



TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

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
Stacey Kaden, *Associate Professor of Accounting*

President of the University
Sue Thomas

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Tim Walston

Commencement Speaker
Matthew Matheney

Student Speaker
Alexis Peterson
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies and Social Issue Advocacy

Board of Governors

Vocal Soloist
Sophie Stachula
Bachelor of Arts in Music (Pre-Certification)

Readers
Jay Self, *Professor of Communication*
Scott Templeton, *Associate Professor of Business Administration*

Marshal
Chad Mohler, *Professor of Philosophy and Religion*

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

Sophie Stachula

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Thomas

GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

President Thomas

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Matthew Matheney

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY HONOREES

Provost Walston and President Thomas

W. Michael Ashcraft, *Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion*
Kathryn M. Brammall, *Professor Emerita of History*
Dereck M. Daschke, *Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion*
Adam Brooke Davis, *Professor Emeritus of English**
Roberta E. Donahue, *Professor Emerita of Health Science**
Laura Fielden-Rechav, *Professor Emerita of Biology**
Amber L. Johnson, *Professor Emerita of Anthropology*
Pamela J. Melvin, *Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing*
Anne Erwin Moody, *Professor Emerita of Chemistry*
Russell L. Nelson, *Professor Emeritus of Art*
David C. Price, *Associate Professor Emeritus of Communication*
Andrea Greelee Richards, *Clinical Instructor Emerita in Communication Disorders*
Michael Seipel, *Professor Emeritus of Agriculture*
Steven J. Smith, *Professor Emeritus of Mathematics**
Steven R. Smith, *Professor Emeritus of Business Administration**

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Provost Walston

STUDENT ADDRESS

Alexis Peterson

RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS

Provost Walston

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Provost Walston and President Thomas

Jay Self
Scott Templeton

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

Sophie Stachula

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

MATTHEW MATHENEY



Matthew P. Matheney V is a math and science educator dedicated to creating a school community where individuals can find the intersection of their talents and the needs of the world. During the school year, Matthew teaches at Hickman High School in Columbia, Missouri, and spends most of his time making that dream into reality. Outside of education, you might find him pursuing any number of interests (although a good bet would be practicing Taekwondo, designing board games, writing poetry, or fishing).

Matthew graduated in 2017 from Truman State University with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics, and again in 2019 with a Master of Arts in Education. In 2023, he was named a finalist for the Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

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

Celia Lynne Marie Barbieri, Creative Writing
Jasawn Loren Berning*, Creative Writing
Ashish Bhatta, Design
Bella Rose Suzannah Campbell, Design
Gabrielle Cook, Art
Maggie Cornell (Also BA), Creative Writing
Sydney Dial, Design
Ana González, Design
Caroline Rose Kincaid, Art and Creative Writing
Kaden Leath, Design
James Alexander Lewis, Art
Thaddeus Robinson, Creative Writing
Tyler Stanfield, Design
Rickie Lynn Stutzman, Art
Nhưng Thị Hồng Trần, Design

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Jack Porter Blackburn (Also BS), Music with Emphasis Groups
Olivia Lorena Burleigh, Music with Emphasis Groups
Michael Thomas Duncan, Music with Emphasis Groups
Conner Rayne Gallagher, Music with Emphasis Groups
Evan Luther O'Day, Music with Emphasis Groups

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Maryanne Ajilore
Fehintola Esther Akintola*
Precious Remilekun Barnabas*
Jessie Louise Bruce
Savanna Jean Corley
Kenzie Reis Craven
Hannah Paige Cundiff
Sophie Case Davis
Idongesitabasi Innocent Ekanem*
Lauren Nicole Elfrink
Gabriel Robert Elliott
Helina Engdayehu*
Maya Helene Foral
Aagya Gautam Upadhay*
Nathan Grewe
Anna Hans
Danielle Harland

Allison Breanne Heaney
Ainsley Kiernan Higgins
Audrey Lynn Hoeft
Cora Marie Howell
Miriam Johnson
Lauren Grace Kluitert
Carter-Jon Darold Mahlstadt
Grace Elizabeth Manning*
Cassia Lauren McCluskey
Meghan June McCracken
Ruby Leu McDermott
Khadija Mohammed Kalli*
Chloe Deann Myers
Mary Kate Nixon
Matthew Njoku
Laura Elizabeth Perry*
Quentin Alfred Perry
Olivia Pinkowski
Chloe Renae Schwab
Brynna Seim
Seoyeon Shin
Alisha Shrestha*
Devon Silhavy
Mary Grace Simonsen
Nebyat Danel Tamerat*
Grace Marie Taylor
Brianna Teeter
Elssy Shantal Urena de los Santos*
Arsema Workineh Woldeamanuel*

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ruhama Adnew, Business Administration
Alia Emmalyne Allison, English
Maren Faith Austic, Communication
Eva Baker, Art
Raina Genevieve Baker, Political Science & International Relations and Modern Language
Leanna Marie Bandelier, Music (Pre-Certification)
Daniel Bryan Beattie, Statistics
Emily Jossann Berry-Daugherty*, Psychology
Navin Bhattarai, Physics
Kira Boegeman (Also BS), Political Science & International Relations and Modern Language
Lillian Boehlke, Classics
Aiden Robert Breesawitz, Communication
Caroline G. Brink, Business Administration

Danielle Elise Buckner, Modern Language and Applied Linguistics

Julia Busenhart, Art

Anasofia Carrillo, Biology

Lauren Camille Cavanah, Theatre

Dean E. Chapman, Communication

Abigail Anne Charlton, Psychology

Suparna Chintha, Art

Claire Choinka, Theatre

Winter-Lee Tatiāna Christaldi (Also BS), Philosophy & Religion

Isaac Compton, Psychology

Christopher Coonce, Psychology

Maggie Cornell (Also BFA), Psychology

Wendy Crum, Theatre

Elizabeth Ann Dean, Music (Pre-Certification)

