

University of Missouri–St. Louis

2026 Spring Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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2 P.M.

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7 P.M.

ED G. SMITH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

UMSL/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOINT
ENGINEERING PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 16

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ARTS, HUMANITIES, FINE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

6:30 P.M.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
SUCCEED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

UMSL

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Chancellor's Message

Dear UMSL Class of 2026,

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



Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor

About the University

The University of Missouri–St. Louis

Much like our graduates, the University of Missouri–St. Louis is also a success story. As 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 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 nearly 15,000 students, half of which are degree-seeking students.

While UMSL's more than 120,000 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 national research university, according to U.S. News & World Report – ranked No. 136 among public universities.

U.S. News & World Report ranked UMSL No. 87 (No. 1 in Missouri) among the nation's "Top 100 Performers for Social Mobility" ranking – meaning that the university does an outstanding job of graduating students with extreme financial need.

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 students as they seek different and better lives. Our academic programs emphasize student growth through research, internship opportunities, and one-on-one attention.

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

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.



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 Missouriien 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.

Ceremony I

FRIDAY,
MAY 15
2 P.M.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Order of Exercises

Presiding

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies

Julie DeKinder, clinical professor of optometry, associate dean of academic program, director of residency programs

Faculty Marshal

Casey Peterson, associate clinical professor

Student Marshals

Anna Spell, outstanding student in optometry

Order of Procession

- Doctoral candidates
- Faculty
- Platform party

National Anthem

Led by

Mackenna Glazer, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Address

Melvin Shipp, optometrist

Introduction read by
Keshia Elder, dean, College of Optometry

Conferral of Academic Degrees

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Assisted by
Keshia Elder, dean,
College of Optometry

Names read by
Julie DeKinder

Hoarding of the New Doctors of Optometry

Emily Gum, assistant clinical professor

Vinita Henry, associate dean of clinical operations

Welcome of the New Alumni

Scott Ream, OD 1987

Recession

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



Commencement Speaker

Melvin Shipp, OD, DPH

Dean emeritus at The Ohio State University

Dr. Melvin Shipp, dean emeritus at The Ohio State University, has had a long career in optometry. Prior to his arrival to OSU, Dr. Shipp was a member of the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham from 1976 to 2004. His experiences at UAB include academic administration, health profession education and applied clinical and health policy research.

Dr. Shipp has assumed leadership and membership roles within a variety of nonfederal national health-related organizations. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a diplomate – and former chair – of the Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section. He has also held various leadership

roles with the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Shipp was elected to the office of APHA Treasurer in 2000 and presently is a member of the APHA Executive Board.

Dr. Shipp's research interests include the evaluation of the impact of vision-related public policy and traffic safety, the reduction of racial and ethnic eye and vision health disparities, and relationships between blood homocysteine levels and premature presbyopia.

Dr. Shipp received a Doctor of Optometry from Indiana University, a Master of Public Health from Harvard University and a Doctor of Public Health from the University of Michigan. Dr. Shipp is only the second optometrist to receive the DrPH degree.

Ceremony I - Friday, May 15, 2 p.m.

**CANDIDATES FOR
DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**COLLEGE OF
OPTOMETRY**

Doctor of Optometry

May Candidates

Sama Alhalabi
Zachary W. Brown
Marissa Burech
David John Campbell
Megan Corcoran
Cameron James Cutler
Ellen E. Frichtel
Ricardo A. Garza
William L. Hess
Emerald Grace Jones
Amina Junuzovic
Jonathan D. Kane
Airshpreet Kaur
Larry Richard Kosmerick
Alexis Danielle Kyle
John Stuart Luder
Alison Marie McCombs
Haley Piper Metz
Annie Claire Moorkamp
Duy Duong Thao Nguyen
Karen Nguyen
Evan William Olsen
Devansi Patel
Emma Pearson
Shelby Lynn Pichla-Thompson
Abigail Renee Pierce
Rylee Alan Powell
Kylie Rita Quinn
Marika X. Quinn
Linnaea Schaub
Nicholas Seibel
Jorge Andres Soria
Aubrey Rochelle Sowers
Anna M. Spell
Kiley Stout
Hallie Traverse
Kaleb Kristiano Valenzuela
Paige Nicole Webster
Lynn Williams
Kaylee Willner
Asher Wu

THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I AFFIRM that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.

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 the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I WILL work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.

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 fully 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 doctors of optometry 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 a doctor of optometry.

I HEREBY commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

**American Optometric Association, 2025*

Ceremony II

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MAY 15
7 P.M.

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BUSINESS

UMSL/WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY JOINT
ENGINEERING
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Order of Exercises

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Master of Ceremonies

Shaji Khan, associate dean, undergraduate programs and assurance of learning and associate professor

Aisle Marshals

Tim Dombrowski, assistant professor of finance; **Vivek Singh**, assistant professor of information systems and technology

Faculty Marshal

Sanjiv Bhatia, associate dean and professor, joint engineering program

Student Marshals

Andrew Hennen, College of Business Administration, outstanding in accounting and business administration

Alexandra Lane, UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program, outstanding student in mechanical engineering

Alexander Orywall, Graduate School, outstanding student in business administration

Order of Procession

- Undergraduate candidates
- Master's candidates
- Doctoral candidates and faculty
- Platform party

National Anthem

Led by
Mackenna Glazer, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Address

Don Mueth, director of operations of Asset Consulting Group

Introduction read by
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Conferral of
Academic Degrees

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

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

Shu Schiller, dean, College of Business Administration

Joseph O'Sullivan, dean, UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclède Honors College

Presentation of
Diploma Folders

Names read by
PJ Moore, associate teaching professor

Welcome of the
New Alumni

Anitra Lee-Cole, BA 1999

Recession

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



Commencement Speaker

Don Mueth, BSBA 1984, DBA 2020

Director of operations, Asset Consulting Group

Don Mueth holds an undergraduate degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance and a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. He began his career in the financial services industry in 1984 and has significant experience trading fixed income securities and managing client relationships. Dr. Mueth currently serves as director of operations for Asset Consulting Group, a nationally recognized investment firm. Prior to joining ACG, Dr. Mueth was a vice president with Walnut Street Securities, where he developed the

firm's investment management and research divisions. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Society of St. Louis and the CFA Institute.

Dr. Mueth is actively involved in the community with an emphasis in education. He is a long-time member of the Ed G Smith College of Business Finance Advisory Council and the Dean's Executive advisory Council. He was honored with the UMSL Salute to Business Achievement award in 2017.

Ceremony II - Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Doctor of Business Administration

May Candidates

Emily Karen Lane

“The Psychology of Telework”

Advisor: Matthew Taylor, PhD

Alexandria Krause Matlack

“Patriarchal Logics in
Entrepreneurship Ecosystems
and Outcomes for Female
Entrepreneurs”

Advisor: Lei Xu, PhD

Basia Helen Skudrzyk

“Navigating Geopolitical
Disruptions: Adaptive
Strategies for the Agri-Food
Sector”

Advisor: Temidayo Akenroye, PhD

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL ED G. SMITH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Masters in Accounting

