ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Commencement
Summer 2011

ASU Convocation Center
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7:00 p.m.
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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. G. Daniel Howard became interim chancellor of the ASU-Jonesboro campus on July 1, 2010.

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 61,000 alumni. ASU was designated a tier I Southern Regional institution of higher education by the editors of U.S. News & World Report in the 2011 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 18 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 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 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 2010, it was 13,415. 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 2010 was 21,783.
Arkansas State University
Mission, Core Values, and Vision

Mission
Arkansas State University *educates* leaders, *enhances* intellectual growth, and *enriches* lives. (ASU = $e^3$)

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.
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Paragould, Arkansas

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College of Agriculture and Technology

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Continuing Education and Community Outreach

Dr. Lynita Cooksey, Dean
University College

Dr. Len Frey, Dean
College of Business

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

Dr. Greg Meeks, Interim Dean
College of Education

Dr. Andy Novobilski, Dean
College of Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Carol O’Connor, Interim Dean
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Dale Miller, Interim Dean
College of Fine Arts

Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dean
Graduate School

Honors College

OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Bob Bennett
Mace Bearer

Mr. Mike Doyle
Procession Line Announcer

Dr. Jack Zibluk
President, ASU Faculty Association

Mr. Adrian Everett
Graduating Senior
2010-11 Student Government Association President

Mr. Paul Rowton
President, ASU Alumni Association

Ms. Ruth Treadway
Signer/Translator
### UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

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### MARSHALS FOR STUDENT PROCESSION

#### Doctoral and Specialist Degrees

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THE PROGRAM

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Keyboard

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

*Processional

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Keyboard

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
Soloist

Dr. Marika Kyriakos
Soloist

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Accompanist

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. G. Daniel Howard
Interim Chancellor

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Dr. Jack Zibluk
President, ASU Faculty Association

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Mr. Adrian Everett
Graduating Senior and 2010-2011 Student Government Association President

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Howard L. Slinkard
Chair, ASU Board of Trustees

*Please stand for the processional and the anthem.
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ......................................................Interim Chancellor Howard

SPEAKER ..........................................................................................Sen. Shane Broadway
Interim Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ......................................................Dr. Glen Jones
Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ...........................................................Interim Chancellor Howard

INDUCTION INTO ASU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.................................Mr. Paul Rowton
President, ASU Alumni Association

*THE ASU ALMA MATER .................................................................Dr. Marika Kyriakos
Soloist

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Accompanist

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 Dr. Lauren Schack Clark

*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.

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 has been made possible by the generous support of graduates who have preceded you. As alumni, we are proud of the time and energy we have shared to help provide a quality program for the current 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 open and will 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 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,

J. Paul Rowton
President
ASU Alumni Association

Everything we do strengthens ASU!
STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

August 5, 2011

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. My wish for you is that you will always possess the desire to seek knowledge, to expand your horizons, and to absorb 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 thanks to all 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
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Shane Broadway

Sen. Shane Broadway is the interim director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and has been with the agency since January 2011. Broadway is a member of Gov. Mike Beebe’s full cabinet as well as the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, an appointed group of state government leaders charged with creating 21st century jobs and skilled workers.

Broadway’s primary responsibility is oversight of staff whose jobs are to carry out the policy directives of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) and to develop funding recommendations for the state’s 11 public universities and 22 public two-year colleges as well as several other post-secondary entities. In addition, the agency is responsible for distributing approximately $170 million annually from state revenues and lottery funds intended to ease the financial burden of students seeking an education beyond high school.

An Arkansas State University alumnus, Broadway served three terms as a Representative for Pulaski and Saline Counties, and two terms in the Senate. He was elected Speaker of the House by his colleagues in 2001.

While serving in the General Assembly, Broadway was at the forefront of the legislature’s push to continue improving Arkansas’s educational system, serving on the education committee every term except when he was Speaker of the House. Creating economic development opportunities to bring jobs to the state has been another focus of Sen. Broadway’s efforts, both as a legislator and as a private consultant.

He previously served as chairman of the 15-state Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) – which fosters intergovernmental cooperation among member states – and as chairman of the SLC’s Education Committee. Gov. Beebe appointed Broadway to the advisory board of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in 2007.
CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Craig Steven Johnson
B.A., Bethel College
M.S., Mankato State University
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. David Holman
Dissertation Title: THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES IN HIGHER EDUCATION
Department: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Melany Magee Bowman
B.S., Belmont College
M.A., Arkansas State University
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Brady Banta
Dissertation Title: HOME AWAY FROM HOME: THE ASSIMILATION OF THE HISPANIC POPULATION IN JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
Department: Heritage Studies

Fatme M. Myuhhtar-May
B.A., American University
M.A., South-Western University
M.A., Central European University
M.A., Arkansas State University
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Brady Banta
Dissertation Title: IDENTITY, NATIONALISM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE UNDER SIEGE: THE CASE OF POMAKS (BULGARIAN-SPEAKING MUSLIMS) IN BULGARIA
Department: Heritage Studies

