




Arkansas State University
Commencement



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“The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.”

Arkansas State University

History and Overview

Arkansas State University in Jonesboro enjoys a reputation as an excellent institution of higher education serving citizens throughout Arkansas and surrounding states. It is the only comprehensive public university located in this region. Dedicated to teaching, research and service, the university provides students with the broad educational foundations that help develop critical thinking and analytical skills, decision-making capabilities, and communication skills.

This institution was founded in Jonesboro in 1909 by the Arkansas General Assembly as a regional agricultural training school. It began offering a two-year college program in 1918, then became "First District Agricultural and Mechanical College" in 1925. A four-year degree program was begun in 1930, then A & M College became "Arkansas State College" in 1933. The Arkansas Legislature elevated the college to university status and changed the name to Arkansas State University in 1967. Today, the institution has more than 77,000 alumni. A-State was designated a tier I Southern Regional institution of higher education by the editors of *U.S. News & World Report* in the 2015 edition of "America's Best Colleges." *Military Times Edge* magazine listed A-State among the top 10 most veteran friendly institutions of higher education, and the editors of *Military Advanced Education* listed A-State among the top military friendly institutions of higher education in 2015. More information about A-State is available at its web site, www.AState.edu.

Degree Programs

Master degree graduate programs were initiated in 1955, and Arkansas State began offering its first doctoral degree, in educational leadership, in the fall of 1992. Additional doctoral programs are now offered in environmental science, heritage studies, molecular biosciences, and physical therapy. Programs at the specialist, master, bachelor and associate degree levels are available through the various colleges which include Agriculture, Engineering and Technology; Business; Education and Behavioral Science; Liberal Arts and Communication; Nursing and Health Professions; and Sciences and Mathematics. Classes also are offered through Undergraduate Studies, The Honors College and the independent Department of Military Science. More information about the various colleges and academic departments is available through the Office of Academic Affairs and Research.

Accreditation

Arkansas State University's commitment to excellence in higher education is demonstrated by its accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, as well as 23 specialized accrediting organizations. In addition, the university holds membership in numerous national organizations which support the highest educational standards.

The ASU System

The ASU System includes campuses at Jonesboro (Craighead County), which offers degree programs through the doctoral level; Beebe (White County), Mountain Home (Baxter County), Newport (Jackson County) and West Memphis (Crittenden County), where associate degree programs are offered; and at Heber Springs, Marked Tree and Searcy. Dr. Charles L. Welch is president of the Arkansas State University System, which was created by Board of Trustees resolution, effective July 1, 2006. Arkansas State University-Beebe became part of ASU in 1955. White River Vo-Tech at Newport became associated with ASU-Beebe in 1992; that campus is now Arkansas State University-Newport. The Mountain Home campus officially became ASU-Mountain Home on July 1, 1995. Delta Technical Institute at Marked Tree merged with ASU in 2001 and is now part of ASU-Newport. ASU-Heber Springs operates as a sister campus of ASU-Beebe. Foothills Technical Institute at Searcy was merged with ASU-Beebe on July 1, 2003, and is now ASU-Searcy, a technical institute of ASU-Beebe. Mid-South Community College in West Memphis became a member of the system in 2015 and changed its name to ASU Mid-South.

A-State offers bachelor degree programs, master degree programs and upper level courses through degree centers at ASU-Beebe, ASU-Mountain Home, and three other cities—Blytheville, Forrest City and West Memphis—where partnership agreements have been established in cooperation with the local community colleges. The university also operates instructional sites at nearby Paragould in Greene County and at Little Rock Air Force Base.

Enrollment Growth

Arkansas State University has grown significantly over the past three decades. The Jonesboro campus enrollment in the fall of 1985 was 8,446; in the fall of 2016, it was 14,074. Today, because of the close partnerships between the campuses, the university reports a combined enrollment for the ASU System. Total ASU System enrollment in the fall of 2015 was 23,277.

