 Joseph Tyler Bichsel (also MAE), English  
 Lara Carole Bradley Owsley, Gifted Education  
 Taylor Nicole Bringer, Communication Disorders  
 Eric Brown, Gifted Education  
 Caleb Alexander Call, Communication Disorders  
 Jesse Daniel Carter, English  
 Kaitlyn Juliette Crawford\*, English  
 Kerrion Cornelius Dean\*, Leadership  
 Olutade Olalekan Dele, Music  
 Mary Dezner\*, Gifted Education  
 Rebecca Anne Di Stefano, Communication Disorders  
 Aubrie Donell\*, Mental Health Counseling  
 Erin Catherine Anna Donelson, Gifted Education

Rachel Epperson\*, Gifted Education  
 Paige Allison Farrell, Communication Disorders  
 Timbre Gilio, School Counseling  
 Harper Rose Golden, Music  
 Tatum Rose Graham, Communication Disorders  
 Matthew Kyle Hamblin\*, Gifted Education  
 Jenna Grace Hamilton, School Counseling  
 Jennifer Hartigan Schwartz\*, Gifted Education  
 Jakob Hartzell, Leadership  
 Tara Dyann Howarth, Gifted Education  
 Callyn Elyse Kinney, Communication Disorders  
 Bailey Virginia Kliewer, Leadership  
 Savannah Marcella Kluesner, English  
 Lindsey Elise Kramer, English  
 Ryan Matthew Kuehner\*, Disability Studies: Applied  
 Behavior Analysis  
 Lisa M. Leanna\*, Gifted Education  
 Christy Lynn Collins Lewis\*, Gifted Education  
 Emma Paige Lewis\*, Gifted Education  
 Reilly Maloney-Hilgenbrinck\*, Gifted Education  
 Kristen Marriott\*, Gifted Education  
 Grace Kathryn McKinnis (also MAE), English  
 Kaitlyn Nicole McMinn, Communication Disorders  
 Jessica Neighbors, Communication Disorders  
 Abigail Lindsey Onnen, Communication Disorders  
 Irene Elizabeth Pehanich, Music  
 Kyla Paige Prinsen, Communication Disorders  
 Kaitlin Quintana, Communication Disorders  
 Cinthia Ratliff, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior  
 Analysis  
 Clarence Edwin Shearer III\*, Leadership  
 Alyssa Michele Shellabarger (also MAE)\*, English  
 Genna Lynn Strayhorn\*, Gifted Education  
 Jonathan Sullins, English  
 Jennifer Swope\*, Gifted Education  
 Robert J. Sypniewski, Disability Studies: Applied  
 Behavior Analysis  
 Tahrionna Brichee' Terry, Mental Health Counseling  
 Meghan Michelle Trimble, Communication Disorders  
 Molly Kay Vessell\*, Mental Health Counseling  
 Danilo Enrique Viquez-Poveda, Music  
 Steven Douglas Wehmeyer\*, Gifted Education  
 Chloe Belle Myers Wentz\*, Mental Health Counseling  
 Courtney West\*, Gifted Education  
 Riley Wibberg, Communication Disorders  
 Bridget Fitzpatrick Wildschuetz\*, Gifted Education  
 Amanda J. Wiser, English  
 Stephanie Yoakum, Gifted Education  
 Fei Yuan, Music  
 Ziyu Zhang, Music  
 Yongzhuo Zhu, Music

