University of Missouri–St. Louis

2023 Spring Commencement

Friday, May 12
2 p.m.          College of Optometry

Saturday, May 13
9 a.m.          College of Arts and Sciences I:
                  Arts
                  Humanities
                  Mathematics
                  Sciences

2 p.m.          College of Arts and Sciences II:
                  Interdisciplinary Studies
                  Liberal Studies
                  Social Sciences

7 p.m.          College of Nursing
                  UMSL/Washington University
                  Joint Engineering Program
                  School of Social Work

Sunday, May 14
1 p.m.          College of Education
                  Succeed Certificate Program

6 p.m.          College of Business Administration

UMSL
Dear UMSL Class of 2023,

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 and your families. Please know that everything you’ve overcome, worked for, and through 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 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 help others do the same along the way. Best wishes and sincere congratulations, Tritons!

Kristin Sobolik, PhD
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 a premier 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 350 acres of rolling hills in suburban St. Louis County and enrolls more than 15,000 students. While UMSL’s more than 110,000 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 80,000 alumni live, work, and thrive in the region.

UMSL is a Tier 1 research university – one of four in Missouri – and ranks No. 107 nationally among all public universities. U.S. News & World Report ranks UMSL No. 1 in Missouri and No. 75 nationally as a “Top Performer on Social Mobility” which highlights how well universities graduate students who receive federal Pell Grants.

The university is also a six-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.’

As we approach our 60th anniversary, like you, we know that 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. You are a part of this legacy now and forever – and we know and trust that you will make us proud as you move forward along your individual journeys.

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 eight 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.
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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 history and context of attire, recordings, speeches, traditions and more.
Dr. Jennifer Coyle became the 18th president in Pacific University’s 173-year history in July of 2022. She is the first alumna to lead Pacific as president.

Dr. Coyle earned her bachelor of vision science in 1990, doctor of optometry in 1993, and master of science in vision science in 2000, all from Pacific. She also completed a residency in contact lenses in 1993-1994 at Pacific and taught in the College of Optometry starting in 1994. She served as associate dean from 2006 to 2008 and as dean for 12 years, from 2008 to 2019.

During her leadership of the Pacific University College of Optometry, she was instrumental in creating the Interprofessional Diabetes Clinic—a partnership between the colleges of Optometry and Health Professions—as well as establishing the PhD program in vision science and partnerships in China to expand the profession. She also was intimately involved in university-wide strategic planning, accreditation, new program development, fundraising and alumni relations.

Prior to her current role she served as the Dean of the Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University from 2019-2022.

She is a contributing editor for Primary Care Optometry News, a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry and a Diplomate in the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses.

Dr. Coyle is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry, was named one of Vision Monday’s 50 Most Influential Women in Optical in 2006, received the 2010 Clarence G. Carkner Oregon Optometrist of the Year award and the Women in Optometry Theia Award for Excellence in Education in 2018.

In 2009 she was inducted into the National Academies of Practice. Dr. Coyle was elected the first woman President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) for two terms (2013-2015), and served as a past member on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry.

As a first-generation college student, she has a deep understanding of Pacific’s core student demographic—and she also has experienced Pacific as a Boxer parent, with children completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

As an alumna, parent, employee and friend of the university for the past 30 years, Dr. Coyle brings a unique perspective to Pacific’s top office.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Doctor of Optometry

May Candidates
David Timothy Anderson
Jacquelyn Ann Bongard
Lauren Mackenzie Bozsa
Samantha Sue Butcher
Joshua Daniel Carli
Aaron Chieh Cheng
Lauren Dumey Muscat
Amanda Nicole Edmiston
Christopher James Eisenbeis
Shelby Nicole Griggs
Matthew John Hockett
Kelly Anne Hoffmann
Joel Robert Holmquist
Madison Leigh Howard
Megan Rae Ingalls
Tyler Thomas Keller
Jonathan Langevin Kingsley
Jonathan Michael Klunk
Clayton Krager
Abigail Kwapiszeski
Katie Lynn Kyles
Tiffany Lee
Michael Hall Markowitz
Mallory Brooke Mathis
Channell Nguyen
Grace Catherine Niemeier
Shreya Patel
Ethan Montgomery Powell
Daniel Rapp
River Remis
Heath Patrick Rolwing
Ramie Ramneet Sahota
Daniel Shehata
Karrissa Marie Siegel
Molly June Stacks
Cole Havard Stanton
Tyler Alexander Suther
Maria Tilson
Jacob Austin Travis
Hyrum Patrick Wahlquist
Joseph Caleb Warren
Gabriella Antionette Watson
Madison Sue White
Rylee Ziegler Riley
Ceremony II - Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences I:
Arts
Humanities
Mathematics
Sciences

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies
Lynn Staley, teaching professor, department of English

Aisle Marshals
Maureen Quigley, teaching professor and chair of the department of art & design
Laura Westhoff, professor and chair of the department of history

Faculty Marshal
Hiroko Yoshii, assistant teaching professor in the department of language and cultural studies

Student Marshals
Natalie Krauss, College of Arts and Sciences, outstanding student in English and history
Ashli Miller, Graduate School, outstanding student in English

Order of Procession
- Undergraduate candidates
- Master's candidates
- Doctoral candidates and faculty
- Platform party

National Anthem
Led by Mollie Garrett, Dasol Kim and Rebekah Anthonis, undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Address
Earl Swift, journalist and author
Introduction read by Francis Grady, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Chancellor Sobolik assisted by provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs Steven Berberich
Francis Grady, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors College

Presentation of Diploma Folders
Names read by Rod Milam, St. Louis Public Radio

Welcome of the New Alumni
Elle Bianchi, BS 2015

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

Commencement Speaker

Earl Swift
journalist and author

Earl Swift is the author of eight critically acclaimed books and hundreds of major features for newspapers and magazines. While chasing stories over his forty-year career, he has lived for fourteen months on a remote island, camped for weeks in the Laotian jungle, excavated a crashed World War II bomber in Papua New Guinea, made numerous tailhook landings on aircraft carriers, and waded alongside six-foot catfish in the sewers of St. Louis. He’s also through-hiked the Appalachian Trail, circumnavigated the Chesapeake Bay by sea kayak, and survived close encounters with bears, rattlesnakes, scorpions, stingrays, venomous centipedes, and Pentagon bureaucrats. He was a Fulbright fellow to New Zealand in 1994, and has been a Virginia Humanities fellow at the University of Virginia since 2012.

