Arkansas State University

Commencement

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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.

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 77,000 alumni. A-State was designated a tier I Southern Regional institution of higher education by the editors of U.S. News & World Report in the 2015 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.” Military Times Edge magazine listed A-State among the top 10 most veteran friendly institutions of higher education, and the editors of Military Advanced Education listed A-State among the top military friendly institutions of higher education in 2015. More information about A-State is available at its web site, www.AState.edu.

Degree Programs
Master degree graduate programs were initiated in 1955, and Arkansas State 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 which include Agriculture, Engineering and Technology; Business; Education and Behavioral Science; Liberal Arts and Communication; Nursing and Health Professions; and Sciences and Mathematics. Classes also are offered through Undergraduate Studies, 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), Newport (Jackson County) and West Memphis (Crittenden 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 1955. 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 in 2001 and is now part of ASU-Newport. 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. Mid-South Community College in West Memphis became a member of the system in 2015 and changed its name to ASU Mid-South.

A-State offers bachelor degree programs, master degree programs and upper level courses through 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. The university also operates instructional sites at nearby Paragould in Greene County and at Little Rock Air Force Base.

Enrollment Growth
Arkansas State University has grown significantly over the past three decades. The Jonesboro campus enrollment in the fall of 1985 was 8,446; in the fall of 2016, it was 14,074. Today, because of the close partnerships between the campuses, the university reports a combined enrollment for the ASU System. Total ASU System enrollment in the fall of 2015 was 23,277.
Arkansas State University
Mission, Core Values, and Vision

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

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.
PLATFOR M PARTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Ron Rhodes, Chair
Cherokee Village, Arkansas

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Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Niel Crowson, Secretary
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Mrs. Stacy Crawford
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Mr. Price Gardner
Little Rock, Arkansas

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Dr. Charles L. Welch

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Kelly Damphousse
Chancellor

Dr. Lynita M. Cooksey
Provost and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Jason Penry
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

ACADEMIC DEANS

Dr. Tim Burcham, Dean
College of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean
College of Education and Behavioral Science

Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Dean
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Kathy Loyd, Dean
College of Business

Dr. Carl Cates, Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Communication

Dr. Anne Grippo, Dean
College of Sciences and Mathematics

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Greg Phillips
Mace Bearer
Past President, A-State Faculty Association

Dr. Karen Wheeler
Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Mr. Nathan Johnson
Graduating Senior

Mr. William Gorum
Signer/Interpreter

Mr. Michael Doyle
Procession Line Announcer

Dr. Jill Simons
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies

Dr. Nonie Wiggins
President, A-State Alumni Association

Mr. Matthew Carey
Procession Line Announcer
UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Dr. Gil Fowler                         College of Liberal Arts and Communication          Grand Marshal

MARSHALS FOR STUDENT PROCESSION

Doctoral Degrees

Dr. Gil Fowler                         College of Liberal Arts and Communication

Specialist, Master, Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Dr. Bert Greenwalt                    College of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology
Dr. Yeonsang Hwang

Dr. Jim Washam                         College of Business
Dr. Patricia Robertson

Mrs. Brittney Johnson                  College of Education and Behavioral Science
Dr. Amy Pearce

Dr. Ruth Owens                         College of Liberal Arts and Communication
Dr. Holly Hall

Dr. Christina Akbari                   College of Nursing and Health Professions
Dr. Karen Blue

Dr. John Artim                         College of Sciences and Mathematics

Ms. Nikesha Nesbitt                   Undergraduate Studies

MARSHALS FOR FACULTY PROCESSION

Dr. Travis Marsico                     College of Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Gwendolyn Neal                    College of Education and Behavioral Science

Dr. Brinda McKinney                   College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Suzanne Melescue                  College of Sciences and Mathematics
SPECIAL MUSIC
The Arkansas State University Brass Ensemble
Dr. Timothy Oliver, Conductor
Dr. Lauren Schack Clark, Pianist

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
*Processional: Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

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. Victoria Pulliam, Ms. Sarah Woodson,
Mr. Hal Niederbrach & Mr. Aaron Fisher
Vocalists
Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Pianist

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Kelly Damphousse
Chancellor

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Dr. Stacy Walz
Faculty Award — Excellence in Professional Service