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION**

Gabriella Agoston, English  
 Eric Benjamin Allison, History/Social Science  
 Blake W. Anderson, History/Social Science  
 Josie Adele Anson, English  
 Myranda Kathleen Anthes\*, Elementary Education  
 Jayden Leigh Bell\*, Elementary Education  
 Joseph Tyler Bichsel (also MA), English  
 Robert Cagle, Music  
 Nolon D Carter, Science  
 Hannah Elizabeth Champ, Elementary Education  
 Catherine Elizabeth Clark\*, Elementary Education  
 Lillian Dawn Conger\*, Elementary Education  
 John Ryan Dabney, Mathematics  
 Molly Elizabeth Dacus, Elementary Education  
 Sarah Lauren Diven, Mathematics  
 Nellea Christine Dovin, Science  
 Karley Ellen Drabik, Music  
 Reagan Brooke Faiferlick, History/Social Science  
 Sara Nicole Figura, Elementary Education  
 John Gieseey, History/Social Science  
 Joshua Drake Grandstaff, English  
 Robert Greco, English  
 Mitchel Lee Hall, History/Social Science  
 Savannah Hargett, English  
 Annalisa Lane Harris, English  
 Taylor Henness\*, Elementary Education  
 Jillian Marie Humke, Speech & Theatre  
 Kendall Hutchison, Exercise Science  
 William Michael Jackson, Special Education  
 Brooke Johnson\*, Elementary Education  
 Logan Kammerer, History/Social Science  
 Daniel John Lloyd Kaysinger, History/Social Science  
 Mitchell Kidd, Mathematics  
 Megan Elizabeth Kruse, Mathematics  
 Annika Leigh Lawless, Elementary Education  
 Garrett Linn, Mathematics  
 Amanda Renee Maasen, Elementary Education  
 Sarah Anastasia Macomber, Foreign Language  
 Anna Katherine Markiewicz, English  
 Grace Kathryn McKinnis (also MA), English  
 Marissa Ann McMahill, Special Education  
 Benjamin Miller, Exercise Science  
 Bridget Kathleen Morris, Foreign Language  
 Jacob Patrick Morris, Mathematics  
 Abygale Lee Morton, Elementary Education  
 Mary Katherine Mueller, Elementary Education  
 Gracie Neff, Elementary Education  
 Sydney D. Oldham, Elementary Education

Maura Ploesser, Special Education  
Madison Claire Polniak, History/Social Science  
Kaitlyn Marie Ratliff, Science  
Nora Marie Rechten, English  
Dane Kenneth Jon Renshaw, Exercise Science  
Samuel Scherff, English  
Siara Lynn Schweiger, Mathematics  
Dalton Lee Shanks, Exercise Science  
Alyssa Michele Shellabarger (also MA), English  
Hannah Elizabeth Stevenson, English  
Kody William Swaringen, English  
Molly L. Wease, Science  
Carolyn Wehmeyer, History/Social Science  
Lillianne Marie Winston, Music  
Alyssa L. Wippler, Elementary Education  
Riley Witherbee, Music  
Heidi Elizabeth Wright, History/Social Science

## **MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Jadan Madison Crader  
Cole Hartwig Hedrick  
Jaylynn Rae Martin  
Gabrielle Marie Nielsen  
Hayden Wells

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

*All are Master of Science in Data Science &  
Analytic Storytelling Candidates*

Jacob Paul Bichsel  
Brenna Richey  
Kevin M. Donohue  
Jeremy Wayne Johnson\*  
Ryan Kottmann  
Corey McNab  
Eliza Anne Morris  
Katherine S. Parsons\*  
Adam Heath Raines  
Spencer Donald Ratermann

# RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

## UNIVERSITY HONORS

*Undergraduate students receiving a baccalaureate degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or above will have the degree conferred with honors. Honor graduates will wear special insignia during commencement. University Honors are awarded based on the following overall grade point averages:*

### Summa Cum Laude

#### 3.90 - 4.0 GPA

Mar Agelet de Saracibar  
Ariet  
Jenna Marie Alberson  
Zoe Jennifer Aldrich  
Evan Philip AuBuchon  
Emma Christine Baierl  
Makenna Baptist  
Livia Bloomer  
Nathan Louis Bresette  
Madisen Bromfman  
Cole Brunnert  
Emma Kaye Bulman  
Craig Butler  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Campbell  
Elizabeth Grace Capps  
Justin Alexander Caringal  
Elizabeth Kay Collier  
Anna Colette Cooper  
Kayla Clarice Cotter  
Nyssia James Louise  
Crandall  
Cooper Doolin  
Katelyn Grace Doolin  
Jackson David Dumler  
Elise Corinne Duncan  
Jayelynn Duvall  
Abigail Funkhouser  
Helen Gari  
Frederic James Garvey  
Kathryn George  
Alyssa Gipe  
Grant Gouwens  
Elana Mae Hamner  
Claire Elizabeth Harris  
Alexis Louise Henrikson  
Dreston Thomas Scott  
Hoffman\*  
Shelby Lynn Holst  
Evan Timothy Holway

