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*While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.*

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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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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

# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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## MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Codignoto Barros, Christian R.**; Accounting; Lake Geneva, WI  
**Cummins, Caleb Tommy**; Accounting; Joplin  
**Cummins, Kyndall Grace**; Accounting; Joplin  
**Hudson, Heyley Danyelle**; Accounting; Granby

**Meng, Xiangsong**; Accounting; Springfield  
**Swant, Meagan Rae**; Accounting; Fayetteville, AR  
**Wasson, Stephanie Nicole**; Accounting; Neosho  
**Wattman, Patricia M.**; Accounting; Powell

## MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

**Reeves, Joseph James**; Curriculum & Instruction; St. Peters  
**Taber, Erin Elizabeth**; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin

**Welch, Carley Danielle**; Curriculum & Instruction; Diamond

## MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

**Aust, Brady Houston**; Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**Avery, Heather Louise**; General Management; Joplin  
**Bradley, Ashlyn Danyel**; General Management; Springfield  
**Cooper, Courtney Lynn**; Human Resource Management; Nevada  
**Harris, Haley Dawn**; Human Resource Management; Baxter Springs, KS  
**Hazley, Shanice Bonay**; Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**Hibbitts, Allison Leann**; Human Resource Management; Sheldon  
**Lehman, Brian E.**; General Management; Joplin  
**Lemmons Monteleone, Kayla Dawn**; General Management; Joplin  
**Mayer, Amanda Leigh**; General Management; Joplin  
**McMain, Chloe Elizabeth**; General Management; Webb City

**Nelson, Shayla Denise**; Human Resource Management; Houston, TX  
**Ogle, Kassie L.**; **General Management**; **Rogers, AR**  
**Schneider, Tara Mardell**; General Management; Joplin  
**Scott, Terrence D.**; General Management; Fredericksburg, VA  
**Sims, Christopher John**; General Management; Florissant  
**Thrasher, Courtney Renee**; General Management; Monett  
**Vinson, Baylee**; General Management; Seymour  
**Walker, Tracy Marie**; Human Resource Management; Fayetteville, AR  
**Witcher, Daniel Scott**; General Management; Neosho  
**Workman, Stephanie Diane**; General Management; Joplin  
**York, William Spencer**; Human Resource Management; Webb City

# CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Andrew Adams	Rebecca Callen	Mackenzie Hansen	Timothy Peterzell ‡ †
Josalyn Alvarado	Jared Carper †*	Lillias Helt	Logan Sisson
Jedd Anderson ‡ †	Gabe Cravens †	Mallorie Keltz ‡	Layne Skiles
Donald Archer	Caden Cristy	Kevin Koester	
Jordan Bailey	Stephen Dixon	Myka Masters	
Cassandra Bernath	Macie Engleman	Devon Owsley ‡	

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

David Bird	Noel French	Lynnlee Parrott	Ashtyn Tubaugh
Cheyenne Boos	Jaycee Henderson	Emileigh Snyder	
Jack Borup	Austin Musche	Kathrine Spear	
Madelynn Capps	Josiah Nichols	Andrea Tackett	

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

Elizabeth Asher	Alex Etter	Kaylie Hulette	Kim Richardson
Vance Asquith	Kristi Gordon	Adyson Lyon	Ethan Stapleton
Kenisha Benjamin	Michaela Heese	Joshua Nelson	
Kaitlyn Degraw	Robert Hole	Stephany Nunez	

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### **FIRST HONORS** | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Caden Cristy	Devon Owsley ‡	Logan Sisson
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### **SECOND HONORS** | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Jack Borup	Austin Musche
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### **THIRD HONORS** | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Kenisha Benjamin	Robert Hole
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*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.*

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate

# COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

**Blanton, Brandy DeCoe**; Applied Science; Webb City  
**Dupuy, Jacob Corey**; Applied Science; Bentonville, AR

**Molder, Jessica Ty**; Applied Science; Seneca

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Alvarado, Josalyn Isabel**; French, Global Cultural Studies; St. Joseph  
**Amundson, Joseph Patrick Arthur**; History; Stockton  
**Brogan, Kayla L.**; Spanish; Webb City  
**Claypool, Christopher Jonathon Thomas**; Spanish; Nevada  
**Eastin, Joshua B.**; History; Joplin  
**Escobar, Faith Rachel\***; Music-Vocal; Carthage  
**Fowler, Destinee Raelynn**; Sociology; Sarcoxie  
**Garcia, Kayla Rosalia**; English-Professional/Technical Writing; Greenfield  
**Laub, Lydia D.**; History; Humansville

