

*Arkansas State University*  
**Commencement**



**Convocation Center**  
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*“The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.”*

# Arkansas State University

## History and Overview

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

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](http://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: Agriculture, Engineering and Technology, Business, Education and Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts and Communication, Nursing and Health Professions, 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), 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 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<sup>3</sup>)

### Core Values

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

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

### Vision

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

# PLATFORM PARTY

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Cherokee Village, Arkansas

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Jonesboro, Arkansas

## PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. Charles L. Welch

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Kelly Dampousse  
Chancellor

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Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Provost and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Len Frey  
Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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Vice-Chancellor for University Advancement

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Director of Athletics

## ACADEMIC DEANS

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

Dr. Kathy Loyd, Dean  
College of Business

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

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

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

Dr. Anne Grippo, Dean  
College of Sciences and Mathematics

## OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Mike McDaniel  
President, ASU Faculty Association  
Mace Bearer

Ms. Taylor Maggio  
Graduating Senior

Dr. Gina Hogue  
Associate Vice-Chancellor for  
Teaching and Learning

Dr. Karen Wheeler  
Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Mr. William Gorum  
Signer/Translator

Dr. Jill Simons  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies

Ms. Margo AufderHeide Kagebein  
President, ASU Alumni Association

Mr. Michael Doyle  
Procession Line Announcer

Dr. Evelyn Taylor  
Faculty Award—Excellence in Teaching

# 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. David Agnew    College of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology  
Dr. Ilwoo Seok

Dr. Jim Washam    College of Business  
Dr. Patricia Robertson

Dr. Brittney Johnson    College of Education and Behavioral Science  
Dr. Dixie Keyes

Dr. William McLean    College of Liberal Arts and Communication  
Dr. Holly Hall

Dr. Brent Cox    College of Nursing and Health Professions  
Dr. Karen Blue

Dr. Richard Grippo    College of Sciences and Mathematics

Ms. Nikesha Nesbitt    Undergraduate Studies

## MARSHALS FOR FACULTY PROCESSION

Dr. Phillip Tew    College of Business

Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert    College of Education and Behavioral Science

Dr. Brinda McKinney    College of Nursing and Health Professions

Ms. Amber Wooten    College of Nursing and Health Professions

# THE PROGRAM

PRE-CEREMONY CONCERT.....Dr. Lauren Schack Clark, *Pianist*

*Aria* .....George Frideric Handel  
*Matrosernes Opsang* .....Edvard Grieg  
*Sonatina in D Major* .....Muzio Clementi  
*Sonata in G* .....Domenico Cimarosa  
*Sonatina, Op. 55 No. 1* .....Friedrich Kuhlau  
*Viennese Sonatina No. 1* .....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2* .....Johannes Brahms  
*Sonata for the Young* .....Robert Schumann

## 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  
Mr. Alex Cummings  
*Vocalist*

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark  
*Pianist*

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

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION.....Dr. Evelyn Taylor  
*Faculty Award—Excellence in Teaching*

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.....Ms. Taylor Maggio  
*Graduating Senior*

**\*Please stand for the processional and the anthem.**

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....Dr. Gina Hogue  
*Associate Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning*

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

INDUCTION INTO ASU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....Ms. Margo AufderHeide Kagebein  
*President, ASU Alumni Association*

\*THE ASU ALMA MATER .....Mr. Alex Cummings  
*Vocalist*

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 .....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!

