University of Missouri–St. Louis

2024 Spring Commencement

Friday, May 10
2 p.m. College of Optometry
7 p.m. College of Business Administration

UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

Saturday, May 11
9 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences I:
Arts
Fine Arts
Humanities
Mathematics
Sciences

College of Nursing

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

School of Social Work

7 p.m. College of Education
SUCCEED Certificate Program
Dear UMSL Class of 2024,

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

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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About Commencement

**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** A 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. ANNE REAM graduated from Drury College with a double major in biology and English before earning her OD as a member of the first graduating class from the College of Optometry at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

She has been honored as an UMSL Trailblazer, an UMSL Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and as Missouri Optometrist of the Year. She was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to serve as a Curator of the University of Missouri System, the first optometrist to receive this honor, and was later confirmed by the Missouri Senate.

Dr. Ream served on the UMSL College of Optometry Advisory Board for twelve years, serving as its president. She was a member of the board of the Missouri Optometric Foundation for ten years and was its first female president. She also served as Missouri Optometric Association’s president.

Anne Ream, OD
Optometrist and Co-owner, Ream Optometry

Commencement Speaker

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor
Assisted by
Dr. Keshia Elder, dean, College of Optometry

Names read by
Dr. Julie DeKinder

Hooding of the New Doctors of Optometry
Dr. Mary Beth Rhomberg
Dr. Kathleen Boland

Welcome of the New Alumni
Dr. Scott Ream, class of 1987

Recession
(Please remain seated until the platform party has exited.)
Ceremony I - Friday, May 10, 2 p.m.

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Doctor of Optometry

May Candidates
Erin B. Armstrong
Justin Dallas Bohnsack
Joebelle Pastores Bonete
Matthew Theodore Bozdech
Macie E. Brahm
Lacey Brinkman
Alexandra Elizabeth Dockins
Joshua M. Dudek
Kaitlyn Claire Finger
Karla Ximena Flores-Macias
Keith Gagnon
Bradley David Gamache
Samuel Gruszka
Charles Edward Hauff
Andrew Hobeck
Casey Alana Keith
Samantha Jo Knoblauch
Landon Kraus
Anne Wing-Kei Lai
Chelsea Marie Lowe
Alexander Lyss
Will Miller
Hansen Thomas Millett
Alexa Rose Narke
Halle Catherine Neyens
Barrett Pannell
Kevin Pizarro-Miller
Richard Alexander Preckel
Srikavi Premnath
Delaney Rachelle Pullen
Claire Elizabeth Saylor
Sabrina Ann Schack
Mariah Lee Strahm
Jabrea Strickland
Claire E. Thayer
Jonathan T. Thayer
Allie Thomas
Danielle Nicole Treat
Cole E. Vanderfeltz
Geoffrey Wood
Samantha Bixler Wright

The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients full and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.
Ceremony II - Friday, May 10, 7 p.m.

College of Business Administration

UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Jennifer Reynolds-Moehrle, professor in the Department of Accounting

Aisle Marshals
Haiyan Cai, professor and associate dean, University of Missouri–St. Louis/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

Tim Dombrowski, assistant teaching professor of finance

Faculty Marshal
Ho Kim, associate professor of marketing

Student Marshal
Angela Truesdale, College of Business Administration, outstanding student in accounting

Dwayne Antwan Perry II, University of Missouri–St. Louis/Washington University Joint Engineering Program, outstanding student in civil engineering

Indushree Channasagar Venkatesh Murthy, Graduate School, outstanding student in business

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

National Anthem
Led by Rita Schien, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of Honorary Degree
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

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

National Anthem
Led by Rita Schien, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Conferral of Honorary Degree
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Assisted by
Steven Berberich, provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs

Schu Shiller, dean, College of Business Administration

Joseph O’Sullivan, dean, University of Missouri–St. Louis/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

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
Dorian Hall, BSBA, 2010

Recession

(Citation for Warner Baxter read by Kristin Sobolik, chancellor)

Commencement Address
Warner Baxter

Introduction read by
Shu Schiller, dean, College of Business Administration

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Assisted by
Steven Berberich, provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs

Schu Shiller, dean, College of Business Administration

Joseph O’Sullivan, dean, University of Missouri–St. Louis/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

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
Dorian Hall, BSBA, 2010

Recession

(Please remain seated until the platform party has exited.)
WARNER BAXTER earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Missouri–St. Louis in 1983 before building a most distinguished career in the energy sector.

After 12 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he provided auditing and consulting services, he began his more than 25-year tenure with Ameren, the largest electric power provider in Missouri. He served in multiple leadership roles, including chairman, president and chief executive officer before retiring as executive chairman in 2023.

Mr. Baxter's service to the community includes an extensive list of organizations and boards. He is board chair of the Edison Foundation and past chair of the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute and Civic Progress of St. Louis. He was the founding chair of the American Cancer Society's CEOs Against Cancer of Missouri.

