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ORDER OF CEREMONY

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Dr. Dean Van Galen

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ALMA MATER SOLOIST

Charity Brower, Sophomore Theater Performance Major; Carl Junction

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. DEAN VAN GALEN



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



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

MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

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

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Fiona Bartelli	Layne Henning ‡	Mikayla Marciniak ‡	Sean Sluder	Ashley Wilscam
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

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

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

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

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

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

Bergen, Ariana J.; Education-Art K-12; Joplin
Carreira, Layna; Middle School-Science; Grove, OK
Chartier, Andrew David; Secondary Education-English; Joplin
Dermott, Jacob E.; Education-Physical Education K-12; Liberal
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

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
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
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

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.

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



E I G H T Y - F I R S T
C O M M E N C E M E N T

D E C E M B E R 1 6 , 2 0 2 3

INDOOR

photo opportunities

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

OUTDOOR

photo opportunities