Erin Donegan, Communication

Samantha Dotson, Political Science & International Relations

Christian John Drebes, Modern Language

Juvia Duran, Psychology

Tacy Janae Ensign, Business Administration

Theresa Galuska, Communication Disorders

Madeline Kate Godfrey, English

Aubrey Gogel, Theatre

Olivia Goodman, Communication

Jadie Gordon, Communication

Erin Griffin, Liberal Studies

Makayla Renae' Gruber, Biology

Jurgen Habilaj, Business Administration

Nathan Gabriel Brow Hampton, Interdisciplinary Studies

Sylvia Catherine Harding (Also BS), Psychology

Meredith Mae Hoerner, Communication Disorders

Lauren Jaye Holsapple, Music (General) and Linguistics

Alexia Holt, Business Administration

Rozella House, History

Audrey Jane Huffman, Modern Language

Catherine Helene Jaques, Communication

Leah Renee Johnson, English

Leif William Kammer, English

Kaitlyn Teresa Kelly*, Communication

Drew Kingery, Business Administration

Abigail Sue Knabe, Communication

Hanna Koura*, Psychology

Anna Kay Kuhnert, Communication

Ayden W. Kurtyak, Biology

Rilee Leckie, Political Science & International Relations and Modern Language

McKenna Ledgerwood, Biology

Macie Renae Lee, English

Ariana Santee Leichnetz, Business Administration

Ryan Patrick Leick, History

Robert Gary LeMaster, Philosophy & Religion

Emma Rose Lewis, Psychology

Elsa Linger, Business Administration

Cassandra Lowen, English

Mia Lunares, Art

Vincent Michael Mantia, Theatre

Bridget Rhiannon McGuire, History

Nolan Patrick Meara, English

Hannah Grace Menges, Biology

Anna Million, English

Riley David Necker, Mathematics and Psychology

Caladan Parker, Art and Psychology

Tobias Parker, Communication

Whitney Anne Pavely (Also BS), Music (General)

Joshua Perlman, Liberal Studies

Abigail Perzan, Communication

Jessica Tariebi Waribagha-Philips, Political Science & International Relations

Veronica Phillips Grams, Art

David Joseph Poelvoorde, English

Frank Ewing Ponder IV, Music (Pre-Certification)

Grace Nicole Potter, Communication

Kyra Makaelyn Ray, Applied Linguistics

Grace Reddekopp, Communication

Nolan A. Regalo, Linguistics

Addison Kennedy Ritchie, Political Science & International Relations

Serena Faith Rizzi, Interdisciplinary Studies

Corey Roberts, English

Zoe Elizabeth Rundquist, Music (Pre-Certification) and Modern Language

Megan Ann Ruwe, Linguistics and English

Hannah Irene Schaffner, Communication Disorders

Parker Christian Shinn, Theatre and English

Molly Sillitto, English

Kaitlyn Simington*, Communication Disorders

A. Quinn Smith, Political Science & International Relations

Christian Matthew Smith, History

Sophia Elizabeth Stachula, Music (Pre-Certification)

Jessie Marie Stark, Modern Language

Eliana Sharon Steinman, Communication

Jessica Elizabeth Steinman, English

Cecilia Alice Stokes, History

Reese Gabrielle Stovall, Communication Disorders

Clara Renee Stribling, Communication and Business Administration

Emily Teismann, English

Maggie Caroline Thompson, English

Flynn Tirey, Political Science & International Relations

Elsa Volkert, Classics and English

Finnian Mahoney Waldron, English

Elijah Waters, Modern Language

Aubrey Watkins, Biology

Layla Elizabeth Weaver, English

AJ Wildhaber, Psychology and Linguistics
Joonyoung Woo, Philosophy & Religion and Political
Science & International Relations
Molly Erin Wright, English and Classics
Morgan Youngstrom, Theatre
Ryan Joseph Zickel, Economics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Betelhem Abebe, Computer Science
Trace Noble Ackley, Biology
Nicholas R. Adams, Political Science & International
Relations
Sierra Angelina Catelee Adams, Biology
Kaitlyn Alexander, Agricultural Science
Emily Jane Allen, Communication Disorders
Bennett Paul Alton, Accounting
Kamsi Ekenedilichukwu Amaeshi, Computer Science
Drew Katherine Anderson, Exercise Science
Emily Anderson, Criminal Justice Studies
Chloe Elizabeth Armentrout, Music Therapy
Ashton Bailey, Accounting
Ethan B. Ball, Accounting
Samuel Barber, Chemistry
Sujata Basnet, Statistics
Christopher N. Beersman, Chemistry
Abigail Benedick, Interdisciplinary Studies
Amber Nicole Berhorst, Biochemistry & Molecular
Biology
Hunter Joseph Biesemeyer, Agricultural Science
Ava Grace Billharz, Biology
Libby Marie Bishop, Liberal Studies
Jack Porter Blackburn (Also BM), Music Business
Kira Boegeman (Also BA), Psychology
Avery Reese Bohnenstiehl, Biology
Ryan Brazzle, Political Science & International
Relations
Tyler Bryan, Computer Science
Anna Marie Buerck, Accounting and Business
Administration
Brian S. Burkhardt, Psychology
Laci Burroughs, Psychology
Emmanuel J. Byrd, Liberal Studies
Thomas Warren Byrne, Political Science & International
Relations
Evan J. Caito, Physics
James Ryan Calder, Computer Science
Vincent Calvaruso, Business Administration
Anna Jillian Capellari, Exercise Science
Rosemarie Eugenia Carter, Mathematics
Andrew Catalpa, Business Administration
Liza Carys Catlin, History
Jaelynne Cauldwell, Criminal Justice Studies,
Sociology/Anthropology and Social Issue Advocacy

