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Indoor photo backdrops will be available after the ceremonies.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in the listing of graduating students, challenges such as late submission of graduation application, degree audit updates, and printing deadlines, may result in unintentional omission of some names of graduates, and the publication of the names of students who may not have met graduation requirements. Therefore, this program may not be used as evidence or documentation of degree awarded or honors earned. Final honors earned and degree awarded will be determined when final grades are posted and the Office of the Registrar has verified that all degree and honors requirements have been satisfied.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"

National Anthem

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 17)

Recessional: "Choose Joy" by Randall Standridge

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Carlos Haley - Chair

Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg - Vice-Chair

T. Mark Elliott

Rodney Hendricks

Alison R. Hershewe

Mariann Morgan

Anita Y. Oplotnik

Michael Seibert

PRESIDENT

Dr. Dean Van Galen

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Dr. Lisa Toms, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Linda Eis, Chief Financial Officer

Michelle Wood, Interim Vice President for University Advancement,
Executive Director of the Missouri Southern Foundation

Dr. Shellie Hewitt, Associate Vice President of Admissions & Enrollment

Rob Mallory, Director of Athletics

DEANS

Dr. Marsi Archer, College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Kerry Johnson, College of Business, Communication & Technology

Dr. Crystal Lemmons, College of Health, Life Sciences & Education

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

Dr. Zackary Rice

STAFF SENATE PRESIDENT

Dr. Stephanie Goad

ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Cliff Erwin

REGISTRAR

Faustina Abrahams

MACE BEARERS

Joan Wilson, Clinical Instructor of Social Work (10 a.m.)

Dr. Melissa Locher, Professor of Teacher Education (1:30 p.m.)

NAME ANNOUNCER

Lisa Olliges Green, General Manager, KGCS-TV

Scott Snell, Director of Distance Learning

ALMA MATER SOLOIST

Anne Marie Wright, Vocal Performance and Kinesiology Majors; Webb City

MSSU CONCERT BAND

Directed by Scott Schneider, Visiting Director of Bands

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
DR. AMBER ROSE PHIPPS, '04
HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE | U.S. ARMY MAJOR



If there's one constant in Dr. Amber Rose Phipps' career, it's change, and her ability to turn it into momentum.

A nationally recognized healthcare executive and strategic leader, Dr. Phipps is known for advancing quality, safety, and patient experience across complex systems. Most recently, she served as Vice President of Patient Experience and Regulatory Readiness at

Children's Nebraska, leading enterprise efforts to strengthen culture, improve performance, and build trust with patients, families, and teams.

She has built a reputation for translating strategy into action and creating cultures where people and performance thrive. Her work has earned national recognition, including the Lucian Leape Institute Safety Culture & Technology Innovator Award. She is a frequent speaker, published author, and educator who is passionate about developing high-performing teams grounded in accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement.

In addition to her civilian leadership, Dr. Phipps currently serves as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. A combat-decorated paratrooper and two-time commander, she has led joint medical missions around the world and was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit for her contributions to military and civilian healthcare.

Her commitment to service extends beyond her professional roles. Dr. Phipps serves on multiple nonprofit boards and has mentored youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters for more than a decade, reflecting her belief that strong communities are built through investment in others.

A proud Missouri Southern State University alumna, and former Lady Lions soccer student-athlete, where she learned early that sometimes the best plays aren't the ones you planned, she was named Outstanding Alumna of the Year in 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion & Wellness, a Master of Business Administration, and a Doctor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management.

At every stage of her journey, Dr. Phipps has embraced transition not as a barrier, but as an invitation, remaining deeply committed to service, mentorship, and developing the next generation of leaders.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

PRESIDENT'S HONOR | GRADE POINT AVERAGE PERFECT 4.0

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Ansley, Tyler Stephen | Haynes, Sydney Abigail Lynnsee | Mills, Dalton Warren | Tinkler, Carsen M. |
| Chang, Yi-En | Hobbs, Abby Graham † | Patel, Pari Dharmikkumar | Wingar, Brett Allen |
| Courter II, Joseph Charles † | Hobbs, Emma I. † | Quesenberry, Lexa Kate | |
| Dorgham, Mai Mohsen | Kohli, Saanvi | Robinson, Morgan Elizabeth | |
| Gardner, Darrah Layne | Marrs, Emilee Pearl | Soden, Kaitlyn Grace | |

SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aguilera, Enrique | Courter II, Joseph Charles † † | Irwin, Grace A. | Robinson, Morgan Elizabeth † |
| Ansley, Tate Lee | Dorgham, Mai Mohsen † | Kirbey, Matthew Lane | Rousseau, Timothy W. |
| Ansley, Tyler Stephen † | Gardner, Darrah Layne † | Kohli, Saanvi † | Sikes, Kylee E. • |
| Beach, Katelyn Elizabeth † | Gray, Sara Rachele | Marrs, Emilee Pearl † | Smith, Evelyn Jade |
| Bredeson, Taylor S. | Harden, Delaney Mae | Mayil Vahanan, Tarunya | Soden, Kaitlyn Grace † |
| Brower, Charity Ann | Hatfield, Ashlyn P. | Mills, Dalton Warren † | Tinkler, Carsen M. † |
| Bundy, Alanna | Haynes, Sydney Abigail Lynnsee † | Nguyen, Thien Duy | Wingar, Brett Allen † |
| Burleson, Adelya Eve | Helms, Macey Lee | Patel, Pari Dharmikkumar † | Wyant, Jayla M. |
| Bushnell, Alivia Kay | Hobbs, Abby Graham † † | Pinnamaraju, Sohan Varma | Yust, Isabella Rose |
| Carpenter, Hannah Paige | Hobbs, Emma I. † † | Quesenberry, Lexa Kate † | |
| Chang, Yi-En † | Holliday, Macy Nicole | Reed, Maggie | |

