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Convocation Center
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“The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.”
Arkansas State University
History and Overview

Arkansas State University in Jonesboro enjoys a reputation as an excellent institution of higher education serving citizens throughout Arkansas and surrounding states. It is the only comprehensive public university located in this region. Dedicated to teaching, research and service, the university provides students with the broad educational foundations that help develop critical thinking and analytical skills, decision-making capabilities, and communication skills. Dr. Tim Hudson became chancellor of the ASU-Jonesboro campus on May 1, 2012.

This institution was founded in Jonesboro in 1909 by the Arkansas General Assembly as a regional agricultural training school. It began offering a two-year college program in 1918, then became "First District Agricultural and Mechanical College" in 1925. A four-year degree program was begun in 1930, then A & M College became "Arkansas State College" in 1933. The Arkansas Legislature elevated the college to university status and changed the name to Arkansas State University in 1967. Today, the institution has more than 73,000 alumni. ASU was designated a tier I Southern Regional institution of higher education by the editors of U.S. News & World Report in the 2012 edition of "America’s Best Colleges." Military Times Edge magazine listed ASU among the top 10 most veteran friendly institutions of higher education, and the editors of Military Advanced Education listed ASU among the top military friendly institutions of higher education in 2010-11. More information about ASU-Jonesboro is available at its web site, www.astate.edu.

Degree Programs
Master degree graduate programs were initiated in 1955, and ASU began offering its first doctoral degree, in educational leadership, in the fall of 1992. Additional doctoral programs are now offered in environmental science, heritage studies, molecular biosciences, and physical therapy. Programs at the specialist, master, bachelor and associate degree levels are available through the various colleges: Agriculture and Technology, Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Nursing and Health Professions, Sciences and Mathematics, and University College. Classes also are offered through The Honors College and the independent Department of Military Science. More information about the various colleges and academic departments is available through the Office of Academic Affairs and Research.

Accreditation
Arkansas State University's commitment to excellence in higher education is demonstrated by its accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, as well as 23 specialized accrediting organizations. In addition, the university holds membership in numerous national organizations which support the highest educational standards.

The ASU System
The ASU System includes campuses at Jonesboro (Craighead County), which offers degree programs through the doctoral level; Beebe (White County), Mountain Home (Baxter County), and Newport (Jackson County), where associate degree programs are offered; and at Heber Springs, Marked Tree and Searcy. Dr. Charles L. Welch is president of the Arkansas State University System, which was created by Board of Trustees resolution, effective July 1, 2006. Arkansas State University-Beebe became part of ASU in 1953. White River Vo-Tech at Newport became associated with ASU-Beebe in 1992; that campus is now Arkansas State University-Newport. The Mountain Home campus officially became ASU-Mountain Home on July 1, 1995. Delta Technical Institute at Marked Tree merged with ASU and became Arkansas State University Technical Center on July 1, 2001. ASU-Heber Springs operates as a sister campus of ASU-Beebe. Foothills Technical Institute at Searcy was merged with ASU-Beebe on July 1, 2003, and is now ASU-Searcy, a technical institute of ASU-Beebe.

ASU offers bachelor degree programs, master degree programs and upper level courses through ASU degree centers at ASU-Beebe, ASU-Mountain Home, and three other cities—Blytheville, Forrest City and West Memphis—where partnership agreements have been established in cooperation with the local community colleges. ASU also operates instructional sites at nearby Paragould in Greene County, and at Little Rock Air Force Base.

Enrollment Growth
ASU has grown significantly over the past three decades. The Jonesboro campus enrollment in the fall of 1981 was 7,448; in the fall of 2013, it was 13,552. Today, because of the close partnerships between the campuses, ASU reports a combined enrollment for the ASU System. Total ASU System enrollment in the fall of 2013 was 21,417.
Arkansas State University
Mission, Core Values, and Vision

Mission
Arkansas State University educates leaders, enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives. (ASU = e^t)

Core Values
Arkansas State University values the following as central to our success:

- **Student-Centered**: We are committed to education, inquiry and service in order to meet students’ changing needs. We foster lifelong learning, civic and social responsibility, leadership, and individual and career growth.
- **Learning-Centered**: We nurture intellectual flexibility, knowledge and skills by integrating teaching, research, assessment and learning to promote continuous improvement of our scholarly community.
- **Excellence**: We pursue excellence within the campus community through opportunities for achievement in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity and service.
- **Diversity**: We embrace diversity in all of its dimensions realizing that mutual respect for individuality and the inclusion of all are vital for both personal and institutional success.
- **Service**: We support and recognize service at all levels of the university. We strive to contribute to the benefit of the university, the Delta, the state, the nation and the world.
- **Integrity**: We hold high standards of character and integrity as the foundations upon which the University is built.