The members of the 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 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. Please keep us informed of your current email, mailing address and your accomplishments so we can 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,



Margo A. Kagebein, '76  
President  
ASU Alumni Association

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Jonesboro, Arkansas



## STATE OF ARKANSAS

**ASA HUTCHINSON**

**GOVERNOR**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson



## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Doctor of Education

Heather R. Allison

M.E., Harding University

B.A., Harding University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Steve Bounds

DISSERTATION TITLE: Factors that Influence Teachers to Remain in Priority Schools in Arkansas

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Rickey Greer

Ed.S., Arkansas State University

M.S.E., Arkansas State University

B.S., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Steve Bounds

DISSERTATION TITLE: Diversity from Within: An Analysis of Arkansas Magnet Schools Impact on Desegregation and Academic Achievement

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Hewlett Steve Leslie

Ed.S., Arkansas State University

M.S., Arkansas State University

M.A., Arkansas State University

M.B.A., The University of Manchester - Manchester Business School

B.S., The University of the West Indies

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Amany Saleh

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Relationship of Gender Equity to Compensation, Career Advancement and Leadership in Selected Colleges of Business in Finland, Jamaica and the United States

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Regina Elizabeth Johnson Williams

M.A., Arkansas State University

B.S.E., Lyon College

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Steve Bounds

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Prevalence of Insomnia on School Principals and Superintendents in Missouri

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership



**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

**CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES**

**Master of Science in Agriculture**

Tammy M. Hilliard-Phillips

**Master of Engineering Management**

Rohit Akarapu  
Michel Eldridge Beaird  
Harish Dannamaneni

Shanmukha Priya Narendranath  
Sandeep Kumar Nomula

**Master of Science in Engineering**

Mohammad Badrul Ahsan  
Md Shahriar Al Alam

Mohammad Habibur Rahaman

**CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

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

**Bachelor of Science**

Kevin Richard Bruno  
Bryson Michael Earley  
Justin Garcia  
Poreah Ronaghi

Hunter Steven Simpson  
Jason Brad Weaver  
Diane L. Winter

**Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

John D. Guess  
Garret Alan Guthrie  
Kaylee Brooke Hartsfield

**Hannah Cherise Hays**  
***Cum Laude***  
Matthew C. D. Pitts

**Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**

Innocent Baguma

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES**

**Master of Accountancy**

Joshua-Allen Patrick Brooks

## Master of Business Administration

Daver Berberi  
Jandra S. DeBro  
Randall Parks Frazier II  
Ashish Ghimire  
Venkata Ramana Reddy Gogu

Kylie Danielle Hayes  
Blaise Allen Taylor  
Sajani Thapa  
Katelyn N. Waddell  
You Zhou

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

### Bachelor of Arts

Taro Yuki

### Bachelor of Science

Julie Marie Albers  
Firas Raed Almaghrabi  
Abdulmohsen Yousef I Alshamlan

**Shamsa Nabil Al-Zadjali**

*Cum Laude*

Ethan James Barnes

**Matthew Dylan Barnett**

*Cum Laude*

Rachel Lynne Bedsole  
Ashley Mae Bennett  
Darius Jamal Bonds  
Nicholeous Drew Bullard  
Kelsey Breeann Campbell  
Langwei Cheng  
Kendra E. Collier  
John W. Collins  
Sarah A. Cooper  
General Lee Cranfill IV  
Sarah Ellen Davis  
Megan Ruth Fryar  
Tyler Lawrence Gibbons  
Teaha Jayna Girtman  
Derek Glenn Harvey  
Connor Alexander Hooper  
Jiahui Huo  
Shannon E. Johnson  
Mitchell J. Ledbetter  
Wen Li  
Laura M. Mansfield  
Dustin Eric Miller  
Ryan Michael Miller  
Pamela Denise Moore  
Robert Jonathan Ontiveros

Lauren E. Patterson  
Sydney Allison Rebstock  
Jacquelynn D. Reeves  
Zachary John Reinhart  
Lane C. Ricardo  
Laura Lane Bain Rose  
Dustin Chanler Rowe  
Ericka D. Sanchez  
Jacob William Scott  
Richard Cooper Skelton  
Abbi Leigh Smith  
Spencer Thomas Stone  
Terry Lee Talley  
Rachel Lynn Tedford  
Bria Yasmine Thomas  
John Harrison Chuza Thomas  
Geoffrey Mitchell Vickery  
Guangpeng Wang  
Yaming Wang  
Madison R. Weaver  
Zachary T. Wise  
Samantha Layne Woodiel  
Huixia Wu  
Liansheng Wu  
Xingjian Zhao

