

# THE ONE HUNDRED-AND-TWELFTH *Commencement*

SPRING 2025



UNIVERSITY of ARKANSAS  
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# **The One Hundred-and-Twelfth COMMENCEMENT**

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**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**College of Business and Industry - 10 a.m.**

**College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences - 1 p.m.**

**College of Arts and Sciences - 4 p.m.**

The Stubblefield Center  
Fort Smith, Arkansas



# UNIVERSITY *of* ARKANSAS FORT SMITH®

## Chancellor's Message

Graduates and Guests,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the University of Arkansas System, the Board of Visitors, and our faculty, administration, and staff, I extend our sincerest congratulations to our graduates and their families and friends on this day of celebration.

Earning a degree not only puts our graduates in the minority of Arkansas residents, research shows that obtaining a college degree increases lifetime earnings potential, ensures a better quality of life, and provides social mobility for the graduates and their families for generations to come.

Although graduates may have completed important milestones in their lives, their educational journeys are far from over. Whether it's learning a new skill to transition to a different job, learning from mentors and role models in life, or pursuing advanced degrees, our graduates will continue to gain knowledge throughout life that will benefit them as individuals and will create stronger communities.

Days like today are joyful reminders of why we come to work each and every day: to educate students who create better lives through college educations. We thank you for giving the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith the privilege of being your university of choice for formal education and look forward to seeing today's graduates added to a long list of Lion success stories.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terisa C. Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.  
Chancellor





# UNIVERSITY *of* ARKANSAS FORT SMITH®

## Mensaje de la Rectora

Alumnos por graduarse e invitados,

A nombre de la Junta Directiva del sistema de la Universidad de Arkansas, de la Junta de Inspectores y de nuestro profesorado, administradores y empleados, extendiendo nuestras más sinceras felicitaciones a nuestros alumnos hoy a graduarse y a sus familias y amigos en este día de gran celebración.

Obtener un título universitario no sólo establece a nuestros titulados en una minoría selecta dentro de los residentes de Arkansas, sino también, como estudios al respecto han demostrado, aumenta su potencial de ganancias monetarias por vida, garantiza una mejor calidad de ésta, y proporciona movilidad social: para los que se gradúan y para sus familias en generaciones por venir.

Aunque los titulados hayan ya alcanzado una meta importante, su recorrido educacional no ha terminado. Ya sea aprendiendo una nueva habilidad para cambiar a un nuevo empleo, aprendiendo de sus mentores y modelos, o completando títulos más avanzados, nuestros titulados continuarán a lo largo de sus vidas acumulando conocimientos que los beneficiarán como individuos y que crearán comunidades más sólidas.

Días como hoy son recordatorios felices del por qué aquí asistimos al trabajo cada día: para educar a estudiantes que van a crear mejores vidas a través de títulos universitarios. Agradecemos a ustedes el que hayan otorgado a la Universidad de Arkansas - Fort Smith el privilegio de ser la universidad escogida para su educación formal y esperamos ver a los que hoy se gradúan en la larga lista de éxitos acumulados por nuestros Leones.

Dra. Terisa C. Riley  
Rectora

Un agradecimiento especial a la Dra. Mary Sobhani y la Dra. Rosario Nolasco-Schulteiss por la traducción del mensaje de la rectora.  
A special thanks to Dr. Mary Sobhani and Dr. Rosario Nolasco-Schulteiss for the translation of the chancellor's message.

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Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D. - Chancellor

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## ***College of Business and Industry***

### **GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL**

Jim Wollscheid, Ph.D., Marshal for the College of Business Industry  
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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Alexandra Zacharella, D.M.A., Chair of the Faculty Senate

### **WELCOME**

Shadow Robinson, Ph.D., Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Wind Ensemble - Andrew DeBoer, D.M.A., Conductor  
Josie Martinez, Music Education Graduate, Soloist

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Shadow Robinson, Ph.D.

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Ken Warden, Ed.D, Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education

### **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Terisa Riley, Ph.D., Chancellor

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

Latisha Settlege, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Business and Industry

Bachelor's Degrees

Associate Degrees

Certificates

### **CONFERRAL OF ENGINEERING DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE**

Kevin Hall, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academics, College of Engineering

### **ALMA MATER**

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Wind Ensemble - Andrew DeBoer, D.M.A., Conductor  
Josie Martinez, Music Education Graduate, Soloist

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alexandra Zacharella, Ph.D.

