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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 1 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 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 2014, it was 13,144. 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 2014 was 21,158.
Arkansas State University
Mission, Core Values, and Vision

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

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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Dr. Charles L. Welch

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Provost and Vice-Chancellor

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College of Agriculture and Technology

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Dr. Shane Hunt, Dean
College of Business

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College of Engineering

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

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Ms. Julie Isaacson
Mace Bearer

Ms. Julie Isaacson
President, ASU Faculty Association

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

Mr. Michael Doyle
Procession Line Announcer

Ms. Sarah Fagan
Graduating Senior

Mr. Raphael (Ray) James
Signer/Translator
UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Dr. Gil Fowler                           College of Media and Communication  Grand Marshal

MARSHALS FOR STUDENT PROCESSION

Doctoral Degrees

Dr. Gil Fowler                           College of Media and Communication

Specialist, Master, Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

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

Dr. Dawn Weatherford                      College of Education and Behavioral Science
Dr. Dixie Keyes

Dr. Yeonsang Hwang                        College of Engineering

Mr. Curtis Steele                         College of Fine Arts

Dr. William McLean                        College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Holly Hall                            College of Media and Communication

Ms. Brinda McKinney                       College of Nursing and Health Professions
Dr. Roy Aldridge

Dr. Richard Grippo                        College of Sciences and Mathematics

Ms. Nikesha Nesbitt                       University College

MARSHALS FOR FACULTY PROCESSION

Dr. Jollean Sinclaire                    College of Business

Dr. Kyle Chandler                        College of Fine Arts

Mr. Pradeep Mishra                       College of Media and Communication

Dr. Bruce Johnson                        College of Sciences and Mathematics
THE PROGRAM

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
Pianist

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

*Processional.................................................................Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
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
Mr. James Kane Bradley
Vocalist

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark
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. Sarah Fagan
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........................................................Mr. James Kane Bradley  
Vocalist

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. 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 A-State campus. I invite you to stop by and see this wonderful place that was designed for you. Please keep us informed of your current email, mailing 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!
Arkansas State University Class of 2015,

On behalf of the great 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 applaud the Class of 2015 graduates 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 has been 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 your 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

Elizabeth D. Crandall
B.S., The University of West Florida
M.S., University of Connecticut
S.C.C.T., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. John A. Beineke
DISSERTATION TITLE: Curriculum Alignment and Higher Order Thinking in Introductory Biology in Arkansas Public Two-Year Colleges
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jessie Sue Thacker King
B.S., University of South Florida
M.E., William Woods University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. John Beineke
DISSERTATION TITLE: Characteristics of Parent or Caregiver Perceptions of Children with Autism’s Educational Placement
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

David M. Mayes
B.A., Arkansas Tech University
M.A., Northwestern State University of Louisiana
S.C.C.T., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Holman
DISSERTATION TITLE: Factors That Affect Success in a Developmental Mathematics Course at an Arkansas Two-Year College: A Grounded Theory
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

William L. Wood
B.S.E., Arkansas State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
S.C.C.T., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. David Holman
DISSERTATION TITLE: Blending World History and Literature: An Ethnographic and Phenomenological Exposition of Disciplinary Integration
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Julianna Marilyn Lindsay
B.A., Middle Tennessee State University
B.A., Middle Tennessee State University
M.A., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Gregory Hansen
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Living Heritage of Prepping
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Heritage Studies
Doctor of Philosophy (continued)

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B.S.A.G.E., University of Arkansas  
M.S.A.G.E., University of Arkansas  
M.S., Arkansas State University  
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Bouldin  
DISSERTATION TITLE: Economic and Environmental Modeling of an Agricultural Watershed in the Mississippi Delta: Crop Selection Using an LP Model and Water Quality Impacts of Bioenergy Crops Using the AnnAGNPS Model  
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Environmental Sciences
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Master of Science in Agriculture

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Bachelor of Science

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Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

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Seth G. Moore  
James T. Owens

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Jordan Gardner Smith  
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Christian Jacob Warren  
Robert Matthew Wesley  
Jonathon Brock Westerman

