



Commencement

December 2024

Pittsburg State University

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.

Announcers

Dr. Jon Bartlow, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

Assisted by

Darius Graves, Assistant Instructional Professor, English and Modern Languages

A student having their name in the Commencement Program and participating in Commencement does not automatically mean that a student has graduated. In order to graduate, a student must complete all requirements of their degree program. Only students who applied/petitioned for graduation by the deadline will have their name listed in the Commencement Program.



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Commencement Program

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

Crossland College of Technology4 p.m.
College of Education6 p.m.
College of Arts & Sciences and Kelce College of Business8 p.m.

Robert W. Plaster Center/Garfield W. Weede Physical Education Building

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance - Edward ElgarPittsburg State University Brass Quintet

The National Anthem Pittsburg State University Choir

Remarks by Fall Graduate Ms. Hope Rainey, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Recognition of

Candidates for Degrees..... Dr. Susan Bon, 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. Susan Bon.....Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Christopher ChildersInterim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Paul Grimes Dean, Kelce College of Business

Dr. John OppligerInterim Dean, College of Education

Dr. Judy Smetana Interim Associate Dean, Crossland 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

Kaylee N. Bollig	Accounting
Jace D. Burgess.....	Construction Management
Ava A. Cheesman	Marketing and Management
Jonah L. Cooke.....	Modern Languages
Drew J. Dickerson.....	Construction Management
Caleb Z. Fausett.....	Graphic Communications
Brett T. Gibson.....	Biology
Jacob A. Graff.....	Wood Product Manufacturing
Hannah M. Harrison	History
Ava G. Neal.....	Psychology
Lexi E. Nowlin.....	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Joshua D. Ortolani	Polymer Chemistry
Hunter D. Peacock.....	Construction Engineering Technology
Gavin H. Pytlowany.....	Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
Mia L. Smith.....	Early Childhood Unified: Birth through Kindergarten
Cassidy Woods	Social Work

Magna Cum Laude

Emma S. Brill	Elementary Education K-6
Abby L. Butcher.....	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Elsa Susana Canales Salas	History
Anna M. Chlopecka	Workforce Development
Grace E. Hite	Psychology
Sydney J. Knapp.....	Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
Morgan L. Leeper	Psychology
Mackenzie A. Masters.....	Construction Management
Katherine A. McKain	Chemistry and Biology
Rachel L. Pace.....	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Jack A. Polifka	Career and Technical Education
Nathan E. Stice.....	Accounting
Kody D. Vanosdol.....	Career and Technical Education
Steven M. Ward	Geographical and Political Sciences
Jonah D. Yearout	Automotive Technology
Allie C. Zornes	Modern Languages and English

Cum Laude

Madison M. Adamson.....	<i>Elementary Education Unified K-6</i>
Elmer Castaneda	<i>Career and Technical Education</i>
Jack A. Clark.....	<i>Biology</i>
Emilie E. Crowley.....	<i>Family and Consumer Sciences</i>
Alexis M. Durman.....	<i>Elementary Education K-6</i>
Kenzi R. Hardesty.....	<i>Exercise Science</i>
Janko Kalan	<i>Exercise Science</i>
Bethany N. Lotterer.....	<i>Construction Management</i>
Bailey E. Monroe	<i>Family and Consumer Sciences</i>
Jaben R. Parnell.....	<i>Music</i>
Isabelle M. Peters	<i>Physical Education</i>

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.

Brady Bidnick
Katherine A. McKain
Nathan E. Stice

Academic Honors

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

Brady Bidnick
Katheine A. McKain
Nathan E. Stice

Graduate Academic Honors

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

Rye Jackson Addis	Leslie Allyson Foos	Ashley D. Krehbiel	Joseph Kirk Sheppard
Amanda Marie Allen	Madison Victoria Fowler	Jacob Kress	Jagjit Singh
Gregory E. Arnold II	Stephanie L. Funnamark	Brian Robert Martin	Cheryl Skidmore
Cortlan Auston	Nakul Suhas Gaikwad	Zachary Patton Martin	Heather Lynn Sparks
Jeffrey E. Baker	Liam G. Gardiner	Ebony T. Mc Eachnie	Ashely R. Sponsel
Thomas Jedediah Barclay	Tristan H. Gegg	Shelley Merrick	Kaylyn Stout
Amanda Grace Becker	Payton Raeanna George	Rebecca Myers	Christine Sumbler-Brasz
Raymon Stehl Blades	Matthew Goughnour	Sarah Renee Neet	Tanya Christine Thomas
Reese E. BonJour	Sunil Raj Gunji	Joseph E. Okwe	Kelsey Delana Tomlin
Lyndsey Brothers	Kayleigh Hall	Janna Michelle Olson	Mohith Tripurana
Kirn M. Burgess	Courtney S. Hayden	Beth Osborne	Kiefer L. Tucker
Nickolis S. Carman	Melissa R. Heck	Sagar I. Panchal	Eric L. Ulrichs
Gwendolyn K. Chrisenberg	Tiffany D. Herren	Xiangjie Qu	Vinay Ravi Kumar Vandana
Bobby Christian	Haleigh H. Heverly	Chase L. Ratzlaff	Meagan Marie Vestal
Emily Taylor Claassen	Heather A. Hofer	Matthew C. Reimer	Katie Kristine Walrod
McKayla Ilene Crystal	Mahdi S. Jahami	Cheryl Renee Rogers	Heather Lynnette Webber
Rhonda L. D'Agostino	Connor Logan Jennings	Camilla L. Roy	Aaron Eugene White
Charity Sue DeGonia	Jake Jones	India Lilith Sadhoo	Camryn Lynn Williams
Paul Diaz	Peyton May Jordan	Bayleigh M. Schad	Luke Joseph Wolgamott
Sarah Danielle Dietrick	Taylor Jame Kallas	Brendan Nicholas Schmidt	Weicong Xiao
Jhansi Doda	Sai Harshith Kasu	Keri Schnug	Sanaa Yazji
Chad D. Dodson	Bindu Kilaru	Breann Marie Schoon	Connor Matthew Young
Josephine Estelle Elliott			

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.

