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

2021 Spring Commencement

Saturday, May 15

9 a.m.  College of Arts and Sciences
11 a.m. College of Education
        SUCCEED Certificate Program
1 p.m.  College of Business Administration
2 p.m.  College of Optometry
3 p.m.  College of Nursing
5 p.m.  UMSL/Washington University Joint
        Undergraduate Engineering Program
5 p.m.  School of Social Work
Dear UMSL Graduates,

I am honored and thrilled to be able to congratulate you on the remarkable milestone that is your graduation from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. 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 – especially through this extraordinary time – has not gone unnoticed. As we recognize your achievements, know that we are in awe of each of our graduates and we are all honored to celebrate the conferral of your degree.

My wish for you, and for your family and friends, 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
Chancellor

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 public research university in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region, the University of Missouri–St. Louis 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, out of a need to bring affordable, public education to the region. It had one building, a modest faculty and fewer than 700 students. Today, UMSL is spread across 450 acres of rolling hills in suburban St. Louis County and enrolls nearly 16,000 students. While UMSL’s more than 105,000 graduates are located in all 50 states and nearly 100 countries around the world, their greatest impact is felt right here in St. Louis where more than 75,000 alumni live, work and thrive in the region.

UMSL is a Tier 1 research university – one of four in Missouri – and ranks No. 126 nationally among all public universities. Last year, UMSL was included in U.S. News & World Report’s inaugural ’Top Performers for Social Mobility’ rankings which measures how well universities educate and graduate Pell Grant eligible students. UMSL remains among the nation’s top performers in this area in this year’s annual rankings. The university is also a four-time recipient of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from Insights into Diversity magazine – the only Missouri university to earn this prestigious recognition repeatedly. Forbes Magazine has even named UMSL one of America’s Best Colleges.

For nearly 60 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.

As the metropolitan, land-grant, research institution serving the most diverse and economically important region in Missouri, the University of Missouri–St. Louis delivers exceptional educational, research and engagement experiences that inform, prepare, challenge and inspire.

Academic excellence.

UMSL’s fundamental purpose is to educate and graduate diverse students as they seek different and better lives. Our academic programs emphasize student growth through research, internship opportunities, and one-on-one attention.

Our nine colleges and schools, as well as our joint engineering partnership, are anchored by our award-winning faculty and nationally-ranked programs, offering each student a high quality, invaluable and diverse educational opportunity.

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
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Mun Y. Choi, president, University of Missouri

University of Missouri–St. Louis Leadership Messages

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor
Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs
Tanisha Stevens, vice chancellor for diversity, equity and inclusion
Joseph Methner, president, Student Government Association

Commencement Address

Darrion Cockrell, physical education teacher at Crestwood Elementary and 2021 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Alumni Welcome

Stacy McMurray, past president, UMSL Alumni Association

Commencement Speaker

Darrion “Mr. DC” Cockrell
physical education teacher at Crestwood Elementary and 2021 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Darrion Cockrell was born in St. Louis and lived in the city until he was 14 years old, when he was moved to a boy’s home in St. Louis County. He lived at the home for a year before he was adopted by his middle school football coach. He attended Parkway Central Middle and Central High School and went on to play college football at Millikin University.

Sidelined by a shoulder injury after two years of playing football, Cockrell returned to St. Louis to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Education/Physical Education and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Cockrell received a 2020 National Box Tops for Education Twilight Award from Chance the Rapper. He also created the “Crest-Fit” training program, reaching thousands of people over multiple platforms. Earlier this year, Cockrell was named Missouri’s 2021 Teacher of the Year. In his free time, Cockrell enjoys spending time with family and friends, staying active, and supporting his students so they thrive in their activities.

Cockrell is a role model for his students and focuses on creating relationships that support the importance of staying active and healthy. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, inspires his fellow teachers, and motivates everyone at Crestwood.
**About Commencement**

**Navigating Commencement 2021**

Our celebration for the Spring and Summer class of 2021 is completely virtual. This event consists of a series of ceremonies occurring Saturday, May 15, 2021. All events will be hosted on the University of Missouri—St. Louis Commencement 2021 website: umsl.edu/commencement2021.

On the main page of the site, graduates and guests can view messages from UMSL and UM System Leadership. In addition, all are welcome to hear a special address from the May Commencement 2021 keynote speaker, the 2021 Missouri Teacher of the Year Awardee, Darrion Cockrell. Graduate slides can also be found on this site.

From there, links to each of the seven ceremonies are available and will broadcast at their designated time. Graduates, friends, and family can watch the ceremonies live or come back to view at a later time and date.

