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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"

National Anthem

Welcome and Introductions

Commencement Speaker

Presentation of Class

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Master's Hooding

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates

Announcement of Academic Honors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 11)

Recessional "Global Fanfare"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
DR. DEAN VAN GALEN



Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the entire university community, including the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors, congratulations for earning a degree of high quality from Missouri Southern. This milestone in your life is a testament to your hard work and commitment, and to the great potential you have in the years ahead to make

a positive difference.

I know you understand that this day is made possible not only by your own efforts, but also by the support of our outstanding faculty and staff, your family and friends, the citizens of Missouri who have invested in your education, and the many alumni of Missouri Southern who support

the university through advocacy and charitable gifts. I encourage you to express gratitude to those special to you who have helped make this day possible.

You will always be part of the Missouri Southern family. Stay connected. Be an enthusiastic ambassador. Wear the green and gold with pride. Give back as you are able. Know that you will forever be a Lion. And, again, congratulations!

Lions Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Van Galen".

Dr. Dean Van Galen
University President

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
DR. CLAY ROUTLEDGE, '99

VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN
FLOURISHING LAB, ARCHBRIDGE INSTITUTE



Dr. Clay Routledge, a 1999 MSSU graduate with a degree in psychology, is the vice president of research and director of the Human Flourishing Lab at the Archbridge Institute in Washington, DC. Prior to joining Archbridge, Clay spent two decades in academia as a professor of psychology, and, most recently, as the Challey Professor of Management and Hetland Distinguished

Professor of Business at North Dakota State University. During that time, he taught undergraduate, MBA, and Ph.D. courses in social and personality psychology, cultural psychology, research methods, and team leadership.

As a leading international expert in existential psychology and human motivation, Clay's work focuses on helping people reach their full potential and build meaningful lives. Clay is a highly cited researcher who has published more than 100 scholarly papers, co-edited three academic books, authored three books, including *Past Forward: How Nostalgia Can Help You Live a More Meaningful Life* (2023), and the TED-Ed documentary short film, *Why do We Feel Nostalgia?*

During his career, Dr. Routledge has authored dozens of articles for publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *Fortune*, *Business Insider*, *The Hill*, and *Harvard Business Review*. His work has been covered by a wide variety of media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, *CBS News*, *ABC News*, *BBC News*, *CNN*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *Vox*, *National Geographic*, *HGTV*, *Men's Health*, *Wired*, *Forbes*, *Oprah Daily*, *Shondaland*, *Discover Magazine*, *Reason Magazine*, and many others.

Dr. Routledge regularly advises a range of organizations, from small startups to major corporations, helping them use existential psychology and behavioral science more broadly to improve their products, services, and workplace culture. At the Archbridge Institute, his work focuses on what it means to truly flourish, specifically the juxtaposition of scientific, technological, medical, and social progress in our country with a growing sense of pessimism among Americans today.

Clay and his wife, Jenny, live in Northwest Arkansas.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

PRESIDENT'S HONOR | GRADE POINT AVERAGE PERFECT 4.0

Lily Allman	Emily Emmert	Kylee Roach
Brooke Ehlers	Makayla Jennings	Allison Tillman
Lauren Emanuel	Ethan Pittsenbarger	Isabelle Walker

SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Lily Allman ‡	Emily Emmert ‡	H'ven Meister	Kylee Roach ‡
Alex Baker	Trenton Hayes	Olivia Moser †	Kayleigh Teeter
Jessica Baldridge	Autumn Hottinger	Ethan Pittsenbarger ‡	Allison Tillman ‡
Cloe Black †	Makayla Jennings ‡	Sydney Pittsenbarger	Isabelle Walker ‡
Brooke Ehlers ‡	Michael McGuire †	Melody Reed †	Logan Walker

MAGNA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Brian Cowles	Joi Houston	Leslie McFarland	Jace Swindell
Rodney Edwards	Lillie Jones	Molly McGill	Payton Wells
Amy Henry	Dixee Lacen	Dana Oxford	

CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Cheyenne Alexander	Shelby Gildehaus	Sarah Rousseau
Weston Allen	Jazuri Lopez	Chantelle Single †

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Nathan Lassiter

SECOND HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Leslie McFarland

THIRD HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Cheyenne Alexander Samantha Hampton

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

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

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

Notation of honors published in the Commencement program is based on the last completed semester. Final honors earned will be determined after the last semester's grades are processed and will be posted on the graduate's transcript and diploma.

