UMSL Alma Mater

Heart of Missouri

(Words and Music by John Francis Dill and Diane Ceccarini)

Rising high between two rivers history yet to tell,
Stands an honored Alma Mater, our UMSL.
Came to seek more understanding for my life to be.
Found my need for knowledge answered gratefully by thee.
Dreaming dreams about tomorrow, as I’ve learned today.
Now this heart deep in Missouri seeks a better way.
When at last my journey’s over may its value be,
That it honors state and nation but above all, thee.
University of Missouri–St. Louis

2019 Fall Commencement

Saturday, December 14

10 a.m.
College of Education
College of Nursing
School of Social Work

2 p.m.
College of Arts and Sciences

6 p.m.
College of Business Administration
UMSL/Washington University
Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program
Chancellor’s Message

Dear Graduate,

I am honored and thrilled to be able to congratulate you on the remarkable milestone that is your graduation from UMSL. Today is a day for celebration, tremendous joy and reflection – not to mention well-earned excitement about the future. Please, take it all in. This is your day!

I know that I speak for everyone at UMSL when I say we could not be happier to share in this celebration with you. Please know that everything you’ve overcome, worked for and through, fought for and persevered at in order to cross the stage today does not go unnoticed. We see your story, and we’re honored to be a part of it.

My wish for you is that you are filled with pride today. I hope you feel the recognition you’ve rightly earned, and I hope you feel content in the knowledge that what you’ve achieved in your time here is a foundation for the rest of your future successes.

May you go forward ready to transform your life into the one you dream of – and ready to help others do the same.

Best wishes and sincere congratulations,

Kristin Sobolik
Interim chancellor and provost

About the University

The University of Missouri–St. Louis

Much like our graduates, the University of Missouri–St. Louis is also a success story.

As the largest research university in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region, UMSL provides excellent learning experiences and leadership opportunities to a diverse student body whose influence upon graduation is immense. No other university brings more to bear on the advancement of St. Louis than UMSL – which is fitting for a campus created just for that purpose.

In 1963, the university opened on the grounds of a closed golf course in Normandy, Missouri. It had one building, a handful of faculty and fewer than 700 students. Today, UMSL is spread across 450 acres of rolling hills in suburban St. Louis County. The campus has a wide array of academic and general-purpose buildings, student residence halls, condominiums and apartments. UMSL has developed a business park that houses the world headquarters of Express Scripts Inc. and operates several health-related facilities throughout the region as well as a Learning Center in west St. Louis County. It also opened a building in Grand Center – the arts and entertainment district in the heart of St. Louis – that houses St. Louis Public Radio.

UMSL enrolls nearly 17,000 students from 46 states and 74 countries. And yet, despite its international diversity, the UMSL student body comes primarily from the St. Louis region. Providing area residents access to higher education remains a priority and a central focus.

UMSL has 785 full- and part-time faculty members, 291 graduate teaching assistants, 1,056 staff members and 10 schools and colleges. The university’s annual economic impact on the state of Missouri tops $363 million. More than 96 percent of tenure and tenure-track faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their respective fields and edit or have articles routinely published in a variety of nationally renowned academic journals. Several of the university’s 91 degrees and programs have attained national recognition for quality, including biology, criminology, education, information systems, international business, nursing, optometry, psychology, public policy and tropical ecology.

UMSL has been ranked among the best places to study for military veterans, online and adult learners. The university is a three-time recipient of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHTS into Diversity magazine – the oldest publication specializing in this area. UMSL is also a primary partner in the first-ever accelerator to focus primarily on energy technologies. The Ameren Accelerator players include Ameren Corporation, UMSL Accelerate and Capital Innovators.

Forbes Magazine has even named UMSL one of “America’s Best Colleges.”

For more than 50 years, the University of Missouri–St. Louis has been a beacon of hope, a force for good and a leader in the pursuit of excellence in education, meaningful research and community service. As this mission continues into the future, everyone at UMSL remains committed to providing much more than exceptional educational experiences.

We transform lives.
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The Seal of the University of Missouri

The seal was adopted March 31, 1903. The straight perpendicular lines on the printed shield denote courage. The grizzly bear of Missouri is walking leisurely with face turned toward the observer. A new moon is outlined in blue, and in the lower right corner appears the arms of the United States of America. Appearing on an open book is the motto of the university, Salus Populi, The Welfare of the People. Sigill Universitatis Missourien MDCCCXXXIX means the seal of the University of Missouri 1839, the year the university was established as the first state university west of the Mississippi River. The seal can be seen on the UM System flag located on the stage, to the right of the American flag.

Website Visit umsl.edu/commencement for a digital program, history and context of attire, recordings, speeches, traditions and more.

### About Commencement

**Aisle Marshal** A faculty member who helps guide the graduates of each college in the academic procession.

**Banners** In addition to the coloring presented in the academic attire, each college is also represented on the university’s commencement banners. These banners are carried by the student marshal leading the procession for their college. The side panels of the banners are red and gold, the colors of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The color of the center section, which bears the seal of the university, represents the academic college.

**Candidates** The commencement program is a roster of candidates from the Office of the Registrar, not an official list of graduates. The appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded to candidates who have successfully completed all requirements by the date of commencement.

**Commencement** is the ceremony to celebrate a true milestone in each candidate’s life and those of their guests. Excitement, joy and enthusiasm is expected and welcomed! We ask, however, that all graduates and guests respect the importance and dignity of this occasion. Please remain seated throughout the ceremony and refrain from loud talking, use of cell phones and prolonged cheering. The use of air horns and noisemakers is prohibited. Please help us make this an occasion which honors all graduates.

**Degrees with Distinction** A degree with distinction in research (RCH), scholarship (SCH) or creativity in the arts (ART) is an honor that recognizes a student for outstanding accomplishments in research and/or other creative endeavors. To graduate with a degree of distinction, students must have obtained 75 credit hours, a minimum 3.5 GPA, a faculty mentor, and have begun research, scholarship or creative endeavors of exceptional quality.

**Faculty Marshal** A faculty member who leads the doctoral students and faculty in the academic procession.

**Latin Honors** High scholastic achievement for undergraduate degree candidates is indicated by Latin honors.

To graduate with Latin honors, students must have attended UMSL for 56 graded hours and must meet the GPA qualifications listed below.

- *** summa cum laude: top 3% grade point average
- ** magna cum laude: next 5% grade point average
- * cum laude: next 12% grade point average

See the official University Bulletin for more information. Undergraduate degree candidates with Latin honors will be wearing red and gold tassels to signify their honors.

**Platform Party** Administration, staff, faculty, commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients who sit on the stage during commencement.

**Student Government Association (SGA) Representative** A student in a leadership position within the campus SGA program who leads the Platform Party in the academic procession.

**Student Marshal** A student who has high academic standing, outstanding character, and is involved in university and professional activities. They have been selected by the faculty and staff of each college to represent their school. They will carry their college’s banner, leading their fellow students in the commencement procession.

### Guest Information

**Balloons** are not permitted in the gym. They may be left in the first aid room and claimed after the ceremony.

**First aid** A first aid station staffed by a nurse is located in the lobby next to the men’s restroom. In an emergency, dial 314-516-5155 for campus police.

**Lost and found** Articles may be deposited and retrieved at the first aid station.

**Safety regulations** In compliance with safety regulations, the procession routes must be kept clear. Guests are asked to cooperate with staff to keep these designated areas clear.

**Strollers and baby seats** are not permitted in the seating area. They may be parked at the back of the gymnasium under the back bleachers.
Ceremony I - Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.

