

# 139<sup>th</sup> Commencement

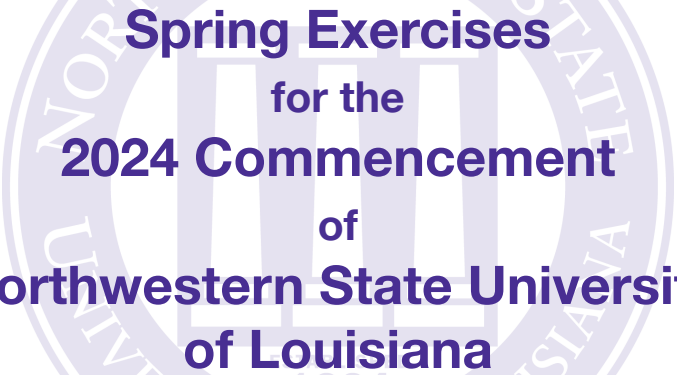


SPRING 2024

MAY 8 & 9, 2024



**NORTHWESTERN STATE**  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

The seal of Northwestern State University of Louisiana is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with three vertical bars. The shield is set against a background of a large, stylized letter 'N'. The outer ring of the seal contains the text 'NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA' at the top and '1884' at the bottom. A small copyright symbol (©) is located at the bottom right of the seal.

**Spring Exercises**  
for the  
**2024 Commencement**  
of  
**Northwestern State University**  
of Louisiana

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*  
*and*  
*Thursday, May 9, 2024*  
*Prather Coliseum*  
*Natchitoches, Louisiana*

TO OUR GUESTS

The faculty and staff of Northwestern State University welcome you to the one hundred thirty-ninth spring commencement exercises. This is a happy occasion, but yet a dignified occasion. It is a time of recognition of the graduates' years of study and is important and meaningful to the graduates and their families, staff, and students of Northwestern State University. Guests and participants are requested to maintain a proper decorum during the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement about the seating area and by withholding applause until the entire class has been graduated. We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of Northwestern State University.



## *Message from the President*

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations! You did it. You've crossed the finish line and are embarking on the next phase of your journey. As you stand on the threshold of this new chapter, it's important to acknowledge the tremendous support you've received along the way – from your family, friends, mentors, professors, classmates, and all those who have inspired you.

I am filled with anticipation for the future – for your future. The pace and scope of positive change has accelerated, and I have no doubt that your class, the Class of 2024, will be at the forefront of these transformative innovations. It is through your collective efforts that we continue to reshape the world for the better.

In a time when our society faces pressing challenges and a need for qualified professionals, NSU remains committed to bridging the gap between education, training, and the workforce. We are proud to serve as the critical link that equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in your chosen fields.

While your time as students may have come to an end, please remember that our support for you does not stop with graduation. Lifelong learning is a journey we all must embrace, and NSU is here to provide you with opportunities for growth and development at every stage of your life. Whether it's career assistance, networking opportunities, CAPA events, or alumni gatherings, know that you can always count on NSU to be by your side.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. As you move forward, I encourage you to continue striving for excellence and to make a positive difference in the ways that only you can.

Please come back and visit often, and as always, Fork 'Em Demons!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus D. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Marcus Jones  
President, Northwestern State University





## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Together, we acknowledge that the NSU campuses are located on the traditional and contemporary lands of Indigenous nations, including Caddo, Tunica, Biloxi, Ofo, Chahta, Adaes, Apalachee, Apache, Chatot, Pascagoula, Chitimacha, Coushatta, Alabama, and other Indigenous nations, including Native refugees from other nations. Indigenous nations care for and are cared for by the land. The relationships between the original peoples and their lands remain of great historical, spiritual, cultural, and personal importance. We recognize the sovereignty of modern Indigenous nations, and through this land acknowledgment we affirm our commitment to supporting tribal self-determination through education. We give our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have cared for these lands and join in their commitment to the lands' stewardship. We thank the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, which hosts our Marksville campus on their tribal land.

## COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES SPRING 2024

Peyton A. Bordelon, Second Lieutenant  
Army Aviation, Louisiana Army National Guard

Loren T. Higginbotham, Second Lieutenant  
Infantry, United States Army – Distinguished Military Graduate

Breanna N. James, Second Lieutenant  
Adjutant General's Corps, Louisiana Army National Guard

Andrew J. Wesley, Second Lieutenant  
Chemical Corps, United States Army

## FACULTY MARSHALS

|                  |            |                                  |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Wednesday, May 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Jackie Calhoun, Masahito Kuroda  |
| Wednesday, May 8 | 2:00 p.m.  | Becky Farmer, Shaun Wheat        |
| Thursday, May 9  | 10:00 a.m. | Shahriar Hossain, Nicole Lobdell |

## STUDENT USHERS

The students leading the candidates into the auditorium represent the Northwestern State University student organizations of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Purple Jackets Club. Both organizations are honorary service groups that are highly selective in nature and provide service to the University in many ways throughout the year. Purple Jackets was originated in 1927; Blue Key was begun at Northwestern State University in 1959. It is a Northwestern tradition for a representative of each of these two organizations to lead each file into the commencement ceremony.

# PROGRAM

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.**

Music is provided by the Northwestern State University Brass Quartet.  
Ever Naun Galleas-Trumpet, Konnor Thibodeaux-Trumpet, Angie Mejia-Horn,  
Jessica DuBose-Trombone, Pattie Murr-Tuba, Covid Latham-Drums

PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar  
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION..... Ebenezer Robert Aggrey  
*Graduating Senior, Mr. NSU, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Malaina B. Aultman  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

WELCOME .....Dr. Marcus Jones  
*President, Northwestern State University*

PRESENTATION OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREE.....Dr. Marcus Jones  
*Alicia Rene Davis – Bachelor of Science, Psychology*

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES.....Dr. Greg Handel  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....Dr. Marcus Jones

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School*  
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy  
*Dean of the College of Business and Technology*  
Bachelor's Degrees

Dr. Neeru Deep  
*Interim Dean of the Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development*  
Bachelor's Degrees

THE ALMA MATER..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"  
Stephanie Rebekah Craft  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

RECESSIONAL.....Eine Kleine Nachtmusik  
by Mozart

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Jessica DuBose-Trombone, Pattie Murr-Tuba, Covid Latham-Drums

PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar  
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION..... Bailey C. Willis  
*Miss NSU, UL System Board Member*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Malaina B. Aultman  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

WELCOME..... Dr. Marcus Jones  
*President, Northwestern State University*

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*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School*

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... Dr. Marcus Jones

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School*  
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Aimee Badeaux  
*Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health*  
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

THE ALMA MATER..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"  
Stephanie Rebekah Craft  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

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Jessica DuBose-Trombone, Pattie Murr-Tuba, Covid Latham-Drums

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INVOCATION ..... Ebenezer Robert Aggrey  
*Graduating Senior, Mr. NSU, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Malaina B. Aultman  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

WELCOME .....Dr. Marcus Jones  
*President, Northwestern State University*

PRESENTATION OF SECOND DIPLOMA TO THE CLASS OF 1974..... Dr. Greg Handel  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School*

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES..... Dr. Greg Handel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....Dr. Marcus Jones

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of The Graduate School  
Graduate Degrees*

Dr. Francene J. Lemoine  
*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees*

OATH OF OFFICE.....LTC Joshua R. Drake  
*Head, Department of Military Science*

THE ALMA MATER ..... Air: "The Watch on the Rhine"  
Stephanie Rebekah Craft  
*Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music*

RECESSIONAL.....Eine Kleine Nachtmusik  
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## HONOR GRADUATES SPRING 2024

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE (G.P.A. 4.00 – 3.90)

Naomi S. Adams  
Tashon Mark Adams, Jr.  
Elizabeth Vann Armstrong  
Cullen Barrilleaux  
Lizzie L. Blanchard  
Abbie Lynn Renee Boutte  
Madison G. Brown  
Addison Michelle Duet  
Derek P. Dupre  
Logan E. Dupuy  
Hannah Elizabeth Ferguson  
Blake Daniel Glorioso  
Paige Katherine Hedrick  
Caleb Ryan Helms  
Anna M. Jackson  
Carley Johnson  
Hannah Elizabeth Jordan  
Catherine Grace Karam  
Chloe Grace Longlois