**McKinney, Glynis Robin**; International Studies; Bentonville, AR  
**Prince, Danielle Alexis**; Music Industry; Pevely  
**Ramirez Lule, Ricardo**; International Studies; Noel  
**Scribner, Baylee Faye**; Music Industry; Joplin  
**Sturgis, Sierra Lynn**; Chemistry; Columbus, KS  
**Thomas, Klaire**; Music; Neosho  
**Wollerman, Nathan Lawrence**; Music Industry; Johnsburg, IL

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

**Gibson, Alexandria K.**; Theater Performance; Gravette, AR  
**Graves, Tracey Lee**; Fine Arts-Studio; Oronogo  
**Griffith, Susan Elizabeth**; Fine Arts-Studio; Carthage  
**Helt, Lillias Rose**; Fine Arts-Studio; Grove, OK

**Hinojoza, Kevin Amado**; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Webb City  
**McCool, Jessica Lynn**; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Joplin  
**Rector, Curtis Wayne**; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Wyandotte, OK

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Abdo, Ahmed**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Archer, Donald Evan**; Political Science; Joplin  
**Aschenbrenner, Avery Samantha**; Biology; Lake St Louis  
**Bader, Amanda Marie**; Criminal Justice Administration; Branson  
**Benjamin, Kenisha Lawana**; Criminal Justice Administration/CIS-Computer Forensics, Joplin  
**Bird, David Michael**; Sociology; New South Wales, Australia  
**Bindel, Amos William**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Bisso, Elaine Dakota**; Criminal Justice Administration; Chesterfield  
**Blackburn, Bryan T.**; Theatre Production; Cartersville  
**Borup, Jack Hamilton**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Broadnax, Malachi Michael**; Communication-Mass; Cedar Hill, TX  
**Burden, Bailey Dean**; Biology; Aurora  
**Carper, Jared Andrew †\***; Political Affairs; Joplin  
**Chavez, Jesse Dale**; Biology; Carthage  
**Crawford, Brooke**; Criminal Justice Administration; Lowell, AR  
**Crisp, Jacob Nathanael**; Environmental Health and Safety; Huntersville, NC

**Eidsvig, Michael Robert**; Geographic and Environmental Affairs; Neosho  
**Endicott, Chelsey Dianne**; Criminal Justice Administration; Granby  
**Engleman, Macie Jean**; Mathematics; Granby  
**Etienne, Zoyia Theresa**; Biology; Joplin  
**Fitzpatrick, Jordan McGwire**; Criminal Justice Administration; Springfield  
**Floyd, Elijah Cole**; Criminal Justice Administration; Salem  
**Foulks, Gina Joell**; Political Affairs; Carthage  
**Fox, Daniel Allen**; Criminal Justice Administration; Diamond  
**Fullerton, Brett G.**; Biology; Carthage  
**Gannaway, Gavin Michael**; Criminal Justice Administration; Webb City  
**Griffith, Duane William**; History; Carthage  
**Grizzel, Yolonda M.**; Biology; Carthage  
**Grooms, Dina Corina**; Environmental Health and Safety; Joplin  
**Halton, Nakieta K.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Chicago, IL  
**Hardin, Cooper Josef Malone**; Biology; Chattanooga, TN  
**Harris, Melissa Dawn**; Criminal Justice Administration; Goodman