Morgan L. Leeper
Katherine A. McKain
Lexi E. Nowlin
Nathan E. Stice

ACS Student Affiliates Chemistry Honor Society

ACS Student Affiliates aims to foster a professional spirit among the members, to instill a professional pride in chemistry and to foster an awareness of the responsibilities and challenges of the modern chemist through professional and social activities. Graduates are designated by **blue and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Aichatou Agbere
Katherine A. McKain

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**.

Kaylee N. Bollig	Sarah Danielle Dietrick	Lindsey N. Marlay
Riley M. Bush	Peyton L. Geihlsler	Brian Robert Martin
Ava A. Cheesman	Garen T. Honeycutt	Michael J. Olin
Lexi A. Cline	Mahdi S. Jahami	Xiangjie Qu
Stephanie D. Cooper	Taylor Jame Kallas	Braden J. Stein
Paul Diaz	Robert Kemmerer	Nathan E. Stice

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**.

Claire H. Bruening

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Lambda Pi Eta is a communication honor society sponsored by the National Communication Association with the primary goal of recognizing, fostering and rewarding outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. Graduates wear **red and white cording** and the executive team members wear **red and gold stoles** with the LPH insignia.

Maggie S. Newell
Hope E. Rainey

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.

Madison D. Barnett	Kenzi R. Hardesty	Lexi E. Nowlin
Mitchell A. Broyles	Bethany N. Lotterer	Rachel L. Pace
Alexis M. Durman	Macayla J. McClure	Hope E. Rainey
Grace A. Fuller	Elizabeth M. McPhaull	Maggie R. Stevens
Peyton L. Geihlsler	Ethan S. Minter	Sara F. Sullivan
Chelsea N. Hall	Alexis M. Monks	Tabitha R. Watson

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.

Ava A. Chessman
Katherine A. McKain
Hope E. Rainey

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.

Hannah M. Bradfield
Byanka Kaytelyn Lopez
Keana A. Palmer
Arlene M. Wesley

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.

Madison D. Barnett	Ava J. Eaton	Caroline A. Hunter	Rachel L. Pace
Moss K. Benelli	Haleigh I. Evans	Anushka D. Jain	Jaben R. Parnell
Elsa G. Bott	Grace A. Fuller	Cintly Betzaida Jarquin-Rivera	Gavan J. Pianalto
Emma S. Brill	Peyton L. Geihlsler	Bethany N. Lotterer	Alexandra J. Pierson
Rigo J. Brou	Brett T. Gibson	Katherine A. McKain	Hope E. Rainey
Jace D. Burgess	ChristiaRose W. Gorges	Alexis M. Monks	Jessie M. Robinson
Riley M. Bush	Kenzi R. Hardesty	Bailey E. Monroe	Dillon J. Roedel
Lexi A. Cline	Rayleigh J. Harrell	Ava G. Neal	Maggie R. Stevens
Megan M. Collins	Hannah M. Harrison	Lexi E. Nowlin	Nathan E. Stice
Emilie E. Crowley	Hailey L. Henderson	Payton Raeann Oliver	Natali D. Turner
Sarah J. Davis	Grace E. Hite	Josh D. Ortolani	Cassidy Woods
Alexis M. Durman			

Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society

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

Anushka D. Jain
Emily E. Crowley
Bailey E. Monroe
Jessie M. Robinson
Maggie R. Stevens

Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society

This society is established to provide an organization dedicated to the furtherance of music in education and education in music in colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning which offer music degree programs in one or more fields. Graduates are designated by **gold and white cording** worn around the neck.

Jaben R. Parnell

Presidential Fellows

Presidential Fellows are selected by the Office of the President to participate in a unique service and leadership development experience focused on interaction with the various stakeholders of Pittsburg State University.

Graduates wear a **white stole**.

Hope E. Rainey

Sigma Lambda Chi Honor Society

The fundamental purpose of Sigma Lambda Chi is to provide recognition to outstanding students in construction curricula. The society offers students the opportunity to be recognized locally and internationally for their academic accomplishments as a construction major.

Graduates are designated by **green and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Yessi Azuara

Bethany N. Lotterer

Mackenzie A. Masters

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**.

Elsa G. Bott

Sarah J. Davis

Gracie P. Gardner

Brett T. Gibson

John W. Mallatt

Katherine A. McKain

Jaben R. Parnell

Cinty B. Jarquin-Rivera

Kenneth C. Sheffer

University Student Ambassadors

Ambassadors are a select group of individuals who volunteer their time to assist in sharing the outstanding educational opportunities available at Pittsburg State University with prospective students and their families.

Derek A. VanBecelaere

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.

Aaron M. Brown
Hayden M. Compton
Logan T. Edwards
Tyler R. Fuller
Stephen Graham

Dillon J. Roedel
Tabor L. Smalley
Malcolm Teater
Dakota B. Uht
Joshua T. Watson

Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

GWENDOLYN K. CHRISENBERY, Joplin, Missouri;
Advanced Practice Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner
RHONDA L. D'AGOSTINO, Middletown, New York;
Advanced Practice Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner
HEATHER LYNNETTE WEBBER, Colony; *Advanced Practice
Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner*

Specialist in Education

MARTIN BURKE, Elk Falls; *Advanced Studies in Leadership*
SHELLEY MERRICK, Cherryvale; *Advanced Studies
in Leadership*
KRISTI A. WHERRITT, Thomas, Oklahoma; *Advanced Studies
in Leadership*

Master of Arts

ABBIEGALE M. NIELSON, Joplin, Missouri; *Communication*
MARISSA ANN RAMIREZ, Amherst, Ohio; *History*
MEGHAN REDMON, Joplin, Missouri; *History*
CAROLE RIVARD, Somerset, Wisconsin; *History*
DENISE MARIE WILLIAMS, Great Bend; *Communication*

