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# ORDER OF CEREMONY

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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"

National Anthem - Presentation of Colors

Welcome and Introductions

Commencement Speaker

Presentation of Class

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Master's Hooding

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates

Announcement of Academic Honors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 11)

Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Ms. Anita Y. Oplotnik - Chair

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Dr. Dean Van Galen

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### MACE BEARER

Dr. Jean Coltharp

### INTERPRETERS

Ms. Lisa Besant

### ALMA MATER SOLOIST

Charity Brower, Sophomore Theater Performance Major; Carl Junction

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# DR. DEAN VAN GALEN

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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the entire university community, including the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors, congratulations for earning a degree of high quality from Missouri Southern.

This milestone in your life is a testament to your hard work and commitment, and to the great potential you have in the years ahead to make a positive difference.

I know you understand that this day is made possible not only by your own efforts, but also by the support of our outstanding faculty and staff, your family and friends, the citizens of Missouri who have invested in

your education, and the many alumni of Missouri Southern who support the university through advocacy and charitable gifts. I encourage you to express gratitude to those special to you who have helped make this day possible.

You will always be part of the Missouri Southern family. Stay connected. Be an enthusiastic ambassador. Wear the green and gold with pride. Give back as you are able. Know that you will forever be a Lion. And, again, congratulations!

Lions Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Van Galen".

**Dr. Dean Van Galen**  
*University President*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

# DENNIS BURNS, '91

### PRESIDENT, PULSE DESIGN GROUP

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Dennis Burns is a 1991 graduate of Missouri Southern State University with a Communications/Public Relations degree. Moving from New Jersey to Joplin to play baseball for the Lions, he remained in the area for 20 years after graduation, eventually raising three daughters in Joplin. He spent 10 years in the trucking industry and then 15 years with Crossland Construction

before relocating to Kansas City in 2011 to open a new Crossland office. In 2019, he became President of Pulse Design Group, an architecture firm in Kansas City, Missouri, solely focused on the healthcare industry. Pulse is proud to be partnering with Missouri Southern on the design of the Health Science Innovation Center, a transformative project set to begin in the spring of 2024. Dennis has 30+ years of experience in the industry and is versed in best practices surrounding firm growth, strategy, revenue generation, business operations and market penetration. His strategies have resulted in a 45% increase in revenue generation and geographic reach. Burns received the MSSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Award in 2001.

# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

<b>Brines, Samantha Ann</b> ; Administration; Neosho	<b>Henderson, Kelie</b> ; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin
<b>Greathouse, Spencer</b> ; Curriculum & Instruction; Goodman	

## MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

<b>Bauer, Carie</b> ; Human Resource Management; Carl Junction	<b>Reece, Taylor Rain</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Anderson
<b>Brower, Emily Rayne</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Joplin	<b>Sabo, Megan</b> ; Human Resource Management; Joplin
<b>Clyde, Jason Tylor</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Joplin	<b>Stadler, Kerry Andrew</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Joplin
<b>Copeland, Vanessa Lynn</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Joplin	<b>Victor-Frett, Rayonne T.</b> ; Master of Science in Management; British Virgin Islands
<b>Hargis, Christopher Micheal</b> ; Master of Science in Management; Topeka, KS	<b>Wright, Melynda R.</b> ; Human Resource Management; Harker Heights, TX
<b>Means, Christina Mae</b> ; Human Resource Management; Seneca	

# CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Fiona Bartelli	Layne Henning ‡	Mikayla Marciniak ‡	Sean Sluder	Ashley Wilscom
Brooke Dunning	Grace Hughes	Avery Oldfield	Maria Socha †	
Jenna Gardner	Cassidy Hunter	Grace Parrott	Mallory Tate	
Baylee Harding ‡†	Norman Lewis †	Devin Rodebaugh ‡	Avery Thomas ‡	
Abigail Harrold ‡†	Taylor Lewis ‡	Eric Severson	Julianna Washka ‡†	