Mr. Swift began his writing life as a reporter for UMSL's student newspaper, The Current. He earned a Bachelors of Arts from University of Missouri–St. Louis in 1983. He lives in the Blue Ridge mountains west of Charlottesville, Virginia.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
May Candidates
Ana Patricia Mendoza
Disease Risk of Reintroducing Primates Confiscated from the Illegal Wildlife Trade
Advisor: Patricia Parker, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
May Candidates
Shika Grover
Probing Amyloid-b Protein Structure and Dynamics with a Selective Antibody
Advisor: Michael Nichols, PhD

May Candidates
Saroj Kafle
Synthesis and Evaluation of Biologically Active Phosphorous Heterocycles and Lipid A Antagonist Compounds
Advisor: Christopher Spilling, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematical and Computational Sciences
May Candidates
Nora Alosily
Loss Scaling and Step Size in Deep Learning Optimization
Advisor: Sanjiv Bhatia, PhD

May Candidates
Adam Wagcnknecht
Topological Data Analysis of Weight Spaces in Convolutional Neural Networks
Advisor: Adrian Clingher, PhD

Candidates for Master’s Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Master of Arts

May Candidates
Alexander Joseph Barnes
Erik Harshman
Lisa Hollins
Ashli Adrene Miller

May Candidates
Cassandra Savant
Julie Ann Sieber
Brian Weaver

History

May Candidates
Emily Ann Alberts
Daniel Robert Buck
Donald Levi Cullifer
Jenna Leigh Damore
Ahna Marie Matthews
Tonia O’Neal
Erika Alexandra Rose
Lauren Michelle Sauer
Madeleine Van Leunen
Madeline Alexandria Vincent

Mathematics

May Candidates
Adam Joseph Boehm
Zachary M. Brown
Ayse Erdogan
Simon James Langrehr

Philosophy

May Candidates
Logan D. Bohlinger
Henrique Cassol Leal
Katherine Miles

Master of Fine Arts
Creative Writing

May Candidates
Taylor Meyer
Lhea Owens
Owen Samuel Magee Smith
Mary Louise Zeidler

Master of Science

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates
Adam William Brazdle
Allison Cannady
Will Patrick Cavanagh
Jessica Conner
Prathyusha Devarapu
Nicholas Lee Dickman
Alexis Nicole Gonzalez
Katelyn Marie Hanners
Matthew Alan Jones
Jacques M. Kamaru
Cassandra Lynn Graham Moore
Michael Joseph Radtke
Kristen E. Stalder
Sonam Sunil Telawane
Malissa Ann Wolfgan

Biology

May Candidates
Janelle Carol Benson
Giulia de Gennaro
Elizabeth Helton

Chemistry

May Candidates
Catherine Stella Akeley
Mark Essler
Katelyn Nicole Peck
Neira Usto

Computer Science

May Candidates
Prathyusha Dora
Suma Endla
Shaney Flores
Adam G. Harris
Lalith Reddy Koripelly
Brian D. Lindemann
Ravali Manganti
Tyler S. Martin
Chandana Nerudi
Raju Suram
Himaja Talasai
Jianyu Wang

Physics

May Candidate
Joe Milliano

Biology

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Bachelor of Arts
Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies

May Candidate
India N. Brown

Bachelor of Science
Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates
Samantha M. Aarons**
Tyler Jacob Brakensiek
Allison Cannady
Chieh Chang*
Nicholas Lee Dickman
Katelyn Marie Hanners
Alex Taylor Larkin
Melinda A. Mantler**
Hannah Idalys Ordóñez Webb
Brandon Patrick
Jeremiah James Queen
Jesus Ramos
Essence B. Rowe
Kristen E. Stalder**

Bachelor of Arts
Chemistry

May Candidates
Dylan Brookshire**
Stevie Jet Shelton
Taejun Yoo

Degree with Distinction
(RCH)–Research
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Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Bachelor of Science

Chemistry

May Candidate
Kevin James Baum
Campion Mcree Smith***

Bachelor of Science

Computer Science

May Candidates
Vanessa Nicole Alexander
Kamron C. Battle
Ethan Jameson Beauchamp
Kyle Edward Bernhardt-Steed
Erosh Chinthaka Boralugodage
Brian Chen
John M. Citrowske*
Aiden H. Clark
Michael Justin Comer
Charles Sergio Cuny**
Isabella MingYu El-Hashem
Morgan Edward Elder
Eric Daniel Elsner
Brian Anthony Goodrich**
Muhammed Furkan Goren
Rebecca A. Hanessian
Adam G. Hamis***
Gabrielle Marion Hieken
Shawn M. Jezik
Avery Scott Johnson***
Samuel Kinsella
Theodore J. Laesch
Simon Kevin Lindo
Xihao Lu
Tyler S Martin**
Vijay Srinivasa Karthikeya
Muppalla
Theresa Y. Nguyen
Theo Komlavi Nsougan
Brandon L. Ohaver
Renee Patrick
Chatis Mahungan Desire
Santos
Omar Musa Shabazz
Preston Lane Smith
Harlan Sorkin
Hy Vuong
Spencer W. Weeks

August Candidates
Anthony Terell Blakley
Dylan Chandler Bozada
Trent Hollenkamp-Geragosian
Clint Ki
Samuel David Mock

Bachelor of Science

Computing Technology

May Candidates
Hunter R. Beauto
Keifer M. Dickherber
Amaya Carol Saunsacie
Alexander James Schlitter
Austin L. Stevenson
Justin Copelin Stroup

Bachelor of Science

Cybersecurity

May Candidates
Katelyn Bowers
Nolan Patrick Dyer*
Matthew Knibb

Bachelor of Science

Modern Language

May Candidates
Nicole Ashley Marie Caldwell**
Samuel W. Cook**
Linsey M. Estes
Cecilia A. Fischer
Emma Fore**
Maria Karyme Osuna
Sydney W. Stark**
Amanda Weakly*

Bachelor of Arts

Music

August Candidate
Desiree S. Jones

Bachelor of Music

August Candidate
Rebekah Grace Anthonis*** (SCH)
Dasol Kim

May Candidates
Mollie M. Garrett
Colby Allen Linebarger

Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy

May Candidates
Samir H. Benbakir*
Beauty Gloria Cooper
Zachary Isaac Miller
Peyton Pfanstiel