College of Education
College of Nursing
School of Social Work

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost

Pre-ceremony Concert
University Wind Ensemble

Master of Ceremonies
Diane O’Brien, program director and assistant teaching professor in the School of Social Work

Aisle Marshals
Erica Koegler, assistant professor in the School of Social Work
Timothy Makubuya, assistant professor of education and interim program coordinator for sport management

Faculty Marshal
R. Rocco Cottone, professor of education in the department of counseling and family therapy

SGA Representative
McKenzie Schuessler, president

Student Marshal
Jacob M. Smith, College of Education, outstanding student in secondary education
Clare Vogt, College of Nursing, outstanding student in nursing
Kristina R. Stahlman, School of Social Work, outstanding student in social work
Lakeisha Griffin, Graduate School, outstanding student in social work

Order of Procession
• Undergraduate candidates
• Master’s candidates
• Doctoral candidates and faculty
• Platform Party

National Anthem
Led by Sophia Loban, undergraduate student in music education, and the University Wind Ensemble

Commencement Address
Denise M. Murphy, vice president for patient care systems and senior nurse executive, BJC HealthCare
Introduction read by Susan Dean-Bara, dean, College of Nursing

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost
Teresa Thiel, dean, Graduate School
Ann Taylor, dean, College of Education
Susan Dean-Bara, dean, College of Nursing
Sharon Johnson, dean, School of Social Work
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Diploma Folders
Names read by Robert McCabe, retired, St. Louis Public Radio

Welcome of the New Alumni

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Sophia Loban and University Wind Ensemble

Recession
(Please remain seated until the platform party has exited)

Commencement Speaker

DENISE M. MURPHY is vice president for patient care systems and chief nurse executive for BJC HealthCare, a 15-hospital system in St. Louis. She previously served as vice president, quality and patient safety for Main Line Health in suburban Philadelphia. From 2003 to 2008, she was vice president, chief safety and quality officer at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis. Prior to that position, Murphy spent seven years as director of healthcare epidemiology and patient safety for BJC HealthCare.

Murphy is considered an international expert on the business of infection prevention and establishment of effective patient safety and quality programs, optimizing process improvement in healthcare, and creating and sustaining a highly reliable safety culture. Murphy was the 2010 winner of APIC’s Carole DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award for Infection Prevention and, in 2013, was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing for leadership in infection prevention, patient safety and quality.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Education

Education

December Candidates
Amanda Bohnenstiehl
Supervisory Working Alliance as a Predictor for Counselor Burnout: The Potential Mediating Role of Supervisee Nondisclosure
Advisor: Susan Kashubeck-West, PhD

Alan Byrd
Understanding Non-Economic Persistence Barriers for Low-Income Students
Advisor: Patricia Boyer, PhD

Sandra Fields
A Silent Epidemic with No Voice: Alzheimer’s Disease in an African American Midwest Community
Advisor: Matthew Davis, PhD

Joyce Haynie
Impact of a Web-Based Instructional Module on Knowledge of Alzheimer’s Disease Within Seven Content Knowledge Domains
Advisor: Kathleen Haywood, PhD

Valentine Malumbila
A Black African Teacher’s Experiences in America: Examining the Lived Experiences of a Black African Teacher Working in a Midwestern Public School
Advisor: Matthew Davis, PhD

Jennifer Mckanry
Building of Community Through Discussion Forums in Online Faculty Development
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Kathleen White
The Effect of Union Affiliation on Salary for Female Community College Faculty
Advisor: Patricia Boyer, PhD

Doctor of Education

Education

August Graduates
Sheila Green-Samuels
The Influence of Social Capital on Community Sustainability in Meacham Park, Missouri During 1996-1999
Advisor: Matthew Davis, PhD

Caroline McCallister
Effect of Integrating Adult Learning Concepts and Curriculum Structure into Customer Service Training for Specialty Pharmacy Employees
Advisor: E. Paulette Isaac-Savage, EdD

Sean Nichols
Using African Cultural and Liberating Concepts
Advisor: Matthew Davis, PhD

Antaniece Carter
Accessibility to Resources for Homeless Documented Immigrant Families: A Case Study
Advisor: Laura Westoff, PhD

Beverly Jackson
African Centered Education, The Maji Shujaa Online Academy: A Descriptive Case Study
Advisor: Phyllis Balcerzak, PhD

Jarvis James
The 5E Swipe Emancipation from Welfare Dependency
Advisor: Phyllis Balcerzak, PhD

Kevin Mangan
The Relationship of Self-Directed Learning Readiness and Completion of Officers in the Army War College Distance Education Program
Advisor: E. Paulette Isaac-Savage, EdD

Co-Authored
August Graduates
Curlinda Blacksheep
Melanie Canaday-Talley
Lindsay Clemens
Amanda Dworak Rowland
Mary Gillis
Jancarlos Romero
Kids These Days: Increasing Youth Engagement in Community Heritage and Social Justice through the Implementation of a Youth Participatory Empowerment Model
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Paris Bouchard
Michelle Simmons
Innovative Teaching Practices to Accelerate Student Learning in the Areas of Literacy and Science
Advisor: Phyllis Balcerzak, PhD

Lynn Cartmell
Tonia Herndon
Thomas Moffatt
Kathryn Smaiatria Lampe
The Heritage Leadership Process: Exploring Meaning Making and Social Emotional Competencies in Heritage Interpretation and Education for Sustainability
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Michelle Donlan
Elizabeth Flotte
Patricia Silovsky
Environmental Science and Culture: Exploring the Factors Contributing to Pro-Environmental Behavior of Rural Youth
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Amy Geurkink-Coats
Richard Regina
Transforming Professional Development for Today’s Educational Environment
Advisor: Phyllis Balcerzak, PhD

College of Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy

Nursing

December Candidates
Lisa Cummings
Fathers’ Experiences with Their Premature or Unhealthy Neoneates
Advisor: Roxanne Vandermause, PhD

Kimberly Waltrip
A Survey of Healthcare Workers on Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Resource Availability, Utilization, and Adherence
Advisor: Roberta Lavin, PhD

Amy Markle
Susan Newton
Laurie Stuart
In-Group, Out-group and the Challenge of Increasing Diversity Through Intentional Inclusion and Equity Practices: Exploring the Roles of Urban Land Managers, Affinity Groups, and Alaska Residents
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Andrea Harper
Richard Hudanick
Michael Miller
Kimberle Straatmann
Joshua White
Exploring the Role of Trust, Social Learning, Trauma, Logotherapy, Empathy, and Asset-Based Approaches in Community Engagement and Social Change
Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Sherry Holmes
Brandis Jones
The Impact of Structural Supports on the Success of Students of Color in the K-16 Educational System
Advisor: Phyllis Balcerzak, PhD
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Nursing Practice

August Graduates

Lyly Bui
Evaluating the Delivery of Diabetes-Related Care Among the Asian Population
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Michelle Burk
Depression Screening in Antepartum Females
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Debra Connell-Dent
Primary Care Delays in Under-served Areas: A Strategic Plan to Improve Access to Care
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Claire McKee
Reducing CAUTI Rates in Neuro ICU Patients
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Tram Wallen
Increasing Nursing Competence and Confidence During Obstetric Emergencies Through Simulation: A Quality Improvement Project
Advisor: Susan Dean-Barr, PhD

December Candidates

Aunye Amos
A Quality Improvement Study on No-show Appointment Management in Primary Care
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Delora Brooks
Improving Provider Documentation of Controlled Substance Monitoring: Creation of New Documentation Tool in the Athena EMR
Advisor: Nancy Magnuson, PhD

Kelly Lucash
Implementation of Oral Health Recommendations in Pediatric Primary Care
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Jessica Whelan
Improving Access to Mental Health Care Through Nurse Practitioners
Advisor: Laura Kuensting, DNP

Candidates for Educational Specialist Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Educational Specialist

Educational Administration

August Graduates

Carey Cunningham

December Candidates

Enna Dancy

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

College of Education

Master of Education

Adult & Higher Education

August Graduates

Kayla Marie Klossner-Thompson

Sanela Mesic

Derek Walter Wischmann

December Candidates

Laura Melissa Bledsoe

Robert Stephen Oreste Bronzan

Miah Hayes

Venesha D. Lee

Latisha Metts

Rebecca Mulloy

Chinyere Turner

Maza Wole

Counseling

August Graduates

Amy Baraba

Khali Benson

Jayme Elizabeth Hairston

Sydney Mariah Harris

Elisha Chantilly-Carmen Linnen-Glass

Christopher Michael Pearson

Kayla Noelle Theberge

December Candidates

Hayman M. Ali

Kathryn Nicole Beskrowni

Alyssa Carnes

Brendon Michael Collins

Molly Elizabeth Duggan

Joshua Givens

Samuel Hackett

Carrie Lee Hequembourg

Paige Beatrice Jackson

Margaret Claire Johnson

Jessalyn Kiker

Kyle Conan Magee

Hayley Grace Miller

Erik Sternberg

Marie O’Connell Tabora

Jose-Miguel Topete

Rachel Ann Zahniser

Abigail May Zaloudek

Devora Zelez

Educational Administration

December Candidates

Brian Mark Bitney Jr.