MAGNA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ahn, Conalee Christine | Hall, Rylee M. | Osterdyk, Audriauna Renae | Seme, Chloe Fleming* |
| Atkins, Elijah P. † | Harbison, Jessica Marie | Overstreet, Evan Christopher | Sharp, Caleb Michael |
| Awal, Waafi | Helms, Makenna Joanne* | Pasternak, Abigail Grace | Smith, Claire Madelyn |
| Bond, Chloe Lachelle | Hendricks, Cameron Paige | Patrick, Ashlynn T. † | Smith, Logan M. |
| Borboa, Roman Lee | Hoerning, Kellen Wade | Patrylak, Geordan Spencer | Spencer, Rylee N. |
| Chinthala, Harshal | Johnson, Atticus Noble † | Rhymer, Hannah G. | Strange, Garrett Evan |
| Dorris, Jaiden Diane | Landers, Titia | Roark, David Gunner | Wakeland, Anna Belle L. |
| Frankenbery, Kaelyn Denae | Miller, Charles Thomas | Ruby, Isaac Josiah | Wampler, Gavin Joe |
| Granados, Oscar | Needham, Shelby Eloise | Rumsey, Mason Benjamin | Welch, Bethany R. |

CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Allick, Hannah Linn | Davidson, Andrew Hall | Lefman, Myranda Louise | Rand, Lillian Grace |
| Anguloori, Suhani Naidu | Day, Allyson Faith | Lopez, Daniel Louis | Redden, Brooks Walker |
| Archer, Jennifer P. | Dinh, Sunny Nhi* | Mufti, Aleezah | Shank, Faithllyn Grace |
| Bass, Hannah Leigh | Gibson, Kya MaeAnn † | Newman, Ella Grace | Stone, Lexy Dyann |
| Buchanan, Ashley Ray | Gibson, Spencer Lee | Nicoletti, Alison | Thomas, Caleb W. † |
| Clark, Calvin R. | Hartman, Whitney D. | Peairs, Heather Marie* | Williams, Jacy Jo |
| Copeland, Parker Alexander | Honeycutt, Wyatt | Pupo, Taehler Dawn | Yost, Libbie May |
| Crafton, Shayla Ann | John, Mollie* | Rajaram, Trisha Bharathy | Zimmerman, Breighlee |

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Aguilera, Enrique
Beach, Katelyn Elizabeth

Burleson, Adelyn Eve
Carpenter, Hannah Paige

Irwin, Grace A.

SECOND HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Frankenberg, Kaelyn Denae
Granados, Oscar

Seme, Chloe Fleming
Spencer, Rylee N.

Wakeland, Anna Belle L.
Welch, Bethany R.

THIRD HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Barbee, Gracie Rheagen
Benhumea, Vanessa

Copeland, Parker Alexander
Peairs, Heather Marie*

Stone, Lexy Dyann
Veasman, Elizabeth Anne

Williams, Jacy Jo
Zimmerman, Breighlee

President's Honor – Baccalaureate Degree: President's Honor is awarded to baccalaureate degree candidates who have studied their junior and senior year at MSSU, earned a minimum of 45 credit hours, with a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

Latin Honors - Baccalaureate Degree: Eligibility for any one of the three Latin honors requires the candidate to have studied the junior and senior years at Missouri Southern and earned a minimum of 45 hours of MSSU credits with the designated required cumulative GPA for each level of honor.

Graduation Honors - Associate Degree: Eligibility for earning any of the three Graduation Honors requires the student to have completed a minimum of one half of the hours required for the degree in residence at MSSU with a cumulative GPA designated for each level of honor.

President's Honor and Latin Honors published in the Commencement program and announced at the ceremony are based on eligibility using institutional credit hours earned and the cumulative GPA from the last completed semester. Actual awards and honors will be determined after final grades have been processed, and if earned will be posted on the official transcript and diploma

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Bridges, Drew Evan; Master of Arts in Teaching; Carthage
Bush, Kothney-Issa; Master of Arts in Teaching; Kansas City
Cowan, Jessica Ann; Master of Arts in Teaching; Glenpool, OK
Darnell, Darcy Jai; Master of Arts in Teaching; Joplin

Jones, Matthew; Master of Arts in Teaching; Webb City
Love, Tammy Renee; Master of Arts in Teaching; Jasper
Pulliam, April Lynn; Master of Arts in Teaching; Baxter Springs, KS
Randles, Chad Alan; Master of Arts in Teaching; Elkhorn, NE

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Belk, Leona J*; Management; Joplin

Campbell, Fielding Desmond*; Applied Data Analytics; Joplin

Davis, Emalee Patricia*; Management; Exeter

Fitzgerald, Adriana Nicole*; Management; Springfield

Guragain, Asmika*; Applied Data Analytics; Joplin

Hamilton, Preston James*; Management; Joplin

Hass, Alan Douglas*; Applied Data Analytics; Carthage

Myers, Amber Renee*; Management; Joplin

Owens-Crease, Felicia Renee*; Applied Data Analytics; Purcell

Perry, Emily Grace*; Management; Bentonville, AR

Reese, Avery D*; Management; Webb City

Stafford, Vanessa*; Management; Carthage

Stayton, Caitlin Brianna*; Management; Joplin

Tapusoa, Laney Mae*; Management; Joplin

Teeter, Kayleigh Nicole*; Management; Joplin

White, Jahnequa Rosalyn*; Management; Saint Thomas, VI

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Barnett, Madison Diane; Healthcare Administration; Pittsburg, KS