Mr. Baxter has made meaningful and long-lasting contributions to higher education through his involvement with the University of Missouri System. He is a 1999 UMSL Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient and an active member and past president of the UMSL Chancellor's Council. He is also a distinguished member of The University of Missouri 100 advocating for public policies and programs that promote the university's goals of excellence in teaching, world-class research, service to all our citizens, and stimulation of an entrepreneurial economy.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Doctor of Business Administration
May Candidates
Casey Mathew Bell
“Losing Face in a Digital World: An Investigation of Relationship Selling in The Independent Insurance Agency”
Advisor: Gerald Gao, PhD
Melissa Hicks
“Presentation Format and Disclosure Overload: Evidence from the Public Sector
Advisor: Steven Moehrle, PhD
Jo Pang
Advisor: Bindu Arya, PhD
Nathan A. Pennington
“Ways to Prevent Moral Disengagement in YouTube Content Creators: A Role for Empathy and Self-Compassion”
Advisor: Matthew Taylor, PhD
Sachin Sharma
“Unraveling the Biases and Customer Heterogeneity in E-Commerce Recommendation Systems”
Advisor: Vivek Singh, PhD
Candidates for Master’s Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Masters in Accounting
Accounting
May Candidates
Krista Lynn Akers*
Callaway Matthew Akhiro*
Andrew Cade Callaway
Indushee Channasagar
Venkatesh Murthy
Christian Doyle Dacus
Emily Lorraine Fentress
Malcolm Oscar Schratt Hunter
Kristin Lynn Lawrence**
Courtney Playle
James Sullivan
August Candidates
Hanna Lynn Daly
Master of Business Administration
Business Administration
May Candidates
Patience Feghe Alexander
Shreya Anand
Rebecca Johanna Bechtel
Justin P. Beegle
James Clayton Best
Jeffery A. Blanner
Ada Doris Braselton
Kevvin Delye Brown Jr.
Bang Chau Bui**
Cody Kevin Cass
Chiu Chih Chang
Ho-Hsin Chen
Charles Jacob Crenshaw
Jeffrey William Dietzenbach
Matthew Thomas Dill
Brandon Tyler DiMemmo
Steven Anthony Dopplick
Lue Daniel Downes
Daniella Duban
Kari Lynn Fischer
Justin Gilbert
Kevon J. Hall
Lauren Helms
Amanda Genevieve Howe
Muhammed Husejinovic
Elodie Nesticia Jabolun
Holly Lauryn Johnston
Lucretia A. Jordan-Smith
Jesse Cazali Kassebaum
Paige Meredith Kinstler
Reece Edward Kulick
Ping-Lun Lee
Maja Lietzau***
Jamie Trevor Mason
Chelsea Anne McBride
Samuel I. Nevelow
Victor Nwagbaroacha
Itzanami Osorio
Megan Elizabeth Rapplehan
Brandon Reuhl
Scot Roberts
Sandeep Roy
Cindy Ruzi
Blake Ready Schliesser
Leonard Paul Sowa
Pei Jia Su
Joel Christopher Talley
Nicholas Tran
Colleen Alyssa White
Dasia Williams
Wei Tao Wu
Jeanette York
August Candidates
Desiree Brooks
Xin Ru Ho
Miao-Ru Jheng
Elma Karahasanovic
Miao-Hua Lin
Wei-Hsiang Lin
Yen-Sui Lin
Yueh-Yin Lo
Xiaoyu Pan
Jessica Ann Schneider
McKinley Nicole Witbrodt
Hsin-Yu Yu
Master of Science
Cybersecurity
May Candidates
Christopher Joseph Morelli
Fnu Priya
Victoria Shearing
Information Systems and Technology
May Candidates
Shivanath Adepu
Tharun Kumar Reddy Avula
Sai Nithish Rao Bandaru
Srayya Bandi
John Spencer Brinker
Kimberly Marquez Castizo
Shanmuga Priya Reddy
Cherlopalli Murali
Abhinava Deepak Cherukuri
Priyanka Chinthakuntla
Christopher Earl Dailey Sr
Tonggang Dong
Rajasree Janyavula
Bhargavi Kakumani
Deepika Kalidindi
Pragathi Kotha
Preeti Mainali
Deepak chowdary Malapati
Tejaswari Mallipedi
Manisha Mittapelli
Deepti Reddy Nagavelly
Sarah Renee Ortmann
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Pasam
Lasya Sai Sri Sucharita
Penmatcha
Vamsi Krishna Poosala
Adarshreddy Potheeridi
David Ronald Stewart
Sabeha Sultana Syed
Promad Sai Talluri
Rajeshwar Reddy Thornala
Yashwanth Reddy
Thummalapally
Shashi Chandra Reddy Vancha
Harish Reddy Vempalli
Vamsi Krishna Vidyala
Nathan Thomas Wurtz
August Candidate
Tarun Naidu Gorle
Financial Technology
May Candidate
Edmalle Augustin
Supply Chain and Analytics
May Candidates
Siddhanth Bagudam
Alexandra Ariel Braun
John Samuel Chevakula
Aravind Deshini
Venkat Sai Manikanta Grandhe
Donald James Jackson
Manish Kumar Kadaboina
Navya Rani Kanaka
Venkata Narasimha Maheedhar
Va Kolukuri
Katherine Lynn
Godfred Anshah Owusu
Paula Andrea Penagos
Rodriguez
Sandeep Reddy Yeruva
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Accounting
May Candidates
Krista Lynn Akers*
Callaway Matthew Akhiro*
Jacob A. Backer
Drew James Bashwinder**
Cassandra Ewune Beryl*
Andrew Cade Callaway
Xing Chen
Nicholas M. Clark
Ross Andrew Dowell
Patrick Andrew Elfrink
David Alexander Hess
Kristin Lynn Lawrence**
Geraldine Malunga*
Anjeni Willow Morrell
Andrea Rojo
Tasha Marie Schoen
Logan Cecil Schwieger*
Angela Rose Truesdale***
Omer Vejzovic
Natalie Marie Wied
Justin T. Wieschhaus
Monika Willett Williams
Hadee Zaher
August Candidates
Alyssa Gaddis
Aidan Thomas Head
Robert Edward Hogan
Zachary Lakey

Latin Honors *** summa cum laude ** magna cum laude * cum laude
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

May Candidates
Evan Charles Abel
Kenaun Al-Hosni
Kaleigh Marie Baker
Aidan Cade Barnes
Tara Bassham
Rebecca Johanna Bechtle
Jeffe Biermann
Samuel Allen Bledsoe
Andrew Edward Buescher
Bang Chau Buu
Leah Lynn Burkholder
Lily Virginia Bussmann
Jack Carpenter
Jonas R. Caylor
Jonathan Choice
Nicholas M. Clark
Amanda M. Cobbett
Devin Nicholas Colomb
Colin Patrick Conway
Kayla Michelle Dawson
Madelyn Ann Day
Karli Patience Dean
Djibril Diop
Tyler M. Donsky
Caroline M. Dunne
Emily Marie Dyck
Jaclyn Elderidge
King Erenagwa Achilefu
Marisol Farre
Matthew V. Flores
Quinton Tyler Garofalo
Caleb Cross Garrett
Michael Joseph Geiser
Todd E. Gentemann
Kayla Marie Gettings
Mazin Gheith
Tyriq Anthony Gordon
Abigail Elizabeth Govreau
Mitchell Allen Green
Mina Farzana Habilollah
Garrett Timothy Hayden
Joshua Patrick Heisserer
Mason Shane Hemby
Cyril Charles Henault
Blake Alexander Herkert
Brett Thomas Heumann
Priscilla Ly Hong
Jack Ryan Hood
Kyle Aaron Hunt
Katharina M. Jacob
Ivan Jerkovic
Robert William Jones
Felicia Marie Jordan
Jennifer Anne Keating
Ryan N. Keisker
Tyler David Kennedy
Elizabeth S. Keyster
Raghad Khalili
Amanda Kirk
Jacob Paul Klipp
Douglass Dale Kyd
Kayleigh Lynn Leahy
John David Lenox
Damir Libic
Maja Lietzau
Jacob Charles Lombardi
Alexandra I. Maher
Rea Mancellari
Crystal Sarah Martin
Guillen Masjuan Roca
Arin Rene McCandless
Blai Mcpeek
Nathan Daniel Meese
Brandon A. Merz
Joseph C. Miller
Kayla Rose Morgan
Luis Negrete
Katherine Rebecca Nelson
Graham Robert Niemeyer
Colin Michael O’Shea
Landyn Daniel Oestringer
Zachary Ryan Pangilinan
Ava C. Parker
Maxwell Wilson Pauley
Michael Louis Pepper
Austin Michael Pinkley
Brendan Michael Potts
Lydia Pranger
Hailie M. Rice
Joe Gene Rivera
Elijah Michael Ross
Alexandra Sandelín
Jacob Ryan Schott
Wilson McKenzie Shanks
Kyle David Shapiro
Madison Renee Snemis
Karah Lynn Spradling
Anne Marie Stump
Courtney Alexis Taylor
Alexander James Timme
Tyler Tindall
Linn Birgitta Tornqvist
Dzeneta Tursunovic
Austin Hayden Lee Twichell
Lillian Ely sia Umsted
Luke Brewer O’Brien
Nichole Panimal Patel
Ena Rizvanovic
Peter George Roman
Caitlynn Rosenberg
Gabi Sadek
Todd R. Sievert
Holly Ann Sparks
Greg J. Stoetchev
Brooke Nicole Thornburg
Ezra J. Timms
Taylor Nicole Ward
Ashley J. White
Tabitha Wood