Educational Psychology

December Candidates

Taylor Kay Bergeson

Madison Lynn Finley

Connie Fox-Samson

Kelesey Danielle Kabuss

Miranda Leigh Kuchta

Elementary Education

August Graduates

Deborah Alexander

Tiana Bettinson

Paige Brown

James Darren Campbell

Eric Casper

Darby Cass Catherine Cook

Kathryn Ann Egan

Alexander Paul Ehat

Jennifer Ashley Enserink

Briana Marie Everett
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Ashton Taylor Fields
Callan Rae Finney
Lauren Paige Hager
Sarah M. Hunt
Erika Jones
Conor Smith Joyce
Rachel Rebecca Kohl
Alexander Kosieradzki
Laurie Crichton Lambros
Jessica Ann Lawrence
Ilesha Lewis
Anne Roberta Luecke
Devan Mason
Merri Kathleen Miller
Kimberly Sue Mitchell
Lauren Mackenzie Niemann
Theodore Olguin Jr.
Rachel Pettid
Adonica Michelle Radford
Whitney Lynette Robins
Audrey Sanders
Jhane Elisha Simmons
Melissa Soraya Sprockel
Christopher Stealey
Christine Marie Steele
Emily Suzanne Stewart
Erin Elizabeth Suchy
Rachel Thomas

**December Candidates**
Elizabeth Anderson
Christin Lorraine Behlmann
Miranda Mauri Bell
Meredith Jordan Branch
Morgan Freund
Molly Elizabeth Gegg
Tamika Lanay Hughes
Cristina Elizabeth Stoverink
Megan Nicole Wayne
Kang Yang
Vivianne Marie Young

**Secondary Education**

**August Graduates**
Quentin A. Alimayu
Kayla Brenee Amrhein
Malcolm Etienne Baker
Megan Jallas Baker
Matthew Joseph Beltrami
C. Marie Braton
Lauriel Elizabeth Bristol
Kayla Elizabeth Cellelo
Emilee Anne Conroe
Jeremy James Dorrell
Kevin Philip Goon
Madeline Hauck
Carley Henke
Audrianna Dowyalla Irving
Jordan Alexa Jackson
Alexandra Jankowski
Brenna Kathryn Jenisch
Jamorie P. Johnson
Joshua-Michael Brooks Kiggins
Maureen Colette Kinney
Ronald Tyrone Lewis Jr.
Saaba Marie Lutzeler
Jennifer Suzanne McBride
Chaquill Jenea Merriweather
Katherine Micek
Clara E. Murphy
Pranav Nanda
Peter Gregory Northcutt
Jessica Peña
Rohan Pidaparti
Erica LaTrece Polk
Lindsay Rundell
Eric Schierbecker
Joseph Stephen Schmidt
Sanjivini Suresh
Sarah Jeannette Vandenberg
Rachel Wasbotten
Jillian Zuccarelli

**December Candidates**
Nigora Adilova
Rebecca Lynn Byrne
Natalie Rae Davenport
Marie Deprospero
Caroline Tellman Doerhoff
Dorothy A. Gayden
Leila Green
Connor Thomas Grumich
Abigail Laurel Hall
Lynn Marie Hardesty
Jill Catherine Harmon
Matthew Robert Hubbard
Ava Louise Hughes
Lauren Nicole Larson
Valerie Dube Luvai
Melanie Elizabeth Marcy
Christine McCoy
Megan Terese Menne
Caitlin Elizabeth Mooney
Zachary Rhodes
Marybeth Kate
St. Peters-Winslow
Bailey Stilwell
Kelly Nicole Wasman

**Special Education**

**August Graduates**
Tracy Grass
LaToya M. Griffin
Terrence Devon Hamilton
Kelli Marie Hughes
Alyssa Marie Polec
Jessica Marie Warner

**December Candidates**
Briana M. Leu
Elizabeth Virginia Luczak
Kara Marie Prewitt
Molly Rosann Raines
Elizabeth Gerard Vatterott
Anna G. Zamora

**Bachelor of Nursing**

**Master of Science in Nursing**

**Nursing**

**December Candidates**
Carolyn Wallace

**School of Social Work**

**Master of Social Work**

**Social Work**

**August Graduates**
Bethany D. Breeden
Hannah Briner
Kimberly Michelle Dowling
Michelle Lee Hall
Lindsey Nicole Hopkins
Stephanie Marie Larson
Courtney Neff
Lindsey Michelle Persinger
Juliana Rose Schenberg

**December Candidates**
Alisha N. Acosta
Briana Nicole Beasley
Sarah Kathyleen Buffa
Angela Marie Claywell
Patricia Ann Courtos
Naomi Charlotte Denton
Jessica Mary Engel
Jay D. Fisk
Lakeisha Nicole Griffin
Nicole Marie Haddox
Tasnim Haq
Laura Lynn Metcalf-Hedrick
Mikayla Suzanne Moeller
Michelle Ann Riley
Jeffrey Joseph Rustige
Joel Sjerven
Erin Elizabeth Williams

**Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees**

**College of Education**

**Bachelor of Educational Studies**

**Educational Studies**

**August Graduates**
Cory Daniel Allen
Shauntel Maria Bardley
Kateled Christine Davis
Felicia L. McTeal
Diamond Dasha Sellers

**December Candidates**
Ryan Matthew Bainbridge
Meghan Elizabeth Blackstone
Festa Bokshi
Kelcee Burton
Lukia Sophie Kalibbala
Tammy M. Kenniston
Molly Marie Pannett
Donna Michelle Pendleton
Alexander James Pitterle
Alyssa Plowman
Brady Powers
Rebecca Sonnier Watkins
Scott Gregory Winfrey
Deila Janelle Woodland

**Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Elementary Education**

**August Graduates**
Allison Marie Armbruster
Natasha Renee Brown
Emily Kathleen Burnett
Brandi Nicole Griffin

**December Candidates**
Courtney Morgan Buehne
Kendra Marie Crawford
Jamison Opal Givens
Cristian Patrick Hilpert
Christopher Michael Karch
Courtney Lydia Kunzelmann
Margaret Lattrace
Kristina Marie Lograsso
Charles William Lund
Devin Maret
Erin Lynne Murray
Jordan Peters
Esma Rahmanovic
Kelli Renee Stearns
Evam M. Tammenga
Kristen Marie Teoli
Savannah Teuscher
Hannah Marie Tinsley*
Margaret Ann Vitale

**Physical Education**

**December Candidates**
Christopher Jared Becherer

**Secondary Education**

**August Graduates**
Lydia Lenease Harold
Aaron Jacob Leggett

**December Candidates**
Elizabeth Marie Cirillo
Sara Elisabeth Curry
Emily Jane Dahl
Justin Donovan Hammer
Emily Haring
Gabrielle Hines*
Kaylin Jackson

* cum laude
** magna cum laude
*** summa cum laude

Latin Honors
Jacqueline Annette Noonan
Chloe Jane Rohrbach
Nicholas Aaron Roth
Savannah Leigh Sadler
Rachel Ellen Schreier
Jacob Matthew Smith
Victoria M. Sobeck
Brett Daniel Vargas