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate

**Heckman, Allison Jane**; Biology; Mount Vernon  
**Henson, Amie Michelle**; Criminal Justice Administration; Jefferson City  
**Hinojoza, Jennifer Dayanara**; Criminal Justice Administration, Carthage  
**Hodson, Kristen Meeka**; Sociology; Oronogo  
**Hoggard-Lowery, Brittany J.**; Sociology; Joplin  
**Hole, Robert Dean**; Criminal Justice Administration; Carthage  
**Hulette, Kaylie Fayth**; Biology; Webb City  
**Hurst, Sidnie**; Criminal Justice Administration, Webb City  
**Johnson, Caeli Essence**; Theatre Performance; Joplin  
**Johnson, Jacob B.**; Biology; Nevada  
**Jones, Andrea Melissa**; Environmental Health and Safety; Oronogo  
**Kesinger, Aaron**; Mathematics; Webb City  
**Killinger, Abigael Olivia**; Communication-Mass; Joplin  
**Kircher, Ethan Michael**; Mathematics; Kansas City  
**Masters, Myka D.**; Biology; Sarcoxie  
**Marquez Urista, Karis Aletheia**, Biology; Jalisco, Mexico  
**Meredith, Billy Lee**; Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations; Aurora  
**Miller, Katlyn Alyse**; Criminal Justice Administration; Duenweg  
**Montgomery, Laura Leigh**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Morales-Reyes, Edxel Edil E.**; Communication-Public Relations; Carthage  
**Morris, Amy Christine**; Biology; Joplin  
**Musche, Austin J.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Carthage  
**Nation, Mitchell Darin**; Environmental Health and Safety; Wentzville  
**Nelson, Joshua G.**; Biology; Stockton  
**Novotni, Ryan David**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Numata, Joshua Senzo**; Physics; Carl Junction  
**Ocampo, Kimberly Chantal**; International Affairs; Webb City

**Owsley, Devon E. ‡**; Criminal Justice Administration; Walker  
**Peternell, Timothy M. † ‡**; Environmental Health and Safety; Arma, KS  
**Plassman, Carolyn Renee**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Prauser, Charity Dawn**; Criminal Justice Administration; Carl Junction  
**Rauch, John Leevi**; History; Joplin  
**Reyes, Jonatan J.**; Chemistry; Carthage  
**Richardson, Kim Anne**; Mathematics; Webb City  
**Ross, Lana C**; Sociology; Webb City  
**Sanders, Amanda Leigh**; Sociology; Carthage  
**Sargent, Quinten Isaah**; Communication-Public Relations; Webb City  
**Schaar, Sydnie Rae**; Criminal Justice Administration; Pittsburg, KS  
**Schrock, Kenna M.**; Environmental Health and Safety; Butler  
**Shajan, Saiona Merry**; Biology; Joplin  
**Sharkey, Jared Alexander**; Biology; Joplin  
**Simmons, Chris William**; Sociology; Mt. Vernon  
**Slavens, Joshua Ray**; Criminal Justice Administration; Fort Riley, KS  
**Spear, Kathrine Mikayla**; Biology; Joplin  
**Stapleton, Ethan Scott**; Mathematics; Aurora  
**Taylor, Courtney Kay**; Criminal Justice Administration; Independence, KS  
**Turner, Jessica Elaine**; Sociology; Carthage  
**Wagoner, Amy L.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Wheeler, Kade M.**; Criminal Justice Administration; Webb City  
**Wilkinson, Allan Martin**; Biology; Kansas City  
**Winsea, Patience Nicole**; Criminal Justice Administration; Monett  
**Wolf, Nathan Doyal**; Environmental Health and Safety; Jacksonville, NC  
**Xiong, Ammy Pajkub**; Biology; Granby  
**Young, Christopher D.**; Environmental Health and Safety; El Dorado Springs

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

**Beale, Marissa Leann**; Social Work; Joplin

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

**Bader, Amanda Marie**; Law Enforcement; Branson  
**Benjamin, Kenisha Lawana**; Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Bindel, Amos William**; Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Bisso, Elaine Dakota**; Law Enforcement; Chesterfield  
**Borup, Jack H.**; Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Crawford, Brooke**; Law Enforcement; Springfield  
**Endicott, Chelsey Dianne**; Law Enforcement; Granby  
**Fitzpatrick, Jordan McGwire**; Law Enforcement; Springfield  
**Floyd, Elijah Cole**; Law Enforcement; Salem  
**Gannaway, Gavin Michael**; Law Enforcement; Webb City  
**Guyette, Kylie**; Law Enforcement; Neosho

**Halton, Nakieta K.**; Law Enforcement; Chicago, IL  
**Harris, Melissa Dawn**; Law Enforcement; Goodman  
**Henson, Amie Michelle**; Law Enforcement; Jefferson City  
**Hinojoza, Jennifer Dayanara**; Law Enforcement; Carthage  
**Hole, Robert Dean**; Law Enforcement; Carthage  
**Hurst, Sidnie**; Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Kolbeck, Christopher**; Law Enforcement; Jasper  
**Miller, Katlyn Alyse**; Law Enforcement; Duenweg  
**Montgomery, Laura Leigh**; Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Musche, Austin J.**; Law Enforcement; Carthage  
**Novotni, Ryan David**; Law Enforcement; Joplin

