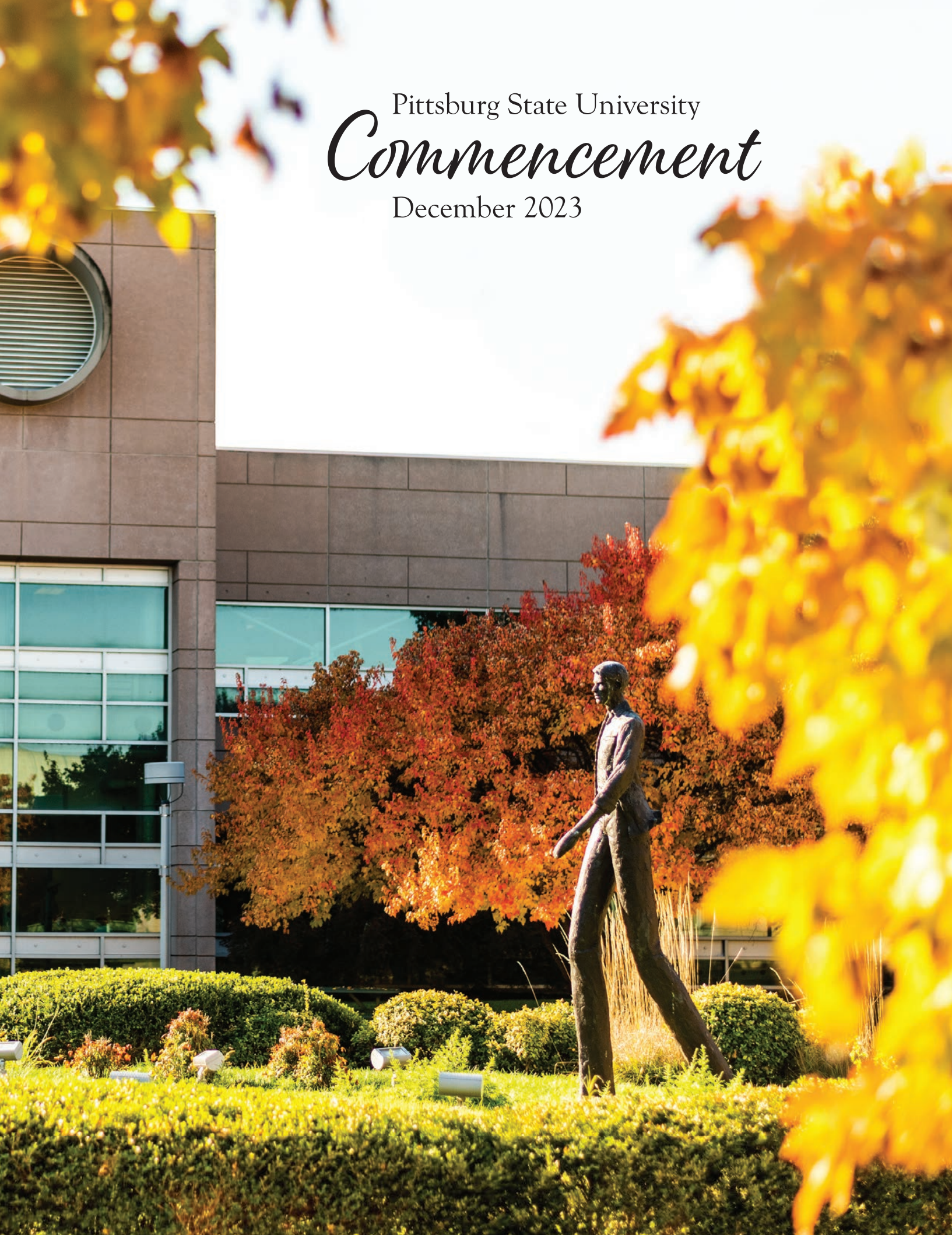


Pittsburg State University
Commencement
December 2023



The National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Pittsburg State University Alma Mater

On the plains of Southeast Kansas,
'Neath an ever cloudless sky,
Far away from surging ocean,
And the storm-bird's plaintive cry;
With her prairies rolling Westward,
Where the buffalo once were great,
With her ensign proudly waving,
Stands our own Pittsburg State.

Refrain

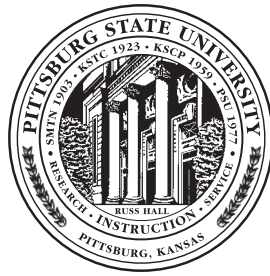
Let us greet the Gold and Crimson
With a strong and cordial cheer,
Let our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.

Pittsburg State University Brass Quintet

Noey DeLeon, Horn, Former Student, Pittsburg State University
Davis Erickson, Tuba, Former Student, Pittsburg State University
Tyler Fries, Trumpet, Former Student, Pittsburg State University
Robert Kehle, Trombone, Professor, Pittsburg State University
Will Koehler, Former Lecturer, Pittsburg State University

Announcers

Dr. Jon Bartlow, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
Paige Cortes, Coordinator and Instructor, Intensive English Program



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Commencement Program

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

College of Arts & Sciences

Kelce College of Business

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

College of Technology

College of Education

John Lance Arena, Garfield W. Weede Physical Education Building

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance - Edward Elgar Pittsburg State University Brass Quintet

The National Anthem Pittsburg State University Choir

Recognition of

Candidates for Degrees..... Dr. Howard W. Smith, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

and Closing Remarks.....Dr. Dan Shipp, Tenth President of Pittsburg State University

Stage Party

Dr. Dan Shipp..... University President

Dr. Howard W. Smith.....Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Mary Carol Pomatto..... Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Paul Grimes Dean, Kelce College of Business

Dr. James Truelove..... Dean, College of Education

Dr. Judy Smetana Interim Dean, College of Technology

Mrs. Melinda Roelfs Registrar

University Scholastic Honors

University Scholastic Honors graduates are designated by ribbons and medallions worn around the neck.

Red represents summa cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.95*); **green** represents magna cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.90*); and **white** represents cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.85*). University Scholastic Honors as listed in the commencement program are based on coursework completed through the summer semester. Final determination of University Scholastic Honors graduates will be based on coursework completed through graduation.