Jessica Lee Jacobs\*  
Elizabeth Louise Keeley  
Matthew Alan Klein  
Molly Ellen Laiben  
Nguyen Anh Le  
Lydia Marie Lehmbeck  
Margaret Liu  
Caitlyn Elizabeth Mabry  
Addison Marie Mathis  
Lucy Maureen McCormick  
Megan Caroline McGhee  
Leithym Boone Messer  
Jacob Minner  
Jake Allan Mitchell  
Mohammadhossein  
Momeni  
Mary Grace Monach  
Claire Morris  
Justin Thomas Olwig  
Colleen Elizabeth O'Reilly  
Samuel Lee Padella  
Abigail Lynne Peters  
Pranavi Govind  
Pitchyaiah  
Alex Potter  
Naomi Xela Quedensley  
Michaela Joann Raveill  
Lauren Reid  
Micaela Rose Reiss  
Emma Grace Rohrbach  
Emma Rule  
Luciana LaVon Scuderi  
Sophia Christine Seibert  
Shelby Teresa Skinner  
Brooklyn Jesstina Smyser  
Ella Elizabeth Sowle  
Macy Rae Steber  
Kyle Joseph Stratman  
Tian Yang Shu Strega  
Andrew C. Struckhoff  
Mackenzie Elizabeth  
Sweeney

Rachel Temmen  
Emma Christine  
Thompson  
Zoe Vetter  
Alexandria Lee Werner  
Emma Caroline  
Whittenburg  
Julian Andrew Williams  
Emmanuelle Wilson  
Hannah Marie Wilson  
Dane Winterboer  
Isabelle Wood  
Abigail Worster

### Magna Cum Laude

#### 3.75 - 3.89 GPA

Olivia Kirsten Altomari  
Chloe M. Atkins  
Caragan Baker  
Molly Jo Bies  
Olivia Bryner  
Caroline Casel  
Samantha Wynter  
Charleville  
Zachary Austin Christian  
Jake Lee Closser  
Megan Brooke Cluck  
Kelsey Rae Cohagan  
Rachael Colley  
Spencer J. Duffendack  
Sydney Ellison  
Claire Finter  
Erin Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Elijah Patrick Fogarty  
Keana Fox  
Jean-Jacques Dzidula  
Gbekou  
Brooke Elizabeth Geary  
Matthew Gilley  
Alexis Breanne Graber  
Kara Leigh Hardin

Meg Heveroh  
Jacob Ryan Higgs  
Hannah M. Hilsenbeck  
Hunter Lee Hobbs  
Suejeong Hwang  
Nicole Landwehr  
Leah Elizabeth Kaye  
Lawatsch  
Olivia Linde  
Alyssa Marie Lozano  
Troy Ludwig  
McKena Renee McClellan  
Daniel Edward McGurn  
Jacksyn Lee Miller  
Ford Mirowski  
Chloe Renee Montigny  
Kaitlyn Jade Patke  
Parker Lee Pfannenstiel  
Mikayla Reimann  
Julianna Rice  
Payton Layne Robertson  
Mary Roth  
Anthony Walter Sarullo  
Cole Schelling  
Mary Grace Schneller  
Kathryn Ann  
Schoeneberg  
Nathan Charles Shaw  
Lauren Shirk  
Melanie Lynn Smith  
Kimzey Joan Spreeman  
Lillian Renee Stassi  
Mikayla Ann Stokes  
Ashton Marie Stuber  
Alexandra Cecile  
Thornhill  
Isaac Draven Tune  
Kristin Shalyn Ward  
Julia Grace Welsh  
Hudson Wilburn



## Cum Laude

3.50 - 3.74 GPA

Megan M. Acklin  
Kayden Alderman  
Greycie Bardo  
Shelby Mae Baughman  
Heather Grace Beard  
Olivia Faith Bergman  
Nathaniel Boyd  
Matthew Buck  
John Edward Butchko  
Gina Cappelli\*  
Sydney Michelle Carl  
Christine Wenting Chen  
Emily Christine Cobb  
Zoë Lydia Collett  
Riccardo Crapanzano  
Ashley Mae Deierling  
Valeria Di Francesco  
Andrew Nicholas Dwyer  
Alexander Eby  
Austyn Frances Evans  
Benjamin Finchamp  
Mollie Fogarty  
Andrew Fruend  
Elaina Michelle Gorton  
Joslyn Paige Griego  
Kateri Rose Therese Gutting  
Abigail Haage  
Owen Hamill  
Riley Hardin