Bachelor of Science

Cybersecurity BS

May Candidates
Sean Mike Clewis
Angel Valeriev Hristov
Nadeem Khalil

August Candidates
Adrienne Kambria Curtis
Cin Mung

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

Info Systems and Technology

May Candidates
Keagan J. Bland
Jordan Thomas Brake
Asja C. Coleman
Olouwasijomobi Samuel
Christian E. Gahring
Emanuele Leol Hagoss
Daniel James Meissner
Andrew Douglas Miller
William Howard Nickel
Shawana Kay Piece
Bradley John Prowell
Conley James Savage
Madison Brooke Schafer
Hamid Smajlovic
Griffin Michael Smith
Joshua Michael Smith
Micah S. Wilcox

August Candidate
Kelsey King

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

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering

May Candidates
Jose Eduardo Mayorga Cruz
Dwayne A. Perry
Sindy Naruy Pham
Leigha Shea Marie Ramey
Peyton Robert Sheffield
Matthew William Spinnenweber
Robert Gary Stevens

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Electrical Engineering

May Candidates
Zara Mina Ardavan
Crystal Erin Crowl
Afomya Fisseha Habtu
Brandon Douglas Jones
Elizabeth Rose Lund
Braden Michael Sims
Ellen H. Torack

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

May Candidates
Dylan Adam Light
Robert C. Murphy
Margaret Pate Skidmore
Lorne St. Christopher II
Tyler J. Teague

August Candidates
Heather Burt
Scott Tri Tue Diep
Ryan Donaldson
Jared Isaiaha Edwards
Patrick Makena Geldmeier
Zoe Nicole Going
Thomas Scott Gunsten
Timothy Allen Henry
Samuel Hesselbein
Brian R. Hinkle
Zachary Howell
Catherine Anne McDonnell
Gabriel Monte
Muhammad A. Mughal
Joshua Paul Peters
Seth D. Peters
Jalen Donovan Rhodes
Jonathon Riggie
Matthew Stokes
Bushra Zehra Zaidi
Ceremony III - Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences:
- Arts
- Fine Arts
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Sciences

College of Nursing

Order of Exercises

Presiding
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Laura Westhoff, teaching professor and chair in the Department of History

Aisle Marshals
Dr. Amanda Finley, executive director for undergraduate programs, assistant teaching professor of nursing

Tonya Haynes, DnP, director of clinical operations, assistant teaching professor

Faculty Marshal
Dr. Laura Westhoff, teaching professor and chair in the Department of History

Student Marshals
Sara Melissa Mullins, College of Arts and Sciences, outstanding student in music

Olivia F. Roesner, College of Nursing, outstanding student in nursing

Alexzandra Hillyer, Graduate School, outstanding student in nursing

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

National Anthem
Led by Rachel Anthonis, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Address
Joseph Yancy
Introduction read by Judith Lewis, interim dean, College of Nursing

Conferral of Academic Degrees
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor
Assisted by Steven Berberich, provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs

Andrew Balkansky, dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Judith Lewis, interim dean, College of Nursing

Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors

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

Welcome of the New Alumni
Alex Kerford, BLS, 2012

Recession

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

Commencement Speaker

JOSEPH YANCY holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Creighton University and an MPPA from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Yancey has been a force for good in the behavioral health field, holding leadership roles with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Community Alternatives, Inc. and Places for People, Inc., the latter of which he retired from in 2020 after serving 12 years as CEO.

He has continued to make an impact as a community leader, serving on numerous boards and commissions at the local and state level. Mr. Yancey currently serves as a commissioner on the St. Louis Regional Health Commission and as chair of the RHC Community Advisory Board. Additionally, Mr. Yancey serves on the boards of SSM Health System St. Louis, Gateway Housing First, Casa De Salud, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri and Helping Hands for the Forensic Treatment Centers.

Mr. Yancey is also a partner with EMD Consulting Services and serves as an advisor to the Department of Mental Health.

Joseph Yancey, MPPA
Executive Director, retired
Places for People, Inc.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematical and Computational Sciences

May Candidates
Kenneth P. Smith Jr
"Finding Combinatorial Patterns in Real Valued Omics Data"
Advisor: Sharlee Climer, PhD

Qing Gao Snyder
"Enhancing Rotating Machinery Fault Diagnosis: A Dual-Head Attention Mechanism in Deep Learning Neural Networks"
Advisor: Qingtang Jiang, PhD

Biology

May Candidates

Kevin R. Corrigan
Kara Kern
Christopher Michael Phipps

August Candidate
Alexander Hopkins

Bachelor of Science

May Candidates

Pukar Basnet*
Emily Louise Damazyn
Vivian Doan
Samuel Earl Ellison
Addie Lynn Halbrook*
Amanda Hamilton
Terry Douglas Johnson
Lauren Koleas
McKenzie Leigh Lamos*
Jesse Morgan Laseter**
Amanda Abigail Lehmuth
Brooklyn Messenger*
Sujan Neupane
Joshlynn Erica Newell
Salma Haroun Omer
Gillian Ryann O'Neill-Florek
Luke Michael Reilly
Nicholas Ribaudo
Ashlyn M. Rice
Sadie Rudin
Kayla Marie Settles
Aiden Tyler Shy
Parker A. Stafford***
Nora L. Stith*
Cameron S. Stoehner*
Emily Ella Tucker
Gina Vo
Ling M. Zhang
Jie Zheng*

August Candidates

Alexander R. Entwistle
Kaitlyn Diana Fenton
Heather Michelle Johnson

Bachelor of Arts

May Candidates

Kevin R. Corrigan
Kara Kern
Christopher Michael Phipps

August Candidate
Alexander Hopkins

Bachelor of Science

Chemistry

May Candidates

Charles John Benner
Delaynie Kaye Bray
Bradley Gallow

August Candidate
Tyler J Kanady

Candidates for Master's Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

English

May Candidates

Gabrielle Nickel
Alyson Renee Potts
Kelly Lynn Stolle
Taylor Elizabeth Weintrop

History

May Candidates
Christian Bradley Brungart
Ashley Jane Canner
Kyle N. Flynn
Hudson Levanos
Macy Nickole Love
Ryan Michael Lowry
Anabella Marie Sherrill
Nancy Catherine Stiles
Joseph Cook Thurman
Thomas Henry Wagner

August Candidate
Quinlan Renee Holt

Mathematics

May Candidates
Nicolas Yates Dunsworth
James Tyler Grant

Philosophy

May Candidates
Hanzhe Dong
Eli C. Driskill
Tashmia Sabera
Yiling Wu
Ling Zhang

Master of Fine Arts

Creative Writing

May Candidates
Alysha Erin Black
Brooking Caldwell Gatewood
Thomas Scott Mays
Alex Metz
Sarah Muir
Devin Amanda Ross

Master of Science

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates

Anna Sophia Bass
Ashley Nicole Huesl
Nikhileswar Nallamothu
Robyn Lynn Perkins
Aayusha Thapa

Biology

May Candidates

Emily A. Beahm
Caitlin Kelly
Tyler Micah Ribley

Chemistry

May Candidates

Mark Allen Clark
Naila Haroon
Ibidun Isaac
Fnu Khushboo
Eric Puhlmann

Computer Science

May Candidates

Jonathon Eman
Daniel Jared Glauer
Vinusha Gorjal
Satya Pavan Kalyan Gude
Sowmya Kaparaboina
Risheek Karnakanti
Rajeswari Katasani
Manjil Munankarmi
Tram Nguyen
Vasilika Papa
Bryce Winston Paubel***
Anthony Edward Urschler
Bharathi Anusha Vemana

