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**ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Fall Commencement

Friday, December 15, 2023



Fall 2023 Commencement Program

Friday, December 15, 2023
11 a.m.

Processional - Henderson State University Brass Quintet

The National Anthem – Presentation of Colors by Henderson State University ROTC

Chancellor Charge

Dr. Robert Fisher, Interim Chancellor of Henderson State University

Student Response

Robert Dunham, Education Major and Student Athlete

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Talisha Givan, Chief Learning Officer and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Celya Taylor, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Robert Fisher, Interim Chancellor

Alma Mater

Recessional

Candidates for Advanced Degrees

Educational Specialist

Diana Elena Camarillo, Master of Education, 2009, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Courtney Beth Clark, Master of Arts in Teaching, 2018, Henderson State University
Ajarienne LaTina Cummings, Master of Education, 2009, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Heather Cambrel Fulmer, Master of Arts in Teaching, 2010, Henderson State University
Breanna Renee Hammons, Master of Science in Education, 2012, Arkansas State University

Master of Arts in Teaching

Lashana Denise Barnes, Bachelor of Science, 2015, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Mary Jean "MJ" Bradley, Bachelor of Science, 2004, University of Arkansas at Monticello
William Joseph Christopher, Bachelor of Arts, 2022, Western Governors University
Kaitlin Nicole Curry, Bachelor of General Studies, 2021, Texas A&M University at Texarkana
Anna Marie Dietrich, Bachelor of Science, 2021, Southern Arkansas University
Elizabeth Danielle Durbin, Bachelor of Science, 2022, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
Sara English, Bachelor of Arts, 2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Bryant "Teddy" Henderson, Bachelor of Science, 2009, Texas A&M University - Texarkana
Jenna Burton Jones, Bachelor of Integrated Studies, 2020, Henderson State University
Takela McDuffie, Bachelor of Integrated Science, 2017, Henderson State University
La Dena Gayle Nsabimana, Bachelor of Science, 2022, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
Carrie Ann Savage, Bachelor of Science, 2017, University of Arkansas at Monticello
Jacqueline Ann VanKirk, Bachelor of Professional Studies, 2012, Arkansas Tech University
Madalynn Vann, Bachelor of Science, 2021, Southern Arkansas University

Master of Business Administration

Rebecca Lynn Almond, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2021, Henderson State University
Caleb T. Anderson, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2021, Henderson State University
Judah Andrews, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2017, University of Oklahoma
Eleshea Kimberly-Na'cha Banks, Bachelor of Science, 2022, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Rizwana Begum, Bachelor of Commerce, 2007, Bharathidasan University
Anne Bennett, Bachelor of Arts, 2007, University of Central Arkansas
Britney Danielle Dagley, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2021, Southeastern Louisiana University
Trevor Allen Davis, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2022, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi
Dulce Valeria Espinoza Lopez, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2022, Univ. of Arkansas at Monticello
Steven Michael Garner, Bachelor of Science, 2020, Southern Arkansas University
Orlando Pereze Goodwin, Bachelor of Science, 2021, Henderson State University
Zachary Robert Hansen, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
Tristan Kent Heaton, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2022, Henderson State University
Warren Craig Johnson, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2021, Henderson State University
Christopher C. Lamar, Bachelor of Science, 2014, Henderson State University
Savannah Grace Long, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2022, Henderson State University

Mary Colleen Mason, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2019, Henderson State University
John Michael McGee, Bachelor of General Studies, 2016, Henderson State University
Meranda Metcalf, Bachelor of Science, 2006, Henderson State University
Kelsey Mitchum, Bachelor of Arts, 2021, Henderson State University
Jonathan Spenser Pack, Bachelor of Science 2016, Arkansas Tech University
Robert Caleb Parker, Bachelor of Arts, 2017, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Hailee Nicole Quilici, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2021, Henderson State University
Faren Grayer Spooner, Bachelor of Science, 2018, Southern University A&M College
William Alexander Sprenger, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
Devondrea Story, Bachelor of Arts, 2009, Henderson State University
Tabitha Nichole Taylor, Bachelor of Arts, 2018, Arkansas Tech University