Schuyler Cole Mason  
Ethan F. Maynard  
Montel Jonas Mercier  
Sarah Lanette Moore  
Bradford Thomas Morrison  
Heidi L. Murray  
Kyle Elizabeth Nolen  
Jenna K. Pottmeyer  
Sally Raxsdale  
Dominic M. Ross  
Laila Salas  
Zachary Ryan Slaughter  
Adelaide Michelle Soileau  
Matthew N. Spencer  
Emily Renee Tisher  
Ashlyn Liberty Walker  
Paige Wise  
Shelby Cherie Young

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE (G.P.A. 3.89 – 3.70)

Joseph Daniel Adams  
Hunter Denise Becton  
Gracie Michail Borders  
Ellanor Riley Mercer Carlson  
Taylor William Carrell  
Juan Sebastian Castilla  
Alayna Faith Charles  
Tristin Reily Court  
Megan Beth Crosby  
Maggie Colleen Darr  
Claire Elise Endris  
Nolan Hunter Ezernack

Andrea Fernández García  
Tandy Camille Finton  
Emily Grace Fletcher  
Blake Scott Fowler  
Kendall Nicole Fowler  
Haleigh N. Franklin  
Isabella Madeleine Fulton  
Jolie Raye Gary  
MaKayla R. Goff  
Grant Aaron Goleman  
Colby W. Grayson  
Jackson A. Gregory

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Hallie Gayle Guidry  
Mallory Taylor Angelle Hargrave  
Katherine E. Harris  
Cole Alan Hill  
Jalivia Kristina Johnson  
Robert Lee Johnson III  
Alexxis Deondria Jones  
Ashley Lynn Lacombe  
Reese M. Lipoma  
Taylor Marie Maust  
Atouria Renee Mitchell  
Breanna Marie Moses  
Taylor N. Myers  
Michell Alessandra Parker  
Isabella Grace Peluso  
Nicholas James Pierson

Naiomy Perez Del Valle  
Sha'Taylor Lashaun Reed  
Lynsi Marie Reyes  
Peighton Jean Rhodes  
Makenzie Marie Seely  
Kristina Elise Simon  
Janie Renee Sneed  
Mallory G. Speir  
Emily Michelle Spence  
Ellie G. Starks  
Adreanna Leigh Thrift  
Naje Rasa Turner  
Hannah S. Walker  
Raegan Marie Wallace  
Carson S. Ward

**CUM LAUDE**  
**(G.P.A. 3.69 – 3.50)**

Ebenezer Robert Aggrey  
Austin G. Anderson  
Hayden Patrick Barrios  
Julia Karidad Bergh  
Logan Wyatt Boline  
Logan A. Bordelon  
Peyton Alexander Bordelon  
Piper Jae Boydston  
Hannah Nicole Branam  
Jesus Bravo  
Cady Beth Brown  
Kelsie LeighAnn Michelle Campbell  
Kylie D'Nae Combs  
Nicholas Dodd Cooksey  
Jenny Marie Desselle  
Racheal Marie Domnisch  
Isabelle G. Ducote  
Ashley Britannia Duffus  
Micah J. Dugas  
Sarah Elizabeth Edelen  
Debra Taylor Fatheree

Destiny R. Ferguson  
Imani Elizabeth Fleury  
Madelyn B. Floyd  
Robert Jason Fontenot  
Amber M. Ford  
Gabriela Melissa Forero Salcedo  
Jada B. Franklin  
Taylor Monique Fuller  
Donovan Ray Green  
James Austin Grooms  
Clara Louise Rose Guidry  
Halli Shea Hall  
Katelyn Brook Haymon  
Triniti Sarpy Hays  
Payton A. Hudson  
Elizabeth Ann Hughes  
Meghan B. Jackson  
Breanna Nicole James  
Abigail G. Jennings  
Zoe Elizabeth Johnson  
Mariah Brielle Kador



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Indea l'Nayja Marie Kately  
Nicholas A. Knotts  
Lila Laday Laroux  
Destin Lopez  
Andrey Alfredo Loría Calvo  
Jessica Jade Lynch  
Cassalyn Jordan McCully  
Amber Rachele McLarrin  
Maci Messenger  
Victoria H. Morris  
Cayla Elizabeth Morrison  
Brooke A. Mouton  
Keeley Shaye Narvaez  
Flynt Tate Nelson  
Timothy Joseph O'Connor  
Jessica Ximena Parra Serena  
Isabelle J. Plauche  
McKenzie S. Ryer