Brandon Lennon Noel
B.S., University of West Florida
M.S. Georgia Southern University
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. James Bednarz
Dissertation Title: THE BREEDING ECOLOGY OF THE PILEATED WOODPECKER IN BOTTOMLAND FORESTS OF EASTERN ARKANSAS, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONSERVATION OF THE IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER
Department: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
## CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### Specialist in Community College Teaching

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#### Specialist in Education

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<td>B.S.R.S.</td>
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<td>B.S.E., M.S.E.</td>
<td>Arkansas State University</td>
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CANDIDATES FOR MASTERS DEGREES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Master of Science

Michael Wayne Barrett  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Master of Science in Agriculture

Thomas Benzen  
B.S., Tarkio College

Martina Garda  
B.A., Alcorn State University

Danielle Wynne Jones  
B.S.A., Arkansas State University

Jami Lynn Nash  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Venkata Kiran Siddineni  
B.V.Sc., Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University

Master of Accountancy

David Michael Stevens  
B.B.A., University of Central Arkansas

Tian Tian  
B.A., Sichuan Normal University

Christy Leann Wortham  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Master of Business Administration

Amber Tess Ballard  
B.A., Arkansas Tech University

April Nicole Biggs  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Osman Erdem Goltepe  
B.A., Dogus University

Shaun Thomas Hatch  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Jeremy Logan Jones  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Kenneth Michael Lance  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Thomas Gregory Lux  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Charles Kevin McClurg  
B.S.A., Louisiana State University

Grant Powell Murray  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Patcharee Piyawattananon  
B.A., Chulalongkorn University

Danial Nicole Trotter  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Yiing Zheng  
B.S., South China Agricultural University

Master of Science in Education

Abdullah Abdulrahman Alzmami  
B.S., Teachers College

Trina Nicole Anderson  
B.S., Franklin University

Colleges Of Business
Master of Science in Education (continued)

David Charles Barch  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Karen E. Barker  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Candice Monique Blankenship  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Tamara Lynn Carr  
B.S., Arkansas State University  

Emily Faye Haas  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Andrea Coy Stallings  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Courtney H. Tatum  
B.S., Arkansas State University

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Master of Arts

Le’Andria Danielle Williams  
B.S., Mississippi Valley State University

Master of Science in Mass Communications

Baker Hasan Alkarimeh  
B.A., Yarmouk University  
Julia Carol Bristow  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Sirisha Priyadarsini Duba  
B.C., Acharya Nagarjuna University  
Amy Amanda Lyn Hitt  
B.S., Arkansas State University  
Farah Fakhri Jallad  
B.A., Yarmouk University  

Michael Endre Jossell Jr.  
B.A., Mississippi Valley State University  
Naheda Mohd Makhadmeh  
B.A., Yarmouk University  
Saim Haider Naqvi  
B.C., University of Lucknow  
Deepak Neupane  
B.A., Tribhuvan University  
Brittany Loren Noble  
B.A., Alcorn State University

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Rehabilitation Counseling

Kevin L. Clark Sr.  
B.A., Arkansas State University  
Tosha Denise Dixon  
B.S., Arkansas State University  

Sondra K. Sims  
B.A., Arkansas State University  
M.A., Arkansas State University

Master of Science

Kaitlin Elizabeth Beineke  
B.S., Lyon College  

Amanda Heringer  
B.S., University of Arkansas
Master of Science (continued)

Goichi Hagiwara  
B.A., National Defense Academy

Jenna Lee Malcom  
B.S., Iowa State University

Phyllis Jean Moore-Cook  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Ronakumar Govindbhai Patel  
B.P., Veer Narmad South Gujarat University

Shaquita Lee Renelique  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Sunita Shrestha  
B.P., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences  
M.P., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences

Mary L. Smith  
B.S.W., Arkansas State University

Adrian B. Sportsman  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Jamie Lee Stout  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Tina Latrice Talley  
B.S., Arkansas State University

Donald Eugene VanPelt Jr.  
B.S., Arkansas State University

JaTerrimce Dwayne Young  
B.A., University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Master of Science in Education

Noha Faissal Abdel-Hady  
B.S., Auburn University  
M.S., University of Memphis

Lori Marie Adams  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Misty Lee Adamson  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Ashley Holland Adkins  
B.A., Furman University

Natalie McAfee Akin  
B.S., Arkansas Tech University

Brandy Tallesse Akins  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Brett Frederick Alberty  
B.A., Luther College

Kimberly Ann Amsden  
B.S.E., University of North Dakota

Tiffany Renee Anderson  
B.S., Lane College

Trent Spry Anderson  
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University

Brandi Michelle Angel  
B.S., Lipscomb University

Robyn Kelli Anthony  
B.S., Mississippi State University  
M.S., Mississippi State University