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

### CANDIDATES FOR SPECIALIST DEGREES

#### Specialist in Community College Teaching

Erika Krennerich Chudy

#### Specialist in Education

Jennifer Almond  
Kimberly L. Anderson  
Shereè J. Anderson  
Natasha Michelle Archie  
Sharon Malissa Ballard  
Brandy Renee Baumgardner  
Lanya Gene Baysinger  
Tonya R. Beans  
Daniel Charles Bieser  
Melissa J. Bowker  
Valencia Jene' Bratton  
William Stephen Brazle Jr.  
Jeremy B. Brown  
Joshua Shane Brown  
Raimeka Jainee Brown  
Lori Leanne Buhler  
Anthony W. Burkhammer  
Rodney Keith Butler  
Robert Camden  
Garrett Casson  
Andrea Janell Ceessay  
Erica Lynn Cheva  
Torri Ball Clay  
Gary Bryant Collins  
Murray Howard Collum  
Lindsay Lane Cook  
Stephanie Michaud Cotnam  
Travis Kyle Crader  
Ashton Nichole Cullum  
Stephan B. Culver  
Joshua Remal Daniels  
Monnie Denise Davis  
Valerie D'Laina DeNayer  
Victoria Denise DeOrnellis  
Tracy Rikard Dowell  
Ruth Ann Dunn  
Avery Tovar Durr  
Jennifer Lee Edwards  
Bridget Jolie Eischeid  
Erica Lee Eischeid  
Carla Rena Ely  
Sarah Elizabeth Fash  
Paula Lynn Faught  
Robin Kay Finley  
Terrell Shaumont Fleming

Heather Fox  
Kenneth Douglas Freeman  
Terri Lynn Freeny  
Jeffrey Lamar Fruster  
Matthew Clay Fulton  
Veronica I. Gavin  
Benjamin G. Gean  
Birley Cornelious Gipson Jr.  
Joni Janean Glidewell  
Deana Kay Golden  
Kevin Wade Graves  
Melissa F. Gray  
Taylor Bryant Hering  
Dawn Adair Higgs  
Carla J. Hinkle  
Lance Holt  
James-Glendon Keith Housdan  
Kathleen F. House  
Jennifer Renea Huff  
Braegan Ann Hughes  
Lisa Renee Baucom-Hughes  
Karen J. Humphrey  
Jessica Janae James  
Amy Boutwell Johnson  
Darrin Lane Joines  
Ashley Nicole Jones  
Claumetria Loventrice Jones  
Kevin Tyrell Jones  
Paula K. Jones  
Alice Careth Kitchens  
Hayley Brooke Lewis  
Mandy Lindsey  
Chris N. Lipham  
Gina Little  
Kristina M. Lloyd  
Luke Aaron Lovins  
Kimberly Ann Luebrecht  
April S. Luke  
Carolyn Marchand  
Lyndsey Leigh Geib Matheny  
Christopher Alan McCrory  
Jamie Nicole McSparin  
Angela Michelle Miller  
Leshia B. Miller  
Libby R. Mills



## Specialist in Education (continued)

Lynnette A. Moeller  
Andrea Niekamp  
Cameron William O'Sullivan  
Vickie Marie Person  
Jennifer D. Phomsithi  
Alicia Marie Pickens  
Nicole Elizabeth Potter  
Lacie Golson Pumphrey  
Bethany Nicole Ratermann  
Jason Keith Reeves  
Kristyna Linda Reeves  
Tami Shiflett Richardson  
Christie Ann Robbins  
Kenya K. Robinson  
Rebecca Diana Rosburg  
Lauren Gent Ross  
Candace L. Sanders  
Steven E. Sanders  
Benjamin Joseph Schwartz  
Jacqueline Shirley  
Sabrina Deloris Simmons  
Vironica Simmons  
Brooks Patrick Sisson  
Evidane Charlsie Brownlee Slaughter  
Jordan E. Smith  
Nicole Danielle Smith  
Jeffrey J. Spalletta  
Christopher Michael Stevens  
William Jackson Stewart