Accounting

May Candidates

Grant Gregory Ebert

Hannah Elder

Pratiksha Giri

Breanna Marie Hurst

Edina Karahodzic

Rongbi Liu

Ribhi A. Mahmoud

Joshua David Maichel

Elma Mehmedovic

Ella Marie Peterson

Natalie Jewell Powers

Benjamin Edward Schweiss

Li Wang

August Candidates

Brogan Cavanaugh Trout

Master of Business Administration

Business Administration

May Candidates

Jessica Cargill

Keren Clinton

Cristina Eugenia Fernández
Bermejo

Emily Elise Fredrick

Derrick Anthony Freeman

Xena Ann Wallach Galvan

Adam Gross

Thomas Gruener

Brittany Hawkins

Audrey Leona Henderson

Marie Catherine Jeep

Alicia Shana Jones

Joseph Raymond Kohnen

Anirudh Kondaparthi

Sophia LaMere

Yousef Langi

Juliette Lecomte

Ruirui Liu

Shawanda Martin

Cole Stephen McWilliams

Joseph Effinger Merrill

Brecklyn S. Moore

Colin J. Mueller

Trey William Murphy

Morgan Taylor Nelson

Mary Ruguru Nganga

Nathan Onyekachi Okpara

Alexander Orywall

Tareef Oyedemi Oyebamiji

Joel M. Perstrobe

Louis William Poss

Payton Raeann Reinbott

Ruth Mary Samuel

Isis Mahcot Smith

Marion DeRon Sutton

Katelyn Anderson Tash

Ashley M. Thornton

Amir Saman Tolebeyan

Timothy Joseph Torrez

Omer Vejzovic

Halie Emma Voss

Jalen Christopher Walker-

Wright

Iris G. Williams

Hadeel Zaher

August Candidates

Clayton Bruce

Lu Cao

Che Lun Chang

Yung-Hsiang Chang

Yu Chieh Chiang

Sheng-Lun Chou

Kelly Davis

Reese Lynn Harbison

Allison Kathleen Heimsath

Cheng Chieh Hsia

Pin Chieh Huang

Chia-Yen Kao

Nikhil-Deepak Mirpuri Dodani

Rodney Mitchell

Timothy R. Robinson

Matthew Scharf

Danielle Nicole Smith

Chandler Welby

Hudson Joseph Wiegman

Tzu Yi Yang

Master of Science

Cybersecurity

May Candidates

Ernest Bobmanuel

Jasmine Hamilton-Baldwin

Gigy John

James Richard Kellmer

Jack Wilson Rhodes

Maisa Salahaldin

Elvedin Sumic

Pascual Basa Villar

August Candidates

Zachary F. Bodmer

Financial Technology

May Candidates

Doris Carpenter

Bryenne Mitchell

Cynthia N. Mungai

Jamison L. Sims

Information Systems and Technology

May Candidates

Anton Michael Clark

Graham Matthew Joyce

Jessica Ottenlips

Jason Roscoe

Qin Zhang

August Candidates

Melissa Beckering

Darryl Page

Loretta Teece

Supply Chain and Analytics

May Candidates

Oyinkansola Inioluwa Abejide

Daniel Arthur Kaufmann II

Ake K. Mukadi

Samson Oni Olunde

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

ED G. SMITH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Accounting

May Candidates

Donovan Bain*

Chloe Nicole Burrows

Anthony Thomas Cameron

Alexandria Jayden Cobb

Daniel Dixon

Jacob R.H. Dodge

Aaron John Guss

Allison Christine Hemsath

Andrew Jacob Hennen**

Jacob David Henslee

Olivia Jacquin

Nicholas Elijah Koenigsfeld*

Anna Marie Kohmetscher*

Jacqueline Llamas

Michael McKinnis*

Britt Ryan Nelson

Megan Nguyen***

Hamdiya Omer*

Lauren Powell

Reece Woodson Schleicher

Emily Elizabeth St. John

Autumn R. Starnes***

Eric Ruddy Toftemark

William A. Topping*

Seth Wahlman

Emily Zamacona- Mercado

Xin Zheng*

August Candidates

Kara Faye Johnson

Cheyenne Alyse Kemp

Aster Millie Rivera

Minh Thu Pham

Abigail Elizabeth Schellhase

Nayesha Passion Sullivan

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Business Administration

May Candidates

Chase Owen Adkins

Rockelle Adkisson

Sadia N. Ali

Mohammed Saleh M Almasidi

Domenica Fernanda Suraty

Alvarado

Reem Mazin Alwatari

Clayton Arrowood

Gerrin Alan Bantle

Armin Begic

Taylor J. Bernhard*

Ceremony II - Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.

Irina Carol Ann Biedenstein*
Cooper Mathew Blythe
Jeremy Edward Boonshaft**
Devin M. Burgdorf
Kainen Burroughs
Anthony Thomas Cameron
Jacob O. Cherry
Callie Clinton*
Keith D. Clinton
Alexandria Jayden Cobb
Caitlin Erin Cushenbery
Joseph Steven Dasho
Fatima Dawood
Mia Emken*
Devon Scott Fanning
Sarah Christine Farless
Hafsah Farooq
Levi Michael Fischer
Madelynn Grace Frankenhauser
Carys Ava Gain
Joseph Halliday Gibert
Cade Samuel Grevengoed***
Amanda Rose Hagen
Muhammad Huzaifa
Hamirani***
Christopher R. Harris
Michelle Nicole Harris
Andrew Jacob Hennen**
Rachel Faith Hensley
EmmaAnne Louise Holland***
Ava Marie Hounsom
Cheryl House
Naudia Arie Jackson
Erica James
Deven Jefferson**
Henry L. Jordan
Heather Marie Joyce*
David Alan Keller
David Nenubari Kogbara
Anna Marie Kohmetscher*
Christopher Lampe
Michael Le
Zachary Michael Left Hand
Louis Lin
Katie Marie Linnig
Yemil Lopez Leal
Lily Marie Flora Manion
Jacob Paul McEneny
Biruk T. Mesfin
Dominick Michael Miller
Lucas Miller
Jason Mykal Moore
James Redick Mouyassar*
Adam Wyatt Neeley
Britt Ryan Nelson
Jordan M. Nenninger
Kylie Grace Orf
Gabrielle Catherine Piper**
Ashanti Pirtle-Graves
Eve Marie Porter
Drew Powell
Thelma Daniella Ramirez
Kyle Rapplean*
Jodyann Reid-Davis

Jacob M. Repp
Josephine Raelynn Rigdon
Kole Vincent Roberts
Adeline Rojas
Gabriella Rumpke**
Hunter Richard Schmidt
Aryaan Sheikh
Cameron William Siebum
Justin Walker Simard
Simon Francis Slinkard
Arlen Jamal Smart
Stuart David Snodgrass***
Ah'Reishia Stanley
Autumn R. Starnes***
Vincent T. Stech
Andrew Lee Struckhoff
Axel Matias Tamayo
Joseph Thailer
Madison Rose Tillman*
Hudson Robert Volk
Rockelle J. Wallace
Connor Douglas Westhoff
Natalie Neema Whittinghill
Aaron Alexander Wicklund
Addison James Wicks*
Joseph Albert Winkeler
Lauryn Christian Nicole Young
Alex Zahariev
Eric Zhang
Xin Zheng*

August Candidates

Jean-Daniel Franck Hassan
Adegbidi
Zaynual Abidin Ahmed Abdul
Zahra Al-Hussain
Chelsea L. Alvarez
Connor Armstead*
Brandon M. Barebo
Blessed Barhayiga
Michael Bohning
Nichole C. Branstetter
Yongru Chiu**
Isabella Covington
Joseph Thomas Deluvia
Jacob Duncan
Joyce Irakoze Felix
Kiersten Ann Kelleher**
John Lawrence
Zachary Daniel Lenz
Steven Joseph Loretta
Will Gilbert Moore**
Jordan Nenninger
Tate Joseph Ramey
Dominique Leigh Reinhart
Avery Renee Richardson
Joseph Tyler Rosa
Joseph A. Ryan
Sydney Siharaj*
Holly Smith
William Anthony Smith*
Amy Lucille Stanich

Mamadou Yacine Thiam
Nicholas Austin Waggoner
Caleb Samuel Wells*
Tyler Wilder
Bryan Matthew Wolfe

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity BS

May Candidates

Ernest Matthew Chavana

August Candidates

Joel James Humphreys*
Queenie Ann Martin

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

Info Systems and Technology

May Candidates

Gus Lee Cherry
Anthony Dimond
Robert Naoki Eastwood
Lucas Hof
Logan Matthew Hofius***
Faris Mashaleh
Mustafa Mutar*
Ghaith Rafat Tashman
Cameron Ray Womack**
Jack Xu***

UMSL/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOINT ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering

May Candidates

Abshir Abucar
Kevin Aquino
Tully Seth Ashmorebaner
George C. Broyles
Thomas Raider Flores
Luke Mason Fodor*
Charles Held
Christopher James Hunn
Kendra M. Keys
Alexandra Serendipity Lane
Liam Llewellyn
Frank Jason Melton

August Candidates

Nickolaus Soame Battis
Stephen Honu

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

May Candidates

Jenny Boyer*
Gage Broida
Samuel David Funk
Tim Grotha
Danish Hameed
Victoria Martinez
Ian Michael McBride***
Brandon McGee*
Trevor Jordan Orr*
Cody Lucas Williamson
Kamran Peter Winschel*

August Candidates

Thomas Steven Butler
Brian T. Orf
David Thomas
Max Venker***

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

May Candidates

Anthony Stephen Boveri
Cole Andrew Davis
Andy Khamphun Sengsavang

August Candidates

Mary Jane Adkins
Sadia Arif
Matthew James Barton
Andrew Maximus Ellis
Ashley Marissa Givance
Reagan Grass
Andrew Steven Jeffery
Riley Kane Johnson
Kathryn P. Keele
Tanin Ganesh Ramnath*
Julie Ann Steiger
Jeffrey James Werdel
Ryan Robert White
Michael Wright