Vision
Arkansas State University aspires to be an academic leader recognized for innovation and quality in teaching and learning, international standing in strategic research areas, and commitment to outreach and service to the Delta and beyond.
PLATFORM PARTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Dan Pierce, Chair
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Paragould, Arkansas

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Rogers, Arkansas

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Cherokee Village, Arkansas

Dr. Tim Langford
Little Rock, Arkansas

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. Charles L. Welch

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Dr. Tim Hudson
Chancellor

Dr. Lynita M. Cooksey
Provost and Vice-Chancellor

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Vice-Chancellor for University Advancement

Dr. William R. Stripling
Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Len Frey
Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Mr. Terry Mohajir
Director of Athletics

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Library and Information Resources

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College of Fine Arts

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College of Agriculture and Technology

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College of Nursing and Health Professions
Interim Dean, College of Education and Behavioral Science

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College of Business

Dr. Paul Mixon, Interim Dean
College of Engineering

Ms. Rebecca Oliver, Director
The Honors College

Dr. John Pratte, Dean
College of Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Brad Rawlins, Dean
College of Media and Communication

Dr. Jill Simons, Dean
University College

Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dean
Graduate School

Dr. Lauri Umansky, Dean
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. D. Michael McDaniel
Mace Bearer

Ms. Julie Isaacson
President, ASU Faculty Association

Mr. Rich Carvell, Jr.
President, ASU Alumni Association

Mr. Michael Doyle
Procession Line Announcer

Ms. Chelsea Patton
Graduating Senior

Mr. William Gorum
Signer/Translator
UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Dr. Bill Roe                      College of Business                      Grand Marshal
Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch        College of Humanities and Social Sciences  Assistant Grand Marshal

MARSHALS FOR STUDENT PROCESSION

Doctoral Degrees

Dr. Bill Roe                           College of Business
Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch              College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Specialist, Master, Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Dr. David Agnew                        College of Agriculture and Technology
Dr. David Kern
Dr. Patricia Robertson

Dr. Amy Pierce                        College of Education and Behavioral Science
Dr. Jacques Singleton

Dr. Paul Mixon                        College of Engineering
Mr. Curtis Steele                     College of Fine Arts

Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor           College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Chris Harper                     College of Media and Communication

Ms. Nonie Wiggins                   College of Nursing and Health Professions
Dr. Roy Aldridge

Dr. Martin Huss                      College of Sciences and Mathematics
Mr. Justin Smith                     University College

MARSHALS FOR FACULTY PROCESSION

Dr. Jollean Sinclaire                College of Business
Mr. Win Bridges                     College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Warren Johnson                  College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Ms. Valarie Hilson                  College of Education and Behavioral Science
THE PROGRAM

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Brian Henkelmann
Pianist

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

*Processional ................................................................. Mr. Brian Henkelmann
Pianist

Order of Procession

Mace Bearer
Chancellor and Platform Party

Marshals
Graduating Classes

Marshals
Faculty of the University

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

*The Star Spangled Banner ........................................... Francis Scott Key
Ms. Cori Beasley
Vocalist

Mr. Brian Henkelmann
Pianist

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS ........................... Dr. Lynita Cooksey
Provost and Vice-Chancellor

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION .......... Ms. Julie Issacson
President, ASU Faculty Association

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS .............. Ms. Chelsea Patton
Graduating Senior

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ...................... Dr. Gina Hogue
Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Services

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ............................................... Dr. Lynita Cooksey

*Please stand for the processional and the anthem.
INDUCTION INTO ASU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ........................................Mr. Rich Carvell, Jr.
President, ASU Alumni Association

*THE ASU ALMA MATER .................................................................Ms. Cori Beasley
Vocalist

Mr. Brian Henkelmann
Pianist

Our Alma Mater A.S.U.
Your hallowed halls shall ring
With praise by daughter and noble son
Who proudly stand and sing.
Mem’ries of your stirring glory
And of youthful friends we knew
The red and black shall ever wave
on high for A.S.U.

ACADEMIC RECESSION

**Recessional

Mr. Brian Henkelmann

*Please stand for the Alma Mater.
**Please be seated for the recession.
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

The members of the ASU Alumni Association join me in congratulating you on successfully completing your academic efforts at Arkansas State University. Graduation signals the end of one era and the beginning of another as we welcome you to membership in the Association. Although this may seem like the end of your time at Arkansas State, it is actually the beginning of the rest of your life as a graduate and an alumnus of Arkansas State University.