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**Owsley, Devon E.;** Law Enforcement; Walker  
**Plassman, Carolyn Renee;** Law Enforcement, Joplin  
**Prauser, Charity Dawn;** Law Enforcement; Carl Junction  
**Schaar, Sydnie Rae;** Law Enforcement; Pittsburg, KS  
**Slavens, Joshua Ray;** Law Enforcement, Fort Riley, KS

**Taylor, Courtney Kay;** Law Enforcement; Independence, KS  
**Wagoner, Amy L.;** Law Enforcement; Joplin  
**Wheeler, Kade M.;** Law Enforcement; Webb City  
**Williams-Penick, Devin Christopher;** Law Enforcement; Montgomery, AL  
**Winsea, Patience Nicole;** Law Enforcement; Monett

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Asquith, Vance Owen;** Nursing; Baxter Springs, KS  
**Atkins, Gabrielle Victoria;** Nursing; Joplin  
**Brown, Amber Nicole;** Health Science-Business Life; Joplin  
**Butterworth, Destiny Rose;** Nursing; Joplin  
**Capron, Tadd Patrick Jack;** Nursing; Webb City  
**Conley, Erika Nicole;** Nursing; Cartersville  
**Eisterhold, Shelby Rose;** Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Freeburg  
**Greenlee, Teri Marie;** Health Science-Business Life; Humansville  
**Hines, Andrew Bryson;** Nursing; Joplin  
**Hopper, Ashley Renee;** Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Joplin  
**Hulsey, Linzey D.;** Nursing; Hillsboro  
**Hultman, Tess Caylor;** Healthcare Administration; Joplin  
**Ingram, Alyson Lorraine;** Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Hindsville, AR  
**Langley, Jason J.;** Health Science-Paramedic; Wyandotte, OK  
**Marrs, Amy Ellen;** Nursing; Neosho  
**Nicolas, Kimberly Dorvil;** Nursing; Joplin

**Niemeyer, Taylor Nicole;** Nursing; Webb City  
**Ntsomi Bansimba, Darche;** Nursing; Joplin  
**Pinson, Lydia Victoria Lee;** Nursing; Seneca  
**Reid, Garrett Dean;** Health Science-Radiologic Technology; Richland  
**Rohr, Ryan J.;** Health Science-Paramedic; Sedalia  
**Skaggs, Chyanne Page;** Nursing; Huntsville, AR  
**Soden, Kyndal LeeAnne;** Nursing; Seneca  
**Sofowora, Esther;** Nursing; Chicago, IL  
**Tackett, Andrea Masako;** Nursing; Webb City  
**Tyler, Bailey Dawn;** Health Science-Radiologic Technology; El Dorado Springs  
**Walters, Payton Delanie;** Nursing; Anderson  
**Warren, Kya Sinead;** Health Science-Business Life; Joplin

## ROBERT W. PLASTER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Algoufi, Khalid;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Apfel, Andrew D.;** Logistics; Joplin  
**Almutawah, Mohammed Ahmed;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin  
**Beasley, Adrian Cordell;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Goodman  
**Benjamin, Kenisha Lawana;** CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin  
**Bundy, Christian Ellison;** Economics; Nixa  
**Cristy, Caden Kent;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Carl Junction  
**Gianessi, Frank Christopher;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Webb City  
**Klocke, Wesley Allen;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Batchtown, IL  
**Knight, Levi Christopher;** CIS-Information Technology; Bella Vista, AR

**Landburg, Adam C.;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Webb City  
**McFerron, Allen James;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Petry, Samantha Elise;** Industrial Engineering Technology; Waterville, MN  
**Pittsley, Alexander Franklin;** CIS-Information Technology; Jasper  
**Pollard, Caden Michael;** CIS-Information Technology; Webb City  
**Randle, Brieon;** CIS-Information Technology; Saint Louis  
**Sisson, Logan C.;** CIS-Information Technology; De Soto  
**Stapleton, Ethan Scott;** Economics; Aurora  
**Tate, Jack V.;** CIS-Information Technology; Carl Junction  
**Utley, Schylar S.;** CIS-Information Technology; Joplin