Sydney R. Salzer  
Paige Alexandria Shelton  
Briana Rae Smail  
Erin Faith Smith  
Joseph Thomas Sotile  
Melody Kay Sparks  
Nicole Ann Struve  
Felicia Renee Sullivan  
Caitlyn Marie Taylor  
Matthew Paul Warren  
Daniel Paul Wellmeier  
Malaya Nykae White  
Erin Renee Whitten  
Abigail Nelson Wimberly  
McKenzlea June Wise  
Kossi Nakperougou Yome  
Nicholas A. Zona

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## PHI KAPPA PHI

The national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was the first to recognize superior scholarship in all fields of study and to take into membership the highest-ranking students from all branches of learning. Since chapters elect no more than the upper ten percent of a graduating class, membership is a distinction unequaled by any other scholarly group. Faculty and students who are members wear the medallion of the Society. Members from this graduating class are:

### Spring 2024

Mia Elizabeth Adams  
Brandi Lynne Bellard  
Kristen Alisha Ciconte  
Stephanie Rebekah Craft  
Meghan Lyn Cross  
Blake Scott Fowler  
Cole Alan Hill  
Marita Tennille Hunt

Allise L'Chelle Mixon Johnson  
Stacey Michelle Kernisan  
Brittany Furrow Mathews  
Kristina Elise Simon  
Alexandra Krieger Waguespack  
Hannah S. Walker  
Felicia Natalie White

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## HONORING SECOND DIPLOMA

### CLASS OF 1974

Teresa B. Bailey  
Richard Keith Bergeron  
William Jennings Bond, Jr.  
Benjamin E. Carter, Jr.  
Lou Dell Hammons  
Jack S. Damico  
Larry J. Ehrhardt  
Everett Neal Gibson  
Daphne Gay Grady  
Georgia A. Green  
Cynthia Smith Hawthorne  
Rebecca Sue Moore Keenan  
Teresa Thoma Kevil  
Christopher LaCour  
Linda Davis Lyles  
Melanie Gimbert McCain  
Michael D. Price  
George W. Roberts  
Robert Lee Swayze, Jr.  
Kenneth A. Trahant  
Rebecca Robinson Trammel  
Stephen J. Wells  
Jerry W. Williams  
Mae C. Williams

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## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION GRADUATE DEGREES SPRING 2024

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

*MAJOR: ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT*

**Lakeidra Taylor Bell**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *An Analysis of Minority Student Persistence in Radiologic Technology Education Programs*

\***Patricia Marie Murphy Chowdhury**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *Online Degrees or Degrees Earned In-Person: Which Do Employers Prefer?*

\***Charles Kirk Fontenot**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *The Developmental English Course with a Lab Corequisite: Success and Persistence in Community College Students*

\***Marita Tennille Hunt**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *Adjunct Instructors' Attitudes & Perceptions Regarding the Advantages & Challenges Faced While Employed at a Post- Secondary Institution*

\***Stacey Michelle Kernisan**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *A Qualitative Evaluation of COVID-19 and the Impact on Black Working Mothers, Mental Healthcare, and Advancing Their Education*

\***Melissa Lynn Schmidt**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *Agile Methodology and Advancing Technology in Healthcare Organizations: Impacts to Learning and Development*

\***Felicia Natalie White**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *Front-Line Leadership Development in the Quick Service Restaurant Industry*

\***Angela Marie Wilson**, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development

**Doctoral Dissertation:** *What Perceived Challenges Contribute to the Retention of Black Female Culinary Students at a Community College in Southern Louisiana?*

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## SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREE

**\*Sarah Shelton Lange**, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction

**Field Study:** *A Comparison of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Scores and the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA)*

## MASTER'S DEGREES SPRING 2024

**Malak Hilmi Abdelhadi**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

**Joseph Daniel Adams**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems

**\*Mia Elizabeth Adams**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

**Thesis:** *Working Your Wage: Evaluating the Effects of Workplace Benefits in Relation to Employee Retention*

**Jessica Cecile Adger**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

**Jose Miguel Bustillo Aguero**, Master of Music, Music

**Performance Document:** *The Life and Career of Keiko Abe and Her Influence on the Marimba and Its Repertoire with an Emphasis on Her Piece Marimba D'Amore*