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

August Graduates
Sherma Baptiste
Muriel Burris
Michael Stephen Chard
Mary C. Costello
Melody A. Knoff
Julianne Kowalski
Mariyah Lynn Kwiatkowski
Margaret Ann Landis
Jessica Marie Lindsey
Brooke Elizabeth Mehrle
Jessica Lynn Miller
Rahab Waithira Ndungu
Joseph David Neiner
Gopika Patel
Heather Lynne Poropat
Purity Mukami Rajji
Krisitn Elizabeth Rich
Mark Henry Robinson Jr.
Frances Schneider
Sara Elizabeth Shelton
Renee Shitmura
Amy Jo Siesennop
Jon Thomas Simpson
Malaya Smith
Sterling Sidney Smith
Aryka B. Spears
Emily Stephan
Lawrence Tarbox
Sviatlana Tonkikh
Hailey Marie VanDerLeest
Kayla Marie Wagner
Samantha Weismann
Nicole Elizabeth Whitbeck
Hannah Elizabeth Wooten
Nicka Lashanna Wright
Makenzie Kaye Young

**  magna cum laude
*  cum laude

December Candidates
Sijuola Noimot Adelekan
Katherine Allen
Blake Alexander Anderson
Cameron Barrett
Nicole Rene Bates
Christina C. Bearden*
Jessica Blanton
Donna Rashal Bonner
Madison Evalee Brosch
Jenna N. Callahan
Genna Elizabeth Canning
Melissa Ann Cardenas
Kathryn Margaret Car*
Rhonda Latoya Childs
Michael A. Cookson*
Alexis Kristine Dowell
Hasibe Dulovi
Logan Edwards
Carrie Elizabeth Farrah
Megan Louise Grannemann*
Carl Joseph Hagen
Rebecca Anne Hairer
Brittany Haliburton
Nicole Janice Harris-Brooks
Savannah Skye Hartwig
Laura Hayes
Kayla Ann Heiligenstein
Danielle Hilliard
Anna Gail Hofmeister
Rachel Jane Hudson
Sherrell Lasean Jackson
Stacey Danielle Johnson
Lisa Jordan
Megan Cecelia Karius
Nichole Denise Kelly
Kelsey M. Kistler
Melissa Anne Kovarik
Anam Masood Kureshi*
Aniqua M. Kureshi
Angela Marie Maxwell
Lauren McChesney
Hannah Caroline McNeely
David B. Mcdevitt
Jenna Marie Medwick
Amy Jean Mendez
Ashley Nichole Miller
Scott Everett Miller
Krystiyan Kalinov Mirchev
Chloe M. Morrison
Soukayna Mouneme
Kristy Marie Mudd
Taylor Elizabeth Nealy
Paul Mbugua Nganga
Galang Minh Nguyen
Kristin Alexis Norman
Charity I. Okeke
Jennifer Osuma
Brittany Cheyenne Perry
Juleen Carolyn Prudent
Amanda Lynn Riegel
Leyla Sanyeriloglou
Ashlee Kay Schmutz
Mary Alexandra Shaw
Jessica Lynn Siebum
Lily Smith
Jennifer Street

Ben Michael Sugar
Brielle Nicole Thomas
Sierra A. Thomas
Tracee L. Trice
Leah Marie Trigg
Mark Anthony Vance
Clare Elizabeth Vogt***
Danielle Elizabeth Waedekin
Adam Gregory Wenzel*
Maria Adele Wheadon
Abigail Anna Winkler
Ellen Christine Wright
Johanna Lee Wurth
Songo L. Yalengbiye
Amanda Renee Yochum

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Bachelor of Social Work

Social Work

August Graduates
Victoria Zelma Maria Baker
Anton Michael Cortez Clark
Misty Dawn Courtoise
Nicoelle Rene Ellison
Catrina Fitzpatrick
James F. Fohey
Savannah Martina Harrington
Catherine Ann Hawkins
Abigail Grace Head
Erica W. Henry
Aaron Jones Jr.
Misty-Love Lopez
Melanie Suzette Matthew
Tessa Lea McCain
Mikayla Brienne McKenzie
Keaira Tasha McLucas
Brigit Kendra Moore
Scarlett O’Shaughnessy
Ammie Nicole Rowland
Kayla Christine Sidwell
Quiana Latrice Thompson
Haunah Michelle Vanlainingham
Krista Love Willman-Liebrum
Laura Kathryn Wiser
Allison Michelle Young

December Candidates
Elizabeth S. Anderson
Jelena Basara Tomasevic
Elizabeth Bruemer
Margaret A. DeShay
Paige Catherine English
Megan Elizabeth Favorite**
Drew Foster
Katie Marie Gebel*
Kristin Elisse Gibbs*
Michael Gibson
Thomas Gilbert
Nayjott Kaur Gill
Joseph Alexander Gossier
Janeen Nicole Hall*
Sherri Lynn Herman
Rashma James
Heather Ann Key

Annie Lynn Kreitler
Jacqueline Linette McClellan
Matoe Mnijavac**
Shannon Madelyn Rettig
Kristina Rose Stahlman***
Abigail Renee Vance
Mirda Leigh Wadley
Sophia L. Winfrey
Ceremony II - Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost

Pre-ceremony Concert
University Wind Ensemble

Master of Ceremonies
Jon McGinnis, chair and professor of the department of philosophy

Aisle Marshals
James R. Craig, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the department of sociology
Ann T. Torrusio, assistant teaching professor in the Pierre Laclede Honors College

Faculty Marshal
Todd Swanstrom, professor of political science and E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Community Collaboration and Public Policy

SGA Representative
McKenzie Schuessler, president

Student Marshals
Vasyl Onufriyev, College of Arts and Sciences, outstanding student in computer science
Priyanka Chava, Graduate School, outstanding student in computer science

Order of Procession
• Undergraduate candidates
• Master’s candidates
• Doctoral candidates and faculty
• Platform Party

National Anthem
Led by Sophia Loban, undergraduate student in music education, and the University Wind Ensemble

Commencement Address
Marie A. Casey, president and founder, Casey Communications, Inc.
Introduction read by Andrew Kersten, dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost
Teresa Thiel, dean, Graduate School
Andrew Kersten, dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Diploma Folders
Names read by Robert McCabe, retired, St. Louis Public Radio

Welcome of the New Alumni
Jim Wallis, BS 1992

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Sophia Loban and University Wind Ensemble

Recession
(Please remain seated until the platform party has exited.)

Marie A. Casey
president and founder, Casey Communications, Inc.

MARIE A. CASEY graduated from the University of Missouri–St. Louis in 1978 with a double major in political science and communication, and joined St. Louis Construction News & Review, serving as staff writer and editor. In 1983, she founded Casey Communications, Inc. to provide marketing communications services, focused initially on helping design and construction firms, financial services and technology companies, labor-management organizations and schools. She later expanded to serve many of St. Louis’ most recognized entrepreneurial organizations. Since 1983, Casey has published a dozen books and produced videos and exhibits chronicling the legacies of families, unions and such companies as Drury Hotels, Reinsurance Group of America and Schnucks. She is an advisory board member for Midwest BankCentre and has served on many nonprofit boards, including the Missouri Historical Society, the St. Louis Mercantile Library and several UMSL boards. Casey has been honored with the St. Louis Forum Trailblazer Award, UMSL Distinguished Service Award for Campus-Wide Service, UMSL Trailblazer Award, St. Louis Business Journal’s Influential Business Women, the UMSL Political Science Distinguished Alumni Award and the UMSL Distinguished Alumni Award.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Biology

August Graduates

Meghann Humphries
Phylogeographic Relationships of Coereba Flaveola and Their Malaria Parasites
Advisor: Robert Ricklefs, PhD

December Candidates

Camilo Calderon-Acevedo
Taxonomy, Species Limits, and Phylogenetic Relationships of Anoura Gray 1838 (Chiroptera: Phyllostomidae)
Advisor: Nathan Muchhala, PhD