Abigail Hart  
Kyle Richard Hatch  
Andrew Stephen Heise  
Hannah Marie Helvey  
Lily Grace Holland  
Emilie Grace Humes  
Carly Lynn Hunsaker  
Evelyn Lane Jones\*  
Kaylyn Jones  
Jessica Kendell  
Audrey Rose Kneip  
Jessica Kozol  
Reagan Mackenzie Kuennen  
Gracie Danielle LaFoe  
Jennifer Erin Lamp  
Jeffrey K. Laubscher  
Emily Leer  
Jennifer Li  
Dalton Lyle Lodge  
Michael Lucero  
Jonathan Truman Mann  
Stefani Maricic  
Baylee Marquez  
Sydney Elizabeth McLain  
Carson Mercial  
Zachary Thomas Miesner  
Jackson Ray Mitchell  
Olivia Morris  
Lauren Elizabeth Munns  
Reagan Murrish  
Hannah Carlene Nardi  
Ethan Edwardson Nguyen

Savanna Noel  
Sydney Norton  
Allison Nicole Paleen  
Madison Grace Payne  
Raiden Petty  
Bailey Redford  
Kaitlyn Rindom\*  
Jenna Frances Roling  
Andrew Brian Ruff  
Lydia Elyce Salazar  
Sedona Louise Sayers  
Josie Katherine Sneed  
Avery Speelman\*  
Shelby Stapleton  
Emily Stiles  
Kyle Louis Stockmann  
Kylie Strobl  
Bret Michael Stuermer  
Justine Margaret Suba  
Yiwen Tan  
Paige Elizabeth Taylor  
Hasset Teferi  
Jessica Eleanor Toczek  
Emily Traube  
Erica Dawn Treasure  
Addison Lynn Walker  
Katherine Isabelle Whiteford  
Charles Wills  
Haisley Mae Windsor  
Abigail Grace Wolf  
Linqi Yuan  
Olivia Zerega

## HONORS SCHOLARS

*General honors in arts and sciences are awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five specially designated courses. At least one course must be from the areas of mathematics, science, humanities, and social science. Only grades of "A" and "B" may count toward the General Honors grade point average requirement of at least 3.50 in those five courses and students must have an overall grade point average of 3.50.*

Cole Brunnert  
Emma Christine Thompson  
Haisley Mae Windsor  
Zoe Vetter



## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

*Departmental honors in the major are available in several disciplines for outstanding majors who have achieved distinction as determined by measures specific to the Departmental Honors Program. Students meeting the requirements for Departmental Honors will have their transcript annotated.*

### Agricultural and Biological Sciences

Cole Brunnert  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Campbell  
Christine Wenting Chen  
Ashley Mae Deierling  
Matthew Gilley  
Hunter Lee Hobbs  
Sophia Christine Seibert  
Emma Christine Thompson

### Art and Design

Heather Grace Beard  
Evelyn Lane Jones\*  
Alyssa Marie Lozano  
Michaela Joann Raveill  
Linqi Yuan

### Business and Economics

Emma Grace Rohrbach

### Communication and Theatre Arts

Colleen Elizabeth O'Reilly  
Pranavi Govind Pitchayaiah  
Alexandria Lee Werner

### Communication Disorders

Brooke Elizabeth Geary  
Tian Strege  
Kristin Shalyn Ward

### Computer and Data Sciences

Evan Philip AuBuchon  
Nathan Louis Bresette  
Justin Alexander Caringal  
Mohammadhossein Momeni  
Dane Winterboer

### English

Zoe Jennifer Aldrich  
Craig Butler  
Katelyn Grace Doolin  
Jayelynn Duvall  
Sydney Ellison  
Abigail Funkhouser  
Elizabeth Louise Keeley  
Lucy Maureen McCormick  
Lauren Elizabeth Munns  
Alex Potter  
Mary Roth  
Sedona Louise Sayers  
Lillian Renee Stassi  
Mikayla Ann Stokes  
Alexandria Lee Werner