**Banners** In addition to the coloring presented in the academic attire, each college is also represented on the university’s commencement banners. 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!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
Ceremony I - Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean's Address
Andrew Kersten, dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Conferment of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik
Dean Kersten

Pierre Laclede Honors College Recognition
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Graduates
Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs

Jackson T Hoenig, graduate student marshal, College of Arts and Sciences
Shea Rosemary Metzler, undergraduate student marshal, College of Arts and Sciences

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Chemistry
May Candidate
Ali Abbas Sabi
Synthesis and Characterization of Antiviral Drug Candidate Molecules Against the Respiratory Syncytial Virus
Advisor: James Bashkin, PhD

May Candidates
Abdelbaset Ramadan M Zeyani
Instantaneous Frequency Estimation and Signal Separation Using Fractional Continuous Wavelet Transform
Advisor: Qingtang Jiang, PhD

Political Science
May Candidates
Islam Bakirci
Is United States’ Economic Power in Decline? Can China Replace the U.S. as the World’s Next Economic Superpower?
Advisor: Kenneth P Thomas, PhD

Tyler Ray Chance
The Church and Michael Brown: The Influence of Christianity on Racialized Political Attitudes in Ferguson, Missouri
Advisor: David Kimball, PhD

Psychology

May Candidate
Kruti Surti
Regulation of Self-love
Advisor: Sandra Langeslag, PhD

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Communication
May Candidates
Christopher Robert Henry
Hannah Marie Loyd
Jacob Anthony Osseck
Vincent Bernard Tillman Jr.

English
May Candidates
Heather Black
Tara Anne Clarkson
Robert Emmett O'Keefe III
Emily Pott

History
May Candidates
Elizabeth Michelle Allison
Daniel Robert Buck
Lindsay Davis
Karen Leslie Johnson
Kathryn Lade
Mark Loehr
William Eugene Paasch
Taryn Pelch
Delaney Elise Schurer
Katelyn Diane Toebben
Alyssa Janel Vargas-Lopez

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Criminology & Criminal Justice
May Candidates
Lilly Catherine Bahlinger
Sydney Morgan Bloch
Renee Beth Brugmann
Alexis Donika Charles
Jennifer Gauhari
Victoria Inzana
Azra Jahic

Economics
May Candidates
Alyssa Ann Leibold
Annette Jamieson Meyer
Zachary William Whitford

Psychology

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Katelyn Diane Toebben
Alyssa Janel Vargas-Lopez
Mathematics

May Candidates
Liza Cummings
Kathleen Arny Dionne
Alexander Haden Galindo
George Victor Haman Jr.
Brittany Jost
McKenzie Marie Marshall

Philosophy

May Candidates
Muhammad Ahmad
Lindsey Maria Grossheim
Lukas Dean Merrell
Michael C. Toft
Zhexi Zhang

Political Science

May Candidate
Kurt Robert Keller

Psychology

May Candidates
Claudia Campbell
Taryn Rosano Fitzgerald
Jillian Elizabeth Franks
Eleanor Bastian Steffens
Monica Sofia Trevino
Marissa Yetter

Master of Fine Arts

Creative Writing

May Candidates
Maggie Doyle Ervin
Lisa Nicole Keeton

Master of Public Policy Administration

Public Policy Administration

May Candidates
Sultan Ahmed A Baqarwan
Mary Christine Brod
Amy Denby Clark
Bridgette Elizabeth Edghill
Abigail Marion Froidl
Susan Anne Jolley
Jeremy Fabian Jones
Colin Matthew Kinkade
Sara McCormick
Anna B. Meyer
Daniel Andrew Redeffer Jr.
Amy DeAnne Trapp
David Charles Weidler

Master of Science

Biotechnology

May Candidates
Jill S. Lee
Deaven Michelle Sronce
Alyssa Troy VanderHeyden

Chemistry

May Candidates
Michael Steven Barnes-Flaspoler
Hayley Brienne Steber
Nick Viriyasiri

Computer Science

May Candidates
Matthew Primo Bernardini
Jackson T. Hoening
Jinghua Hu
James Michael Lea
Soumya Merugu
Duncan Arthur Werner

Master of Science

Cybersecurity

May Candidate
Matthew Kai Hansen

Physics

May Candidate
Kyle Moore

Bachelor of Arts

Communication

May Candidates
Hailey Marie Barnes
Audrey Clare Battis*
Maddey Bussmann
Kristine Carroll
Vitor De Macedo Monteiro
Khiyrn Amari Drawhorn**
Hannah Shea Elzey**
Rebecca Ann Ferman
Leanne Elizabeth Finck*
Tommy James Fitzjarrell
Victoria Gabriel Freeman
Abbegail R. Holdinghausen*
Matthew Taylor Hood
Sarah Brooke Kelly*
Stephanie Renee Kim***
Mary Catherine Koch
Chloe Elizabeth Lawless
Mikayla Rae Lofton

Bachelor of Arts

Chemistry

May Candidates
Mark Allen Clark**
Nicholas Paul Forsythe
Eric Markham
Brittany Anne Richardson*
Harper Frances Wieldt...

Bachelor of Science

Biology

May Candidates
Abraham Asad Alqam
Lindsay Noel Amaral-Kuntz
Marissa Michelle Antrainer
Abby M. Baalman**
Alina Banthrongsack
Suzanna Leigh Buckner*
Nakie Nesha Coleman-
Elhasan
Michael Paul Conley
Michelle Conway
Madison DevEnuto
Nzubechuk D. Ezenwa
Caitlyn Sierra Fields**
Daniel Hadziselimovic
Brandon M. Hamilton***
Lauren G. Huebner**
Connor T. Joste
Kayla Marie Kapral*
Trevor J. King***
Amanda Rae Kokotovich
Jacob Daniel Kottmeier
Carlie D. Kudary**
Kyle LaBerta
Elijah J. Lee
Erynn N. Little*
Kama Marie Mainieri
Nicholas Michael Marty
Mya Ilyana Miranda*