You and the members of your class are important to the Alumni Association and the alma mater we serve. Much that you have enjoyed here at Arkansas State has been made possible by the generous support of graduates who have preceded you. As alumni, we are proud of the time, energy and resources that we have shared to help provide a quality institution for the current and future students at Arkansas State.

We invite you to continue this tradition by participating in Alumni Association activities such as homecoming, class reunions and other alumni events scheduled in your area. The Cooper Alumni Center is always open to be your permanent home on the ASU campus. I invite you to stop by and see this wonderful place that was designed for you. Please keep us informed of your current address and your accomplishments so we can continue to keep you advised of University and Alumni Association events of interest. The friendships and associations you have built while at Arkansas State University will continue through your participation in these activities.

We look forward to serving you and working with you in your new role as alumni of Arkansas State University.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Carvell, Jr. ’91
President
ASU Alumni Association

Everything we do strengthens ASU!
STATE OF ARKANSAS

MIKE BEEBE

GOVERNOR

August 8, 2014

It gives me great pleasure to join your friends and families in congratulating you as you graduate from Arkansas State University. In reaching this milestone, you have proven to yourself and others that education matters to you and that perseverance will be rewarded. I applaud your commitment and hard work in reaching this important moment in your life.

Living up to your potential requires an enormous amount of energy, determination, patience, and sacrifice. I hope that you will always possess the desire to seek knowledge, to expand your horizons, and to insist on accurate information. The future belongs to you, and that is a great responsibility with endless possibilities.

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, I wish you continued success and the best of luck in your future endeavors. Congratulations to all those graduating, and thank you to all those who helped you achieve your goals along the way. I hope that your journey forward will be a meaningful and satisfying one.

Sincerely,

Mike Beebe

MB:jb
CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

David R. McKinney
B.S., Arkansas State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
S.C.C.T., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Cox
DISSERTATION TITLE: Goal Conflict and Goal Commitment Among Campus Parking Administrators in Higher Education
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Muhsin Aydin
B.S., North Gujarat University
M.S., Mustafa Kemal University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Gilmore
DISSERTATION TITLE: Development of a Bead-Based Suspension Array for Detection and Differentiation of Salmonella SPP. in Poultry
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences

Rachel M. Miller
B.A., University of Arkansas Little Rock
M.S., University of Arkansas Little Rock
M.A., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor
DISSERTATION TITLE: Our Town: Redefining Cultural Diversity Through Community Dynamics in Eureka Springs, Arkansas
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies

Siddique Imran Muhammad Aboobucker Siddique
B.T., Bharathidasan University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Argelia Lorence
DISSERTATION TITLE: Identification and Characterization of a Functional L-Gulono-1,4-Lactone Oxidase in Arabidopsis Thaliana
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Molecular Biosciences
# CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

### Specialist in Community College Teaching

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M.E.D., University of Missouri Columbia

Alicia Martin Conerly  
B.S., University of Mississippi Medical Center  
M.E.D., William Carey College

Jacqueline Feliciano Contrri  
B.A., Spring Arbor College  
M.E.D., Marygrove College

Ahna Marie Davis  
B.S., University of Central Arkansas  
M.S.E., Arkansas State University

Kantonio Terrell Davis  
B.S., University of Montevallo  
M.E.D., University of South Alabama

Julia Elizabeth Simpson Derfelt  
B.S., East Carolina University  
M.A.T., Harding University

LaWanda Denise Peterson Dixon  
B.A., Georgia State University  
M.S., University of Phoenix

Ryan Eugene Dunfee  
B.S., University of Evansville  
M.S.E., Arkansas State University

Deanna M. Easton  
B.S.E., Missouri State University  
M.A., Maryville University

Alicia Edwards  
B.B.A., Belhaven College  
M.A.T., Alcorn State University

William H. Erneste  
B.S.E., Central Missouri State University  
M.E.D., Lesley College

Zernon Simes Evans  
B.S.E., Henderson State University  
M.S., Ouachita Baptist University

Robert Douglas Ferguson  
B.A., University of Memphis  
M.F.A., University of Memphis

Brianna Jo Foster  
B.A., University of Mississippi  
M.S., Walden University

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Joshua Fullerton  
B.S.E., University of Missouri Columbia  
M.A., Lindenwood University

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The present-day academic costume probably originated at Oxford and Cambridge universities and is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late middle ages. As the universities passed from ecclesiastical control, the academic gown used brighter colors to distinguish it from the totally drab clerical robe. Although colonial American universities used academic gowns based upon the British system, people continued to associate them with the clergy.

