



Washburn University
Commencement
Fall 2025



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UNIVERSITY

Fall Commencement Ceremonies *of the 160th Year*

Friday, December 12, 2025
White Concert Hall & Lee Arena

This is truly my favorite time of the year when we gather to celebrate our students. It is such a feeling of pride as we watch each graduate cross the stage, knowing they worked diligently and have achieved so much. Each student started with a plan and a dream and now they cross the stage as new alumni, ready for their chosen career path, and forever part of the Washburn community.

— President JuliAnn Mazachek

Washburn University's Mission:
Washburn creates educational pathways to success
for everyone.

Adopted - Washburn University Board of Regents, February 1, 2024

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Cabinet

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Washburn History

Washburn University was founded as Lincoln College, a private Congregational school, on February 6, 1865, with a mission to provide an education for all, regardless of ethnicity or gender. The economy after the American Civil War made keeping the school open challenging so the founders solicited funds amongst other Congregationalists across the country. When they visited Ichabod Washburn in Worcester, Mass., the self-made industrialist, abolitionist, and philanthropist heard a cause he could believe in and he pledged \$25,000. In recognition of this significant gift, the institution was renamed to Washburn College in 1868.



Ceremonial Grand Marshal

The Grand Marshal role at Washburn has rotated annually, since fall 2011, with each academic unit selecting a current or retired faculty member for the honor. Selections may recognize emeritus faculty or current faculty with strong records in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Academic Regalia

Academic regalia, rooted in medieval European universities, has changed little since the 16th century. In 1895, a U.S. intercollegiate code standardized its design and colors for various degrees. Modern regalia includes three parts: the gown, headpiece, and hood. The gown denotes the level of education—baccalaureate gowns are black with pointed sleeves, master's gowns have closed glove-style sleeves, and doctoral gowns feature velvet trim, chevrons, and sometimes colored accents for the discipline or university. Honors may be shown with cords, stoles, medallions, or pins, such as honor cords for academic achievement or items signifying membership in societies. The headpiece, usually a mortarboard, has tassels indicating the field of study; doctoral tassels are often gold. Some doctorate holders wear a velvet Tudor cap. The hood, largely unchanged since medieval times, is edged with velvet for the discipline and lined with the institution's colors, symbolizing academic heritage and affiliation. Overall, academic regalia visually represents education level, achievements, and institutional ties through its colors and design.

Hood Trimming & Tassel Colors

● Juris Doctor	● Master of Criminal Justice Bachelor of Criminal Justice
● Doctor of Nursing Practice Master of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing	● Bachelor of Education Master of Education
● Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration Bachelor of Business Administration	● Bachelor of Health Science Master of Health Science
○ Master of Arts in Communication & Leadership Master of Arts in Human Services Master of Arts in Psychology Bachelor of Arts Associate of Arts Associate of Liberal Studies	● Master of Social Work Bachelor of Social Work
	● Bachelor of Applied Science Associate of Applied Science Associate of Science
	● Certificate of Completion

Sibberson Award

Recognized with a stole, Sibberson Award nominees represent the highest-ranking members of the senior class in each undergraduate program at Washburn University. Established through the trusts of Erna Sibberson and Gretchen O.A. Sibberson, the award provides a substantial monetary prize, with the winner further distinguished by a medallion. The award recognizes students who completed degrees during the most recent academic semester.

University Latin Honors

Recognized with a cord, Latin Honors are awarded to students seeking their first baccalaureate degree who have met their degree requirements by completing undergraduate course work and achieving a high cumulative grade point average. There are three levels of Latin Honors:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE	MAGNA CUM LAUDE	CUM LAUDE
BLUE/WHITE CORD	GOLD CORD	SILVER CORD
3.8 - 4.0	3.6 - 3.79	3.4 - 3.59

School of Law Latin Honors

Honors are granted to School of Law students as follows:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE	MAGNA CUM LAUDE	CUM LAUDE
BLUE/WHITE CORD	GOLD CORD	SILVER CORD
3.9+ GPA	TOP 5% OF CLASS	TOP 5.1 - 10% OF CLASS

University Honors

Distinguished by a green stole, University Honors students are recognized for completing the requirements of the University Honors Program, which provides enriched curricular and co-curricular experiences in academic rigor, research, leadership, and service. Recognition is conferred at three levels: Honors Associate (12 hours of Honors credit), Honors Scholar (18 hours), and Honors Graduate (24 hours).

Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE)

Students receive a medallion upon completing a Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE) and may earn multiple medallions. These medallions are worn during commencement to recognize their achievements. Through community service, international education, leadership, and scholarly or creative activities, students develop problem-solving skills, broaden their perspectives, and gain the vision and responsibility to lead and contribute meaningfully in their communities and the global society.



President, Provost and Deans



JULIANN MAZACHEK
President



JOHN FRITCH
Provost and Vice President
of Academic Affairs



CRYSTAL STEVENS
Interim Dean of Harmony
Hines School of Nursing



JEFFREY JACKSON
Dean of School of Law



DAVID SOLLARS
Dean of Brenneman
School of Business



ZACH FRANK
Dean of School of
Applied Studies



KELLY ERBY
Dean of College of
Arts & Sciences

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PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

Jane Carpenter, PhD, Grand Marshal

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lauren Wilson, student

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

JuliAnn Mazachek, PhD, President

REMARKS FROM THE DEAN

Crystal Stevens, DNP, Interim Dean

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

John Fritch, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Debbie Isaacson, DNP, Associate Dean

Michele Reisinger, DNP, DNP Program Director

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

JuliAnn Mazachek, PhD, President

Crystal Stevens, DNP, Interim Dean

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

JuliAnn Mazachek, PhD, President

Crystal Stevens, DNP, Interim Dean

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

*Patrick Vogelsberg, President, Washburn Alumni Association
Board of Directors*

CLOSING

JuliAnn Mazachek, PhD, President

RECESSIONAL

Ceremonial Grand Marshal

JANE CARPENTER, PhD

Professor Emerita

Harmony Hines School of Nursing



Dr. Carpenter earned her BSN from Washburn University in 1980, her MSN from the University of Kansas, and her PhD in Education from the University of Kansas. Before joining Washburn, she spent 14 years in various nursing roles at St. Francis Hospital.

Dr. Carpenter served on the Washburn University Harmony J. Hines School of Nursing faculty for 32 years

and as Dean from 2019 to 2025. Following her retirement in June 2025, she continues to teach as an adjunct professor. Throughout her tenure, she taught a range of courses, including fundamental and medical-surgical nursing, Nursing Informatics & Evidence-Based Practice, and coordinated the Harmony J. Hines School of Nursing School of Nursing Capstone course for over 15 years. She also enjoyed teaching the Washburn Experience course, WU 101.

As Dean, Dr. Carpenter guided the Harmony J. Hines School of Nursing through the challenges of COVID-19, supported international travel programs, and facilitated two federally funded HRSA grants. She also served as principal investigator for the Kansas Nurse Initiative Grant from 2018 to 2025 and has been a dedicated advocate for student success and NCLEX achievement.

From 2010 to 2025, Dr. Carpenter served on the Kansas Commission on Nursing Education & Practice (KNEP), a subcommittee of the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders.

Faculty

HOODING FACULTY

*Tracy Davies, DNP
Amanda Hartman, DNP
Traci Hoffman, DNP
Marian Jamison, PhD*

MARSHALS

*Michelle Heusi, DNP
Deb Rector, MSN*

READERS

*Debbie Isaacson, DNP
Michele Reisinger, DNP*

MEDALLIONS

Lori Edwards, DNP

CERTIFICATES

Traci Hoffman, DNP

UNDERGRADUATE PINS

*Bri Fairchild, MSN
Samantha Montgomery, DNP*

Candidates for Graduation

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HARMONY HINES SCHOOL OF NURSING DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Yana Bowen
Caroline Karunde
Winrose Karunde
Odette Seka Ndzelen
Duandelyn Rhodes

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER POST- GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Katja Stroh Austin
Stephanie Bryant
Kimberly Elaine Gray
Carla M Leightner
Lynn Minnick
Benjamin Orina Ondieki
Amanda K Schulte