Acknowledgment in the Commencement program is determined by cumulative GPA from the last completed semester.

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Poteet, Alyssa K.; Biology; Joplin

Tyson, Kelsea Marie; Middle School Science; Osceola

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brown, Amber Nicole; Justice Studies; Joplin

Jaro, Kelsee Michelle; Justice Studies; Bella Vista, AR

Sammy, Amanda M.; Justice Studies; Granby

MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

DeGruson, Carry Stewart; Curriculum & Instruction; Carthage

Lacy, Bailey Faye; Administration; Hays, KS

Lopez, Juneau Ivy; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin

Muller, Lillian Christine; Administration; Platte City

Nowak, Ginger Denise Mauer; Administration; Nevada

Smith, Deanna Kay; Curriculum & Instruction; Joplin

Swagerty, Leah R.; Curriculum & Instruction; Neosho

MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

Brower, Abigail Lynn; General Management; Joplin

Essley, Cheyann Rae; Human Resource Management; Republic

McKnight, Selena L.*; General Management; Granby

Nichols, Jonathan; Human Resource Management; Miami Shores, FL

Ray, Katherine Ann; General Management; Carthage

Sumler, Rebecca Leigh Ann; General Management; Anderson

Watts, Jonathon Jalen; General Management; Kansas City

Willis, Ashley Lynn; Human Resource Management; Lawrence, KS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hayes, Drake; History; Webb City

Lopez, Jazuri Marilu; French; Carthage

Reed, Melody Lea †; English-Literary Studies; Carl Junction

Roberts, Bethany Grace; English-Literary Studies; Joplin

Walker, Isabelle Faith ‡; English-Literary Studies; Joplin

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Buck, Clara Lanor; Fine Arts-Studio; Lamar

Holloway, Keon Daryan; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Saint Louis

Houston Joi J.; Fine Arts-Studio; Joplin

Kew, Veronikka Joy Frances; Theatre Performance; Joplin

Roush, Kathryn Marie; Fine Arts-Graphic Design; Joplin

Skelton Mactavious, Tijorn A.; Fine Arts-Graphic Design;
British Virgin Islands

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Swindell, Jace Britt; Education-Instrumental; Coffeyville, KS

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alexander, Cheyanne Dawn; Criminal Justice Administration;
Carl Junction

Alverson Morgan; Criminal Justice Administration; Colcord, OK

Copeland, Mariah H.; Criminal Justice Administration; Carthage

Cowles, Brian Joseph; International Political Affairs; Joplin

Davenport, Alexis Rene; Chemistry; Webb City

Hayes, Drake; History; Webb City

Goldsborough, Clay Eldon; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Hampton, Samantha Leslie; Criminal Justice Administration; Redfield, KS

Hedrick, Dakodah R.; Criminal Justice Administration; Joplin

Hipskind, Alexander Jeffrey; Criminal Justice Administration;
Broken Arrow, OK

King, Jacob; Political Science; Webb City*

Lamia, Mercedes Gene; Criminal Justice Administration; Carl Junction

Law, Brayden Michael; Criminal Justice Administration; Drexel

Marquez, Juan Francisco; Sociology; Miami, OK

McFarland, Leslie Fern; Criminal Justice Administration; Neosho

Mourgliia, Jessica Lee; International Political Affairs; Aurora

Nyakutya, Ropafadzo S.; Chemistry; Zimbabwe

Perez, Zayda Sarah Jean; Social Science; Wichita, KS

Pina, Mariah Jaslynn Sophia; Criminal Justice Administration;
Quapaw, OK

Sehrbrock, Sherie' Martina; Criminal Justice Administration; Purdy

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Alexander, Cheyanne Dawn; Law Enforcement; Carl Junction