Cybersecurity

May Candidates

Ryan Cuscaden
Ayush Pathak

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Actuarial Science

May Candidates

Dawson Bauer
Nicholas A. Black**
Devyn C. Glasby
Maxwell A. Nieder

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology

May Candidates

Neil B. Pendleton
Kristin Jade Thompson

August Candidate
Dominique Bell*

Bachelor of Arts

Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies

May Candidate
Brenda Alexis O'Quinn

Bachelor of Science

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates

Shylyn J. Collier**
Renee Katherine Dean
Ermoni Dhefto***
Marla Serra Bonet*
Alen Karalic
Saja Mohammad Suleiman
Paige Elizabeth Tentschert

August Candidate
Emma B. Stovall

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

May Candidates

Kevin R. Corrigan
Kara Kern
Christopher Michael Phipps

August Candidate
Alexander Hopkins

Bachelor of Science

Chemistry

May Candidates

Charles John Benner
Delaynie Kaye Bray
Bradley Gallow

August Candidate
Tyler J Kanady
**Bachelor of Science**  
**Computer Science**

**May Candidates**
- Abdis Ano Abrahim
- Michael Jacob Aldridge
- Vanessa Nicole Alexander
- Cameron Rashad Atkins
- Lauren G. Bartlow
- Emily Paige Beauto
- Anthony Terell Blakley
- Erosh Chinthaka Boralugodage
- Jerry Joseph Bosse II
- Thomas Benjamin Cholak
- Terry G. Ford
- Jacob Thomas Fox
- Natnail Melese Gebru
- Marielle Reine Elise Yaba Koffi
- Suhyun Lee
- Eddie Lee Lemmon
- Victor Liu
- Gavin Scott Love
- Mahabu Matin
- Tram Nguyen
- Aidan Michael Patterson
- Bryce Winston Paubel
- Jess James Payton
- Jack David Poulson
- Elaina M. Rohlfing
- Nathan E. Rose
- Md. A. Sarker
- Brian Scherping
- Jarod H. Stagner
- Dakota J. Stephens
- Zachary Jordan Strouse
- Kayla Evelyn Thurman
- Madison Leigh Weicht
- Austin Joseph Wisness
- Mindy Zheng

**August Candidate**
- Nooreldeen Ghazal

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Computing Technology**

**May Candidate**
- Nilima Kafle

**August Candidates**
- Jacob S. Sabella
- Chelsie Annette Wilson

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Cybersecurity**

**May Candidates**
- William Jacob Clawson
- Alexandra Emily Fordahl
- Jude J. Ohene Boateng

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Data Science and Analysis**

**May Candidates**
- Christopher Angus
- Kristen McDonald
- Lauren Paige Wilson

**August Candidate**
- Princess-Elenah Timothy

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**English**

**May Candidates**
- Ozoya E. Alao
- Christian S. Chen
- Isabella Jackqueueen
- Gengenbacher
- Ja’Don M. Hamilton
- Samantha Nicole Hawkes
- Abigail Claire Keleher
- Zara Konstapel
- Justin McCloud
- Katen Anais Niedbalski
- Samantha Kaye Peters
- Derek Clay Stacy

**August Candidates**
- Joseph Henry Brown
- Anna Christine Connoley
- Sean Anthony Hargett
- Abigail R. Wetteroff

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**History**

**May Candidates**
- Joseph Charles Bratkowski
- Brooke E. Ginger
- Madison C. Kennett
- Robert Joseph Kneller
- Ashley Christine Maempa
- Michael Dillon Ruch
- Christina Lee Saxton

**August Candidates**
- Clare Anne Greenley
- Nathaniel John Taylor
- Tyler M Young

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Mathematics**

**May Candidates**
- Afina B. Fayez
- Rana S. Jchaj
- Rehab Kassem
- Logan Anthony Taylor

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Physics**

**May Candidates**
- Jacob Martin Arbogast
- Xavier G. Gobble
- Keith Edmond Reece II
- Joaquin Antonio Rendon
- Emily Clare Vastola
- Zachary E. Weiss

**August Candidate**
- Winston R. Alvarez

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

**May Candidates**
- Brittni Michelle Bader
- Duan S. Bills
- Nino Richard Cipriano
- Jonathan D. Clark
- Alanah Marie Fahey
- Grace Olivia Hoener
- Ashley Christine Knobbe
- Virginia Ruth LaMore
- Anayeli Leyva Chavez
- Robert Stephen Madden
- Kristen Leigh Nelson
- Lauren Elizabeth Poitras
- Brynne Elizabeth Qualley
- Elizabeth Rubbeck
- Adrian Alexander Sabala
- Caitlyn Marie Sapienza
- Emma K. Saylor
- Valerie Schmittgens
- Sage Lorin Sharpe
- Sophie Irene Skroska
- Immanuel Turner
- Ira Rosita Vaughn
- Geoffrey L. Walker
- Clare E. Wootten
- Lily Mae Zinselmeier

**August Candidates**
- Avenleigh Marygrace Ryan
- Wanyu Yang

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Modern Language**

**May Candidates**
- Rachel Margaret Anthonis
- Desiree S. Jones
- Michael Ryan Todd

**Bachelor of Music**  
**Music**

**May Candidates**
- Ernest Eric Carranza IV
- Joshylyn L. Enochs
- Cameron Jacob Hykes
- Sara Melissa Mullins
- Allison Lauren Schwetzer

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Philosophy**

**May Candidates**
- Beauty Gloria Cooper
- Lauren Nicole Graf
- Lindsey Nicole Householder
- Ashley Christine Maempa
- Victoria Lynn Mathenia
- Suzanne Michaelree
- Anna Kayt O’Brien

**August Candidate**
- Gabriel Mitchell
Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

May Candidates
Avwerosuoghene Favour
Akushe
Erik Ferney Arboleda Zorrilla
Taliyah R. Baldwin
Noorya Bandali
Morgan Taylor Barnoski
Amelia Barr
Laurel E. Bascom**
Sydney Elizabeth Biethman**
Hope Marie Bogard-Schroeder
Sophia K. Brooks*
Niyah Nicole Brown
Margaret Jean Brummund
Aldin Buric
Kennady N. Carter
Yuki Chen*
Kayla Renae Courtney
Christian Matthew Cuendet
Cassidy Drena Cunningham***
Lekia Deele
Isaacyia X. Edwards
Rachel Marie Emery
James Chukwuebuka Erengwa
Achilefu
Clarissa Terese Feeler
Kara E. Fihe
Henry M. Gloriod
David Mikhail Golovatskiy*
Celeste Anna Haefner
Delaney Kayleen Humm
Anthonia Onyedinachi Iheme
Bright Ihechidere Iheme
Faith (Princess) Inordee
Brittney Janel Jarvis
Xiaoheng Jia
Louis Robert Johnson
Victoria J. Klausner
Alexis Kramer
Charity Ann Renee Lake
Florence Anne Lock
Sean Robert Mahon
Nawitsa Makhsida
August Joseph Mantia
Lindsey Louise Marske*
Jennifer Mendoza
Jhaquisha Denise Mitchell
Glenah Mose
Sarah J. Murrell
Allison Charlotte Nilsson
Ashley Marie Odle
Adewale Ogunleye
N’tenikoum Honorine Opekou
Julia Marie Papez
Brandon Michael Pasley*
Olivia F. Roesner***
Johnnie Lee Rush
Sean Patrick Scott
Hussain Seoud
Grace Elizabeth Smiley
Grant Patrick Sullivan
Latorie Danielle Taylor
Beauty Tnyan
Wade (Shu) Tran
Courtney Danielle Turner
Olyvia G. VandenBrink
Taylor Wagster*
Jasper Williams
Andrew T. Williamson

August Candidates
Amber Jenai Berry
Julieta Maria Feliz
Hairmela Fisseha Habtu
Airyanna Hines
Na’Kya Taylor

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

Ceremony III - Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.
SENATOR BRIAN WILLIAMS
earned a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in public administration and legal studies from Washington University in St. Louis.