Bass, Cynthia*; Healthcare Administration; Columbus, KS

Berry, Reanna L.; Healthcare Administration; Cassville

Davis, Mykell Leola*; Healthcare Administration; East Saint Louis, IL

Figueroa, Liana C*; Healthcare Administration; Joplin

Keller, Logan*; Healthcare Administration; Joplin

McLeod, Bernadine Abigail*; Healthcare Administration; Pittsburg, KS

Nguyen, Tuyet Thi*; Healthcare Administration; Lenexa, KS

Nielson, Jordan Dalaney*; Healthcare Administration; Webb City

Norris, Amy*; Healthcare Administration; Cape Girardeau

O'Dell, Ashlynn Taylor*; Healthcare Administration; Louisburg, KS

Osburn, Niki L*; Healthcare Administration; Wyandotte, OK

Shaon, Jaclyn Marie*; Healthcare Administration; Ashland

Simon, Camryn Matthew*; Healthcare Administration; Joplin

Turley, Kaleb Dean*; Healthcare Administration; Carl Junction

Wagner, Cassidy Dawn; Healthcare Administration; Anderson

Walker, Colleen*; Healthcare Administration; Ozark

Warrick, Sloan Elizabeth*; Healthcare Administration; Tulsa, OK

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Andrukhev, Maksym; Sport and Recreation Management; Ukraine

Cline, Ryan Lee; Sport and Recreation Management; Joplin

Enna, Francesca Elizabeth; Sport and Recreation Management; Joplin

Bagley, Dylan Scott*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Bhavsar, Yash Bhupesh*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Candrl, Katherine Ilene*; Sport and Recreation Management; Owensville

Cox, Kylyn D.*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Francisco, Kytn P.*; Data Analytics; Neosho

Hefner, Titus J.*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Huskey, Sophia Louise*; Data Analytics; Nixa

Lee, Tswvyim Christopher*; Data Analytics; Neosho

Mason, Kyleigh*; Data Analytics; Webb City

Moreno Hernandez, Hector Emiliano*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Moesch, Alana Luisa*; Sport and Recreation Management; Brazil

Silva, Mariana Cadari Theodoro Vieira*; Data Analytics; Joplin

Wells, Caitlyn Leann; Sport and Recreation Management; Edmond, OK

Williamson, Connor Dylan*; Data Analytics; Joplin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Barnes, Reed; Administration; La Russell

Beck, Pamela Mae; Curriculum & Instruction; Saddlebrooke

Blevins, Cassandra Mae; Curriculum & Instruction; Noel

Brinton, Allison Justine; Administration; Kansas City

Cannady, Bailey Dawn; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin

Carroll, Morgan Nicole; Curriculum & Instruction; Lebanon

Chandler, Leta Sue; Curriculum & Instruction; Seneca

Curtis, Amanda Erin; Curriculum & Instruction; Webb City

Day, Rebecca Ann; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage

Duncan, Jessica Ann; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage

Frischenmeyer, Meghan Vye*; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage

Garrison, Audrey Renee; Curriculum & Instruction; Springfield

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

Graham, Ashley Nicole*; Curriculum & Instruction; Saint Charles
Henbest, Victoria Zane; Curriculum & Instruction; Cassville
Henning, Tiffany Rachael*; Curriculum & Instruction; Carl Junction
Hughes, Natalie; Curriculum & Instruction; Webb City
Hull, Kelly Lynn*; Curriculum & Instruction; Lamar
Jones, Kendra Dian; Curriculum & Instruction; Mount Vernon
Kennedy, Ashlyn; Curriculum & Instruction; Carl Junction
Kimes, Cody; Curriculum & Instruction; Lebanon
Leary, Madisyn Leighann; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage
Marable, Rodney Darrius; Curriculum & Instruction; Florissant
McAtee, Grace Elizabeth; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage
Moffatt, Jennifer Spring*; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin
Morris, Teresa Sue*; Curriculum & Instruction; Quapaw, OK

Moser, Ernestine Ann; Curriculum & Instruction; Pittsburg, KS
Portillo, Kaylin Vanesa; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage
Reaves, Elizabeth Erin; Administration; Joplin
Renner, Heather Mae; Administration; Anderson
Rhodes, Haley Ann; Curriculum & Instruction; Columbus, KS
Ritter, Audrey; Curriculum & Instruction; Carl Junction
Tillis, BreAnna Lea Louise; Curriculum & Instruction; Monett
Watson, Tyler Kay; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin
Wheeler, Laurel Parlett; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin, IN
Whinery, Paige Elizabeth*; Curriculum & Instruction; Aurora
Whitham, Kaylyn Malissa; Curriculum & Instruction; Cassville
Wilson, Dionne; Curriculum & Instruction; Aurora
Wilson, Hannah Elizabeth; Administration; Pleasant Hill

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUSTICE STUDIES

Carper, Jared Andrew; Justice Studies; Webb City
McGrane, Wendy Louise; Justice Studies; Joplin
Meeker, Brett Suzanne; Justice Studies; Joplin

Schultz, Jenteal Renay; Justice Studies; Topeka, KS
York, Jackie D.*; Justice Studies; Miami, OK