Alverson, Morgan; Law Enforcement; Joplin

Copeland, Mariah H.; Law Enforcement; Carthage

Goldsborough, Clay Eldon; Law Enforcement; Joplin

Hampton, Samantha Leslie; Law Enforcement; Redfield, KS

Hedrick, Dakodah R.; Law Enforcement; Joplin

Hipskind, Alexander Jeffrey; Law Enforcement; Broken Arrow, OK

Lamia, Mercedes Gene; Law Enforcement; Carl Junction

Law, Brayden Michael; Law Enforcement; Drexel

McFarland, Leslie Fern; Law Enforcement; Neosho

Pina, Mariah Jaslynn Sophia; Law Enforcement; Quapaw, OK

Sehrbrock, Sherie' Martina; Law Enforcement; Purdy

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Batson, Trevor Wayne; Communication-Public Relations,
Communications-Mass; Webb City

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Allen, Weston; Mathematics; Joplin

Arealos, Michael Anthony; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin

Decker, Christian; Industrial Engineering Technology; Carl Junction

Dias Ferreira, Wanderson; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin

Emanuel, Lauren Elizabeth ‡; CIS-Math/Computational Math,
Computational Math/CIS-Math; Carl Junction

Faubion, Morgan Geoffrey; CIS-Information Technology; Granby

Henderson, Jordan W.; Communication-Mass; Collierville, TN

Lawrence, Carson Adam; CIS-Information Technology; Joplin

Lee-Marshall, Christopher Andrew; CIS-Information Technology;
Baxter Springs, KS

Linthicum, Linden Faith; Communication-Public Relations; Afton, OK

Woehl, Brett Michael; Industrial Engineering Technology; Joplin

Yang, Thomas T.; CIS-Information Technology; Stark City

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alison, Gina Lee; Management, Human Resource Management;
Bentonville, AR

Araujo, Samantha Taylor; Management, Human Resource Management;
Joplin

Bartholomew, Mason; Marketing; Lamar

Blackwell, Michael W.; Accounting; Springfield

Bowen, Marie Leavitt; Accounting; Pierce City

Brockett, Conor A.; Marketing; Carthage

Clouse, Gracie Mae; Management; Joplin

Colgin, Jaycob Dylan; Marketing; Carl Junction

Combs, Kashlee; Human Resource Management; Quapaw, OK

Cox, Lindsey Ann; General Business; Rogers, AR

Crane, Sage Suzanne; Management; Joplin

Cron, Payton Alexander; Finance; Republic

Culbertson, Jana Elaine.; Human Resource Management; Webb City

Dowling, Lauren M.*; Accounting; Joplin

Gaa, Jessica Michelle; Accounting; Neosho

Garringer, Trevyn R.; Finance; El Dorado Springs

Hayes, Trenton; Finance, Management; Galena KS

Hoefler, Nevada Lane; Management; Afton, OK

Honaker, Zane; Marketing; Carthage

James, Beau Archer; General Business; Joplin

Jeffries, Nicole Anne Marie; Management, Human Resource
Management; Nevada

Le, Kevin Quan; Management; Welch, OK

Leonard, Alyssa Yvette; Marketing; Kissimmee, FL

Mansfield, Taitte Rudy; Human Resource Management; Webb City

Marckmann, Ben Louis; International Business, Marketing; Joplin

Martini, Alex Camillus; Management; Carthage

Mbua, Pelagie Therese; Marketing; West Boylston, MA

Means, Don Franklin; Management; Seneca

Myers, Amber Renee; Management, Human Resource Management;
Cuba, MO

Reed, Jasmine; Accounting; Belleville, IL

Rousseau, Sarah; Accounting

Schleimer, Ryan P.; Management; Marketing; Roselle, IL

Seneker, Grace Dawn; Marketing; Pierce City

Short, Cydney Allisa; Accounting; Mount Vernon

Sims, Jeffrey Dylan; General Business; Carl Junction

Sturgeon, Sydney Montez; Management; Eucha, OK

Tate, Shalea; Management; Exeter

Taylor, Savannah Nicole; Marketing; Granby

Teeter, Kayleigh Nicole; Management, Human Resource Management;
Joplin

Tholen, Addison Grace; Marketing; Carl Junction

Thompson, Ethan; Marketing; Springfield

Tidball, Jared Elijah; Management; Jasper

Tillman, Allison Marie ‡; Management, Human Resource Management;
Joplin

Titus, Liam Cain; Management, Human Resource Management;
South Coffeyville, OK

Townsend, Charles K.; Marketing; Pineville

Trujillo, Jenifer; Human Resource Management; Carthage

Trussell, William; Accounting; El Paso, TX

Vilar, Thales Silva; International Business; Rio De Janeiro

Vowiell, Ethan B.; Marketing; Carterville

Waites, Nathan Scott; Management; Imperial

Whitehead, Clayton Ryan; Finance; Webb City

Williams, Alexzandra Christina; Management; Joplin

Williams, Shaundy Demetre; Accounting; British Virgin Islands

Williamson, Connor; Finance; Greenfield

Workman, Hope Elizabeth; Management, Human Resource
Management; Uniontown, KS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Decker, Christian; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Carl Junction