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Erika Aguirre	Pearson James	Kinlee Thomas
Jacob Dermott	Eric Ortega	Kaitlin Wagner
Hadley Hicklin	Eymi Perez-Lopez	Ciera West

### CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Claude Boyer	Britney Free †	Jacob Humphrey	Lane Mueller	Alexa Stauffer
Rick Brewer	Aurora Glaubitz	Kehinde Komolafe	Rachel Rodriguez	
Natalie Ezell	Tyne Holt	Thomas Larson	Hannah Snyder	

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### SECOND HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Corbin Hunter

### THIRD HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Rachel Rodriguez

Latin honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more. In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70. Latin honors cumulative GPA published is the last completed semester cumulative GPA.

# COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Brewer, Rick Gage**; History; Miami, OK  
**Davis, Amantha W.**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Joplin  
**Girard, Paige**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Joplin  
**Holt, Tyne Michele**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Carl Junction  
**Hunter, Cassidy**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Plato  
**James, Pearson J.**; English-Literary Studies; Joplin

**Kellogg, Chase Matthew †**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Galena, KS  
**Mancipe, Melissa Bibiana**; French, Spanish; Joplin  
**Marquez, Urista Lea Melissa**; French; Miami, OK  
**Robbins, Jenalee R.**; International Studies; Joplin

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

**Butler, Megan Elizabeth**; Fine Arts-Design; Joplin  
**Ezell, Natalie Reann**; Fine Arts-Studio; Joplin  
**Goodwin, Amelia Grace**; Fine Arts-Design; Joplin  
**Guetzkow, Atira N.**; Fine Arts-Design; Stockton  
**Harrold, Abigail Poe ‡†**; Fine Arts-Studio; Diamond

**Lewis, Norman K. †**; Fine Arts-Design; Joplin  
**Stoebel, Sophie J.**; Theater Performance; Joplin  
**Wagner, Kaitlin Marrie**; Fine Arts-Design; Joplin  
**West, Ciera ShyAnn**; Fine Arts-Studio; Joplin  
**Williams, Casandra D.**; Fine Arts-Design; Joplin

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Adams, Joseph T.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Fairland, OK  
**Aguirre, Arturo**; Criminal Justice Administration; McAlester, OK  
**Alford, Joshua L.**; Chemistry-Biochemistry; Joplin  
**Barrett, Bailey Suzanne**; Criminal Justice Administration; Noel  
**Bonds, Samariae Sharlene**; Criminal Justice Administration; Manor, TX  
**Brown, Armahri Bernice Marie**; Chemistry-Forensic Science; Steger, IL  
**Dudley, Tina Denise**; Criminal Justice Administration; Diamond  
**Evans, Arthur Travis**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Evans, Emily J.**; History; Neosho  
**Ferguson, Hannah Marie**; Criminal Justice Administration; Granby  
**Fetua, Solomona**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Foster, Jailyn Rose**; Criminal Justice Administration; Lockwood  
**Franklin, Remika D.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Alsip, IL  
**Freeze, Delanie June**; Criminal Justice Administration; Liberal  
**Gilbertson, Dylan Michael**; Political Affairs; Lamar  
**Gipson, Madisyn Nicole**; Criminal Justice Administration; Riverton, KS  
**Gum, Ashlyn Raelynn**; Criminal Justice Administration; Lenexa, KS  
**Hatfield, Caleb Grant**; IPA-Social Science Education; Granby  
**Helton, Bethany DeeAnn**; Criminal Justice Administration, CIS-Computer Forensics; Joplin  
**Hopper, Randy L.**; English-Literary Studies; Joplin