Since 2018, Senator Williams has proudly represented the 14th Senatorial District in St. Louis County and currently serves as the Assistant Minority Floor Leader. In his time as a senator, he has created legislation allowing those with sickle cell anemia to access needed pain medication prescriptions; protected individuals' MO ABLE funds for disability costs; passed comprehensive police reforms; and leads the Capitol's annual human trafficking awareness day.

Senator Williams has played a pivotal role in advocating for Transform UMSL, a bold and ambitious initiative designed to reimagine UMSL and build the metropolitan campus of the future.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Senator Williams serves as a board director of People's Health Center and is a member of the advisory boards for St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Simmons Bank, iHeart Media, Nurses for Newborns and the University City Children's Center. He is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Ceremony IV - Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Liberal Studies

May Candidates
Rokhshana Band Ali
Megan Anne Bischof
Evan Andrew Boyle
Jennifer Catherine Brown
Jonathan Robert Cumpton
Sophie Rae Durham
Lashonda Sheree Hill
Joseph Timothy Alan Kalter
Ashlee Sue Kennon
Bessam Näbil Mothana
Abigail Precht
Joy Danielle RHodeman
Danielle Eleanor Rose
Kara L. Schaper
Courtney Jo Sedabres
Sarrah A. Spikener*
Nicholas Richard Thompson
Teresa Lynn Thornhill
Ebonie Evelyn Williams**

August Candidates
Madar Gul Band Ali
Dajah Aereona Barker
Madelyn June Carducci
Lucas Benjamin Hill
Eylesa Louise kellam
Paige King
Jamie Nicole LaZear
Aia Obeed
Catherine Phillips-Pelzps
Jacob Northcutt Reeves
Darris Smith
Keach-A Kandyce Starks
Ryne Matthew Watts
Jamilie Nicole Wright

Bachelor of Arts
Organizational Leadership

May Candidates
Jacob Arnett
Christine Mary Berg
Andrew Burhans
Emily Rae Flynn**
Alvin Von Franklin
Timara L. Green
Terri Elle Littlefield
Tyler Phillips
Pawel Szczyciel
Jaylah H. Wilburn*

August Candidates
Melissa Alvarado-Pintor
Wanda Jean Burns
Kristi Leigh Henderson
Riley Marie Kurczynski
Danielle Nicole Snedeker

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

May Candidates
Ava Courcelle Eisenhauer*
Brian Ross Hebbeln
Quarletta Henderson
Andrew Christopher Kay
Momo Kikuchi**
Simone Leekhool
Jordan L. McCuin
Cameron B. Olea
Emily A. Rich-Lane*
William Jeffrey Swift
Amber Kaye Teson

August Candidates
William Peter Andreyuk
Ann M. Birsinger
Paige Seydel

Bachelor of Arts
Psychology

May Candidates
Linzy Sajie Cruzen
Destinee Lanay Edwards*
Mackenzie Ann Pim
Angela L. Pool
Taja Stephens
Isabella Grace Torregrossa

August Candidates
Caillt Daniie Ewing**
Aveen Hasan*
Eric Joseph Maassen
Asraa Mahdi
Alexandra M. Moughamian

Bachelor of Arts
Psychological Sciences

May Candidates
Meghan Christine Albrecht
Megan Elizabeth Ballentine
Nichele Dorjah Bates
Kimonique K. Beals**
Nichole Tucker Conaway
Daniel Cross
Rachel Elizabeth Daniels*
Madison Keely Darner*
Amanda Marie Dunn
Alexandra P. Durham
Sarah Elizabeth Fischer
Danita Stephanie Gentry
Ryan Anthony Gillam**
Deana Jakupi
Sydney Christine Kirsch
Tiffany N. Korman**
Adam Louis Kupsky (RCH)
Armani LaCour
Madison D. Lakamp
Bailey Nicole Leser
Micah David Nellis
Kjell Anthony Pedersen
Brittany S. Pollard
Megan Rosalia Puettmann
Arianna G. Rico
Erica Nicole Rivera
Emily F. Skelton*
Nicole Soell**
Breland Juijan Stewart
Brent Thomas Sullivan*
Amanda Clare Vitale
Abigail Cecilia Weidick

August Candidates
Christine R. Braselman
Annina Kristine Breunig
Patrick Jarrett Buxton
Jaelynn Cooper
Maria Isabela Forsythe
Lia Erreydon Jackson**
Sugyasa Khanal**
Kristy Joanna Milburn
JaNiece Marie Randolph
Kevin Rebmann (RCH)
Dominica A. Roos
Mais M. Salah
Esther Elana Silverman
Allison Marie Steil

Bachelor of Science
Psychological Sciences

May Candidates
Haley Nicole Alberson* (RCH)
Sharnika Ellis
Radia Y. Farid**
Lillian Leigh Franzen*
Eric Matthew Friel** (RCH)
Nicholas P. Galindo
Carmen S. Goodrich
Addie Lynn Halbrook*
Margarita Rose Hoffman
Madyson Elizabeth Jacobs*
Matthew Earl Jines
Rachel Jones
Aya Kaziz
Hella Mornand
Sarah Mujdzic
Megan E. Niehaus**
Shaniah Nun
Cory Elizabeth Perkins**
James T. Phillips
Brooke Reimann
Kelby Robinson-Wilson
Paige Elizabeth Rose
Haley Elizabeth Rowberry
Nathan Xavier Schwab
Brandon A. Scott
DeAnna Smith
Brendan Thomas Spencer*
Unique Stratton
Taylor Janae Trotman
Addison Rose Vogt**
Carter Benjamin Wheelock* (RCH)
Alexa Rene Wolf*

August Candidates
Francis Rodolph Jewel Adrian
Gabawan Abecia
Keya J. Bryan
Alexis Noel Courtney
Jolie Ann Holshchen
Raelynn D. Isaac
Aya Kaziz
David Kingree
Mackenzie Grace Rarick**
Kaelin Selle
Simerjeet Kaur Singh
Angel Watson
Karissa Erin Weber

Bachelor of Science
Public Policy

May Candidates
Ashley Olivia Alexander
Robyn Harvey
Kristen Leigh Jorgensen*
Michael Royce Raffelson*

Bachelor of Arts
Sociology

May Candidates
Shelley T. Berry*
Nicole Eanes

Bachelor of Science
Sociology

May Candidates
Sam Rashawn-tybius Cliffman
Austin Alexander Guzman
Sharay Ann Jones
Hunter Joseph Parker
Emma Madeline Roberts
Nicole Soell**

August Candidate
Victoria Ann Dotson**
SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Social Work

Social Work

May Candidates
Rebecca Leggitt Anderson
Paul Aaron Auer
Abbey Rose Battles
Robert Francis Hogan
Daniel Clifford Juelfs**
Tracy LaVonne Lee
Jasmine Shannika Moore
Lauren Alexis Mueller***
April Murry
Olivia Danielle-Monroe Nance*
Jaimi Maureen Rivers*
Alex Cortney Roach
Margaret Elizabeth Robbins
Catherine Aeisha Safari
Robert Neal Shuell
Antionette Travis
Christopher Gary Worsham

August Candidates
Donid Donzell Baldwin
Rebecca Ann Beishir**
Madison Delaine Damann
Fatimata Dite Sira Diop**
Alexander Flomo
Mia M. Foote
Whitley Denise Foster
Christina Camille Gambaro*
Leslie Michelle Gooch
Skyla Mae Haudrich
Miriam Marquez Hernandez
Elexis Janee Hubbard
Emily Christine Hurd
Katherine Grace ORourke
Nicole A. Roberts
Ashley Paige Robinson
Skyler Harrison Wickiser
Cocoa C. Young
DR. MIRANDA MING holds a Bachelor of Science in secondary education, a master’s degree in educational administration, an education specialist degree in education administration and a PhD in education from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Dr. Ming is the Executive Director of Momentum Academy in St. Louis and has held various leadership roles at Jennings Senior High and EAGLE College Prep.