Arkansas State University

Mission, Core Values, and Vision

Mission

Arkansas State University **educates** leaders, **enhances** intellectual growth, and **enriches** lives.
(Arkansas State University = e³)

Core Values

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

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

Vision

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

PLATFORM PARTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Jonesboro, Arkansas

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. Charles L. Welch

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Dr. Kelly Dampousse
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Administration

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ACADEMIC DEANS

Dr. Donald Kennedy, Interim Dean
College of Agriculture

Dr. Jim Washam, Interim Dean
Neil Griffin College of Business

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean
College of Education and Behavioral Science

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

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

Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Dean
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Lynn Boyd, Dean
College of Sciences and Mathematics

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Loretta McGregor
President, Arkansas State Faculty Association
Mace Bearer

Dr. Tom Risch
Vice Provost for Research & Technology Transfer and
Executive Director of ABI

Dr. Jill Simons
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Services

Ms. Amanda Firth
Interpreter

Dr. Dale Morris
President, A-State Alumni Association

Ms. Sierra Cottrell
Graduating Senior

Mr. Matthew Carey
Procession Line Announcer

Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch
Faculty Award—Excellence in Scholarship

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Dr. Gil Fowler College of Liberal Arts and Communication *Grand Marshal*

MARSHALS FOR STUDENT PROCESSION

Dr. Kevin Humphrey	College of Agriculture
Dr. David Kern Mr. Rodney Carmack	Neil Griffin College of Business
Dr. Gwendolyn Neal Dr. Dixie Keyes	College of Education and Behavioral Science
Dr. Yeonsang Hwang	College of Engineering and Computer Science
Dr. Ruth Owens Dr. Scott Anderson	College of Liberal Arts and Communication
Dr. Christina Akbari Dr. Karen Blue	College of Nursing and Health Professions
Dr. Jeongho Ahn	College of Sciences and Mathematics
Ms. Nikesha Nesbitt Dr. Suzanne Melescue	Undergraduate Studies

MARSHALS FOR FACULTY PROCESSION

Dr. Sharon James	Neil Griffin College of Business
Ms. Sandra Hawkins	College of Education and Behavioral Science
Dr. Cheryl Knight	College of Nursing and Health Professions
Dr. Joseph Richmond	College of Nursing and Health Professions

THE PROGRAM

SPECIAL MUSIC

Novus Brass
Dr. Timothy Oliver, Conductor
Dr. Lauren Schack-Clark, Pianist

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

Order of Procession

Mace Bearer
Chancellor and Platform Party

Marshals
Graduating Classes

Marshals
Faculty of the University

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

**The Star Spangled Banner*Francis Scott Key
Kimberly Troup, Vocalist
Dr Lauren Schack-Clark
Pianist

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.....Dr. Kelly Dampousse
Chancellor of the University

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION.....Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch
Faculty Award — Excellence in Scholarship

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.....Ms. Sierra Cottrell
Graduating Senior

***Please stand for the processional and the anthem.**

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATESDr. Alan Utter
Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONFERRAL OF DEGREESDr. Kelly Damphousse

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONDr. Dale Morris
President, A-State Alumni Association

*THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATERKimberly Troup
Vocalist

Dr. Lauren Schack-Clark
Pianist

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

ACADEMIC RECESSION

**Recessional

Novus Brass
Dr. Timothy Oliver, Conductor
Dr. Lauren Schack-Clark, Pianist

***Please stand for the Alma Mater.**
****Please be seated for the recession.**



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RED WOLVES

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

On behalf of the members of the Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University! Graduation signals the end of one era and the beginning of another as we welcome you to the family of more than 90,000 A-State alumni worldwide. It is our sincere hope that you continue your association with the university through active membership in the Alumni Association.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Dale Morris, '70
President
A-State Alumni Association

Everything we do strengthens ASU!