Bachelor of Science

Biotechnology and Biochemistry

May Candidates
Zahrak Z. Farese*
Michael Ojonugwa Eboreime*
Zahrah Z. Farese*
Sharla Friend
Chandler Alexandra Guzman
Mara N. Hamilton*
Leigh-Ann Hopkins
Melita Hone
Holly Erika Huelskamp**
Anna Kate Jones*
Randi Nichole Levis
Dasom Moon
Tyler Obermark***
Nina Marica Paljakka-Cargo**
Antanisha L. Parks
Thomas Anthony Perrot
Massooma Rikan
Symone R. Stocking

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

May Candidates
Heather A. Dugger*
Ha Kyong Yeom

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology

May Candidates
Katie Ann Alsup
Jana Breaux** (ART)
Samantha Ashlee Fairchild
Scott Steven Kriebbaum* Melody Newberry (ART)
Edis Niksic
Michaelle P. Saladin (SCH)

Bachelor of Arts

Art History

May Candidate
Libby Leigh Giannestras**

Degree with Distinction

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

Latin Honors

*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
**Bachelor of Arts**

**Mathematics**

**May Candidates**
- Grant Charles Foss
- Alexander Haden Galindo
- Emma Ulrika Thorgren
- Delvin Khiltz Zewki

**Bachelor of Science**

**Media Studies**

**May Candidates**
- Angelina Maria Grasso**
- Kevin A. Kirkbridge
- Thuy Nhu Y Le
- Kevin C. Mitchell***
- Yang Pan*  
- Jacob H. Sabbagh**
- Taylor Renee Storz
- Abigail R. Tague
- Steven D. Tyler*
- Maxwell R. Wooten***

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Organizational Leadership**

**May Candidates**
- Melissa S. Parker
- Jacob Ryan Venneman

**August Candidates**
- Tori D. Foster**
- Patrice Lenea Harris
- Briana Breeze Smith

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Philosophy**

**May Candidates**
- Nicholas C. Bell
- Carter Ryan Snodgrass***
- Jasmin M. Williams

**August Candidates**
- Rachel A. Mennemeier*
- Mia Rintoul***

**Bachelor of Science**

**Physics**

**May Candidates**
- Matthew Joseph Colonna
- Luke C. Marut
- Steven D. Tyler*

**August Candidates**
- Ryan Molitor*

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**Bachelor of Arts**

**Music**

**May Candidates**
- Alayna Nicole Epps (ART)
- Jacob M. Brown*
- Clayton Alan Bunkley* (ART)
- Ginger A. Edwards***( ART)
- Keegan A. Eich
- Anna Klein***
- Alexis V. Neal* (ART)
- Jacob Palmer (ART)

**August Candidate**
- Jamie M. Gibbs
- Matthew C. Hagan

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Political Science**

**May Candidates**
- Magencio Victor Nguema Ada
- Patrick Joseph Benwell
- Ty Sahajahanee L.
- Brownlee-Jenkins
- Kathryn Noelle Grothen***
- Amna Aisha Habib
- Dylan James Russell Hathcock
- Ellie J. Hogreve***
- Michael Paige Kruse
- Melissa Susan Maune***
- Jordan M. Morris*
- Aaron Travis Patterson Jr.
- Irma Ramic
- Joseph Tyler Retzer**
- Noah Glen Sprick
- Allison J. Stockwell
- Ella G. Taylor
- James A. Vincent Jr.
- Jasmin M. Williams

**August Candidates**
- Brian Dallas Jenkins Jr.*
- Krystal Ivy Miller

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**Bachelor of Science**

**Psychology**

**May Candidates**
- Sydney Rain
- Lila Ballard
- Brianna A. Barrera
- Madison E. Bruns*
- Emily Ann DiCarlo***
- Brandon Michael Fann
- Graham W. Haven
- Veronica Hawk
- Autumn Nichole Johnson
- Devon Jacob Kerckhoff
- Vicktoria Kopf*
- Tiffany Alexandra McBain
- Samantha Ann McKind
- Miriam Mead* (RCH)
- Emily Claire O'Loughlin
- Michaela Amaka Okosi
- Erin Katlyn Parker***
- Abigail Marie Pedersen*
- Margaret Pey
- Davina J. Rankins
- Danyell Richardson
- Maria J. Stoentscheva***
- Emir Tuzic
- Christopher Kyle Vance* (RCH)
- Celeste Belen Vega Torres***
- Anastasia M. Whittington
- Tiana Maria Windon
- Stacia Ann Zion

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**Degree with Distinction**

- (RCH)–Research
- (SCH)–Scholarship
- (ART)–Creativity in the Arts

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**Latin Honors**

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

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**August Candidates**
- Alexandreia Elle Duggan*  
- Jennifer Lee Holt
- Kira N. Jones
- Lauren Ashley Komorowski*
- Emily Elizabeth Matthews
- Ayza Nyree Nave
- Ryan Smith
- Marquita Thames
- Samantha Anne Williams
- Amanda Nicole Willis
- Caitlyn M. Woritz