Upendra Chapagain, Economics and Accounting
Jossua Chartier, Statistics
Rahul Chaudhari, Computer Science
Byeonguk Choi, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Winter-Lee Tatiána Christaldi (Also BA), Criminal
Justice Studies
Trenton Lee Clardy, History
Owen Michael Cleary, History
Denim Cook, Liberal Studies
Cali Elizabeth Coombs, Exercise Science
Charles Samuel Cornelius, Music Business
Zaevion Maurice Crenshaw, Chemistry
Celeste Autumn Cummings, Biology
Dominic Dabney, Psychology
Caroline Juliette Cardin Daccache, Business
Administration
Mackenzie L. Daniel, Exercise Science
Chloe Paige Davidson, Chemistry
Tyler Garrison Davis, Computer Science
Ashley Mae Deierling*, Agricultural Science
Joseph K. Denklaus, Accounting and Business
Administration
Caitlin Derryberry, Biology
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Donovan, Biology
Alayna Lois Dostal, Exercise Science
Braysen Michael Douglas, Exercise Science
Catherine Elizabeth Duncan, Biology
Lanz Robert Katigbak Dungo, Computer Science
Heidi Lynn Duque, Liberal Studies
Doran Durbin, Accounting
Drake Lee Durbin, Criminal Justice Studies
Emily Durham, Accounting and Business
Administration
Evelyn Durkee, Health Science
Cali M. Edwards, Psychology
Joshua Andrew Engle, Mathematics
Nicholas Faiferlick, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Lydia Marie Feiste, Exercise Science
Margaret Ferney, Physics
Elle Figler, Biology
Korbin Lee Fisher, Business Administration
Errett Christopher Fitchett, Business Administration
Katelynn Rose Ford, Biology
Seth Harrison Formby, Mathematics
Sarah Frerker, Health Science
Maximilian Fuller, Accounting
Léo-Paul Garlenc-Ricci, Economics
Brett James Garrett, Exercise Science
Pujan Gauli, Economics
Makda Gebreegziabher, Biology
James Gerdes, Agricultural Science
Allison Leigh Gibson, Chemistry
Henry Walter Gillenardo, History
Prabeen Giri, Computer Science

Kira Marie Gordon*, Sociology/Anthropology
 Cole Bryant Gordy, Physics
 Maura Cathryn Gottman, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Autumn Graham, Accounting
 Molly Jade Granda, Criminal Justice Studies
 Gannon Grieb, Biology
 Kensleigh Marie Griego, Statistics
 Evan Grinter, Statistics
 Sarah Groene, Psychology
 Ryan Erik Gustafson, Exercise Science
 Jacob Gutzman, Health Science
 Diego Guzman, Computer Science
 Tegan Andres Haer, Biology
 Mykaela Elisabeth Jeanette Halleman, Exercise
 Science
 Greta Grace Hanson, Biology
 Sylvia Catherine Harding (Also BA), Exercise Science
 Jahmia Alicia Harley, Criminal Justice Studies
 Vincent Harris, Psychology
 Alexis Hawbaker, Biology
 Gage Hawkins, Biology
 Nolan Henslee*, Statistics
 Sophie Grace Herman, Communication Disorders
 Brenna Hertig, Criminal Justice Studies
 Gavin Kendall Hill, Exercise Science
 Molly Elizabeth Himstedt, Psychology
 Benjamin Holcomb, Business Administration
 Dalton Dean Holder, Political Science & International
 Relations
 MacAllister Thomas Holland, Mathematics
 Karlie Hoselton, Psychology
 Margaret Elisabeth Howard, Exercise Science
 Laura Kay Hudson, Music Therapy
 Lawson Huff, Philosophy & Religion
 Alexander Michael Hughes, Criminal Justice Studies
 Chloe Hughey, Communication Disorders and
 Mathematics
 Austin Humbrecht, Biology
 Khia Ingram, Music Business
 Umair Iqbal, Computer Science
 Jenna NiCole Jackson, Business Administration
 Madeline Claire Jackson, Business Administration
 Cora Rae Johansen, Accounting
 Timothy William Johnston, Exercise Science
 Hailey Alyssa Jones, Health Science
 Kennedy Eileen Jones, Accounting and Business
 Administration
 Sam Park Kallaos, Liberal Studies
 Karthik Kanumury, Business Administration
 Thirtha Karmakar*, Physics
 Dagmawit Wassie Kebede, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Halle Grace Keilholz, Health Science
 Sydney Kelley, Psychology
 Spencer Steven Kempf, History
 Saraswoti Khadka, Accounting
 Hunter King, Philosophy & Religion
 James Fredrick Kirkhuff, Psychology
 William Kirtley, Business Administration
 Alexandra Marie Kliethermes, Biology
 Adian Kline, Computer Science
 Braden William Klipsch, Exercise Science
 Nathan Konikkara, Biology
 Prabhnoor Singh Koonar, Health Science
 Chloe Jonnette Kroencke, Biology
 Kiana Marie Krueger, Health Science
 Hannah Abigail Stucky Kuhnert, Biology
 Ritika Lama, Computer Science
 Joseph Mark Lamson, Biochemistry & Molecular
 Biology
 Ashley T. Landau, Liberal Studies
 Zoë Buddy Landolt*, Agricultural Science
 Samuel Edward LaPorte, History
 Avery H. Larson, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Reid Edward Latall, Accounting
 Nathan Tanner Hercule Lavigne, Business
 Administration
 Ryan Le, Economics
 Cameron Lee, Criminal Justice Studies
 Emily Katharine Letchworth, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Caleb James Levy*, Mathematics
 Rocco Grant Lewis, Psychology
 Andrew Michael Lieberoff, Criminal Justice Studies
 Christopher James Llewellyn, Business Administration
 Emma June Lohe, Exercise Science
 Alex Ross Long, Exercise Science
 Hayden Riley Long, Agricultural Science
 Sarah Long, Agricultural Science
 Caleb Lovelace, Psychology
 Grace Lovell, Computer Science and Data Science
 Brennan Lovette, Exercise Science
 Sierra Lorreine Lucie, Communication Disorders
 Madelyn Lynch, Exercise Science
 Nahin Mahjabin, Psychology
 Lucas David Manalang, Criminal Justice Studies
 Maryleigh Manning, Biology
 Owen Martin, History
 Rylee Morganne Mastin, Agricultural Science
 Alison Marie Mathes, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Breanna Mathes, Criminal Justice Studies and
 Philosophy & Religion
 Tucker Maxwell, Mathematics and Chemistry
 Aidan May, Business Administration
 Briggs Eliot Maynor, Chemistry
 Jessica Dawn McCamant, Health Science
 Lillian Boothe McDonald, Biology
 Lauren Grace McElroy, Exercise Science
 Ian McIntyre, Computer Science
 Madison Elyse McMahan, Communication Disorders