Summa Cum Laude

Caylee A. Caruthers, *Elementary Education K-6*
Melissa Caudill, *Career and Technical Education*
Clayton A. Cook, *Social Work*
Kelsey D. Dimattia, *Construction Engineering*
Kenneth R. Dunn, *Career and Technical Education*
Samantha J. Flora, *Workforce Development*
Shelby J. Guinn, *Management*
Anna Sue Hogard, *Elementary Education K-6*
Asia L. Huffman, *Family and Consumer Sciences*
Olivea S. Kittrell, *Art*
Dakota T. Lapping, *Geographical and Political Sciences*
Dominic P. Larosa, *Automotive Technology*
Alexis S. Lawellin, *General Studies*
Kaydn Matlock, *Biology*
Zane R. McManis, *Psychology*
Kensie F. Plienplang, *Psychology*
Emma L. Reaves, *Graphic Communications*
Katherine E. Wells, *Art*
Thomas D. Wolters, *Computer Information Systems*

Magna Cum Laude

Brady R. Barnow, *Electrical Technology*
Allison Brumley, *Elementary Education K-6*
Jake C. Conrad, *Accounting*
Chad D. Dodson, *Biology*
Rachel Eden, *Psychology*
Sierra A. McCuistion, *Technology and Engineering Education*
Alec P. Michaud, *Construction Engineering Technology*
Sierea R. Porta, *Psychology*
Lindsay K. Shippy, *Exercise Science*
Montana C. Watts, *Art*
Victoria G. Wilkerson, *General Studies*
Averi Michelle Wilson, *Elementary Education K-6*
Amanda Kathleen Worden, *Graphic Communications*

Cum Laude

Asia B. Beck, *Elementary Education K-6*
Ty H. Dixon, *Construction Engineering Technology*
Keegan K. Hamilton, *Electrical Technology*
Taylor A. Hughes, *Construction Management*
Tori L. Rhynard, *Family and Consumer Sciences*

Honors College

Honors College students are highly selective academic scholars who complete an enhanced academic program, designated by **red and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Clayton A. Cook
Katherine E. Wells

Academic Honors

Academic Honors graduates are designated by **gold cording** worn around the neck.

Zelpha A. Estes
Juan Ignacio Mollo

Graduate Academic Honors

Graduate Academic Honors graduates are designated by a **double gold cord** worn around the neck.

Shakeel Ahmed	Lauren Highfill	Joshua Daniel Pickenpaugh
Shahzaib Akhter	Kyleigh Renee Hucke	Lourena Plott
Himika Akram	Abbas Muhammad Khan	Nicole S. Procino
Heather Nicole Anderson	Wasma Khizer Aliya	Sree Lalitha Pydi
Riley Paige Black	Sahithi Kondaveeti	Emily Hope Regier
Kristin Brown	Megan E. Krapfl	Rekha Regmi
Zain Ali Bukhary	Tyler Mark Linn	Kathrine E. Rowan
Brandy D. Clory	Keely N. Maddock	Tamra Lynn Schad
Tracy Elizabeth Coke	Aditya Vikram Malhotra	Joel Thomas Schroeder
Tyler Mattix Coots	Rajeshkumar Malineni	Brian Jeffrey Seva
Andrea B. Cortes Sierra	Divya Sri Manne	Jordyn Paige Showers
Allen D. Davis	Jordan D. Mason	Emily Stark
Zeyang Dong	Syed Z. Masood	Cecelia Stockard
Caitlin Dow	Candice E. Michaud	Kristin Stovern
Emily C. Erickson	Brandon M. Mork	Bryce Strong
Danielle F. Evilsizor	Jerrod P. Murphy	Sarah P. Thompson
Drake R. Gammon	Caitlin Nicole Murray	Wade A. Unruh
Daniel Golden	Jessica Lynn Myers	Jenna M. Wear
Timothy Allan Good	Amy R. Nwagwu	Piper White
Annamarie Gowing	Nemanja Orescanin	William Jeffrey Wilkerson
Amber Dawn Graham	Rachele Annette Perez	Jenny M. Wright
Keelah Dale Griffith	Megan Shevon Peters	

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is the prestigious university-wide academic honor society for graduating students. Graduates are designated by **medallions with royal blue ribbon** worn around the neck.

Andrea B. Cortes Sierra
Emily C. Erickson
Anna Sue Hogard
Kyleigh Renee Hucke
Tyler Mark Linn
Megan Shevon Peters
Averi M. Wilson

Advancement Ambassadors

Advancement Ambassadors are selected by the Division of University Advancement to represent PSU students at private and public events. These students engage in activities that enhance the mission of PSU, including identifying and cultivating leadership for future university needs, class activities, and voluntary support programs. They promote the university, its interests and goals, and strengthen meaningful communication by interacting with students, faculty, staff, employers, alumni, donors, and friends.

Graduates wear **medallions with red and white ribbon**.

Zelpha A. Estes

Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society

Alpha Psi Omega is a national theatre honor society that recognizes student artists who demonstrate commitment to the theatre discipline through their involvement across the full spectrum of production work.

Graduates wear **light blue and gold cording**.

Ryan S. Bennett
Chantel M. Shaw
Hunter Irene Witt

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

An international honor society that encourages and honors outstanding academic achievement in the study of business. Graduates wear **blue and gold cording**.

Jake C. Conrad
Zelpha A. Estes
Shelby J. Guinn
Joshua Daniel Pickenpaugh
Rekha Regmi
Payton K. Smith
Hsing-Chuan Papillon Wu

Gamma Epsilon Tau Honor Society

A national co-ed collegiate printing fraternity which allows students of printing and publishing to meet and interact in both a professional and social atmosphere. Requirements for invitation and membership are a 3.25 GPA and to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Graduates are designated by **black and red cording** worn around the neck.

Taven M. Allen
Jacob B. Forsythe
Emma L. Reaves
Briana J. Winkel

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

This honor society supports the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Graduates are designated by **lavender and white cording** worn around the neck.

Kristin Stovern

Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national mathematics honor society founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. Graduates wear **pink and silver cording**.

Benjamin Coltharp
Jake C. Conrad

Kappa Pi International Art Honor Society

Kappa Pi is an international art honor society that recognizes talented student artists who are committed to promoting visual arts through their creative projects and through organizing events at the university and in neighboring communities. Graduates wear an honor cord consisting of **purple and gold, with gold tassels**.

Katherine E. Wells

The National Society of Leadership and Success/ Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society

The mission of this honor society is “building leaders who make a better world.” The Society is an organization that helps people discover and achieve their goals. It is founded upon the core beliefs that one can achieve one’s dreams with the proper support and dedicated action, and that we accomplish more together than we would achieve alone. Graduates are designated with **black and platinum cording** worn around neck.

Taven M. Allen
Caylee A. Caruthers
Zelpha A. Estes
Amber L. Helwig
Anna Sue Hogard
Mary J. Kaiser

Zoe E. Lemon
McKenzie D. Manriquez
Aaron S. Matthews
Nicole D. McIntosh
Kensie F. Plienplang
Sierea R. Porta

William C. Roth
Lindsay K. Shippy
Allyson J. Tiller
Kaitlynn B. Vincent
Kylee Noelle Williams
Thomas D. Wolters

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society

An honor society established in 1963 for men and women with outstanding achievement in economics. Members of ODE are invested with a **blue and gold cord** upon initiation.