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**Bachelor of Science**

**Psychology**

**May Candidates**
- Ethan Glynn Ankenbrandt
- Katelynn Rennae Barnett*
- Sophia Marie Bell**
- Jasmine Marquita Bennett*
- Ashley Nicole Breygofle
- Shanna Latrice Cistrimp
- Kendra Monet Clark*** (RCH)
- Tina Clay-Downing
- Luke Michael Fagan
- Ashley Frese
- Paige N. Gerstacker*
- Emily Jessica Giamo*
- Allison Grossman
- Michelle Latrice Harris
- Taylor Daranda Howard
- Karle Inge
- D'Ajah Johnson
- Chelsea Jones
- Kayla Marie Kapraj*
- Anzal Khan
- Halie Leeann Krohe
- Andi Le
- Sarah M. Lyon*
- Jade LeeAnn McDaniel
- Jordan Christina Mertens*
- Olivia Anne Mikel**
- Takeya Oneisha Pinkard
- Andrew Eric Polk
- Tyler Marquis Priest*
- Taylor A. Rock***
- Josephine M. Rohrbacker
- Makayla M. Rumfelt**
- Denis Sabanovic
- Kori Sawyer**
- Paige Schmitting*
- Kassidy Lynn Schweiss
- Alyssa Danielle Specht***
- Megan T. Stuckenschneider
- Drew M. Sullivan
- Tyler C. Ward

**August Candidates**
- Rasha Raad Almefere
- Marysa Estelle Baker
- Kimberly E. Fox*
Madison Kempen  
Tsion Nigussie  
Mary Alice Prouty*  

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Public Policy & Administration**  

**May Candidates**  
Kennedie Deutschmann**  
Susan Anne Jolley**  
Shea Rosemary Metzler  
Benjamin Moxley  
Cinnamon Cleo Mullins  
Abel Yajabi Niyayegma  
Jacob Wilson  

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Sociology**  

**May Candidate**  
Samimah Sabir  

**August Candidate**  
Alexandrea Elle Duggan*  

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Sociology**  

**May Candidates**  
Merima Bradaric  
Brooke Nicole Fuhrmann  
Samantha Christine Mills  
Trenton Evan Wheeler  

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**  
**Studio Art**  

**May Candidates**  
Destini Loistine Clark  
Arianna N. Craig***  
Catherine Elaine Crites**  
Faith D. Ferguson*  
Emma Grace Gouveau***  
Micaela Lynee Hash-Boyer***  
Kaley Maxine Humphrey  
Madeline Danielle Kemp  
Paige Marie Lansford  
Nickolas Scott Magelitz  
Anel Mehmedovic**  
Concepcion Morales  
Tanner Scott Moritz  
Miranda Jo Murray  
Marlena Danielle Neal  
Dzana Parla  
Cara Peterson*  
Landon Ling Ruan  
Luna Noelle Schneirla**  
Zachary Andrew Scholl  
Elyse Marie Seibel  
Dylan T. Stevens  
Rebekah Ann Walker**  
Danielle Nicole Wegmann  
Andrea Lauren Werner*  
Christopher J. Young  

Degree with Distinction  
**(BCH)—Research**  
**(SCH)—Scholarship**  
**(ART)—Creativity in the Arts**  

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**** summa cum laude  
** magna cum laude  
* cum laude
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

College of Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Education

May Candidates

Jessica Ann Bitting
Not Just Another Professional Development Session: Implementing Effective Social Justice Aligned Professional Learning for Educators
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Svetlana Nikic
Ready to Engage? Urban Middle School Teachers’ Responsiveness to Targeted Engagement Intervention on Their Virtual Instructional Practices: An Action Research Study
Advisor: Alina Slapac, PhD

Michelle Dawn Roberts
Moth to a Flame: An Investigation of Women Who Have Survived Adult Relationships with Men with Pathological Narcissism
Advisor: Susan Kashubeck-West, PhD

Abigail Marie Schulte
COVID-19’s Pivot to Online Education and BSN Graduates’ Readiness to Practice
Advisor: Keith Miller, PhD

Joshua Matthew Flores
Teacher Retention and Attrition in Missouri: Who Should Solve the Problem? A Three-tiered Analysis of Teacher Retention and Attrition in Missouri
Advisor: James Shuls, PhD

Joslyn Nicole Richardson
At the Top of the Chart: A Composite Counterstory of Black Students’ Mathematical Success
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Allen Leslie Savage Sr.
A Mixed Methods Study: The Effects of Mobile Devices & Maker Projects on the Knowledge Base & Interest of African American Middle Schoolers in STEM
Advisor: Keith Miller, PhD

Dawna Sturdivant Wharton
Systems of Success: African-American Women Prepared
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Education (Co-Authored)

May Candidates

Abena Bondzie Boateng
Ida Beatrice Haddox-Casey
Jamie Chamness Klupe
Julie Christine Moorman
Angeline Williams-Jackson

An Education System Built on the Pillars of White Supremacy and Anti-Blackness: A Collection of Autoethnographic Studies Depicting How Black Kids Never Had a Chance
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Andrew L. Cowell
Daniel Patrick Glossenger

Equity and Ability Grouping: A Study of Whole-School Practices and Reflections on Vocal Music Education
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD
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College of Business Administration

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean’s Address
Joan Phillips, dean, College of Business Administration

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik
Dean Phillips

Pierre Laclede Honors College Recognition
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Graduates

Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs

Kevin Travis Reilly, graduate student marshal, College of Business Administration

Jonathon Lee Stone, undergraduate student marshal, College of Business Administration

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Doctor of Philosophy
Business Administration

May Candidates
Juan Zhang
Economic and Environmental Impacts of Drone Delivery
Advisor: James Campbell, PhD

Doctor of Business Administration

May Candidates
Christine Jeannette Holt
A Qualitative Study on Grooming Talent for Higher Education
Advisor: Keith Womer, PhD

Kei Y. Pang
Value Creation by Private Equity Firms: A Resource-based View
Advisor: Bindu Arya, PhD

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GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Accounting

Accounting

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Master of Business Administration

Business Administration

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**Latin Honors**

- *** summa cum laude
- ** magna cum laude
- * cum laude
Ceremony III - Saturday, May 15, 1 p.m.