### Exercise Science

Livia Bloomer  
Kateri Rose Therese Gutting  
Riley Hardin  
Jake Allan Mitchell  
Lauren Reid  
Shelby Teresa Skinner  
Brooklyn Jesstina Smyser  
Avery Speelman \*

### Health Science

Madisen Bromfman  
Emily Christine Cobb  
Zachary Thomas Miesner  
Olivia Morris

### Languages and Linguistics

Elaina Michelle Gorton  
Molly Ellen Laiben  
Stefani Maricic  
Bailey Redford  
Kimzey Joan Spreeman  
Alexandra Cecile Thornhill  
Emmanuelle Wilson  
Hannah Marie Wilson

### Mathematics

Frederic James Garvey  
Luciana LaVon Scuderi

### Music

Carson Merical  
Jacob Minner  
Ford Mirowski  
Yiwen Tan

### Nursing

Kayden Alderman  
Makenna Baptist  
Elizabeth Kay Collier  
Claire Finter  
Erin Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Elijah Patrick Fogarty  
Helen Gari  
Abigail Haage  
Elana Mae Hamner  
Emilie Grace Humes  
Leah Elizabeth Kaye Lawatsch  
Emily Leer  
Addison Marie Mathis  
Chloe Renee Montigny  
Savanna Noel  
Sydney Norton  
Mikayla Reimann  
Lydia Elyce Salazar  
Shelby Stapleton  
Macy Rae Steber  
Isabelle Wood

### Physical Sciences

Kyle Richard Hatch  
Zoe Vetter  
Haisley Mae Windsor

### Psychology and Counseling

Jenna Marie Alberson  
Sydney Michelle Carl  
Nyssia James Louise Crandall  
Grant Gouwens  
Jessica Jacobs\*  
Pranavi Govind Pitchayaiah  
Charles Wills

## **Social Sciences and Human Inquiry**

Chloe M. Atkins  
Tatumn Damron  
Andrew Fruend  
Evan Timothy Holway  
Reagan Mackenzie Kuennen  
Jennifer Erin Lamp  
Dalton Lyle Lodge  
Caitlyn Elizabeth Mabry  
Colleen Elizabeth O'Reilly  
Sydney Eileen Percival  
Naomi Xela Quedensley  
Micaela Rose Reiss  
Julianna Rice  
Emma Grace Rohrbach  
Mary Roth  
Emma Rule  
Andrew C. Struckhoff

## **DISCIPLINE HONORS**

*The Academic Honor Awards were established to recognize the outstanding senior/graduate student major in each discipline. Each discipline nominates students to receive the Outstanding Student Award. The Awards can be given to both the Outstanding Undergraduate and Outstanding Graduate Student in a discipline.*

### **School of Arts and Humanities**

*Anthropology*  
Hattie Berke  
*Art*  
Octavian Grey Dean Stickann  
*Art: Design*  
Michaela Joann Raveill  
*Art: Studio Art*  
Evelyn Lane Jones  
*Classics*  
Elaina Michelle Gorton  
*Communication*  
Colleen Elizabeth O'Reilly

*Creative Writing*  
Zoe Jennifer Aldrich  
*Criminal Justice Studies*  
Chloe M. Atkins  
*English*  
Alex Potter  
*History*  
Micaela Rose Reiss  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*  
Olivia Zerega  
*Linguistics*  
Emmanuelle Wilson  
*Modern Language*  
Molly Ellen Laiben  
*Music (General)*  
Ford Mirowski  
*Music: Liberal Arts*  
Yiwen Tan  
*Music (Pre-Certification)*  
Quinten Winkeler  
*Music with Emphasis Groups*  
Carson Meral  
*Philosophy*  
Andrew C. Struckhoff  
*Political Science & International Relations*  
Evan Timothy Holway  
*Religion*  
Andrew Fruend  
*Sociology*  
Dalton Lyle Lodge  
*Theatre*  
Kayla Clarice Cotter  
*English - Graduate*  
Jesse Daniel Carter  
*Music - Graduate*  
Harper Rose Golden