Master of Science

Cortney Michelle Abbott, Bachelor of Arts, 2020, Henderson State University
Cristal T. Ellis, Bachelor of Science, 2019, Purdue University Global
Katja Hajdinjak, Bachelor of Science, 2018, Florida Southern College
Kristen Hamilton, Bachelor of Professional Studies, 2020, Arkansas Tech University
Victoria Rose Harper, Bachelor of Science, 2019, Henderson State University
Kaitlin La Joye Henry, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
Austin Lane Huie, Bachelor of Science, 2019, Henderson State University
Macklaine Anderea Irby, Bachelor of Science, 2021, Henderson State University
Natalie Brooke Jones, Bachelor of Science, 2005, University of Central Arkansas
Kaia Lashun McClinton, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
LaDonna Lynn Mitchell, Bachelor of Science, 2014, Henderson State University
Abbie Catherine Christine Moore, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
Joseph Gray Myers, Bachelor of Science, 2020, Henderson State University
Bohdan Pochynok, Bachelor of Integrated Studies, 2019, Henderson State University
Mark Wesley Rutledge II, Bachelor of Science, 2016, University of Central Arkansas
Addison Jade Stewart, Bachelor of Arts, 2019, Henderson State University
Caroline Nicole Tedder, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2022, University of Arkansas at Monticello
Randarius Giovonnie Terry, Bachelor of Science, 2022, Henderson State University
Quinton Cole Thornton, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2021, Henderson State University
Jillian Elaine Treece, Bachelor of Arts, 2020, Henderson State University
Malik Elijah Ware, Bachelor of Arts, 2019, Henderson State University

Master of Science in Education

Jennifer Lynn Burks, Bachelor of Professional Studies, 2016, Arkansas Tech University
Melonie Renee Burton, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2010, Arkansas State University
Stephanie Roxann Cross, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2009, Henderson State University
Jessica Marie Dicus, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2021, Henderson State University
Aspen Heard, Bachelor of Science, 2019, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Holly Luetta McDonald, Bachelor of Arts, 2010, University of Arkansas at Monticello
Martha E. Mosqueda, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2021, Henderson State University
Stephanie Nicole Sampley, Bachelor of Science, 2006, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
Hailie Unruh, Bachelor of Science in Education, 2015, Henderson State University

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

Health, Education, and Social Sustainability

Bachelor of Arts

Makenzie Nicole Grinage
McKenna Charlotte Hurst

Bachelor of Science

Jorika Alvarez
MarDerrius Lundre Amos
Cole Matthew Briley
Kennedy Caroline Campbell²
Jaylon Coopwood
Ashlea Leanne Crutchfield
Dylan Jacob Davis
Tsiyon D. Dotson
Duleigh Blane Driggers
Tyler Ryan Edmonson²
Kendall Luke Farrar³
Heidy Paola Galvan³
Ryan Jordan Galvan³
Brooklynn Ella Halliday
Tayler Briana Jackson
Mackenzie Nicole Johns

Jacob Gary Johnson
Jalan R. Kemp
Lauren Elizabeth Loeb²
Vanessa Annabell Lofton
Jaren Ka'lil McGhee
Michael Anthony Renae McKinzie Jr.
Violeta Mendoza-Quintana
Jenna Makenzie Ray³
Kaylin Michelle Robinson-Hunter¹
Luke Rodolfo Rocha
Leigha Seastone
Andy Robert Selph¹
Charles T. Still
BreAnn Terry
Joshua T Whitaker
Ketina Yolanda Witherspoon

Bachelor of Science in Education

Taylor Lynn Allen¹
Mikayla Breanne Armstrong
Latasha A. Brooks
Catherine Diane Condery
Bailey Elizabeth DeWalt
Robert Morgan Dunham
Ryan Tyler Franks³
Cameron James Galliher³
Nikita Nashaye Hatley
Abigail Jones²

Isabella Grace Laughlin¹
Callie M McKim²
Juan Manuel Castillo Olivas
Skylar Madison Primm³
Cheyanne J. Shipman
Bailey Breanna Smith
Natalie Claire Twisdale²
Delaney Vaughan-Fry
Jastyn Breyan Vickers
Czoey Erin White

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Carmelita Chavez¹
Karen Leighann Crisp³
April Lauren Garner¹
Maddison B. Goodin¹
Samantha Lee Harder
Haley Harper¹

Latina Shawnette Johninon¹
Treleecia Z. Merrill¹
Hannah M. Phillips¹
Crystal D. Sibley³
Jessica Leeanne Jennifer Thomas¹
Makyla Lynn Thornberry³

Associate of Science

MarDerrius Lundre Amos
Isabelle Hannah Andrews
Kennedy Caroline Campbell
Clayton D. Cockerill
Tsiyon D. Dotson
Kendall Luke Farrar
Kristin Brooke Fields
Jacob Gary Johnson

Brittney Nichole Long
Alexandrea Lee McClendon
Lauren Michele Pearson
Andrew L. Shere
Logan Keith Starkey
Tamia Nicole Templeton
Mitchell Ray Wright

Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

Bachelor of Business Administration

Mei Atsuta
Elliot Boyett
Carly Campos²
Caleb Austin Dodd
Landon R. Headrick
Gunnar Foxx Hennigan
Hayden S Hilson²
Robert Ryan Lessenberry
Karli P. Lunsford
Raechel Lindsey Melanson
Jakob Shawn Neel
Ashley Olivas

Cole Joseph Oswald
Criss Sergio Ramos²
Briana Hali Rice
Brenda Devanira Salas-Venegas
Trinity Rae Sharp³
Macy R. Skorcz³
Haley Marie Smith
Cayde Taylor
Garett A. Webb³
Jordan Cole White
Kalyne N. Wright

Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Arts

Alexander Niel Carter^{3,4}
Perla Cervantes
Thomas Overton Daniel¹
James Thomas Dickens²
Cierra Denise Ferguson

Jacob Matthew Grant³
Justin Haire
Juli Nicole Reaper
Rebekah C. Townsend²

Bachelor of Integrated Studies

Lily A. Cox³
Chatorie D. Flowers
Elizabeth Anne Mansfield
Destiny Danielle Arin Martin

Chiebuka Arthur Okeke
Jarvis De'Coder Smith
Rebekah C. Townsend²
Mellissa R. Westbrook

Bachelor of Music

Zak Brown²
Bryan Garay-Juárez¹

Jordan Matthew Sievers³
Krystyna Rosa Saminchasqan Valdivia³

Bachelor of Science in Education

Blaine P Falgout¹
Brianna Leigh Minton¹
Destani Hope Polston

Logan M. Whitley
Allison Wilcox

Applied Professional Sciences and Technology

Bachelor of Science

Tess Marie Akin
Payton G. Arber
Joel T. Brewer
Jack T. Brown³
Jackson O'Farrell Carder^{3,4}
Steven Eric Carter Jr
Lane Russell Cochran
John Dawson
Sara J Deane²
James M. Escue
Kristin Brooke Fields
Joey Ford
Zackery W. Gilbert
Taylor Michael Grimm
Yuta Kitagawa
Triston Paul Little

Zyaire S. Love
Brandy C. Manning³
Andrew McClure
Dakota Lane Murphy
Dylan Kamau Ndambuki
Justin H. Otwell³
Andrea Pack
Dylan L Rayburn
Jordan Collins Rusnak
Christopher Alan Shatzer
Andrew L Shere
Haley D. Simmons¹
Logan Keith Starkey¹
William David Dwight Taylor-Pelham
Logan Baron Way

Students may graduate with distinction status according to the following criteria. Distinction status is determined based on the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at the start of the student's final semester. Students must earn a minimum of 60 hours in residence from Henderson State University in order to qualify to graduate with distinction.

Cum Laude = 3.50 – 3.749 Cumulative GPA
Magna Cum Laude = 3.75 – 3.849 Cumulative GPA
Summa Cum Laude = 3.85 – 4.00 Cumulative GPA

Academic Regalia

According to the American Council on Education, the origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a member of the clergy. This made sense because, with few exceptions, the medieval scholar had made a commitment to serve the church. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings.

Each portion of the clothing worn by faculty and students in commencement ceremonies represents achievement in an individual area of the university:

- Ivory Stoles denote Cum Laude honors
- Gray Stoles denote Magna Cum Laude honors
- Red Stoles Summa Cum Laude honors
- Peach Cords denote First-Generation College Graduate
- Scarlet and Silver Cords denote membership in the Alpha Epsilon Lambda, National Academic and Leadership Honor Society
- Red and Black Honor Cords denote membership in Sigma Tau Delta, International Honor Society in English
- Maroon Ribbons with Medallion denote Henderson Honors College Scholars
- Gray and Maroon Ribbons with Medallion denote Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, McNair Scholars
- Blue and Green Ribbons with Medallion denote membership in Alpha Chi, National Honor Society
- Gold Stoles denote membership in Gamma Beta Phi, National Honor Society
- Red and Blue Honor Cords denote membership in Phi Alpha Theta, International History Honor Society
- Purple and Green Honor Cords denote membership in Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society for Education Majors
- Red and White Honor Cords denote membership in Lambda Pi Eta, International Honor Society in Communication
- Blue and Gold Honor Cords denote membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, Honor Society for Business Programs accredited by AACSB International
- Teal Honor Cords denote membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society in Sociology
- Silver and Ruby Honor Cords denote membership in Pi Kappa Delta, National Honor Society in Debate and Forensics
- Purple and White Honor Cords denote membership in Theta Alpha Phi, Honorary Dramatic Fraternity
- Burgundy and Gold Honor Cords and Tassels denote membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda, National Honor Society for Non-Traditional Students
- Blue and White Cords denote membership in National Student Nurses' Association
- Green and White Stoles denote membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, The Physics Honor Society
- Blue and Platinum Honor Cords denote membership in Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology
- Rose Pink and Silver cords denote membership in Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics Honor Society
- Double Gold Cords denote Alpha Mu Gamma, National Collegiate Foreign Language, Honor Society
- Red and Black Cords denote TRIO/Student Support Services graduate
- Purple and Gold Honor Cords denote membership in Kappa Pi, international honorary art fraternity
- Royal Blue and White Cords denote membership in Eta Sigma Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honors Society International



Alma Mater

Breathe, stalwart pine trees,
Mem'ries of living shadows.

Whisper, acorn bearers,
From thy living fountains.

Beauty and friendship,
Eternal as the holly.

Into all thy children,
Alma Mater Henderson.