## ***College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences***

### **GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL**

Stacy Gregory, M.S., Marshal for the College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences

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## ***College of Arts and Sciences***

### **GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL**

Joe Hardin, Ph.D., Marshal for the College of Arts and Sciences

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Captain Christian Bradley, M.A., Assistant Professor of Military Science  
Second Lieutenant Dylan Perez

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**Commencement Speaker**  
**KEN WARDEN, ED.D.**



Dr. Ken Warden began service as commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education on June 1, 2023. However, his breadth of work in higher education is extensive. Having worked in adult education, two-year colleges, and university systems, Dr. Warden has experience in program design, project management, community partnerships, career pathways, grant implementation, and senior-level academic leadership.

Dr. Warden previously worked for the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith for nine years, most recently serving as the associate vice chancellor for compliance and legislative affairs. Dr. Warden also served as the dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology for six years and as the associate vice chancellor for workforce development for one year.

Dr. Warden spent 17 years working with Arkansas Tech University – Ozark serving as the department chair of Automotive Service Technology, Business and Industry coordinator, and chief officer for Business and Community Outreach.

His research interests are focused on adult learners and non-traditional students, credit and non-credit workforce-aligned programs, student retention, and sustainability initiatives on college campuses.

Dr. Warden holds a Doctorate in Education in workforce development from the University of Arkansas; a Master of Education in educational leadership from Arkansas Tech University, a Bachelor of Science in vocational education from the University of Arkansas, and an associate of Applied Science in automotive service from the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith.

# Spring 2025 Graduates

## College of Arts and Sciences

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Victoria Archer-McFarland
- Alexander Burton Arnold
- Johnathan Edward Brewer
- Jenapher Ann Nicole Burnett
- Amber Cagle
- Kimber Destiny Campbell
- Kobe Campbell
- Rhett Lee Carter-Williams
- Skylar Nicole Cecil
- Jamarion Eugene Davidson
- Michael Deleplank II
- Lauren Kay Driver
- Lexi Paige Davis
- Mary Addison Evans
- Alyssa Faith Foley
- Seth Fudge
- Alexis Faith Gibson
- Megan Elyse Gillham
- Guiselle Gonzalez Sanchez
- ◆ Eden Marie Goude
- Jake Grist
- Douglas Haulmark
- Demonte Deshawn Jamison
- ◆ Hunter Garrett Duty Jeffcoat
- Shemar D Johnson
- Ayden Karnes
- Mason Glenn Klopp
- Isabella Grace Law
- Eboni Carleice Morris
- ◆ Rachel Nuñez
- Nickohlas Garrett Odom
- Devin Phongsavanh
- Mckenzie J Piper
- Jess Polk
- ◆ Avery Powell
- Isabella M Serrano
- Jordan C Shelton
- ★ Gabriella-Noel Stokes
- Alexis Stricklin
- Shayla Nicole Woolsey

### BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

- Makaila Alyson Bobak
- Jacob L Ford
- Hunter W Greenfield
- Nadia Marissa Paige Harris
- Jessi Erin Hill
- Whitney McCoy
- Olivia Partin
- Taylor Lee Pate
- Mary Kathryn Richey

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

- Raylynn Brown
- Gavin Charles Green
- Emily Marie Hunter
- ◆ Gustavo Martinez Jr
- ★ Josie Martinez
- ◆ Joshua Kendall Moore

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Denise Alexia Aguilar
- Natalie Alcocer-Orduño
- ◆ Hannah Nicole Aldridge
- ◆ Ethan Michael Andrews
- Krislyn Alexis Andrews
- Cade J Appleman
- Gray Ashton
- Joshua David Ballard
- ◆ Micaiah Wayne Barnett
- Jessica Ann Boese
- ◆ Estevan Bravo
- Micah Elizabeth Buckles
- ◆ Kim-Phung Bui
- Abigail Carico
- Camden Lloyd Carter
- Kimberly Asucena Chavez
- Mason Cox
- Sydney Lynn Crabtree
- Skylar Raine Davis
- Bryan David Elam
- Grant Elmore

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*Spring 2025 Graduates (continued)*

Micah Anthony Galvan  
Timothy P Gammill  
Marco Garcia Montes  
Vanessa Gonzalez  
Jordan Alessandra Gould