Trinity E. McSparren, Psychology
 Eyerusalem Mekuria, Economics
 Courtney Mendenhall, Political Science & International Relations
 Joshua Alan Mengwasser, Accounting
 Haleluya Merga, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 David Daniel Meyer, History
 Kaitlyn Ann Mitzner, Biology
 Lucy Kathleen Moloney, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Sophia Anne Moore, Biology
 Maggie O. Morhaus, Psychology
 Andrew Carlyle Morris, History
 Caitlyn Alexis Morrow, Psychology
 Adison Paige Mosher, Biology
 Sophia Ellysse Mudd, Health Science
 Lainie Mueller, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Bezawit Mulatu, Computer Science
 William Charles Murdock, History
 Mariah Lee Murphy, Psychology
 Kacie Ann Myers, Data Science and Computer Science
 Godfred Nanor, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Tiffany Neff, Exercise Science
 Baylee Nevels, Environmental Science
 Anh Thuc Nguyen, Computer Science and Mathematics
 Thao My Nguyen, Computer Science
 Grace Catherine Nicholl, Health Science
 Bridgette Kristianna Niduaza, Biology
 Evan Nierman, Biology
 Jessi Lynn Nigh, Business Administration
 George M. Nikolov*, Biology
 Daniel Nathan Nzoiwu, Political Science & International Relations
 Whitney Anne Pavely (Also BA), Biology
 Logan Payne, Business Administration
 Jacob Edward Peck, Exercise Science
 Alexis Peterson, Criminal Justice Studies and Social Issue Advocacy
 An Hung Phan, Business Administration
 Huy Minh Phan, Computer Science
 Megan Jean Pike, Accounting and Criminal Justice Studies
 Samantha Pleasant, Business Administration
 Mackenze Prenger, Business Administration
 Jessica Paige Proszenyak, Communication Disorders
 Jillian Marie Pry, Accounting and Business Administration
 Enyetullah Rahimullah, Computer Science
 Bryson Randolph, Health Science
 Sadie E. Reddan, Accounting
 Nathan C. Reese, Biology
 Caroline Ann Reeves, Health Science
 Ankit Regmi, Computer Science
 Bridget Reichmuth*, Health Science
 Ethan Riebeling, Accounting and Business Administration
 Tate Edward Rigby, Agricultural Science
 McKenzie Aiden Roberts, Business Administration
 Gretchen Rock, Psychology
 Sophia Maeve Rost, Psychology
 Austin L. Roth, Political Science & International Relations and Criminal Justice Studies
 Michael Lewis Rouse, Accounting
 Rhicha Rupakheti, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Kyleia D. Salyars, Business Administration
 Sofia Sanguinett, Health Science
 Mohamed Amine Saoud, Data Science
 Kara Marie Sargent, Chemistry
 Alyssa Sarver, Economics
 Emily R. Scalise, Liberal Studies
 Kayla Schilly, Health Science
 Jonathan Elias Schneider, Accounting and Business Administration
 Ben Dalton Schumacher, Exercise Science
 Molly Scribner, Criminal Justice Studies
 Ozzie S. Secoy, Business Administration and Accounting
 Peyton Green Sewell, Exercise Science
 Aubrey Elizabeth Shadden, Biology
 Alyssa Lauren Shafer, Exercise Science
 Seara Sherman*, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Cassie R. Smith, Biology
 Lynsey R. Smith, Accounting
 Sierra Janette Snyder, Agricultural Science and Business Administration
 Rashedul Alam Sohan, Psychology
 Emma Stanley, Exercise Science
 Kaitlyn Stauffer, Psychology
 Kate Elizabeth Steingraber, Business Administration
 Cierra Stine-Atkinson, Health Science
 Emma Marie Stockmann, Psychology
 Caden Ryan Stoecklein, Exercise Science
 Erian Marie Stone, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 SyrAva Stremel-Slaughter, Psychology
 Emma Grace Suchsland, Psychology and Criminal Justice Studies
 Reina Suzuki, Psychology
 Elayna Anne Swenson, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Emma Jeannine Taylor, Biology
 Nadine Thomas, Computer Science and Data Science
 Aria Thompson, Communication Disorders
 Tyler Douglas Myatt Tieman, Business Administration
 Veil Lee Tipton, Accounting
 Ayden Christopher Triplett, Exercise Science
 Addison VandeWalle, Biology
 Laura Varo Peciña, Chemistry
 Brooke Autumn Wagner, Health Science