**Jones, Audrie Crestina**; Criminal Justice Administration; Owasso, OK  
**King, Alexia Faith**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Lang, Ezekiel**; Criminal Justice Administration; Glenn heights, TX  
**Love, Tabatha**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Magana, Edgar Eduardo**; Criminal Justice Administration; Rogers, AR  
**Mahone, Reginald; Sociology**; Lawrenceville, GA  
**Marlow, Javeon William**; Sociology; Winter Haven, FL  
**McDaniel, Melissa Joan**; Criminal Justice Administration; Springfield  
**Miller, Emilee P.**; History; Mustang, OK  
**Mullins, Noah Michael**; Criminal Justice Administration, CIS-Computer Forensics; Richland  
**Sluder, Sean A.**; Chemistry-Biochemistry; Webb City  
**Smith-Alford, Elizabeth Marie**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Smith, Riley Reed Lewis**; Criminal Justice Administration; Denham Springs, LA  
**Starchman, Kylie J.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Webb City  
**Swem, Tanner L.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Neosho  
**Wade, Kedra**; Sociology; Miami, OK  
**Washka, Julianna Sophia ‡†**; Legal Affairs; Durham, NC  
**Winesburg, Griffin W.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Wright, Dylan Michael**; Criminal Justice Administration; Houston, TX

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\*May or July Graduate

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

**Adams, Joseph T.;** Law Enforcement; Fairland, OK  
**Aguirre, Arturo;** Law Enforcement; McAlester, OK  
**Barrett, Bailey Suzanne;** Law Enforcement; Noel  
**Ferguson, Hannah Marie;** Law Enforcement; Granby  
**Fetua, Solomona;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Foster, Jaily Rose;** Law Enforcement; Lockwood  
**Franklin, Remika D.;** Law Enforcement; Alsip, IL  
**Freeze, Delanie June;** Law Enforcement; Liberal  
**Gipson, Madisyn Nicole;** Law Enforcement; Riverton, KS  
**Gum, Ashlyn Raelynn;** Law Enforcement; Lenexa, KS

**Harner, Jalynn Leigh;** Law Enforcement; Monett  
**King, Alexia Faith;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Lang, Ezekiel;** Law Enforcement; Glenn heights, TX  
**Love, Tabatha;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**McDaniel, Melissa Joan;** Law Enforcement; Springfield  
**Mullins, Noah Michael;** Law Enforcement; Richland  
**Smith-Alford, Elizabeth Marie;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Starchman, Kylie J.;** Law Enforcement; Webb City  
**Winesburg, Griffin W.;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Wright, Dylan Michael;** Law Enforcement; Houston, TX

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Knight, Jazmine Brianna;** Communication-Public Relations,  
Communication-Mass; Lees Summit

**Merino, Ethan J.;** Communication-Public Relations; Joplin

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Allen, Joshua James;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Belk, Leona J.;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Bhavsar, Yash B.;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Clausen, Juan C.;** CIS-Information Technology; Jasper  
**Helton, Bethany DeeAnn;** CIS-Criminal Justice Administration-Computer  
Forensics; Joplin  
**Kimutai, Gideon K.;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Mullins, Noah Michael;** CIS-Criminal Justice Administration-Computer  
Forensics; Richland

**Opel, Jace;** Communications-Mass; Joplin  
**Ortega, Eric Paul;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Carthage  
**Robinson, Kiyon;** Communication-Public Relations, Mass Communication;  
Shiloh, IL  
**Rodriguez, Rachel Taylor;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Tate, Jack Vincent;** CIS-Information Technology; Carl Junction  
**Tupper, Jacob Douglas;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Young, Jason Michael;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Monett

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Aguirre, Erika J.;** General Business; Monett  
**Aldrich, Aaron;** Management; Joplin  
**Allen, Courtney Michelle;** Management; Joplin  
**Allison, Joshua Lee;** Human Resource Management, Management,  
Marketing; Carl Junction  
**Alvarado, Juarez Crystal Onory;** General Business; Fairview  
**Bartelli, Fiona Marie;** Accounting; Parsons, KS  
**Barton, Anna Jean;** Management; Rocky Comfort  
**Bass, Avery Dixon;** General Business; Antioch, TN  
**Bollin, Madelyn;** Marketing; Joplin  
**Boyer, Claude Gilbert;** General Business; Carl Junction  
**Brennecke, Chandler;** Finance; Raymore  
**Chandler, Cassie Eileen;** Management; Joplin