Ayelen Pecci Fretes
Mary C. Leritz
Juan Ignacio Mollo

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

A national honor society for leadership, scholarship, and service. Graduates are designated by tricolor **white, light blue, and black cording** worn around the neck.

Caylee A. Caruthers
Anna Sue Hogard
Brooklyn Elizabeth Keyes
McKenzie D. Manriquez
Kaydn Matlock

Phi Alpha Honor Society

The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Graduates are designated by **medallions with blue and yellow ribbon** worn around neck.

Jordan K. Edison
Kerstyn Russow

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines.

Annika P. Anzjon
Sydney G. Brumback
Caylee A. Caruthers
Jake C. Conrad
Clayton A. Cook
Griffin R. Cooper
Camryn Cramer
Cortni J. Deem
Chad D. Dodson
Zelpha A. Estes
Jacob R. Ewer
Turner C. Fleske

Kimberly A. Gatzemeyer
Jacob L. Guenther
Anna Sue Hogard
Taylor G. Hurt
Makayla L. Klutts
Sierra A. McCuiston
Zoey N. Mowen
Elyse K. Musil
Kensie F. Plienplang
Sierea R. Porta
Damion L. Raney
Emma L. Reaves

Kasey T. Reynolds
Tori L. Rhynard
Trevor W. Sallee
Aubrey E. Scott
Victor M. Shenouda
Mason S. Shrader
Kassidy L. Toomay
Kaitlynn B. Vincent
Tatum Celeste vonWinklepleck
Faith C. White
Kylee Noelle Williams
Hunter Irene Witt

Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society

Family & Consumer Sciences Honor Society. Graduates are designated by **purple, yellow and white cords and a cream colored stole.**

Katie N. Bunch
Kimberly A. Gatzemeyer
Asia L. Huffman
Elyse K. Musil
Tori L. Rhynard

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

The society's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature. Graduates are designated by **black and red cording with tassels.**

Sierra E. Alford
Kennedy M. Tomasi

Student Employee of the Year Nominees

Student Employee of the Year nominees are recognized by the on-campus departments in which they work. These students demonstrate characteristics such as reliability, professionalism, and initiative. They are recognized at an annual award ceremony in conjunction with National Student Employment Week. Graduates wear **gold medallions with red ribbon.**

Ioulia Efthyvoulou

Student Government Association

These students have dedicated one or more years of service to the Student Government Association for the students of PSU. Graduates wear **crimson, gold, and black cording**.

Paige R. Oliver

Veterans and Service Members Recognition

Pittsburg State University recognizes the following men and women who have served their country in the United States Military. Graduates wear tricolor **red, white, and blue cording** around the neck.

Jeffrey R. Austin

Jacob B. Forsythe

Kaleigh C. Hulsey

James M. Broshear

Branden Scott Grant

Jonathan M. Mills

Brandy D. Clory

Adam R. Harrison

Dylan D. Royer

Hayden M. Compton

Nathan A. Hishmeh

Alexander J. Williams

US Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

December 15, 2023, 10 a.m. • Bicknell Family Center for the Arts

To Be Commissioned Second Lieutenant

Bradley S. Hartman

Trevor D. Hoheisel

Peyton W. Potts

Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

HEATHER W. HOLLAND-McMANIS, Pittsburg; *Advanced Practice Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner*
KRISTIN STOVERN, Joplin, Missouri; *Advanced Practice Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner*

Specialist in Education

LAUREN HIGHFILL, Gardner; *School Psychology*

Master of Arts

HIMIKA AKRAM, Pittsburg; *Communication*
TAYLOR ANN CUSICK, Augusta; *History*
SAMUEL C. DAVIS, Fort Scott; *History*
ANNE ELISE DORCEY, Emporia; *History*
VISHNU V. MUTYALA, Pittsburg; *Communication*
KATHRINE E. ROWAN, Kansas City, Missouri; *History*
AMBER NICHOLE SMITH, Fayetteville, North Carolina; *English*

Master of Business Administration

SHEIK P. ABDULHAMEED, Austin, Texas; *Business Administration*
DAKOTA LEE R. BARTLES, Garden City; *Business Administration*
GAILE J. BEGAYE, Tolikan Sweetwater, Arizona; *Business Administration*
KRISTIN BROWN, Turpin, Oklahoma; *Business Administration*
CYNTHIA CASE, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; *Business Administration*
TRACY M. CLEARY, Wichita; *Business Administration*
BRANDY D. CLORY, Joplin, Missouri; *Business Administration*
BENJAMIN COLTHARP, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Business Administration*
SEDINA DEDOVIC, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; *Business Administration*
TIMOTHY ALLAN GOOD, Lenexa; *Business Administration*
AMBER DAWN GRAHAM, Baxter Springs; *Business Administration*
BRANDEN SCOTT GRANT, Caney; *Business Administration*
BACHAR H. HASAN, Gastonia, North Carolina; *Business Administration*
BROOKLYN ELIZABETH KEYES, Fort Scott; *Business Administration*
TYLER MARK LINN, Grove, Oklahoma; *Business Administration*
KARSTAN CLARENCE LUCHINI, Cole Camp, Missouri; *Business Administration*
KEELY N. MADDOCK, Joplin, Missouri; *Business Administration*
JILLIAN RENEE MAYHEW, Cape Coral, Florida; *Business Administration*
JENNIFER LYNN MITCHELL, Austin, Texas; *Business Administration*
AMY R. NWAGWU, Olathe; *Business Administration*
NEMANJA ORESCANIN, Saint Louis, Missouri; *Business Administration*
RACHELE ANNETTE PEREZ, Parsons; *Business Administration*
JOSHUA DANIEL PICKENPAUGH, Derby; *Business Administration*
LOURENA PLOTT, Grandview, Missouri; *Business Administration*
REKHA REGMI, Tulsipur, Nepal; *Business Administration*
MARK SCHMIDT, Lenexa; *Business Administration*
JOEL THOMAS SCHROEDER, Akron, Iowa; *Business Administration*
AMIEE J. SHELTON, Barrington, Rhode Island; *Business Administration*

EMILY J. SHEPPARD, Dighton; *Business Administration*
CHRISTINA LYNN SHOOK, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*
BRYCE STRONG, Olathe; *Business Administration*
DYLAN T. TURNER, San Antonio, Texas; *Business Administration*
WADE A. UNRUH, Loma Linda, Missouri; *Business Administration*
AMANDA R. WALLACE, Webb City, Missouri; *Business Administration*
JOHN WARREN, Buhler; *Business Administration*
SAVANNAH WERNER, Angola, Indiana; *Business Administration*
JUSTIN BRADLEY WHITE, Joplin, Missouri; *Business Administration*
ALEXANDER J. WILLIAMS, St. Louis, Missouri; *Business Administration*
JENNY M. WRIGHT, Nevada, Missouri; *Business Administration*
HSING-CHUAN PAPILLON WU, Las Cruces, New Mexico; *Business Administration*