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Adams, Andrew Wolf**; Marketing; Southlake, TX  
**Adams, Mason Layne**; General Business; Mount Vernon  
**Albright, Jordyn Alexandra**; Marketing; Carl Junction  
**Almushaykhis, Ali Adel Ali**; International Business; Webb City  
**Baine, Brecklyn Jewell**; Management; Joplin  
**Baker, Hannah Brooke**; Management, Marketing; Coffey  
**Baldwin, Bridget L.**; Management, Marketing; Belton  
**Beasley, Micah\***; Management; Tulsa, OK  
**Boos, Cheyenne Renee**; Management, Human Resource Management; Peculiar  
**Bowlin, JayCe Lyn**; General Business; Exeter  
**Boyd, Brian Micheal**; Marketing; St. Louis  
**Burleson, Marianne Rose**; International Business; Joplin  
**Cloyd, Allison Elizabeth**; Management; Joplin  
**Coker, Dalton Wade**; Management, Marketing; Springfield  
**Da Silva, Carlos Lima**; Management, Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**Degraw, Kaitlyn; Management**, Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**DeHaven, Miki Gaelen**; Accounting; Kansas City  
**Denton, Stacey Inez**; General Business; Seneca  
**Dixon, Stephen W.**; Finance; Webb City  
**Duff, Paris Christine**; Management; Joplin  
**Easterling, Catherine Anne**; Marketing; Centerton, AR  
**Eastin, Audrey R.**; Marketing; Neosho  
**Etter, Alex James**; Accounting, Finance; Joplin  
**Fly, Brandon Cory**; Management, Human Resource Management; Webb City  
**Giambrone, Trevor Gianni**; Marketing; Ewa Beach, HI  
**Gordon, Kristi Leann**; Accounting, Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**Greer, James Logan**; Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management; Harrison, AR  
**Hamilton, Preston James**; Marketing; Joplin  
**Hansen, Mackenzie Leann**; Accounting, Management, Human Resource Management; Webb City  
**Huthsing, Jonathon Hunter**; Management; Joplin  
**Johnson, Bailey Marie**; Management, Human Resource Management; Carthage  
**Kesinger, Benjamin Tyler**; Accounting; Joplin  
**Kidd, Stephen Bradley**; Accounting; Springfield  
**Kirby, Ashlyn Grace**; Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management; Springfield  
**Koester, Kevin Luke**; Accounting, Management; House Springs  
**Larson, Sydney Elizabeth**; Marketing; Pierce City  
**Mackey, Ethan J.**; Marketing; Mount Vernon  
**Madison, Ariana Reagan**; Management; Monett  
**Major, Elizabeth Ann**; Accounting; Springfield  
**Mayes, Madison Jo**; Accounting; Pierce City  
**Merianos, Natasha Lee**; General Business; Norton, MA  
**Munoz, Sindy Carolina**; Management, Human Resource Management; Fremont, NE  
**Neuenschwander, Andie Lynn**; Management; Miller  
**Nunez, Stephany**; Accounting; Joplin  
**Pena Vasquez, Rainier**; International Business; Joplin  
**Pickett, Ethan James**; General Business; Webb City  
**Potter, Cale Allen**; Management, Human Resource Management; Carthage  
**Porter, Kierstan Cheyenne**; Human Resource Management; Noel  
**Prack, Mary Elizabeth**; General Business; Vinita, OK  
**Price, Allison Ashley**; Management, Marketing; Joplin  
**Robinson, Janae Ellen**; Management; Webb City  
**Roderique, Jay**; Accounting; Webb City  
**Salas, Alejandra**; Management; Monett  
**Serafin, Jessica Iliana**; Management; Rogers, AR  
**Silvers, Melvin Daniel**; Finance; Carl Junction  
**Skiles, Layne Elizabeth**; Finance; Monett  
**Smith, Trenton J.**; Accounting; Goodman  
**Stockton, Christina Marie**; General Business; Neosho  
**Suaste, Luis Enrique**; Management; Godley, TX  
**Thompson, Delanie Jade**; Marketing; Joplin  
**VanWinkle, Candace Jean Anne**; Management; Neosho  
**VanSandt, Alyssa D.**; Management; Miami, OK  
**Vanwey, Logan Christopher**; Management; Webb City  
**Welch, Ryan Michael ‡**; Accounting; Neosho  
**Willerton, Emma Margaret**; Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management; Joplin  
**Yanez, Felix Yobany**; Accounting; Springdale, AR