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Mary Boluwatife Akinniyi
Camara Cheyanne Belanger
School of Nursing Honors
Nicole Bocanegra Morteo
Cum Laude
Evelyn Ceja
Melanie Cervantes-Rodriguez
Logan Matthew Crow
School of Nursing Scholar
Summa Cum Laude
Katie Anne DesLauriers
Cum Laude
Mary Dinneen
School of Nursing Honors
Rebecca Elizabeth Gale
Magna Cum Laude

Coban Che Gonzales
Justine Hernandez Gutierrez
Magna Cum Laude
Evelyn Guzman
Wendy Guzman-Soto
School of Nursing Honors
Cum Laude
Taleah Marie Hagen
Ariana Ashley Harmon
William Josef Hess
Cum Laude
Jo Anna Paige Hoff
Faith Marie Horton
School of Nursing Scholar
Summa Cum Laude
Chloe Howell
School of Nursing Scholar
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist
Aidan Kole Junior
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Cailey J Keating
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Taylor M Knipp
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Brooklyn Rae Langley
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Kaylynn Renai Lee
Benjamin G Lindsey
Amy Leigh Miller
Kaylee Rose Moe
Mariah Angelina Moore
Taylor Scott Moore
School of Nursing Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Naomi Morkert

McKayla Elise Suzanne Newman
Heather Lauren Padron
Taylor Marie Parsel
Cameryn Kristina Peterson
Moriah Renee Phelps-Roper
School of Nursing Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist
Niamaries Pringle
Lizbeth Rodriguez
Deliya Say
Henry C Schinstock
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Danielle Marie Sender
Mary Jane Sharpnack
Magna Cum Laude
Mallory Riley Singleton
School of Nursing Honors
Rhiley Dawn Stoppel
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Rosina Stover
School of Nursing Honors
Summa Cum Laude
McKenzie Angela Szopinski
Pasang Tamang
Alex Michael Wilcoxson Tillman
School of Nursing Scholar
Cum Laude
K'Andre Tookes
School of Nursing Honors
Sarah Elizabeth Vanstory
School of Nursing Scholar
Magna Cum Laude
Morgan Lenee White
School of Nursing Honors
Ashleigh Michelle Wright

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (SIBBERSON)

John Fritch, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

JuliAnn Mazachek, PhD, President

Jeffrey Jackson, JD, LL.M., Dean, School of Law

David Sollars, PhD, Dean Brenneman School of Business

Zach Frank, DPT, Dean, School of Applied Studies

Kelly Erby, PhD, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

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ROYAL E. WOHL, PhD

Professor Emeritus, Kinesiology Department



Dr. Royal E. Wohl joined Washburn University's Department of Kinesiology as a lecturer in 1994, became an assistant professor in 1997, earned tenure and promotion to professor in 2007, and was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in 2024. He served as department chair for 17 years and is recognized for his expertise in health education and wellness.

Dr. Wohl presented at numerous professional conferences, including three international and eleven national events, and published in multiple national, regional, and state journals. He also authored two instructional lab manuals for lifetime wellness courses.

He chaired the committee that established the Washburn's Employee Wellness Program, including its incentive-based participation plan. Beyond campus, Dr. Wohl consulted for the Kansas State Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, co-leading 18 statewide workshops on health education and HIV prevention. He also helped revise Kansas' School Health Education Standards and served on the Topeka Mayor's Council on Community Health and Wellness.

In 2018, Dr. Wohl received the Herrick Faculty Award for Outstanding Service.

Faculty

READERS

Emily Grant, JD

Jim Martin, MBA

Linsey Modelmog, PhD

John Mullican, PhD

Tonya Ricklefs, PhD

HOODING FACULTY

Chris Carey, JD

Lauren Edelman, EdD

Danny Funk, MBA

Alex Glasbaussner, JD

Jami Hamilton-Ansley, EdD

Antonina Kowalska, JD

Kara Langin, PhD

Jim Schnoebelen, PhD

Michael Stoica, PhD

MARSHALS

Jayme Burdick, MBA

Paul Byrne, PhD

Karen Camarda, PhD

Miguel González-Abellás, PhD

Bailey Grey, MSW

Chris Jones, PhD

Grace Leu, PhD

Joseph Mastrosimone, JD

Lori McMillan, JD, LLM

Kim Morse, PhD

Tracy Routsong, PhD

Stephanie Sedlacek, OTD

Nan Sun, PhD

Tracy Wagner, PhD

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SCHOOL OF LAW

MASTER OF LAW

Sushma Budhathoki
*U.S. & International Corporate
& Commercial Track*
Roselyn Ojoma Gabriel
General Track
Aastha Koirala
*U.S. & International Corporate
& Commercial Track*
Dinesh Rijal
*U.S. & International Corporate
& Commercial Track*