**Charles, Stephanie;** Human Resource Management, Management;  
Galena, KS  
**Clarke, Emily Rose;** Marketing; Webb City  
**Cooper, Jarmichael Rayshun;** Management; Duquesne  
**Cummins, Garner Dean;** Management; Webb City  
**Dantic, Melissa Marie;** General Business; Parsons, KS  
**Deem, Rachel A.;** Management; Carl Junction  
**Fitzgerald, Adriana;** Human Resource Management, Management;  
Springfield  
**Gould, Georgia Ellen;** Management; Wood River, IL  
**Hamilton, Kai Reese;** Human Resource Management, Management;  
Miami, OK  
**Hembree, Preston Blake;** Management; Joplin



**Henning, Layne Reece ‡**; Finance; Carl Junction  
**Hobbs, Makenzie Anne**; Marketing; Nowata, OK  
**Hogan, Emma Nicole**; Human Resource Management; Seneca  
**Huinac, Lopez Monica Bernarda**; Accounting; Carthage  
**Humphrey, Jacob R.**; Management; Neosho  
**Janes, Joseph K.**; General Business; Raymore  
**Jauregui, Eva**; Marketing; Springdale, AR  
**John, Marcel Sylvanus**; Marketing; Jefferson City  
**Johnson, Aabri'Ana Lashae Nicole**; Accounting; St. Louis  
**Johnson, Breanne Nicole**; Marketing; Fairland, OK  
**Killingsworth, Logan**; Human Resource Management, Management; Springfield  
**Kitzberger, Maria Andrea**; Accounting; Carl Junction  
**Komolafe, Kehinde Taofeek**; Finance; Windsor Mill, MD  
**Kraft, Madyson Niccole**; General Business; Grove, OK  
**Larson, Thomas Gene**; General Business; Stella  
**Lawless, Bryce Kylee**; Accounting; Joplin  
**Lewis, Emily Daniele**; Human Resource Management, Management; Neosho  
**Loftis, Makinna**; Human Resource Management, Management; Dora  
**Lord, Jessica Leigh**; Accounting; Wagoner, OK  
**McAfee, Ethan R.**; Accounting; Lamar  
**McCullick, Brooke Loren**; General Business; El Dorado Springs  
**Mcswain, Ian Keith**; General Business; Wichita, KS  
**McWhirter, Tyler Gillig**; Marketing; Bentonville, AR  
**Morgan, Daron Anthony**; General Business; Joplin  
**Nelson, Baili Shau**; Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing; Noel

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

**Abbott, Whittman Parker**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Fort Gibson, OK  
**Allen, Joshua James**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin  
**Belk Leona J.**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin  
**Clausen, Juan C.**; CIS-Information Systems; Jasper  
**Decker, Tyler Don**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Carl Junction  
**Helton, Bethany DeeAnn**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin  
**Hunter, Corbin Brian**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Webb City

**Newton, David Michael**; Management; Tulsa, OK  
**Nowlin, Tracie Marie**; Human Resource Management, Management; Neosho  
**Nutter, Christian Campbell**; Human Resource Management; Arma, KS  
**Oldfield, Avery Michael**; Marketing; Joplin  
**Overstreet, Chardae Nicole**; Accounting; Lancaster, TX  
**Parker, Kalyn J.**; Management; Oronogo  
**Peck, Jazmine JoMarie**; Marketing; Joplin  
**Ponce Valenzuela, Jose Carlos Federico**; Marketing; Webb City  
**Rogers, Pamela Suzanne**; Human Resource Management, Management; Springdale, AR  
**Samuel, Joshua Lynn**; Accounting; Diamond  
**Smith, Kiara M.**; International Business; Lancaster, TX  
**Stevens, Jaden**; General Business; Webb City  
**Sturgeon, Sydney Montez**; Management; Eucha, OK  
**Thomas, Megan Kathleen**; Accounting; Rogers, AR  
**Treat, Taylor Jordan**; Human Resource Management, Management; Strafford  
**Vaipulu, Justin Philip**; Finance; Webb City  
**Vandergriff, Lindsay Nicole**; Finance, Management; Webb City  
**Watson, Dennis Kelly**; Human Resource Management, Management; Jasper  
**White, Addison Kate**; Management; Owensville  
**Wisdom, Kelli Ann**; Management; Neosho  
**Woitowitz, Jonathan**; Finance; Neosho  
**Yang, Andrew**; Accounting; Joplin