Late in the nineteenth century, a student movement centering in New England instigated the establishment of a “senior badge” to improve commencement week exercises and revive the traditions of university life. In the 1890’s, American universities and colleges established a uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods for the various degrees, thereby standardizing academic styles in this country. The gown, the cap, and the hood are the characteristic elements of academic apparel.

The gown is usually of black material. However, some doctors’ gowns are of the school color. Bachelors’ gowns have pointed sleeves; masters’ have long, closed sleeves, with slits from which the arms protrude; the doctors’ have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors’ gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The cap, the square mortar-board in American universities, but a round, soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters.

The hood, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree, while its lining of silk bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

Originally, the hood had three uses: as a head covering, as a shoulder cape, and as a bag in which alms could be collected. When large wigs were in vogue in Britain, the cape part of the hood was split in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire cape and hood was allowed to fall back as it is today, and it was never restored to the original style.

The degree colors in the hood are appropriate to the category of the degree, rather than to the scholar’s major subject. Appropriate colors for degrees:

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Black tassels are correct for all degrees, but gold metallic tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees or by presidents of universities and colleges. The tassel should be worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap.
THE MEDALLION

Medallions were used as adornments in biblical days and also served as symbols of authority. The Arkansas State University medallion, designed and cast by Robert Mitchell, a former member of the ASU art faculty, is made of sterling silver and bears the seal of the university. It is worn by the president of the university at official academic ceremonies.

THE MACE

Originally a weapon of the Middle Ages, the mace gradually became ceremonial in character. The mace was carried by church officials, guards of kings, and other high officials. Today it is used symbolically in academic ceremonies.

The Arkansas State University mace was designed and crafted by former faculty member Robert Mitchell. It was presented to the university on April 12, 1981 by the men of Arkansas Gamma Chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Arkansas State University.

The mace is composed of three parts: the head, the staff, and the finial. The three blades of the head symbolize the three diamond-shaped torches of the ASU seal, representing teaching, research, and service. The central core supports the seal, surrounded by the blades and protected by them. The contrast of the highly polished and shaped surfaces of the sterling silver blades with the hammered edges magnifies the dual roles of education—refinement of rational thought and strength of hard labor and intellectual work.

The staff is made of rosewood, a material commanding as high a place among woods as silver among metals. The finial, also of sterling, symbolizes the foundation of university excellence: students, faculty, and alumni. It also contains the crest of the donor.

The marks on the finial collar are quality marks of the maker. The sterling stamp attests to the metal's purity, and the “M” is the personal hallmark of the maker.

THE SEAL

The official seal of Arkansas State University has been designed for the purpose of authentication, and to both represent and build upon the impact of an education at ASU.

The current design of the Arkansas State University seal was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1998. The new design incorporates current concepts and goals of the University.

The seal has three distinct characteristics:

1) The arch symbolizes a portal or entrance to new life, balance in form, and university tradition and was given as a gift by the Class of 1927.

2) The inset date of 1909 is the date the institution was established.

3) The laurel wreath signifies the high achievement of its attendees.

These three features represent qualities of tradition, authority, and integrity of the University.

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION/HONORS

Arkansas State University recognizes the academic achievement of graduating baccalaureate-degree students in the following ways:

1. Students graduating summa cum laude (4.00 grade point average) will wear a gold cord.
2. Students graduating magna cum laude (3.80-3.99 grade point average) will wear a red cord.
3. Students graduating cum laude (3.60-3.79 grade point average) will wear a white cord.
4. Students who complete the Honors Program or the University Honors program shall be designated as graduating “In Honors” or “In University Honors.” The ASU Honors Medal, developed in 2006, is a means of recognizing undergraduate students who graduate from The Honors College at Arkansas State University. The medal’s design is taken from “The Scholar” character which is an architectural relief on Wilson Hall, the university’s oldest building on campus. There are two separate medals, gold and silver. Students who graduate “In Honors” are awarded the silver medal. Students who complete an honors thesis and graduate “In University Honors” are awarded the gold medal. Students graduating “In University Honors” or “In Honors” will wear blue cords.
5. Engineering  
6. Fine Arts  
7. Humanities and Social Sciences  
8. Media and Communication  
9. Nursing and Health Professions  
10. Sciences and Mathematics  
11. University College  

1. Doctoral  
2. Agriculture and Technology  
3. Business  
4. Education and Behavioral Science
Arkansas State University educates leaders, enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.