Master of Business Administration

RYE JACKSON ADDIS, Carl Junction, Missouri;
Business Administration
GREGORY E. ARNOLD II, Atchison; *Business Administration*
ASHBAL AROOJ, Bensalem, Pennsylvania;
Business Administration
ANDREW RYAN AUBUCHON, Maryland Heights, Missouri;
Business Administration
JEFFREY E. BAKER, Neosho, Missouri; *Business Administration*
AMANDA GRACE BECKER, Weir; *Business Administration*
KEVIN D. BEEJAI, Orlando, Florida; *Business Administration*
RAYMON STEHL BLADES, Cameron, Missouri;
Business Administration
JOSEPH J. BLANK, Carthage, Missouri; *Business Administration*
REESE E. BONJOUR, Carl Junction, Missouri;
Business Administration
DAVID W. BROCKMAN, Overland Park;
Business Administration
JEFFERY D. BROWN, Grand Blanc, Michigan;
Business Administration
JENNIFER D. BUTLER, Bartlesville, Oklahoma;
Business Administration
NICKOLIS S. CARMAN, Papillion, Nebraska;
Business Administration

JESSICA X. CASTRO, Valencia, California;
Business Administration
BOBBY CHRISTIAN, Huntington, West Virginia;
Business Administration
GENTRY THAYER COLE, Goddard; *Business Administration*
STEPHANIE D. COOPER, Quapaw, Oklahoma;
Business Administration
McKAYLA ILENE CRYSTAL, Frontenac;
Business Administration
KELLEY D. DANIELS, Gardner; *Business Administration*
LISA KAYE DAVIS, Chanute; *Business Administration*
ALICEA D. DAWES, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*
PAUL DIAZ, Delton, Michigan; *Business Administration*
SARAH DANIELLE DIETRICK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa;
Business Administration
PARKER RYAN ELGIN, Kansas City, Missouri;
Business Administration
NAKUL SUHAS GAIKWAD, Wichita; *Business Administration*
LIAM G. GARDINER, Brisbane, Australia;
Business Administration
PAYTON RAEANNA GEORGE, Bremerton, Washington;
Business Administration
GREGORY SCOTT GIBBS, Portsmouth, Ohio;
Business Administration
JODIE LYNNE GOUGHNOUR, Monessen, Pennsylvania;
Business Administration
MATTHEW GOUGHNOUR, Vinco, Pennsylvania;
Business Administration
LARISSA J. HARDIN, Nevada, Missouri;
Business Administration
COURTNEY S. HAYDEN, Phoenix, Arizona;
Business Administration
LÉNAÏG HÉRISSON DE BEAUVOIR, Maze-Milon, France;
Business Administration
TIFFANY D. HERREN, Bartlesville, Oklahoma;
Business Administration
HALEIGH H. HEVERLY, Dundee, Florida;
Business Administration
MAHDI S. JAHAMI, Antelope, California;
Business Administration
CONNOR LOGAN JENNINGS, Phoenix, Arizona;
Business Administration
JAKE JONES, Republic, Missouri; *Business Administration*
TAYLOR JAME KALLAS, Spanish Fork, Utah;
Business Administration
JACOB KRESS, Wichita; *Business Administration*
KELSEY D. LAWLER, Strafford, Missouri;
Business Administration
FRANKLIN J. LEIVA, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*
BRIAN ROBERT MARTIN, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

Candidates for Degrees

JEREMIAH H. MARTIN, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Business Administration