August Candidates
Kenneth Ade
Jenna Elyse Allen
Brian Brinker*
Madison Nicole Clipp*
Michael Ray Cohea
Santiago Matco De Luca
Chris James Douglas
Wyatt James Eagen
Emma Nicole Entner*
Maurice Raynell Evans Jr.
Nicole Faulkerson
Mackenzie Mae Fry
Grace E. Gresick
Harrison Boland Heitert
Jordan Marquel Henderson
Taylor M. Hensley
Courtney Christine Hercules
Masoud Andre Hesabian
Yvette Evelyn Johnson
Brian Paul Jones
Grace Maria Kohlberg
Kristopher Thomas Krahl
Jennifer Alison Krebs
Angelique Gabriella Mellas
Zachary Taylor Morris
Kyle Mueller
Collin Austin Orlando
Chandler Antonia Peebles
Vincenzo Joseph Pizzo
Ryan Christopher Pratte
Jacob Andrew Ring
Endi Rizvic
Patrick Schappert*
Armin Sehovic
Orson Henry Senior
Nicole S. Sinclair
Jordan C. Smith
Avery Jean Junior Theolus*
Marilyn Thompson
Winifred Jean Junior Theolus*
Darnell Devon Thurmond
Luke Edward Wolfram
Logan Mark Yates
Rachel Zipfel

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

Information Systems & Technology

May Candidates
Ibrahim Abu Tuqayqah
Khalid Hameed Aljehani
Joseph A. Bequette
Marissa Paige Bradley*
Shreya Chand
Alicia Renee Claunch
Sumin Dahal
Mourtada Diop
Nicholas R. Doerr
Luke W. Dunakey**
Harun Harcevic
Anna Marie Herrera
Keith Anthony Huels*
Kha Bao Huynh
Darrell H. Johnson
Amer Kovacevic
Luke A. Ledermann**
Timothy James Meador*
Amanda Ruddy Menga Iloki
Jesus Najera
Mani Kiran Palle
Sean Paul**
Wendall D. Post Jr.
Sydney T. Roberson
Richard Tang*
Nicholas Evon Tedesco
Armin Topalovic
Karey Vongcharunexay
Christopher David Walther
Stephanie Webber
Spencer Aaron Youngblood

August Candidates
Dylan Edward Burke
Brendan Patrick Jones

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Ceremony IV - Saturday, May 15, 2 p.m.

College of Optometry

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean’s Address
Larry Davis, dean, College of Optometry

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik

Dean Davis

Presentation of Graduates

Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs

Madison Moss, Class of 2020 student marshal, College of Optometry

Katelyn Marie Flood, Class of 2021 student marshal, College of Optometry

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degrees

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Optometry

May 2020 Graduates
Amanda Adkisson
Seth Benjamin Anderson
Luke Joseph Armstrong
David Edward Baldwin
Jessica Lee Barraza
Ellen Kay Braley
Jessica Lynn Broodryk
Natasha Chang
Christopher D’Apolito
Sydni Kaye Davis Farhat
Kelly Deering
Elizabeth Ditch
George Joseph Dowdy
Patrick Fiddler
Fei Fu
Quinn Gallen
Justin Groennert
Jacqueline Rose Hinderks
Olivia Rae Hoylman
Joseph Foster Jahner
Stevi Nicole James
Alexander Remington Kane
Justin Michael Kendall
Jane Mary Lakayil
Krystal Rae Matson
Matthew Kyle McCoy
Alexandra Noelle Mehas
Caroline Mendus
Madison Moss
William Patrick Murphy
Adnielle Nimeh
Katelyn Rene Peterson
Erik Michael Peyton
Maggie Ellen Pohrmeier
Nicholas Portell
Saida Samedova
Abigail Lorraine Smith
Trisha Marie Smith
Lacie Catherine Spagnola
Heather Elizabeth Stern
Maria Tantsits
Kailey Nicole Utley
Arc Joseph Waltz
Lauren Ward
Rebecca Lee Weinberger
Genare Wofter

May 2021 Candidates
Salmedina Alic
Meagan Alexandra Anderson
Annie Kathleen Avilez
Alex Baker
Cassie Beard
Paige E. Benten
Jennifer Lynn Bergie
Elizabeth Christine Budde
Sarah Elizabeth Busse
Kyle Bradley Carnahan
Bradley Dale Cary
Lindsay Catherine Clark
Calvin William Daack
Lauren Elizabeth Dermody
Tyrone Adolphus Diggs
Emily Medley Ebelhar
Logan Alexander England
Marisa A. Fehlhafer
Lizabath Marquart
Fenstermaker
Katelyn Marie Flood