During her time at Jennings Senior High, Dr. Ming played a role in the establishment of the Collaborative Laboratory Internships and Mentorship (CLIMB) Program at UMSL. CLIMB aims to reduce the opportunity gap facing underfunded districts while immersing students in STEM opportunities.

She is the co-owner of KM Educational Design, an organization focused on creating school communities where the barriers do not control the outcomes. This area of passion is also the focus of “The Path Less Traveled: Creating Authentic STEM Career Pathways by Removing Barriers for Underestimated Youth”, a book that she co-authored.
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

May Candidates

Jingxin Cheng
“Experiential & High Impact Design Thinking’s Effect Diverse Gamers and Resistance Relations Between Prior The Pivot to Online Learning: Jingxin Cheng Advisor: Susan Kashubeck-West, PhD Advisor: Marvin Berkowitz, PhD Advisor: Cody Ding, PhD

Carla L. Jordan
“In What Ways Do Faculty, Students, and Advisors’ Perceptions of an Urban University Contribute to Undergraduate Student Success?”

Advisor: Keith Miller, PhD

Patricia Keller
“Relations Between Prior Racial Microaggressions, Expatriation Motivation, and Life Satisfaction Among African American Expats in China”

Advisor: Susan Kashubeck-West, PhD

Breon Rose
“Diverse Gamers and Resistance Through Video Gameplay”

Advisor: Susan Kashubeck-West, PhD

Gabrielle Sewester
“Exploring Strategies for Placement Stability Among Foster Care Children”

Advisor: Cody Ding, PhD

Kim Starkey
“Design Thinking’s Effect on Empathy Development in Middle School English-Language Arts”

Advisor: Marvin Berkowitz, PhD

Brian Allen Thomas
“Experiential & High Impact Learning as Catalysts for Change: Exploring the Historical Inquiry Process and Experiences of High School and College History Instructors”

Advisor: Theresa Coble, PhD

Doctor of Education

May Candidates

Tracy Barron
“Confronting Whiteness: When Critical White Studies and Racial Trauma Collide: An Autoethnography”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Karen Douglas
“Some Wounds Don’t Heal: Spirit Assassination Attempts: Tools of White Supremacy”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Sharena Stevenson
“Black Female Educator: Underappreciated, Overworked, and the Indelible Quest for Agency Within the Educational System”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Pamela Diane Williams
“My Story is in the Structure: An Autoethnographic Study by an Instructional Designer Working in a Centralized Academic Reporting Line”

Advisor: E. Paulette Isaac-Savage, EdD

Nicole Reed Adewale
Robert Lawrence Bloch
Garry Deland Gibbs
“An Examination of the Impediments to Implementing Student-Centered Teaching Methods in Public Schools”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Sara Beg
Maritza Mayella Caldera
Denise Marie Ross
“Autoethnographies Exploring the Cultural Spirit Murdering and Nurturing of Three Minority Educators in K-12”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Anne Marie Grass
Leo Jalipa
Connor Maguire
“Convening the Counter-Conversation: Critical Participatory Action Research Against Real-Time Repression”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

ShaQuina Danae White
Desiarae Nicole Williams
“Counseling and Mental Health Awareness in Higher Education Institutions: A Phenomenological Exploration of Mental Health and How It Affects Degree Completion among Black Undergraduate College Women”

Advisor: Kenton Mershon, PhD

Nana Faye Becoat
Michelle Juanita Cooley
Christina Joi Grove
Pablo Ramos, Jr.
“Dream-Seekers (Ladson-Billings, 2009): An Analysis of Culturally Relevant Pedagogical Development Through the Perspective of Black Novice Teachers”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Christina Marie Cox
Vicky Herbel
Amo Koehler
“Black Novice Teachers”

Advisor: Gretchen Fricke, EdD

Kara Tiggas Cisco
Aimee N. Snelling
“Ethnic Studies and White Identity”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Tamika J. Galvin
Sherrie Lenay McClellan
Teresa Marie Quares
“Black People—When the Rainbow Was Not Enough: An Autoethnographic Collection About Spirit Assassination”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Tabari Asim Coleman
Toni Janae Fall
Crystal L. Isom
“Participation Mandatory, Learning Not Required: A Phenomenological Study of Diversity Training in Education and Law Enforcement”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Kira Renee Carter
Jane E. Kelley
RC Patterson
“Steminism: Analyzing Factors That Improve Retention of Women in STEM”

Advisor: Marcus Long, PhD

Shanee Haynes
Rayza Yiselle Rolón-Nieves
Kevin Michael Wathen
“Student-Faculty Engagement Solutions for Retention of Racially Minoritized Students”

Advisor: Kenton Mershon, PhD

LaShanda Boone
Keesha Byrd
Susan Grimes
Jamesha Lashay Purdum
Ciera Wourman
“The Impact of Social-Emotional Competence on Academic Achievement and Career Success within Urban School Systems”

Advisor: Kenton Mershon, PhD

Molly C. Croghan
Ebonie Sierra Davis
Janci Finkley
Zehra Khan
Yvette Antoinette Levy
Evans Lugalia-Mudanya
Lizbeth Román
“The Postsecondary Success of Historically Marginalized Black and Latino Male Students: Examining Factors that Impact College Readiness Preparation and Persistence”

Advisor: Norris Manning, EdD

Latin Honors  *** summa cum laude  ** magna cum laude  * cum laude
Ceremony V - Saturday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Casetta Diane Brown
Brian C. Guilfoyle
Sarah J. Guilfoyle
Courtney Donnell Jude
“The Spirit-Murdering of Black Students from White Educators”
Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Danielle M. Allen
Kelly L. Atkins
Angela T. Haywood-Gaskin
Rhonda Lynette Lingard
Joel Mandell Stancer
Kuristin J. White-Dunlap
“Who Cares?! Fostering Inclusive and Empowering Environments for Black Students in Predominately White Institutions: Strategies for Retention and Cultural Engagement”
Advisor: Shawn Woodhouse, PhD

Aschlei Lacher Gathing
Advisor: Terrence Freeman, PhD

Joelle Mw McIntosh

Erika S. Johnson

“Why We Stay - Considering the Past, Contemplating the Present, Suggestions for the Future”
Advisor: Terrence Freeman, PhD

candidates for educational specialist degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Educational Specialist/Educational Administration

May Candidates
Makeda Lene Bryant
Aschlei Lacher Gathing
Demetria Handley
Travis A. Rainey
Elizabeth Spina