ZACHARY PATTON MARTIN, Lenexa;
Business Administration

CHRISTOPHER M. MEGONIGLE, Wichita;
Business Administration

BRITTANY W. MURPHY, Denham Springs, Louisiana;
Business Administration

MALIA MYERS, Kansas City, Missouri; *Business Administration*

TERESA OSBORN-SANDERS, Carthage, Missouri;
Business Administration

BETH OSBORNE, Wichita; *Business Administration*

SAGAR I. PANCHAL, Denver, Colorado;
Business Administration

DORIAN PIERSON, Rognac, France; *Business Administration*

XIANGJIE QU, Yongzhou, China; *Business Administration*

DAMION L. RANEY, McPherson; *Business Administration*

CELINE LOREN RENTAS, Brentwood, New York;
Business Administration

KIRSTEN V. ROBERTS, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

KANCHAN SAPKOTA, Kavrepalanchok, Nepal;
Business Administration

ULLAS SATISH, Bangalore, India; *Business Administration*

BAYLEIGH M. SCHAD, Purdy, Missouri;
Business Administration

JOSEPH KIRK SHEPPARD, Neosho, Missouri;
Business Administration

MEGHNA SINGH, Varanasi, India; *Business Administration*

ELIZABETH SOMAI, Newark, New Jersey;
Business Administration

SAMUEL L. THOMPSON, Overland Park;
Business Administration

KELSEY DELANA TOMLIN, Joplin, Missouri;
Business Administration

ERIC L. ULRICHS, Gardner; *Business Administration*

TABETHA VAILES, Oronogo, Missouri;
Business Administration

PENIELA LIZETH VAZQUEZ RUELAS, Fresno, California;
Business Administration

GRIFFIN J. VOORHIES, Humboldt; *Business Administration*

TYREL DAVID WEHNER, Lawrence; *Business Administration*

WEICONG XIAO, Millbrae, California; *Business Administration*

SANAA YAZJI, Solon, Ohio; *Business Administration*

Master of Engineering Technology

VEERA TILAKNATHREDDY AMBATI, Nandyal, India;
Engineering Technology

THOMAS JEDEDIAH BARCLAY, Bloomington, Indiana;
Engineering Technology

HARIPRIYA BOGIREDDY, Hyderabad, India;
Engineering Technology

SHIVA PARVATHI BOLLA, Hyderabad, India;
Engineering Technology

ABHINAY CHINTHAKUNTA, Pittsburg;
Engineering Technology

JHANSI DODA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

GAGANDEEP, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

JYOTHI SREE GUNDAPANENI, Pittsburg;
Engineering Technology

SUNIL RAJ GUNJI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

NAVYESH INAGANTI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

JAGJIT SINGH, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

SANJEEV KETHIREDDY, Korutla, India;
Engineering Technology

BINDU KILARU, Hyderabad, India; *Engineering Technology*

ESHWAR MUSANI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

KIRAN R. NARNI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

RAJ KUMAR PALAPARTHI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

VRAJ H. PATEL, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

RISHI GOUD PEDDI, Nalgonda, India; *Engineering Technology*

VENKATA SAI POLISETTI, Vijayawada, India;
Engineering Technology

HARSHINI RANGU, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

MOHITH TRIPURANA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

VINAY RAVI KUMAR VANDANA, Pittsburg;
Engineering Technology

PRATHYUMNA YERRAM, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

Master of Music

MATTHEW C. REIMER, Wichita; *Music*

Master of Professional Accountancy

MIRANDA L. WILLIAMS, McCune; *Accounting*

Candidates for Degrees

Master of Science

EMILY LYNNE ADAMS, Fort Scott; *Psychology*
AMANDA MARIE ALLEN, Burlington; *Educational Technology*
SUCHITRA ANEKALU, Pittsburg; *Technology*
CORTLAN AUSTON, Salt Lake City, Utah;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
KEHINDE E. AYODEJI, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
MANASWINI BALGURI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
VERONICA BATRES, Dodge City; *Education*
ROHANKUMAR NUTANKUMAR BHAKTA, Pratt;
Technology
DAWSON BLANCO, Ottawa; *Chemistry*
ALISSA J. BLOUNT, Pittsburg; *School Counseling*
LYNDSEY BROTHERS, Mound Valley; *Educational Technology*
SYDNIE A. BRUENN, Carthage, Missouri; *Psychology*
KIRN M. BURGESS, Tunapuna, Trinidad & Tobago;
Human Resource Development
BRANDY L. CARTER, Belton, Missouri; *Psychology*
ENANSHU J. CHAUDHARI, Mehsana, India;
Polymer Chemistry
RONIT LAVJIBHAI CHAUDHARI, Pittsburg;
Materials Science
SUJAL A. CHAUDHARI, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
SMIT ARVINDBHAI CHAUDHARY, Mehsana, India;
Polymer Chemistry
SHIVAKUMAR GOUD CHEGURI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
VIVEK CHEPURU, Pittsburg; *Technology*
EMILY TAYLOR CLAASSEN, Fulton, Missouri; *Reading*
BRANDON COLT CLIFFORD, Paragould, Arkansas;
Educational Leadership
COBY L. CUPP, Joplin, Missouri; *Technology*
SHEETHAL DARA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
CHRISTIAN R. DE LA CRUZ, Camden, New Jersey;
Human Resource Development
MEA CRESCENCIA DE LA TORRE, Iola; *Psychology*
CHARITY SUE DeGONIA, Springfield, Missouri; *Reading*
CHAD D. DODSON, Saint Johns, Florida; *Biology*
HARSHITHA DYAPA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
JOSEPHINE ESTELLE ELLIOTT, Asbury, Missouri; *Psychology*
LESLIE ALLYSON FOOS, Salina; *Education*
MADISON VICTORIA FOWLER, Parsons; *School Counseling*
STEPHANIE L. FUNNAMARK, Fullerton, California;
Human Resource Development
KEERTHANA GADDE, Pittsburg; *Technology*
TRISTAN H. GEGG, Altamont;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
URVASHI BHARATBHAI GONDALIYA, Ahmedabad, India;
Materials Science
MANDI J. H-WOODS, Indianapolis, Indiana; *Psychology*
KAYLEIGH HALL, Owasso, Oklahoma; *Psychology*

MELISSA R. HECK, Linn;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
MAKENZIE B. HENDERSON, Frontenac; *Psychology*
HIMANSHI, Ludhiana, India; *Materials Science*
HEATHER A. HOFER, Orange Park, Florida; *Teaching*
PRATHIMA JILLELLA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
LEA ANN JORDAN, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
PEYTON MAY JORDAN, Neosho, Missouri; *Reading*
BHAVANI KANAMATHAREDDY, Pittsburg; *Technology*
SAI HARSHITH KASU, Pittsburg; *Technology*
MAHESHWARI KATNAPALLY, Pittsburg; *Technology*
ASHRITHA KETHIREDDY, Pittsburg; *Technology*
ASHLEY D. KREHBIEL, Lenexa;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
JAIDYN R. LEECH, Parsons; *Psychology*
JENNIFER D. LOCKWOOD, Enid, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
VENKAT MANDARAPU, Pittsburg; *Technology*
MacKENZIE L. MANSEL, Springfield, Missouri; *Psychology*
COURTNEY ANN MARTINIE, Pittsburg;
Career and Technical Education
EBONY T. Mc EACHNIE, Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago;
Human Resource Development
SYDNEY G. McFALL, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
COURTNEY McGAUGHEY, Garden City;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
MICAH M. MENSE, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
KRISSEY D. MILLER, Altus, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
SURYA VINODH MORABOINA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
POORNA TEJA REDDY MURI, Pittsburg; *Technology*
REBECCA MYERS, Joplin, Missouri; *Reading*
SAIPRASANNA NEERUKONDA, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
SARAH RENEE NEET, Joplin, Missouri;
Educational Technology
CHAD NICHOLS, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
JOSEPH E. OKWE, Pittsburg; *Physics*
JANNA MICHELLE OLSON, Oswego;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
TAYLOR QUINN OSLAKOVIC, Webb City, Missouri;
Educational Leadership
ANAND PATEL, Pittsburg; *Chemistry*
FENILKUMAR DIPAKKUMAR PATEL, Vadodara, India;
Polymer Chemistry
RUTU PATEL, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
SAURAVKUMAR RAJESHBHAI PATEL, Pittsburg;
Polymer Chemistry
VINCENT SUNIL KUMAR PEREPOGU, Hyderabad, India;
Technology
CHASE L. RATZLAFF, Fredonia; *Educational Leadership*