JURIS DOCTOR

Taylor Mackenzie Anderson
Bailey Rae Baker
Maura Elizabeth Buhler
Amos Cooley
Braelyn L. Cummings
James Drew Englis
Carolyn Rose Gonzales
Pro Bono Honors w/ distinction
John Daniel Herrman
*Business and Transactional Law
Certificate*
Jack David Kelsey
Eduardo N Palacios
Morgan Haley Parshall
Benjamin Patrick Steinkuehler
Brook Ziegelmeier

BRENNEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Abigail N Fox

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Minakshi Bansal
Luke R Dickey
Jordan D Finesy
Kirstin Elizabeth Harden
Matteo Madrassi
Jacob Michael Meyer
Sarah A Michael
Ali Naveed
Christian Miguel Paez

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alonzo Arturo Barraza
Madeleine Marie Berner
Bailey A Bicknell
Tyler Erwin Bowden
*School of Business Honors
Cum Laude*

Madeline Grace Cregan
Cum Laude
Caylee Grace Douglas
*School of Business Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist*
Shelby Ann Elskamp
*School of Business Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Breahanna Marie Enloe
Abbie Rae Gibbs
*School of Business Honors
Cum Laude*
Connor Michael Gellender
Ryan Graves
Conner Haire
*School of Business Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Nathan Thomas Harding
Isaac Hickman
*School of Business Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist*
James Hill
*School of Business Honors
Cum Laude*
Nicholas James Hogan
Brendon Igercic
Kyler Alan Kaniper
Shane Mullen
Madelyn Mullins
Andrew James O'Doherty
*School of Business Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Trey Hudson Pivarnik
*School of Business Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Rylie Grace Rumsey
*School of Business Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Tate A Schoffelman
Sarah Jo Seley
School of Business Honors
Ciaralyn Sunday
Kade Russell Walker
*School of Business Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Robert Edward White
Samuel John Wragge
*School of Business Honors
Cum Laude*

SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS

Kathryn Anne Frick
Donna M Kelly

Roxanne B Powell
Clysta Michelle Rhoades
Morgan Robert Von Feldt

MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Cory Eugene Heard
Madelin Murray

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Jillian N Kimzey
Education Honors

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Reese Daelyn Fergola
Julio Fernando Gorga
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica Johnson
Cum Laude
Alexa Cheyenne Walker
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ashley Lecann Burkett
Emoya D Davis
Alma Lydia Duran
Tyler James Haywood
*Criminal Justice/Legal Studies Honors
Cum Laude*
Jack Thomas Hendrickson
Megan Elizabeth Kowalewski
*Criminal Justice/Legal Studies Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Jaxon Kozol
Vanesa Nicole Macias
Sadée Michele Markham
*Criminal Justice/Legal Studies Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Jon-Wesley Dale O'Hara
*Criminal Justice/Legal Studies Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Victoria Irene Ramirez
Destiney La'Shea Smith
Samantha Rene' Staton

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Lauren Taylor Dowty
Cum Laude
Morgan Kay Henneberg
Zoe E Hines
Rachel Hanna Larkin
*Education Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Jadyn Alexis Nachtman

Zayreli M Reyes
*Education Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Julia Marie Streit
*Education Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Alessandra Lauralyn Thompson
*Education Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist*

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Skyler Michael Crossman
Grace Anne Harvey
Jaylee Delane Hekel
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Robert Edward Kelley
Meckenzie Leimomi Marie Kelly
Allied Health Honors
Joie Elizabeth Maney
Antonio Enrique Martinez
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Marley McIntyre
Summa Cum Laude
Hailey Rae Morton
*Allied Health Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Micayla Ranae Nemnich
Christopher Reid Smith
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Kristyn L Spray
*Allied Health Honors
Cum Laude*
Joshua Derek Strahan
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Heather Marie Suther
*Allied Health Honors
Magna Cum Laude*
Chloe Elizabeth Volkman
*Allied Health Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist*
Chelsea Nicole Watkins