Maria Isabel Loza
Regional and Historical Influences on the Spatial Distribution of Neotropical Trees
Advisor: Robert Ricklefs, PhD

Serena Acha Macias
Vines in the Neotropics: Phylogenomics, Biogeography and Systematics in Passion Flowers (Passiflora subgenus Decaloba section Decaloba)
Advisor: Nathan Muchhala, PhD

Srinivas Silpi Thota
The Role of Multidrug Resistance Regulators MarA, SoxS, Rob and RamA in Regulating Virulence Traits in Salmonella enterica
Advisor: Lon Chubiz, PhD

Chemistry

August Graduates

Maha Abutokaikah
Gas Phase Fragmentation Chemistry of Small Ions
Advisor: Benjamin Bythell, PhD

Philip Ferko
Limitations of the Spin Hamiltonian Formalism in Single Molecule Magnets
Advisor: Wesley Harris, PhD

December Candidates

Weerasooriya Mudiyanselage Mithila Dunlanjale Bandara
Chemical Synthesis of Oligosaccharides from Human Milk
Advisor: Alexei Demchenko, PhD

Matteo Panza
Towards Completely Automated Glycan Synthesis
Advisor: Alexei Demchenko, PhD

Math and Computer Science

August Graduates

William Brummond
Kirkman Triple Systems of Order n with Minimum Block Sum equal to n, for Access Balancing in Distributed Storage
Advisor: Ravnindra Girivaru, PhD

George Gerules
Enhancing Scalability in Genetic Programming with Adaptable Constraints, Type Constraints and Automatically Defined Functions
Advisor: Cezary Janikow, PhD

December Candidates

Abdulmatib Hussen
Recover Data in Sparse Expansion Forms Modeled by Special Basis Functions
Advisor: Wenjie He, PhD

Political Science

August Graduates

Joseph Anthony
Party Blight in Rural Missouri: Causes and Consequences of Local Organizational Decline
Advisor: Todd Swanstrom, PhD

Physics

August Graduates

Nathan Roth
Decoding the History of the Early Solar System Using Comet Volatile Compositions
Advisor: Erika Gibb, PhD

December Candidates

Tera Glaze
A Computational Study of Sleep and the Hemispheres of the Brain
Advisor: Sonya Bahar, PhD

Psychology

August Graduates

Marin Beagley
Examining the Gender- and Sexuality-Related Cognitive “Stuck Points” of Men and Women with Experiences of Adult Sexual Assault: Implications for Cognitive Processing Therapy
Advisor: Rachel Wamser-Nanney, PhD

Sara Kern
Psychological Correlates of Diverse Coerced Sexual Experiences: Clarifying Classes and Severity Continuums of Sexual Act and Coercive Tactic
Advisor: Emily Gerstein, PhD

Allison Kirschbaum
Same-Sex Sexual Coercion Among Women: The Impact of Minority Stress on Perpetration and Victimization Experiences of Women of Diverse Sexual Identities
Advisor: Ann Steffen, PhD

Economics

August Graduates

Andrew Tipping

December Candidates

Ehsan Davarzany
Rachel Harrington
Joseph Robert Lux
Jamie Lynn Vergano

English

August Graduates

Matthew Paul Griner

History

August Graduates

Katie Elizabeth Leach

Mathematics

August Graduates

Adam Wagenknecht

December Candidates

Kevin Crandall
Katherine Long
Don Tran

Philosophy

December Candidates

Thomas Ames
Laura Annette Miller
Political Science
December Candidates
Patrick Michael Foran
Nathan E. Theus
Chancellor T. Thomas
Donna Marie Vickers

Master of Fine Arts
Creative Writing

December Candidates
Jessica Dawn Eikmann
Danielle Rae Gillespie
Niara Jackson
Jarohn Johnson

Master of Music Education

August Graduates
Marita U. Hollander

Master of Public Policy Administration

Public Policy Administration

December Candidates
Anissa Nur Kumerow
Kelly E. C. Moushey

Master of Science
Biochemistry and Biotechnology

December Candidates
James Warren Long
Ema C. Mathai
Challen Ann Pretorius
Helena Jade Spikes

Biology

August Graduates
Brock Mashburn

December Candidates
Jose Antonio Iturizaga Shaw
Jill S. Lee
Sage Rohrer

Chemistry

August Graduates
Giri Raj Gnowali
Rishi Ram Paudel

December Candidates
Kapur Bahadur Dhami

Computer Science

August Graduates
Atif I. Chaudhry
Parul Sharma

December Candidates
Priyanka Chava
Andrew J. Dillon
Neil James Eichelberger
Thejanie Kumudika
Nagendra Kalla
Yun Lu
Michael A. Moldafsky
Nachammal Palaniappan
Alexander James Pierce
Zach James Prescott

Physics

December Candidates
Joseph Kirk Coulton

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Actuarial Science

December Candidates
Lydia Kate Walker

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology

August Graduates
Allison Paige Hall
Claire L. McCroary

December Candidates
Shawn Philip Denton
Sara A. Ibrahim
Amber Carol Schroeder
Morgan Renee Tanner*

Bachelor of Arts

Art History

August Graduates
Victoria Patricia Reid

Bachelor of Science

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

August Graduates
Nicholas Edward Brammeier
Hannah Elizabeth Gill**

December Candidates
Riman Albdair**
Kaleigh Ashen
Jacqueline Kay Barker

Richard Mathew Beverly
Kim Thien Dang
Sinhareeb Emara
Christian David Fischer-Lodike
Anthony Allen Green
Sara Herbstreit
Stephanie Herrera
Anika L. Jones
Emanuel Kinsey
Mariya Novakova
Helena Jade Spikes
Nicci Tangorra
Megan Christine Wienecke*
Christopher Alan Wilke

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

August Graduates
Sarah Michelle Hambrough
Tonisha L. Minor

December Candidates
Sharvitti Broussard
Jonathan Lee Ingram

Bachelor of Science

Biology

August Graduates
Michaela Rochelle Browne
Evan Lang Carlen***
Jacob Robert Cutler
Erika Marie Hiza
Hillary Elizabeth Johnson
Monica Lynn Powers
Mangal Rai
Mary Corrin Roche
Nicholas Oliver Tarpinian

Degree with Distinction

(RCH)—Research
(SCH)—Scholarship
(ART)—Creativity in the Arts

Latin Honors

*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Bachelor of Science

Computer Science

August Graduates
Connor Richard Baniak
Vibhav Reddy Chemarla
Thomas Lawrence Downs
Peter Benjamin Harris
John Inman
William J. Nesham
Caleb Brendan Owens
Jonathan Pham
David Atchison Wright Storey*

December Candidates
Colby Shea Ackerman
Cole M. Alves
Gabrielle Lisen Christine Appel
Mohammed Bilal Ather
Michael David Beckering
Eric Michael Conway
Ramon Alexander Crayton
Zyra Glee De Los Reyes
Andrew J. Dillon*
Amarilda Dymish**
Ian Edwards
Caleb Thomas Freeman
Jonathan Edward Gabler
Tahj Gayfield
Alex Stephen Grupas
December Candidates
Brian Michael Hamil
December Candidates
Computing Technology

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science

English

August Graduates
Alexandria Grubb-Hoxworth
Julie Elizabeth Harms**
Joshua P. Ingram
Stephanie Renee Tysdal

December Candidates
Dylan Lee Bowles
Bernard C. Bruno
Kristy Noelle Burkeremper*
Rita Nikole Cloutier
Katelynn Elizabeth-Lee
Delancy**
Tanner William Early*
Etchika Sharrell Ellis
Haley Rebecca Graham*
Luke Hennessey
Craig William Hoffman**
Brandon Leigh Johnson
Ashli Adrene Miller
Anna Marie Schmid
Kera-Lynn Reanea Sumner*
Idalis Katrina Williams