- Laynee Alese Graham
- Bryce Tanner Green  
Makeyla Michelle Harris  
Ayden Haslam
- ★ Chaarlee Hickman
  - ◆ Lily Hinton  
Lily Kay Hobbs  
Kaysha Danae Hopewell  
Sarahi Lilibeth Ibarra  
Khurera Naeem Iqbal  
Mauricio Iturriaga  
Major Jay  
Luke A Jodoin
- ◆ Daniel Jarosi Kiss  
Devan M Lamb  
Blake Lillar  
Alyssa Belle Lovan  
Reece Grayson Lovell  
Dominic Mai
- Sophia Ellen Mammarelli  
Joshua Maze  
Miles McClish  
Julia Corinne McCown
- William Allen Carr McCoy  
Addison Ruth McDougal  
Kaleb McLaughlin  
Gabrielle Rose Meador  
Jonathan Thomas Ivan Mitchell  
Christopher Monterroza
- Haylee Grace Moore  
Taylor M Ossen  
Michael Steven Owens  
Tobias Palmer
- Mason Patrick  
Dylan E Perez  
Janice R Podgurski  
Kyler Poor

- Jordan Pullen  
Bryan Phillip Rhamy  
Luke Austin Rhodes  
Dylan Ridenour  
Cristobal Raul Rodriguez
- Perla Romero  
Jasmine Asusena Rosa
- Zachary Alan Rytting  
Chase Sanders  
Isaiah J Schoeppey  
William Arthur Shelton
- ★ Anna Faith Shirley  
Katelyn Michelle Smith  
Justice Emery Spears  
Garrett Evan Standifird  
Seth W Standridge  
Haylee Marie Stubbs  
Nai Jay Thao  
Jacob Thompson
- Embry Douglas Thornton  
Gini Sengathone Vandalak  
Vincent Yin Vannavong  
Erica Wall  
Jason Anderson Weiler  
Hayden Wells  
Cynthia Lynn Williams  
Nevon Thanh Xayavongsa

*ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE*

Ashley Michelle Acosta

*ASSOCIATE OF ARTS*

- Valerie Alvarado  
Frida Pamela Campos  
Jordan Nicole Crawford
- ▲ Krysten Gregory  
Lilly Grace Marler  
Diana Martinez  
Lanie Hellen Matthews  
Zailey Elexus Rose McGee
- ▲ Melissa Rincon

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Melvin A Sanchez  
KateLynn Stodola  
Kylee S Taylor  
Halle Deann Watson  
Jacqueline Louise Williams

***ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES***

Hannah Edgemon  
▲ Aleeya K Edwards  
Caden Dale Maxwell Evans  
Iarley Alexis Flores  
Kailey Gilmore  
Makenzie Hall  
▲ Robert Lee Jordan

Jaxon Kyle Ledford  
Alia Renee Marr  
Carsyn Danielle McCabe  
Raiven McGill  
Madison L McNichols  
Emily Murphy  
Jayden Bryce Pena  
▲ Samantha Muriel Pennington  
Nhi Pham  
Lakeya Donaé Richardson  
Keira Rivera  
Katelynn Spain  
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## College of Business and Industry

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Kevin Jeffrey Allen  
Jose Almaraz  
Colby Blake Armer
- John Timothy Beasley  
Matthew Bonilla  
Joseph Garland Boyd  
Summer Nicole Bright-Powell  
Katie A Brown  
Cayden Burch  
Vicente S Centeno
- ◆ Amanda Suzanne Cheatham-Williams  
Anaya Vilay Chomphilath
- Taylor Paige Conway  
Destiny Noelle Craine
- ◆ Mackenzie Crowson  
Killian Jacques Jost Darneaux  
David Davies  
Noah Davis
- Ty Davis  
Caleb Brennan Day  
Brian G Delgado  
Elmer Delgado  
Braxton Dorrough  
Quincy LaRaye Efurd  
Itzel Espinosa  
Steven F Figueroa  
Chris Fisher
- Jalyn Alexis Ford  
Noah S Foster  
Breanna Nicole Jordan  
Tucker Garrett
- ◆ Trevor Greb  
Vanessa S Gutierrez  
Cody Silas Harris  
Marissa J Haynes
- Mallory K Howerton  
Travis Johns
- ◆ Rebecca L Jones  
Christopher George Kaelin  
Ian Kamm

- Andrew Klein  
Telissa L Logan  
Javier Luevano Torres  
Lindsey McCraney  
Angela Medina  
Bethany Danielle Montague  
Paul Joseph Montgomery III  
Justin Taylor Morehead Jr  
Joshua Vivar Nava  
Justin Nava Ocampo  
Stacy Lynn Ollervidez Garcia  
Johanna Itzelh Rodriguez-Gonzalez
- Troy Alexander Rodriguez  
Brayden Ross  
Amanda K Rowe  
Reece Rozman  
Sydney Russell  
Madison Michelle Sanders  
Tyler Schmalz  
Allyson Carter Schmidt  
Jacob Sebastian  
William Seeger
- ◆ Sam Andrew Sewell  
Noah S Slater  
Logan Smith  
Carli Tate Sneed  
Gabrielle Moriah Solomon  
Daniel Jacob Taylor  
Eli Thomas  
Ryan Patrick White
- Chelsie Nicole Wilmoth  
Heather Padee Xiong