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Rylee Yvonne Cummings
*Social Work Honors
Summa Cum Laude*
Alexandria Kay Seifert

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Natalia Lorenza Garcia-Ruiz
Jenna Elaine Joiner
Ty Micheal La Row
Crystal Anne McCammon
School of Applied Studies Honors
Shelby Mae Peter
Rihanna Marie Smith

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Devon Ryan Allred
Eric Mickel Coffin
Joseph Earl Fisher Jr
Savana Madilyn Hendrixson
Justise Alexandria Mongold
School of Applied Studies Honors
Ntakadzeni Gloria Nematandani
Jayden Alexandria Volle

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Francis William Heiman
School of Applied Studies Honors
Robert James Tilley

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP
Destini Gillian

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ryan Durst
Public Administration Honors
Bonner Leader
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hannah Jean Andersen
Summa Cum Laude
Jacob Michael Bailes
Shannon McKenna Barta
Psychology Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist
Kali B Befort
Ian Matthew Ubanan Bolok
Ashley Jo Brull
Communication Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Layla J Buttel
Art Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sophia Emily Calderon-Sosa
Celeste Gonzalez Caro
Conner Blake Chilson
John Franklin Clark
Emily Viola Crossland
Cum Laude
Aubree Krisabeth Dewey
Communication Honors
Cum Laude
Jackson Charles Dunlay
History Honors
Cum Laude

Ashli-Meghan Eskeldson
English Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Macyn Ashton Felix
Shelby Jane Fiegenger
Jeremy Mickel Ford
Mass Media Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Sibberson Finalist
Tomoya Innam
Gabriella Grace Krasovitsky
Faith E Marney
Reid Patrick McEvoy
Aayush Man Nanju
Cum Laude
Axel Lassiter-Flores
Blanca Elisa Quintero Sanchez
Political Science Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Diana Gabriela Ramirez
Paige Janae Reeves
Political Science Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Gracie Rodriguez
Litzzy Alexandra Ruiz
Owen Scott
Sheronika Maria Simeon
Elena Antonia Simmons
Lydia Stuart

English Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Aries Monae Tisinger
Elena Rose Toenjes
Magna Cum Laude
Marissa P Valencia
Communication Honors
Maria Fernanda Villegas
Sociology and Anthropology Honors
Cum Laude
Aleksander T Westjord
Madison Lynn Whitham
Anthony Joseph Wulfskuhle

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Caden Robert Bressler
Cooper Nicholas Griffin
History Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Jessica Meyer
Cum Laude
Ashley Amy Perez Ramirez
Cum Laude
Jacob Schadeegg
Cum Laude
Catherine Rene Walker

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Layla J Buttel
Art Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Anthony Wayne Fields
Art Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Natalie Rene Ramos
Art Honors
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Kay Barcikowski
Natalie Renee Walton

BACHELOR OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

Ashley Arvidson
Magna Cum Laude
Gracie Nicole Braden
Michael McKenna Gallegos
Cum Laude
Katelynn Jean Harmon
Adam Lewis Head
Alexis Nicole Hill
Cara Elizabeth Keilman
Summa Cum Laude
Cameron Daniel Manthe
Keiana McMillian
Pariss Mone Patrice Nunez
Quinn Makena Pert
Jasmin Susana Roman
Bonner Leader
Gabriel D Schepp
Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Arnold Smith III
Magna Cum Laude
Leah Janell Wheelles

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Orion James Craig
Cleo Marie Foster
Dylan Rizzo

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kayla Beers
Kinesiology Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Trenton Robert Brehm
Magna Cum Laude
Aaron Giovanni Bullard
Taryn Elyse Emery
Avani Gupta
Biology Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Kamble John Paul Haverkamp
Kinesiology Honors
Summa Cum Laude
Kenny jincheng Ma
Elizabeth M Mowery
Rachel Panzer
Kinesiology Honors
Magna Cum Laude
Jesse Robert Renfro
Mikayla Raine Shinkan
John Stephen Smalley
Kahler James Smith
Dylan Tubach
Biology Honors
Cum Laude
Hayley Colette Ventura
Ilaria Villa
Kinesiology Honors
Summa Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Reylli Angel Lopez