Olivia Katherine Gada
Kylee Elizabeth Goddard
Connor Benjamin Haugen
Carli Jo Hays
Steven David Henderson
Nicholas Alan Holtzman
Zeinab Mohammad Houjaj
Molly Grace Huck
Erin N. Huie
Holly Magre
Matthew James Martinez
Erin Danae Mayfield
Scott Andrew Mogavero
Jacob Bradley Moore
Emily Irene Nelsen
Sarah Renee Noble
Jeffery Martin Pace
Jonah Michael Pfeiffer
Leah Plescia
Joseph B. Roth
Leslie Kaylin Sides
Porter Todd Swartz
Janessa Dalton Visin
Jordan D. Webb
Jessica Lynn Weis
Stephen Matthew Wells
Taylor Matthew Wolkart
Ceremony V - Saturday, May 15, 3 p.m.

College of Nursing

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean’s Address
Roxanne Vandermause, interim dean, College of Nursing

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik
Dean Vandermause

Pierre Laclede Honors College Recognition
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Graduates
Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs

Rachael Ann Beard, graduate student marshal, College of Nursing

Emma Elizabeth Melton, undergraduate student marshal, College of Nursing

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Doctor of Philosophy
Nursing
May Candidate
Rachael Ann Beard
A Descriptive Study of Health-Related Risks and Outcomes Differences by Loneliness Status in a Sample of Older Veterans
Advisor: Anne Fish, PhD

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Master of Science in Nursing
Nursing
May Candidate
Alexander Christian Fox

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Nursing
May Candidates
Kara Ann Anderson
Pamela P. Bantle
Koltin Mikael Barczewski

Jansen Patrice Blackmon
Maraya Lianna Boman
Carole Bounds-Best
Ryan Nichole Carroll
Tanisha Lari Chambers
Margarita Hepperman Chiota
Elizabeth A. Clark*
Jenna Lynn Claspell
Shyanne Carline Closser
Fernand Costelo
Patrick Ryan Crouch
Terry C. Davis
Abbi Mae Dillingham**
Kaitlyn Nicole Dinino
Claire Elizabeth Dinwiddie
Aaria L. Dlamini
Devlin Downs
Kaitlyn Marie Doyle
Cortney A. Eckelkamp*
Kelly Elizabeth Etherton
Lauren Ashley Fischer
Katlyn Fisher
Alison Julia Fournie
Danielle E. Friz*
Bibiana Linda Garduno
Sia Musubeh Gbondo*
Brandon Gilliam
Johnita Ebony Gladney
Samantha Gockel
Holly Ann Goetten
Taylor Marie Gordon*

Trevia E. Gowins
Elizabeth A. Guidici
Taylor Lynn Hackney
Ciara Naomi Hampton
Gabrielle Hancher
Amber N. Hayes
Elizabeth C. Hemkens
Abriana R. Herndon
Brittany Nicole Hess
Madeline Paige Hlavaty
Nhi Huynh
Allyson Elizabeth Jennings
Nicolina Jozipovic
Ariel Kirkpatrick
Lauren R. Knake
Sydney Koltun*
Abigail Elizabeth Kottmeyer
Rebekah Hays Kottmeyer
Ogechi Jennyfer Mbah*
Alyssa Noelle McKeen**
Tanya E. McClaughlin*
Caleigh Ann McVey
Emma E. Melton**
Sunshine Lynn Miles
Amy Mizerney
Jessica E. Mrzlak*
Katelyn Ann Mundt
Bana Ogbe
Meley Ogbe
Lutopu Phiri**
Sara Teagan Ping
Brianna M. Prater
Olivia Jean Presson
Adam Michael Quigley
Imani Jae Lee Reid
Erin Elizabeth Reidel
Elizabeth Rivas
Krystin T. Robinson
Jessica Marie Rolen
Sara E. Rooney**
Shannon Marie Rooney
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Carter Frederick Roustio**
Hannah E. Scaggs
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Christion Todd Simmons*
Hunter Renea Stroup
Rachael Elizabeth Strzembosz
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Tracy Tran
Cassandra N. Villard
Carly Malia Wagner*
Joyce Wangare Wangai**
Meghan Lynne Ward
Bianna Eileen Waters
Alison Rose Wegner
Abby Lea Weskopf
Maria J. Williams
Breanna D. Wilson*
Bryana S. Young

** August Candidates **

Jennifer Ann Aitken*
Imani Zhane Allen
Elise Palmer Grace Anderson
Lisa Voss Berens***
Jessica Ann Bess
Miriam Blevins
Angelo Bongiorno
Mydah A. Choudhry
Sheila K. Donnelly***
Stephanie Lynn Faulkingham*
Dianna Catherine Fazio
Brittney Joy Finklang
Sadie E. Flota
Jacqulyn Michelle Green
Brooke Marie Hagen
Logan Nicole Heacock*
Lucia M. Herleth*
Gabriela Renee Hinner*
Chloe Hromockjy
Emily Joan Jackson*
Emma Lauren Jones
Jordan Jones*
Samantha Rose Lang*
Madeline Limbaugh*
Adisson Miles
Chelsea Danielle Morrow
Alina P. Povarich*
Janet Ann Quade
Cheryl M. Reber
Scott Richard Reed
Samantha Emilie Sauer**
Steven Michael Sluhan
Annika Miriam Vasser*
Kelly Marie Weingartz*

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Ceremony VI - Saturday, May 15, 5 p.m.