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Kinsey Elizabeth Barnett
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Samantha M Benton  
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Amber Couch

■ Caroline Jane Cravey

Emma Damato

Melissa Ann Davis

Nathan Dills

Pamela Catrenia Jean Dyer

Daisy Diana Estrada-Acuff

Timothy Andrew Ewing

Cody Lee Fariss

Sarah Catherine Flocks

Makayla Gartrell

◆ Steven Gonzagowski

Mary Ann Phillips Hays

Adison Elaina Hutchins

Sean Jessee

Samuel A Keolaphan

Julie Ann Killough

● Kiersten Dawn Larucci

Isaiah Christopher Lewis

Kyten Hunter Longoria

Madison Lowry

Nancy Carolina Najarro

Lourdes Guadalupe Nava

Mckenna E Nichols

Sydney Nunley

Earl Mauzy Pittman

Parker Pitts

Steven Lynn Riffle Jr

Matthew Monroe Schilling

Michael T Smith

Marco Solis

Zyniah Faith Thomas

John Toney

Samantha Blake Wagner

Cassidy J Walls

Sharron Yavette Ward

Cassandra R Whittmore

Ryan Jason Williams

■ Channing Marie Wilson

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

Brooklynn DeAnn Bailey

Landyn Balmaceda

▲ Kyle Allen Bennett

John K Broadaway

▲ Hudson David Cheatham

Jewel Cheely

Hunter Alexander Cleveland

Brandon Cole

Christopher Lee Daggs

John Samuel Dougherty

Isaac David Garnaat

Adrian Salvador Gonzalez

Joseph Robert Gresham

Kyle Kagen

Rafael Herrera Lira

Emmanuel Martinez

Kaden McGatha

Miguel Angel Medina Jr

▲ Caleb Mermer

Elizabeth Merritt

Nathan Nhongvongsithi

Hunter Lee Pence

▲ Harlee Rodriguez-Herrera

Coleman Miller Selby

Josiah Stevens

Joseph Sturtz

Hunter Vanderford

Kimberly Esmeralda Villagrana

Levi Ward

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

▲ Colby Brown

▲ Caleb Burton

▲ Brenda Chavez

▲ Ruben Corona

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Kylee Day

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▲ Drake Joseph Kleck  
▲ Kaiden Blaine Kuykendall  
Benny Lekdavanh  
▲ Josiah Loukota  
Gerald Martinez  
Kevin McLaughlan  
Carlie Nguyen  
▲ Maddox Noel  
Falon Kai Rackley  
Colton Reather  
▲ Beau Addison Sampley  
Gustavo Alonso Silva  
Elizabeth A Smalley  
Andrew James Taylor  
Ashley Dawn Thompson  
Jeremiah N Van Hook  
Katie Vann  
Gavin Vannavong

Zachary Freeman  
Nikolas Hernandez  
Kyle Kagen  
Jackson Lehnen  
Zane McCoy  
Elizabeth Merritt  
Erick Orellana  
Aron Ortiz  
Matthew Pham Tran  
Lindsey Pitts  
Jovany Ramirez  
Angell Sandoval  
Brandon Segura  
Coleman Miller Selby  
Adrian Uribe  
Chris Velasco  
Aaron Vigil  
William White

**TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE**

Everado Blanco Briceño  
Courderoy Bratcher  
Caleb Cannavan

**College of Engineering, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Jake Dawson  
Hart Garrett Hickman  
Dylan C Jetton  
William G Johnson  
Gavin Alexander Moore  
Austin Lee Plotts  
Colton Layne Silvey

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

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## College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

Bethany Anne Shelby

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kamarin Elise Boyd  
Hannah Jean Boyett  
Jessica Diane Bratton  
Weleetka Watson  
Thomas Elias Cunningham III  
Taylor Holden Green  
Shawna LaShea Haddox  
Hannah Mae Baguasan Lluvido  
Jillian Leigh Myers  
Nigel Anthony Otero  
Nerissa Lynn Recinos