ASSOCIATE OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Kahlia Kathleen Adam
Emily Ruth Anderson
Ashley Arvidson
Kay Barcikowski
Alexa Rashelle Baugh
Ryan Matthew Bones
Taylor Victoria Broxterman
Jett Buck
Shaunice LaDaun Cohen
Amaya Davison
Humphry Isaiah Padon Del Castillo
Charles Fossey
Grace Gallagher
Rebekah Dawn Gommel
Bethany Hope Hockenbarger
Joseph Thomas Hulse
Maya Rose Hutley
Allison Nicole Lane
Keely Dawn Longstaff
Emma Joy Losier
Aaron David Lynch
Paulina Marcial-Chavez
Ivette Martinez Meraz
Miqueas Joseph Mazo
Emajin Renee McCallop
Jaiden McCarty
Alison Leigh Miller
Alyssa Marie Miller
Tyler Paul Mooney
Pariss Mone Patrice Nunez
Kayla M Pagles
Elyse Jayden Patrick
Sayler Preister
Abbey Lou Redd
Francisco Javier Rodriguez-Mayorga
Carl Jayce Russell
Brayden Michael Shorter
Holly Samara Shump
Jaemon Johnny Smith
Abigail Stephenson
Rakesh Swarnakar
Lillian Tallant
Alexandra Tavares
Mitchell Scott Thompson
Madison Ann Thuma
Samuel Phillips Van Dyne
Cassandra Marie Vickery
Catherine Rene Walker
Rose Marie Walton
Delencia Williamson
Francisca Yebra
Rakim Shaquille Young

Sibberson Award Finalists

Harmony Hines School of Nursing



CHLOE HOWELL

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Topeka, Kansas

My future plans include pursuing a career at the Stormont Vail NICU to care for infants. Within the community of Topeka, I have been involved as a volunteer for the Stormont Vail NICU, Harvesters, and the Helping Hands Humane Society. I have been enlisted in the Kansas Air National Guard since March of 2021 as an aircraft maintainer, where I've had the opportunity to mentor and lead trainees. One fun fact about me is that I lived in a hotel in Guam for just over 3 months, my first and only time ever leaving the states!



MORIAH PHELPS-ROPER

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Topeka, Kansas

I am Topeka born and raised and the oldest of seven children. I have always had a love for the nursing profession because I have a passion for caring for others. When I graduate, I will work at the Spine Center at Stormont Vail as I have found a love for orthopedic medical-surgical nursing. My time at Washburn has helped me to discover in new and fun ways how much I love nursing and helping people in times of need. During college, I participated in the Dean's Council and was a peer mentor for three younger students. I also participated in a nursing honors project focusing on Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and did a scholarly WTE on the same subject; I am currently working on publishing that paper. I was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau and volunteered in my community during my college career.

Sibberson Award Finalists

Brenneman School of Business



CAYLEE DOUGLAS

Bachelor of Business Administration
Rossville, Kansas

During my three years at Washburn, I worked toward my Bachelor of Business Administration, double majoring in Marketing and Management. Last year, I also decided to pursue a master's degree simultaneously and will graduate with my MBA in the spring. I have served on the Dean's Student Advisory Council and have been involved in Sales and Marketing Executives (SME) and the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Club. One of the most meaningful parts of my college experience has been serving as a Young Life leader, where I mentor middle school students in Topeka and help them grow in their faith and confidence. After graduation, I plan to continue growing my career in business here in Topeka, where my family and community roots run deep. I hope to continue giving back to the same community that has shaped who I am and supported me every step of the way.



ISAAC HICKMAN

Bachelor of Business Administration
Topeka, Kansas

During my time at Washburn, I often took on leadership roles in group projects and worked to support my classmates through teamwork and encouragement. Outside of academics, I gained hands-on experience in HVAC, electrical work, and home renovation, which helped shape my goal of starting my own HVAC business in the future. I enjoy working directly with customers, solving technical problems, and I want to take that experience and turn it into a business I can build and grow. One of the most meaningful experiences I had was taking Entrepreneurial Finance, which helped me understand the steps involved in owning a business. It taught me that owning a business is more than just having a skillset; it requires planning, budgeting, and being responsible for every decision. Because of that course and the support my professors, I feel more confident in my path and better prepared to eventually open my own HVAC company.