Education Specialist in School Psychology

May Candidates
Erin Rose Brown
Carly J. Clonts
Daniel Lagoni
Jillian Sarah Beckerle
Monserratra
Oliver W. Pfeiffer
Hannah Katherine Pulse
Kelle Reach Franklin
Niara Alexandra Savage
Emily Shields
Mikayla Sue Thompson
Kristen White

August candidates
Rileigh Addison Cann
Hailey N. Johnson

Candidates for Master’s Degrees
GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education

Adult and Higher Education

May Candidates
Katelynd Christine Davis
Tracy Denise Johnson
Marisa Kochl Smith
Laura Waite

August Candidate
Tremesha Arnise Robinson

Counseling

May Candidates
Diana Ahelli Baker
Kennedy Grace Baker
Marissa Paullette Barbeau
Kerstyn Margaret Buehrig
Hailey Rose Coleman
Amy Donovan
Carol Marie Dunn
Sarah Anne Engle
Colleen Elizabeth Gossler
Britni Marie Gray
Mary Clare Hall
Karlee E. Jasinski
Madeline Hannah Lapp
Sarah Marie McCart
Michael Thomas Michler
Nissreen Ernad Newby
Kaitlyn Nienhaus
Kathy Marie Nunley
Megan Renee Patterson
Megan Lynn Pierce
Nansy Ponce Ramos
Alyssa Reynolds
Violanta Shamija
Rabia Shoal
TShauna Tinsley
Brady Charles Talver
Rita Elisa Vega
Kathryn Rose Weiss
Matiah Assata White

August Candidates
Sydney Bain
Bria Nichol Harrod
Cailltin McDaniel
Caycee Diane Mckinney
Kathryn Nicole Mullins
Milinda E. Ochirsukh
Danielle Thelen

Educational Administration

May Candidates
Aschlei Lacher Gathing
Leah Janeice Grant
Tiona Tamarah Johnson
Samuel Llano
Patrick Dameon Ward

Education

May Candidates
Abigail Darleen Adkins
Pamela Suzetta Barsh
Lisa Brehm
Cierra C. Brown
Andrea B. Brunsvold
Emily Michelle Crane
Abigail Cross
Anne Elizabeth Fuhrmann
William Conan Griffin
Tonya Keys
Ryan Mathew Logsdon
Jessica Marie Radzwillzwicz
Maribel Ramirez-Bohnenkamp
Emily Parrish Stembridge
Smith
Morgan Tennell-Powell
Terriane Ward

August Candidates
James Sawyer Buck
Jarana Dalien
Marquida Charlice Davis
Nancy Farkas
Ana Lin Geddes
Nancy Marie Hadnott
Chara McMurry Kee
Kelsea L. Lesinski
Tracey McElmurry
LaShawnda Ramsey
Anthony Wayne Roman
Kaitlyn Delanie Schildknecht
LaShaye Tucker
Alecia Marie Tumpap

Secondary Education

May Candidates
George Fernando Arteaga
Lillian Mary Carse
Harrison Blanco Haarmann
Crystal Diane Harrell
Mickayla Jackson
Beatrice Underwood-Sweet
Breana Wagner
Josh Wuerffel

August Candidates
Kara Jewel Evans
Shelby Marie Harris
Courtney Shaneice Hendricks
Isaac Harry Melsns
Esteban Mendez
Bayna Starr Peyton
Kyle Reisenauer
Dana Siegrist

Special Education

May Candidates
Colleen C. Clancy
Abigail Ruth Dicandia
Chad Thomas Hastings
Tina Ray Lavine
Maureen Angela Loft
Kaitlin McRoberts
Adisa Velic

August Candidates
Patricia Ahrens
Jerry A. Brandon
Rileigh Addison Cann
Kelsey Kathleen Groth
Lauren Krippner
Hannah Ruth Rose

Elementary Education

May Candidates
Stephanie Marie Amsler
Breann Bersi
Bradford John Besse
Miranda Sapphire
Chamberlayne
Penny Dutton-Gamble
Claire Michelle Jost
Stacy Kourinos
Amy Elizabeth Maledy
Elena M. Stone
Becky Tilley
Kristina Kathryn Zotos

August Candidates
Gianna Faith Buffano
Sierra J. Burton
Elena Rosalia Fiqueroa
Donna Jordan McLarty
Abigail Morrow
Saundra Lynn Robert
Travis Turner

Primary Education

May Candidates

Emily Grace Atton
Angela Nanette AuBuchon
Elizabeth Mottert Fillia
Jada Summer Fellerstey
Andrea Minnerth
Kayla Piskorski
Myesha Jenae Thornton
Steven Lester Woods

August Candidate
Jessica Ann Coleman
Master of Science
Applied Behavioral Analysis
May Candidates
Sarah Christine Gindelberger
Jacqueline Olivia Pecoraro
August Candidate
Kimberly Derque
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Educational Studies
Educational Studies
May Candidates
Caroline E. Collier
Sean Collin Ede
Blake Iliff
Anna Michelle Mason
Camelia Murphy
Ani Williams
August Candidates
Rachel Michele Davis
Marie E. Dickhaus
Andrew Steven Doskal
James McInroy*
Claire Elizabeth Ringhausen
Bachelor of Science in Education
Early Childhood Education
May Candidates
Avery Temple
Diamond Renee Wilson
Elementary Education
May Candidates
Jessica Lee Allison
Lauren Elizabeth Ayres***
Samantha L. Barteau*
Malaina Nicole Bowers
Madalyn Carr
Sarah Elizabeth Cutright
Katie Lynne Davis*
Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
May Candidates
Mason Clynes
Lilly Rebecca Catherine Doba
Harmauny Nicole Faulkner
John S. Gorham
Connor Stephen Horack
Nicholas Adrian Porcelli
Matthias Judson Shelp
Makayla Tovey
SUCCEED Certificate Program
May Candidates
Ryan Austin
Aaron Beeks
Luke Blumenkemper
Kathleen Boeyink
Austin Bontty
Deven Boston
Jaylin Brown
Cameron Clemons
Kenneth Crouch
Josef Engelhardt
Faith Ewing
Luke Friedel
Ryan Hasty
Jordan Kronemer
Breuer Lamb
Dominick Mason
Henry Orahood
Chase Pultman
Emma Robinson
Lucy Salamon
Sean Walker

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Elizabeth Anne Dodson
Lynsey Eikermann
Abby Christine Fank
Emily Ann Frick
Emily Catherine Gebel
Emily Noel Giljum
Lindsey Hilderbrand
Haley Marie Hosea
Emily Michelle Joseph
Krystin Leigh Keath*
Jason Paul Keleher
Kaley Nicole Kloeppele
Jaisie Leigh Kulick
Dawn Lynn Majjala***
Teamir D. Melaku
Yeni Andrea Moya
Nina Melinda Pickett
Brooke H. Presson
Hannah M. Putman
Aiden Mark Robertson
Evann Grace Rothermach
Mary Katelin Schaake
Kara Elizabeth Shepherd
Amin Hafeez Siddiqui
Samantha Stevens*
Hannah Streckfuss
Courtney Stuckmeyer
Katelyn Lee Thies
Elise M. Wasson
Syclar Ann Webb
Ashlyn Westrich*

Physical Education
May Candidates
Lauren Cain
Brett Alexander Lynch
Amanda Jo O’Neill
Austin Gregory Phillips*