Candidates for Degrees

MONICA ELLEN REID, Columbus; *Mathematics*
CHARISSA JOY ROBERTSON, Grandview, Missouri;
Psychology
CHERYL RENEE ROGERS, Basehor; *Reading*
CAMILLA L. ROY, Webb City, Missouri; *Teaching*
MARLI N. RUIS, Olathe; *Educational Leadership*
INDIA LILITH SADHOO, Bartlesville, Oklahoma;
Human Resource Development
BRENDAN NICHOLAS SCHMIDT, Pittsburg;
Educational Leadership
KERI SCHNUG, Elk City; *Reading*
ABBY M. SCHOECH, Columbus; *Reading*
BREANN MARIE SCHOON, Hutchinson; *Teaching*
CORY MICHAEL SEARS, Overland Park;
Career and Technical Education
SHRADDHA S. SHELKE, Pittsburg; *Technology*
CHERYL SKIDMORE, Manorville, New York;
Educational Technology
HEATHER LYNN SPARKS, Tonganoxie; *Education*
ALI N. SPARLIN, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
KAYLYN STOUT, Baldwin City; *Special Education Teaching*
CHRISTINE SUMBLER-BRASZ, Johannesburg, South Africa;
Technology

TANYA CHRISTINE THOMAS, Carl Junction, Missouri;
Psychology
KIEFER L. TUCKER, Louisburg;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
MANEESHWAR UPPALA, Pittsburg; *Technology*
MEAGAN MARIE VESTAL, Tonganoxie;
Educational Technology
KATIE KRISTINE WALROD, Humboldt, Iowa;
Career and Technical Education
AARON EUGENE WHITE, Oswego; *Educational Leadership*
CAMRYN LYNN WILLIAMS, Spring Hill;
Health, Human Performance and Recreation
LUKE JOSEPH WOLGAMOTT, Parsons;
Educational Leadership
KACI SHAREE WRIGHT, Neosho, Missouri; *Psychology*
CONNOR MATTHEW YOUNG, Olathe; *Technology*

Master of Science in Nursing

ASHELY R. SPONSEL, Winner, South Dakota; *Nursing*

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Applied Science

BRAYTON GETTELFINGER, Sellersburg, Indiana; *Technology*
STORM K. NIEGSCH, Frontenac; *Technology*
TYLER A. ROGERS, Pittsburg; *Technology*

Bachelor of Arts

SOPHIE ALAINE BECKERLE, Lee's Summit, Missouri;
Psychology
SHARON ELIZABETH CABALLERO ESQUIVEL,
San Lorenzo, Paraguay; *Modern Languages*
JONAH L. COOKE, Redfield; *Modern Languages*
BRILEY E. EVERHART, Overland Park; *English*
CAROLINE A. HUNTER, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
MORGAN L. LEEPER, Columbus; *Psychology*
CHANCE D. TURLEY, Miami, Oklahoma; *History and English*
ALLIE C. ZORNES, Arma; *Modern Languages and English*

Bachelor of Business Administration

ENZO YEHUDI BASSO, Votorantim, Brazil;
Data Science and Information Systems
BRADY MICHAEL BIDNICK, Shawnee; *Accounting*
TAYLOR K. BLACKERBY, Branson, Missouri;
Marketing and Management
KAYLEE N. BOLLIG, Independence; *Accounting*
DALLAS W. BOND, Tonganoxie; *Management*
HUNTER T. BRENNON, Fort Scott;
Data Science and Information Systems
EMILY M. BRIDGES, Claremore, Oklahoma; *Business Studies*
MITCHELL A. BROYLES, Hartford;
Marketing and Management
RILEY M. BUSH, Baxter Springs; *Accounting*
AVA A. CHEESMAN, Lenexa; *Marketing and Management*
LEXI A. CLINE, Cheney; *Finance and Marketing*
THOMAS C. COOK, Overland Park; *Finance*
ABIGAIL CLAIRE CORNETT, Nevada, Missouri;
Management and Marketing
GRACE A. FULLER, Garden City, Missouri; *Management*
PEYTON L. GEIHLER, Overland Park; *Marketing*
JACKSON W. GIBBON, Manhattan; *Management*
GRANT J. GOLTRA, Webb City, Missouri; *Management*
RAYLEIGH J. HARRELL, Pittsburg; *Management*
KELLIE E. HARRIS, Pittsburg; *Management and Marketing*
GAREN T. HONEYCUTT, Arcadia; *Accounting*
ALEC M. KANGAS, Pittsburg; *Accounting*
ROBERT KEMMERER, Fort Scott; *Accounting*
KENZO KHO, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia;
Accounting and Data Science and Information Systems
MARIO T. KIRBY, Owasso, Oklahoma; *Business Economics*

KALEB M. KOMAN, Talala, Oklahoma; *Marketing*
RAVIN M. LAUTS, Pea Ridge, Arkansas; *Management*
KITTHIPHUNT LERTHKASAMECHAI, Pittsburg;
Data Science and Information Systems
LINDSEY N. MARLAY, Joplin, Missouri; *Management*
ALEXUS I. MERANDO, Pittsburg; *Marketing*
MICHAEL J. OLIN, Olathe; *Accounting*
PEYTON E. POAGE, Pierce City, Missouri;
Management and Marketing
BRAYDEN RALPH, Rogers, Arkansas; *Accounting*
DILLON J. ROEDEL, Girard; *Accounting*
GRANT S. SASENICK, Overland Park; *Accounting and Finance*
PHILIP SHEEHAN, Leavenworth;
Data Science and Information Systems
BRADEN J. STEIN, Fort Smith, Arkansas; *Accounting*
NATHAN E. STICE, Scammon; *Accounting*
KYLIE J. STONESTREET, Overland Park; *Marketing*
COURTNEY STOREY, Rogers, Arkansas; *Marketing*
MAKENNA A. TAYLOR, Olathe; *Marketing and Management*
DEREK A. VanBECELAERE, Pittsburg; *Management*
EMILY M. VOLKMAN, Nevada, Missouri; *Accounting*