Sibberson Award Finalists School of Applied Studies



ALESSANDRA LAURALYN THOMPSON

Bachelor of Education
Claremore, Oklahoma

I was born in Guatemala but was adopted by my loving family at a young age. After graduating, I will continue my time at Tecumseh South Elementary, as a para-assistant. I chose to be at that school as part of my student teaching, and I am very grateful to the principal for offering me the para position. My career goal is to teach either 4th, 5th, or 6th grade. The experience at Washburn that I would claim the most meaningful is growing as a student and adult with fellow students. Most people I met on campus were on the same timeline as me: entering the degree classes, managing observations, creating lessons, and balancing a social life. I found that bonding and talking about what was going on in my life made Washburn more comfortable and less stressful. The community at campus put off a calming manner that led me to have a smooth and wonderful experience here.



CHLOE VOLKMAN

Bachelors Degree in Health Science
Melvern, Kansas

As a first generation student, I wasn't sure what the future would hold for me when I first considered college. What I did know was that Washburn quickly became a second home where I felt supported, challenged, and also inspired. I am proud to have graduated from Washburn's PTA program and am now earning my bachelor's degree in Health Service Administration. I currently work at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas full time in the federal employee program claims unit. In the future I hope to work in either talent acquisition or career building in their HR department. I would love to eventually have my own career coaching business where I can help others achieve their full potential.

Sibberson Award Finalists College of Arts & Sciences



SHANNON BARTA

Bachelor of Arts
Topeka, Kansas

During my freshman year at Washburn University, I participated in the university's Leadership Program. I have also been actively involved in the Psychology Club for several years and currently serve as the Public Relations Co-Chair. My passion for psychology began when I took PY100, an introductory course taught by adjunct professor Dr. Emma Alhezayen. After completing my undergraduate degree, I plan to return to Washburn in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. My long-term goal is to become a psychotherapist and work with adults experiencing severe mental illnesses.



JEREMY FORD

Bachelor of Arts
Phillipsburg, Kansas

Since my first day as an Ichabod, I have always been looking for ways to get involved in my campus community. I have served as a Student Ambassador, Peer Educator, Editor-in-Chief for the Washburn Review, President of the Mass Media Club and a Discipleship Leader for Called to Greatness. Additionally, I serve at Community Church as a media volunteer and video coordinator. In each of these roles, I have gained invaluable experience on the importance of interpersonal relationships and the impact they have on every aspect of our lives. After graduation, I plan to return to my small but dearly loved hometown of Phillipsburg, Kansas, to work full-time as a youth minister and part-time as a substitute teacher. Serving has always been a passion of mine, and there is no better way to serve a purpose greater than myself than by investing in the youth of my community.

Honorary Degree Recipients

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1991	Judge Richard Holmes Dr. John Travis	LL.D. D.Sc.	2012	The Honorable Christel Trolenberg Marquardt Brigadier General Deborah S. Rose, USAF, Ret.	LL.D. D.P.S.
1992	Dr. Glen Archer Dr. John Slaughter	D.Ed. D.H.L.	2013	Betty McEnroe Casper Barry F. Feaker Stanley C. Sager	D.P.S. D.P.S. LL.D.
1993	William Koch Jim Lehrer Emery Fager	D.F.A. L.H.D. D.Comm.	2014	The Honorable J. Patrick Brazil Beth Fontron Fager Steven S. Martin John Edgar Tidwell, PhD	LL.D. L.H.D. D.P.S. Litt.D.
1994	Walter D. Broadnax David L. Nelson Richard K. Davidson Grant Cushinberry	L.H.D. Sc.D. D.Comm. L.H.D.	2015	George A. Barton Edward L. Glotzbach William B. Greiner Jeanne Smith Hoferer	LL.D. D.P.S. D. Comm. D.P.S.
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2000	John C. "Jack" Dicus Jack Richmond Delano Lewis	L.H.D. D. Comm. LL.D.	2022	Kristin Rinne Mark Yardley Cynthia Heath	Sc.D. D. Comm. LL.D.
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