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Aguilera, Enrique; Law Enforcement; Neosho
Beach, Katelyn Elizabeth †; Law Enforcement; Joplin
Burton, Hannah Sue; Law Enforcement; Webb City
Dunning, Christopher Gene; Law Enforcement; Joplin
Ebbs, Paige Elizabeth*; Law Enforcement; Joplin
Fowler, Nina LoFran; Law Enforcement; Joplin
Frankenberg, Kaelyn Denae; Law Enforcement; Fredonia, KS
Garcia, Areli; Law Enforcement; Purdy

Granados, Oscar; Law Enforcement; Neosho
Jefferson Jr., Phillip Spencer; Law Enforcement; Joplin
Moennig, Vansen Wayne; Law Enforcement; Monett
Mojica, Elijah Raul; Law Enforcement; Granby
Nuckolls, Cailey Marie; Law Enforcement; Lago Vista, TX
Thorn, Marissa Alexis Karoline; Law Enforcement; Reeds
Vilela, Emma Dennise; Law Enforcement; Columbus, KS
White III, Daniel Richard*; Law Enforcement; Baxter Springs, KS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cropper, David Solomon; English-Professional/Technical Writing;
Carthage
Frazier, Hunter Riley; English-Literary Studies; Carterville
Nguyen, Thien Duy; Music; Carthage

Renteria-Paxtor, Yeini Yajaira; Spanish; Carthage
Robinson, Morgan Elizabeth ‡; Spanish; Webb City
Smith, Reo Dominic; Music-Instrumental; Salem, OR

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Ahn, Conalee Christine; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Joplin
Bass, Hannah Leigh; Fine Arts-Studio; Joplin
Day, Allyson Faith; Fine Arts-Studio; Carl Junction
Graser, Tana; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Rogers, AR

Helms, Makenna Joanne*; Fine Arts-Studio; Joplin
Santana, Camille Orihime; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Anaheim, CA
Sharp, Caleb Michael; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Seneca

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Johnson, Atticus L.; Music Industry; Galena, KS

Williams, Daniel Dallas; Music Industry; Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aguilera, Enrique; Criminal Justice Administration; Neosho

Anderson, Dylan Christopher; Political Affairs; Carl Junction

Ansley, Tyler Stephen ‡; Chemistry-Predental; Lamar

Archer, Jennifer P.; Chemistry; Joplin

Beach, Katelyn Elizabeth †; Criminal Justice Administration;
Summerfield, FL

Bond, Chloe Lachelle; English-Literary Studies; Webb City

Burton, Hannah Sue; Criminal Justice Administration; Cartersville

Deringer, Dasan; Social Science; Baxter Springs, KS

Dorris, Jaiden Diane; Sociology; Diamond

Dunning, Christopher Gene; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Ebbs, Paige Elizabeth*; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Fowler, Nina LoFran; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Frankenberg, Kaelyn Dena; Criminal Justice Administration/
Cis-Computer Forensics; Fredonia, KS

Garcia, Areli; Criminal Justice Administration; Purdy

Graham, Hayley Paige ‡; Social Science; Chanute, KS

Granados, Oscar; Criminal Justice Administration; Neosho

Grey, Tamara Lynn*; Criminal Justice Administration; Oak Ridge, TN

Griffin, Kaleb Anderson; Chemistry; Palmyra

Harner, Jalyynn Leigh; Criminal Justice Administration; Monett

Haynes, Sydney Abigail Lynnsee ‡; English-Literary Studies;
Cherryvale, KS

Hutchinson, Kynnan M.; Chemistry; Goodman

Jefferson, Phillip Spencer; Jr.; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Merancio Paredes, Fernanda Guadalupe; Social Science; Sonora,
Mexico

Moennig, Vansen Wayne; Criminal Justice Administration; Monett

Mojica, Elijah Raul; Criminal Justice Administration; Granby

Moore, Garrett Ashton; English-Literary Studies; Verona

Nuckolls, Cailey Marie; Criminal Justice Administration; Lago Vista, TX

Querry, Lakyn Dalee; Social Science; Nevada

Ruth, Lauren A.; English-Literary Studies; Granby

Scarr, Rae Nicole †; Chemistry-Prepharmacy; O Fallon

Stockton, Christopher G.; Political Affairs; Joplin

Taber, Joel Robert; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Thorn, Marissa Alexis Karoline; Criminal Justice Administration; Reeds

Vilela, Emma Dennise; Criminal Justice Administration; Columbus, KS

White III, Daniel Richard*; Criminal Justice Administration;
Baxter Springs, KS

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Cooper, Erin Elizabeth; Social Work; Pineville

Dick, Kailey K.; Social Work; Webb City

Golden, Brooke Rayna; Social Work; Joplin

Hall, Rylee M.; Social Work; Saint Charles

Ramirez Sanchez, Jasmine Lizeth; Social Work; Oronogo

Sikes, Kylee E. •; Social Work; Carl Junction

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Agbaeze, Chinagorom; CIS-Information Systems; Belleville, MI

Alexander, Kimberly; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin

Carney, Jared Douglas; Manufacturing Engineering Technology;
Holts Summit

Copeland, Parker Alexander; Manufacturing Engineering Technology;
Carthage

De La Pena, Melvin; CIS-Information Systems; Carthage

Frankenberg, Kaelyn Dena; CIS-Information Systems; Fredonia, KS

Hensley, Amanda K.*; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Monett

Hughes, Dylan; CIS-Information Systems; Goodman

Loum, Jermaine Ishmaila; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin

Matlock, Evan Jamison; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin

Stiegman, Abram E.; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin

Wampler, Brayden Price; CIS-Information Systems; Noel

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Oliver, Diego Artega*; Communication-Mass; Munster, IN