**Mullins, Noah Michael**; CIS-Information Systems; Richland  
**Olds Robert L.**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Carl Junction  
**Rodriguez, Rachel Taylor**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Tate, Jack Vincent**; CIS-Information Systems; Carl Junction  
**Tenting, Lilith Gracemarie Doyle**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Tupper, Jacob Douglas**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin  
**Weber, Eric**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin



# COLLEGE OF HEALTH, LIFE SCIENCES & EDUCATION

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## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCES

**Gilbert, Alexander Dale**; Environmental Health & Safety; Joplin  
**Merkys, Stephen Raymond**; Environmental Health & Safety;  
Kansas City, KS

**Morales, Alec**; Environmental Health & Safety; Clovis, CA

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Barnett, Benjamin D.**; Psychology; Joplin

**Fontanez, Nahil Jashire**; Psychology; Pittsburg, KS

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Barton, Peyton G.**; Health Promotion Wellness; Rocky Comfort  
**Beckett, Katelan Joy**; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Joplin  
**Burgess, Kolin**; Health Science-Paramedic; Lees Summit  
**Christy, Derek Jay**; Health Promotion Wellness; Joplin  
**Dunning, Brooke Nicole**; Biology-Pre-Optometry; Deepwater  
**Eberhard, Benjamin Patrick**; Environmental Health & Safety; Saint Peters  
**Eversole, Jessica Renee**; Health Science-Respiratory Therapy; Clinton  
**Fendelman, Jacob**; Health Science-Paramedic; St. Louis  
**Fordham, Chandler David**; Nursing; Bella Vista, AR  
**Free, Britney M. †**; Biology-Pre-Veterinarian; Joplin  
**Gilbreth, Peter Foster**; Psychology; Joplin  
**Johnson, Kayla Marie**; Environmental Health & Safety; Springfield  
**Kahle, Lakin Nicole**; Exercise Science; Whitewater, KS  
**Kallick, Ariel N.**; Biology-Pre-Veterinarian; Bentonville, AR  
**Landwehr, Kambry L. †**; Biology-Pre-Medical; Prairie Grove, AR  
**Maas, Lindsay Nicole**; Health Science-Respiratory Therapy; Columbia  
**Marciniak, Mikayla H. ‡**; Psychology; Carthage  
**Mcfall, Riley Michael**; Psychology; Oronogo  
**Mueller, Lane William**; Health Science-Respiratory Therapy; Jackson

**Pagano, Christopher T.**; Health Science- Paramedic; Westwood Hills, KS  
**Platner, Chaney G.**; Biology-Pre-Medical; Joplin  
**Rees, Carson**; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; High Ridge  
**Sheddric, Ryann E.**; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Oswego, KS  
**Shofler, Desiree Anne**; Psychology; Joplin  
**Silvey, Sarah Elizabeth**; Psychology; Joplin  
**Simmons, Rebecca Annalene**; Psychology; Columbia  
**Snyder, Hannah M.**; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation;  
Cascade, IA  
**Solverud, Kaden**; Health Promotion Wellness; O Fallon  
**Stephens, Gordon Mitchell**; Health Promotion Wellness; Tulsa  
**Stoshak, Jaedon C.**; Exercise Science, Health Promotion Wellness; Joplin  
**Swearengen, Anna Marie**; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation;  
Joplin  
**Welch, Kaitlyn Rene**; Biology-General Biology; Webb City  
**York, Mason Robert**; Exercise Science; Jefferson City  
**Zamora Jr., Tony Lee**; Health Science-Radiologic Technology;  
Independence, KS