Aleece M. Walker, Biology
 Natalie Walker, Psychology and Statistics
 Shelby Walker, Psychology
 Liberty Christine Wallen, Interdisciplinary Studies
 Avery Elizabeth Warlen, Health Science
 Libby Washburn, Health Science
 Mayanna Elisabeth Weed, Criminal Justice Studies
 Joseph Robert Weinbauer, Jr., Exercise Science
 Tara Rebecca Wells, Sociology/Anthropology
 William Franklin Wells, Criminal Justice Studies
 Jackson Weltha, Business Administration
 Katherine A. Wheeler, Exercise Science
 Max White, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Stuart Andrew Whitmer, Exercise Science
 Hannah Marie Wigger, Biology
 Max Aiden Wilber, Exercise Science
 Emma Williams, Mathematics
 Drew Elise Wilson, Accounting
 Thomas Xavier Wilson, Accounting
 Justina Deanne Wimer, Business Administration
 Elizabeth Wogen, Biology
 Emily Madison Wood, Business Administration
 Jenna Clair Wood, Biology
 Leann Kelly Woodring, Accounting
 Jeatai-Michelle Aliviyah Woods, Psychology
 Sadik Yamin, Computer Science
 Kathryn Marie Yates, Accounting and Business Administration
 Andrew Yochim, Accounting
 Ester Amity Zdvoracek, Criminal Justice Studies
 Alexander Zelk, Liberal Studies
 Destiny LeeAnn Zimdars, Psychology

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Sophia L. Akers
 Joseph Armour
 John Edward Butchko
 Clayton Louis Caringer
 Jackson David Dumler
 Austyn Frances Evans
 Benjamin Harris
 Meg Heveroh
 Jacob Ryan Higgs
 Hannah M. Hilsenbeck
 Troy Ludwig
 Tyler Montana Maul
 McKena Renee McClellan
 Mary Monach
 Andrew R. Richter
 Jared C. Sacquitne-Darrington

Cole Schelling
 Bret Michael Stuerman
 Tyler James Woods

MASTER OF ARTS

Sidi Oshuwa Akharume, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis
 Tabitha Suzette Andujar-Bryson, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis
 Madelyn Berzon, Gifted Education
 Aidan Bilbao, Leadership
 Roberta Bishop, School Counseling
 Tristan Janick Buckner, English
 Erin Nicole Cook, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis
 Katie Cooper*, Gifted Education
 Amara Imani Covington, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis
 Angel Cremeens, Music
 Kirsten Jo Doolin*, Leadership
 Brianna Michelle Dotson, Music
 Morgan Kelly Ferguson, Gifted Education
 Sarah Joan Findling, Gifted Education
 Hannah Elizabeth Fowler, Mental Health Counseling
 Hiram Aldridge Gillespie, Music
 Deidry Gomez, Mental Health Counseling
 Rebecca Leigh Ford Haffner, School Counseling
 Aubrey Heupel, Communication Disorders
 Kelsea Hulse, School Counseling
 Jasmine Hussain, English
 Kaeli Lynn Hutson, Communication Disorders
 Trinitee Jackson, Leadership
 Markiese Jones, Leadership
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Kelly*, School Counseling and Mental Health Counseling
 Kristin D. Kennedy, Leadership
 Malory C. Kloepfel, Communication Disorders
 Ryan Matthew Kuehner*, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis
 Connor Lee Landwehr, Music
 Elizabeth Fay Leible, Gifted Education
 Christina Lindemann, Gifted Education
 Jadyen Lisenby, Communication Disorders
 Lucy Maureen McCormick, English
 Madeline Mertz (Also MAE), English
 Allison Miller*, Gifted Education
 Erica Perez, Mental Health Counseling
 Kayla Gonzalez, Rehabilitation Counseling and Mental Health Counseling
 Blair Pladsen, Communication Disorders

Joy L. Remson-Johnson, Mental Health Counseling
 William Scott Reynders, Communication Disorders
 Haley Rincken, Communication Disorders
 Delaney Grace Schnelle, Disability Studies: Applied
 Behavior Analysis
 Mallory Selvy, Mental Health Counseling
 Cora Marie Stimpson (Also MAE), English
 Kaylee Talken, Communication Disorders
 Lynsi J Thomas, Gifted Education
 Ainsley Kayte Tolson, Communication Disorders
 Meghan Lynette Wamsley*, Gifted Education
 Sydney Nicole Wegner, Communication Disorders
 Abigail Wise, Communication Disorders
 Yuxin Yang, Music
 Haochuan Zhang, Music
 Shigan Zong, Music

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Shelby Mae Baughman*, Elementary Education
 Grant Beck, Exercise Science
 Anna M. Carroll, Elementary Education
 Rachael Colley*, Elementary Education
 Nyssia James Louise Crandall, Elementary Education
 Joseph Ryan Crawford*, Elementary Education
 Courtney Crow, Special Education
 Katrina N. Doering, Music
 Jacob Joseph Edwards, English
 Abigail Funkhouser, English
 Kathryn Gale George, Special Education
 Tyler Gray*, Exercise Science
 Wesley Cole Henshaw, English
 Jessica Hiegel, English
 Zoe Holt, Elementary Education
 Emma Nicole Hulbert*, Elementary Education
 Reagan Mackenzie Kuennen, History/Social Science
 Margaret Eileen Laux, Mathematics
 Madeline Mertz (Also MA), English
 Lacey Jade Mihalevich, Music
 Frances Miklovic, English
 Veronica Moots, Elementary Education
 Lillie Marie Morisaki, English
 Cole Patrick Mullins, History/Social Science
 Reagan Murrish, Elementary Education
 Parker Lee Pfannenstiel*, Special Education
 Emily Ann Pozzo, Mathematics
 Bailey L. Redford*, Foreign Language
 Joshua William Ryan, Music
 Emily Grace Sander, Elementary Education
 Mary Grace Schneller*, Elementary Education
 Johanna Schramm, History/Social Science