Bachelor of Arts

History

August Graduates
Christopher Angulo
Arashi Max Cogan
Nicole Joy Culbertson

December Candidates
Andrew Curtis Cole
Michael Edward Davis
Andrew G. Raguini
Nicholas Joseph Badolato

December Candidates
Mathematics

Bachelor of Science

Criminology & Criminal Justice

August Graduates
Brad N. Beasley
Megan Marie Betts
Nick Sergio D’Ambrosio
Thomas Anthony De Cero
Ryan B. Eichholz
Rachel Elizabeth Fike
Evan Michael Gutknecht
Hiba Haseeb
Elizabeth Marie Hemingway
Alixandra L. Jaeger
Benjamin Christoph Jordan
Angela Dawn Mims
Paul Andrew Mooney
Payton Nicole Notthdurft
Kevin Michael Pearson
Hunter Alyn Rose
Cathryn T. Scoopmire
Kristopher Womack

December Candidates
Shanen E. Alexander-Jenkins
Breanna V. Bruner
Ta’Shon Cooper
Faustina Dang
Austin Ryan Ellison
Kelsie Gaia
Kirsten Raquel Granfeldt
Malin A. Gupta***
Max Gregory Hutchkinson
Darin Joseph Kimmel*
Maranda Sue Morris
Fahruin Dino Murga
Jacob Neukirch
Mark Robert Nienhuis
Alana Parsons
Lauren Nicole Pearman
Timothy Robert Pulliam*
Dakota C. Reckamp**
Rosalynie Lakita Rhymes
Heather Lynne Riba**
Charlotte Ruth Smith
Adam Wayne Steward
Andrew Forrest Watts
Mary M. Weber*
Gina Lynn Witte***
Bailey Danielle Witherholter***

Bachelor of Arts

Economics

December Candidates
Lucas Ryan Coztar
Ken Trang Tran

Bachelor of Science

Economics

December Candidates
Chanel Alorsan
John B. Harrington Jr.
Rachael Harrington
Brennan Michael Langva
John Alexander Lovell
Thomas E. Ryan
Jamie Lynn Vergano*

December Candidates
Liberal Studies

Bachelor of Arts

International Relations

August Graduates
Aminata Lamarana Diallo

December Candidates
Joseph Gabriel Dordoni
Katherine Volandt***

Bachelor of Science

Liberal Studies

August Graduates
Kneeshe R. Davis-Parkinson
Kevin Matthew Durnington
Robert Bruce Hamilton
Roy E. Heyer
Cynthia Denise Hill
Sharmai Christine Huesgen
Sharmila Monielie Huggins
Janika H. Humphrey
Edythe Marie Johnson
Justin Tyler Krause
Kama Lea Roth
Mary L. Tackett
Talisa LaShae Marie Underwood
Tina Vafaei

December Candidates
Roxy Ka Arnold
Taylor A. Bockhorst
Rena M. Bridgett
Crystal Charlene Brown
Kimberly Marie Brown
Megan Burkett
Lamar Antwan Chapman II
Dylan Pierce Clark
Jenay Eliza Davis
Jillian Claire Dennis*
Julie Renee Dierker
Thomas A. Dunn**
Nicholas Robert Farrell
Meghan Elizabeth George
Alyssa Nichelle Gibson**
Mary Gray
Marcella M. Hamilton
Jennifer Phylion Harris
Trace Denise Johnson
Diquan Jones
Kassidy Leigh Klocke
Matthew Eugene Kroeger
Michael John Lato
Josh Levin
Austin Alan Lewis
Brooke Martin
Katherine Ann McFadden
Sarah Stacey Nash
Riley John Pawelski
Breanna Lashae Robinson
William Allan Schnarr
Robert Alphonso Simmons
Matthew Dameon Taylor
Jordan Edwin Tharp
Bailee A. Warsing***
Tim Weir

Bachelor of Arts

Mathematics

August Graduates
Shane T. Gee Jr.
Jonathan Michael Israel
Mingming Qi

December Candidates
Nicholas Joseph Badolato
Andrew G. Ragunni

Bachelor of Science

Mathematics

August Graduates
Donald Ray Brandon II
Alberto Flores
Isabella Anne Russo
December Candidates
Kyle Shane Cook*
Medi-Jah William Kpankou

Bachelor of Science
Media Studies

December Candidates
Danielle Marie Brickey
Abbey Nicole Carpenter
Matthew Gryzmala
Evan Matthew Heirty
Noah Robert Nieder
Luke Pappaspanos**
Trina R. Perry
Janice C. Robinson
Morgan Rosati
April Janae Russell
Benjamin Matthew Stoverink
Randee Lynn Stringer
Haley Thomas
Nina Marie Villano
Anthony West-Jones

Bachelor of Arts
Modern Language

December Candidates
Lauren Elizabeth Alsipach**
Lucas Ryan Cozart
Kourtney Aleyse Foster
Richard Brian Tanner II*

Bachelor of Arts
Music

August Graduates
Fausto Federico Barrera
Megan Grace Gaxiola
Nicholas Ryan Smith

Bachelor of Music

Music

August Graduates
Derek Jason Peplaw*

December Candidates
David Gregory Aubuchon
Gary A. Buechele
Daniel Callihan
Rose Gomez
Samuel David Larson
Martina Marie Meng

Bachelor of Arts
Philosophy

December Candidates
Liam Butler
Benjamin Daniel McDonough
Daniel James Pritt

Bachelor of Arts
Physics

December Candidates
Ian M. Edwards
Daniel J. Kutryb

Bachelor of Science
Physics

December Candidates
Bojan Kitanovic

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

December Candidates
Jeffery Kyle Adams*
Patrick Joseph Benwell
Justen David Cardwell
Caleb Micah Duda
Teresa Hepler
Keena Lynn Hildebrand
Andrew Hunt
Evelyn Teta Kumeh
Maximillian Joachim Mueller**
Elizabeth Belle Schmidt
Austin Schwerdt
Callyn Renee Stamp
Nathan E. Theus

Bachelor of Arts
Psychology

August Graduates
Kourtney Nicole Clark
Zohal Mohammad
Kayla Shea Mumford
Aiyana Jene’ Nash
Alexis Michayla Ruscitti
Eva Maureen Selph
Kimberly Mae Wall

December Candidates
Alexandria Chanel Bryant*
Amanda Alicia Campbell
Tia Marie Carlin
Robert Jordan Foster
Anthony William Graf
Malin A. Gupta***
Aleah Yvonne Harden
Sara A. Ibrahim*
Taneka Jefferson
Kristin V. Jones
Michael Robert McGrath
Olivia Christine McPherson
Lauren Nicole Pearman

Bachelor of Science
Sociology

August Graduates
Marsadie Natasha Brown
Hannah Michelle Lois
Jazmine Nycole Stovall

December Candidates
Joshua Robert Armstrong
Michaela Nichole Branson
Emily K. Cole
Kalen Grace
Rachel Elizabeth Howard
Desiree M. Langdon
Sean Terence Madigan
Brittany Lee Pearson

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Studio Art

August Graduates
Brittni Diane Mosby
Tatiana Vanegas

December Candidates
Victoria C. Gildehaus*
Katelyn Jol Kraemer
Nelson Emerson Hicks*
Kaitlyn Nicole Swartz

Bachelor of Arts
Theatre Arts

August Graduates
Dylan K. Houston

Bachelor of Science
Public Policy & Administration

August Graduates
Gregory Paul Anderson

December Candidates
Chelsea Lela Evangeline Brooks*
McKenzie Lorenz Holloway

Bachelor of Arts
Sociology

December Candidates
Christian Joseph Adams
Rachel Christine Ripper
Rhiannon Nicole Williamson

Degree with Distinction
(RCH)–Research
(SCH)–Scholarship
(ART)–Creativity in the Arts

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Ceremony III - Saturday, December 14, 6 p.m.