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

**Algoufi, Khalid**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin  
**Beasley, Adrian Cordell**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Goodman  
**Benjamin, Kenisha Lawana**; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin  
**Cristy, Caden Kent**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Carl Junction  
**Hernandez, Rookie**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Grove, OK  
**Klocke, Wesley Allen**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Batchtown, IL  
**Knight, Levi Christopher**; CIS-Information Systems; Bella Vista, AR  
**Larson, Kaleb L.**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Neosho  
**Petry, Samantha Elise**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Waterville, MN  
**Pittsley, Alexander F.**; CIS-Information Systems; Jasper  
**Pitzer, Justin Lee**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Webb City  
**Pollard, Caden M.**; CIS-Information Systems; Webb City  
**Ramm, John Caleb**; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin

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Sisson, Logan C.; CIS-Information Systems; De Soto

Wood, Cameron Joseph; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Claremore, OK

Utley, Schylar S.; CIS-Information Systems; Webb City

Yang, Thomas Toney; CIS-Information Systems; Stark City

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Moore, Unique G.; Psychology; Joplin

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Asher, Elizabeth Ann; Psychology; De Soto

Botts, Cassidy KyAnne Meili; Psychology; Carthage

Byrd, Caroline Lenore; Health Promotion and Wellness; Stark City

Chaves, Satayven Raekwon; Health Promotion and Wellness; Oklahoma City, OK

Cook, Katie Anne Frances; Psychology; Joplin

Cravens, Gabe Dane †; Psychology; Joplin

Duley, Cory Allan; Psychology; Webb City

Johnson, Brittany Suzann; Psychology; Joplin

Jones, Cameron Eugene; Psychology; Webb City

Lassiter, Bailee; Psychology; Asbury

McGlothlin, Mikayla Brynn; Psychology; Aurora

Schneickert, Justin G.; Health Promotion and Wellness; Joplin

Smola, Brittany Marie; Psychology; Bella Vista, AR

Sosa, Evelyn Ilene; Health Promotion and Wellness; Fayetteville, AR

Weber, Haley Kathleen Egan; Psychology; Webb City

Wheeler, Ty Zachery; Health Promotion and Wellness; Archie

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Anderson, Jedd Miller Lee † ‡; Middle School Education-Social Studies; Monett

Ashworth, Elise Rochelle; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Joplin

Bailey, Jordan Elizabeth; K-12 Education-Vocal; Reeds

Benham, Grant Christian; K-12 Education-Vocal; Webb City

Bernath, Cassandra Ann; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Brower, Jesse Chandler; Secondary Education-Biology; Joplin

Callen, Rebecca Joy; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Capps, Madelynn Marie; Secondary Education-English; Carthage

Cox, Mikaela JoAnn; Elementary Education; Carl Junction

Davis, Torri Lynn; Elementary Education-Special Education; Mount Vernon

Deckard, Jasmine Brianna-Ashley; Elementary Education; Dallas, TX

Dubois, Elizabeth Kate; Middle School Education-Science; Raymore

Engleman, Macie Jean; Secondary Education-Math; Granby

French, Noel Joy Katelynn; K-12 Education-Instrumental; Verona

Garrison, Adria Leigh; Secondary Education-Social Science/History; Carthage

Gillman, Darby Claire; Elementary Education; Webb City

Gulick, Alexis Jane; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Harmon, Austin Drew; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Anderson

Heese, Michaela Raquel; Middle School Education-Social Studies; Bella Vista, AR

Henady, Hannah Jean; Elementary Education; Joplin

Henderson, Jaycee Lynn; K-12 Education-Spanish; Castle Rock, CO

Julian, Mattison Renee; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Harrisonville

Keltz, Mallorie Danielle ‡; Middle School Education-Math; Mound Valley, KS

Lyon, Adyson Marie; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Carl Junction

Marshall, Jackie Christine; Secondary Education-Speech and Theater; Anderson

Nichols, Josiah Aaron; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Joplin

Owens, Chasidee LaDe'; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Springdale, AR