Bachelor of Science

Physics

May Candidates
Emily Marie Sigmund* (RCH)
Hannah M. Starcher
Jacob Anthony Wilson

Bachelor of Arts

Studio Art

May Candidates
Natali Colleen Adams***
Shelby R. Anglin**
Addison Marie Benge
Kayla Nicole Brown*
Sarah E. Butler
Erin Marie Delaplain*
Nicole Morgan DuFour

August Candidate
Joann Eastern*

Bachelor of Arts

History

May Candidates
Wolfgang Ayres***
Elijah Harold Braswell
Rachael L. Heriford (RCH)
Micah Hillier*** (RCH)
Dalton G. King
Natalie Krauss***
Adrian Anthony Lykam
Kaitlyn Michelle Mehrten*

August Candidates
Lisa Marie Kozieja
Emily Anne Mitchell
David Hunter Mize
Jacob Ryan Muehlenbrock
Sara Joan Ponder

Bachelor of Arts

Mathematics

May Candidate
Stevie Jet Shelton

Bachelor of Science

Mathematics

May Candidates
Talon R. Akes
Edmainede Augustin
Mark J. Granicke***
Shawanda Martin
Cory McKiel

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

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Commencement Speaker

GARY MORSE holds a PhD from the University of Missouri–St. Louis and has served in the mental health field for more than four decades. A major focus of his work has been to develop innovative mental health services for high-need, underserved groups (e.g., homeless individuals, people with serious mental illness and substance disorders), in addition to creating programs to reduce professional burnout and improve happiness.

Dr. Morse has also conducted a number of research studies, supported by more than $41 million in competitive grants, and published more than 75 professional articles and literary short stories. He has consulted and trained internationally, and founded and served as an executive in several community mental health organizations. He retired as Vice-President of Places for People in 2020.

Currently, Dr. Morse trains and writes in the areas of happiness, burnout prevention, mental health, spirituality, and cultural analysis. He is especially interested in the intersection of those topics and ways that individuals can find meaning and live with joy and compassion amid life’s uncertainties and challenges.
**ILENE NOVACK** graduated from University City High School in the spring of 1964 and enrolled at the University of Missouri–St. Louis for the fall semester. Her love for teaching drove her to pursue an education degree. She married her high school sweetheart Steve Novack during their senior year at UMSL and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1968. Ms. Novack taught fifth grade in St. Louis and the Chicago area for six years before starting a family. In addition to being a mother to four children, Ms. Novack has been a tireless leader in her local community as well as with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago since the mid-1970s. As part of her work with the Federation, she served on the Federation Board and was President and Campaign Vice-President of both the Young Women's Board and the Women's Board. During her tenures she received the coveted Chicago Young Leadership Award and was Chicago's recipient of the 2008 National Jewish Women's award for outstanding leadership in women's philanthropy. Her work with the Federation has had local, national and international impact. Ms. Novack sets a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism in the community and states, “I feel very strongly that everyone has an obligation to be an asset to one's community and to care for others less fortunate.”

**STEPHEN NOVACK** Having no real interest in high school academics, Mr. Steven Novack enrolled at the University of Missouri–St. Louis in the fall of 1964, with a mediocre scholastic record from University City High School. At UMSL, he was inspired by his political science professor to become serious about academics and his future. He learned about teamwork as a member of the basketball team, and about responsibility by serving on the Student Court. He married his high school sweetheart, Ilene Weinstein, during their senior year at UMSL and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1968. Following a year in active service with U.S. Army Reserves, he attended Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, where he was an editor of the Law Review, a member of the National Moot Court Team, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1972. At Novack and Macey LLP, the firm he cofounded in 1984, Mr. Novack created a culture where pro bono work and social responsibility were essential aspects of their legal practice. Over the years, the firm grew from three to more than 30 lawyers, becoming known as one of Chicago's premier business litigation firms and achieving considerable national recognition within the legal profession. Earlier this spring, after almost 40 years, Novack and Macey combined with Armstrong Teasdale LLP, a large national law firm headquartered in St. Louis. The Novack and Macey team started, and is heading up, the combined firm's Chicago office.

Mr. Novack served on the UMSL Chancellor’s Council from 2013–2018 and continues to follow UMSL basketball to this day.

Mr. Steve Novack and Ms. Ilene Novack participated in their 50th reunion at UMSL in 2018. They are members of UMSL Chancellor’s Circle and actively promote alumni engagement. Their lives of service to others exemplify the university's core values of trust, inclusion, access, engagement, and success.
Candidates for
Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS
AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology & Criminal Justice

May Candidates
Claire Greene
“Cameras Don’t Kill People”: Community-based Organizations and the Expansion of Camera Systems in St. Louis, Missouri
Advisor: Lee Slocum, PhD

Andrea Giuffre
Perceptions of and Approaches to Social Support Exchange While on Probation and Parole
Advisor: Beth Huebner, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

May Candidate
Leesa Rasp
Student Movements, Politics, and Policy in Chile, 2001 – 2012
Advisor: David Kimball, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

May Candidates
Christina Elizabeth Garasky
Do Alloxyphily and Motivation Influence Women’s Cognitive Functioning and Self-Regulation After Witnessing Sexism?
Advisor: Sandra Langeslag, PhD

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF ARTS
AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Actuarial Science

May Candidate
Travis C. Blom

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology

May Candidates
Angelena Blake
Kayla M. Bowling
Shane Andrew Devine
Benjamin Allen Ebert*
Jessica Lynn Emert
Elijah Luke Feikert*
Michael Pennock**
Hayden W. Steingruby***

August Candidate
Amy G. Stahl

Bachelor of Arts

Communication

May Candidates
Adebosinuola S. Bada
Naomi Rose Dayoub
Emma Marie Deane
Brianna Janine Dooley
Rebekah Leigh Fischer
Katie George**
Kenna L. Gottschalk
Kaitlyn Heilig*
Kyle A. Hooks
Dane Erick Iwata
Lucas Michael Jones
Kaylie Ann Keck
Austin William Knebel*
Bridget Anne Krejci
Ryan Alexander Massey
Molly L. Rapp
Lauren Marie Reagan
Josie Santel**
Nikki Marie Sharp
Samantha Slupski
Gabriel Owen Smith
Angela Denise Williams
Donell LaJuan Young