Reynolds, Heather Marie; Communication-Mass; Wentworth

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, Levi J.; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin
Agbaeze, Chinagorom; CIS-Information Technology; Belleville, MI
Alexander, Kimberly; Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin
Barnes, Zaben Thomas; Mathematics; Joplin
Boyer, Luke Errol; Communication-Mass; Carl Junction
Carney, Jared Douglas; Industrial Engineering Technology; Holts Summit
Copeland, Parker Alexander; Industrial Engineering Technology;
Carthage
Courter, Joseph Charles II ‡ †; Mathematics; Versailles
De La Pena, Melvin*; CIS-Information Technology; Carthage
Frankenberg, Kaelyn Denae; CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice
Administration; Fredonia; KS
Hensley, Amanda K.*; Industrial Engineering Technology; Monett
Hindman, Bryan Jarrett; Communication-Mass; Bartlesville, OK

Honeycutt, Wyatt; Mathematics; Joplin
Horan, John; Industrial Engineering Technology; Schell City
Kellhofer, Jonathan Gregory; CIS-Information Technology; Hume
Loum, Jermaine Ishmaila; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin
Matlock, Evan Jamison; Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin
Needham, Shelby Eloise; Mathematics; Quapaw, OK
Ortega, Saleen B.; Mathematics; Beaverton; OR
Overstreet Jr., Evan Christopher; Mathematics; Joplin
Payton, Morgan Alexander Thoma; Communication-Mass; Joplin
Rousseau, Timothy W.; CIS-Information Technology
Smith, Jerrel Z. †; Mathematics; Wheaton
Stiegman, Abram E.; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin
Tasset, Oliver John; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin
Wampler, Brayden Price; CIS-Information Technology; Noel

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adamson, Laura Rachell; Finance; Neosho
Ansley, Tate Lee; Accounting; Lamar
Apfelbaum, Victoria June*; Marketing; Joplin
Arreola Alcantara, Marco Antonio; Marketing; Joplin
Ballesteros, Jurgen*; Marketing; Dinkelscherben, Germany
Bennett, Shelby; Human Resource Management; Carthage
Beyer, Andrew Landes; Management; Carl Junction
Borboa, Roman Lee; General Business; Carthage
Breedlove, Jacob August; Entrepreneurship; Gerald
Bridgewater, Clifton Tom; Management; Rich Hill
Buell, Sarina Alexandria*; Management; Carthage
Clark, Ethan Daniel; Finance; Joplin
Clark Jr., Calvin R.; Management; Joplin
Covington II, Ralph; Finance; Independence
Cupps, Fletcher Thomas; Finance; Joplin
Dalton, Ethan Daniel; Marketing; Miami, OK
Daniels, Benjamin P.; Human Resource Management; Raymore
Davison, Elizabeth Jean; Management; Lamar
Ellis, Lauren Elizabeth Kaylin; General Business; Carthage
Epperson, Parker Benjamin; Management; Carl Junction
Fargo, Ali Gracen; Marketing; Eureka Springs, AR
Filip, Jacob Robert; Finance; Lindenhurst, IL
Ford, Connor Eugene Bradley; Management; Neosho
Ford, Tucker J.*; Management; Inola, OK
Foster, Braeden D.; General Business; Owasso, OK
Fulton, Rebecca Marie; General Business; Joplin

Gann-Vega, Kyzer Jayden; General Business; Higginsville
Garcia Gonzalez, Abraham Christopher; Management; Purdy
Gibson, Spencer Lee; Human Resource Management; Joplin
Gibson, Spencer Lee; Management; Joplin
Glades, Nathan Rylee; General Business; Joplin
Goad, Zachary David*; Human Resource Management; Carthage
Gray, Sara Rachele; Marketing; Joplin
Green, Eylie Grace*; Marketing; Gravette, AR
Green, Mckenzie Elizabeth; General Business; Joplin
Greenstreet, Jason D.; Management; Neosho
Guilford, Ethan Michael; Management; Joplin
Gunter, Jayna Claire; Finance; West Plains
Hammons, Riley Cole*; Marketing; Sulphur Springs, TX
Helms, Kayla Renee; General Business; Webb City
Herrera, Yael; Human Resource Management; Joplin
Hofer, Rhys Elizabeth Jasmine; Management; Carl Junction
Holliday, Macy Nicole; Finance; Joplin
Hopkins, Tori; Accounting; Joplin
Howard, Kenley Addison; Entrepreneurship; Dora
Johns, Helen Lynn; Management; Pittsburg, KS
Johnson, Atticus Noble †; Marketing; Webb City
Jones, Kolbe Dean; Accounting; Diamond
Kaempf, Kyle David; Finance; Mchenry, IL
Leonard, Alyssa Yvette*; Human Resource Management; Kissimmee, FL
Matul-Gomez, Maria Stephanie; Finance; Carthage
McGill, Bailey; Management, Marketing; Joplin