Dias Ferreira, Wanderson; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin

Emanuel, Lauren Elizabeth ‡; CIS-Information Systems; Carl Junction

Horan, John; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Joplin

Kioko, Meshack; Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Lenexa, KS

Lassiter, Nathan; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin

Lawrence, Carson Adam; CIS-Information Systems; Joplin

Lee-Marshall, Christopher Andrew; CIS-Information Systems;
Baxter Springs; KS

Nguyen, Joseph Minh; CIS-Information Systems; Carthage

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, LIFE SCIENCES & EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Hopkins, Kameron Wade; Environmental Health and Safety; Stella

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Macias, Graciela Maria; Psychology; Carthage

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, John Griffith; Exercise Science; Webb City

Alexander, Alyssa Darlene; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Dixon

Allen, Julia Kay; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Springfield

Atnip, Braden A.; Biology-General Biology; Joplin

Baldrige, Jessica Kay; Psychology; Liberal

Barker, Cole Dewayne; Exercise Science; Dexter

Benning, Jaryn Armani-Marie; Psychology; Topeka, KS

Bersuch, Braedyn Dayle; † Health Science-Paramedic; Blue Springs

Black, Chloe, I. †; Biology-Pre-Physical Therapy/ Occupational Therapy;
Carthage

Bland, Amanda Ann; Health Science-Paramedic, Washburn

Bowen, Jordan Maxwell; Environmental Health and Safety; Enid, OK

Charbonier, Brooklyn Kimbrell; Health Science-Dental Hygiene;
Waynesville

Copeland, Mariah H.; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Carthage

De La Cruz, Roel; Environmental Health and Safety; Houston, TX

Fehrman, Kenneth Raymond; Exercise Science; Joplin

Fiaseu, Kalepo Gaugua; Health Promotion and Wellness; Ewa Beach, HI

Fullerton, Hailey A.; Biology-Pre-Physical Therapy/ Occupational
Therapy; Carthage

Gaylord, Abigail Marie; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Vinita, OK

Gosnell, Melissa Marie; Environmental Health and Safety;
Campobello, SC

Grimes, Macy Lynn; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Joplin

Guilfoyle, Samantha; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Garland, KS

Hatfield, Lucas Dean; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Joplin

Hembree, Preston Blake; Sport and Recreation Management-Business;
Joplin

Herrera, Hope Katriel; Psychology; Lamar

Jones, Brenna; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Joplin

Jones, Lillie Catherine; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Sarcoxie

Kaiser, Elise, Catherine; Psychology; St. Charles

Kelley, Aubrey Kaylea; Psychology; Joplin

Kelley, Madison Roxanna; Psychology; Seneca

Kerr, Alexandra Elizabeth; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Pea Ridge, AR

Lacen, Dixee Ann; Psychology; Columbus, KS

Lacy, Kashonda Denise; Health Science-Respiratory Therapy; Kansas City

Lively, Brian Adam; Psychology; Iowa City, IA

Lowe, Christopher Scott; Exercise Science, Sport and Recreation
Management-Kinesiology; Joplin

Massey, Kyleigh L.; Biology-General Biology; Carl Junction

Maxwell, Bethany DeAnn; Health Science-Dental Hygiene;
Siloam Springs, AR

McGuire, Michael R. †; Biology-General Biology, Environmental Health
and Safety; Joplin

Meister, H'ven Donyx; Psychology; Carterville

Namburi, Nitin S.; Biomedical Science Pre-Med/Physician Assistant;
Frisco, TX

Newman, Elizabeth Ann; Environmental Health and Safety;
Rosamond, CA

Nicholas, Dylan Lee; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation; Hume