Bachelor of Fine Arts

MOSS K. BENELLI, Pittsburg; *Art*
CLAIRE H. BRUENING, Wichita; *Art*
EMMA M. MARTINEZ, Parsons; *Art*

Bachelor of General Studies

MICHAEL E. AVERSMAN, Appleton City, Missouri
MARLEY S. BERRY, Lee's Summit, Missouri
REBECCA BLAIK BURKE, Fort Scott
KELSEY P. ELLIS, Cherryvale
STEPHEN MICHAEL GRAHAM, Pittsburg
SIMON G. GRASS, St. Mary, Missouri
JOSHUA M. GREEN, Kansas City, Missouri
WILLIAM M. HUGGINS, Lenexa
ELIJAH A. JEFFCOAT, Gilbert, Arizona
KELLY A. KELLY, Independence
LAURA FAITH LANDERS, Carl Junction, Missouri
DURBIE A. McREYNOLDS, Girard
ASHLEE L. MORGAN, Afton, Oklahoma
BRYCE L. MURPHY, Neosho, Missouri
TAYLOR A. NELLOMS, La Marque, Texas
LIZET YOJANA NELSON, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
JACOB D. SKAGGS, Walnut Grove, Missouri
JOSHUA T. WATSON, King George, Virginia
ETHAN A. WHITE, Joplin, Missouri
DAYLIN WILLIAMS, Shorewood, Illinois

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Integrated Studies

MADISON D. BARNETT, Quapaw, Oklahoma;

Healthcare Leadership and Innovation

AMBER N. BEAUMONT, Assaria,

Healthcare Leadership and Innovation

Bachelor of Music

JABEN R. PARNELL, Carthage, Missouri; *Music Education*

CHASE SHAW, Eureka; *Music Education*

Bachelor of Science

ERIN A. ADAMS, Wichita; *Workforce Development*

AICHA TOU AGBERE, Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire; *Chemistry*

ELLA C. ALBRIGHT, Shawnee; *Exercise Science*

VERONICA BALDUS, Oak Grove, Missouri;

Workforce Development

MEGAN L. BALDWIN, Pittsburg; *Chemistry and Biology*

DEVEN BAUMCHEN, Topeka; *Communication*

KAMRYN P. BENNETT, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

ELSA G. BOTT, Liberal, Missouri; *Exercise Science*

HANNAH M. BRADFIELD, Pittsburg; *Social Work*

ABIGAIL C. BRANDON, Joplin, Missouri; *Computer Science*

HANNAH F. BRISBIN, Lamar, Missouri;

Family and Consumer Sciences

KRISTA BROMLEY, Coffeyville; *Workforce Development*

SHARON ELIZABETH CABALLERO ESQUIVEL,

San Lorenzo, Paraguay; *Biology*

ELSA SUSANA CANALES SALAS, Pittsburg; *History*

CAITLIN R. CHALKER, Parsons; *Psychology*

VANDARO S. CHIT, Fort Scott; *Biology*

ANNA M. CHLOPECKA, Shawnee; *Workforce Development*

JACK A. CLARK, Pittsburg; *Biology*

MADDISON K. COCHRAN, Independence; *History*

MEGAN M. COLLINS, Leawood; *Social Work*

MEGAN COLVIN, Weir; *History*

HAILEY JADE CONWAY, Lenexa; *Psychology*

EMILIE E. CROWLEY, Tonganoxie;

Family and Consumer Sciences

MAKENZIE R. CURRY, Conway Springs; *Biology*

SARAH J. DAVIS, Baxter Springs; *Biology*

CIARA J. DIXON, Independence; *Criminal Justice*

BOSTON M. DOWD, Anderson, Missouri; *Exercise Science*

AVA J. EATON, Overland Park;

Geographical and Political Sciences

LOGAN T. EDWARDS, Riverton; *Workforce Development*

BRANDIS T. EVANS, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

HALEIGH I. EVANS, Oak Grove, Missouri; *Psychology*

TYLER R. FULLER, China Spring, Texas;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

AUSTIN D. GARCIA, Neodesha; *History*

GRACIE P. GARDNER, Joplin, Missouri;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

JACOB A. GASKILL, Webb City, Missouri; *Exercise Science*

BRETT T. GIBSON, Talala, Oklahoma; *Biology*

CHRISTIAN ROSE W. GORGES, Wichita; *Mathematics*

ARTHUR KALEB GROTHEER, Pittsburg; *History*

CHELSEA N. HALL, Park City; *Workforce Development*

JOSEPH HAMILTON IV, Plaquemine, Louisiana;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

KENZI R. HARDESTY, Fort Scott; *Exercise Science*

HANNAH M. HARRISON, Miami, Oklahoma; *History*

CLAYTON C. HART, Miami, Oklahoma; *Social Work*

HAILEY L. HENDERSON, Weston, Missouri; *Exercise Science*

SUKIE L. HERNANDEZ, Leawood;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

GRACE E. HITE, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

SYDNEY R. HULVEY, Columbus; *Biology*

EMILY R. HUTCHERSON, Saint Paul; *Psychology*

ANUSHKA D. JAIN, Jalna, India; *Family and Consumer Sciences*

CINTLY BETZAIDA JARQUIN-RIVERA, Olathe;

Criminal Justice

EMMALEE R. JESSIP, Frontenac; *Exercise Science*

KATELYN N. JOHNSON, Frontenac; *Workforce Development*

JANKO KALAN, Pittsburg; *Exercise Science*

AYDEN J. KEARNEY, Wellsville; *Criminal Justice*

ZACHARY M. KLIEWER, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

SYDNEY J. KNAPP, Shawnee;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

QUINTIN A. KRAMER, Galesburg; *Computer Science*

DARSHIL NILESHKUMAR LIMBASIYA, Rajkot, India;