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate

Miller, Charles Thomas; Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Management; Joplin
Mills, Dalton Warren ‡; Management, Marketing; Carl Junction
Moesel, Bri'Anna Anaya; Marketing; Groveland, FL
Moraes Glenn, Mariana Luiza; International Business; Billings
Navarro Mazariegos, Arturo Adrian; International Business, Management; Carthage
Newhouse, Vanessa KarrieAnn; Management; Rogers, AR
Nicoletti, Alison; Accounting; Goodman
Nunez-Jimenez, Eduardo; Accounting; Neosho
Osterdyk, Audriauna Renae; Accounting; Carthage
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Parrigon, Kole Joseph*; Management; Wentworth
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Taylor, Reece Jacob*; Marketing; Webb City
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Barbee, Gracie Rheagen; Dental Hygiene; Siloam Springs, AR
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Bogart, Mazie E.; Radiologic Technology; Nevada
Burleigh, Paige Kathleen; Radiologic Technology; Altamont, KS
Burleson, Adelyn Eve; Dental Hygiene; Joplin
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Coffelt, Karis Brynn; Dental Hygiene; Marionville
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Cua Garcia, Jennifer Vanessa; Respiratory Therapy; Joplin
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Graves, Lillian Maria; Dental Hygiene; Liberty
Greene, Shannon Rebekah; Dental Hygiene; Republic
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Hare, Baylee Dawn; Dental Hygiene; Fort Gibson, OK
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Hoodenpyle, Brynn Jillian; Dental Hygiene; Granby
Hoover, Cheyenne Marie; Respiratory Therapy; Wyandotte, OK
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Peairs, Heather Marie*; Radiologic Technology; Neosho
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Reynolds, Isabella; Respiratory Therapy; Smithville
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Sullivan, Summer Rayne; Dental Hygiene; Riverton, KS
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Veasman, Elizabeth Anne; Dental Hygiene; Brinktown
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Voegele, Anna Grace; Radiologic Technology; Kimberling City

Wakeland, Anna Belle L.; Dental Hygiene; Hillsboro
Welch, Bethany R.; Radiologic Technology; Joplin
Wheeler, Emily Rose; Radiologic Technology; Drexel
Williams, Jacy Jo; Radiologic Technology; Columbus, KS
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Woodruff, Rylee A.; Radiologic Technology; Blue Springs
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Vines, Amber Nicole; Environmental Health and Safety; Fordland
White, Lottie Lorraine; Environmental Health and Safety; Ozark

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Aden, Halimo Ahmed; Health Science-Respiratory Therapy; Shawnee, KS
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Bland, Antony J.; Health Science-Paramedic; Washburn
Brower, Charity Ann; Psychology; Carl Junction
Buchanan, Ashley Ray; Psychology; Joplin

Bundy, Alanna; Psychology; Webb City
Burleigh, Paige Kathleen; Health Science-Radiologic Technology;
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Burleson, Adelyn Eve; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Joplin
Burns, Heather Lené; Nursing; Carthage
Bushnell, Alivia Kay; Educational Studies; Morrisville
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Broken Arrow, OK
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Walker, Natalie Christine; Biology-Pre-Veterinary Medicine; Carl Junction

Wampler, Gavin Joe; Biomedical Science Pre-Med/Physician Assistant; Jasper

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Buxton, Macie Alyn; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Joplin

Carbone, Francis Marie; Elementary Education; Lamar

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Greene, Devin Rooin Kwesi; General Studies; Glendale, AZ
Hernandez, Franklin Osiel; General Studies; Carthage
Jackson, Alea Rae; General Studies; Neosho
Jackson, Deris Tavion*; General Studies; Little Rock, AR
Jennings, Janyka Jadakesha*; General Studies; Joplin
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Ngosa, Precious*; General Studies; Joplin
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Parker II, Draper A.; General Studies; Sugar Land, TX
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Purdy, Shalea Lynn; General Studies; Joplin
Siaki, Fagaalu; General Studies; Leone, American Samoa
Sims, George; General Studies; Racine, WI
Stevens, Logan; General Studies; Jasper
Stout, April Lola Marie; General Studies; Wyandotte, OK
Swanger, Jillian Rose; General Studies; Miami, OK
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Vaa, David; General Studies; Aurora
Weber, Erika Lyn †; General Studies; Goodman
Westhoff, Lillian Ellyse; General Studies; Redfield, KS
White, Carl E.; General Studies; Aurora
Wilson, Brentan Alexander Harl; General Studies; Cartersville
Wilson, Justin*; General Studies; Aurora
Workman, Breanna Dawn; General Studies; Webb City
Yost, Libbie May; General Studies; Cheyenne, WY

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| Atkins, Elijah P. † ; United Kingdom | Cropper, David Solomon ; United Kingdom | Hernandez, Franklin Osiel ; Sweden |
| Awal, Waafi ; Italy | Davila, Anna Maria ; Belize | Hobbs, Abby Graham ‡ † ; Spain |
| Barrett, Adler Snow † ; United Kingdom | Day, Allyson Faith ; Sweden | Hobbs, Emma I. ‡ † ; Spain |
| Beach, Katelyn Elizabeth † ; Sweden, United Kingdom | Dorgham, Mai Mohsen ‡ ; Italy | Hubbard, Savannah Rose ; Sweden |
| Bemo, Israel Anea ; Italy | Ford, Connor Eugene Bradley ; South Korea | Johnson, Atticus Noble † ; Germany |
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Patrick, Ashlynn T. †; Ireland

Payne, Gavin Levi; Belize

Pazin, Jessica R.; Belize

Pinnamaraju, Sohan Varma; Italy

Rajaram, Trisha Bharathy; Italy

Rand, Lillian Grace; Belize

Reaves, Elizabeth Erin; Ireland

Reed, Maycee Gail; Sweden

Rhymer, Hannah G.; Belize

Robinson, Morgan Elizabeth ‡; Spain

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Wakeland, Anna Belle L; Scotland,
United Kingdom

Wampler, Gavin Joe; Italy

Weber, Erika Lyn †; Italy

Westhoff, Lillian Ellyse; Italy

Wilson, Dionne; Costa Rica

Winingar, Brett Allen ‡; Italy

Wyant, Jayla M; Italy

Yost, Libbie May; Spain

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

TRADITIONAL HOOD COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Business: Drab
- Data Analytics: Science Gold
- Justice Studies: Purple
- Education: Light Blue
- Healthcare Administration: Peacock Blue
- Sports Recreation and Management: Sage Green

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- Athletics: Green and Gold
- Campus Activities Board: Kelly Green, Yellow, 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
- Green Bandana Project: Neon/Light Green
- 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
- League of Lions: Purple and White
- MKEAP: Green and Purple
- National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue
- National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black, and White
- Nursing Honor Society: Apricot
- Pre-Professional Club: Gold and Royal Blue
- Pre-Soma: Green and White
- Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
- Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM): Navy Blue, Light Blue, and White
- Southern Ambassadors: Gold and White
- 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.