Master of Engineering Technology

SHAKEEL AHMED, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
SHAHZAIB AKHTER, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
ZAIN ALI BUKHARY, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
HIMANSHU CHAUDHARY, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
KOUSHIK DYAGALA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
ABBAS MUHAMMAD KHAN, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
KYLIE J. KLASSEN, Hesston; *Engineering Technology*
SYED Z. MASOOD, Karachi, Pakistan; *Engineering Technology*
LEONEL H. MAZARIEGOS RIOS, Carthage, Missouri; *Engineering Technology*
JAYKUMAR M. PATEL, Vadodara, India; *Engineering Technology*
JORDYN PAIGE SHOWERS, Spring Hill; *Engineering Technology*
VAMSI KRISHNA SUNKARA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
CHANDANA VISHWARADHYA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*
PAVANI YATHAM, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

Master of Professional Accountancy

KIERA A. PULLIAM, Cherokee; *Accounting*
PAYTON K. SMITH, Parsons; *Accounting*

Master of Science

ERIKA MELINA ALVARADO, Tornillo, Texas; *Teaching*
MYTHRI ANAPATI, Kurnool, India; *Technology*
HEATHER NICOLE ANDERSON, Joplin, Missouri; *Reading*
PAWAN KRISHNA REDDY ANNAPAREDDY, Pittsburg; *Technology*
RAHUL SIDDHARTHA ANUGANTI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
JEFFREY R. AUSTIN, Tecumseh; *Career and Technical Education*
RADMIR BAIKANOV, Pittsburg; *Technology*
SRUJANA SREE BATHINENI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
RILEY PAIGE BLACK, Nevada, Missouri; *Educational Leadership*
NIKHIL SINGH BONDILI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
DARIUS T. BOWERS, Fayetteville, Arkansas; *Technology*
HANNAH N. BURDICK, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
EMMA N. CATTERSON, Pittsburg; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
VATSAL KEERTIKUMAR CHAUDHARI, Visnagar, India; *Polymer Chemistry*

Candidates for Degrees

- SESHA SAI CHARAN REDDY CHEMIKALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
VAMSHI KRISHNA CHINNALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
TRACY ELIZABETH COKE, Pittsburg; *Educational Technology*
TYLER MATTIX COOTS, Neodesha; *Educational Leadership*
ANDREA B. CORTES SIERRA, Webb City, Missouri; *Psychology*
COBY L. CUPP, Joplin, Missouri; *Technology*
WALEED T. DAKKA, Amman, Jordan; *Technology*
RANEN RAAD DALLO, Rochester, Michigan; *Human Resource Development*
ALLEN D. DAVIS, Baxter Springs; *Polymer Chemistry*
JENELL NICOLE DE LA PEÑA, Rocklin, California; *Biology*
MAHSA DEGHAN, Pittsburg; *Technology*
TIFFANY DANIELLE DeMOSS, Osawatomie; *School Counseling*
YASH N. DESAI, Valsad, India; *Polymer Chemistry*
ZEYANG DONG, Nantong, China; *Technology*
CAITLIN DOW, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; *Human Resource Development*
CHANDU DUBAGUNTLA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
EMILY M. EAGLE, Chanute; *Psychology*
IOULIA EFTHYVOULOU, Limassol, Cyprus; *Psychology*
EMILY C. ERICKSON, La Cygne; *Psychology*
DANIELLE F. EVILSIZOR, Liberal, Missouri; *Biology*
DESMOND DENISE FLEENER, Butler, Missouri; *Psychology*
BALAKRISHNA GADDE, Pittsburg; *Technology*
GIRISH KUMAR GADIDALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
DRAKE R. GAMMON, Overland Park; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
YESHWANTH GANGULA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
DANIEL GOLDEN, Riverton; *Educational Technology*
ANNAMARIE GOWING, Colorado Springs, Colorado; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
KEELAH DALE GRIFFITH, Bentonville, Arkansas; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
SUPRAJA GUNDETI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
NAOMI L. HEIM, Hutchinson; *Human Resource Development*
KYLEIGH RENEE HUCKE, Parsons; *Educational Leadership*
CHELSEA J. JAKUB, Gibbon, Nebraska; *Teaching*
LAUREN E. JARRETT, Eudora; *Special Education Teaching*
WILLOW BROOKE JONES, Carthage, Missouri; *Psychology*
JASURBEK KAYNARBEOV, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; *Technology*
WASMA KHIZER ALIYA, Mysore, India; *Psychology*
KOWSHIK KOMATI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
RACHEL KOMMU, Pittsburg; *Technology*
SAHITHI KONDAVEETI, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
MEGAN E. KRAPFL, Mount Vernon, Iowa; *Education*
RAGHURAM LEKKALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
ZOE E. LEMON, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
LAVANYA LINGAMARLA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
RYAN M. LUND, Carthage, Missouri; *Teaching*
KEERTHI MAKKINI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
ADITYA VIKRAM MALHOTRA, Kolkata, India; *Technology*
RAJESHKUMAR MALINENI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
VARUN SAI MANDA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
DIVYA SRI MANNE, California; *Technology*
JORDAN D. MASON, Uniontown; *Educational Technology*
HEATHER MATTSON, Lenexa; *Educational Technology*
CANDICE E. MICHAUD, Haysville; *Human Resource Development*
KANDI D. MIDGETT, Columbus; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
KENNA JANE MOORE, Ramona, Oklahoma; *Psychology*
BRANDON M. MORK, Wichita; *Psychology*
CHANDANA REDDY MUDDAM, Pittsburg; *Technology*
JERROD P. MURPHY, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
CAITLIN NICOLE MURRAY, Derby; *Teaching*
JESSICA LYNN MYERS, Erie; *Reading*
SRIKAR REDDY NAGIREDDYPALLY, Pittsburg; *Technology*
JASHWANTH NEELA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
JAY D. O'BRIEN, Liberty; *Career and Technical Education*
SREEVANI PAMULAPARTHI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
VIRGINIA E. PATTISON, Overland Park; *Special Education Teaching*
MEGAN SHEVON PETERS, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
MAHIMA KAVYA POLINENI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
SAIKUMAR PONNALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
NICOLE S. PROCINO, Galena; *Educational Technology*
SREE LALITHA PYDI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
ALISON THEREASE REED, Mission; *Career and Technical Education*
EMILY HOPE REGIER, Newton; *Psychology*
DRESHAUN K. SANDERS, Kansas City, Missouri; *Human Resource Development*
TAMRA LYNN SCHAD, Syracuse, New York; *Human Resource Development*
JAALA H. SCOTT, Carthage, Missouri; *Teaching*
BRIAN JEFFREY SEVA, Granite Bay, California; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
SAURAV SHINDE, Pittsburg; *Technology*
SHOINBEK G. SHOINBEKOV, Pittsburg; *Technology*
DAVID A. SMITH, Coffeyville; *School Counseling*
RISHABH SRIVASTAVA, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*
EMILY STARK, Kansas City, Missouri; *Educational Leadership*
CECELIA STOCKARD, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
ABHIRAJ SINH C. THAKOR, Valsad, India; *Technology*
SARAH P. THOMPSON, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
JENNA M. WEAR, Solon, Iowa; *Education*
CAROL MIRANDA WELCH, Galena; *Technology*
WADE WELTON, Overland Park; *Educational Leadership*
PIPER WHITE, Goddard; *Educational Leadership*
WILLIAM JEFFREY WILKERSON, Merriam; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation*
RAJA SHEKAR SHARMA YADAVALLI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
NISHMA YELDANDI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
KYLE ZWAHLEN, Edna; *Career and Technical Education*