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

■ Eezette Arlene Carranza  
Ashley Ray Daney  
Alexis Davis  
■ Braylin Dawson  
Christanie King  
Mckenna Lee  
■ Lizette Leon  
◆ Kya S Mason  
Kristy Mead  
● Jaiden Breann Milam  
Vince Phetchareun  
Jaylin Esmeralda Rangel-García  
Darby Elizabeth Sawney  
Malaree Jewel Skolarski  
Samantha Faye Thompson

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

◆ Amy Aldaco  
Mary L Anderson  
Mackenzie L Brown  
Daylon Finn Burch  
Ashley D Burnett  
Susan Camp-Wilkins  
Amanda Elizabeth Canady  
Jaycie Lynne Curry

● Erica Davis  
◆ Bayleigh Marie Deramus  
● Abigail Lynn Dickson  
◆ Lana Brynn Edwards  
■★ Caitlin Elliott  
Danielle Esteb  
Ashlynn Taylor Flute  
Chloe Ford  
◆ Faith Addison Fulbright  
Jessica Garcia  
Brittanie Gregory  
Bronwen J Henderson  
Sherilyn Mckenzie Kendrick  
Casey Kindle  
◆ Sarah Mary Lee  
Brenci S Marrufo  
◆ Natalie Rosas Martinez  
◆ Kinsey McCranie  
■ Crystal Metzger  
Kyleigh Elizabeth Miller  
Mesa Nicole Miller  
Erica Jamie Marie Mimbs  
Aliyah Sade Oliver  
Diana Paredes  
●★ Adysen Phelps  
Brooklyn Ray  
■ Alexandria Lynn Real  
Alysha Faith Shetrone  
Taylor Rana Short  
◆ Lauren Sikes  
Jaci Danielle Six  
Amanda Smith  
◆ Christina Strunks  
Heather Swan  
◆ Vanessa Renee Thompson  
Leah Thornton  
Tabitha Tosh  
Deysy Vargas-Araujo  
Rachel Beth Wiginton  
Morgan Williams

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

- Cameron Seth Adams  
★ Danish Ampah  
Devin Amplo  
◆ Coryn E Anderson  
Erika Andino  
Shiane Bailey  
◆ Shaniah Balagtas  
Sydney K Bales  
◆★ Bailey K Blanchard  
Kirsten Boyd  
Lucy Kay Bozoian  
◆ Layla G Buntin  
Adriana Cornejo  
Clint Crow  
Emily Cruz  
Isabelle Edwards  
●★ Brynn English  
Ali Elizabeth Holt  
William John Riley Kemp  
Tabitha Bryanne Levering  
◆ Maddux Nicole McDonald  
Robert T Montgomery  
Jessica Ozuna  
Baylei Krystena Palmer  
Kimberly Amber Palomar  
Sofia Nicole Pena  
David Perez  
Allyson Rauser  
Ingrid Xiomara Recinos  
Michael William Russell  
Mili Sandoval  
Ryan Scott  
Savannah F Shoppach  
◆ Santiago J Showl  
Ha Nhi Ngoc Tran  
Tina Thanh Tran  
Payton Wahman  
Kaylin Rae Watson  
◆ Alyssa Renee Weaver

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

- Hanna Grace Beasley  
● Ariel Nicole Johnston Beavers  
■ Angel Burkhart  
Cathleen Curtis  
Heather Daigle  
Katherine May File  
Johnathan Richard Hardin  
Sinetra Jones  
Jaedyn See King  
■ Ciara Lance  
■ Georgia Suzanne Lashley  
■ Brenda Lopez  
Yovana Martinez  
■ Ryan Ashley Morris  
Kailey Ann Pentz  
Titus Schluterman  
Alexander Thomas Stringfellow  
■★ Lisa Thao Thai  
Hannah Rachelle Watkins  
◆ Stephanie Willhite  
● McKenzie Leanne Wilson

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

- Kaitlyn Kay Awbrey  
Turi Branson  
Blair Ann Brock  
Hailee Starr Sero Brock  
Kaitlyn Renee Canales  
▲ Lana Grace Cannon  
Drake Carnley  
▲ Carley J Carswell  
Abigail Lian Xiao Carter  
Dalton Wayne Colwell  
Shayna Denny  
Crystal Foley  
Lily Ellen Francis  
Karla Garcia Sanchez  
Shoshoni Nikole Glasscock  
Logan Aricelia Granados  
Keily Guerra  
Taylor Harcrow

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*Spring 2025 Graduates (continued)*

**TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE**

Faith Lauren Harris	Kennedy Black
Sommer Hayden	Julia Brumley
Maggie Grace Hicks	Bryean Castanon
Ashley Jenkins	Michell Estrada
Olivia Elena Jones	Hailey Fenner
Jessica Nga Le	Summer Frazier
William Andrew Logsdon	Chloé Mattea Garcia
▲ Briana Jolie Mudd	Marlene Monterroza
Lesly Joanna Najera	Lauren Oler
Paige Elaine Nave	Rosalina Palafox
Lexis Neal	Natalee Quintanilla
▲ Marco Antonio Picazo	Elizabeth Riggs
Amanda Dawne Pierce	Edwardo Rios
▲ Sharhonda Richardson	Lynlea Schwartz
Elizabeth Roberts	Kabry Sheets
▲ Kris Amnaj Sengmanivong	Kimbrie Smith
Sydney Brooke Stephenson	Erin Thomas
Magen Strong	Logan Vincent
Dylan Taffner	Makaila Williams
Payhton Vereecke	Grayson Winford
▲ Kelsey Beth Yother	

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# Summer 2025 Graduates

## *College of Arts and Sciences*

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Alexandra Patricia Aguilar Ramirez  
Katherine Elizabeth Lockhart  
Stela Ramirez  
Sean Warren Rhodes

●★ Grace Williams

### **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES**

Margaret Michelle Burris  
Merissa Gail Carter  
Jolie Gail Goodman  
Samuel Clayton Reese  
Cooper Scott White

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Alexandra Carmen Ardelean  
● Jubilee Dasen

Zayne Dean  
Madison Fisher  
Wraith Lester

◆ Josue Joel Martinez  
Jessica Nohemi Osorio  
Hunter Alan Salisbury  
◆ William Jason Shackelford II  
Victor Thomas Steffen

### **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

Aaron C Krafft  
Savana Kanani Yonemura

### **ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES**

John Douglas Bugg  
Gabriel Iglesia

## *College of Business and Industry*

### **BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Payton E Brown  
Bradley T Foster  
William Harrison Green  
Gabriel C Hubbard  
Logan Aric Kelley  
Noah Millard  
Isaac Nichols  
Suzette Jaime Pham  
Jeremy Roland Navarro Tandoy  
Elijah Wilson

Jacob Crosby  
Hailey Fletcher  
Kaypen E Kelley  
Dwayne Edward Loughridge  
Victor Anthony Martines  
Porsche Alysse Stanley  
Josiah Stevens  
Khaden Washington  
● Cheyenne Wilbourn  
Jennifer Christine Wortham  
Elijah York

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Payton E Brown  
Morgan Browning  
Candice Monique Burton  
Takaylan Courte Busby  
Richie Chen  
Caitlyn Croft

### **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

Alex J Fernandez  
▲ Mckenzie Dawn Otwell

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

Brayden Austen Oakley

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## *College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences*

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

- Naomi Sarai Kearney Castillo
- Dawson Josiah Choate
- Desiree LaShae Devrow
- ★ Juliet Angel Flanagan
- Taylor Hartsfield
- Ken Huang
- Victoria Elaine Morgan
- ◆ Jasper Rose Spiotto
- Elias Eustacio Underwood-Zavala
- Owen J Warner
- Avery Catherine Westfall

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- Ariana Barroso
- Jessica Ferguson
- Deahra Alexis Jackson
- Rachel Perkins

### **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

- Kimberly Blakeney
- Bryean Castanon
- Makayla Blank
- Shanique Rhodes
- Dhanalakshmi Varikunta

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## 2024-2025 Faculty Awards and Promotions

Kiyun Han, Ph.D. – Lucille Speakman Master Teacher Award  
Chizuko Iwaki, Ph.D. – Lori Norin Faculty Appreciation Award  
Ragupathy Kannan, Ph.D. – Lucille Speakman Legacy Endowment Grant  
Cambry Knies, M.S. – Luella M. Krehbiel Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award  
Omer Kutlubay, Ph.D. – Excellence to the University, to the Profession, and  
to the Community Service Award  
Bun Song Lee, Ph.D. – Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award

The faculty below were promoted to the position indicated.

James Belcher, Ph.D., Physics – Professor  
Patricia Conard, Ph.D., Nursing – Professor  
Matthew McCoy, Ph.D., History – Professor  
Kristin Tardif, Ph.D., Organizational Leadership – Professor  
Jeremy Durchman, Ph.D., Chemistry – Associate Professor  
Brandon Hutchison, Ph.D., Mathematics – Associate Professor  
Mary Lutze, Ph.D., English, Rhetoric and Writing, Media Communication – Associate Professor  
Shelly Rodrigue, D.B.A., Human Resources Management – Associate Professor  
Tammy Schaefer, M.H.A., Surgical Technology – Senior Instructor

The faculty below moved to emeritus status.