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

Dear Arkansas State University Graduates,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Karin Kay Haley Brown

S.C.C.T., Arkansas State University
M.S.T.S., University of Central Arkansas
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: Arkansas Principal Perceptions Regarding Online Teacher Preparation Programs Compared to Campus-Based Programs
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Gheric E. Bruce

C.A.G.S., Cambridge College
M.S.E., Grand Canyon University
M.B.A., University of Memphis
B.S., LeMoyne-Owen College

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Joseph Nichols
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Federal 1003G Title I School Improvement: Perceptions of Principals and Teachers of Mathematics Regarding Program Outcome of Five Arkansas Delta Schools
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Brandy Rochelle Smith-Dillin

Ed.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., University of Central Arkansas

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Joseph Nichols
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Study on the Career Paths and Perspectives of African American Female Principals in Arkansas
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Matthew A. Rhoads

M.A., Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
B.A., Ouachita Baptist University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Taxonomy of Behaviors by Instructors that College Students Identified as Contributing to their Math Anxiety
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Donnelly Estes Warren

Ed.S., Arkansas State University
M.S., Mississippi State University
B.S.E., Delta State University
B.F.A., Delta State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Adaptive Imagineering of Main Street, Little Rock: A Case Study of Personal Investments and Outcomes as Perceived by Agents of Change
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Hong Fang

M.S.A., Arkansas State University
B.S., Dalian University of Technology
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Elizabeth E. Hood
DISSERTATION TITLE: Cellulolytic Enzymes from the Maize Seed Production System—Characterization, Inhibition, and Novel Activities
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences

Jajuan S. Johnson

M.A., Arkansas State University
M.D., Oral Roberts University
B.S., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch
DISSERTATION TITLE: “They Didn’t Burn Down Our Spirit”: Heritage Terrorism and the Resurgence of Black Church Burnings in the Age of Obama
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

Nirman Nepal

M.S.B., Tribhuvan University
B.S., Tribhuvan University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Argelia Lorence
DISSERTATION TITLE: Transcriptomics and Phenomics Analysis of High Ascorbate Arabidopsis Myo-Inositol Oxygenase Overexpressers
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences

Aleshia Jean O’Neal

M.A., Arkansas State University
M.E., Harding University
B.S.E., Abilene Christian University
A.A., York College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Deborah Chappel Daniel
DISSERTATION TITLE: Charlie May Simon: Uncovering the Lost Voice of an Arkansas Author
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

Renee Nicole Pinkston

M.A., Arkansas State University
M.A., Western Kentucky University
B.A., Western Kentucky University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Deborah Chappel Daniel
DISSERTATION TITLE: Cooperative Acceptance and Tabletop Representation: Gender and Sexuality in the Fantasy Tabletop Role-Playing Game Dungeons and Dragons
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

Carmen Lanos Williams

M.A., Arkansas State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Janelle Collins
DISSERTATION TITLE: Arkansas in the African American Imaginary: A Rhetoric of Place
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science in Agriculture

Elizabeth Loretta Andrews
Amanda Dawn Beaird
Alex Stepan Cliff

Hunter Kyle Wood-Pointfield
Shauna Nicole Taylor

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Bachelor of Applied Science

Steven Allen Moore

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Zane L. Anderson
Brayden Allen Buck
Savannah Katheryn Carnitz
Landon James Casey