Ceremony III

SATURDAY,
MAY 16
9 A.M.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FINE ARTS
HUMANITIES
MATHEMATICS
SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Order of Exercises

Presiding

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies

Diane Saleska, teaching professor
of nursing

Aisle Marshals

Amanda Finley, associate teaching
professor of nursing

Kurt Schreyer, associate professor
of English

Faculty Marshal

Maureen Quigley, teaching professor,
ancient and medieval art

Student Marshals

Candice Adair, College of Arts
and Sciences, outstanding student
in biology

Ashley Borowitz, College of Nursing,
outstanding student in nursing

Ifeoma Yibe, Graduate School,
outstanding student in computer
science

Brett Zimmerman, Graduate School,
outstanding student in philosophy

Order of Procession

- Undergraduate candidates
- Master's candidates
- Doctoral candidates and faculty
- Platform party

National Anthem

Led by

Arisa Ford-Jones, undergraduate
student in the College of Arts
and Sciences

Commencement Address and Honorary Degree Recipient

Mike Ward, retired, National Park
Service

Introduction read by
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Conferral of Academic Degrees

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

Andrew Balkansky, dean,
College of Arts and Sciences

Alicia Hutchings, College
of Nursing

Edward Munn Sanchez, dean,
Pierre Laclède Honors

Presentation of Diploma Folders

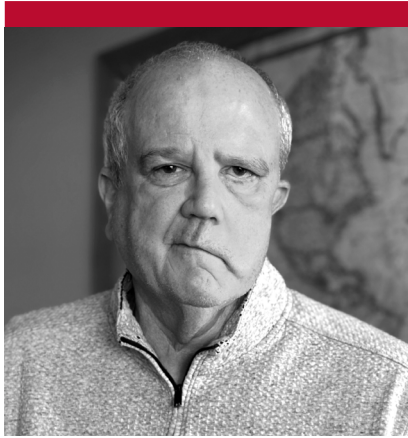
Names read by
Jim Henry, associate professor
of music

Welcome of the New Alumni

Jean Evans, BA 1990 MBA 2024

Recession

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platform party has exited.)*



Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient

Mike Ward

Former deputy director for the Midwest region of the National Park Service

Michael “Mike” Ward retired in 2025 following a distinguished career of nearly four decades with the National Park Service, where he earned national respect for his leadership in historic preservation, public lands stewardship and civic partnership. Most recently, he served as Deputy Regional Director for the Midwest Region, providing executive oversight for five major program areas supporting 66 national park units across 13 states, while supervising the superintendents of the region’s seven largest parks.

Throughout his career, Mr. Ward led and strengthened several nationally significant sites, including Gateway Arch National Park, Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota and Ulysses S. Grant National

Historic Site in St. Louis. During his tenure at Gateway Arch National Park, he helped guide the transformational CityArchRiver project reimagining the Gateway Arch grounds and the St. Louis riverfront.

Recognized for his collaborative leadership and enduring commitment to public service, Mr. Ward has dedicated his career to preserving places that connect communities to the nation’s history, culture and shared heritage. In retirement, he continues to advocate for public lands stewardship as a member of the Executive Committee for the Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks.

Ceremony III - Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

May Candidates

Cristina Sinobas Pereira
“Establishment of a HEK293T Cell Model System to Investigate Direct Intracellular Interactions Between Amyloid- β (A β) and the NLRP3 Inflammasome”
Advisor: Michael Nichols, PhD

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

History

May Candidates

Nolan Michael Auger
Lisa Anne Buendia
Andrew F. Burns
Miriam Murray Ferko
Caroline Olivia Kidwell
Justin T. King
Meredith Anne Linn
Jonah Lynd-Porter
Hannah McInnis
Felicia Reum
Christina Lee Saxton
Marci Janette Snow-Perry
Alexander Caderyn Stevenson
Emily A. White

Master of Arts

Mathematics

May Candidates

Amera Alhalabi
Michael P. Bahan
Rithvik Kondai

August Candidates

Audrey Pilgrim

Master of Arts

Philosophy

May Candidates

Sarah Boslaugh
Maximus Amadeus Glamour
Nigel D. Hilgert
DeWitt Spiller
Brett Joseph Zimmerman

Master of Science

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates

Brianna Grace Carlton
Lauren Elizabeth Hopp
Megan Mueller
Amber Vigus

Master of Science

Biology

May Candidates

Rebecca Anne Benway
Benjamin D. Krasnoff

Master of Science

Chemistry

May Candidates

Cody Daniel Amann
Jahnvi Badiganti
Ignatius Treza Gatla
Ritika Kadiyan
Krishan Kumar
Sohail Mahajan
Sri Harsha Mamillapalli
Fnu Manisha
Vinay Thatikonda

Master of Science

Computer Science

May Candidates

Mohammed Alhasani
Sachina Koirala
Mariah Monique McDuffie
Jordan Moore
Lamar Myles
David Quang Khai Pham
Dylan Laggi Schaschl
Sathappan Ashwath Subbiah
Priyanka Thota

Master of Science

Cybersecurity

August Candidates

Jason A. Becker
Vladimir Murray

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Actuarial Science

May Candidates

Sophia Ashley Steinmetz***

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

May Candidates

Jane M. Kempf
Allison Nicole Lendman
Kalifa Martin
Rose Sharon Mitchell
Christopher William Salamone
Shivani Shah
Nilisha Shahi
Sara Erin Williams
Yasin Arafat Yusuf
Wilma Linnea Theresia Zanderau

August Candidates

Amina Michelle Kenjar

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

May Candidates

Amrith Gurung Sr
Abirham Kifle
Mackenzie Elaine Rovin

Bachelor of Science

Biology

May Candidates

Candice Adair***
Tebah Alhadrawi
Nicholas Logan Ballenger
Madison Michele Bottorff**
Samantha Lane Butkovich
Holly E. Camp
Madison Paige Cooley
Zoe Olivia Ellis
Lauren Friedmeyer
Noah Dillon Gilliland
Noah Vincent Gonia
Patricia Lynne Gordon
Lana G. Jabr
Irena Jasikovic
Jesse N. Le
Tim Angelo Artiaga Lopez*
Blake Andrew Moore
Seth Pfau
Lucy Viola Roth
Hassan Seoud
Madison Nichole Smith
Sophia Spaulding

Jared Laron Strickland
Brandon Vaughn
Kyliyah Trinace Walker
Gregory Allen Wilson Jr

August Candidates

Ilkim Green
Jacob Tyler Hedrick

Bachelor of Arts

Chemistry

May Candidates

Lucas Isaiah Barton*
Dominic Hudson

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

May Candidates

Gregory Matthew Giovine*
Nicholas Johnson*
Nathaniel Arthur Kemp*
Shuling Tran

August Candidates

Avery Buggs

Bachelor of Science

Computer Science

May Candidates

Subas Acharya
Leah-Anne Eyram Aklamanu
Josiah Ayres
Shounak Banerjee
Curtis Been
Elroi Mekuria Belete
Ryan Donovan Berry
Joshua William Boston
Zane Buchanan
Anthony Barona Burrows
Diamon Chidinma Daniels*
Jory Ehman
Justin Michael Erb
Alec Justin Fortner
Kayla Gaynor
Chloe Grimes
Colton J. Halloran
Rebecca A. Hanessian
Zackary Michael Hill
Karli Paige Hubbard
Caleb D. Jacobs
Joel Jefferson
Samuel Kinsella
Vladimir Kostin***
Logan Lindsay
Paul A. Moore
Miles Bernard Newman
Chukwuma Okeke
Muhammed Enes Ozturk
Siddhartha Reddy Pullannagari*
Linus Tristan Saewe
Swastika Kumari Sah

Ceremony III – Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

Rashmika Srivastava
Vincent T. Stech
Drashti Tailor
John W. Timmermann
Randy The Vo
Ian Westmoreland
Paul G. Williams
Matthew Yeager

August Candidates

Abinash Baniya
Mitchell Bergsma
Brandon Dickson
Matthew Dobbs
Tristan E. Gemzon
Colin D. Kehoe
Cole Alexander Kelso
Aaron Benjamin Kofman
Dat Peter Nguyen
Elisa Reyes
Matt R. Willerding

Bachelor of Science

Computing Technology

May Candidates

Dramond Terrell Ashford
Zachary Brown
Tuoogeh Cassandra
Ebikibina-Oti*
Morgan Schroeder

August Candidates

Tyler Matthew Bell
Zachary Lane

Bachelor of Science

Cybersecurity

May Candidates

William F. Cuba
Alexander Michael Hays
Tony Huynh
Kiet Ly**
Harrison Ty Miller*
Michael Louis Rodriguez
Tyler Michael Skinner