August Candidates
Heidi Lynn Allard
Hailey Marie Barnes
Michael Patrick Dorsey
Ben A. Fisher
Violet Virtue Laski**
Olivia Rose Pena
Megan Weaver

Bachelor of Science

Criminology & Criminal Justice

May Candidates
Kris J. Anglemeyer
Natalie K. Arthur*
Diamond Lashay Cannady
Ricki Chantia Rene Chatman
Paige Annastashia Crocker
Benjamin Allen Ebert*
Alexander J. Edgar
Amber Joy Essary***
Tiaja J. Fairlee
Andrew Daniel Galantowicz*
Andrew Joseph Gerwel
Hannah E. Hook
Brazil Z. Jenkins
Danielle Sarah Jones*
Jessica Dian Kinzey
Avary Marie Koch*
Brian N. Le*
Mobin Malik
Jeremiah Malone**
Ramiah Marniece Mcjames

August Candidates
Heather Maud Jasso
Ashlee Nicole Sprock
Robert Alan Hall
Geraldine Germain
Jacobi Collins
Geraldine Germain
Robert Alan Hall
Ashlee Nicole Sprock

Ceremony III - Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.

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Latin Honors

*** summa cum laude

** magna cum laude

* cum laude
Erinn Harmon
Elio Hollenbeck
Josh Paul English
Kathleen Kirby Lee Johnson
Catherine Anne Kleiss
Shania Keariah Liburd
Catherine Mezzenga
Arthur Kenny Monigan
Caleb Nicholas Retzer
Katherine Pearl Schmitt
Kirk Richard Siebert
Christene Hyun Cho Sinasky
Emma Danielle Smith
Bethany Christine Soler
Joseph Daniel Spiess
Sophia Rose Tempel*
Charlotte Ivory Thissen*
Tanner James Vogel
Chimere Enjoli Walker

August Candidates
Sunita Elizabeth Brown
Olabode Oludare Fatoki
Bailey Rae Fulton
Hannah Stefania Harty
Nico Loren Jones
Ronald Harold Nicholl
Robert A. Wildhaber

Bachelor of Science
Media Studies

May Candidate
Matthew Gerard McCormack

Bachelor of Arts
Organizational Leadership

May Candidates
Samantha Joyce Dilbeck
Michele Marie Hillery**
Kathy Linette Hughes
Mark Andrew Lacey*
Jacob M. Sullivan

August Candidates
Rebecca Agnes Essary*
Jacqueline Frey
Spencer William Mikelson
Cameron Zyung

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

May Candidates
Alexa Elise Anderson*
Weston Julian Arnold
Zachary A. Cawvey
Joshua C. Conley*
Tori Gill*
Caroline Ruth Goldsby
Ashhton Marie Hartman
Katelyn May Montanaro
Dea Patel
Peyton Pfanstiel
Summer R. Pratt
Tatis Shelton
Season Walker**

August Candidates
Malik Naser Badwan
Jaleesa Shakira Latimore

Bachelor of Arts
Psychological Sciences

May Candidates
Samantha Amezcua
Anna Anic
Jacob Morgan Bain
Erin Ashley Bess
Katherine G. Bishop**
Shaun Conway
Caroline Cox
Taylor C. Elmore
Binyamin Yeshaya Fredman*
Kellee Shawn German
Julia Gorska
Hasmin Hakobyan***
Tara Hall
Rhianna Nicole Hetikamp
Kylene Nicole Herrell
Hannah Marie Hiduk***
Sayde M. Hindeland
Brazil Z. Jenkins
Mindly Elsheva Kent*
Paul King
Lisa Knight
Haley Alyssa Lawson
Jahe Lewis*
Kelsie Reniece Macon-Carson
Jayla Re'Cole McDonald*
Craig Dillon McGee
Rachel Anne Miller
Da'Jah Mosley*
Seija Music
Eleanor Elizabeth Panicola**
Jacob Douglas Salser** (RCH)
Isabel N. Schnittker***
Kyle A. Thorwardson** (RCH)
Allison Louise Token
Ailyn T. Tran
Ciara Nicole Trimble
Shereen D. Tyarks
Dakota Warren
Melanie A Winkler*
Abigail Woods
Jasmine Wooten

August Candidates
Devin Blake Arciszewski
Nichele Dorja Bates
Courtney Elizabeth Dick
Aija Hallilovic
Kyra Hassel
Veronica Rene Mosby
Natalie Rose Sobeck

Bachelor of Science
Psychological Sciences

May Candidates
Andrea Nicole Aarons**
Ronald Joseph Aprea
Natalie K. Arthur*
Connor Joseph Belko*
Elizabeth J. Bitner
Kenneth Tyler Blind
Lynsi Brasken
Madison Elizabeth Busken
Brianna Lynn Butler
Jasmine Calsadillas
Makalah G. Coleman-Viser
Amy Diaz
Irena Galijasevic
Kaleb Joseph Hanion
Antonio Hart
Amy P. Kenny** (RCH)
Dana Lynn Kerns
Rachel Korzeniewski
Lyndsay Michelle Lamey
Amber C. Leighton
Samuel Andrew McDonough
Mabel Irene MacAdam Miller*
Britney T. Nguyen
Mokaylee L. Reavis
Payton Denise Reeves
Aurora Marie Rojo** (RCH)
Brandon A. Scott
Kristen Elizabeth Sheahan
Jacob Joseph Sronce
Nathan D. Todisman
Sean Jeffery Walsh

August Candidates
Maria Bolf-Varela
Chris Cross
Emily Shields
Addison Claire Witte*

Bachelor of Science
Public Policy & Administration

May Candidates
Drew Connor Ryherd***

Bachelor of Arts
Sociology

May Candidate
Christina Diep**

August Candidate
Cheryl Renee Green
Carli Kathleen Rohlfing
Roland Ray Sneed

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

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
CHERYL D.S. WALKER is an attorney with more than 25 years of commercial practice, real estate, construction, and financial services experience. In addition to Ms. Walker’s legal practice, she is an active and avid community volunteer providing time, talent, and expertise to an extensive list of organizations, including the Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being, Regional Health Commission and the St Louis Poet Laureate Selection Committee – to name just a few. She is a former member and chair of the Missouri Ethics Commission, and a former member and chair of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Ms. Walker has been honored with numerous awards including the St. Louis Business Journal’s Most Influential Women (2017), National Society of Black Engineers’ Excellence in the Legal Profession (2012), and the YWCA Metro St. Louis’ Women Leaders Award (2008).