Biology

BYANKA KAYTELYN LOPEZ, Pittsburg; *Social Work*

TYLER J. MacNIDER, Olathe; *Psychology*

JOHN W. MALLATT, Baxter Springs; *Biology*

ALAINA C. MARTINIE, McCune; *Biology*

HANNAH R.E. McCOY, Rich Hill, Missouri; *Biology*

KYLIE R. McILVAIN, Parsons; *History*

KATHERINE A. McKAIN, Leawood; *Chemistry and Biology*

ELIZABETH M. McPHAULL, Pittsburg; *Workforce Development*

LUKE A. MEGANCK, Olathe; *Workforce Development*

JORDAN S. METCALF, Pittsburg;

Geographical and Political Sciences

KINSON L. MICHEL, Nixa, Missouri; *Mathematics*

BAILEY E. MONROE, Columbus;

Family and Consumer Sciences

ANTHEA M. MONTOJO, Fort Scott;

Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management

ANNABELLE P. MORRIS, Nevada, Missouri; *History*

Candidates for Degrees

AVA G. NEAL, Tomball, Texas; *Psychology*
SARA NICOLE NEWBOLD, Overland Park;
Family and Consumer Sciences
MAGGIE S. NEWELL, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma;
Communication
PAYTON RAEANN OLIVER, Shawnee;
Family and Consumer Sciences
MONICA ANNE ONG, Parsons; *Workforce Development*
JOSHUA D. ORTOLANI, Pittsburg; *Polymer Chemistry*
AMANDA D. OWENS, Pittsburg;
Geographical and Political Sciences
KEANA A. PALMER, Olathe; *Social Work*
HALLE B. PANTER, Baxter Springs; *Psychology*
ALEXANDRA J. PIERSON, Pittsburg; *Computer Science*
GRIFFIN R. POELLING, Overland Park; *Computer Science*
AUDREY POWE, Colony; *Chemistry*
GAVIN H. PYTLOWANY, Fort Scott;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
HOPE E. RAINEY, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; *Communication*
RAQUEL L. RICE, Saint Paul; *Biology*
JESSIE M. ROBINSON, Pittsburg; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
LINDSEY SCHREIMANN, Lee's Summit, Missouri;
Workforce Development
KENNETH C. SHEFFER, Riverton; *Biology*
TABOR L. SMALLEY, Pittsburg; *Criminal Justice*
KAYTLIN N. SMITH, Osawatomie; *Psychology*
MALLORY A. SMITH, Oronogo, Missouri;
Family and Consumer Sciences
ANNIE D. SOUTHWICK, Nowata, Oklahoma;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
BROOKLIN P. SPEER, Baxter Springs; *Workforce Development*
BRANDON STEGALL, Carrollton, Texas; *Communication*
MAGGIE R. STEVENS, Bedford, Kentucky;
Family and Consumer Sciences
BROOKLYN D. STROBEL, Andover;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
SARA FLORENCE SULLIVAN, Pittsburg; *Criminal Justice*
TRENTEN J. THOMPSON, Webb City, Missouri;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
and Criminal Justice
ZACHARY T. TODD, Lamar, Missouri; *Chemistry*
DAKOTA SUMMER SKYE TOMHAVE, Riverside, California;
Social Work
KAITLYN MARIE TREIBLE, Owasso, Oklahoma;
Interior Design
ABIGAIL Z. VAN HERCKE, Olathe; *Social Work*
SARA E. VanLEEuwEN, Erie; *Social Work*
DYLAN M. WAGGONER, Goodman, Missouri;
Communication
STEVEN M. WARD, Joplin, Missouri;
Geographical and Political Sciences

ARLENE M. WESLEY, Pittsburg; *Social Work*
JONATHAN W. WOLGAMOTT †, Pittsburg; *History*
CASSIDY WOODS, Lansing; *Social Work*
EMMA G. WOOLEVER, Columbus;
Family and Consumer Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education

ELMER CASTANEDA, Leavenworth;
Career and Technical Education
BRYANNA R. DEWITT, Mound Valley;
Career and Technical Education
EARL NELSON ELLIOTT, JR., Yale, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
THATCHER S. JONES, Goodland;
Career and Technical Education
JONATHAN T. McCLUNG, Goodland;
Career and Technical Education
DAN PLAGER, Centralia; *Career and Technical Education*
JACK A. POLIFKA, Goodland; *Career and Technical Education*
CODY R. SCOLES, Moore, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
ADDISON M. SMITH, Fort Scott;
Career and Technical Education
KODY D. VanOSDOL, Edmond, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

MADISON M. ADAMSON, Coffeyville;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
HANNAH ELISABETH ANDREWS, Columbus;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
ZADE V. BARKER, Gardner; *Elementary Education K-6*
EMMA S. BRILL, Pittsburg; *Elementary Education K-6*
ABBY L. BUTCHER, Arcadia; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
JADEN COSTIN, Chanute; *Physical Education*
KARLEY N. CROWE, Carthage, Missouri; *Physical Education*
ALEXIS M. DURMAN, Jasper, Missouri;
Elementary Education K-6
PAYTON HASKELL, Augusta; *Elementary Education K-6*
MAKENZIE A. HULSEY, Galena;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
MACAYLA J. McCLURE, Fort Scott; *Elementary Education K-6*
KIMBERLY MEDLOCK, Independence;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
HAYDEN L. MILLER, Eudora;
Technology and Engineering Education

† Awarded Posthumously

Candidates for Degrees

ALEXIS M. MONKS, Overland Park;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
LEXI E. NOWLIN, Riverton; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
RACHEL L. PACE, Joplin, Missouri;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
BRECCA V. PETER, Chanute; *Elementary Education K-6*
ISABELLE M. PETERS, Lindsborg; *Physical Education*
MADELYN A. PROPER, Chanute;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
NICHOLAS R. SARWINSKI, Galena;
Elementary Education K-6
LAUREN N. SHINN, Uniontown; *Elementary Education K-6*
MIA L. SMITH, Harper;
Early Childhood Unified: Birth through Kindergarten
GRACIE SULLIVAN, Riverton;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
NATALIE D. TURNER, Monett, Missouri; *Physical Education*