Master of Science in Nursing

DANNA LEE BRENNFOERDER, Webb City, Missouri; *Nursing*

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Applied Science

ELI U. BLANKLEY, Emporia; *Technology*
ALEXANDRO CARRILLO, Garden City; *Technology*
ROBERTO MILLAN LOPEZ, Dodge City; *Technology*
GAVIN S. ODHIAMBO, Nairobi, Kenya; *Technology*

Bachelor of Arts

TABITHA M. CARUTHERS, Republic, Missouri; *Modern Languages*
JESSE R. COX, Lawrence; *English*
RACHEL EDEN, Redfield; *Psychology*
IZABELLE R. LUNDAY, Pittsburg; *English*
BRETT W. MALLE, Cherokee; *Psychology*
MARIAH A. MONSOUR, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
KENNEDY M. TOMASI, Pittsburg; *English*

Bachelor of Business Administration

JACK C. BARKLEY, Tulsa, Oklahoma; *Finance*
JACOB T. BOGDON, Frisco, Texas; *Marketing*
REESE E. BONJOUR, Webb City, Missouri; *Management*
CALEB JOSEPH BRINCKMAN, Shawnee; *Marketing*
KUSH S. CHAUDHARY, Pittsburg; *Computer Information Systems*
KIRSTIN R. COLEMAN, Tulsa, Oklahoma; *Management and Marketing*

JAKE C. CONRAD, Pittsburg; *Accounting*
GRIFFIN R. COOPER, Pittsburg; *Management and Marketing*
EZRA D. CROCKER, Webb City, Missouri; *Accounting*
EASTON J. DENT, St. Paul; *Management*
BAYLEE K. DILLMAN, Chanute; *Accounting*
CARSON S. EILTS, Paola; *Management*
ASHLEY R. ESTES, Olathe; *Management*
ZELPHA A. ESTES, Fredonia; *Marketing*
GARRETT M. EVANS, Columbus; *Computer Information Systems*
SHELBY J. GUINN, Stella, Missouri; *Management*
SETH DANIEL HARTMAN, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania;

Marketing
JAMAHL A. HORNE, Miami, Florida; *Management*
EASTON R. JONES, Spring Hill; *Management*
VICTORIA ROSE JUÁREZ, Tulsa, Oklahoma; *Management*
MARY C. LERITZ, Girard; *Marketing*
RICARDO S. LUNA, Masatepe, Nicaragua; *Computer Information Systems*

JUAN IGNACIO MOLLO, Asunción, Paraguay; *Management*
ZOEY N. MOWEN, Pittsburg; *Management*
JALEN L. NELSON, Kansas City; *Finance*
DYLAN M. NEWLAND, Iola; *Management*
KENNEDY KELECHI NWANERI, Lee's Summit, Missouri; *Management*
PAIGE R. OLIVER, Shawnee; *Marketing*
AYELEN PECCI FRETES, Asunción, Paraguay; *Finance and Business Economics*
BROOKLYNN A. PORTER, Mount Vernon, Missouri; *Marketing*
DAMION L. RANEY, McPherson; *Finance*
BAILEY D. RHUEMS, Frontenac; *Marketing*
TARYN D. RICH, Arkansas City; *Management*

JACK T. ROBERTS, Overland Park; *Marketing*
BAYLEIGH M. SCHAD, Purdy, Missouri; *Accounting*
GABRIELLE G. SCHULTZ, Gardner; *Marketing*
AUBREY E. SCOTT, McCune; *Marketing*
KATLYN D. SELLARS, Frontenac; *Management*
MICHAEL G. SHELDON, Bonner Springs; *Computer Information Systems*
INSUB SHIN, Busan, South Korea; *Management*
NIKOLAS P. SPENCER, Webb City, Missouri; *Computer Information Systems*
TIMOTHY AARON STAGGS, Erie; *Accounting*
ZACHARY SUTTON, Pittsburg; *Management*
CHRISTIAN T. SWIGART, Pittsburg; *International Business*
ALLYSON J. TILLER, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; *Accounting and Computer Information Systems*
FRANKLIN J. TORRES LEIVA, Fort Scott; *International Business*
MICHAEL E. TONEY, Centerton, Arkansas; *Marketing and Management*
GAGE C. WATKINS, Arkansas City; *Management*
RILEY G. WATSON, Nixa, Missouri; *Management*
DEVON J. WILSON, McKinney, Texas; *Management and Computer Information Systems*
HADLEI S. WINFIELD, Adair, Oklahoma; *Marketing*
THOMAS D. WOLTERS, Talala, Oklahoma; *Computer Information Systems*
DEANDRE A. YOUNG, Pittsburg; *Management*

Bachelor of Fine Arts

THOMAS J. GROVER, Topeka; *Art*
OLIVEA S. KITTRELL, Webb City, Missouri; *Art*
CAMRYN SHAE LEIKER, Leawood; *Art*
DESTINY D. RAY, Overland Park; *Art*
EMMA JADE STACHOWIAK, Overland Park; *Art*
MONTANA C. WATTS, Independence; *Art*
KATHERINE E. WELLS, Wichita; *Art*