### **School of Business and Professional Studies**

*Accounting*  
Jackson David Dumler  
*Business Administration: Finance*  
Justin Thomas Olwig  
*Business Administration: International Business*  
Katherine Isabelle Whiteford  
*Business Administration: Management*  
Emma Kaye Bulman

*Business Administration: Marketing*  
Kaitlyn Jade Patke  
*Communication Disorders*  
Elise Corinne Duncan  
*Economics*  
Matthew Alexander Kruse  
*Exercise Science*  
Brooklyn Jesstina Smyser  
*Military Science - General George C. Marshall ROTC Award*  
Hunter Lee Hobbs  
*Nursing*  
Elana Mae Hamner  
*Psychology*  
Nyssia James Louise Crandall  
*Accounting - Graduate*  
Kyle Dwight Seabaugh  
*Athletic Training - Graduate*  
Jaylynn Rae Martin  
*Communication Disorders - Graduate*  
Riley Wibberg  
*Counseling - Mental Health - Graduate*  
Paige Lauren Kammeyer  
*Counseling - School Counseling - Graduate*  
Justin David Moeller  
*Elementary Education - Graduate*  
Lillian Dawn Conger  
*K-12 Education - Graduate*  
Lilianne Marie Winston  
*Leadership - Graduate*  
Clarence Shearer III  
*Secondary Education - Graduate*  
Eric Benjamin Allison  
*Special Education - Graduate*  
Maura Ploesser

### **School of Science and Mathematics**

*Agricultural Science*  
Sophia Christine Seibert  
*Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*  
Emma Christine Thompson  
*Biology*  
Spencer J. Duffendack

*Chemistry*

Zoe Vetter

*Computer Science*

Mohammadhossein Momeni

*Health Science*

Madisen Bromfman

*Mathematics*

Luciana LaVon Scuderi

*Physics*

Nathan Charles Shaw

*Statistics*

Dane Winterboer

*Data Science and Analytic*

*Storytelling - Graduate*

Sylvia Modesitt

# MESSAGE TO NEW ALUMNI

Congratulations! Today marks the completion of a truly impressive achievement. You have grown as a person, not only through your academic program but also in your relationships with friends and classmates you met at Truman and in the community. You are leaving Truman a different person than when you started, and you should be proud of the hard work that has brought you to this point. Your liberal arts and science education has prepared you well for the opportunities ahead.

While today marks a completion, it is also a new beginning. Today, you become an alum and join the ranks of nearly 66,000 proud Bulldogs worldwide. You are part of a special community of people who share the Truman experience. We are Bulldogs Forever. On behalf of the Truman Alumni Association, welcome to the community!

The Truman Alumni Association is dedicated to helping alumni connect to one another, creating meaningful ways to connect you back to Truman and championing the Truman spirit across our networks around the world. Led by alumni just like you who volunteer their time to stay connected, we sponsor networking opportunities, philanthropic events, social outings and Homecoming activities. Your Truman journey has not ended. The Bulldog Forever alumni network encompasses graduates with diverse attributes and interests. We welcome you to come check us out and help bring what only you can bring to the table. To learn more about virtual or in-person events to connect to other alumni, you can connect with us on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and online at [truman.edu/alumni](http://truman.edu/alumni).

As you join other Truman alumni, we believe your experience will be similar to ours and you will find amazing Bulldogs around the world who are here to help one another.

Congratulations and good luck, and stay #TRUMANSTRONG! We can't wait to hear what comes next!

Bulldog Forever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Hart ('84)

President

Alumni Association Board of Directors

# COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

## THE UNIVERSITY

In 1867, Joseph Baldwin returned to Missouri from Indiana, looking for a location to open a school to educate teachers. On September 2, 1867, Baldwin opened the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College in Kirksville. In 1870, Baldwin's school became the First District Normal School of Missouri, the first in the state's new normal school system, dedicated to the education of teachers for the public schools.

At the close of the 1869-70 academic year, the Normal School graduated its first class of 15 men. The Commencement program was held in the auditorium of the Cumberland Academy building on Friday, June 24, 1870. President Joseph Baldwin preached the sermon and T.A. Parker, state superintendent of schools, delivered the address.