College of Business Administration
UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost

Pre-ceremony Concert
University Wind Ensemble

Master of Ceremonies
Joseph Rottman, associate dean of graduate and international programs, director of the International Business Institute, and professor of information systems

Aisle Marshals
Stephen Moehrle, professor and chair of accounting
Pamela Stuerke, associate professor of accounting

Faculty Marshal
Lynn Staley, teaching professor in the department of English, service-learning faculty fellow, and affiliate faculty in gender studies

SGA Representative
McKenzie Schuessler, president

Student Marshals
Emily Storey, College of Business Administration, outstanding student in accounting
Laura Bailey, UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program, outstanding student in mechanical engineering
Caitlin N. Cockrell, Graduate School, outstanding student in business administration

Order of Procession
• Undergraduate candidates
• Master’s candidates
• Doctoral candidates and faculty
• Platform Party

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate student in music, and the University Wind Ensemble

Commencement Address
Timothy J. Nowak, executive director, World Trade Center St. Louis
Introduction read by Charles Hoffman, dean, College of Business Administration

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, interim chancellor and provost
Teresa Thiel, dean, Graduate School
Charles Hoffman, dean, College of Business Administration
Joseph O’Sullivan, dean, UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Diploma Folders
Names read by Robert McCabe, retired, St. Louis Public Radio

Welcome of the New Alumni
Denis Mehmedspahic, BSAcc 2013, MBA 2016

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps and the University Wind Ensemble

Recession
(Please remain seated until the platform party has exited.)

Commencement Speaker

TIMOTHY J. NOWAK is the executive director of World Trade Center St. Louis. He oversees the delivery of valuable international related services to regional companies. Leveraging a strong network of business connections and government agencies, World Trade Center St. Louis provides customized trade research to identify global opportunities, trade- and investment-focused events, key business contacts and introductions, and training and educational programs. Nowak joined World Trade Center St. Louis in 2007, bringing years of experience in business development, domestic and international sales, and management.

He has extensive international working experience in Europe, Asia-Pacific, Middle East, South America, and Africa. Nowak has managed and directed international sales organizations in the medical industry, including distribution and direct-sales strategies. Born and raised in St. Louis, Nowak holds bachelor’s degrees in marketing and logistics from the University of Missouri–Columbia and an MBA from Webster University. He currently serves as adjunct faculty at Washington University in St. Louis.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Doctor of Philosophy

Business Administration

December Candidates
Madyson Kay Abeyta
Tabarak Al-gebory
Zachary Daniel Bernat
Kathryn Ann Blake
Abigail G. Boenker
Austin Warren Brandon
Erica Nichol Brown
An Lm Thuy Cao
Jianan Chen
Caitlin Nicole Cockrell
Adam Frederick Collins
Carolyn Cosgrove Payne
Donald Quentint Counts
William J. Geoffroy
Abigail Lauren Hart
William Henbron
Troy Robert Heumphreus
Samuel Joseph Hill
Lauren Michelle Hoffman
Isabella Lanzara
Tina Le
Haichao Li
Bernard Henry Lueken
Kelly Sexton Mcbrearty
Kate Ann Mertzluft
Shuhui Mo
Kenneth Neal
Dang Nguyen
Jeanne Jittisiri Rifenberg
Charles Kimball Schlafly
Jessica Christine Stephan
Nicholas Wilfried Steffan
Whitehead
Curtis Wilder
Paul Wesley Winter
Jodi Wohldmann

December Candidates
Madyson Kay Abeyta
Tabarak Al-gebory
Zachary Daniel Bernat
Kathryn Ann Blake
Abigail G. Boenker
Austin Warren Brandon
Erica Nichol Brown
An Lm Thuy Cao
Jianan Chen
Caitlin Nicole Cockrell
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Carolyn Cosgrove Payne
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Troy Robert Heumphreus
Samuel Joseph Hill
Lauren Michelle Hoffman
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Haichao Li
Bernard Henry Lueken
Kelly Sexton Mcbrearty
Kate Ann Mertzluft
Shuhui Mo
Kenneth Neal
Dang Nguyen
Jeanne Jittisiri Rifenberg
Charles Kimball Schlafly
Jessica Christine Stephan
Nicholas Wilfried Steffan
Whitehead
Curtis Wilder
Paul Wesley Winter
Jodi Wohldmann

Master of Science in Accounting

August Graduates
John Hirschfeld Fix
Nathan Michael Lane
Joshua Needham
Cheryl Anne Sommer

December Candidates
Rachel Bogaski
Chad D. Brown
Gina Deanne Bryant
Samantha Lee Chism
Nathan Michael Lane

Master of Business Administration

Business Administration

August Graduates
Kelly Deidre Fahy Barthold
Kyle Barton
Tzu-Jung Chen
Autumn Rose Eberlin
Matthew John Gauvain
Xinyue Gu
Yu-Chi Hsu
Li-Min Huang
Wan-Yu Jhuang
Emily Anne Koehler
Gang Liu
Li-Bao Lyu

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

August Graduates
Ashma Jassim Al Rashid
Kevin Diehl
Kevin Thomas Gammon
Ardis Haxhaj
Thomas S. Hong
Ruoyu Lei
John Aaron Mitchell
Timothy James Oge
Melisa Ramic
Amanda Christene Schneider
Tamim Sirawan
Qianhan Tang
Thomas J. Zimmerman Jr.

December Candidates
Ashley Jean Adkins
Marko P. Borovic
Yuli Cai
Carter J. Cassell
Aaron Chapa
Nicholas Anthony Coco
Brendan Joseph Dierkes
Lingling Dong
Allyson Lee Edwards
Stephanie Eggers
Alyssa Haley Erzinger
Amanda Nicole Farmer
Rebecca Lynne Feldhauss
Megan Amber Ford
Spencer Greene
Daryl Hembrador
Scott Glenn Hornung
Arima Hosenfelt
David Kupke Jr.
Cole Mitchell Layton
Tianqing Lei
Cole Mitchell Layton
Tianqing Lei
Kaitlyn Kristi Stanley
Emily Elizabeth Storey
Vanessa Taylor
Halle Nicole White
Galyn Wilson
Henry Thomas Zychinski

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
December Candidates

Alicia Jeanette Kelly
Gabrielle Jones
Veronika Lachezarova Ivanov*
Ilou Ilunga
Irfan Husic
Arima Hosenfelt***
Robert L. Holtshouser
Alexis Crystina Holland
James Andrew Hohmeier
Adisa Hidic
Robert Ronald Hickman Jr.
Nathan J. Hessler
Trelisa Ruth Harris
Travis Lee Greer II
Eunice Elaine Greene
Luke Jeffrey Grass
Brendan Patrick Goodwin
Giovani C. Gomes*
Dorcas Njoki Gatari
Patrick Michael Galucia
Jordan William Gagne**
Aaron Michael Friday
Kevin Ashton Flood***
Aar0n Michael Friday
Jordan William Gagne**
Patrick Michael Galucia
Dorcas Njoki Gatari
Giovanni C. Gomes*
Brendan Patrick Goodwin
Luke Jeffrey Grass
Eunice Elaine Greene
Travis Lee Greer II
Manal Ishag Hamed
Trelisa Ruth Harris
Nathan J. Hessler
Robert Ronald Hickman Jr.
Adisa Hidic
James Andrew Hohmeier
Alexis Crystina Holland
Robert L. Holtskhouwer
Arina Hosenfelt***
Irfan Husic
Tina M. Huynh
Ilou Ilunga
Veronika Lachezarova Ivanov*
Gabrielle Jones
Alicia Jeanette Kelly
Ashanti Leandra Kennedy
Taha Ahmed Khan
Brittany Lynne Klenke
Luke W. Knudsvig
Lindsey LaFrance
Anxhela Shehu Lajthia
Jeffrey Michael Leas
Nicholas James Leehy
Xinrui Li*
Ran’nika Marvette Lowery
Brittany M. Magnah**
Ermin Mahmutovic
Siyuhan Mao
Keyon March
Chelsea Cascade Martinez
Melinda Rose Maynard*
Nicole McGraw
Alec Michael Meilliere*
Najda Mesinovic
Irene N. Muange
Judith Ntabasi Mukweso
Gladwell Kebbi Ndungu
Damien Ra’Shad Nevels
Jack Steven Openlander
Daia Lavon Outlaw
Brandon Joseph Pesek
Connor Byron Peters
Daniel Thomas Proscino
Chanelle Rash
Madeline Elise Richards**
Kaelyn Robinson
Andrew Thomas Rolwes
James Thomas Russell
Daniel Michael Sabatin
Sangeeta R. Samuel
Joseph Eli Scala
Chao Shi*
Daniel Lee Simms
Mark Douglas Skrivan
Stephen Daniel Smith
Sally Ann Sneed**
Zachary Brennan Stahr*
Samuel Sutter
Brittany Jean Tackett
Rayan Khalid Tahir
Alexandra Maryjane Taylor
Jacqueline Samantha Tebeau
Christina Nichole Templemeyer
Cole Matthew Thomas
Aaron Michael Tibbs
Brendan Edward Tulington
Cassidy Lynn Warner
Stephen Michael Watkins
Tiffany A. Watkins
Ebune Paige Watson
Nicole Labre Whirley
Alexander T. Woehler
Gabriel Matthias Wolk
Jared Matthew Wooten
Mitchell Wuelner
Jingwei Xu
Xiating Xu
Che-Sheng Yu
Lingyu Zhang
Jiangwei Zhou
Valerie G. Zhuravel