She earned her juris doctorate from Washington University in Saint Louis and a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Missouri University of Science & Technology.

Ms. Walker is motivated by the spirit of Kuumba “to do always as much as she can, in the way she can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than she inherited it,” which she demonstrates through law, community, poetry and her love for family and friends. Whether serving in leadership roles in arts, economic empowerment, ethics, or health and well-being, Cheryl does so cherishing the fact that she stands on the shoulders of all who came before her, and those who struggled so that she could be, always lifting her parents, Lloyd and Paula Smith.
Candidates for
Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

May Candidates
Christina Castellano
The Motherhood Crusade: Rural Low-Income Mothers, Support, and Empowerment
Advisor: Julie Bertram, PhD

Doctor of Nursing Practice

May Candidates
Daila Franklin
Effects of Resilience Coaching on Behavioral Health Nurse Burnout
Advisor: Anne Thatcher, DNP

Camille Williams
Effectiveness of Follow up Phone Calls on Postpartum Women After Discharge: A Program Evaluation
Advisor: Alicia Hutchings, PhD

Candidates for
Master’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

May Candidates
Vonda K. Abusada
Binaya Adhikari
Elmira M. Aladinova
Amani Da’e’sha Alexander
Rebekah Grace Arora
Haley Rose Asher
Angela Baniak
Leah M. Batton
Alexandria Nicole Becker
Laila Ariel Bevly
Bryan Buckley
Vy Ha Bui
Joseph Alan Butcher
Caleb N. Canatoy
Ana C. Carney
Zhaozhong Cheng
Ethan Louis Cook
Abegail T. Cornejo
Austin DesRoche
Amy Diaz
Latoya Tee Dillard
Derek Evans*
Olivia N. Gawronski
Dakota C. Geisler*
Halley Nicole Gilman
Dianna Godoy
Michelle Goldsborough
Julia Kate Green
Maggie Elizabeth Hacker
Ronniee Haynie
Makenzie Renee Heifner***
Kaitlyn A. Hendrix*
Jacob D. Holley
Shanelle N. Igwe
Danielle Jenkins
Shristi Kharel
Bridget Kogbo
Kaya Danielle Lackman*
Tamekia Lawson
Taylor N. Menzel*
Gabrielle M. Miller**
Lauren Mills
Leah Elyse Nelson*
Tiffany Renette Nichols
Payton R. Niedringhaus*
Cynthia Ingrid Okoulotsongo
Harisa Omerovic*
Oluwabukola Janet Osadua
Emily Renee Patterson*
Blanca Perry

August Candidates
Sabrina-Marie L. Barretto
Brianna Carraro
Cody Aaron Pey
Jayla Merisha Scott
Katrina Simmons-McCray

Candidates for
Bachelor’s Degrees

August Candidates
Lauren Price
Alexa D. Rang*
Leeuwren Relabo
Julia Reyes-Horstman
Emily Jayne Ruck*
Sakar Ziar Sabir
Almedin Sabzab
Alicia Jordan Schoon
Courtney Schreiber
Madalyn V. Schweiss
Taylor L. Simmons
Emma C. Sitton
Alexandria Marie Stegall
Shay Marie Stoner
Casey I. Thomas
Rachel Kanyi Thuo
Faith C. Van Horn**
Jennifer R. Villar
Marisa Ellen Walchshauer
Breaa Rae Wenzel
Teresa Denise Williams*
Daniel Won
Marcelo J. Zvanut-Till

August Candidate
Celeste Renee Maldonado

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOINT UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

May Candidates
Brandon Allen Bringer***
Jeffery Bennett Dacus
Mitchell Ian Hillyard
Allison Rose Kulage
Gregory A. Markley
Connor Francis Mullien
Lindsey Chandler Polczynski
Andrew Austin Robinson
Michelle Ruth Slesinski
Alexis F. Twillmann*
Matthew Edward Wentzel

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

May Candidates
Colin Bennett Croy
Thomas C. Harter
Franziska Katharina Hauptmann
Devin Hohbein
Chad Alexander Pleasant
Yao Zheng*

August Candidates
Ashley Brinkley
Luz A. Bwanga Mabonghot
Jessica Ruth Conway
Lydia NiCole Dean
Makenzi Donaldson*

Candidates for
Bachelor of Social Work

Social Work

May Candidates
Lucianna Valenti Aubuchon
Shina S. Baban
Kylie Lynn Barnes
Taylor Nicole Booker
Andrew Michael Clooney
Candice Yvonne Lachell Clossum
Nancy Coca
Sydney G. Drennen
Jessica R. Etim
Seda Aydin Follis
Allison Mercedes Garcia
Erika Henry
Tashina A. Jemmott
Shereka Kemp
Jennifer Ann Lawrence
Jennifer Kathleen Lunceford
Krista Joy Mainini
Morgan K. Martin
Kathleen Ann McKee
Allyson Mooney
Jessica Lynn Olsen
Celine Noelle Reinoso
Tamya Sanders
Katelyn Lee Soska
Aigne M. Thompson
Andrea M. Wissmann

Candidates for
Bachelor of Social Work

Social Work

May Candidates
Isabella Frances Schubert***
Hannah M. Rowlett
Jane Pauley
Kadri Martinson**
Janessa Marie Lemond
Kadri Martinson**
Jane Pauley
Talia A. Percy
Hannah M. Rowlett
Isabella Frances Schubert***

August Candidates
Hamza Yasir Al-Ater
Thatcher William Bell
Omar Djelmo
Chris Robert Duva
Brian Anthony Finder
James E. Lehn*
James Steven Maupin*
Cory A. Sellers
David M. Shelden
Noah Williams

August Candidates
Keenan Joshua Bland
Nolan H. Celestine
John Chappell
Alexander Tyler Clark
Nicholas Joseph Drabb
Adam Seth Emil Flamm
Juan Felipe Jaramillo
Tyler McLaughlin
Steven W. Nelson
Brian E. Sniezak
William Bradford Todd
Kelvin R. Woods
Adam Thomas Young

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Social Science

Bachelor of Social Science

May Candidates
Sianne J. Anderson
Christina Bramer*
Rachel Carle
Madelynn Alise Dickson**
Minnie Nicloa Harris
Ryan Henson
Jacob Paul Reile Hubbard
Janesa Marie Lomond
Kadri Martinson**
Jane Pauley
Talia A. Percy
Hannah M. Rowlett
Isabella Frances Schubert***