Secondary Education
May Candidates
Kathryn A. Acton
Allison R. Brown*
Elizabeth K. Closser
Lisa Ann Foust
Grace Elizabeth Kaminski
Ian Robert Summers
Alexander William Trotier
Duncan Jourdain van Breusegen

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

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Haley Nicole Alberson* (RCH)
Amelia Barr
Tara Bassham**
Emily Paige Beauto***
Rebecca Johanna Bechtel
Cassandra Ewune Beryl*
Duan S. Bills*
Nicholas A. Black**
Niyah Nicole Brown
Kennady N. Carter
Abigail Kathleen Champion*
Yuki Chen*
Elizabeth K. Closser
Mason Clynes
Shylyn J. Collier**
Vincent Santo Costa***
Linzey Saige Cruzen
Karli Patience Dean*
Destinee Lanay Edwards*
Azariah Sade Estes**
Afina B. Fayez
Jacob Thomas Fox
Lillian Leigh Franzen*
Caleb Cross Garrett**
Jay Gaskin
Danita Stephanie Gentry
Xavier G. Gobble (RCH)
Lauren Nicole Graf***
John Robert Granicke*

Celeste Anna Haefner
Amanda Hamilton
Margarita Rose Hoffman
Andrew Christopher Kay
Abigail Claire Keleher***
Jason Paul Keleher
Elizabeth S. Keyster
Momo Kikuchi**
Lauren Koleas
Douglass Dale Kyd*
Mckenzie Leigh Lamos*
Victor Liu***
Ashley Christine Maempa*
Crystal Sarah Martin***
Shannon Jean McCormac**
Hella Momand
Anjeni Willow Morrell
Sarah J. Murrell
Micah David Nellis
Tram Nguyen
Megan E. Niehaus**
Anna Kayt O’Brien*
Karla Abigail Pacheco
Brandon Michael Pasley*
Erica Nicole Patton***
Avery Paige Pierce**
Michael Royce Raffelson*
Cassius Rizor
Sadie Rudin
Emma K. Saylor**
Tasha Marie Schoen
Jacob Ryan Schott**

Grace Elizabeth Smiley
Brendan Thomas Spencer*
Donald William Spicer
Lorne St. Christopher II*
Robert Gary Stevson
Nora L. Stith*
Luisamaria Trotta
Olyvia G. VandenBrink
Emily Clare Vastola (RCH)
Addison Rose Vogl**
Jalen Christopher
Walker-Wright
Ayana A. Weissenfluh***
Carter Benjamin Wheelock* (RCH)
Justin T. Wieschhaus
Jaylah H. Wilburn*
Faith Zuber

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Theresa R. Colombini**
Anna Christine Connoley
Madison Delaine Damann
Alexander R. Entwistle
Kaitlyn Diana Fenton
Alyssa Gaddis
Emily Lucille Hager
Winter Rain Harmsen
Aidan Thomas Head
Raelyn D. Isaac
Morgan Taylor Nelson*
Katherine Grace O’Rourke
Hannah M. Reichert*
Jalen Donovan Rhodes*
Simerj Kaur Singh
Princess-Elenah Timothy
Angel Watson
Bushra Zehra Zaidi**
Graduate Certificates

Analytical Chemistry

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Eric Puhlmann

Applied Behavior Analysis

May Candidate
Jacqueline Olivia Pecoraro

August Candidate
Jason Nathaniel Trout

Artificial Intelligence

May Candidates
Mark Attwood
Kelly Ann Gruber
Dae-Gyue Han
Manjil Munankarmi
Tram Nguyen
Anthony Edward Urschler

Business Administration

May Candidates
Caitlin Francis
Scott Griggs
Shane Thomas Smithson

Business Intelligence

May Candidates
Sai Nithish Rao Bandaru
Sravya Bandi
Shanmuga Priya Reddy
Cherlopalli Murali
Christopher Earl Dailey Sr
Tonggang Dong
Elodie Neticia Jabouin
Bhargavi Kakumani
Pragathi Kotha
Sara Gholami Kouhi III
Tejaswari Mallipeddi
Manisha Mittapelli
Sarah Renee Ortman
Michael Robert Ottoline
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Pasam
Vamshi Krishna Poosala
Marek Karol Poplawski
David R. Stewart Jr.
Sabeha Sultana Syed
Pramod Sai Talluri
Rajeshwar Reddy Thornala
Yashwanth Reddy
Thummalapally
Harish Reddy Vempalli
Vamshi Krishna Vidyala
Nathan Thomas Wurtz

Data Science

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Dae-Gyue Han
Manjil Munankarmi

Digital and Social Media Marketing

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Morgan A. Bradley
Kari Lynn Fischer
Alexandra P. Hill

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Tamara Lanae Ferrell

Elementary Mathematics Specialist

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Pamela Suzetta Barsh
Ryan Matthew Logsdon

Enterprise Systems Development

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Christopher Earl Dailey Sr
Sarah Renee Ortman

Fintech

May Candidate
Edmaelle Augustin

History Education

May Candidate
Ryan Martin Ingle

Information Security Management and Auditing

May Candidate
Timothy R. Robinson

Information Systems and Technology

May Candidates
Shivanath Adepu
Tharan Kumar Reddy Avula
Sai Nithish Rao Bandaru
Sravya Bandi
Sapna Bhave
Shanmuga Priya Reddy
Cherlopalli Murali
Abhinava Deepak Cherukuri
Priyanka Chinthakuntla
Arness Danekar
Rajasree Janyavula
Bhargavi Kakumani
Deepika Kalidindi
Deepak chowdary Malapati
Tejaswari Mallipeddi
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Nathan Thomas Wurtz

Internet and Web Graduate

May Candidate
Daniel Jared Glauber

K-12 Teacher Leader Graduate

May Candidate
Jennifer Staed

Mobile Apps and Computing

May Candidate
Anthony Edward Urschler

Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling

May Candidates
Kennedy Grace Baker
Kerstyn Margaret Buehrig
Sarah Anne Engle
Madeline Hannah Lapp
Danielle Thelen
Brady Charles Toliver
Rita Elisa Vega

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Milinda E. Ochirsukh

Museums Heritage and Public History

May Candidates
Macy Nickole Love
Ryan Michael Lowry
Sophia Brieann Pressler
Anabelle Marie Sherrill

August Candidate
Quinlan Renee Holt

Nonprofit Organizational Management and Leadership

May Candidate
Pamela JB Farrar

Organic Chemistry

May Candidate
Eric Puhlmann

Post Grad Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

May Candidates
Alexzandra Ann Hillyer
Lisa Susan Simani

School Counseling Post Masters

May Candidate
Sara Sagakhanen

Secondary School Teaching

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Anne Elizabeth Fuhrmann
David Alan Morrison

August Candidate
Heather Rena Evans

Social Justice in Education

May Candidates
Stephanie Marie Arnsler
Mercedes Porche Brown
Garry Deland Gibbs
Claire Michelle Jost

Student Affairs Administration and Leadership

August Candidate
Ammarra Janel Berry

Supply Chain Management

May Candidates
Patience Feghe Alexander
James Clayton Best
Jaxson Mahlstadt
Leonard Paul Sowa
Talent Management

**May Candidate**
Blake Ready Schliesser

Taxation

**May Candidates**
Alexis Beard Holmes
James Sullivan

Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages

**May Candidates**
Abigail Cross
Mary Rodriguez

Teaching of Writing

**May Candidate**
Melissa Silvey
Ceremony I - Saturday, December 18, 8:30 a.m.

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