Hayden L. Cassinger

Katelin Nicole Clark

Cum Laude

Travis Lee Clark

Magna Cum Laude

Jodi Brooke Davis

Joseph K. Davis

Trisha Rylee Davis

Cum Laude/Honors Program

Tyler Blake Dawson

Brady Michael Devazier

Tionna Nacole Devers

Joseph K. Difani

Joshua S. Durham

Bradley Shane Elder

Christopher Wilson Foy

Matthew Ryan Gibbs

Hunter Alan Green

Justin L. Hagar

Dylan Hartwig

Luke R. Hinson

Tyler David Holmes

Brayden Isaiah Honeycutt

Dillon Reid James

Nicole M. Katena

Jaden Wayne Lammers

Xiaohan Li

Shanna Michelle Loyd

Magna Cum Laude

Caleb Lee Lucius

Bradlee R. McAnally

Joshua W. Mullinax

Brent Rickey Niedermeier

Joshua Reed O'Bannon

Austin R. Pike

Kyle David Pinkley

Jackson Jeremy Poe

Brandon H. Riggs

Tyler Mason Smith

Clayton Norris Spafford

Vaston P. Sutton

Julie Leah Thompson

Matthew C. Vangilder

Andrew Oliver Warren

James Andrew Watkins

Cum Laude

Bailee R. Webb

Blaire Nicole Wildy

Spencer M. Wilson

Chad Daniel Wright

Cum Laude

NEIL GRIFFIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Accountancy

Hameed Almotairy
Robin Bennett Braden
Brittany Nicole Davis
Josie Erin Fletcher
Charles Bradford Hollaway

Kewei Li
Qingleyang Lyu
Michael Craig Meredith
MHD Ayman Mhd Bachar Zabad

Master of Business Administration

Bryan J. Bogan
Erin Cole Bright
Samuel S. Burchfield
Jeana Brooklyne Canady
Jon Davidson
Cassandra Lyn DeNunzio
Daniel R. Gadeke
William Grant Gambill
Foshanta LaDawne Garth
Seth Andrew Gibby
Blake Aaron Hansen
Jake A. Hickman
Christopher Alex Hogan
Amanda Rose Hosler
Albert Lee Joseph Hunt, Jr.
Morgan G. Jackson
Kushal Jha

Jennifer Noelle Lee
Andrew T. Morledge
Di Mu
Jai Vignesh Nagaraj
Giovanni Antonio Parisi
Taylor Renea Pittman
Sydney Allison Rebstock
Rikki Jo Rogers
Cody D. Shoffner
Lindsey Jade Smith
Stephanie M. Stockwell
Mathews Owino Wanga
Joseph Arvel Ward
Jonathan William Warner
Ning Yang
Ling Zhong

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Bachelor of Arts

Cory G. Davis

Erwin I. Diaz

Bachelor of Science

Jacob Paul Adlong
Hussain Habib Al Hassan
Khadim Ahmed Alabdrabalnabi
Nasser Madin N Alduaij
Ali Shafiq Alhawaj
Caitlin Riley Archer
Jacob Falton Bailey
Cum Laude/Honors Program

Margaret Jordan Barnes
Macey Shea Barnum
Cum Laude/Honors Program
Sarah Katherine Bell
Cum Laude
Matthew Blake Bennett
James Austin Bethune
Austin Taylor Betts
Skylarlee Bobo

Bachelor of Science (continued)

Kali Tristen Boggs

Cum Laude/Honors Program

Holly Grace Brewington
Kyler Jordan Brooks
Chandler Austin Brown
Devonte' L. Buckner
Dmitriy Konstantinovich Bumburidi
Collin Hasty Cahill
Braden Seth Camp
Dingkai Chen
Shane M. Clark

Cacey L. Cleaver

Magna Cum Laude

Benjamin Aaron Collins
Kendra Mae Collins
John Peyton Copelin

Shelby Breanna Corbitt

Magna Cum Laude

Madelyn Danielle Cossitt

Cum Laude

Mitchell L. Crenshaw
Ramon Alan Crumpler
Grace Olivia Damron
Alexa Nicole DeHart

Armaan Gulzar Dharani

Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Raelyn Donahue

Allen Wade Earnheart

Cum Laude

Traike Ricky Elliott

Tanner Cole Ezell

Cum Laude

Stewart James Fay
Chance Marley Fletcher
Lawson Lynn Ford
Jacob Freeze
Kirsten Elizabeth Grimes

William Nathaniel Gutt

Magna Cum Laude

Michael Nicholas Hayes
Karla O. Hazlewood
Christopher John Henry
Sarah Lorene Hill
Teddi K. Holt
Jacqueline Nicole Irby
Remington Beau Jett