August Candidates
Ashley Brinkley
Luz A. Bwanga Mabonghot
Jessica Ruth Conway
Lydia NiCole Dean
Makenzi Donaldson*

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Ceremony IV - Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Madalyn G. Dueker
Kelly Nicole Faulkner
Natalie Elizabeth Freeman*
Taylor Nicole Goodson
Alison E. Hartmann*
Amber Alise Jones
Sarah Elizabeth Murphy
Ashlynn Jordan Nash
Rida Niazi
Taylor D. Redmond
Ashton Kate Schneidler***
Tiffany Noelle Thomas
Sarah Trone
Hope Elizabeth Turnbeau
Maggie Loraine Young
AMBER SIMPSON is a results-driven leader with over 20 years of domestic and international experience across a variety of industries, including financial services, big box/specialty retail, education resources and customer service. She has an extensive background in Strategy Development, Operations Management, Marketing, Talent Management and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Currently, she serves as Senior Learning & Performance Consultant, Human Capital Division at Edward Jones in St. Louis. Previously she held leadership roles at the firm in the areas of Business Segmentation, Client Experience and Financial Advisor Talent Acquisition. As a businesswoman, she understands the strong correlation between quality educational options and the social and economic sustainability of communities, and she is passionate about creating pathways to economic wellbeing for those who have been traditionally marginalized by society. Thus, her volunteer service is grounded in bridging educational and socioeconomic gaps through her involvement in an array of education associations, arts organizations, and social impact agencies—including the Missouri Charter Public School Association, Opera Theater of St. Louis and Gateway 180.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French Language & Literature and International Business from Washington University in St. Louis. She earned her MBA from St. Louis University, a second Masters of Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, plus an Education Specialist degree from the same university. She completed her Ph.D. in Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She currently resides in St. Louis with her husband, Kenneth, and daughter, Kayce Flynn. She describes herself as a student of life—always seeking ways to grow, learning from and sharing experiences with others, and enjoying the adventure of the journey.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

May Candidates

Clayton A Brigance
Gottman Processes and Couple Outcomes While Navigating Infertility
Advisor: Phillip Waalkes, PhD

Donivan Foster
You Can Get There from Here: A Phenomenological Study of Help-Seeking Behavior and Experiences of Student Military Veterans in Community College
Advisor: Shawn Woodhouse, PhD

Julie Heifner
Homegrown: Pastor Advocacy for Victims of Sex Trafficking
Advisor: E. Paulette Isaac-Savage, EdD

Amy Hunter
A Middle-class Mother’s Journey on Navigating the Educational System: The Impact of Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and Class in Schools
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Lisa Krystosek
Understanding the Ethical Decision-Making Processes of Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy Practitioners
Advisor: R Rocco Cottone, PhD

Jiaying J. Meyer
Effects of Adaptive Expertise on Counseling Self-Efficacy: The Mediating Role of Adaptive Performance
Advisor: Emily Brown, PhD

Doctor of Education

Education

May Candidates

Roxane McWilliams
Content Retention Acquired by Elementary and Secondary Teachers During an Arts Integration Professional Development Experience
Advisor: Charles Granger, PhD

Megan Roegner
Activities of the Mind and Soul: Eudaimonia, Identity, and Implicit Theories of Giftedness in Secondary Gifted Students
Advisor: Marvin Berkowitz, PhD

Tracy L. Smith
Unleashing Your Power: Principal Support and Its Relation to Teacher Longevity In Hard-to-staff Schools
Advisor: Marvin Berkowitz, PhD

Staci Wadlington
Counter Narratives: A Phenomenological Study of Inner-City Catholic School Teachers
Advisor: Shawn Woodhouse, PhD

Education (Co-Authored)

May Candidates

Pallavi Aggarwal
Taylor Lawson-Smith
The Perception by Middle School Students of the Impact of Parent Involvement and Socioeconomic Status on Their Academic Intrinsic Motivation
Advisor: Charles Granger, PhD

Dwayne James
Ryan Rzeszutko
Jenny Petrie
The Impact of Using Relevant Context on Student Comprehension and Attitude in a Collegiate Introductory Statistics Unit on Probability
Advisor: Keith Miller, PhD

Robert J Lippert
Tjueanna Seals
Impacting African American Student Achievement in the Middle School STEM Classroom by Teaching Mathematics Through Arts Integration and Design Thinking
Advisor: Helene Sherman, EdD

Erika Niles
Kristin Pelster
The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on What Teachers Want from a Principle to be Successful: A Study on Teacher Perception
Advisor: Marvin Berkowitz, PhD

Candidates for Educational Specialist Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Educational Specialist/Educational Administration

May Candidates

Jill Rogers
Rebecca Williams
Shanee Latrice Yancy

Education Specialist in School Psychology

May Candidates

Claudia Elizabeth Farson
Khloe Getman
Celine Marie Leaver
Abigail Marie Rock
Ashley Sue Sedgwick Felton

Candidates for Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education

Adult & Higher Education

May Candidates

Stephen Michael Calloway
Danita Marie Coleman-Haynes
Jaemica Logan
Kaysie Lynn Watson

August Candidates

Brandi Da'Sha Higgins
Monica Christina Richardson
Anh Vo

Counseling

May Candidates

Brittany Nicole Becherer
Natalie Nicole Brown
Adalaa Lauren Chaffee
Jordan Taylor Easter
Stephanie Enke
Hannah Elizabeth Giannanti
Kevin Gregory Harman
Tradale Hayes
Abigail Elese Herrmann
Angela Marie Hughes
Ursla Kindt
Jessica Kissinger
Kristen Tyler Kirschke
Michelle Largent
Andrew Steven Litschgi
Madison T. Mertz-England

Candidates for Educational Specialist Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Educational Administration

May Candidates

Natalie Michelle Dicker
Jillian Christine Dunn
Cindy Marie Martello

Education

May Candidates

Rachael Lynne Benda
Meghan C. Frejik
Catherine Golomski
Jill Brockman Kindle
Samantha Marie Kuehnlein
Emily Grace LaCroix
Luis Fernando Miranda
Darcie Rogala

August Candidates

Melanie Renae Humberd
Alayna R. Hundelt
Naomi Lynette Smith
Brian Tussey

Educational Psychology

May Candidates

Alaina Pearl Baldwin
Amanda Nicole Baumnruk
Timothy Alan Butchart
Jennifer Noel Doermer
Jessica Andrea Mager
Elise Margaret Palmquist
Robert Troy Von Nordheim