August Candidates

Erica Barnard
Kendrick L. Burrell

Bachelor of Science

Data Science and Analysis

May Candidates

Safa Mohammed Altamimi
Léo Baudry
Antony Robert Holland
Nicholas Michael Parker
William Talbot Ranney*
Sophia Ashley Steinmetz***
Alametta Thompson-Hinton
Katarzyna Jadwiga Waniolka
Anisah H. Zulkifli

August Candidates

Anthony Lee Bowen

Bachelor of Arts

English

May Candidates

Chelsea Susan Baird
Anfal A. Eltahir
Michelle Moran*
Mia Amira Music
Logan Daniel Slone
Kylee Irene Speh
Marissa Joy Taylor

August Candidates

Darion Clark
Kennadee Kathleen McFarlane
Sage Catherine Roth-Johnson
Marissa Joy Seguinot
Edward Joseph Stibor

Bachelor of Arts

History

May Candidates

Samantha Earle
John Tyrone Fowler
Maura Quinn Hill*
Alex Joseph Pritzker
Shelby Autumn Salinas
Katherine Stobbe
Tyler Julien Winter
Leccia Wright

August Candidates

Selma Rebecca Jabr
Cristian Miguel Santana

Bachelor of Arts

Mathematics

May Candidates

Joseph Cooper
Ty Hazen Pratte

Bachelor of Science

Mathematics

May Candidates

Colton Wesley Fitzjarrald
Julie Ann Larkin
Joshua Ronald Markel
Griffith Miles Newman
Rachel Elizabeth Tripp**
Paul G. Williams

Bachelor of Arts

Modern Language

May Candidates

Cameron Cross
Aiden Geoffery Hatter
Jude Nicholas Pugh*

Bachelor of Arts

Music

May Candidate

Maya Combs

Bachelor of Music

Music

May Candidates

Kirsten Elizabeth Dolejsi**
Anna Naomi Fildes**
Arisa S. Ford-Jones
Cristian Anthony Thomas
Fudge
Connor Mullenschlader
Daniel Eugene Pollien*

Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy

May Candidates

Robert Lee Greenwood
Jesse M. Hebisen
Jason R. Pool
Jacob David Stein
Dana D. Tanner
Marissa Joy Taylor

Bachelor of Science

Physics

May Candidates

Jesse Bier*** (RCH)
Benjamin Dable*
Keith Edmond Reece II
Sierra Drew Shelden

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Studio Art

May Candidates

Adel Manuel Abudayeh***
Samantha Alyssa Brennan
Leland R. Cash
Kaitlyn J. Collver
Maria Elizabeth Corrao
D'Lanie Lynn Doyle
Ella Marie Ferguson
Olivia Trinh Marie Fields***
Sana Habib
Emily G. Hardin
Nalani Harlow**
Madeline Anne Heller*
Sean Wesley Holley
Carina Michelle Irastorza
Lila E. Irby
Daniel Eugene Miller
Max Christopher Mitchell
Eddie A. Nance
Destiney Aleksandra Ormson

Jason Thomas Paro
Nathaniel Perry
Yesenia Reyes
Nathaniel Lance Roeder
Valerie Schmittgens
Emily B. Smith
Alyssa Adrianna Ussery
Caroline E. Ward
Lindsay Therese Woltering**

August Candidates

Thanh G. Ly
Martriana Darriyanna
Muhammad

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

May Candidates

Ololade Ekwere
“Silent Struggles: A Qualitative Study on Mental Health Stigma and Help-Seeking Among African Individuals in the U.S”

Advisor: Julie Bertram, PhD

Doctor of Nursing Practice

August Candidates

Tonjia Louise Hardesty
Rosa Huang
Tara Lyn Kempker
Anila Kenuti
Deema Fadi Musleh
Brianna Olsen
Stacy Smith
Mindy Lynn Wolf
Ifeoma Lily Yibe

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

May Candidates

Aleema Ahmed
Sadiya Ali
Carlos Eugenio Alonso
Lillian Grace Argent
Paige Elizabeth Bohnert
Ashley Rosemary Borowitz***
Layla Brooks

Ceremony III – Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

Andreal Dawnsha Brown
Sarita Budathoki
Maddison Ann Budd
Tishmar D. Campbell
Jeffrey Allen Carman
Samantha Lee Coppola
Sierra Celeste Courtney
Schekina Myriam Dioro*
Kerri Suzanne Dolman
Yvette Renee Frazier
Angel Rose Marie Fuller
Emily Mikaela Ganira
Tigist Teke Gebru
Jordyn Kalin Goforth
Suzen MArise Gollahon
Jalise Lynnette Grimes
Anyah Evelyn Hackney
Alexa Hansome
Brooklyn Harper
Kathryn Hartmann
Romaisa Hassan
Kanisha Lynn Hayden
Anna Gabriella Hendricks
Haley Nicole Horan
Richard Timothy Irungu
Gerlyssa Micole Johnson
Niana Monique Lewis
Samuel Kingara Mbere

Kayla Salona McKissack
Adrienne E. McPherson
Jenn Baw Meh
Lauren Ainsley Minick
Halima M. Mugaya
Emmanuel Murillo
Rachael Wanjiru Murungaru
Sheridan Nelson
Rebeccah Elizabeth Newman
Olukemi Best Omolayo
Amanda Marsha Petty
Vincenza Michelle Pierce
Panaifo
Morgan Ramthun
Karlie Ann Ricks
Brooke Madisen Roberts
Lizet Rodriguez hernandez
Hashim Reza Rozi
Brooke Elaine Taylor
Nesreen Maher Wardeh
Laura Watkins
Jamie Leigh Widule
Ronisha Arlene Wilkerson
Destini Williams

Ceremony IV

SATURDAY,
MAY 16
1:30 P.M.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

LIBERAL STUDIES SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Order of Exercises

Presiding

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies

Jim Craig, associate dean of the college of arts and sciences, department chair of sociology, teaching professor of veterans studies and sociology

Aisle Marshals

David Kimball, professor and chair of political science

Florian Sichling, associate professor of social work

Faculty Marshal

Lynn Staley, English department chair and teaching professor

Student Marshals

Lillian Maynor, College of Arts and Sciences, outstanding student in communication

Erica Martin-Gaines, School of Social Work, outstanding student in social work

Zeth Crews, Graduate School, outstanding graduate student in social work

Kaley Ware, Graduate School, outstanding graduate student in economics

Order of Procession

- Undergraduate candidates
- Master's candidates
- Doctoral candidates and faculty
- Golden Graduates Class of 1976
- Platform party

National Anthem

Led by
Tom Steppig, undergraduate student in the UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Program

Honorary Degree Recipients

Terry Freerks, BA 1977, MEd, 1979

Stanley Freerks, MBA, 1992

Commencement Address

Leah Amir, BA 1976, MA 1980, president and CEO, Vantage Links

Introduction read by
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

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

Sharon Johnson, dean, School of Social Work

Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors

Presentation of Diploma Folders

Names read by
PJ Moore, associate teaching professor

Welcome of the New Alumni

Chelesa Holden, BS 2012, BSW 2017

Recession

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



Commencement Speaker

Leah Amir, BA 1976, MA 1980

President and CEO of VantageView, executive director for The Institute for Quality Resource Management

Leah Amir, who earned her bachelor's degree from UMSL in 1976 and her master's in 1980, is a healthcare economist and scientist who leads The Institute for Quality Resource Management, XCellCure and VantageView, a health economics consulting firm. For over 20 years, she has used her talents to engage with key U.S. healthcare policymakers, achieving reimbursement for new drugs, devices and medical procedures to ensure patients can receive quality medical care.

Her work has contributed to best practices in healthcare delivery to enable physicians and hospitals to receive appropriate payment. Blending biochemistry, physiology and physics to conduct randomized

controlled human trials, her team has steered breakthrough treatments through the FDA, including XCellCure's molecular test "AMiAware" to identify patients likely to experience a fatal cardiac event when traditional cardiac markers are negative. Her solid foundation in science, including experience teaching microbiology at UMSL, director of health economics at Mallinckrodt Medical and executive director of global reimbursement at Zimmer, informs creative solutions that enhance the delivery of quality medical care.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Terry Freerks, BA 1977, MEd 1979

Dr. Terry Freerks earned a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1977 and a Master of Education in 1979 from the University of Missouri–St. Louis before completing a PhD in counseling at Saint Louis University. A licensed clinical psychologist, she has sustained a distinguished private practice for more than three decades and remains active today. In parallel, she has helped build competitive swimming programs throughout the region.