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS
Mr. Nathan Johnson
Graduating Senior

*Please stand for the processional and the anthem.
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES..........................................................Dr. Lynita Cooksey
 Provost and Vice Chancellor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .............................................................................Dr. Kelly Damphousse
 Chancellor

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..........................................................Dr. Noni Wiggins
 President, A-State Alumni Association

*THE ASU ALMA MATER..........................................................Ms. Victoria Pulliam, Ms. Sarah Woodson,
 Mr. Hal Niederbrach & Mr. Aaron Fisher
 Vocalists
 Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
 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
The Arkansas State University Brass Ensemble
Dr. Timothy Oliver, Conductor
Dr. Lauren Schack Clark, Pianist

Pictures at an Exhibition..........................................................Modeste Mussorgsky
National Song ............................................................................Edvard Grieg
Promenade ...................................................................................Alexander Gretchaninoff
Adagio .........................................................................................Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

On behalf of the members of the Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from 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 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 will be your permanent home on the A-State campus. I invite you to stop by and see this wonderful place that was designed for you.

Stay connected! Visit our website AStateAlumni.org; join us on Facebook; and download our mobile app to keep us informed of your accomplishments, current email and mailing address. We want to share in your pride and 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,

Nonie Wiggins
Dr. Nonie Wiggins, '83, '08, '11
President
ASU Alumni Association

Everything we do strengthens ASU!
Dear Arkansas State University Graduates,

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University. As Governor, I commend your tremendous achievement and join with your friends and family to celebrate your years of hard work and dedication to higher learning.

I am pleased to congratulate each and every member of this graduating class and look forward to the value you will bring to Arkansas and to the nation. Each of you can take pride in being part of an institution that is dedicated to standards of excellence and high achievement.

I hope you will continue to pursue learning opportunities throughout your life and continually expand your horizons. You will soon be presented with new experiences and challenges that will shape your mind and your character. Always remember to stand by your beliefs and seek accurate information regardless of where life takes you in the coming years. Work hard, strive to achieve your full potential and realize the possibilities are endless in your bright future ahead.

Again, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University, and best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson
CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Arch H. Jones
M.S., University of Central Arkansas
B.S., University of Central Arkansas
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. John Beineke
DISSERTATION TITLE: Perceptions of Title IX Administrators in Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education on Implementing Office for Civil Rights Guidance: A Qualitative Study
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Keith Deon Reed
Ed.S., Arkansas State University
M.B.A., Belhaven College
B.B.A., Belhaven College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. John Beineke
DISSERTATION TITLE: A Comparative Study of Student Achievement in Remedial Math Courses through Online and Traditional Delivery Modes at Northwest Mississippi Community College
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

David L. Rutledge
Ed.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S.E., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: Superintendents’ Perceptions of Online Education for Principals
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Heath Ryan Sanders
Ed.S., Arkansas State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
B.A., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Holman
DISSERTATION TITLE: Student Loan Debt: An Interpretative Phenomenological Study of the Impact of Indebtedness on the Lived Experience of Educators
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Martha Brown Spack
M.S., Arkansas State University
B.A., Arkansas Tech University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Holman
DISSERTATION TITLE: Understanding the Impact of Student Engagement on the Graduation Rates of Higher Education Institutions
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Louis Quinn Intres
M.A., Arkansas State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
B.A., The Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Erik Gilbert
DISSERTATION TITLE: Heritage and Identity of Indigenous Peoples A Comparative Study of American Indians and Bedouins of Jordan
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies
Doctor of Philosophy (continued)

Michael Jason Newell
M.S., Arkansas State University
B.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock
B.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Brent R. Carroll
DISSERTATION TITLE: An Experimental Determination of the Quasi-Rest Potential of Copper Indium Disulfide
Utilizing the Novel Open-Circuit Voltage Transient
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Science

Shyam Thapa
M.S., Arkansas State University
B.S., Tribhuban University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Robert D. Engelken
DISSERTATION TITLE: Optimization of Parameters for the Densification (Pelletization) of
Cereal Crop Residues and Feasibility Study of Pellet Plant Development in the
State of Arkansas from Economic Perspective
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Science