Payten Michelle Shively*, Elementary Education
 Annabelle Marie Skinner*, Elementary Education
 Kimzey Joan Spreeman*, Elementary Education
 Cora Marie Stimpson (Also MA), English
 Caleb Matthew Stoddard, Mathematics
 Mikayla Ann Stokes, English
 Ashton Marie Stuber*, Elementary Education
 Cossette Rose Sutterley*, Elementary Education
 Nicole Renee Sykes, Elementary Education
 Hanna Wilma Vanourney, Foreign Language
 Bryce Hunter Viehmann, Exercise Science
 Quinten Winkeler, Music
 Emily Wohlschlaeger, Foreign Language
 Sophia Skye Zarrillo, Elementary Education

MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

Abigail Raye Buckman
 Kateri Rose Therese Gutting
 Brady Michael Lisec
 Alexis Roman

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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

Brian Daniel Bruxvoort
 Alexander Burkhardt*
 Selene Faire*
 Holly Jones*
 Dillon Michael Kunz*
 Brandon Scott Lumsden*
 Jackson A. Michals*
 Ethan Mitten*
 Adam Heath Raines
 Derek A. Weiler*
 Vanessa Janel Williams
 Madeleine Darby Wilson*
 Dane A. Winterboer*
 Tyler Allen Wyatt*

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

Betelhem Abebe
Trace Noble Ackley
Sierra Angelina Catelee Adams
Fehintola Esther Akintola*
Ethan B. Ball
Celia Lynne Marie Barbieri
Daniel Bryan Beattie
Ashish Bhatta
Navin Bhattarai
Jack Porter Blackburn
Avery Reese Bohnenstiehl
Danielle Elise Buckner
Anna Marie Buerck
Laci Burroughs
James Ryan Calder
Rosemarie Eugenia Carter
Upendra Chapagain
Dean E. Chapman
Rahul Chaudhari
Byeonguk Choi
Maggie Cornell
Celeste Autumn Cummings
Sophie Case Davis
Sydney Dial
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Donovan
Samantha Dotson
Lanz Robert Katigbak Dungo
Evelyn Durkee
Cali M. Edwards
Joshua Andrew Engle
Tacy Janae Ensign
Léo-Paul Garlenc-Ricci
Brett James Garrett

Pujan Gauli
Prabeen Giri
Maura Cathryn Gottman
Greta Grace Hanson
Allison Breanne Heaney
Sophie Grace Herman
Meredith Mae Hoerner
Dalton Dean Holder
Audrey Jane Huffman
Chloe Hughey
Leif William Kammer
Caroline Robin Kincaid
Alexandra Marie Kliethermes
Hannah Abigail Stucky Kuhnert
Ayden W. Kurtyak
Ritika Lama
McKenna Ledgerwood
Ryan Patrick Leick
Emily Katharine Letchworth
Andrew Michael Lieberoff
Alison Marie Mathes
Breanna Mathes
Tucker Maxwell
Briggs Eliot Maynor
Ruby Leu McDermott
Bridget Rhiannon McGuire
Lucy Kathleen Moloney
Lainie Mueller
Chloe Deanne Myers
Kacie Ann Myers
Evan Nierman
Laura Elizabeth Perry*
Abigail Perzan
Alexis Peterson
Enyetullah Rahimullah
Sadie E. Reddan
Ankit Regmi
Thaddeus Robinson
Zoe Elizabeth Rundquist

Jonathan Elias Schneider
Sophia Elizabeth Stachula
Jessie Marie Stark
Eliana Steinman
Caden Ryan Stoecklein
Emma Grace Suchsland
Nebyat Danel Tamerat*
Brianna Teeter
Aria Thompson
Maggie Caroline Thompson
Elssy Shantal Urena de los Santos*
Elsa Volkert
Brooke Autumn Wagner
Finnian Mahoney Waldron
Avery Elizabeth Warlen
Libby Washburn
Emma Williams
Thomas Xavier Wilson
Arsema Workineh
Woldeamanuel*
Leann Kelly Woodring
Molly Erin Wright

Magna Cum Laude

3.75 - 3.89 GPA

Bennett Paul Alton
Emily Anderson
Chloe Elizabeth Armentrout
Raina Genevieve Baker
Christopher N. Beersman
Kira Boegeman
Caroline G. Brink
Jessie Louise Bruce
Liza Carys Catlin
Gabrielle Cook
Cali Elizabeth Coombs
Hannah Paige Cundiff
Alayna Lois Dostal

Catherine Elizabeth Duncan
Doran Durbin
Idongesitabasi Ekanem*
Gabriel Robert Elliott
Helina Engdayehu*
Seth Harrison Formby
Sarah Frerker
Aubrey Gogel
Kira Marie Gordon*
Sarah Groene
Theresa Galuska
Ryan Erik Gustafson
Sylvia Catherine Harding
Lauren Jaye Holsapple
Karlie Hoselton
Laura Kay Hudson
Alexander Michael Hughes
Miriam Johnson
Thirtha Karmakar*
Chloe Jonnette Kroencke
Anna Kay Kuhnert
Joseph Mark Lamson
Grace Lovell
Sierra Lorreine Lucie
Lillian McDonald
Ian McIntyre
Khadija Mohammed Kalli*
Riley David Necker
Baylee Nevels
Grace Catherine Nicholl
George M. Nikolov*
Mary Kate Nixon
Evan Luther O'Day
Whitney Anne Pavely
Jessica Tariebi
Waribagha-Philips
David Joseph Poelvoorde
Kyra Makaelyn Ray
Grace Reddekopp
Corey Roberts
Sophia Maeve Rost