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

• Fall Graduate

* Summer Graduate



TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Joseph Courter

The field of mathematics gains a well-rounded critical thinker today as Joseph Courter graduates from MSSU.

A mathematics major from Versailles, Missouri, Courter's interest in numbers and patterns is innate. What began as curiosity grew into fervor fueled by dedicated teachers who shaped his love for math. In pursuit of a higher education, Courter searched for a place that matched his sense of wonder. He found his perfect fit inside the classrooms of Nixon Hall. For Joseph Courter, math is now more than numbers.

A bright student, Courter's advanced coursework and independent studies in topology and commutative algebra pushed him beyond traditional studies. His learning expanded into graduate-level material while participating in conferences and competitions such as the Missouri Collegiate Mathematics Competition, transforming his perspective on the discipline.

"Mathematics is the basic logic of the universe," he said. "It is the foundation all other sciences rely on—an ever-expanding subject. My passion for mathematics was accelerated at MSSU. Now, I realize there is more to math than I could ever imagine."

Courter has made an impact at the university. His professors emphasize that he has been the core pillar of the Student Success Center's math tutoring for the past three years. Additionally, he supported a plethora of students while leading study sessions for peers in upper-level math courses.

"My experience as a math tutor has meant a lot to me," he said. "The feeling of helping someone in their college career and sharing my passion with them is the best. Teaching mathematics to others and seeing them begin to understand it encouraged my passion to become a professor."

In addition to his academic service, Courter has been deeply involved across campus and in his community. He has been a part of the leadership team for the Baptist Student Union where he leads a weekly Bible study, mentors

peers, and participates in mission efforts. Courter is also an active member of Math Club and the Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society. Beyond campus, his zeal for teaching has expanded by tutoring high school students in the community.

Courter's academic excellence is reflected in his 4.0 GPA and the well-rounded knowledge he earned in the Honors Program. This coursework allowed him to study his other interests of classical literature, cinema, philosophy, and history, strengthening his critical thinking across disciplines. One of his most profound memories at MSSU was possible through these diverse studies—the opportunity to study abroad in Italy and explore the roots of science during the Renaissance.

"I am proud of studying abroad in Italy," he said. "It was unbelievable, one of the most impactful moments in my life. Standing in the places where some of the most influential scientists and thinkers—from Galileo to Da Vinci—would have walked was enlightening. This changed my perspective as a student by showing me the rich history that the sciences have and the beauty that can be found in even the most logical subjects."

After graduation, Joseph will continue his academic journey as a graduate assistant at Missouri State University. There, he will pursue a master's degree in mathematics while teaching and tutoring. Looking ahead, he plans to earn a Ph.D. and become a professor.

Reflecting on his time at Missouri Southern, Joseph Courter is grateful for the community he found.

"I came here for an education, but I did not know I would find a home away from home," he said.

Through his curiosity and dedication to helping others, Joseph Courter exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding graduate of Missouri Southern State University.

POINTS OF PRIDE

GLENN D. DOLENCE LEADERSHIP-SERVICE AWARD



Grace Chang, a biomedical sciences major from Taiwan City, Taiwan, was recognized as Leader of the Year with a unanimous vote from the selection committee. Chang is the founder and President of the Global Medical Brigades MSSU chapter. In this role, she led a team of students to Panama on a medical brigade that served more than 200 patients. This May, she will again lead students' medical volunteerism to Guatemala, bringing care to underserved communities.

Additionally, Chang founded the Women Walk Joplin Club, creating an empowering environment that promotes wellness and connection among women. Her leadership efforts are compounded by service as Treasurer of the Latin American Student Association, a Student Representative on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, a Disaster Preparedness Team Member with the American Red Cross, a campus news anchor at KGCS-TV, an MSSU Choir and Theatre member, a Peer Tutor in the Student Success Center, and a Teaching Assistant for General Chemistry I and II.

The immensely skilled Grace Chang worked as an Undergraduate Research Assistant in the Herpetology Lab. There, she studied the defensive strike performance of cottonmouth snakes. She has also conducted research exploring the origin of catecholaminergic fibers in orbital cranial nerves. Beyond MSSU, Chang made an impact caring for children in the Refugee and Immigrant Services & Education program, as well as mentoring a high school student from Nigeria.

Among Chang's academic achievements are consistent Dean's List honors, membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, and recognition at the MSSU Student Research Symposium, where she earned both the Best Overall Research Poster Award and First Place in Physical and Biological Sciences.

Through her leadership, scholarship, and service, Chang exemplifies MSSU's values and the spirit of the Leader of the Year Award.

2026 Glenn Dolence Award Recipients

32 students were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills during the 35th annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership-Service Award Ceremony. Named in honor of Dr. Glenn D. Dolence, a founding member of the Golden Crest Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa and former Vice President of Student Affairs, this award formally recognizes seniors who have made a difference in campus organizations, student employment, student services, or athletics.