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

**Carreira, Layna**; Middle School-Science; Grove, OK  
**Chartier, Andrew David**; Secondary Education-English; Joplin  
**Dermott, Jacob E.**; Education-Physical Education K-12; Liberal  
**Ellis, Kay V.**; Secondary Education-Social Science/History; Joplin  
**Gardner, Jenna Nicole**; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Carthage  
**Glaubit, Aurora Virginia**; Elementary Education-Early Childhood;  
Webb City  
**Granados-Ortega, Santiago**; Elementary Education-English Language  
Learner K-12; Monett

**Harding, Baylee Nicole ‡†**; Secondary Education-English; Miami, OK  
**Hatfield, Caleb Grant**; Secondary Education Social Science; Granby  
**Heacock, Jordan Mackenzie**; Secondary Education-Social Science/  
History; Festus  
**Hicklin, Hadley Grace**; Secondary Education-English; Joplin  
**Hughes, Grace Elizabeth**; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Joplin  
**Martinez, Josue**; Education-Physical Education; Neosho  
**McFarland, Sarah Marie**; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin  
**Parrott, Grace Suzann**; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Joplin

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\*May or July Graduate

**Perez-Lopez, Eymi R.;** Education-Art; Carthage  
**Ramirez, Anahi Itzel;** Elementary Education-English Language Learner; Noel  
**Reyes, Elder E.;** Middle School-Math; Sarcoxie  
**Rodebaugh, Devin Lynn ‡;** Elementary Education-Special Education; Bentonville, AR  
**Ruiz, Emily;** Secondary Education Social Science; Southwest City  
**Severson, Eric Tyler;** Elementary Education-English Language Learner; Papillion, NE  
**Sharp, Shaylon Kari;** Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Calera, OK

**Socha, Maria E. †;** Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Pea Ridge, AR  
**Solak, Michael Joseph;** Middle School-Social Studies, Secondary Education Social Science; Mount Vernon  
**Stauffer, Alexa Ryan;** Elementary Education-English Language Learner; Joplin  
**Tate, Mallory;** Elementary Education-English Language Learner; Carl Junction  
**Wilsam, Ashley Nicole;** Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Joplin  
**Yost, Bridget Ilene;** Middle School-Language Arts; Joplin

## BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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**Adams, Benjamin David;** General Studies; Hugo, OK  
**Bartholet, Francis N.;** General Studies; Joplin  
**Campbell, Rajindra Najuma;** General Studies; Joplin  
**Cooper, Jarmichael Rayshun;** General Studies; Houston, TX  
**Dickey, Falysha R.;** General Studies; Rogers, AR  
**Dresslaer, Paige;** General Studies; Jasper  
**Hennen, Kristen M.;** General Studies; Mound Valley, KS  
**Kearney, Heather;** General Studies; Kansas City  
**Kersh, Richard E.;** General Studies; Joplin  
**Jeffries, D'Angela Michelle;** General Studies; St. Louis  
**Jones, Kaiulani Reese;** General Studies; Pickerington, OH  
**Lescard, Beverly Lynne;** General Studies; Siloam Springs, AR  
**Lewis, Taylor Rain ‡;** General Studies; Carl Junction  
**Mahurin, Kimberly Ann;** General Studies; Neosho  
**Marbough, Emily Louise;** General Studies; Nevada  
**Meyer, Ashley Marie;** General Studies; Joplin

