ELIJAH KENNEDY
SPRING 2015 SIBBERSON AWARD RECIPIENT
SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

Elijah is graduating with a bachelor of science in criminal justice. He already is working with the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Office as a full-time dispatcher to gain experience in the field. At the same time, he is going through the hiring process with the Kansas Highway Patrol in hopes of becoming a state trooper. If he is selected for the current class, he will begin a six-month training academy this summer. He intends to return to school to earn a master’s degree in criminal justice administration to further his career with the Highway Patrol.

While at Washburn, Elijah participated in a number of volunteer activities including working with the Shawnee County District Attorney’s Office Victim and Witness Unit, providing support to victims of crime as they went through the court process and with the FUSE Foundation as a facilitator for their summer retreat helping young adults suffering from muscular dystrophy. He also volunteered with the Washburn University Cadet Program – a program that provides volunteer policing services as an adjunct to the Washburn University Police Department. As a cadet, he volunteered at least 100 hours each academic year. In addition, Elijah has been involved with his church, helping with general children’s ministries and as a group leader with vacation bible school.

Elijah is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, the Mortar Board Honor Society and the Sigma Lambda Criminal Justice Honor Society. At Washburn, he has been on the President’s Honor Roll each semester and received the Criminal Justice Excellence Award this spring. He is also the recipient of the Klasse Scholarship.

Elijah also has served in a unique role during his entire Washburn career. Since arriving on campus, Elijah has worked as the Washburn University Ichabod Mascot. He has made countless appearances as Ichabod at sporting events, community get-togethers and for charitable causes. As the mascot, he was one of the key faces of Washburn University and was responsible for providing the community with a positive and entertaining experience.

In recognition of his four-year role as Ichabod, Elijah is wearing a special Ichabod stole – the first ever produced for Washburn.