Bachelor of General Studies

STEPHEN MARC DOHERTY, Fort Scott
CHANDLER L. GRAVETT, Weir
MARY J. KAISER, Independence
ALEXIS S. LAWELLIN, Chetopa
SYDNEY L. McCLANAHAN, Lenexa
KIEVAN MYERS, Dallas, Texas
PAUL PANDURO, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
CHASE ALEXANDER PARKS, Eskridge
BARBARA J. POTTER, Wichita
CLAUDE N. RENO, Pittsburg
CECILIA M. ROBLEWSKY, Shawnee
ANTWAN SQUIRE, Drewryville, Virginia
ASHTON C. STEELE, Neosho, Missouri
KARA STEWART, Pittsburg
PARKER G. WEDDLE, Kansas City, Missouri
VICTORIA G. WILKERSON, Pea Ridge, Arkansas
EMMALEIGH A. WITHERSPOON, Webb City, Missouri

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Integrated Studies

HUNTER IRENE WITT, Fort Scott; *Sustainability, Society and Resource Management*

Bachelor of Music

STEVEN F. SPEER, Pittsburg; *Education*

Bachelor of Music Education

KASSIDY L. TOOMAY, Shawnee; *Instrumental*

Bachelor of Science

ANNIKA P. ANZJON, Carthage, Missouri; *Biology*
EVELYN KARALEE AYALA, Emporia; *Biology*
MAXWELL C. BARE, Overland Park; *Biology*
RYAN S. BENNETT, Overland Park; *Communication*
KATIE N. BUNCH, Grove, Oklahoma; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
TEVIN BURNEY-MITCHELL, San Antonio, Texas; *Communication*
JEREK C. BUTCHER, Pittsburg; *Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management*
KORAH R. CALVIN, Ottawa; *Communication*
JUSTIN H. CAMPBELL, Webb City, Missouri; *Exercise Science*
MICHAYLA J. CANFIELD, Paola; *Social Work*
VICTORIA E. CARDER, Bruner, Missouri; *Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management*
TABITHA M. CARUTHERS, Republic, Missouri; *Biology*
ETHAN M. CIKOT, Lenexa; *Exercise Science*
KRYSTIAN CONWAY, Kansas City; *Psychology*
CLAYTON A. COOK, Pittsburg; *Social Work*
CAMRYN CRAMER, Parsons; *Biology*
TALYA L. CROUCH, Ketchum, Oklahoma; *Biology*
SHELBI ELIZABETH DAY, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; *Exercise Science*
CORTNI J. DEEM, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Biology*
BENJAMIN J. DES ROSIERS, Castle Rock, Colorado; *Exercise Science*
CHAD D. DODSON, Jacksonville, Florida; *Biology*
ISAAC DuBOIS, Spring Hill; *Workforce Development*
JORDAN L. EAVES, Columbus; *Workforce Development*
EMILY P. EFFERTZ, Overland Park; *Psychology*
JORDAN K. EIDSON, Pittsburg; *Social Work*
TRACE W. EIKE, Centerton, Arkansas; *Criminal Justice*
ANGELICA FALLATT, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Psychology*
SAMANTHA J. FLORA, Shawnee; *Workforce Development*
DARBI A. FORBES, Altamont; *Communication*
ALEJANDRO E. GARCIA PEREZ, Olathe; *Exercise Science*
ZACHARY R. GARRETT, Miami, Oklahoma; *Biology*
KIMBERLY A. GATZEMEYER, Claremore, Oklahoma; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
EMILY GIRON, Prairie Village; *Psychology*
WHITNEY E. GREENWOOD, Archie, Missouri; *Psychology*
AMELIA G. GUENTHER, Stilwell; *Interior Design*
ROMELLO JAEQUAN DONDREY HAMILTON, Pittsburg; *Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management*
ADAM R. HARRISON, Girard; *Workforce Development*
SADYE M. HARRISON, Pittsburg; *Family and Consumer Sciences*

MAELEAH J. HARTMANN, Scammon; *Psychology*
PEYTEN T. HECKADON, Butler, Missouri; *Biology*
BAILEY A. HENNEN, Weir; *Social Work*
JEANNIE N. HILE, Kaufman, Texas; *Workforce Development*
ASIA L. HUFFMAN, Joplin, Missouri; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
KALEIGH C. HULSEY, Wichita; *Biology*
TAYLOR G. HURT, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
TRASE R. JEFFRIES, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; *Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management*
ALEXUS R. KERR, Pittsburg; *Social Work*
JESSICA J. KEYS, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
MAKAYLA L. KLUTTS, Spring Hill; *Psychology*
DAKOTA T. LAPPING, Pittsburg; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
JACK K. LEAKE, Altamont; *Communication*
SIERRA D. LEMCKE, Fort Scott; *Biology*
McKENZIE D. MANRIQUEZ, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
KAYDN MATLOCK, Pittsburg; *Biology*
AARON S. MATTHEWS, Parsons; *Workforce Development*
BO G. McDOWELL, Pittsburg; *Communication*
NICOLE D. McINTOSH, Coffeyville; *Workforce Development*
ZANE R. McMANIS, Frontenac; *Psychology*
SUMMER D. MEDSKER, Pittsburg; *History*
JONATHAN M. MILLS, Mound Valley; *Social Work*
ANGELA C. MIX, Fort Scott; *Psychology*
CHLOE A. MIZE, Wiesbaden, Germany; *Psychology*
ELYSE K. MUSIL, Olathe; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
NICHOLAS D. OLSEN, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
RICO A. PAYTON, St. Louis, Missouri; *Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management*
ROBERT R. PEREZ, Eucha, Oklahoma; *Biology*
KENSIE F. PLENPLANG, Columbus; *Psychology*
SIEREA R. PORTA, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; *Psychology*
DENTON T. RAMSEY, Pittsburg; *Workforce Development*
AUSTIN T. REED, Joplin, Missouri; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
TORI L. RHYNARD, Derby; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
MORGAN R. ROHR, Prescott; *Exercise Science*
WILLIAM C. ROTH, Shawnee; *Criminal Justice and Psychology*
DYLAN D. ROYER, Independence; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
KERSTYN RUSSOW, Carthage, Missouri; *Social Work*
MAGGIE N. SAUL, Hiawatha; *Biology*
CHANTEL M. SHAW, Pleasanton; *Communication*
LINDSAY K. SHIPPY, Lane; *Exercise Science*
GARRETT M. SHOUSE, Shawnee; *Physics*
MASON S. SHRADER, Jefferson City, Tennessee; *History*
JOSEPHINE B. SHUMAKER, Wetmore; *Biology*
MICHAEL J. SIMPSON, Olathe; *Workforce Development*
BRYNNE D. SMITH, Stella, Missouri; *Psychology*
ALI N. SPARLIN, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
MOLLY ELIZABETH STAHL, Newton; *Criminal Justice*
KIOWA STARK, Valley Center; *Biology*
MICHAEL L. STEVENS, Webb City, Missouri; *Workforce Development*
CHRISTIAN T. SWIGART, Pittsburg; *Mathematics*
HALEY D. TALLENT, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
BLAKE M. TASH, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
LACI L. TEBBETTS, Emporia; *Communication*
PARKER L. TENNILL, Corpus Christi, Texas; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
BLAKE R. THIESSEN, Baxter Springs; *Workforce Development*