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

COLTON GARRETT HUTCHCROFT, Osage City;
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
WYATT G. LITRELL, Osage City;
Construction Engineering Technology
BENJAMIN A. MARTIN, Topeka;
Construction Engineering Technology
KATHERINE L. MARTINEZ, Dallas, Texas;
Construction Engineering Technology
BRENNAN D. MENDEZ, Haysville;
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
BRYAN ANDREW MENDEZ, Pittsburg;
Mechanical Engineering Technology
SAWYER A. PATRICK, Carthage, Missouri;
Plastics Engineering Technology
HUNTER D. PEACOCK, Baldwin City;
Construction Engineering Technology
GAVAN J. PIANALTO, Fayetteville, Arkansas;
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Bachelor of Science in Technology

COLE M. ATKISSON, Nowata, Oklahoma; *Safety Management*
LANDEN A. AYRES, Norwich; *Construction Management*
YESSICA AZUARA, Coffeyville; *Construction Management*
ETHAN R. BARNETT, Berryton; *Construction Management*
ALEXANDER J. BIENIEK, Webb City, Missouri;
Automotive Technology
BRALEN A. BOWKER, Olathe; *Construction Management*

RIGO J. BROU, Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire;
Graphic Communications
JACE D. BURGESS, Valley Center; *Construction Management*
CADEN E. CARTER, Thayer; *Construction Management*
KEEGAN D. CEARNAL, Baxter Springs;
Graphic Communications
DREW J. DICKERSON, Shawnee; *Construction Management*
AUSTIN R. DRIGGS, Centerton, Arkansas;
Construction Management
KADE N. DUNLAP, Kearney, Missouri;
Construction Management
CALEB Z. FAUSETT, Lamar, Missouri;
Graphic Communications
RYAN M. FITZGERALD, Kansas City, Missouri;
Automotive Technology
BAILEY L. GAGE, Joplin, Missouri; *Graphic Communications*
JACOB A. GRAFF, Corpus Christi, Texas;
Wood Product Manufacturing
ABIGAIL E. GUDDE, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*
ZACHARY H. HAINES, Lee's Summit, Missouri;
Construction Management
CAIDEN S. HALL, Bucyrus; *Automotive Technology*
DYLAN C. HALTERMAN, Greenwood, Missouri;
Construction Management
MAXWELL D. HAMPTON, Ashland, Missouri;
Construction Management
WILLIAM M. HANNA, Olathe; *Automotive Technology*
JOHN W. HOLLAND, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*
KANNON W. KELLER, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*
DARSH P. KHOKHAR, Rajkot, India; *Automotive Technology*
ELIZABETH L. KOHLMEIER, Pittsburg;
Graphic Communications
JOSEPH G. LENSKI, Flower Mound, Texas;
Automotive Technology
BETHANY N. LOTTERER, Pittsburg;
Construction Management
COLBY P. LOUDERBACK, Liberal; *Construction Management*
MACKENZIE A. MASTERS, Shawnee;
Construction Management
ETHAN S. MINTER, Overland Park; *Graphic Communications*
EMMA M. MOORE, Lamar, Missouri;
Construction Management
JERALD E. MUTCHLER, Liberty, Missouri;
Automotive Technology
LUCAS D. NEUENSWANDER, Carthage, Missouri;
Construction Management
HUNTER J. NEWCOMB, Pittsburg; *Safety Management*
SETH R. NICHOLS, Olathe; *Automotive Technology*
SAMUEL E. PARRIGON, Leawood; *Construction Management*
DEREK J. PLUM, Bristow, Oklahoma; *Graphic Communications*
SILAS K. POPPLEWELL, Wellington; *Automotive Technology*

Candidates for Degrees

MASON R. RICHARDS, Salina; *Construction Management*

COLLIN M. RIDDELL, Bonner Springs;

Construction Management

JAMES E. ROBINSON, Bolivar, Missouri;

Construction Management

QUIN C. SANDERS, Blue Springs, Missouri;

Construction Management

KOEN C. SCHANZ, Mulvane; *Safety Management*

GRANT SCHEER, Rose Hill; *Construction Management*

GABRIEL T. SENTENEY, Shawnee; *Construction Management*

RODRIGO SERRANO, Independence;

Construction Management

JACOB T. SIMMA, Kansas City; *Construction Management*

NOAH E. SOUTHERN, Carl Junction, Missouri;

Construction Management

MALCOLM TEATER, Arcadia; *Construction Management*

TYLER A. TOMAN, Wellsville; *Construction Management*

DAKOTA B. UHT, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*

DANE W. VAN CLEAVE, Firth, Nebraska;

Automotive Technology

COLE C. WARLOP, Shawnee; *Construction Management*

TABITHA R. WATSON, Quapaw, Oklahoma;

Construction Management

CHARLES A. WHITE, Independence;

Construction Management

JONAH D. YEAROUT, Bartlesville, Oklahoma;

Automotive Technology

CALE R. YOKLEY, Gardner; *Construction Management*

Associate of Applied Science

SARAH J. ACKART, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma;

Career and Technical Education

JACK R. BARTGIS, Bentonville, Arkansas;

Automotive Service Technology

BENJAMIN DAVID BLESSENT, Pittsburg;

Automotive Service Technology

CHRISTOPHER D. CARPENTER, Elk City, Oklahoma;

Career and Technical Education

LEVI M. CLARK, Beloit; *Career and Technical Education*

BRYANT A. DAVIS, Pittsburg; *Plastics Technology*

JEFFREY B. DUNCAN, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

Career and Technical Education

NOAH LEE ENDICOTT, Liberal, Missouri;

Wood Product Manufacturing

Certificate of Completion

AARON M. BROWN, Fort Scott; *Automotive Service 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 university's original Broadway entrance in front of Russ Hall was funded by a gift from the senior classes of 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1940. It was built in 1940 by the Work Projects Administration. Senior class gifts from the classes of 2000 and 2003-2008 helped fund the renovation in 2022.



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Pittsburg, Kansas