Logan Carlile Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Taylor Franklin Johnson
Lezley D. Jones
Ashlee Kanani
Lance Jacob Kellett
Haitao Lai
Johnathon Kyle Lally
Ryan Nicholas Leder
Shiting Li
Zexing Liang

Yuan-Che Liu

Zhining Liu

Madison Paige Arnold-Loris

Lukas Alexander Mans

Magna Cum Laude

Brenda M. Mansfield

Eva Luz Garduno Martinez

Cum Laude

Charlotte June McDaniel
Carrington James Morehouse
Jessica Louise Moss
Robert Anthony Nortier

Dana Nicole O'Boye

Honors Program

Adam J. Pemberton
Timeshia Sherrell Pettigrew
Erin N. Pike

Arielle Dashae Price

Andrea M. Qualls

Dylan Lee Qualls

Suraj V Ranchod

Cullen J. Ray

Cum Laude

Zachary David Ray

Sydni Lavon Rice

John R. Risk

Hannah R. Roberts

Cum Laude

Jacob Oliver Rowland

Alberto Segovia

Cum Laude/Honors Program

Dustin J. Sessum
Jeremy Cole Sheffer
Madison Simpkins
Laura Donna Marie Steele
Heather L. Stogner
Elizabeth A. Taylor
Norma Estela Taylor
Abigale G. Thompson
Gunnar Cole Turley
Madison Rae Turner
Kenisha Shaunta Wallace
Liwan Wang
Tianhe Wang

Kirsten M. Wattigney

Brandon Vincent Williams

Braxton Williams IV

Jana LeAnn Williams

Kendal B. Williams

Magna Cum Laude/Honors Program

Michael Williams

Katelyn N. Wilson

Vernon Wilson III

Timothy Lynn Winberry

Madison L. Wise

Magna Cum Laude

Jundong Xu

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate of Science

Taylor Nicole Fortenberry
Mary K. Johnson

Wade A. Walker

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Karin Kay Haley Brown
Gheric E. Bruce
Brandy Rochelle Smith-Dillin

Matthew A. Rhoads
Donnelly Estes Warren

CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

Specialist in Education

Christopher Steve Allen
Torrence Tyrone Allen
Hunter Ericingram Andrews
Brittnee E. Anthony
Samantha Joann Anthony
Naomi Austin
Jessica Carol Baker
Shakevia Delshanae Barnes
Debbi Shamond Birge
Zachary J. Bivens
Rachel Marie Bodoin
Jonathan C. Brashier
Stacy Brashier
Kara M. Britton
Kelly Anne Brooks
Lucas Brown
Jill Christine Browning
Stephanie G. Buerkle
Tatiana Tanniya Camacho
Lauren Burress Campbell
Samantha Brook Carpenter
Scott David Carpino
Jennifer Lynn Cerwinski
Emily Paige Cesonis
Raelynn Michelle Chapman
Ileana Chirino
Chelsea Ann Clark
Jennifer Ann Coaten
Steven Daniel Cochran
Nichole Marie Colwell
Ashley Kaye Conover

Carol Ann Contos
Laquanda Pulliam Cooper
Jason David Couch
Kristi Elizabeth Cox
Rachel Lynn Cunningham
Treasure Diane Daniel
Rebecca Clarke Devor
Morgan Trichelle Dickerson
Jerry Dale Dickson Jr.
Angela Jean Duncan
Kyla Evans
Jane French Fahey
Byron Keith Fair II
Jennifer Michelle Fairchild
Jacob Lloyd Farrell
Jana R. Fleming
Crystal Lynn Fluker
Daniel Graham Foshee
Joel Frans
Jason Matthew Freeman
Robby Lyle Frizzell
Nathan Donald Gallion
Savannah L. Giles
Jared William Goff
Bobbie Bowen Griffin
Jennifer Lynn Griffin
Landon Kyle Grimes
Paige P. Gunnell
Kimberly Anne Hagan
Melissa J. Hahn
Kendra Alexis Hall