Candidates for Degrees

STACIE J. TRIPLETT, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
ALEXANDRA K. TROWBRIDGE, Linwood; *Biology*
ANNAKA M. VANATTA, Moses Lake, Washington; *Criminal Justice*
EMMA K. VIETS, Coffeyville; *Communication*
KAITLYNN B. VINCENT, Nevada, Missouri; *Biology*
TATUM CELESTE vonWINKLEPLECK, Pittsburg; *Criminal Justice*
ABIGAIL J. VOSS, Pittsburg; *Exercise Science*
JOSEPHINE E. WEILEMANN, Leavenworth; *Recreation Services,
Sport and Hospitality Management*
FAITH C. WHITE, Grove, Oklahoma; *Workforce Development*
HUNTER IRENE WITT, Fort Scott; *Geographical and Political Sciences*
KARL F. WITTENBURG, Pittsburg; *History*
ANNABELL N. WORRELL, Paola; *Social Work*
ELLA K. WU, Webb City, Missouri; *Geographical and Political Sciences*

Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education

MELISSA CAUDILL, Grove, Oklahoma; *Career and Technical
Education*
KENNETH R. DUNN, Beggs; *Career and Technical Education*
ANN L. MURPHY, Washington, Missouri; *Career and Technical
Education*

Bachelor of Science in Education

SIERRA E. ALFORD, Lamar, Missouri; *English*
ASIA B. BECK, Spring Hill; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
BROXTERMAN A. BOGNER, Derby; *Technology and Engineering
Education*
SYDNEY G. BRUMBACK, Baxter Springs; *Technology and Engineering
Education*
ALLISON BRUMLEY, Nixa, Missouri; *Elementary Education K-6*
CAYLEE A. CARUTHERS, Arma; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
ELIZABETH C. CHRISTIE, Humansville, Missouri; *Elementary
Education Unified K-6*
BRYCE CLAYPOOL, Lamar, Missouri; *Technology and Engineering
Education*
AUSTIN D. COFFMAN, Princeton; *Physical Education*
JACI N. COLEMAN, Mindenmines, Missouri; *Elementary Education
K-6*
ERIN J. DAVIS, Independence, Missouri; *Physical Education*
JACOB R. EWER, Kearney, Missouri; *Physical Education*
ASHLEY N. GIFFORD, Riverton; *Elementary Education K-6*
JOSEPH M. GRIESHABER, Galena; *Elementary Education K-6*
ALLISON RUTH PUANANI HALL, Derby; *History/Government*
LANDON K. HARDMAN, Lamar, Missouri; *Physical Education*
AMBER L. HELWIG, Columbus; *Early Childhood Unified: Birth
through Kindergarten*
ANNA SUE HOGARD, Pittsburg; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
CARLEIGH D. HUGHES, Thayer; *Elementary Education K-6*
RAVYN JOBBINS, Winchester; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
COLBY T. JONES, Osawatomie; *Mathematics*
BENJAMIN M. KAHNK, Overland Park; *Mathematics*
NOAH A. KANGAS, Pittsburg; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
BROOKE L. KING, Wichita; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
TYLER M. LARISON, Galena; *Physical Education*

CATHERINE D. LUMLEY, Edna; *History/Government*
SIERRA A. McCUISTION, Lamar, Missouri; *Technology and
Engineering Education*
EMILY B. MYERS, Frontenac; *History/Government*
KENNADI A. NORRIS, Winchester; *Elementary Education K-6*
NIKALA K. SCOTT, Galena; *Elementary Education K-6*
ABBY N. SEBERS, Gardner; *Elementary Education K-6*
GILLIAN T. SHAFE, Tucson, Arizona; *Family and Consumer Sciences
Education*
TANNER SHALKOSKI, Wellsville; *Physical Education*
CADE D. SIMMONS, Pittsburg; *Elementary Education K-6*
ALAYNEY M. STEGING, Spring Hill; *Elementary Education K-6*
LACI K. STRICKLAND, Oswego; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
KYLEE NOELLE WILLIAMS, Troy, Missouri; *Elementary Education
Unified K-6*
AVERI MICHELLE WILSON, Baxter Springs; *Elementary Education
K-6*
JADEYN E. WYRICK, Bartlett; *Elementary Education K-6*

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

COLLIN E. CARLSON, Overland Park; *Plastics Engineering Technology*
YERIN DANIEL CASTILLEJOS, Pittsburg; *Plastics Engineering
Technology*
HAYDEN M. COMPTON, Pittsburg; *Electronics Engineering
Technology*
KELSEY D. DIMATTIA, Wichita; *Construction Engineering Technology*
TY H. DIXON, Talala, Oklahoma; *Construction Engineering Technology*
KEENAN P. GUILFOYLE, Fort Scott; *Plastics Engineering Technology*
BRADLEY S. HARTMAN, Miami, Oklahoma; *Mechanical
Engineering Technology*
JORDAN HENDRIX, Colony; *Mechanical Engineering Technology*
TREVOR J. HERTEL, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; *Electronics
Engineering Technology*
KRISTOPHER F. LIGHT, Louisburg; *Plastics Engineering Technology*
ALEC P. MICHAUD, Fort Scott; *Construction Engineering Technology*
PEYTON W. POTTS, Shawnee; *Manufacturing Engineering Technology*
JARED R. REGAN, Henderson, Nevada; *Mechanical Engineering
Technology*
JONAS T. ROYER, Topeka; *Construction Engineering Technology*
JARRETT A. SHELTON, Anthony; *Construction Engineering
Technology*
KOBY M. WERNER, Olathe; *Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Bachelor of Science in Technology

TAVEN M. ALLEN, Burlington; *Graphic Communications*
MALIK J. BAYNHAM-BROWNE, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*
JAMES M. BROSHEAR, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*
MICHAEL BROWN, Savannah, Missouri; *Environmental and Safety
Management*
JULIA P. CASSIDY, Nevada, Missouri; *Graphic Communications*
BLAKE E. COLE, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*
CORBIN R. COLLINS, Siloam Springs, Arkansas; *Construction
Management*