Sofia Sanguinett
 Mohamed Amine Saoud
 Kara Marie Sargent
 Hannah Irene Schaffner
 Kayla Schilly
 Chloe Renae Schwab
 Seoyeon Shin
 Kate Elizabeth
 Steingraber
 Jessica Elizabeth
 Steinman
 Cecilia Alice Stokes
 Nadine Thomas
 Liberty Christine Wallen
 Aubrey Watkins
 William Franklin Wells
 Drew Elise Wilson
 Justina Deanne Wimer

Cum Laude

3.50 - 3.74 GPA

Ruhama Adnew
 Maryanne Ajilore
 Ashton Bailey
 Leanna Marie Bandelier
 Samuel Barber
 Precious Remilekun
 Barnabas*
 Sujata Basnet
 Amber Nicole Berhorst
 Ava Grace Billharz
 Libby Marie Bishop
 Lillian Boehlke
 Tyler Bryan
 Olivia Lorena Burleigh
 Julia Busenhardt
 Thomas Warren Byrne
 Claire Choinka
 Isaac Compton
 Savanna Jean Corley
 Chloe Paige Davidson
 Tyler Garrison Davis
 Elizabeth Ann Dean
 Ashley Mae Deierling*
 Caitlin Derryberry
 Christian John Drebes
 Heidi Lynn Duque

Lauren Elfrink
 Korbin Lee Fisher
 Errett Christopher Fitchett
 Maya Helene Foral
 Katelynn Rose Ford
 Aagya Gautam Upadhay*
 James Gerdes
 Henry Walter Gillenardo
 Molly Jade Granda
 Kensleigh Marie Griego
 Jurgen Habilaj
 Danielle Harland
 Alexis Hawbaker
 Gage Hawkins
 Ainsley Kiernan Higgins
 Gavin Kendall Hill
 MacAllister Thomas
 Holland
 Rozella House
 Margaret Elisabeth
 Howard
 Lawson Huff
 Umair Iqbal
 Catherine Helene Jaques
 Leah Renee Johnson
 Hailey Alyssa Jones
 Kennedy Eileen Jones
 Halle Grace Keilholz
 Drew Kingery
 William Kirtley
 Braden William Klipsch
 Hanna Koura*
 Avery H. Larson
 Kaden Leath
 Rilee Leckie
 Ariana Santee Lechnitz
 Emma Rose Lewis
 James Alexander Lewis
 Elsa Linger
 Hayden Riley Long
 Nahin Mahjabin
 Carter-Jon Darold
 Mahlstadt
 Lucas David Manalang
 Owen Martin
 Meghan June McCracken
 Nolan Patrick Meara
 Hannah Grace Menges

Joshua Alan Mengwasser
 Anna Million
 Sophia Anne Moore
 Adison Paige Mosher
 Sophia Ellysse Mudd
 Bezawit Mulatu
 Anh Thuc Nguyen
 Matthew Njoku
 Jacob Edward Peck
 Quentin Alfred Perry
 Frank Ewing Ponder IV
 Caroline Ann Reeves
 Nolan A. Regalo
 Ethan Riebeling
 Addison Kennedy Ritchie
 Rhicha Rupakheti
 Kyleia D. Salyars
 Alyssa Sarver
 Brynna Seim
 Peyton Sewell
 Aubrey Shadden
 Parker Christian Shinn
 Alisha Shrestha*
 Molly Sillitto
 Mary Grace Simonsen
 Cassie R. Smith
 Christian Matthew Smith
 Sierra Janette Snyder
 Rashedul Alam Sohan
 Erian Marie Stone
 Reese Gabrielle Stovall
 Rickie Lynn Stutzman
 Nhung Thị Hồng Trần
 Ayden Christopher
 Triplett
 Aleece Madison Walker
 Natalie Walker
 Mayanna Elisabeth Weed
 Tara Rebecca Wells
 Stuart Andrew Whitmer
 Max Aiden Wilber
 AJ Wildhaber
 Elizabeth Wogen
 Jenna Clair Wood
 Kathryn Marie Yates
 Ryan Joseph Zickel

HONORS SCHOLAR

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.

Seth Harrison Formby

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

Sierra Janette Snyder

Art and Design

Ashish Bhatta
Gabrielle Cook
Sydney Dial
Caroline Robin Kincaid
Rickie Lynn Stutzman

Business and Economics

Upendra Chapagain
Léo-Paul Garlenc-Ricci
Pujan Gauli
Ryan Joseph Zickel

Communication and Theatre Arts

Catherine Helene Jaques
Eliana Steinman

Communication Disorders

Sophie Grace Herman
Meredith Mae Hoerner
Chloe Hughey
Aria Thompson

Computer and Data Sciences

Daniel Bryan Beattie
Mohamed Amine Saoud
Nadine Thomas

English

Celia Lynne Marie Barbieri
Maggie Cornell
Leah Renee Johnson
Leif William Kammer
Caroline Robin Kincaid
Nolan Patrick Meara
Anna Million
David Joseph Poelvoorde
Corey Roberts
Thaddeus Robinson
Parker Christian Shinn
Molly Sillitto
Jessica Elizabeth Steinman
Maggie Caroline Thompson
Elsa Volkert
Finnian Mahoney Waldron
Molly Erin Wright