Joshua Aaron Vangilder
M.S., Arkansas State University
B.S., Arkansas State University
B.S., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Bruce Johnson
DISSERTATION TITLE: Investigation of the Effectiveness of N, N-Dimethylformamide as a
Solvent for CdTe Electrodeposition
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Science
CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Science in Agriculture

Ricky Don Barker
Brittany Deanna Barnes
Traven Leann Louise Crocker

Master of Engineering Management

Abhishek Bachawala
Jonathan Allan Hill
Amit Sai Kolluri
Venkata Gowtham Koyi
Jeffrey Dillon Madden

Master of Science in Engineering

Nandine Mitra
Samia Sanjari

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.

Bachelor of Science

Brian Daniel Atnip
Zhijin Chen
Derek Wade Crabb
John A. Frasher
B. Scott Gilmer

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Hannah Caroline Bell
Amber Marie Booth
Brett Tyler Brewer
Trevor Wayne Brown
Elijah Fremont Carter
Blake Aaron Clayton
Alysia Nicole Coles
Brooks E. Davis
Colton Dale Eastep
Logan Lee Fowler
William Lyle Fulton
Rocky Shane Gates

Tonya Darlene Head
LaTonya Nicole Johnson
Denis Viktorovich Kalinin
John Houston Keller

Daniel Brett Gill
James Adam Grinnis
Bretton Michael Hale
Summa Cum Laude
Honors Program
Landon J. Hearnes
Kristi Nicole Houck
Kierra Rechee’ Hull
Hunter Joe Ingram
Payton M. Jarrett
Sharlet Rose Johnson
Nathan Paul Johnston
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (continued)

Christin Octavia Jones
Ethan Tyler McDonald
Jake R. McDowell
Todd Anthony Miller Jr.
Justin Blake Mohlke
Logan Paul Murray
Zackary K. Nicholson
James T. Nortier
Tyler Wayne Ogles
Thomas Kaleb Asher Qualls

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Allen Thomas Deaver
Garrett James Gautreaux
Kyle Harper Jackson
Thaddeus Ryan LyBrand

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Payton Cody Hills

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Hassan Ali Almosalli
Michael Patrick Bugos
Travis A. Gifford

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Joshua K. McLarty
Steven Michael Rollins
Eric J. Zuniga

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Payton Cody Hills
Kayla Ann Wood

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

T’Ray K. Rutledge
John T. Shotwell

College of Business

Candidates for Master Degrees

Master of Accountancy

Haneen Madad Aljedaani
Abdulaziz Aied Alonazi

Master of Business Administration

Bassam Ahmed Albassam
Emily C. Alexander
Kyle Wayne Arnold
Katie Lyn Belknap
Laurel Susan Brown
Christopher Gerald Davis
Whitney Whitaker Ford

Master of Accountancy

Jingwei Bao
Lyle Loftin London

Master of Business Administration

Haley E. Henderson
Danielle Elizabeth Lackey
Ngoc Thi Hong Le
Jana Siebert
Chad Joseph Voytik
Yangzhe Wang
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Names of honor students, and their honors designations, appear in boldface italics.

Bachelor of Arts
Andrew Ren Cooke
Hiromoto Kato

Bachelor of Science
Zachery Corbett Adams
McKay Debrah Andrew
Misty Catherine Antonacci
Britney Helen Nicole Bair
Amanda Michelle Baker
Katie Miranda Barnes
Matthew Alexander Bartlett
Caelen Andrew Baxter
Connor Magdalene Berry

Loren T. Blakley
Cum Laude
Bettie Kathryn Boone
Donald R. Boyd
Teranee L. Bracy

Paula Lee Chavers
Cum Laude
Rixin Chen
David Leonard Clark
Christopher Landon Coffman
Courtney Paige Crawford
Sarah Ellen Davis
Austin P. Dewitt

Nathan Phillip Duncan
Cum Laude
Alyson Kaye Eaves
Timothy Dean Edwards
William Cole Edwards
Danielle R. Elmer
Cody J. Evans
Ariel N. Fountain
Michael Gaines Frederick
William G. Gambill
Abraham Garcia
George Gatewood III
Collin Lee Gilmore