Mitzi Jones, M.A., Professor Emeritus of English  
Kelly Jennings, Ph.D, Professor Emeritus of English

# Academic Regalia

Academic ceremonies, with their gowns, mortarboards, tassels, hoods, and maces are colorful traditions handed down from European universities of the Middle Ages. The traditional attire worn at commencement is evidence of academic achievement. Its use, which originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of King's College (now Columbia University). In 1895 the Intercollegiate Commission, comprising a group of leading American educators, met at Columbia to draft a code which would regulate the design of gowns and hoods for various degrees, as well as to fix the colors that indicate the various faculties. This code has been adopted by most of the colleges and universities in the United States, with revisions in 1932 and again in 1959.

## Gowns

Although most doctoral gowns are black, some are the color of the university conferring the degree. The doctoral gown is trimmed in velvet, with three two-inch bars on the sleeves and a five-inch border extending from the back of the neck down the two sides in front. Although usually black, the velvet may be a color that indicates the nature of the degree. Gowns worn by master's, bachelor's, and associate degree earners have no such facing. The level of the degree held is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves which are round and open. Baccalaureate gowns have long, pointed sleeves, and master's gowns have long, closed, fuller sleeves which reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arm goes through a slit giving the appearance of short sleeves.

## Hoods

The hood seems to have had a more practical origin. During the Middle Ages, monks wore hoods to protect their tonsured heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms. It is the most significant part of academic dress. Its shape and size indicate the degree of the wearer. The color of the hood's velvet edge denotes the nature of the degree, and the color of the silk lining denotes the institution which granted the degree. The length of the hood indicates the level of the degree, with the doctoral hood being the longest.

## Traditional Colors

Accounting, Business .....	<i>Drab</i>	Health .....	<i>Sage Green</i>	Philosophy .....	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	<i>White</i>	Journalism .....	<i>Crimson</i>	Physical Education.....	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Economics .....	<i>Copper</i>	Library Science .....	<i>Lemon</i>	Science, Computer Science .....	<i>Gold</i>
Education .....	<i>Light Blue</i>	Music.....	<i>Pink</i>	Social Science, Social Work..	<i>Citron</i>
Engineering.....	<i>Orange</i>	Nursing.....	<i>Apricot</i>	Theology .....	<i>Scarlet</i>
Fine Arts .....	<i>Brown</i>	Oratory (Speech) .....	<i>Silver Gray</i>		

## Mortarboards

The mortarboard cap has been conventionalized from the skull cap which was worn by monks of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It is usually black. Tassels are worn over the left front quarter by degree holders; candidates wear the tassel over the right front quarter until the degree is conferred.

## The Chancellor's Medallion

The Chancellor's Medallion is worn as a symbol of office at ceremonial observances as part of the chancellor's regalia. It has as its central element the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith seal. Each small banner link on the chain of the medallion represents the names of the institution from 1928 to present.

## The Mace

The mace is a gift from the first graduating class of engineers of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville/ University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. The University of Arkansas - Fort Smith seal adorns the top of the mace. The four sides of the base include the names of this institution from its creation to the present: 1928-1964 Fort Smith Junior College, 1965-1971 Westark Junior College, 1972-1998 Westark Community College, and 1998-2001 Westark College. The institution became the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith in 2002. The academic mace represents the dignity of the University. At universities throughout the world, the mace symbolizes internally the authority of the chancellor on behalf of the university and the immunity of the university to undue external interference.

## Commencement Stoles and Cords

The stoles and cords of the honor societies and registered student organizations below are approved for graduates to wear at Commencement.