Painter, Nathan Lee; Middle School Education-Social Studies; Bolivar

Parrott, Lynnlee Ann; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Garden City

Pullum, Terryle Mario; Elementary Education; Joplin

Richardson, Kim A.; Secondary Education-Math; Webb City

Snyder, Emileigh G.; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Webb City

Snyder, Emily Nichole; Secondary Education-Social Science/History; Washburn, MO

Swartz, Alexis Colleen; Elementary Education; Rogers, AR

Treat, Jeffrey Coleman; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Lowell, AR

Tubaugh, Ashtyn Rose; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Varner, Payton Brooks; Middle School Education-Social Studies; Cassville

Webb, Kevin Edward; K-12 Education-Instrumental; Saint Louis

Williams, Joshua Paul; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Reeds Springs

Wright, Clary I.; K-12 Education-Spanish; Webb City

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate

# BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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**Baker, Kaleb Eugene;** General Studies; Aurora

**Bledsoe, Keandre Lamar\*;** General Studies; Saint Louis

**Boswell, Alisha Inez;** General Studies; Carthage

**Brooks, Deidre Marie;** General Studies; Saint Louis

**Brown, Neo Wesley;** General Studies; Galena, KS

**Cicero, Michael Christopher;** General Studies; Kansas City

**Cline, Jeremiah Walter;** General Studies; Joplin

**Collister, Penny Rose;** General Studies; Webb City

**Davis, Labrentae Kordell;** General Studies; Lauderhill, FL

**Davis, Robert Lynn;** General Studies; Joplin

**DeCrescenzo, Seina Dal;** General Studies; Carthage

**Fisher, Taylor Roxanne;** General Studies; Boonville

**Gilleland, Kelly Martin;** General Studies; Kansas, OK

**Henning, Keanya Renee;** General Studies; Joplin

**Hunter, Brailynn;** General Studies; Joplin

**Johnson, Jason Anthony;** General Studies; Joplin

**Lewis, Trevor C.;** General Studies, Carl Junction

**Love, Kahari;** General Studies; Joplin

**Mance, Ja'Toriell Kevoria;** General Studies; Joplin

**Merkys, Stephen Raymond;** General Studies; Kansas City, KS

**Mouton, Brailon;** General Studies; Carthage

**Nunnally, Cleo Alexandria;** General Studies; Joplin

**Outhouse, Kendra Nicole;** General Studies; Washburn

**Paylor, Anne;** General Studies; Fordland

**Pitzer, Justin Lee;** General Studies; Webb City

**Poe, Elizabeth;** General Studies; Carthage

**Rosenberg, Heather Lynn;** General Studies; Neosho

**Schiltz, Chelsea Adelaide;** General Studies; Webb City

**Smith, Amanda Jolene;** General Studies; Liberal

**Tago, Jamie;** General Studies; Joplin

**Thomas, Taylor A.;** General Studies; Garden City, KS

**Walker, Kristin Leann;** General Studies; Carthage

**Williams, Sheri Lyn;** General Studies; Carthage

## GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED ABROAD

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### 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 3,500 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

**Alvarado, Josalyn** | France

**Anderson, Jedd † ‡** | Mexico

**Baker, Hannah** | Finland

**Bisso, Elaine** | Czech Republic

**Burleson, Marianne** | China

**Carper, Jared †** | Netherlands

**Graves, Tracey** | Australia

**Griffith, Duane** | France, Portugal, Spain

**Griffith, Susan** | Norway

**Lemmons Monteleone, Kayla** | Sweden, United Kingdom

**Pena Vasquez, Rainier** | Netherlands

**Peternell, Timothy † ‡** | Belize

**Ramirez Lule, Ricardo** | South Korea

**Schneider, Tara** | Denmark, Norway

**Smith, Trenton** | Germany

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† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate

# ACADEMIC ATTIRE & REGALIA CORDS

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The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

## TRADITIONAL COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:

- Accountancy, Business, Commerce: Drab
- Criminal Justice: Purple
- Education: Light Blue
- Nursing: Apricot