UMSL/Washington University
Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean’s Address
Joseph O’Sullivan, dean, UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik
Dean O’Sullivan

Presentation of Graduates
Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs
Kelly Anne Sextro, undergraduate student marshal, UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOINT UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering

May Candidates
Erica Michelle Baker
Halen Berthold
Jeremy Davidson
Austin J. Davis*
Gabriel Jimenez
Jean Richard Loubao Kraka
Basheir Langi
Sarah A. Lowe
Daniel Thomas Ryerson
Kelly A. Sextro
Basil Omar Shehadeh
Nik Suljak
Stephen R. Talbert*
Nour Eddin Adham Tanoura
Jeseyen B. Vadnais
Jasmine Wiggley
Timothy Yanko

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Electrical Engineering

May Candidates
Ahmad Mahmud Abdelqader
Curtis Michael Binkley
Qusai Elnimri
Aaron Zachary Franklin*
Jesse L. Kaiser**
Redon Kalemaj*
Elijah Korneffel
Matthew Joseph LaGrotta**
Adam Dean Linders**
Ryan McGraw*
Jehad Mohammed Megdad
Paul Nator
Lindsey Peter*
Jacob Nicholas Theusch
Joshua M. Walker*
James Matthew Wallis
Christopher Gregory Warmbrodt
Thomas P. Weber

August Candidates
Mervin D. Collins
Matthew J. Dorsey

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

May Candidates
David McFarland
Brandon Peterson
Jake Renfro
Noah Martin Williams

August Candidates
Brian Bakula
Chelsea Olivia Borders
Matthew Lawrence Brady
Joshua T. Carr
Diana Lee Ann Engelhardt
Lucas J. Falter
Chad Gorski
Kristen M. Grace
Charles Sailor Hooks
Jalen A. James-Patterson
Mouhamadou Bamba Kane
Coleman Kaufman
Gregory Herbert Kersulis
Peter M. Kersulis
Lucas D. Mennemeier
Naseem A. Sani
Austin Jacob Cecil Talir
Supapan Thammanok
Jason Zobrist
Ceremony VII - Saturday, May 15, 5 p.m.

School of Social Work

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

National Anthem
Led by Alayna Epps, undergraduate candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Dean’s Address
Sharon Johnson, dean, School of Social Work

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik
Dean Johnson

Pierre Laclede Honors College Recognition
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Graduates
Introduction by Marie Mora, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs

JoAnna Alexzandria Watts, graduate student marshal, School of Social Work

Diane Cheyenne McCray, undergraduate student marshal, School of Social Work

Alma Mater: “Heart of Missouri”
Led by Alayna Epps, and accompanied by pianist Gail Hintz

Conclusion of Ceremony
Chancellor Sobolik

Candidates for Master’s Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Master of Social Work

May Candidates
Samantha Danielle Alexander
Allison Mary Anth
Maura Baker
LaShonna Barrow
Jelena Basara Tomasevic
Lauren T. Carmack
Jenee N. Chisholm
Kaylie Marie Cunningham
Emily Ellen Freeman
Jordan Hill
Casey Nicole Kohler
Emily Anne Kelly Rater
Jenae T. Carmack
Kaylie Marie Stratmann
Katherine Wisniewski

August Candidates
Alexandra Kayser
Tamara Elaine McNeil
Rasima Muhanovic
Taylor R. Newton
Bailey Kathleen Pfister

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Bachelor of Social Work

May Candidates
Grace Ellen Abaffie
Taylor Nicole Booker
Byron H. Edmond
Caitlynn Elizabeth Fauss
Jessi Fletcher

Jasmine Elizabeth Garza-Quintero
LaMonte M. Hamilton II
Lauren Renee Hamp
Chaelia Chamel Jones
Janaya M. Jones
Aleah Monique Kennedy
Gina Laxton
Alyssa C. Lynch
Sarah M. Lyon
Diane Cheyenne McCray
Sarah Marie McRath
Brittany Sage Moseley
Sapphire S. Munoz
Brittney Marcella Parker
Sarah Nicole Rodden
Rebecca Lauren Sosa
Kayla Marie Stratmann
Katherine Wisniewski

August Candidates
Kylie Lynn Barnes
MaKenzie Denae Borchers
Alexis Bradley
Charlie Eric Gentry III
Brittany Ann Gould
Taylor Marie Hartruck
Hakema Clara Hendrickson
Jessica L. Howard
Ryan Edward Humphres
Adeline Sengiyuva Ibrahim

Arielle Lynora Johnson-Wynn
Dannetta Christeeena Jones
Stephen Gerard Jung
Brittany Nicole Knox
Joselyn M. Morgan
Chloe M. Overstreet
Emma Rose Petrofsky
Deborah Marie Smith
Scout Ripley Swain
Sky-Lar Beth Katherine Tate
Kayla Michelle Webb

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
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.