A lifelong swimmer, she became a national record holder as a youth and went on to be one of the longest-tenured women's swim coaches in the

United States. Beginning in 1974, she served as head coach of the Clayton Shaw Park Tideriders Swim Club, guiding national and Olympic-bound swimmers for more than two decades. She later served as the organization's chief financial officer and executive director, overseeing bi-state operations until her retirement in 2017, when she was named executive director emeritus.

Dr. Freerks holds the highest level of certification from the American Swimming Coaches Association and was recognized by the Missouri Athletic Club as a Woman of Distinction in 2023. She remains



actively engaged with her alma mater, serving on the UMSL Chancellor's Council and the UMSL Alumni Association Governing Board.

Stanley Freerks, MBA 1992

Stanley Freerks earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri–St. Louis in 1992 after completing his undergraduate degree in History at Cornell University. Over a distinguished career spanning more than four decades, he provided trusted risk management counsel and financial stability to businesses and individuals in St. Louis and beyond. He began his career as an account executive working directly with clients before founding S. A. Freerks & Associates, a wholesale insurance brokerage specializing in transportation, hospitality and construction industries. Through his firm, he partnered with retail brokers and specialty carriers, including underwriters at Lloyd's of London, placing complex and hard-to-place risks with more than 20 insurance companies and

earning a reputation for expertise and integrity. Following the firm's acquisition by Arthur J. Gallagher in 2011, Mr. Freerks was selected to lead its subsidiary, Risk Placement Services, where he guided continued growth and operational strength until his retirement in 2017.

Mr. Freerks has been recognized for his professional achievements in *The Wall Street Journal* and received the UMSL Salute to Business Achievement Award in 2018. His leadership and service extend to organizations including the St. Louis Mercantile Library, reflecting an enduring commitment to his profession, his community and his alma mater.

Dr. Terry Freerks and Mr. Stanley Freerks are dedicated alumni and community leaders whose impact spans education, athletics, business



and civic life. Both recipients of the UMSL Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award they were honored with the university's E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Medal for Philanthropy in 2016. Their lives of service and thought leadership exemplify the university's core values of trust, inclusion, innovation, access, success and engagement.

Ceremony IV – Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

May Candidates

Ty Rhoads

“The Ballot Question: Citizen Initiatives, Institutions, and the Policy Process”

Advisor: David Kimball, PhD

Jake Lynn Shaw

“From Disaster to Decision: Spatial and Temporal Patterns in Disaster-Affected Voting”

Advisor: David Kimball, PhD

August Candidates

P. Mason Carpenter

“Organizing to Engage: A Framework for Conflict Strategy”

Advisor: David Kimball, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

May Candidates

Tabish Gul

“From Stranger to Self: The Role of Familiarity in Modulating the N170 and N250r ERP Components”

Advisor: Sandra Langeslag, PhD

Lei Shirase

“Emotional Tides in the Sea of Automation: The Interplay of Emotions and Trust on Automation Reliance”

Advisor: Stephanie Merritt, PhD

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Communication

May Candidates

Ariel R. Brown

Rebecca Michelle Ketcherside

Burkard

Sonja Denise Thompson

Criminology and Criminal Justice

May Candidate

Annika Elizabeth Brunner

Economics

May Candidates

Julian Barnes

Logan Michael Haas

Gage August Menk

Kaley Joy Ware

English

May Candidates

Claire Adams

Tiffany Clay

John Vollmer

Psychology

May Candidates

Charles Edward Bell

Parker Coley Killenberg

Magda Karina Martinez Mata

Sydney Ohl

Caleb Anthony Sanders

Angel Watson

Christine Lynn Wehner

Master of Fine Arts

Creative Writing

May Candidates

Stephanie Kim

William LaPage

Macallan Lay

Master of Public Policy Administration

Public Policy Administration

May Candidates

Adam Brown

Myron Hayes Burr

Holley Hentz

Ronald Lawrence Jones II

Jeremy David Weiser

Benjamin Lewis Zeno

August Candidates

Linda D. Anderson

JaVonne LaVelle Bowles

Michael Royce Raffelson

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work

Social Work

May Candidates

Jacob Morgan Bain

Phallen Nicole Briggs

Megan L. Compton

Zeth Crews

Wendy Lee Daniels

Kelly Anne Fallon

Christina Camille Gambaro

Leslie Michelle Gooch

Alison E. Hartmann

LeaAnn Herring

Alexandria Ingram

Latonya Margret Jamerison

Taylor Danielle Johnson

Thomas John LaMora

Sara Emma Massie

Adam Arthur Meirink

Marissa Patterson

Macy Galena Powers

Yasmen Danesha Ramlall

Margaret Elizabeth Robbins

Riana Sanders

Alyssa Stephens

Ashley Swain

Artashia Woods

August Candidates

Caroline Rose Bannon

Madison Delaine Damann

Taylor Ashlee Duncan

Ciara Marie Emrick

Skylar Rae Milner

April Murry

Madison Elizabeth Paz

Victoria Wright

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR’S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies

May Candidates

April Nicole Davis

Elianna Rayne Politte*

Bachelor of Arts

Communication

May Candidates

Carisa Cheyenne Bemis

Taylor Noel Boles

Brandon Patrick Camp

Juanita Davis

Sakiba Delic

Sharon Brigitte Desloge

Allison Renee Disser

Michael Drew Duda

Quinn Elbring

Makeba Shanta Giles

Edward Michael Gund

Dylan Cooper Harrell

Grant Robert Hastings

Alexis Marie Hoffman

Gerald M. Levi

Madeleine Ann McMurray

Thaddaeus Joel Morgan

Gypsie-Autumn Renee Muth

Zohra Nabi

Blair Kenneth Peterson

Alex Joseph Pritzker

Caden N. Robertson

Patrick Joseph Schulte

Hayden See

August Candidates

Lily Brawer

Jakob Nicholas Lombardo

Lillian Joan Maynor

Ava Kathleen Scheller

Julia Susanne Yenko

Bachelor of Science

Criminology and Criminal Justice

May Candidates

Chloe Anschutz

Hailie Jae Arman

Alicia Bell

Nidal Blagajcevic

Isabel L. Canchola

Maria A. Cantalin

Rachel Lee Clemons

Devin Kamron Dalton

Alexis Leigh Floyd*

Ceremony IV – Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.

Samuel Joseph Garrett**
Eduvijen G. Gonzales
Nadia Elise Griffin
Jessie Beth Marie Griswold***
Rebecca Harris
Kerri Ellyn Heddell
William Edward Heimberger
Kylie Lewis*
Ryan Patrick Long
Jeenin Nayef Mahmoud
Lillian Grace Malugen
Tiamara Marie Mcgaughey
Addison Riley Porter
Brittany Cassandra Rebollo
Cardelas
Devona Rogers
Allison Paige Santistevan
Natalie Ann Scott
Sarah Grace Strifler
Mikayla Suttles
Jada Alyse Swearengen
Aimee Noelle Yearwood***
Samantha Christine Zelle

August Candidates

Erebus Felix Akers
Lynn Anderhalter
Alyssa Brielle Bruce
Shadaesha Burris
Karen J. Hernandez
Tommy David Le
Kaleb Joshua Petty
Andreanna Clarice Trochuck
Megan Renee Williams
Kyle Samuel Williams
Brianna Ariel Young

Bachelor of Science

Economics

May Candidates

Steven R. Allen
Devin Christopher Elkins
Gabriel Ryan Gross

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies

May Candidates

Andrew Blevins
Jennifer Catherine Brown
Tiara Burtin
Jessica Cooke**
Hannah Lynn Copeland**
Jennifer Ann Deimeke
Michael Ellis
Natalie Helena George**
Rylee Griffith
Richard Jackson
Shayla Marie Jaros
Ryan Karl

Emily Lorraine Ketcherside
Karley Rosemary Kinzinger
Leesi N. Kogbara
Devina Lee Sheng Tin
Ashley Nicole Lineberry
Chantelle Reana McNeil
Donise Eugenia McNichols
Neema C. Naemi
Pablo Nodar Eiriz
Pamela Denise Otis
Jacquelyn Ruoff
Mia Schieffer
Alayna P. Street
Amanda N. Taylor
Brittany Cherrice Shonte Taylor
Dominique Carl Young

August Candidates

Dariah Rochelle Daniels
Karen Lane Dolan
Eugina Dorshae Douglas
Jatonya Marie Hopkins
Andrea Ingram
Iyannah Pearl Jackson
William Byron Johnston
Catlynn Liggins
Rachel Mayes
Jacob Collum Menne
Deterrion Sims
Noah Bryce Wittner
Martha Ann Yentumi
Dajuan Jyire Young