Candidates for Degrees

CHRISTOPHER J. COX, Claremore, Oklahoma; *Environmental and Safety Management*

SAMUEL D. CROSS, Lenexa; *Construction Management*

SAMANTHA DECKER, Pittsburg; *Environmental and Safety Management*

MADISON R. ECKERT, Wichita; *Graphic Communications*

COLLIN S. ELDRINGHOFF, Augusta; *Construction Management*

TURNER C. FLESKE, McKinney, Texas; *Automotive Technology*

JARED L. FORD, Archie, Missouri; *Automotive Technology*

JACOB B. FORSYTHE, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*

TAYLER P. GEORGE, Pleasanton; *Wood Product Manufacturing*

CADE M. GROSSOEHME, Baldwin City; *Environmental and Safety Management*

JACOB L. GUENTHER, Stilwell; *Automotive Technology*

KEVIN GUZMAN JUAREZ, Carthage, Missouri; *Construction Management*

BRYCE A. HENSON, Oronogo, Missouri; *Graphic Communications*

CARLOS J. HERRERA ROJAS, Frontenac; *Graphic Communications*

JACOB W. HILL, Shawnee, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*

NATHAN A. HISHMEH, Topeka; *Construction Management*

TREVOR D. HOHEISEL, Derby; *Construction Management*

TAYLOR A. HUGHES, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Construction Management*

PAYTON RYAN LANE, Claremore, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*

SAMUEL D. LANTZ, Moorhead, Iowa; *Automotive Technology*

DOMINIC P. LaROSA, Bridgewater, New Jersey; *Automotive Technology*

RUBEN R. LENKER, Webb City, Missouri; *Construction Management*

TANNER W. LOGGAINS, Sallisaw, Oklahoma; *Environmental and Safety Management*

DYLAN S. MALEY, Haysville; *Construction Management*

BRIANNA L. McDOWN, Arma; *Graphic Communications*

PARKER M. MOGREN, Lenexa; *Automotive Technology*

KYLE MONTOJO, Fort Scott; *Construction Management*

EMMA L. REAVES, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*

AUSTIN DALE ROBERTS, Claremore, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*

KASEN M. RUSSELL, Galena; *Construction Management*

TREVOR W. SALLEE, Guthrie, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*

LUKE A. SCHNEIDER, Leavenworth; *Automotive Technology*

VICTOR M. SHENOUDA, Lawrence; *Construction Management*

HALLIE M. SHORT, Nevada, Missouri; *Construction Management*

JOSHUA SHUM, El Dorado; *Construction Management*

KENTON D. TAYLOR, Butler, Missouri; *Environmental and Safety Management*

JACKSON G. THOMAS, Cleveland, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*

STACHIA R. TOURTILLOTT, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Automotive Technology*

JENNAH M. USRY, Olathe; *Graphic Communications*

ETHAN S. WAGNER, Lenexa; *Construction Management*

BRIANA J. WINKEL, Hutchinson; *Graphic Communications*

AMANDA KATHLEEN WORDEN, Bella Vista, Arkansas; *Graphic Communications*

Associate of Applied Science

PHILLIP A. GOBBLE, Tryon, Oklahoma; *Career and Technical Education*

MATTHEW R. HOOKER, Spring Hill; *Automotive Service Technology*

ZACH E. IHLE, Bristow, Oklahoma; *Career and Technical Education*

MARK MANTZKE, Durant, Oklahoma; *Career and Technical Education*

DAKOTA L. PEASE, Chetopa; *Electrical Technology*

JOHN P. SHACKELFORD, Mission Hills; *Automotive Service Technology*

LUKE E. WHEELER HALSTED, Lawrence; *Electrical Technology*

Certificate of Completion

BRADY R. BARNOW, Chanute; *Electrical Technology*

KEEGAN K. HAMILTON, Seneca, Missouri; *Electrical Technology*

The Mace and Medallion

Two symbolic badges of authority, traditional in many European universities and at some of the oldest schools in the nation, are being used in the commencement ceremonies. The honor of carrying the University Mace at commencement is given to a Pittsburg State University employee with extensive service to the university.



The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President of Pittsburg State University.

In the Middle Ages, maces were used as weapons for breaking the armor of enemies on the field of battle. The use of maces as symbols for academic institutions originated in England in the 1500s.

The university mace features four individual medallions surrounded by brass, with a mahogany staff sectioned by brass accents. The four medallions featured on the head piece represent historic seals used by the university during its first century of existence.

The current university seal is cast in bronze and featured on a solid mahogany disc which rests on top of the ceremonial mace.

The Presidential Medallion proudly displays the names of every president who has provided leadership and vision for our university. Again, the history of PSU is on display with the inclusion of historical university seals on the chain of office.

The past is symbolically connected to present by the chain of office which connects to a bronze banner displaying the name of the current president. An antique bronze medallion showcasing the official seal of the University anchors the chain of office.

The History of Academic Regalia

The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates have historical origins and significance. During the Middle Ages, scholars at the earliest English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in drafty stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The current academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times. The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square, tasseled "mortarboard." The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress. Hoods are lined with the

colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded.

As you observe the hoods worn by candidates for graduate degrees, note that the colors of Pittsburg State University are embodied in the lining of the hood (crimson and gold), and the velvet trim indicates the degree (e.g., gold for Master of Science). The colors of the hoods of faculty and guests are those of the institution conferring the degree.

The Pittsburg State University Seal

The Pittsburg State University Seal, redesigned in 1994, reflects the mission of instruction, research and service and also symbolizes the history, traditions, and future

of the University. The first circle from the outside represents the University's future. The second circle identifies the University's name; the wheat sheafs symbolize the State of Kansas. The third circle includes the initials and dates for the previous names of the institution and identifies the mission of Pittsburg State. The fourth circle contains an etching of the front entrance to Russ Hall with its four columns, the symbolic image of the University.

Change and progress give evidence of the dynamic development of Pittsburg State University from the founding of the State Manual Training Normal School in 1903 to the recognition in 1923 of the transformation of SMTN to Kansas State Teachers College, a comprehensive college educating teachers for the nation's elementary and secondary schools. From the very beginning, some graduates pursued careers in professional areas allied to their teaching degree. In 1959, KSTC became Kansas State College at Pittsburg, which recognized the expanded mission to educate students in the arts and sciences and in business, education, and technical fields for various professions and careers. In 1977, KSCP became Pittsburg State University to mark the transition from a college to a university with a range of undergraduate majors, graduate programs, and four organized schools in arts and sciences, business, education, and technology. The University embraced a common bond with all universities to pursue instruction, research and service.

One constant in the ten decades of Pittsburg State University is Russ Hall. Constructed in 1907 and opened in January 1908, it became the landmark first building that anchored SMTN as a permanent presence in higher education in Pittsburg, the State of Kansas, and the Nation. The doors to Russ Hall have admitted thousands of students during the University's history. Russ Hall forever stands as a tribute to the bold vision of the founders.



ON THE COVER

The sculpture "Students' Life" was designed by master bronze artist Tom Corbin and dedicated on April 22, 2005, in the courtyard of the Kansas Technology Center. The largest building on campus, it is home to the College of Technology. Corbin also is the sculptor of the massive bronze "Champion Gorilla" east of Carnie Smith Stadium.



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