Dylan Scott Green
Cum Laude
David Allen Gross
Callie Lynée Hale

Adam Scott Hicks
Honors Program
Anastasia Boston Hodges

Tomomi Hosoi
Cum Laude

Kento Kojo

Demi Jean Humphrey
Ibuki Ishine
Yifa Kan
Pamela S. Kay
Inyoung Kim
Yasmine Roshaun King

Kaori Kitamura
Honors Program
Madison LeAnn Lane
Kayson Taylor Latimar
Jordan C. Lawrey

Yeong Jae Lee
Cum Laude
Sarah D. Massey
Cum Laude

Christien T. McClaughlin
Travis Scott McCloskey
Shahzain Y Mohammad
Mai Morioka
Thuy Phuong Nguyen
Michelle Lee Opelt
Arturo Orozco
Jonathan Michael Page
Nicholas Ryan Pillow
Hannah N. Pipkin
Kendra D. Posey

Connor D. Poteet
Magna Cum Laude
Stephenie Ann Reeves
Dena Marie Reiss
Corban L. Richardson
Skylar L. Robbins
Whitney B. Roberts
Joseph Allen Roper
Alicia Katlyn Sandage
Ryan T. Sartain
Alexa Louise Shadwick
Stephanie Lynn Shempert
Erika Marie Silva
Parker Nelson Sparrow
Morgan E. Speer
Jason Lee Stallings
Serenity A. Stewart
Morgan Nicole Swenson
Bachelor of Science (continued)

Hiroka Takehara
Cum Laude
Stefanie Renee Taylor
Bisola Lois Thomas
Bria Yasmine Thomas
Linh My Tran
Ayana Danielle Trezvant
Joshua LaVon Ward
Derek R. Watson
Tara Dawn Watson

Saige Olivia Webster
Bradley C. Whelchel
Shelby C. Whitmire
Tyler N. Williams
Valeria Williams
Michael R. Wingo
Alexandra Winingar
April Dawn York
Britney Janea Young

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate of Science

Clay Lawrence Jones
Randall Parker Jones Jr.

Trenton Jackson Mullins

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

Specialist in Community College Teaching

Robert Paul Shurley
Theresa J. Walker

Specialist in Education

Tiffaney M. Atterberry
Leslie Rosser Austin
Dustin Patrick Bailey
Jacquelyn Stephanie Basinger
Renee Pleasant Baum
Brandt Douglas Bell
Tara Erin Bell
Samuel Blaine Bennett
Elicia K. Betcher
Brad Lee Bland
Michele Marie Greer-Boyer
Kelley Bernadette Good Branch
Kristy M. Brasfield
Sarah Nicole Brevoort
Grant Anthony Brewer
Jennifer Colvin Brooks
Byron Keith Bullock
Leanna J. Burton
Lee Castleberry Caldwell
Steven B. Celestine
Casey Shantelle Allison Chaffin
Jeremy G. Clarkson
Amie M. Cole
Julie A. Conner
Melinda Shoup Cook
Julia Catherine Hamilton-Cotney
Nathaniel Drake Craig
Mark E. Crane
Cornelius Lamar Cromer
David Carl Daigle
Jamie Meghan Pasternak Darius
Clifton O. Davis, III
Timothy Dwight Decker
April House Dill
Tabitha Dawn Coker Dillard
Deina Rochelle Dixon
Kelly Marie Downing
Kendra Michelle Dutschke
Ryan Michael Duvall
Andrea Nicole Eatinger
Pamela Mangrum Everitt
Teresa Lucille Morgan Farver
Specialist in Education (continued)