**\*Anuheia Ariane Holt Akamu**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

**Thesis:** *The Impact of High-Quality Early Childhood Programs and Promoting Socio-Emotional Development During the Early Years*

**Traci Michelle Alford**, Master of Arts, Counseling

**Trace D. Anthon**, Master of Science, Homeland Security

**\*Malaina B. Aultman**, Master of Music, Music

**Thesis:** *A Night at the Opera by Dr. Judith Cloud, A Performer's Guide*

**Morgan Danielle Austin**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

**Felicia Towanna Badger**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

**Thesis:** *Staying the Course: First-Year Retention*

**Renata Michelle Collins Barker**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

**Kelly Louise Beavers**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

**Quiana Renee Bell**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

**\*Brandi Lynne Bellard**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

**Joan Elizabeth Blake**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

**Caroline Grace Bland**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

**James Russell Boffenmyer**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

**Cynthia Marie Boswell**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- \***Darby Alan Boudreaux**, Master of Science, Homeland Security  
**Katie Nicole Boyett**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Jessica Nicole Bradford**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Madelyn Bryan Brandl**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Ashley Webb Brewbaker**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Hannah Elizabeth Brooks**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Regina Salard Brossett**, Master of Arts, English  
**Annemarie Angelle Broussard**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Jessica P. Brown**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Shequita Shunquanette Brown**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Hope Mitchell Bryant**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Andrew Francis Burns**, Master of Arts, Art  
**Creative Research Project: *BE ANYTHING How to Be the Person That You Were Always Meant to Be***
- Arlissa Irene Byers**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Anee Briglio Carmouche**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education Grades 1-5
- Alejandro Dager Carrasquilla**, Master of Arts, Counseling  
**Ginny Chaisson**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
**Victoria Lynne Chapman**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Kamarie LeAnn Childs**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Kristen Alisha Ciconte**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences  
**Nakeya T. Conner**, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education  
**Kayla Denise Coutee**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Stephanie Rebekah Craft**, Master of Music, Music  
**Felicia Annette Croft**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Meghan Lyn Cross**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Pamela Denise Daniels-Hay**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Dillon Mathew Dawson**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance  
**Heather Nicole Deshazo**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Bryn Edmonston Dill**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education  
**Thesis: *Virtual Grief on Twitter and Its Relationship to College Students' Mood***
- Marquita LaJuan Dixon**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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**Kailey Claire Dodson**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Kyle Marcus Duhon**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Haley Alexis Erwin**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Anna Michele Ezernack**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Alexandra Paige Frey**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Kathleen E. Gaffney**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education  
Grades PreK-3  
**Ladonia Timeka Gage**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Carlos Freddy Garcia II**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems  
**\*Colby Greer Garcia**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance  
**Elizabeth Anne Gilliam**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Willie Andre Gosey III**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *The Development of the Flute as Influenced  
by Boehm's Design*  
**\*Gabrielle Lee Granger**, Master of Science, Homeland Security  
**Deonmonique Uginee Nicole Granville**, Master of Science, Health and  
Human Performance  
**Dominique Shanicia Grisby**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Meagan P. Guidry**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education and  
Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12  
**\*Lyndsey Gabrielle Hale**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Johnnieleanna Sherrelle Hampton**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and  
Development  
**Thesis:** *What Are the Possible Causes of Eating Disorders in Children  
Ages Ten and Under at a Central Louisiana Elementary School?*  
**Makeia Raejeanne' Hardy**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Thesis:** *Analysis of Childhood Maltreatment and Body Modification as  
Predictors of Autonomy and Self Objectification*  
**Ashley R. Hayes**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**\*Tracy Lynn Hayes**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Ryan Joseph Hebert**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**\*Hannah Cunningham Henderson**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Kali Alyss Hodges**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**David Horton**, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems  
**\*Rebekah Young Hotard**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing  
**Stephanie Gills Humphrey**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- \*Lynnse Rae Hyde**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education Grades 1-5
- Ashley Michelle Janeau**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jacob Paul Jensen**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- \*Allise L'Chelle Mixon Johnson**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Sherri Atkins Johnson**, Master of Education, Special Education
- \*Billencia Michelle Jones**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Courtney Lynn Jones**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education  
Grades 4-8
- Ashley E. Kodjo**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- \*Wendy Kyei**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Thesis:** *Perceived Susceptibility to Cancer and Depression and Students' Engagement in Health-Promoting Behaviors*
- \*Madison Lea Lane**, Master of Arts, Art  
**Creative Research Project:** *Madison's Bayou Adventure*
- Brandy Badeaux Langland**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Natasha Marie LaPrarie**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jennifer Fontenot Latiolais**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- \*Ryan Paul LeCompte**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
**Thesis:** *Impact of Forming Groups at the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders*
- Kayla Coburn Lemmons**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood  
Education Grades PK-3
- Lexus Shavon Levings**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Angelia Denise Lewis**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- Lakenya Lyrse**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Julie Strother Mahaffey**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Brittany Furrow Mathews**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Taylor Jamia Maxie**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Robin Watson McCaa**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Michele Denise McCann-Steele**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and  
Development  
**Thesis:** *Colorism, The Impact of Black-on-Black Discrimination: Prejudicial and Preferential Treatment Based on Skin Color Differences*
- Deneisha Chardae McClelland**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Hailey Elizabeth McGehee**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Emily Brooke Miller**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education