August Candidates

Miranda Hayden Brannum
Brandi Dawn Estes
Hannah Paige Fala
Ralynn E. Moro
Madeline Elise Stanley
Keira June Sturm
Kara Leigh Suttie

Elementary Education

May Candidates

Morgan Domenique Bach
Brooke Black
Sarah Merlene Burton
Rebecca Joan Canino
Hennessey Chism

Katie Murphy Hemenway
Foram B. Patel
Macie Roorda
Jeanne Switzer Sanchez
Jill Anita Storm
Elizabeth Kargbo Taylor
Madeline Rose Thompson
Elizabeth Ann Von Logan Andrew Waight
Shailee Vakulabharanam

August Candidates

Sarah Beachem
Tionna L. Murphy

Ceremony V - Sunday, May 14, 1 p.m.
La Toya Conway
Heather C. Crangle
William Deutch
Hayden Elizabeth Dry
Megan Jean Gee
Mallory Hurt
Noelle Lynn Kirkman
Claire North
Hannah Parham
Dalerea Porter-Brooks
Luciana D. Schopp
Jessica Nicole Sharp
Rachel Anne Smith
Madison Grace Steere
Brooke Nicole Thornton
Robyn Noelle Viviano
Meagan Louisa Wade
Alexis Candice Walker
Pang Yu Wang
August Candidates
Lillian Kate Cosgrove
Tess Gabriella Dupre
Tiffany Y. Gladney Black
Allison Paige Horrall
Bryson Reid
Malissa Robinson
Travis Turner
Sterling Elyse Zavala
Secondary Education
May Candidates
Sheila Ann Alsip
Henry Gardner Bales
Henry Gardner Banks
Sean Patrick Clancy
Mary Katherine Galvan
Stephanie Michelle Lane Hoeger
Stacey Leigh Kay
Madison Lumley
Jared Hunter McLellan
Daniel Richard Money
Jolene Rose Moorman
Latresa Parker
Johnson Joseph Perez III
Darian Leaunn Rusk
Tabitha Frances Thompson
Sarah Caitlin Tornez
August Candidates
Abigail Baah
Gabrielle Renee Boss
Wesley Bryant
Ellen Maureen Caseletto
Samuel Christian Dowd
Monica Mary Fallone
Mackenzie Leblanc
Alexia Ariann Loy
Steven McDowell
Grace Nikunen
Caroline Parker
Aidan Rez Pfau
Irma Azucena Reyes Aragon
Sarah Amelia Steen
Caroline Diane Wegman
Jonathan Harris Zamsky
Special Education
May Candidates
Megan Renee Barnett
Cheleyn Renee Barton
Corinne Elizabeth Harper
Casey King
Kari Lynn Lewis
Ryan Martinez
Heather Marie Miller
Brittany Nicole Moseby
Danielle Lynn Nosal
Savannah M. Price
Emily Ann Robinson
August Candidates
Sierra Amon
Enn LaShae Davis
Madison Rae Gehner
Master of Science
Applied Behavioral Analysis
August Candidates
Haya Taha Jaber
Robert Lynn
Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Educational Studies
Educational Studies
May Candidates
Amal Al-Zadjali
Lillian Kae Boice
Christina DeClue
Faith Danielle Finklestein***
Brittany Deloris Glen
Andrew J. Holman
Noah Michael Johnson
Dominic Kues
Jennifer Linn Lance
Megan Monehan
Finn Nardie-Warner
Madeleine McKenzie Rice
Charles Paul Sliger
Jessyca Stephney
Ashley Margaret Storey
Cheryl T. Stringer-Washington
Madelyn T. Werre*
Vernic Cheneze Windham
August Candidates
Emma G. Bergsma
Tamera Grace Davis
Leila Delic
Haeley Renee Johnson
Jacob Adam Weisman
Bachelor of Science in Education
Early Childhood Education
May Candidates
Alexandra Nicole Cavenale
Amanda L. Hei
Emma E. Maher
Elementary Education
May Candidates
Bryonna Roxanna Mae Allgier***
Ashley Marjorie Arbesman
Abigail J. Bagy***
Sierra Rose Barnes
Madison Bartley*
Jami Michelle Beckerman
Nicole Lynn Behymer*
Benjamin Bernard
Carley Zion Bollin*
Allison Christine Callanan
Sean Patrick Carey
Faith M. Carter
Ashlie Faith Colbert
Brooke Victoria Craig***
Samantha C. Dudley
Allison EI
Bethany Grace Evans
Brandi Samone Fannin**
Elizabeth Pauline Ferry
Melissa Nicole Flynn
Seth Charles Fortner
Grace Maria Fox
Alyssa Anne Galioto*
Steven Garth
Chelsea Elizabeth Glover
Brenna L. Hambach
Isabella Grace Hebblethwaite-Cornman
Isabel L. Hendrickson**
Campbell Grace Henke
Madison N. Henke
Hannah Hiboldt
Jenna Lynn Jasper**
Rachel Jones**
Zoe Lynn Jones
Emily Elizabeth Kramer
Mallory Arlene Lanzarini*
Kaitlyn Michelle Mehrrens
Sarah Christine Mikulas
Melissa Sue Molinet
Reagan Adelle Mullins**
Rylie Madison O’Hara
Hailey Lyn Peterson*
Sara Elizabeth Plambeck
Kellie Postawko
Megan Elizabeth Puhse*
Victoria Cecilia Radazo
Caroline Mary Riganti*
Allyson Rae Shirley*
Melanie Kate Stump
Peyton Alyssa Sutton***
Belle Tenny
Jenna Towle
Lillian Grace Warden
Kaitlyn L. Wertenberger
Samantha Jo Winter
Kaitlan Rose Williams***
Sierra Jade Wilson***
Samantha Nicole Winistoerfer
Allyson Claire Wolf*
Marissa Elizabeth Young***
August Candidate
Hannah M. Hodge
Physical Education
May Candidates
Marissa Guenther
Caitlin R. Pohlmam*
Secondary Education
May Candidates
Ethan Daniel Bremer
Nicholas Clay Center
Blake Degner
Reagan Rosemary Elkhassab*
Catherine Rose Elking
Camille Frey*
John Matthew Hodge*
Emma Juliana Keen*
Matthew Thomas Kern
Mackenzie Jade LaPlant
Bachelor of Science
Sport Management BS
May Candidates
Larenze Fitzgerald Atlas
Jared A. Bryant
Joshua M. Dietz
Alexander Elmore
Isaiah A. Fuller
Dominic T. Holland*
Leighton P. Keller
Brady T. Krile
Trevor David Moore
Kalyn Diane Ohrt
Joel W. Sylven
August Candidate
Jeffrey Nathaniel Evenson Jr.
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Succeed Certificate Program