Bonnie Louise Franklin
Ellen Alicia Sprouse-Garner
Nicole Bollendorf Gatewood
Charles Scott German
Cassi Amanda Gilbow
Theresa Marie Gilliam
Kellie Dawn Goodlet
Amy Nicole Gordon
Calla Racela Gourley
Joseph Patrick Grapes
Melissa F. Gray
Jennifer Ann Gross
Samantha Lee Gutierrez
Evelyn Dolores Harrison
Cagney Duane Helmick
Jillian E. Henley
Jennifer Ann Hill
Lawson Carter Hipps
Michelle Leigh Holman
Paul Monroe House
Niculina Sorinela Muscalu Howard
Crystal L. Huckabee
Kendal Levina Hughes
Lisa Renee Bacon-Hughes
Brittany Rhea Humes
Madison Elizabeth Hurley
Benton Read Jackson
Roy Edward Jackson Jr.
Cassie LeAnn Johnson
Jessica Annette Capps Johnson
Tracie Ann Joiner
Jerica Jena’ Moore Jones
Lora Lea Jones
Curtis Jarmall Kemp
Mandy Deimund Keys
David Cyril Kirkland
Andrea Yvette Kitchen
jasmin Latrell Linder
Jerry Maurice Livingston
Suzanne R. Louks
Stephanie G. Jones-Lyons
Amanda Bell Malone
Rafeal D. Marlow
Taylor K. Massa
James Edward Matthews
Carol Anne McCormick
Mandi K. McMillan
Maria DelaLuiz Medrano
Marquita Renee’ Williams-Melvin
Jamie Robin Million
Carissa Michelle Mixon
Bruce Brian Mize
Marcus J. Moiffett
Ashley Elizabeth Molden
Deborah Kaye Morrison
Jessica Elaine Morton
Christy Farris Moss
Mary Elizabeth Mugavin
Susan Scott Mulraine
Reginald M. Murphy
Andrea Michelle Neville
Richard Everton Newell
Ashley Clark Nichols
Lisa Dawn Niethaus
Andrew Kyle Nipper
Thomas Edward Oliver
Paul F. Orbe
Raquel Orr
Paulette Denise Pattengill
Ednita Lynnette Prentiss
Megan Lee Pudenz
Andrew Harris Rainer
Christy LeAnn Reasons
Charles L. Reynolds, Jr.
Verderrius Lynn Riley
Monica B. Ring
Holly Susanna Robbins
Cynthia Ruth Robinson
Raffaele Romano
Dillon Clark Roseberry
Kyle Thomas Ross
lorrie Anne Sadler
Amanda Hunter Samples
Laverne M. Sanders
Samantha Kathleen Shain
Marshall Troy Shelton
Melton J. Sloan
Monique Jones Smalls
Angela E. Smith
Delana Jean Smith
Nicholas Ryan Smith
Yesenia Gilmore Smith
Dustin Elige Sollars
Connie Elaina Hyatt-Southern
Kelly Cook Spence
Wendy R. Stahley
Erin Blair Stallings
Julie Ann Stout
Mary Nell Stringer
Annette Jane Tankersley
Gia Harris taylor
Erica Clavier Thibodeaux
Alberta D. Thomas
Melanie Lynn Tiner
Erin Courtney Tokajer
Gene Wayne Traynom
Jeannie Kuykendall Treadway
Jason Dee Varnon
Melissa D. Virden
Elizabeth Marie Watson
Suzan Joblin Watson
Michelle Thomas Weathers
Specialist in Education (continued)

Lysandra O. Webster
Christopher Lee Whitsett
Jessica Parrish Wilbanks
Ashley Michele Wild
Laura Michelle Wilkerson
Glynis Chrisjon Williams
Kimberley Danielle Williams
Latito Jermaine Williams
Peggy Joan Williams

Brittany M. Wilson
Kristi Hamilton Wilson
Vernon Carlton Wilson
Clifford Henry Wimberly Jr.
Cheryl Lynn Winningham
Shannon C. Yanosky
Caleshia Renee Townsend-Young
Matthew Lee Young
Heather Brianna Zakrzewski

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Arts in Teaching

Zebulon L. Blansett
Laura Elizabeth Dunivan
Amanda Kate Johnson Garrett
Butch E. Hamlett
Jessica Haynes

Allyson Nichole Lomax
Katie Lauren Blaylock Marsico
Callie Danielle' Moore
Amasa Margaret Southard