Bachelor of Arts

Organizational Leadership

May Candidates

Alyssa Renae Belli
Christian Isaiah Braselman
Tim D. DeBourge
Emma Knack
Danielle McGuirk
Christina Jasmine Schlicht

August Candidates

Noemi Arraya
Sean Lance Laramie
Kathleen M. Malkowski
James Michael Marco
Sarah Anne Pugh

Bachelor of Arts

Political Science

May Candidates

Connor Baginski
Tori Erin Bass**
Léo Baudry
Kiara Rochelee Christie
Lori Gale Giannini

Victoria Brooke Jantti
Ainsley Renee Lozina
Simon Njoroge Mburu
Rafeed Wahed Nabi
Lucas Dan Oswald
Madeline Walega

August Candidates

Kyra Lamonshea Clerk
Alexis Leara
Yasmine Watson

Bachelor of Arts

Psychological Sciences

May Candidates

Shacara Ansley
Anastasia Ekaterina Kuenzl
Buechter
Jewelle Nicole Caldwell
Rachel Lee Clemons
Brittni Lynn Davis
Samantha Earle
Hayley Henderson
Britney Hill
Genevieve Morgan Huber
Kaitlyn Rose Hurley
Antonio Hurn
Toneisha Lamar Johnson
Jasmine Tamara-Rene Jones
Jasmine Desiree Keyes
Addison Grace Klaus
Anna Marie Langenberg
Anna Rose Lemley
Austin Litton
Madison Lea Lovelace
Gianna Marie Masgio**
Christina Meeker
Kierra Montjoy
Emma Lavone Musselman**
Sarafina Hadi Nabi*
Noelle E. Nahm
Jacob D. Nelson
Tevin Michael Rose
Kaylee N. Rowan
Shailyn Alayna Sabino
Allison Paige Santistevan
Luke Thomas Saxton
Porche Shackleford
Rylea Nikole Trammell
Briana Ashley Weaver
Kaitlyn Sierra Weber
Michaela Ruth Wiersma
Kayla Rose Wilson

Shacara Ansley
Anastasia Ekaterina Kuenzl
Buechter
Jewelle Nicole Caldwell
Rachel Lee Clemons
Brittni Lynn Davis
Samantha Earle
Hayley Henderson
Britney Hill
Genevieve Morgan Huber
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Antonio Hurn
Toneisha Lamar Johnson
Jasmine Tamara-Rene Jones
Jasmine Desiree Keyes
Addison Grace Klaus
Anna Marie Langenberg
Anna Rose Lemley
Austin Litton
Madison Lea Lovelace
Gianna Marie Masgio**
Christina Meeker
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Sarafina Hadi Nabi*
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Tevin Michael Rose
Kaylee N. Rowan
Shailyn Alayna Sabino
Allison Paige Santistevan
Luke Thomas Saxton
Porche Shackleford
Rylea Nikole Trammell
Briana Ashley Weaver
Kaitlyn Sierra Weber
Michaela Ruth Wiersma
Kayla Rose Wilson

August Candidates

Luke Robert Finnegan
Dylann Rayne Konys
Rachel Kristine Roberts
Eleanor Elizabeth Stransom
Kenlie Stroud
Haley Nicole Yates

Bachelor of Science

Psychological Sciences

May Candidates

Aliya M. Abdow
Imani Brooks
Lucheal Brown
Orianna H. Caliman
Isabel L. Canchola
Ansley Rose Casey**
Hallie Chapman*
Mia Lin Chitwood
Anna Costa Riera
Hannah Rae Elsey
Tkaila Jamise Freeman
Brianna Monique Harris
Janiah Nichole Henderson*
Kinsey Ling Henrichsen***
Savannah Renae Lane
Anna Langum
Reagan Montjoy
Addison Riley Porter
Brady Wayne Robertson
Jessica Rodriguez
Desiree Gabrielle Smith*
Angel Stevenson
Matthew Weigel
Alexandra Wolff

August Candidates

Cassidy Marie Bloethner*
Alexis Noel Courtney
Ashley Knight
DeVante DeVisheon Pearson
Molly Poole
Aisha U. Rafshanova
Nicholas Taylor Renaud
Kaitlynn Irene Roberts
Joshua Daniel Sosnoff

Bachelor of Science

Public Policy and Administration

May Candidates

David Johannes Cipus
Alexandria Nicole Golden
Oshea Smith*
Jennifer Thiele

Bachelor of Arts

Sociology

May Candidates

Abbey Reece Freyling**
Kerrin Giles

Ceremony IV - Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.

Bachelor of Science

Sociology

May Candidates

William Aubuchon Barkofske*
Adriana R. Carey
Sarah Cummings
Elaine Marie Finn
Peyton Pearce
Ashley Nicole Stroud

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Social Work

Social Work

May Candidates

Joseph Bartmann
Dierra Jacquelyn Bell
Adam Michael BonJour
Alexis Joyce Brooks
Anna Claire Callan
Ginette Harris
Noel Hoang
Dwayne Lamont Jennings
Brenna Lynn Maxey*

Abigail Medlin
Bridget Mary Nahmensen*
Ny'lah Rutlin
Jennifer Ashley Schultz
Ava Rose Singer
Shaniyah Sparkling
Irrisa Noel Sumner
Jessica Jasmin Torres**
Sabrina Underwood**

August Candidates

Adelaide Jane Conway
Julia Christine Hopp*
Kimberly Koester
Jessica Marie Locke
Alexis Nicole Lockett
Erica Martin-Gaines***
Trinity Samella SaRu Merritt
Claudia Marie Meyer
Joy Alexandria Nichols
Holly A. Parker
Danielle Richardson
Jordan Shannon
Sherri Ann Sickels*
Benjamin Joseph Steger**
Noah Christopher Stieff
Ergjenda Tufa
Gregory Matthew Walch
Jaidyn Alexis Waltrip

Ceremony V

SATURDAY,
MAY 16
6:30 P.M.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

SUCCEED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Order of Exercises

Presiding

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Master of Ceremonies

Shawn Woodhouse, associate dean and doctoral program director and associate professor for higher education

Aisle Marshals

Kristy Brann, assistant professor of psychology

Amber Candela, associate professor of education

Faculty Marshal

Julie Smith Sodey, director of teaching education and associate teaching professor

Student Marshals

Eliana Fitzhugh, College of Education, outstanding student in elementary education

Hannah Rose, Graduate School, outstanding graduate student in school psychology

Order of Procession

- Undergraduate candidates
- Master's candidates
- Doctoral candidates and faculty
- Platform party

National Anthem

Led by
Archer McGrosso, undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Commencement Address

Melanie Adams, interim director of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

Introduction read by
Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

Conferral of Academic Degrees

Kristin Sobolik, chancellor

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

Marius Boboc, dean, College of Education

Edward Munn Sanchez, dean, Pierre Laclede Honors

Presentation of Diploma Folders

Names read by
Jim Henry, associate professor of music

Welcome of the New Alumni

Johnathan Griffin, BEd 2006, MEd 2014, EdS 2021

Recession

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



Commencement Speaker

Melanie Adams, PhD 2014

Interim director of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

Dr. Melanie Adams earned her PhD in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Missouri–St. Louis, after previously receiving a bachelor's degree in English and African American Studies from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in education from the University of Vermont.

Her distinguished career includes more than 25 years of community engagement experience in museums and higher education. Dr. Adams joined the Smithsonian Institution in 2018 as director of the Anacostia Community Museum. She currently serves as interim director of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum and previously held the role from 2023 to 2024, helping lead collaborations that expanded scholarly research, public programming, digital content and collections centered on women's history.

Before joining the Smithsonian, Dr. Adams spent more than a decade with the Missouri Historical Society, where she oversaw more than 700 community programs annually and built partnerships across the St. Louis region. Her work focused on addressing cultural and social issues through community engagement and public history. She also served for nine years on the Special Administrative Board of St. Louis Public Schools, helping guide the district's successful effort to regain accreditation.

Dr. Adams' leadership and community impact have earned numerous honors, including recognition as a St. Louis NAACP Community Leader and a Royal Vagabonds Foundation Extraordinary St. Louis Trailblazer.