Matthew Loren Still  
Rhonda C. Stovall  
Karina Patricia Burgess-Streeter  
John Cleveland Stults II  
Betty Ann Telles  
Jessica Rena Thomas  
Ben Alan Thompson  
Jarius Lamont Thompson  
Aaron Michael Thornton  
Brianna Alyssa Tison  
James Michael Todd  
Robert John Toenjes  
Brooke Danielle Tolmachoff  
John William Unger III  
Jacqueline Ann Vergason  
Robert Charles Vinzant, Jr.  
Zachary D. Wallace  
Chelsea R. Watkins  
Kindra Leigh Whitlock  
Pamela Diann Wiles  
Jennifer Denise Williams  
LaChe' Renee' Williams  
Tavon A. Williams  
Jayme Bryant Wilson  
Tammy Suzanne Wizer  
Meaghen E. Wolff  
Dedra Suzanne Drake Wray  
Clinton Ray Young  
Monica Tramaine Young

## CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

### Master of Science

Nicholas Baker  
Michael Joseph Bashioum, Jr.  
Stephanie Lee Blake  
Renee Iris Bostic  
Steven Clay Brownlee  
John Christopher Bunch  
Celeste D. Carrera  
Miles Joseph Clover  
Shawn Michael Condra  
Gwennette Leigh Confer  
Jack Duane Defreitas  
William A. Edmondson  
James Erbland  
Kendall James Grant  
Jonathan Keith Griggs  
John Jackson Guerra  
Samantha Elizabeth Harris  
Jessica Maryann Heuertz

Michael L. Hogg  
Brett Alexander Jones  
Kade Landon Keown  
Justin Todd Kostick  
David Lara  
Brian Joseph Lewis  
Travis Scott Linder  
Steven Andrew Matthews  
Victoria Paige Mellinger  
Brendan Erik Miles  
Lionel Mitchell  
Jarred Pierre Moore  
Matthew Vernard Murphy  
Patrick William Nalley  
Drew Alexander Nikolovski  
David Joshua Palmer  
Paige Ashton Pauley  
Lieren Michele Phillips

## Master of Science (continued)

Kyle James Ringwald  
Porchia Marie Roberts  
Viktoriaa Sadokhina  
Austin Jackson Schader  
John Scott Teasley  
Sandra Elizabeth Thompson  
Michael Thomas Vani

Erin Elizabeth Wadley  
Colby R. Ward  
Justin Matthew Ward  
John Dale Welch  
Shannon Sullivan Wess  
Sean Michael Wiley

## Master of Science in Education

Deidra Sue Abbott  
Holly R. Acre  
Krystal Clevenger Adcock  
Marychelle Pineda Sagun-Agunday  
Kevin Patrick Aikins  
Elizabeth Ashton Akin  
Paige Mitchell Albertson  
Mary Elizabeth Allensworth  
William Michael Allik  
Lauren Nicole Allinder  
Elizabeth Oscaranna Allison  
Denice Alvis  
Carmenita W. Anderson  
Rachel Jeppe Anglin  
Matthew Ash  
Kelly Jo Ashley  
Megan Elizabeth Aukes  
Jamie May Badillo  
Gail Anntoinette Baker  
Tabitha M. Balio  
Tabitha Renee Ballard  
Shakevia Delshanae Barnes  
Jason Robert Barnett  
Sayuri Barnett  
Tiffany Ann Bartley  
Kerri Leann Baugh  
Sheryl Bazley  
Gail Marie Bean  
Christopher Paul Becnel  
Melissa Dawn Belcher  
Anastasia Lynn Bell  
Tammy Benedict  
Charles Corey Bennett  
Tiffany Dawn Benoit  
Brittany Nicole Bero  
Jennifer Elizabeth Bice  
Carla Cannon Blackwelder  
Laura Jane Blades  
Jaimee L. Blasingame  
Shawna M. Blet  
Sherry L. Blevins  
Lanesha S. Boston  
John Gordon Boudreaux