Academic Excellence Award.....	Gold medallion inscribed with the seal of the University
Academic Success Center Tutors.....	Braided cord of navy, black, and teal
Active Minds.....	Single cord of green and purple
AIGA Student Group for Design .....	Single cord of cyan, magenta, and yellow
Alpha Omicron Pi .....	Red stole with Greek letters
Anonymous Was a Woman Book Club.....	Single cord of lavender and white
Applause.....	Single braided cord of black, silver, and lavender
Arkansas Blood Institute Donor .....	Single cord of lime green
Baha'i Club.....	White stole with royal blue trim
Black Student Association .....	Two cords of navy blue and green
Bookstore Excellence .....	Double cord of black and white
Campus Activities Board.....	Single cord of teal and white
Chemistry Club .....	Single silver cord of turquoise
Criminal Justice Club.....	Braided cord of navy blue, white, black, and silver
Cub Camp.....	Single cord of navy blue and silver
Delta Gamma.....	Pink stole with Greek letters
Desi Culture Club.....	Gold stole with royal blue trim
Distinction in Professional Development .....	Braided cords of gold, silver, and blue
Filipino Student Association .....	Single cord of blue, red, and gold
First-Generation College Graduate.....	White stole with blue lettering
Football Club .....	Single cord of pink
Freshman Council .....	Single cord of forest green
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Pink stole with Greek letters
Geology Club.....	Single cord of forest green, navy blue, and gold
History Club.....	Single cord of pink and silver
Hmong Student Association.....	Single cord of green and pink
I.D.E.A.L. Women.....	Single cord of light pink
Interfraternity Council.....	Single cord of blue, green, and silver
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship .....	Single cord of red
Japan Club.....	Three cords of red, black, and white
Kappa Alpha Order .....	Red stole with gold Greek letters
Kappa Kappa Psi.....	single cord of black and light blue
Kappa Sigma.....	Scarlet stole with emerald trim
K-Pop Appreciation and Dance Club .....	Baby blue stole with pink trim
Myles Friedman Honors Program Graduate .....	Bronze medallion inscribed with letter H
National Association for Music Education.....	Single cord of royal blue, white, and gold

National Society of Leadership and Success.....	Two cords of black and platinum with platinum stole
Native American Student Organization.....	Single cord of black, red, and gold
Non-Traditional Student Organization .....	Single cord of teal
Nursing Christian Fellowship.....	Single cord of light blue
Omnia Vox.....	Single cord of lavender and white
Panhellenic Council .....	Single cord of purple, green, and teal
Pi Kappa Phi .....	Royal blue stole with Greek letters
Pre-Health Society .....	Two cords of silver and white
Pre-Optometry Club .....	Sky-blue and white striped cord
Pride at UAFS .....	Single rainbow cord
Psychology Club .....	Single cord of gold and blue
Radiography Student Association.....	Single cord of black, white, and silver
Reach .....	Single cord of red and white
Residence Hall Association and Resident Assistants .....	Sky blue stole with navy letters
Rotoract .....	Silver stole with blue letters
Salute National Honor Society for Veterans .....	White stole with blue logo
Sigma Nu .....	Gold stole with Greek letters
Sigma Tau Delta .....	Two cords of scarlet and black
Social Work Network .....	Single cord of citron and navy blue
Student Alumni Association .....	Single cord of light blue and navy
Student American Dental Hygiene Association.....	Lavender stole
Student Government Association .....	Double cord of red and royal blue
Student Government Executive Board .....	Navy stole with dark red trim
Student Nurses Association.....	Two cords of blue and white
Student Veterans Association.....	Red, white, and blue stole
Summer Bridge in English Program Scholars .....	Single cord of green and cold
Surgical Technology Student Association .....	Two cords of ceil blue and silver
Tradition Keepers of the University .....	Two cords of blue and gold
TRIO Student Support Services .....	Single cord of maroon
Veteran of the United States Armed Forces.....	Single cord of red, white, and blue
Vietnamese Student Association .....	Red stole with gold trim
Volleyball Club .....	Single braided cord of royal blue, white, and silver
Western Arkansas Technical Center Graduate.....	Two cords of purple and green

# Alumni Welcome

Congratulations on your graduation and your official induction into the UAFS Alumni Association! This free membership opens the door to a lifetime of opportunities and support designed to help you thrive both personally and professionally.

Through the Alumni Association, you'll find countless ways to stay connected with your fellow Lions. From professional development workshops to casual social events, our mission is to help you stay in touch with your campus and the century of Lions who came before you.

Keep in touch with us by reading Lion Lines, our quarterly newsletter, sharing your milestones in [Class Notes](#), and visiting the [Alumni Office webpage](#) on UAFS.edu for updates on our slate of annual events. And be sure to follow us on social media @uafsalumni for the latest news from your alumni team.

Congratulations on joining this network of 52,000 proud UAFS alumni.

As you celebrate this momentous achievement, remember: Once a Lion, always a Lion.

With Lion Pride,

The UAFS Alumni Engagement Team



# *Alma Mater*

All praises sing to the school we hold dear,  
A part of our hearts will forever be here.  
Your banner of wisdom our future will guide,  
The friends that we cherish at our side.  
Let our song ring out for the White and Blue,  
To UA Fort Smith we will ever be true.

*Composed by William Murphy*