Chancellor's Certificate
Jessica Bush
Brooke Clemon
Sophie Epps
Justin Hager
Harrison Bret Heinrich
Conner Heisserer
Adam James
Jake Martine
Daniel Mattson
Lauren Munn
Daniel R. Naunheim
Eli Prager
Alexandra Psujek
Abby Reuter
Maggie Scherder
Stephen Schomaker
Sydney Sprong
Conner Stewart
Robert Thomson

Latin Honors
*** summa cum laude
** magna cum laude
* cum laude
Commencement Speaker

**BRIAN SALMO** is the Managing Director at Hermann Companies where he focuses on sourcing, underwriting, and supporting investments in privately held businesses. Before Hermann, Brian was an executive at LMI Aerospace where he held a variety of roles, including General Counsel, VP of Human Resources, and a Business Unit leader over a multi-site manufacturing operation. Brian began his career as a corporate attorney at the national law firm of Polsinelli PC.

Brian earned his BSBA, Finance from the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where he currently serves on the Chancellor’s Council. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University and has served on several non-profit Boards, including KVC Missouri, which strengthens families and helps people achieve mental health wellness through its more than 800 employees.

Brian lives in St. Louis with his wife, Caitlin, and their two children.
Candidates for
Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Doctor of Business Administration
May Candidates
Amy Cooper
The Impact of Firm Size, Job Embeddedness, and Job Engagement on Turnover in Public Accounting Firms
Advisor: Thomas Kozloski, PhD

Adam Goldman
Moving Forward by Looking Back: How Family Firms Create Competitive Advantage by Embracing Their History
Advisor: Min Ju, PhD

Quiméka Saunders
See Me from Behind the Screen: Workplace Ostracism in a Remote Environment
Advisor: Bettina Casad, PhD

Irene Zhang
A Bright IDEA: Assessing Stakeholder Impact of Social Sustainability Strategies
Advisor: Bindu Arya, PhD

Sara Theis
Transition to the New Revenue Standard: A Study of Firms’ Decisions to Early Adopt ASC 606
Advisor: Jennifer Chen, PhD

Candidates for
Master’s Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Masters in Accounting
Accounting

August Candidates
Cameron John Hanning
Ridley Scott Helme
Matthew J. Henslee
Kate Renee Vlaich

Master of Business Administration
Business Administration
May Candidates
Mohammad Talal Abouleish
Raneem Alsebei
Suraka Aminu
Weaam Ghassan Ayesh
Alexander James Boyjak
Megan Brown
Latashia D. Browning
Gracia Chilipweli
Lindsay Nicole Clayton
Brianna Kathleen Cowart
Erica Tameca Dent
Matthew Vincent DiMemmo
Angela Sue Doerr
Tamika Lane Doss
Matthew Scott Furfaro
Michael Davies Garlock
Amber Leah Goede
Madeline Hantak
Michael Ryan Howard
Anastasia Kotera Jones
Brian Paul Jones
Amanda Anne Koebe
Emma Kohring
Bakhtiyorjon Komilov
Bryan Leonard Kujawa
Manon Catherine Marie Labeur
Lauren Elizabeth Martyn
Travis Wayne Martyn
Lynsey McCord
Amanda Louise Michaels
Christian Omotunde Oke
John Cheong Myeong Park
Layne Turner Paubel
Paymon Behman Porshahidy
Angela Raney
Charlene Robinson
Thadeus James Sherwood
Jaciuline Denise Simon
Shannon Danielle Sollmann
Danielle Nicole Stallins
Matthew Anthony Wiechert
Kasey Brianne Wifong

August Candidates
Brooke Ellen Berrier
Jing-Syuun Chen
Brett R. Gilmer
Mao-Chun Hsiao
Mahira Hormann
Anida Junuzovic
Christina Noel Kasting
Fang-Wei Lin
Yi-Xuan Lin
Carmen Maura Palencia
Almira Pilica
Brittany Marie Rea

Ermina Skamo
Yu-Shan Su

Master of Science
Cybersecurity

May Candidates
Adam Michael Brikjach
Brendan Timothy Cody
Joshua Keith Hartwell
Eliezer Lubina
Oluwabukunmi Modupeola
Macaulay
Michael Man
Venkat Subramaniam Reddy
Pathapati
Cameron C. Vanicelli

Information Systems & Technology

May Candidates
Pranathi Alla
Pranay Balapuram
Kaushik Bandi
Deepthi Bitla
Arness Dandekar
Christopher Foster
Kusuma Sri Kancharla
Arashid Erasung Kunateh
Manishaben Prafullkumar Lad
Francis Angelo Magrone
Siuyan Mao
Tavish Misra
Saifun Nahar
Bhanuteja Panchagnula
Kartheek Perumalla
Subhan Hossain Pial
Prokshitha Polemoni
Nithisha Reddy Sheripally
Austin Lee Simmons
Kiana LaRose Washington

August Candidates
Bhavana Bagadi

Supply Chain & Analytics

May Candidates
Ruichen Guo
Bartholomew Abhishek
Solomon Ebenezer Merwin
Anu Subedi
Matthew Dameron Taylor

Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Accounting

May Candidates
Harper Lee Aitken
Kawther Alkhshali
Shelby J. Barnes
Leah J. Beasly
Deylan Matthew Bremer
Leticia A. Caruthers
Andrew Ryan Ciuffa
Henry Cook
Sabrina Craven
Jessenia Garcia
Julie Anne Hampton
Clayton Noel House
Jade C. Huang
Brittany E. Hurst
Hung Ngoc Lan Huynh
Kaitlyn Paige Kuntz
Kourtney Spencer Markham
Abazer E. Mohamed
James R. Parrish
Luke Permowicz
Lauren O. Polody
Jonathan D. Prouhet
Sara Racalowski
Rhiannon Olivia Robinson
Amanda Taylor Schmidt
John Vo
Paige Elise Westermann
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Hedberg
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Latin Honors
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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.

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