Specialist in Education (continued)

Taylor Lenn Hall
Carter Bailey Harbuck
Kim Rena Harris
Kimberly Michelle Jackson Harris
Yolanda Harris
Sasha Joy Haynes
Danielle Murphy Head
Breana Tenae Henderson
Cristin Hillis
Kelly Dale Hogan
Brian Keith Holliman
Stacey McEvoy Tennant Horn
Kirk Horton
Candace Cavness Howard
Kimberly Marguerite Huelsing
Kristin N. Huff
Mandy Jo Huff
Ruby Hughes
Lane David Hurd
Genie Maxine Iovino
Radhika Manu Issac
Alyssa Dawn Ivy
Ashley Nicole Ivy
Angellena Mashikia Jackson
Kelly Michelle Janes
Todd Andrew Jenkins
Kimberly Celeste Jeter
Sarah Lynne Johnson
Joseph Raymond Kohl
Robin Christy Laxton
Toni R. León
Amanda M. Lewis
Amber Leigh Likes
Zachary Chase Lowery
Kristin R. Luetschwager
Daniel J. Malone
Peter Joseph Mancuso
Gerry Lynn Maners
Judy L. Maples
Meredith Lee Marsh
Justin Thomas Martin
Erin Leigh McCain
Michele Dawn McCoy
Whitney L. McCutcheon
William Keith McDaniel
Michael Brent McDonald
Hasley LuAnne Farrar McGuirk
Kristen Lynn Melancon
Jennifer Menard
Sheri Lynn Mitchell
Victoria Kaye Montgomery
Anna Wells Moore
Marion Rogan Moore
Emilee M. Moss
Pamela Marie Mudry
Lisa Ann Muggeo

Karen Jean Murray
Andrea Renee Nanney
Teriann S. Nash
Evan Blake Nelson
Tricia Pavetto Nelson
Beverly L. Newborn
Cynthia Renee Newman
Nathan John Odinga
Susan McKinney Owens
Julie Ann Parker
Amber Corrine Peck
Matthew Aaron Pelkey
Jacquelyne Elaine Pickett
Jessica Rike Price
Marcie Denise Prince
Allana Cribb Prosser
Kevin Gardner Ramey
Darcy Reagan Reed
Meredith McCurdy Rhodes
Debra Mae Richardson
Rayleun Chase Rideout
Kristen Sue Roberts
Melanie M. Robertson
Hillary H. Robinson
Jeremy Andrew Robinson
Erica Danielle Rosenbaum
Wyomia Lynette Scott
Contessa Moneaka Sellers
Stephannia Ellen Severs
Joni Seymour
Alisha Lynn Sheely
Brianna Cailin Simmons
Reshad Dwain Sims
John Scott Sinclair
Kristin Sinclair
Jacob L. Smith
Kevin Dwain Snavely
Ashley Stark
Lori Ann Steimel
Alyssa Marie Stevens
Benjamin Strauser
Robert Andrew Stubbs
Eddie L. Suiter
Aleksandra T. West-Taylor
Jason William Taylor
Mallory L. Thomas
Teresa L. Thomas
Samantha L. Thompson
Nina Ellen Thornton
Amanda Michelle Tidwell
Miranda Nicole Tucker
Tabitha C. Tucker
Rachel Erin Underdown
Yvette Ringer VanAmerongen
Dudley Paul Vance
Barbara Sue Harper Varnell

Specialist in Education (continued)

Tracy Ann Wallace
Rebecca S. Warren
Melinda Anne Wheeler
Susan Elaine Widener
Davis Brock Wilee
Pamela Atwell Williams

Andrea B. Wilson
Derek L. Wix
Joshua Adam Wood
Whitney Brooke Wooten
Kirstyn S. Wyatt