Leah P. Brackin  
Lori Fitzgerald Brasel  
Warren J. Breaux Jr.  
Charla Lea Bridgeman  
Mary Catherine Briscoe  
Angela D. Brown  
Deirdre Denton Brown  
Paige E. Brown  
Robert W. Brown  
Steven Brian Bullard  
Katherine Rezvani Burg  
Jason Aaron Burns  
Samantha Brooke Burns  
John G. Burrow  
Natalie M. Bush  
Jennifer Rae Bushong  
Traci Porter Butler  
Jeffrey Todd Cable  
Adam Shane Carpenter  
Amy Michelle Case  
Elena Margaret Castro  
Michelle Lynn Cerda  
Misti McNeese Chaney  
Sedric L. Cherry  
Christy Lawhorne Clark  
Hope Marie Cleland  
Ashley Nichols Clements  
Heidi Robin Lee Cline  
Courtney Frances Comley  
Madeline Kelly Conklin  
Casey Conley  
Jeffrey John Conway  
Anna Shields Cook  
Leslie Denise Cook  
Larry Steven Cooper  
Audra Jean Fulfer-Corbitt  
Melissa Tubbs Cortes  
Brittany N. Crawford  
Rebecca Lynn Crofts  
Erin Lee Curtis  
Christine C. Daniel  
Kristi Bullard Davenport  
Maggie McCormack Davenport

## Master of Science in Education (continued)

Ashleigh Nicole Davidson  
Derek Heath Davis  
Joshua J. Davis  
Rachel Lindsey Davis  
Barbara Michelle Denio  
Tabetha Machele Denley  
Amy B. Dill  
Summer Lynn Distefano  
Kory Michael Dollinger  
Genetrice Doss  
Stephanie Louise Drury  
Jason Matthew Duey  
Adriane Adele Barnett Duke  
Roxanne Golden Dunn  
Dixie Edwards  
Justin C. Edwards  
Magen P. Edwards  
Paige M. Edwards  
Jonathan G. Eggerman  
Cynthia Lynn Ehrhardt  
Tiffany Kathleen Ekarius  
Paula Jeannette Elgin  
Ethan Evert Ellis  
Kirk William Ellison  
Jonathan David England  
Kia Ervin  
Henry Arnold Essex  
Vicki Welburn Essex  
Stacey D. Etter  
Steven K. Etter  
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THESIS TITLE: Who Steps In To Defend Online

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THESIS TITLE: Security, Computation and Data Issues in Clouds

STUDENT: Anita J. Marshall  
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THESIS TITLE: A Study of the Correlation between Women's Economic Empowerment and Intimate Partner Violence

STUDENT: Brittany Latrice McCall  
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THESIS TITLE: Stability at Low Densities or Endangered? Spatiotemporal Population Dynamics of the Caddo Madtom (*Noturus taylori*)

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THESIS TITLE: Jurors Gone Wild: Judicial Beliefs as the Motivation behind the Regard of Inadmissible Evidence

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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. 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, Engineering and Technology

Agriculture	Maize
Agriculture Education	Maize
Engineering	Orange

## Business

Accounting	Drab Brown
Business Administration	Drab Brown

## Education and Behavioral Science

College Student Personnel Services	Peacock Blue
Early Childhood Services	Golden Yellow
Education	Light Blue
Exercise Science	Sage Green
Mental Health Counseling	Golden Yellow
Physical Education	Sage Green
Rehabilitation Counseling	Sage Green
School Psychology	Light Blue
Sports Administration	Sage Green
Teaching	Light Blue



Liberal Arts and Communication	
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 Green
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.