**May Candidates**

Marissa Michelle Antrainer
Abby Marie Baalman**
Lily Gale Ballard
Jacob R. Bartholome*
Madison Alicia Beirne*
Sophia Marie Bell**
Joseph A. Bequette
Kalen De'Shawn Boykin
Hunter J. Campbell***
Shyanne Carline Closser
Austin Jacob Davis*
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Molly Hannah Engel*
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Alexander Haden Galindo
Taylor Marie Gordon*
Lindsey Maria Grossheim
Kathryn Noelle Grothen***
Elizabeth Ann Guidici
Amna Aisha Habib
Mara N. Hamilton*

Gabrielle Nichole Hancher
Ellie Joan Hogrebe***
Abbegail R. Holdinghausen*
Lauren Grace Huebner**
Adrienne Marie Johnson
Devon Jacob Kerckhoff
Sydney Kolthun*
Carlie D. Kudary**
Elijah J. Lee
Sophia Andreevna Loban
Sarah Marie Lyon*
Sharon Larue Madison
Miguel Maisterra*
Samantha Ann Mcklin
Caleigh Ann McVey
Miriam Mead*
Faye Elizabeth Meissner
Julian August Meyerstrom
Gabrielle Nickel**
Tyler Steven Obermark***
Michaela Amaka Okosi
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Carter Frederick Roustio**
Hannah L. Rudsinski**
Tiffanie Blythe Schultz*
Jordan N. Sedberry*
Ibrahim I. Shabazz*
Noah Glen Sprick
Maria J. Stoentcheva***
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Megan T. Stuckenschneider
Stephen R. Talbert*
Ella Grace Taylor
Erikah Maxine Taylor-Allen
Sarah S. Teemul
Kylee McKennaTenny
Rachel R. V. Thompson
Steven D. Tyler*
Christopher Kyle Vance*
Abby Weiskopf
Harper Frances Wieldt*
Breanna D. Wilson*
Maxwell R. Wootten***

**August Candidates**

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Andrea Michelle Cain*
Tori Dominique Foster**
Olivia Rae Fuller*
Stephen Gerard Jung**
Rachel A. Mennemeier*
Kristina Marie Pratt**
Mia Jun Rintoul***
Rachel Zipfel

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Latin Honors

*** summa cum laude

** magna cum laude

* cum laude
## Graduate Certificates

### Accounting Data Security
- **May Candidate**
  - Yibei Wang
- **August Candidate**
  - Jori M. Dermer

### Applied Behavior Analysis
- **May Candidates**
  - Emma Creamer
  - Chandis Janine Stokes
  - Gabrielle Kathleen Stones
  - Jacqueline Lynette Toweson
  - Rebecca Whitworth

### Artificial Intelligence
- **May Candidate**
  - Jeffrey Neal Kilgore

### Business Administration
- **May Candidate**
  - Roland Wayman Garner Jr.

### Business Intelligence
- **May Candidates**
  - Anthony Kwasi Ackah-Nyanzu
  - Sunayana Parjatham Babudas
  - Johnathan Conrad Burnworth
  - Olga Vladislavna Gavriloava
  - Javia Alexandra Gilliam
  - Oscar A Gordillo
  - Shilpa Kshetri
  - Xiaohui Liu
  - Lauren Lowenthal
  - Dinesh Reddy Nagavelly
  - Chen Ouyang
  - Edwin Sinanagic
  - Emily Elizabeth Storey
  - Bafra Tawfiq

### Corporate Financial Reporting
- **May Candidate**
  - Yuli Cai

### Cybersecurity
- **May Candidates**
  - Ravleen Chhatwal
  - Natalie Marie Fisher
  - Sibgha Mirza
  - Peter Carmine Romano

### Data Science
- **May Candidates**
  - Fiyanshu Arora
  - James Michael Lea

### Digital and Social Media Marketing
- **May Candidates**
  - Samuel Jay Choe
  - Katelyn Jewel Gierer
  - Allie Sue Helfrich
  - Kevin Travis Reilly
  - Mona Sabau
  - Makenzie Erin Torres

### Elementary and Special Education Teaching
- **May Candidates**
  - Brandon Jonas
  - Mallory Schmidt

### Information Systems and Technology
- **May Candidates**
  - Olga Vladislavna Gavriloava
  - Shilpa Kshetri
  - Dinesh Reddy Nagavelly
  - Bafra Tawfiq

### Local Government Management
- **May Candidates**
  - Colin Matthew Kinkade
  - David Charles Weidler

### Mobile Apps and Computing
- **May Candidate**
  - Duncan Arthur Werner

### Museums, Heritage and Public History
- **May Candidates**
  - Elizabeth Allison
  - Lindsay Davis
  - Kathryn Lade
  - Delaney Schurer
  - Alyssa Vargas-Lopez

### Nonprofit Organizational Management & Leadership
- **May Candidates**
  - LaShonna Barrow
  - Susan Anne Jolley
  - Jeremy Fabian Jones
  - Anna B. Meyer
  - JoAnna Alexzandria Watts

### Policy and Program Evaluation
- **May Candidates**
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### Data Science
- **August Candidates**
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  - James Michael Lea

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  - Katelyn Jewel Gierer

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### Information Systems and Technology
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### Local Government Management
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  - David Charles Weidler

### Mobile Apps and Computing
- **August Candidates**
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### Museums, Heritage and Public History
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  - Elizabeth Allison
  - Lindsay Davis

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Dreaming dreams about tomorrow, as I’ve learned today.

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