Nothnagel, Abigail Mackenzie; Psychology; Pittsburg

Pittsenbarger, Ethan Timothy ‡; Exercise Science; Lamar

Poe, Eron Elizabeth Anne; Health Science-Dental Hygiene; Diamond

Power, Paden Waylon; Environmental Health and Safety;
Walnut Cove; NC

Radcliff, Paige Marie; Biology-Pre-Medical/Physician Assistant; Joplin

Rankin, Jarred Lane; Health Science-Paramedic; Terre Haute, IN

Rice, Samantha Maria Ramirez; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation;
Carthage

Rivas, Bianca Paola; Biology-Pre-Medical/Physician Assistant;
Springdale, AR

Rollerson, Myles; Psychology; Joplin

Scates, Chyenne Rachelle; Environmental Health and Safety; Pineville

Schrader, Jayme; Health Science- Radiologic Technology; Springfield

Sirr, Kevin Ross; Health Science-Paramedic; Visalia, CA

Van Fleet, Jenifer Janeane; Psychology; Duenweg

Wallace, Addison Elizabeth; Biology-Ecology/Evolution/Conservation;
Joplin

White, Faith Marie; Psychology; Lamar

Willbanks, Kayna A.; Psychology; Mountain View

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Allman, Lily E. ‡; Elementary Education–English Learners Language;
Anderson

Baker, Alex Wayne; K-12 Education–Physical Education; Carthage

Barnard, Taylor Grace; Elementary Education-English Language Learners;
Anderson

Barnett, Alexis Taylor; Secondary Education-Speech and Theater;
El Dorado Springs

Derryberry, Addison; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Neosho

Donovan, Kevah Ashiia; Elementary Education-English Language
Learners; British Virgin Islands

Edwards, Rodney K.; Elementary Education-Special Education; Neosho

Ehlers, Brooke Adora ‡; Elementary Education-English Language
Learners; El Dorado Springs

Emmert, Emily Morgan ‡; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Neosho

Entinger, Emma LeAnne; Elementary Education-English Language
Learners; Joplin

Finney, Shaelea Mykia; Elementary Education-Early Childhood;
South Coffeyville, OK

Garcia Gomez, Jesus Manuel; Elementary Education; Monett

Hawkins, Britney Lynn; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Chicago, IL

Hedrick, Heidi May; Elementary Education; Joplin

Henderson, Durand Donzell; K-12 Education-Physical Education;
Webb City

Hottinger, Autumn Elizabeth; Elementary Education-Special Education;
Pineville

Jacobs, Ashley Nicole; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Jennings, Makayla E. ‡; Elementary Education-Early Childhood;
Carthage

Lopez, Jazuri Marilu; K-12 Education-French; Carthage

McGill, Molly Kristen; Middle School Education-Language Arts,
Secondary Education-English, Camdenton

Milar, Carson; Social Science Education; Webb City

Moser, Olivia Macen; † Elementary Education-English Language
Learners; Joplin

Oxford, Dana Yasmeen; Secondary Education-Business; Carthage

Petry, Samuel; K-12 Education-Instrumental; Carl Junction

Philips, Ireland Grace; K-12 Education Spanish; Coweta, OK

Pickett, Alexander Scott; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Webb City

Pittsenbarger, Sydney Marie ‡; Elementary Education-Early Childhood;
Lamar

Roach, Kylee M. ‡; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Carthage

Sargent, Harry; K-12 Education-Physical Education; Cambridge, England

Seward, Kiri L.; Elementary Education- Special Education; Joplin

Single, Chantelle †; Elementary Education-Special Education; Joplin

Smith, Madison Kaye Jean; Elementary Education-Early Childhood; Joplin

Stokes, Madilynn L.; Elementary Education-Special Education; Purdy

Walker, Logan Brett; Middle School Education-Math; Carthage

Wells, Payton E.; K-12 Education-Art; Nixa

Wheeler, Laurel Parlett; Middle School Education-Language Arts,
Secondary Education-English; Joplin

White, John Christopher; Middle School Education-Social Studies; Webb City

Wilkinson, Dexter Jeremiah; Middle School Education-Language Arts,
Secondary Education-English; Joplin

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Asquith, Toney; General Studies; Baxter Springs, KS