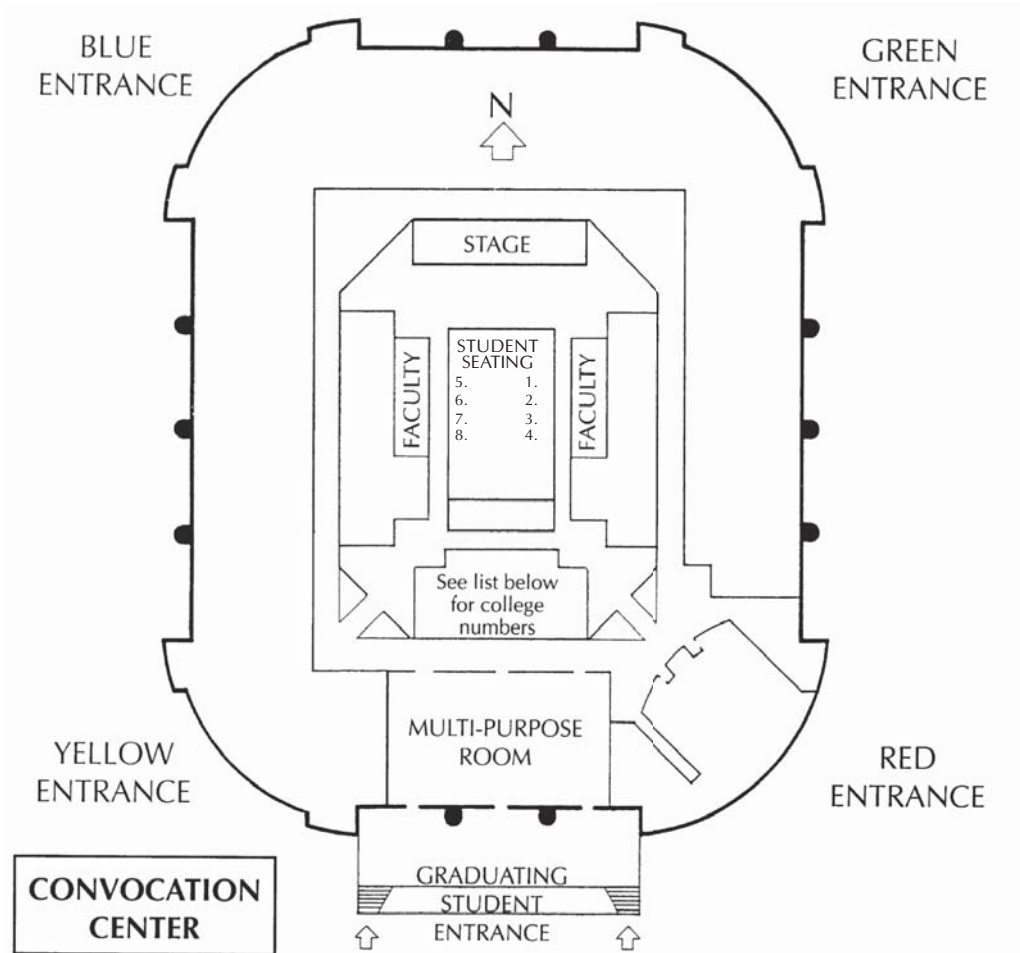
# GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION/HONORS

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.



# GRADUATING STUDENT SEATING (By College)



- 5. Liberal Arts and Communication
- 6. Nursing and Health Professions
- 7. Sciences and Mathematics
- 8. Undergraduate Studies

- 1. Doctoral
- 2. Agriculture, Engineering and Technology
- 3. Business
- 4. Education and Behavioral Science





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enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.*