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Arts in Teaching

Haley C. Bagwell
Christen N. Caples
Robert A. Forehand Jr.
Susan Rey Guest

Lindsey Ing
Kimberley Hendrix Stewart
Jamie Graddy Thomas
Rachel Lee Thompson

Master of Science

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THESIS TITLE: Gender Differences in the Knowledge-Base of Autism Spectrum Disorders

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THESIS TITLE: Optimization of Stilbenoid Production from Peanut Hairy Root Cultures

ACADEMIC APPAREL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture

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Maize

Agriculture Education

Maize

Business

Accounting

Drab Brown

Business Administration

Drab Brown

Education and Behavioral Science

College Student Personnel Services

Peacock Blue

Early Childhood Services

Golden Yellow

Education

Light Blue

Exercise Science

Sage Green

Mental Health Counseling

Golden Yellow

Physical Education

Sage Green

Psychological Science

Gold

Rehabilitation Counseling

Sage Green

School Psychology

Light Blue

Sports Administration

Sage Green

Teaching

Light Blue

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

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

THE MEDALLION

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

THE MACE

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

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

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

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

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

THE SEAL

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

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

The seal has three distinct characteristics:

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

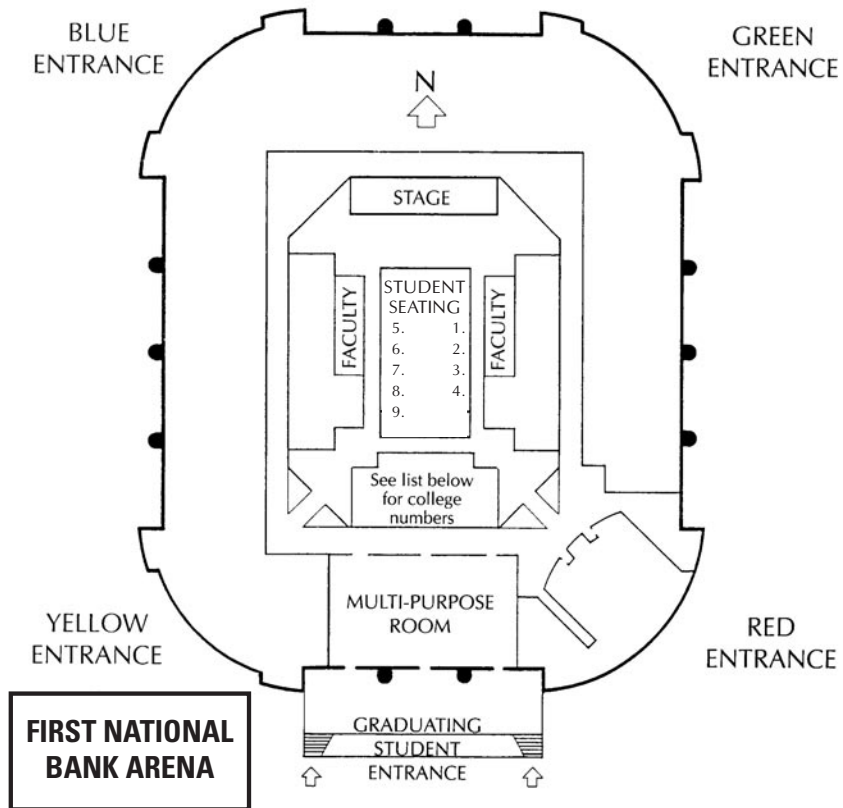
These three features represent qualities of tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION/HONORS

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

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

GRADUATING STUDENT SEATING (By College)



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| 5. Engineering & Computer Science | 1. Doctoral |
| 6. Liberal Arts & Communication | 2. Agriculture |
| 7. Nursing & Health Professions | 3. Neil Griffin College of Business |
| 8. Sciences & Mathematics | 4. Education & Behavioral Science |
| 9. Undergraduate Studies | |



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enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.