Anita Sue Apple  
B.S., Cameron University

Molly Jo Ashley  
B.S., Union University

Amanda Presley Austin  
B.S., University of the Ozarks

Donna Judith Auxier  
B.S., California State University-Fullerton

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B.S.E., University of Tennessee-Martin

Stefani A. Backes  
B.A.E., University of South Carolina

Julie Marie Backus  
B.S.C.J., Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Lisa Michelle Baguley  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Angela Michelle Baird  
B.A., Wichita State University

Lacey Nic'helle Ball  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Ginger Ann Baltimore  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Keith Allen Banks  
B.S.E., Millersville University

Melanie Lynne Barile  
B.A., Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey

Tracy Oakes Barnett  
B.A., San Diego State University

Randall Glenn Barnhill  
B.S.E., Arkansas State University
Master of Science in Education (continued)

Shelli Dawn Barr
B.S., Oklahoma State University

Candice L. Bates
B.A., University of Arkansas-Fort Smith

Dana Marie Bell
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Benjamin Thomas Belton
B.S.E., University of Central Arkansas

Lacey L. Bingaman
B.S.E., Ouachita Baptist University

Joshua Lee Blaylock
B.S.E., Southeast Missouri State University

Dwight Andrew Blevins
B.A., Virginia Intermont College

Ashley Nicole Bowdler
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Matthew Austin Bowser
B.S.E., Crichton College

Amanda Faye Brabham
B.S., Mississippi University for Women
M.S., Mississippi University for Women

Ashley Bradshaw
B.S.E., University of Memphis

Monica Ann Bretches
B.A.E., Wichita State University

Luke Mitchell Brewer
B.S.E., Arkansas State University

Alicia Nicole Brown
B.S., Arkansas Tech University

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Bachelor of Science

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Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

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Randy Russell Lemmons
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Donna Boyd McKnight
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Kara Lynn Nolen
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Afton Michelle Devine
Timothy Jordan Edwards
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Jae LaDawn Glass
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Joseph Michael Holland
James Phillip King
Kurt Mattison
Catherine Ann McNabb
Jennifer Ann Murrell
Jillian Noel Orlicek
Dustin Sanders
Kristin Ann Turnbough

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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Christopher M. Pickle
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Joseph Alan Curtis
Cum Laude

James M. Kaut

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Melloney Fay Dunlap

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Jefferson Chase Holifield
Latonya Michelle Irvine

Lindsey Nichole Jackson
Silas Ivan Jones
Kimico Schree Martin
Joseph Alan McNeal
Lee Dale Nelson, Jr.
James R. Parish
Ryan Keith Skelton
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Bachelor of Science in Education

Michael Lynn Turner

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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Kaitlin Elizaebth Ladd
Eli Mack Newsom
Magna Cum Laude

Elaine Anderson Pickens
Cynthia Sue Potts

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jessica Dawn Brown-Bogard
Hannah Bruce-McGinnis
Cum Laude

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Kirsten Alexis Campbell
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Kristin Lynne Harris
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Julie Ann Burton
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Craig Alan Stasny
Jonathan Nicholas Trail
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Pamela Faye Williams
Timothy Trey Wrenfrow

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Felicia Crawford
Teresa Easter
Genia Kwan Ray

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Chase Tyler Young

Bachelor of Science

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Miranda Lauren Jarrett
Justin Charles Jones
Ebony Danielle Love
Justin Michael Stewart
Timothy Blake Vail
Cameron Tyler Ward
Chris-Marí Welman

Bachelor of Science in Education

Jessica Leigh White
Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science

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Lauren Ashley Thurman

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Kentriss Darnae Walker
Jadyn Christine West
Alecia Danielle Williams
Kimberly Lynn Wooldridge
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. 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:

- **Agriculture**
  - Agriculture
  - Agriculture Education
  - Maize
  - Maize

- **Business**
  - Accounting
  - Business Administration
  - Business Education
  - Drab Brown
  - Drab Brown
  - Light blue

- **Communications**
  - Communication Studies
  - Journalism
  - Radio/TV
  - Crimson
  - Crimson
  - Crimson

- **Education**
  - Education
  - Psychology
  - Counseling
  - Light Blue
  - Light Blue
  - Gold
  - College Student Personnel Services
  - Exercise Science
  - Physical Education
  - Rehabilitation Counseling
  - Peacock Blue
  - Sage Green
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- **Engineering**
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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 torch symbolizes leadership, a call to action, learning, and education.
2) The arch symbolizes a portal or entrance to new life, balance in form, and university tradition.
3) The inset date of 1909 is the date the institution was established.

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.
7. Education
8. Engineering
9. Fine Arts
10. Humanities and Social Sciences
11. Nursing and Health Professions
12. Sciences and Mathematics
13. University College

1. Doctoral
2. Specialists
3. Masters
4. Agriculture and Technology
5. Business
6. Communications