Today, Missouri's statewide public liberal arts and sciences university celebrates its Spring Commencement with almost 600 men and women graduating with bachelor's and master's degrees. Although the people, the campus, the mission, and the name of the University have changed during the last 157 years, the traditions of the commencement ceremony have remained intact.

## THE DRESS

The academic costume worn today is the dress of the medieval secular clergy with a few alterations introduced by 16th century Protestant reformers. The intellectual revival of the 12th century gave impetus to the founding of the European universities. Students in these institutions were clerks; thus, they wore the dress of the secular clergy. In the 16th century, Protestant reformers, who associated academic habits with popery, adopted more civilian gowns.

The oldest article of academic wear was the robe, which was a loose gown. The habit, a tunic with short, wide sleeves, was worn over the robe. A hood lined with fur or inexpensive skins could be gathered around the neck or pulled up on the head as a turban. Finally, there were three kinds of caps worn: the round cap, reserved for doctoral dignity; a round cap with strings tied under the chin, worn by jurists; and the square cap. Universities such as Oxford made the square cap official; however, secular universities adopted the Tudor bonnet still worn by doctors of law, medicine and music.

American academic costume was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns, three styles of hoods and two kinds of cap tassels. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation. The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings about halfway down for the hands. The doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors, such as Harvard's crimson and Yale's deep blue. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

The doctor's hood is the longest and fullest among the degrees. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme: white, the arts; gold-yellow, science; purple, law; apricot, nursing; green, medicine; sapphire, business administration; lemon, librarianship; scarlet, theology; and dark blue, doctors of philosophy.

The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Truman's masters graduates, for example, wear a purple and white-lined hood. The faculty at Truman State University represent doctoral-granting institutions around the world. A few of their hood colors are the blue and white of Duke, the orange and black of Princeton, the crimson of Harvard, and the scarlet of Oxford.

The candidates for graduation wear black caps to which are attached tassels of colors illustrative of their degrees:

White:	Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Accountancy, Master of Science, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Athletic Training
Brown:	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Yellow-Gold:	Bachelor of Science
Apricot:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Pink:	Bachelor of Music

The medallions worn by some of the undergraduate degree candidates signify the designation of "honor graduate." There are three levels of honors based on a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA): an antiqued bronze medallion on a white ribbon signifies Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74; a silver medallion on a purple ribbon signifies Magna Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.75 to 3.89; and a gold medallion on a purple and white ribbon signifies Summa Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.90 to 4.0. Final honors will be determined after all grades have been received and may be adjusted from those awarded for Commencement.

The academic procession is led by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal carries the University Mace which symbolizes the academic corporate body of scholars possessing its own jurisdiction and legally constituted authority. The mace is made of Missouri black walnut and is decorated with purple and white tassels, and is topped with the University seal. Following the Grand Marshal are the platform guests dressed in doctoral robes with hoods featuring the purple and white colors of the University.

Junior marshals appear throughout the ceremony dressed in white robes and caps. They are Truman students who help form the procession and seat the commencement participants.

# **INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN (INSIDE CERMONIES)**

## **1:00 PM CEREMONY**

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Reader – Alex Tetlak

## **4:00 PM CEREMONY**

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music  
Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Accountancy  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Athletic Training  
Candidates for the Degree Master of Science

Reader – Jay Self

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

The music for commencement is provided by the Truman Brass Quintet  
under the direction of Aren Van Houzen, Assistant Professor of Music.

*Fanfare* from “La Peri” – Paul Dukas, arr. Wayne Barrington  
*Sonata* from “Die Bänkelsängerlieder” – Anonymous, ed. Robert King

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*The Star-Spangled Banner* — Francis Scott Key, arranged by Arthur Goldstein

Zoe Rundquist

## **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

arranged by Roger Cody

Zoe Rundquist

## **RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE**

*Quintet No. 1, Mvt. III* – Victor Ewald

## **COMMENCEMENT PREPARATIONS**

*Special recognition goes to the following for commencement preparations and arrangements:*

Academic Affairs Office  
Advancement Office  
Athletics Department  
Blue Key Honor Society  
Cardinal Key National Honor Society  
Graduate Office  
Information Technology Services  
Music Department  
Physical Plant

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