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

Information Systems & Technology

August Graduates

Alexander Joseph Braun
Asim Jabree Browm
Miguel Delgado
Emily Clare Derfler
Patrick Long Ha

December Candidates

Karina Almeida
Daphne Renee Archie
Brian Booker
John Edward Boyd
Richard Thomas Breneman***
Eliah Webster Brunsold**
Jacob Christopher Eldridge**
Jason Mark Flosi
Rachel Graham
Sheri Antoinette Hoke
Jordan Joseph Jenkins
Mohammed Dawuwud Kokan*
Winston Luo
Som Pyakurel
Cesar Ivan Romero*
Connor Jacob Schmitt
Kenichi Segawa
Pietro Serra
Jacob Thomas Steiner
Prachi Talwar
Andrew Eugene Wagner
Kristopher P. Williams
Julia Ceresse Cecilia Wilson

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UNIVERSITY JOINT UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in
Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering

December Candidates

Matthew Phillip Vatterott

Bachelor of Science in
Electrical Engineering

Electrical Engineering

August Graduates

Matthew Caleb Camden
Jacob Scott Case
Mark C. Hager
Adnan Rizvanovic

December Candidates

Issa Marwan Abu Shehab
Alexander Bathe
Justin William Coleman
Cynara Ellis
Andrew Dean Grote
Tysno Ray Hauser
Andrew Mark Head
Muhammad Imran Khan
Wasifuddin Mahmood*
Jonah Gibbs McAdoo*
Christo Michos
Jeffrey Penaloza
Karla Janina Ramirez
Fatima Hayran Saleh
Usama Tahir
Hung Thai
Erik Scott Wandersee

Bachelor of Science in
Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

August Graduates

Ramiz Ahmed Jr.
Vito G. Fiordimondo
Brittany L. Gray
Nathan A. Hopper
Amber Scheri Ingram
Brett Michael Kayman
Tyler Alan Micke
Stephanie Nicole Niesen
Jonathan Amos Olson
Franchesca Petersen
Nicholas Anthony Pusateri
Jennifer Kate Sommerfeld
Kristian Stavri
Jeffrey Taylor Strecker
Seth Joshua Trevino

December Candidates

Brandon Armour
Laura Susanne Bailey***
Joseph Lawrence Biermann
Colin L. Brady
Clarusse M. Hernandez
Yu Kuwahara
Luke Andrew Lemaich***
Justin Bradley Manzella
Brandon Lee Neptune
Carlos Perez*
Daniel Lee Pogue
Emel Saeidghafelpoor
Robert L. Westeen
Students of the Pierre Laclede Honors College pursue any major they choose and complete either a two-year or a four-year honors program. Each student shares in a challenging and innovative curriculum, which occupies one-third of their undergraduate career.

The honors experience also requires independent study under the supervision of individual faculty. These projects include guided reading, supervised undergraduate research and/or academic- or career-related internships and public service projects. To this work, honors students bring their intelligence and a wide diversity of experience and values – among the college’s most precious assets. Completion of the program marks a significant achievement. These students are recognized during the ceremony and are wearing special red and gold honors cords around their necks.
Graduate Certificates

**Acute Pediatric Nurse Practitioner**

*August Graduates*
- Jodiey Annalynn Bondurant
- Mary Jane Broge
- Erin Marie Korobey
- Ashley Paige Larsen
- Lilian Grace McDonagh
- Jessica Lee Richards
- Aundrea Kay Schubbe

*December Candidates*
- Nigora Adilova

**Social Justice in Education**

*August Graduates*
- Quentin A. Alimayu
- Grace Elizabeth Fitter

*December Candidates*
- Ida Casey

**Student Affairs Administration and Leadership**

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- Megan Jo Heiser
- Ryan Sharod Paige

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**Teaching of Writing**

*December Candidates*
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**Elementary School Teaching**

*December Candidates*
- Zachary Charles Venturella

**Family Nurse Practitioner**

*December Candidates*
- Meghan Marie Moore

**Institutional Research**

*December Candidates*
- Christopher Miller

**Local Government Management**

*August Graduates*
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**Nonprofit Organizational Management & Leadership**

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- Jessica Mary Engel

**Policy and Program Evaluation**

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**Post Grad Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

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- Maureen Rudo Bamfo-Agyei

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Undergraduate Certificates

Advertising
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Zachary Brennan Stahr
Haley Thomas

Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis

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Child Advocacy Studies

August Graduates
Savannah Martina Harrington

December Candidates
Maranda Sue Morris

Computer Programming

December Candidates
Maruti Jampangi

Creative Writing

August Graduates
Julie Elizabeth Harms

December Candidates
Craig William Hoffman

Cybersecurity

December Candidates
Gabrielle Lisen Christine Appel
Eric Michael Conway
Vasyl Onufriyev

Data Science

December Candidates
Amarilda Dyrmishi

Gender Studies

August Graduates
Marsadie Natosha Brown
Jazmine Stovall

December Candidates
Michael Edward Davis
Dawn Leah Saindon

Health Communication

December Candidates
Melanie Schwarz

International Affairs

December Candidates
Giridhar Thekkepat Nedium Babu

Media Production

December Candidates
Benjamin Matthew Stoverink
Anthony West-Jones

Modern Language/Study Abroad

August Graduates
Nicole Joy Culbertson

Neuroscience

December Candidates
JeYeon Ariel Hur

Professional Writing

August Graduates
Julie Elizabeth Harms

December Candidates
Haley Rebecca Graham
Gabrielle Hines
Craig William Hoffman
Anna Marie Schmid

Public Relations

December Candidates
Raul Macias

Trauma Studies

August Graduates
Hiba Haseeb
Mikaya Brienne McKenzie
Kayla Christine Sidwell

December Candidates
Ellen Louise Gruebbling
Janean Nicole Hall
Aleakah Yvonne Harden
Kiera Lynn Sanders
Max E. Schechter

Workplace and Organizational Science

December Candidates
TaNeka Jefferson
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LOST AND FOUND: Articles may be deposited and retrieved at the first aid station.
UMSL Alma Mater

Heart of Missouri

(Words and Music by John Francis Dill and Diane Ceccarini)

Rising high between two rivers history yet to tell,
Stands an honored Alma Mater, our UMSL.
Came to seek more understanding for my life to be.
Found my need for knowledge answered gratefully by thee.

Dreaming dreams about tomorrow, as I've learned today.
Now this heart deep in Missouri seeks a better way.
When at last my journey's over may its value be,
That it honors state and nation but above all, thee.