Beckett, Jessica; General Studies; Neosho

Bragg, Jason Lee; General Studies; Webb City

Brummer, Tracy; General Studies; St. Charles

Campbell, Deontay Latrell; General Studies; Montgomery, AL

Campbell, Steven B.; General Studies; Joplin

Clouse, Gavin Tylor; General Studies; Seneca

Cox, Harrison Colby Blake; General Studies; Muskogee, OK

Cox, Kathren.; General Studies; Springfield

Dennis Michelle; General Studies; Webb City

Dimetroff, Jenna; General Studies; Joplin

Duplessis, Antoine Charles; General Studies; San Diego, CA

Gildehaus, Shelby Lynn*; General Studies; Bentonville, AR

Gilmore, Akeem J'ron; General Studies; Little Rock, AR

Henry, Amy Lee; General Studies; Fort Collins, CO

Hieb, Justin; General Studies; Joplin

Holiman, Madison Elisabeth; General Studies; Joplin

Honan, Nathan Paul; General Studies; Buffalo, NY

Hudson, Brandi; General Studies; Chicago, IL

King, Jacob*; General Studies; Webb City

Liams, Allyson Paige; General Studies; Georgetown, TX

Johnson, Emily Kay; General Studies; Neosho

Kelly, Gaylen Boyd; General Studies; Granby

Manase, Edward Tj Harry; General Studies; Pago Pago

Neal, Kameron Kyle; General Studies; Aurora, IL

Pattison, Nadine Marie; General Studies; Lamar

Reynolds, India Elisabeth; General Studies; Joplin

Richins, Thomas Foster; General Studies; Joplin

Smith, Whitney Michele; General Studies; Baxter Springs, KS

Swadley, Andrew J.; General Studies; Springfield

Tapusoa, Joaquin; General Studies; Joplin

Workman, Jacob Casey; General Studies; Carthage

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate

GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED ABROAD

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU Academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,800 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Alexander, Cheyanne Dawn | United Kingdom

Arealos, Michael Anthony | France

Baldrige, Jessica Kay | Italy

Bersuch, Braedyn Dayle † | Italy

Black, Chloe | United Kingdom

Charbonier, Brooklyn Kimbrell | Italy

Derryberry, Addison M. | Spain

Ehlers, Brooke Adora ‡ | Italy

Emanuel, Lauren Elizabeth ‡ | United Kingdom

Grimes, Macy Lynn | United Kingdom

Hayes, Trenton | Ireland

Houston, Joi J. | Canada, Sweden

Jennings, Makayla E. ‡ | United Kingdom

Jones, Breanna | Belize

Lively, Brian Adam | Italy

Lopez, Jazuri Marilu | France

McGuire, Michael R. † | United Kingdom

Moser, Olivia Macen † | Ireland

Nothnagel, Abigail Mackenzie | Italy

Reed, Melody Lea † | Ireland

Roberts, Bethany Grace | United Kingdom

Rousseau, Sarah | Germany

Skelton Mactavious, Tijorn A. | Canada,
Sweden

Wallace, Addison Elizabeth | Belize

Wilkinson, Dexter Jeremiah | United Kingdom

Willbanks, Kayna Alyse | Italy

Williamson, Connor | China, Czech Republic

ACADEMIC ATTIRE & HONOR CORDS

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

TRADITIONAL COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:

- Business: Drab
- Criminal Justice: Purple
- Education: Light Blue
- Healthcare Administration: Peacock Blue

HONOR CORDS

- Athletics: Green and Gold
- Caduceus Society: Braided Gold and Royal Blue
- Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Royal Blue and Gold
- Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
- Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold
- Honors Program: Green
- International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta: Black and Red
- International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple
- International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue
- International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue
- Latin Honors: Double Braided Bright Gold, White, and Green
- National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue
- National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black and White
- National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White
- Nursing Honor Society: Apricot
- RAW (Real About Well-Being): Rainbow
- Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
- Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM): Navy Blue, Light Blue, and White
- Student Success Center Tutor: Teal and Black
- Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega: Antique Gold and Light Blue
- Veteran: Red, White, and Blue
- Women in Science: Orchid Pink

ALMA MATER

Our Alma Mater we honor thee, shaping and guiding our destiny. After we have parted as the years roll by; we'll keep each memory hail, hail to thee.

‡ 4.0 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*May or July Graduate



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Photo backdrops will
be available after the
ceremonies in
Young Gymnasium

OUTDOOR

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