Exercise Science

Cali Elizabeth Coombs

Health Science

Sarah Frerker
Hailey Alyssa Jones
Sofia Sanguinett
Kayla Schilly
Brooke Autumn Wagner
Libby Washburn

Languages and Linguistics

Raina Genevieve Baker
Kira Boegeman
Lillian Boehlke
Danielle Elise Buckner
Audrey Jane Huffman
Rilee Leckie
Zoe Elizabeth Rundquist
Jessie Marie Stark
Elsa Volkert
AJ Wildhaber
Molly Erin Wright

Mathematics

Rosemarie Eugenia Carter

Music

Chloe Elizabeth Armentrout
Jack Porter Blackburn
Olivia Lorena Burleigh
Elizabeth Ann Dean
Lauren Jaye Holsapple
Laura Kay Hudson
Evan Luther O'Day
Whitney Anne Pavely
Frank Ewing Ponder IV
Zoe Elizabeth Rundquist
Sophia Elizabeth Stachula

Nursing

Hannah Paige Cundiff
Sophie Case Davis
Lauren Elfrink
Allison Breanne Heaney
Ainsley Kiernan Higgins
Miriam Johnson
Chloe Deanne Myers
Mary Kate Nixon
Brynna Seim
Brianna Teeter

Physical Sciences

Byeonguk Choi
Joseph Mark Lamson
Alison Marie Mathes
Briggs Eliot Maynor
Kara Marie Sargent

Psychology and Counseling

Kira Boegeman
Isaac Compton
Karlie Hoselton
Riley David Necker
Emma Grace Suchsland

Social Sciences and Human Inquiry

Emily Anderson
Raina Genevieve Baker
Kira Boegeman
Liza Carys Catlin
Jaelynnne Cauldwell
Kira Marie Gordon*
Dalton Dean Holder
Rozella House
Alexander Michael Hughes
Rilee Leckie
Ryan Patrick Leick
Andrew Michael Lieberoff
Lucas David Manalang
Owen Martin
Breanna Mathes
Bridget Rhiannon McGuire
Alexis Peterson
Jessica Tariebi Waribagha-Philips
Christian Matthew Smith
Cecilia Alice Stokes
Emma Grace Suchsland
Mayanna Elisabeth Weed
Tara Rebecca Wells
William Franklin Wells

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

Applied Linguistics

Danielle Elise Buckner

Art

Julia Busenhart

Art: Design

Ashish Bhatta

Art: Studio Art

Caroline Robin Kincaid

Classics

Molly Erin Wright

Communication

Grace Reddekopp

Creative Writing

Thaddeus Robinson

Criminal Justice Studies

Emily Anderson

English

Leif William Kammer

History

Olivia M. Ramsey

Interdisciplinary Studies

Lainie Mueller

Modern Language

Danielle Elise Buckner

Music (General)

Lauren Jaye Holsapple

Music Business

Valery Figueroa

Music Therapy

Laura Kay Hudson

Music (Pre-Certification)

Sophia Elizabeth Stachula

Music with Emphasis Groups

Olivia Lorena Burleigh

Philosophy & Religion

Breanna Mathe

Political Science &

International Relations

Raina Genevieve Baker

Social Issue Advocacy

Alexis Peterson

Sociology/Anthropology

Tara Rebecca Wells

Theatre

Aubrey Gogel

English - Graduate

Cora Marie Stimpson

Music - Graduate

Brianna Michelle Dotson

School of Business and Professional Studies

Accounting

Thomas Xavier Wilson

Business Administration:

Finance

Caroline G. Brink

Business Administration:

International Business

Luke Fatka

Business Administration:

Management

Tacy Janae Ensign

Business Administration:

Marketing

Kate Elizabeth Steingraber

Communication Disorders

Aria Grace Thompson

Economics

Pujan Gauli

Exercise Science

Jacob Edward Peck

Military Science - General

George C. Marshall ROTC Award

Emma Jeannine Taylor

Nursing

Allison Breanne Heaney

Discipline Honors continued

Psychology

Emma Grace Suchsland

Accounting - Graduate

Jackson David Dumler

Athletic Training - Graduate

Abigail Raye Buckman

Communication Disorders - Graduate

Abbie Nichole Ross

Counseling - Mental Health

Counseling - Graduate

Erica Perez

Counseling - Rehabilitation

Counseling - Graduate

Kayla Gonzalez

Counseling - School Counseling - Graduate

Roberta Bishop

Elementary Education - Graduate

Reagan Murrish

K-12 Education - Graduate

Hanna Wilma Vanourney

Leadership - Graduate

Kristin D. Kennedy

Secondary Education - Graduate

Lillie Marie Morisaki

Special Education - Graduate

Parker Lee Pfannenstiel

School of Science and Mathematics

Agricultural Science

Hayden Riley Long

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Alison Marie Mathes

Biology

Ava Grace Billharz

Chemistry

Tucker Maxwell

Computer Science

Rahul Chaudhari

Data Science

Mohamed Amine Saoud

Health Science

Brooke Autumn Wagner

Mathematics

Rosemarie Eugenia Carter

Physics

Thirtha Karmakar

Statistics

Daniel Bryan Beattie

Data Science & Analytic

Storytelling - Graduate

Noah Benjamin Anderson

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 more than 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.

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! We can't wait to hear what comes next!

Bulldog Forever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dustin Carmack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dustin Carmack ('08)

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 over 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 158 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

Reader – Scott Templeton

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 Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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

Sophie Stachula

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

arranged by Roger Cody

Sophie Stachula

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	President's Office
Advancement Office	Public Relations
Athletics Department	Public Safety
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Cardinal Key National Honor Society	Registrar's Office
Graduate Office	Sodexo
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