Ceremony V – Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

May Candidates

Nichole Tiggs Angieri
“Stories of our Ancestors: Exploring Perceptions and Experiences of Family History Knowledge and Its Impact on the Mental Health of Older Black Adults”

Advisor: Emily Brown, PhD

Kimberly Clinton
“The Heart of an Educator: An Autoethnographic Study of Homeschool Practices That Reflect Core UDL Principles”

Advisor: Cody Ding, PhD

Christopher Marc Fletcher
“Percy Green: A Legacy of Tactical Innovation and Leadership in St. Louis’ Black Freedom Movement”

Advisor: Thomasina Hassler, PhD

Abigail Anne Gazvoda
“A Qualitative Exploration of Addiction Counselors’ Perceptions and Treatment of Disenfranchised Grief in Clients with Substance Use Disorders”

Advisor: Emily Oliveira, PhD

Tracy C. Grass
“Social Validity of The Zones of Regulation”

Advisor: April Regester, PhD

Corey Lyn Hancock
“Exploring Counselors’ Perceived Preparedness for Private Practice Business Oriented Responsibilities”

Advisor: Emily Brown, PhD

Samira Saleh
“Growing Up Muslim in America: Discrimination and Religious Identity in Emerging Adulthood”

Advisor: So Rin Kim, PhD

Jason Mckinley Thompson
“Our Stories: Black Parents’ Experiences at K-12 Predominantly White Institutions”

Advisor: Phillip Waalkes, PhD

Damon L. Walker
“Factors that Affect African American Representation in Cybersecurity Academic Programs in the United States”

Advisor: Keith Miller, PhD

Christopher RJ Worth
“Journey of Becoming: Risk and Self-Determination in the Story of Self for Adults with Intellectual, Developmental, and Learning Disabilities A Phenomenological Case Study Employing Narrative Inquiry and Thematic Analysis”

Advisor: April Regester, PhD

Doctor of Education May Candidates

Kim Gail Fricke Bilanko
“Effective Leadership Strategies for Character Education”

Advisor: Thomas Hoerr, PhD

Jethro Jones
“How Principals Who Use Artificial Intelligence for Innovation Create Cognitive Equity While Principals Who Use AI for Efficiency Create Cognitive Debt”

Advisor: Thomas Hoerr, PhD

Amanda Antuanette Patty-Ingram
“From Classroom to Leadership: Anchoring Leadership in Literacy, Character, And Justice”

Advisor: Melinda Bier, PhD

Luke Patrick Thuston
“Leading Through Stability: How Leadership Stability Transformed the Culture of Boone Middle School”

Advisor: Melinda Bier, PhD

Sherry Lee Wiedenfeld Wibben
“Teachers’ Perceived Impact of Teacher-led Committees on Agency and Morale”

Advisor: Melinda Bier, PhD

CANDIDATES FOR EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Educational Specialist/ Educational Administration

May Candidates

Meredith Kimberly Alton
Jason Robert Hinthorne
Latasha April Marie Jones
Chandra Latrice King
Whitni Perry
Elizabeth Thieman

August Candidates

Desirae Nicole Williams

Education Specialist in School Psychology

May Candidates

Patricia Ahrens
Emily Bathon
Raleigh Addison Cann
Kelsey Kathleen Groth
Savannah Kay Headley
Haley N. Johnson
Lauren Antonia McNamara
Hannah Ruth Rose

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education Counseling

May Candidates

Susan Victoria Becher
Julianna Marie Bell
Joseph Bogdajewicz
Abigail Marie Carlson
Kellee Shawn German
Haniyah A. Ginn
Danielle Graff
Hannah Marie Grisham
Katarina Hook
Jordan A. Kaddouri
Julia Marie Kaemmerer
Linh Tu Mach
Norman Malloyd Jr
Caitlin R. Mansdoerfer
Elizabeth Anne Mashedi
Samuel Andrew McDonough
Melissa Sue Molinet
Jessica Michelle Myers

Sophia Kathryn Orozco
Allison Elizabeth Ritter
Alyssa Schweiger
Thirza Claire Shupe
Aubrey Madeline Smith
Olivia Michelle Sonnenberg
Megan Danielle Ulz
Emily Marie Wesley
Madalyn Shae Woodard
Lindsey M. Zoellner

August Candidates

Dean Berry
DaShay Broyles
Carol Ann Davis
Kayla Nichole DeTienne
Christian Azana Bekele Girma
Donisha Logan
Camryn Louise O’Neal

Educational Administration

May Candidates

Mallory Droit
Brennan Xavier Huser
Taylor Marie Johnson

August Candidates

Nicole Ontiberos

Education

May Candidates

Christian Amir Adams
Eric Douglas Allen
Katlyne Lee Aubuchon
Rachel Bartleman
Kara LeAnn Brown
Brianna Lynn Buss
Damika Teriona Clay
Paige Elaine Cooper
Zulema Corrales-Ewens
Bryton Crider
Makenna R. DeClue
Kayla Nicole Denney
Juan A. Diaz Jr
Catherine Rose Elking
Christopher Lane Endicott
Jose Ignacio Espinosa
David A. Foote
Elizabeth Goodbrake
Lia Grubbs
Almira Halilovic
Lindsey Hilderbrand
Macie Renee Hogenmiller
Natalie Suzanne Holloran
Jacob Thomas Isaacs
Alina Siabanne Keen
Jane Yi Kosinski
Madison D. Lakamp
Cecelia Francis LaMarche
Tiffany Laughlin
Patrick Milton Mcsalley

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Teamir D. Melaku
Alex Charles Moore
Vincent Christian Mott
Kamille Lauren Norris
Payton Elizabeth Odehnal
Olivia Grace Paddock
Andrea Joy Peters
Regan Peterson
Amy L. Potter
Rachel A. Quinley
Jessica Marie Radzvilowicz
John William Romer
Thomas Henry Ross
Ludie Rosser
Gabriela Gema Saravia
Austin Stofer
Makayla Dawn Tourville
Christine Rene Underwood
Charles Jacob Vogel
Kyle Daniel Warren
Amber Watson
Erica Watts
Camille I. Young

August Candidates

Chrishayla D. Adams
Taylor Nicole Andert
Katherine Rose Augelli
Kelly Lynne Baker
Mikayla Baker
Henry Gardner Banks
Melanie R. Bantel
Alana Nadine Bell
Stephanie S. Brown
Jimmie Steve Chambers
Yves Moise Conseant
Monique Crowder
Desirae Diane Daken
Lori M. Dannhauser
Hannah Davis
Sydney Maya Davis-Denny
Alenia Maeann Frazier
Myriam Margarita Gomez
Albarelo
Monica Gore
Nichelle Beatrice Griffin
Corrine Rhanesea Hamilton
Alexis Denise Holifield
Kathleen Ann Huffman
Krystal Q'Monie Johnson
Gabriella Kahn
Jessica Leora Kennon
Katsuhiko Brian Kishi
Michelle Christine Koesterer
Stephen Lee Lemley
Sadie Mae Lysaght
Emma E. Maher
Charlotte Kingham Marshall
Bethany Danielle Massey
Erica McKay
Mary Elizabeth Meier

Miya Moore
Britanee Mosley
Tong Moua
Darian L. Nash
Ayzha Nyree Nave
Maycee Grace Nicholson
Faith Loiryn O'Fallon
Tessa Christine Orach
Kylie Krewer Page
Gregory Shaun Patterson
Chantel Pekarcik
Jessie Mae Penson-Marshall
Emily A. Peters
Shannon Piggie
Sean Patrick Rosvall
Elizabeth L. Skoff
Ann Elizabeth Soener
Samantha Ann Souke
Angela Marie Stamilio
Kristina Raeh Stirnaman
Ian Robert Summers
Elizabeth Ann Tappana
Kellsei Tate
Nathaniel John Taylor
Alexander Theiss
Zibiah Thomas
Kelly Grace Wadlow
Emily Louise Waggoner
Fabrienne Deanne Walker
Christina Denise Williams
Shelley M. Womack
Charles John Yeldham
Qiwei Yue

Educational Psychology

May Candidates

Kendal Lee Jones
Garon Taylor-Tyree
Keri Dawn Thorpe

August Candidates

Hannah Elizabeth Beard
Sophia Breanne Davis
Nathaniel Edward Druger
Jeanne Marie Eveld
Sarah Elizabeth Fischer
Tamia Michelle Horton
Maylisa Pavez
Emily I. Wolters
Eva Rose Woodfall

Higher Education MED

May Candidates

Rochelle Johnson
Ryan Ingle

August Candidates

Camelia Murphy

Secondary Education

May Candidates

Benjamin Thomas Breuer

August Candidates

Dana Siegrist

Special Education

May Candidates

Jennifer Boschert
Madison N. Brenner
Josh Ward Gift
Elizabeth Glee Hawkins
Adrienne Nerini
Zakia De Shay Parris
Cheryl Self
Sarah Christine Virruso
Elizabeth Zilch