## REGALIA CORDS

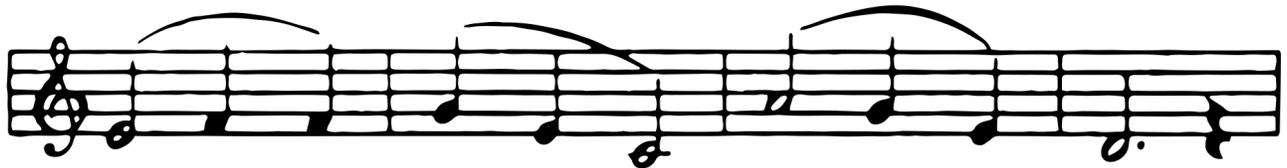
- Athletics: Green and Gold
- Caduceus Society: Braided Gold and Royal Blue
- Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Royal Blue and Gold
- Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
- Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green
- Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold
- Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi: Spanish Gold and Red
- 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
- Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
- Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold
- Society for Human Resource Management: Navy Blue, Light Blue, 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

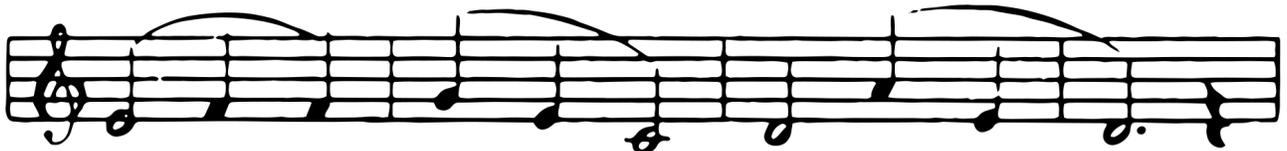
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Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,  
Class of '39



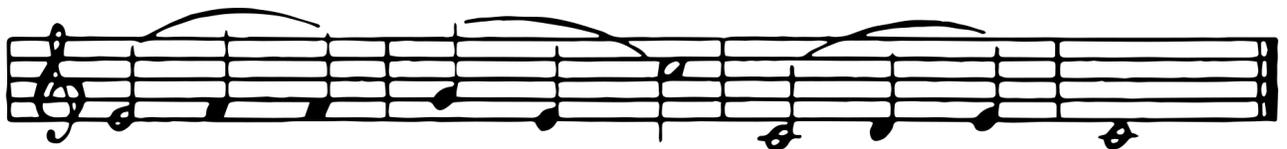
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

# POINTS OF PRIDE

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## THE CHANGING FACE OF CAMPUS



Construction began this fall on a series of projects that will significantly enhance the safety, accessibility and aesthetics of the Missouri Southern campus.

Projects include street replacement; more visible crosswalks; a dedicated path across the main parking lot from the residence halls; and wider sidewalks and building entrances on the Oval. The projects were made possible through federal and state funds provided exclusively for capital construction.

“The end results will represent a huge leap in safety, accessibility, and aesthetic quality of our core campus,” said Dr. Brad Hodson, the university’s executive vice president. “We’re confident that when they are completed, everyone associated with Missouri Southern will be very proud of the improvements.”

This fall also saw the opening of the **Lion Village** residence complex.

The 94,000-square-foot, four-story Lion Village houses more than 300 students in a combination of four-bedroom suites, traditional two-bedroom units and private rooms. It was built with students’ needs in mind, said Josh Doak, director of Residence Life.

Among the amenities offered in the new residence complex are open common spaces, unlimited access to multiple laundry rooms, meeting rooms and private study areas, Wi-Fi, air conditioning and heating, and a 12-person theater. It also includes two elevators and a card-scan entry system.

Renovation and remodeling work will soon begin that will see the reopening of **Taylor Performing Arts Center**.

Missouri Southern has received \$2.5 million in state capital appropriations for the project, which will address structural issues as well as replacing seating and carpeting in the auditorium. The project is expected to be completed approximately one year from now.

## RIBBON-CUTTING HELD FOR NEW ACACIA CENTER



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Oct. 21 to celebrate the opening of the ACACIA Center for Applied Behavior Analysis in the Gene Taylor Education building.

The former MSSU Child Development Center was renovated to serve as the ACACIA Center using grant money awarded last September and planned through the collaboration between the Psychology Department and the Lion Cub Academy.

It will offer not only a hands-on learning center for students, but a major resource for families of children with autism or social, emotional and learning disabilities.

“We are excited to be opening our doors at the ACACIA Center to provide innovative behavioral, educational, and social services to our community,” said Dr. Ayla Schmick, the center’s director.



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