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate of Science

Cody Booth  
Jeffery Todd McClung

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

Master of Accountancy

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B.S., Arkansas State University

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B.E., Peking University
Master of Business Administration

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B.S., King Faisal University

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B.A., University of Dar es Salaam

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B.S., Arkansas State University

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Bader Saud Alrowaiei  
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Yuki Ando  
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Cum Laude  
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Jared Bradley Barnes  
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Briana K. Bohr  
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Lingli Chen  
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Linqiao Li
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Dallas R. Berry
Travis Mitchell Bodenstein
Dylan Lee Bosze
Magna Cum Laude
Kevin William Bosze
Magna Cum Laude
Jasmine Anita Brown
Karinda Nicole Brown
Magna Cum Laude
Loni Beth Cooper
Magna Cum Laude
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Quentin Cordell Davis
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Cum Laude
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Cum Laude
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Rexi Grace Parcells
Magna Cum Laude
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Mackenzie Nicole Powers
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Chelsey Morgan Roberson
Ezra Mason Rodgers
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Jacob Hardin Schultz
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Lauren Langston  
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Jessica A. Otto  
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Courtney Nacole Purnell  
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Danny Aaron Russell  
Brynn R. Scarborough  
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Jeremiah Seth Nortier

Riley N. Thurman

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Shuyao Zheng Li
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Sonya J. Breckenridge
Kelly J. Cannon
Jo Carol Carter
Emily Rhuedell Farley
Erik Christopher Friedly
William Zachary Goza
Michael J. Hale
Lindsey Blair Johnson
Dana Lynn Jones
Alecia Jean Karr
Jordan Bryan Lane
Arielle Lakeisha McPherson

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science

Willis Charles Alexander
Ali Ebrahim S. Almahfoodh
Qasim Mohammed H. Almubasher
Cum Laude
Amanda Kay Bryant
Nancy Carol Cordell
Emily E. Crewse
Sarah Taylor Fagan
Magna Cum Laude
Sonja Jackson
Kelsey LaShay Langston

Huong Thi Ho
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Tracy Dawn Myers
Magna Cum Laude
Cristi Wessel
Cum Laude
Hayley Jo Woods

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Kiona Jean’ell Okoro
Brian Erno Oldenstam
Ch’Kyla Tinece Oldenstam
Nikki Danielle Rickman
Alexandria Katelyn Sheets
Jamie Lee Smith
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Jason Steimel
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Whitney Ann Taylor
Tiffany J. Vaughn
Leslie L. Watkins
Reshonda Marie Williams
Katerina Yanushevich
Leah Christine Young

Mai Kou Lee
Ryan Scott Maxwell
Hailey A. McCreeless
Cum Laude
Jourdan Elizabeth Mills
Chelsea Brooke Rogers
Madison Taylor Rupard
Julie Alexis Rose Vaughn
Summa Cum Laude
Breanna Williams
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Associate of Applied Science

Sandra Jean Bishop
Nicholas Martin Harris

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M.A., University of Missouri-Columbia

Shuwen Liang
B.S., Mississippi State University
M.A., Ashford University

Mary Joyce Mann
B.S., Arkansas State University

M. Jason Newell
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Bachelor of Science

Angelique Meredith Almira Akram
Julia Kay Andriotis

Cum Laude

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Vincent Adam Burton Jr.
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Quintavius (Tres) Houston
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Paul Andrew Jones
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Kasey J. Kingston
Adam Kelly Larson
Haley Jo Lovell
Rachel Denise Massey

Cum Laude

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Khalilah Shaunte’ Parks
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Jeffermika Sinead Storr
LaDawna Danae Williams

Associate of Arts

Bedro Baek

Dylan Travis Brewer

Associate of Science

Khatijah Linn Abdullah
Hunter Duncan Biram
Madison Tillery Blancaflor

Cody Booth
Brittany D. Braswell
Darius Montreal Buckley
Jazzmine Lachelle Calloway  
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Tung Do  
Hannah Julian Dowdy  
Petra Rochel Drennon  
Garrett Neal Haag  
Danielle Alexandria Hicks  
Craig Aaron Honeycutt  
Chapel Nicole Jones  
Kelli Marie Mauch  
Monica Nava  
Viet Hoang Nguyen  
Alexis Marie Philippe  
Denise Earlene Robinson  
Rikki Jo Rogers  
Jessica Ann Elaine Reed-Short  
Daniel Roy Siegel  
Michael Elborn Smith  
Makenzie Carolyn Strope  
Nancy Janet Tinoko  
Kristian Alexandria Wofford  
Min Xu
MASTER Theses