**Myers, Madison R.;** General Studies; Carterville  
**Newton, Clayton P.;** General Studies; Florissant  
**Payton, Starla J.;** General Studies; Antioch, TN  
**Pollock, Kelby Thomas;** General Studies; Mount Hope, KS  
**Randolph, Aaleah P.;** General Studies; Jasper  
**Rivera, Ohanny;** General Studies; British Virgin Islands, VI  
**Rogers, Janine Janet;** General Studies; Brookline Station  
**Samuel, Jacob Coby;** General Studies; Diamond  
**Schmelzer, Lauren Elizabeth;** General Studies; Columbus, KS  
**Shaon, Jaclyn M.;** General Studies; Ashland  
**Thomas, Avery Marie ‡;** General Studies; Pittsburg, KS  
**Thomas, Kinlee Kay;** General Studies; Ridgedale  
**Wansing, Olivia Marie;** General Studies; Kansas City  
**Weeks, Rita;** General Studies; Afton, OK  
**Williams, Dazesha I.;** General Studies; Joplin

# GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED ABROAD

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU Academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,800 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

<b>Adams, Benjamin</b>   Denmark, Norway	<b>Hunter, Cassidy</b>   United Kingdom	<b>Ruiz, Emily</b>   Czech Republic, United Kingdom
<b>Barnett, Benjamin</b>   Australia	<b>Kallick, Ariel</b>   Belize	<b>Scott, Grace</b>   Belize
<b>Bartholet, Francis</b>   Spain	<b>Kellogg, Chase †</b>   Belize	<b>Shofler, Desiree</b>   Czech Republic, Spain
<b>Butler, Megan</b>   Sweden	<b>Landwehr, Kambry †</b>   Italy	<b>Simmons, Rebecca</b>   United Kingdom
<b>Ezell, Natalie</b>   Sweden	<b>Mancipe, Melissa</b>   France	<b>Socha, Maria †</b>   Spain
<b>Free, Britney †</b>   Belize	<b>Marquez, Urista Lea</b>   France	<b>Stephens, Gordon</b>   Spain
<b>Goodwin, Amelia</b>   Sweden	<b>Martinez, Josue</b>   Spain	<b>Swearengen, Anna</b>   Belize, Czech Republic, United Kingdom
<b>Granados-Ortega, Santiago</b>   Spain	<b>McGatha, Hailey</b>   Spain	<b>Wagner, Kaitlin</b>   Sweden
<b>Harding, Baylee ‡†</b>   United Kingdom	<b>Miller, Emilee</b>   Czech Republic	<b>Williams, Casandra</b>   Sweden
<b>Harrold, Abigail ‡†</b>   France, Portugal, Spain	<b>Perez-Lopez, Eymi</b>   Sweden	
<b>Hatfield, Caleb</b>   Czech Republic, Spain	<b>Platner, Chaney</b>   Italy	
<b>Heacock, Jordan</b>   Czech Republic	<b>Robbins, Jenalee</b>   France	

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE & HONOR CORDS

- Associates Candidates: Blue gown
- Baccalaureate Candidates: Black gown
- Master’s Candidates: Hoods - The hood colors represent specific disciplines.

### TRADITIONAL COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:

- Business: Drab
- Criminal Justice: Purple
- Education: Light Blue

### HONOR CORDS

- Athletics: Green and Gold
- Caduceus Society: Braided Gold and Royal Blue
- Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Royal Blue and Gold
- Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
- Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold
- Honors Program: Green
- International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta: Black and Red
- International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple
- International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue
- International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue
- Latin Honors: Double Braided Bright Gold, White, and Green
- National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue
- National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black and White
- National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White
- Nursing Honor Society: Apricot
- RAW (Real About Well-Being): Rainbow
- Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
- Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold
- Student Success Center Tutor: Teal and Black
- Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega: Antique Gold and Light Blue
- Veteran: Red, White, and Blue
- Women in Science: Orchid Pink

## ALMA MATER

Our Alma Mater we honor thee, shaping and guiding our destiny. After we have parted as the years roll by; we'll keep each memory hail, hail to thee.



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**INDOOR**

photo opportunities

5 photo backdrops will  
be available after the  
ceremonies in  
Young Gymnasium

**OUTDOOR**

photo opportunities