Master of Rehabilitation Counseling

Ariel R. Nations

Master of Science

T'healah Mical Ben-Dan
Alexis Ayana Betts
Tenesha F. Brown
Jason Ross Cochcroft
Austin Lee Copenhaver
Hunter Jordan Dilbeck
Trent S. Edwards
Nicholas Alton Elliott
Kyleigh Jayne Hebert
Vanessa Hopkins
KiaVia Shereece Howard
Shalonda C. Johnson
Natasha Crosby Kile
Ashley Anne King
David Ervin Lawson
LaQuisha Shunta' Logan
Selwyn Ferdinand Maxwell Jr.
Thomas Blake Moore
Amanda H. Morales
Denzell Jerwayne Newsom
Jana C. Nielsen
Henry Chukwunonso Offiah
Lisa Michelle Owens
Jessie Lee Porter III
Jon-Thomas Elliott Price

Alex Richardson
Porchia Marie Roberts
Myka Deshun Robertson
Christopher John Rodriguez
NaShaunna Latrese Rogers
Gerson Eli Aguirre Rojas
Alecia Kelli Sampley
Marvin Louis Sanders II
Hayden Skoog
Lance Garrett Thompson
Sandra Elizabeth Thompson
LaShaley D. Tubbs
Cole Martin Vandenberg
Timothy Ross Vinson
Michelle L. Wayne
Kourtni Renee Williams
Erin Elizabeth Wilson
Master of Science in Education

Paige Nicole Akins
Scott Robert Allen
Gabriel Wayne Anderson
Candace Electra Anselmi
Simo Lei Lene Atagi
Sara Jean Averill
Jessica Marie Baker
Nicole Marie Baker
Jennifer Lovenia Barr
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ACADEMIC APPAREL

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. Bachelor’s gowns have pointed sleeves; master’s 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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   Art & Design                      Brown
   Communication Studies            Crimson
   Criminal Justice                 Golden Yellow
   English Education                Light Blue
   Heritage Studies — MS/PhD        White
   Humanities                      White
   Journalism                      Crimson
   Music                           Pink
   Music Education                  Pink
   Political Science               Dark Blue
   Public Administration           Peacock Blue
   Radio-Television                 Crimson
   Social Science Education        Light Blue
   Theatre                         Brown

Nursing and Health Professions
   Communication Disorders        Gray
   Disaster Preparedness          White
   Health Science                 Sage Geen
   Nursing                        Apricot
   Nursing Practice — DNP         Apricot
   Physical Therapy               Teal
   Social Work                    Citron

Sciences and Mathematics
   Mathematics                    Golden Yellow
   Mathematics Education          Light Blue
   Science                        Golden Yellow
   Science Education              Light Blue

Black and scarlet 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 chancellor's medallion bears the seal of the university. The Arkansas State University president’s medallion bears the seal of the ASU System. The Alumni Association president’s medallion bears a 1924 emblem marking the establishment of the Alumni Association. The medallions are worn at all official academic ceremonies.

THE MACE

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

The current mace, introduced in 2015, is the result of a collaborative effort involving students, alumni, faculty and staff. From concept and design to production and assembly, the mace utilizes state-of-the-art technology and equipment to symbolically represent Arkansas State University.

The mace is composed of two parts: the head and the staff. The head is comprised of the Memorial Arch, a globe and two university seals. When dedicated in 1927, the Memorial Arch served as the entrance to A&M College. Now, the oldest structure on campus, the arch is an established icon that symbolizes the opportunities to advance in life through the educational experience offered by Arkansas State. The international impact of the university, her students, faculty and staff is symbolized by a globe suspended in the arch. Seals are attached to the sides of the globe to represent the tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

The staff is made of wenge, a dark-colored, highly durable wood symbolic of the rich experiences students receive when pursuing an education at A-State. The shape of the staff is patterned after the pillars of the Memorial Arch, giving it a distinct look.

The mace rests on a base symbolic of the Memorial Arch. Once the gateway to the institution, the Memorial Arch continues to occupy a prominent position in the heart of the Arkansas State University campus.

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 Arkansas State.

The current design of the Arkansas State University seal was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2013. The new design incorporates current concepts and goals of the university.

The seal has three distinct characteristics:
1) The Memorial Arch symbolizes a portal or entrance to new life, balance in form and university tradition. It 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 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. 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. Liberal Arts & Communication 1. Doctoral
6. Nursing and Health Professions 2. Agriculture, Engineering & Technology
8. Undergraduate Studies 4. Education & Behavioral Science
Arkansas State University educates leaders, enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.