Student: Gregory Wayne Allen  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amanda Wheeler  
Thesis Title: The Correlation Among Bench Press, Squat, And Deadlift

Student: Sultan Alotaibi  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Gilbert Fowler  
Thesis Title: How Saudis Who Use Internet See the Future of Print Newspapers in the Digital Age

Student: Biswajit Kumar Bairgi  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Zahid Hossain  
Thesis Title: Viability Assessment of the Use of Ground Tire Rubber in Asphalt Pavements

Student: Tiffani Elizabeth Breckenridge  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Donald Kennedy  
Thesis Title: Seasonal Prevalence of Shiga-Toxin Producing Escherichia Coli on Beef Cattle Farms in Eastern Arkansas

Student: Monica Campbell  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Sarah Wilkerson Freeman  
Thesis Title: Case Studies of Tolerance and Intolerance in Northeast Arkansas circa 1900-1970

Student: Nazmul Huda Chowdhury  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Zahid Hossain  
Thesis Title: Root Causes of Premature Pavement Failures of Arkansas Interstate System

Student: Cody Bradly Michael Doerflein  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Brian Church  
Thesis Title: Physical Characteristics used to Predict Pole Vault Performance

Student: Zachary Lynn Elledge  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Gary T. Edwards  
Thesis Title: Defeat and Memory at the Arkansas State Capitol: The Little Rock Monument to the Women of the Confederacy, 1896-1914

Student: Mohammed Hassan Faqihi  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Po-Lin Pan  
Thesis Title: The Climate of Public Opinion in the Digital Age: Exploring the Impact of Social Media on Freedom of Expression and Political Activeness in Saudi Arabia

Student: Harshit Gupta  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Hai Jiang  
Thesis Title: Three Tier MapReduce
STUDENT: Brandon S. Jones
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Rick Lott
THESIS TITLE: The Attic

STUDENT: Shuwen Liang
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Hai Jiang
THESIS TITLE: A Cloud Storage System based on Parallelized CP-ABE

STUDENT: Loren Skye Roberson
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Jason Barrett-Fox
THESIS TITLE: Grrrls in the Underground: Punk Feminism in Composition Studies

STUDENT: Martine Patiance Bowombe Toko
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Tanja A. McKay
THESIS TITLE: Spatio-Temporal Distribution of Stored-Product Insects with Emphasis on Red Flour Beetles (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) In Rice Mills and On-Farm Storage Facilities

HONORS SENIOR THESES

STUDENT: Jessica Maddox
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Marla Jones
THESIS TITLE: Use of Fitness and Nutrition Applications by College Students

STUDENT: Rebecca Ring
THESIS ADVISOR: Dr. Elizabeth Hood
THESIS TITLE: Characterization of a B73 Maize Hydroxyproline-rich Glycoprotein Promoter
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:

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Fine Arts
Art Brown
Theatre Brown
Music Pink
Music Education Pink

Humanities and Social Sciences
Humanities White
English Education Light Blue
Criminal Justice Golden Yellow
Political Science Dark Blue
Public Administration Peacock Blue
Social Science Education Light Blue
Heritage Studies — MS/PhD White

Media and Communication
Communication Studies Crimson
Journalism Crimson
Radio-Television Crimson

Nursing and Health Professions
Communication Disorders Gray
Disaster Preparedness White
Health Science Sage Green
Nursing 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 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 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.
GRADUATING STUDENT SEATING
(By College)

5. Engineering 1. Doctoral
6. Fine Arts 2. Agriculture and Technology
7. Humanities and Social Sciences 3. Business
8. Media and Communication 4. Education and Behavioral Science
9. Nursing and Health Professions
10. Sciences and Mathematics
11. University College
Arkansas State University educates leaders, enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.