Master of Science

Applied Behavioral Analysis

August Candidates

Emily Kay Barton
Miranda Renee Craft
Paige King
Julianna Leuthauser
Alicia Rasmussen

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Educational Studies

Educational Studies

May Candidates

Lindsey Michelle Barnhart***
Mitchell Kenneth Bonczkowski*
Cali Ingram
Crystal Johnson
William P. Kaempfe
Dylan Thomas Reed
Morgan Sharon Denise
Simmons
Grace Stuart
Annika Tiede
Nicholas Ryan Traber
William Turner
Makoy Marie White
August Candidates
Christian Pruitt

Bachelor of Science in Education

Early Childhood Education

May Candidates

Zahra Ahmad
Mackenzie Ryan Everly
Erin Christine Haarmann
Hayden
Abrie Renae Helm
Emma Paige King
Sydni Louise Elizabeth Libhart*
Sarah Jane Merkle
Lauren Schmeider

Elementary Education

May Candidates

Susana Abdullaeva
Madison Lynn Alaniz
Cecilia Lou Armstrong
Clarissa Dee Brazil Arthur
Amanda Basta*
Hannah Elizabeth Byerley
Cecilia Rose Carapella
Rylee A. Edson
Eliana Fitzhugh**
Samantha Marie Gindler
Ashlyn Christine Gravatte
Blake Ryan Haffer*
Max Alexander Hessel
Emma Nancy Jones
Liah Kahn
Audrey Jane Lewis
Ariana Lomax*
Mary Kathleen Neal*
Serxhio Pepa
Rebecca Myers *
Logan Mitchell Podmore
Gretchen Grace Pope
Emily Ann Ray***
Emily Rae Siefleisch*
Alexa Lynn Smalling*
Lydia Rose Strohmeier
Meredith Stroud***
Madison Tate
Brianna Karen Taylor***
Abigail Rose Teuscher
Cheyenne Noel Tracy
Francisco Vidales
Amore' Tyanne Williams
Kaylee Elizaeth Wojczyk***

Physical Education

May Candidates

Jonathan Roy Lawrence Key
Dylan Michael Leonard*
Shannon Marie Quinn*

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Secondary Education

May Candidates

George Thomas Adams
Kathryn Ava Coleman
Madeline Grace Gordon
Andrew Jacob Pashia
Veronica Ann Rivas Reisner*
John D. Shelton
Kenneth Trevor Thompson
Jessica Lauren Wojcik*

Bachelor of Science

Sport Management BS

May Candidates

Eli Cartwright***
Cooper Matthew Dutton
Charles Allen Farris
Kyle Nicholas
Dylan Owens
Logan James Reynolds
Maximus Edward Sarich
Nathan Matthew Schwer*
Hannah Kit Ying Tse

SUCCEED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Leah Beilman
Bryce Brady
William "Liam" Cutrell
Elizabeth Doyon
Taelyn George
Zjamyran "Z" Goldman
Jamie Hahn
MacKenzie "Kenzie" Hines
Cooper Howard
Alexander "Alex" Huff
Andria Lloyd
Javion Moore
Lawrence Sapp
Melea Smith
Jonathan "Jonny" Smith
Thomas "Tom" Watkins
Crysta Wones
Jeana Wones
Logan Brengle
Joseph "Joey" Niehoff

Graduate Certificates

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Post Grad Acute Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

August Candidates

Stacy Smith

ACP Instructional Communication

May Candidates

Justin Levy

Artificial Intelligence

May Candidates

Sachina Koirala
Dylan Laggi Schaschl
Sathappan Ashwath Subbiah

Business Foundations

August Candidate

Deema Musleh

Business Intelligence

May Candidates

Sarah Rose McDonough
Jessica Ottenlips

Child and Adolescent Counseling

May Candidates

Susan Victoria Becher

Couple, Marriage, Family Counseling

May Candidates

Aubrey Madeline Smith
Madalyn Shae Woodard

Cybersecurity

May Candidates

Anton Michael Clark
Graham Matthew Joyce
Morgan Taylor Nelson
Jessica Ottenlips

Jason Roscoe
Dylan Laggi Schaschl

August Candidates

Darryl Page
Brendan S. Sacilowski

Data Science

May Candidates

Sachina Koirala
Sathappan Ashwath Subbiah

Digital and Social Media Marketing

May Candidates

Anisha Moorhead

Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling

May Candidates

Hannah Marie Grisham
Katarina Hooch
Samuel Andrew McDonough
Olivia Michelle Sonnenberg
Emily Marie Wesley

August Candidates

Kayla Nichole DeTienne

Information Security Management and Auditing

May Candidates

Garry Deland Gibbs
Thomas R. Lester

Information Systems and Technology

May Candidates

Graham Matthew Joyce
Jason Roscoe

Gender Studies

May Candidates

Simia Marie Spahiev

Talent Management

May Candidates

Ashley Marianne Daffin
Audrey Leona Henderson

Supply Chain Management

May Candidates

Derrick Anthony Freeman
Brittany Hawkins

Juliette Lecomte
Brecklyn S. Moore
Anisha Moorhead
Nathan Onyekachi Okpara
Alexander Orywall
Katelyn Anderson Tash

Museums Heritage and Public History

May Candidates

Lisa Anne Buendia
Caroline Olivia Kidwell
Anabeth Laaker
Marci Janette Snow-Perry
Alexander Caderyn Stevenson

Nonprofit Organizational Management and Leadership

May Candidates

Jacob Morgan Bain
Jenevieve Trau

Post Grad Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

May Candidates

Christiana Oyewusi
Shane Parish
Melissa Slepski

Social Justice in Education

May Candidates

Jose Ignacio Espinosa
Lia Grubbs
Damon L. Walker

August Candidates

Carol Ann Davis
Amanda Antuanette
Patty-Ingram

Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages

May Candidates

Susanna Bowers
Rachelle Ellen Dell
Stephanie Gestring

Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Pierre Laclède Honors College

Students of the Pierre Laclède 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.

Spring 2026

Candice Adair***
Leah-Anne Eyram Aklamanu
Lillian Grace Argent
Josiah Ayres
Nicholas Logan Ballenger
Tori Erin Bass**
Irina Carol Ann
Biedenstein*
Cooper Mathew Blythe
Ashley Rosemary Borowitz***
Imani Brooks
Anthony Barona Burrows
Ansley Rose Casey**
Kiara Rochelee Christie
Callie Clinton*
Kaitlyn J. Collver
Jessica Cooke
Hannah Lynn Copeland
D'Lanie Lynn Doyle
Cooper Matthew Dutton
Tuoogeh Cassandra
Ebikibina-Oti**
Mackenzie Ryan Everly
Charles Allen Farris
Eliana Fitzhugh
Ariisa S. Ford-Jones
Lori Gale Giannini
Jalise Lynnette Grimes
Anyah Evelyn Hackney
Emily G. Hardin
Dylan Cooper Harrell
Janiah Nichole Henderson*
Anna Gabriella Hendricks
Andrew Jacob Hennen **

Kinsey Ling Henrichsen***
Haley Nicole Horan
Lana G. Jabr
Naudia Arie Jackson
Karley Rosemary
Kinzinger
David Nenubari Kogbara
Savannah Renae Lane
Alexandra Serendipity Lane
Apollo Langum
Michael Le
Allison Nicole Lendman
Niana Monique Lewis*
Kiet Ly**
Lillian Grace Malugen
Gianna Marie Masgio**
Kayla Salona McKissack
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Lauren Ainsley Minick
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Veronica Ann Rivas
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Mia Schieffer
Desiree Gabrielle Smith*
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Ah'Reishia Stanley
Jacob David Stein
Jared Laron Strickland
Meredith Stroud
Mikayla Suttles
Jada Alyse Swearengen
Alametta Thompson-
Hinton
Brandon Vaughn
Kyliah Trinace Walker

Matthew Weigel
Michaela Ruth Wiersma
Sara Erin Williams
Amore' Tyanne Williams
Tyler Julien Winter
Aimee Noelle Yearwood***
Wilma Linnea Theresia
Zanderau
Xin Zheng*

Summer 2026

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Kara Faye Johnson
Emma E. Maher
Lillian Joan Maynor
Kennadee Kathleen
McFarlane
Aspen Meyer
Will Gilbert Moore
Julie Ann Steiger
Edward Joseph Stibor
Eleanor Elizabeth
Stransom
Caleb Samuel Wells

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