- Jennifer Archer
- Waafi Awal
- Zaben Barnes
- Chloe Bond
- Charity Brower
- Grace Chang
- Calvin Clark
- Madison Ditzler
- Irene Fernández Vispo
- Connor Ford
- Katie Gray
- Abby Hobbs
- Saanvi Kohli
- Dmitri Lloyd
- Jacob Martinez
- Tarunya Mayil Vahanan
- Arturo Navarro Mazariegos
- Evan Overstreet
- Pari Patel
- Ashlynn Patrick
- Sohan Pinnamaraju
- Yeini Renteria-Paxtor
- Kelsey Reynolds
- Olivia Riggs
- Morgan Robinson
- Madison Rues
- Mason Rumsey
- Elizabeth Skelton
- Christopher Stockton
- Gavin Wampler
- Kiefer Wheeler
- Jayla Wyant

POINTS OF PRIDE

MSSU LEADS: REDEFINING HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE SHOW-ME STATE

MSSU has taken a bold step forward, becoming the only public university in Missouri with a statewide mission centered on three core pillars: Immersive Learning Experiences, Health and Life Sciences, and Global Education. These pillars reflect Missouri Southern's promise to prepare students who Explore Boldly, Care Deeply, and Impact Globally.

Institutional missions outline a university's priorities. A statewide mission, however, is something greater—a formal designation granted by the State's General Assembly. MSSU first submitted the expansion proposal to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in 2023. After unanimous approval, Missouri's legislative champions helped set our mission in stone.

Explore Boldly

Our advanced mission proves MSSU's pride in its progress. Among our distinct roles is an obligation to equip students with unique educational opportunities. Missouri Southern's expanded statewide mission elevates this philosophy to a defining institutional strength.

MSSU's immersive learning prospects, including studying abroad, mean that students step into studios, clinics, and communities around the world before they begin their careers. 17% of MSSU seniors study abroad compared to the 11% national average, demonstrating how Southern leads the charge. Additionally, 51% of first-year students and 82% of seniors participate in at least one High Impact Practice. These experiences involve evidence-based active learning. Practicing skills in a real-world setting through these High Impact Practices affords students opportunities to explore boldly, discovering who they can become.

Care Deeply

With growing healthcare needs, MSSU's leadership as Missouri's number one public university for undergraduate health programs is crucial. Missouri Southern is a source of innovation and service that extends throughout our region as we graduate skilled future healthcare workers that society will depend on. The success of MSSU's strategies is evident in our B.S. in Nursing students' 100% NCLEX pass rate for the past two years; and in our Paramedic, Dental Hygiene, Radiology, and Respiratory Therapy students' 100% pass rate for the past three years. Our methods, outlined in the statewide mission, create successful, well-prepared graduates ready to make an impact anywhere they go.

Impact Globally

Global education has been part of MSSU's identity since 1995, and our expanded mission amplifies that legacy. Over the last 5 years, 1,200 international students have studied on our campus. And, since 1998, more than 3,800 Missouri Southern students have taken their learning abroad.

Those experiences pay off. Students who study internationally earn an average of \$4,159 more in their first job after graduation. Moreover, 150 international students that represent nearly 40 countries join our community each year, bringing new perspectives with them as they make Joplin their new home. This global reach ensures that Lions graduate ready to navigate and contribute to a connected world.

These numbers show that MSSU molds diverse leaders whose thinking is not bound by borders. Because of this, students can compete in a global marketplace with their problem-solving skills, cultural fluency, and renewed confidence. What begins on our campus truly blooms around the world.

This is Missouri Southern State University: Explore Boldly. Care Deeply. Impact Globally. One expanded mission, built with Lion Pride.



POINTS OF PRIDE



ROY BLUNT HEALTH SCIENCE INNOVATION CENTER UPDATES

The highly anticipated Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center (RBHSIC) will open its doors by July 4, 2026. At every step of the building's construction, a vision takes shape. Designed to transform Missouri Southern's immersive learning prospects and the future of our region's health, the Center will help students gain the skills and confidence to care deeply for patients in real-world scenarios.

We are the only university in Missouri with a statewide mission built on Immersive Learning Experiences, Health and Life Sciences, and Global Education. The RBHSIC is a direct expression of our mission. It embodies MSSU's commitment to Explore Boldly, Care Deeply, and Impact Globally.

The project has progressed on budget and on time, meaning students are just months away from revolutionized learning inside the RBHSIC.

"This achievement underscores the dedication and effective collaboration of everyone involved," said Linda Eis, MSSU's Chief Financial Officer. "The building symbolizes strong support and confidence in Missouri Southern, reflecting our ongoing service to students and the local community."

The RBHSIC is about impact. Students will train in a state-of-the-art simulation hospital complete with advanced laboratories and technology-rich clinical environments that mirror real healthcare settings. These immersive experiences will allow students to practice critical skills before entering the workforce, strengthening their readiness to serve.

The center also expands MSSU's ability to meet Missouri's growing healthcare needs. As the state's #1 public university for undergraduate health programs, Missouri Southern graduates nurses, paramedics, dental hygienists, radiologic technologists, and respiratory therapists with exceptional licensure pass rates. The new RBHSIC will deepen that excellence, offering students the kind of hands-on training that directly leads to strong outcomes for patients and communities. Beyond academics, the building will serve as the campus' new front door, welcoming all to explore what Missouri Southern has to offer.

The Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center is a physical manifestation of MSSU's commitment to the region's future. It represents an investment that will shape the next generation of healthcare professionals to make an impact for decades to come.

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