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- Takiyah Zantina Milton**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
**Thesis:** *The Lived Experiences of Five Black Female Registered Nurses*
- Dylan M. Molenhour**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Joshua Dylan Monaghan**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *Three Representations of Significant Developments in Trumpet Solo Literature: A Study of Concerto for Oboe in C Minor by Alessandro Marcello, Variations on a Theme from Norma by Bellini by Jean-Baptiste Arban, and Concerto pour Trompette by Charles Chaynes*
- Sha’Nautica Moore**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education  
Grades 1-5
- Taylor Joann Morgan**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
**Thesis:** *What Are the Long-Term Effects of Introducing Technology to Young Students?*
- \***Nina A. Murray**, Master of Arts, English
- Anterrica Gwena’ Myles**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Chancellor L. Newman**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Morgan Marie Nuss**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Thesis:** *College Student Cannabis Use, Academic Achievement, and Participation in University-Sponsored Organizations*
- Eddah Akumu Odera**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jack Wesley Overby**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *An Exploration into Japanese Percussion Ensemble Repertoire Through Hiroyuki Yamazawa’s “SAI”*
- Jacob W. Oxley**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education  
Grades 4-8
- \***Mary Ellen Parrie**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Roderick Hakeem Patterson**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development
- Mashica Mashae Pennywell**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Andre Joseph Perez**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Heather Nichole Perilloux-Mouton**, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
**Thesis:** *Establishing Preceptor Handbook and Educational Training Program for Surgical Technology Preceptors*
- \***Sarah Elizabeth Phelps**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- \***Herbert C. Poarch**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Kylee Brooke Poudrier**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jacqueline Hope Pracht**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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- \*Madison Elizabeth Prattini**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *The Role of the Clarinet in Selected Works Associated with Classical Mythology*
- Hailey Lauren Procell**, Master of Education, Special Education
- Indya Pruitt**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- James Paul Purdy**, Master of Education, Special Education
- \*Melissa Ann Purvis**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Marissa Noelle Ramsey**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education
- Daneisha C. Rayford**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- Courtney Durbin Rich**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Mary Rucker**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Lacie Smith Russell**, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
- Shavon Ryan**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- An-Gel Dorsie Samuel**, Master of Arts, English
- Cindy Corley Sanders**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Holly Sanders**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Megan Rainwater Scott**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Ted Deshone Scott**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *Representative Works from the Early Twentieth Century for Solo Trumpet: Background Information, Analysis, and Performance Suggestions for Works by Bozza, Kennan, and Delmas*
- \*Caroline Elizabeth Shepherd**, Master of Arts, Art  
**Creative Research Project:** *Modern Illustration and the Originality of Video Game- Inspired Artmaking: Souls in the Sand*
- Chelsea Marie Smith**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Macy Morein Soileau**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Derrick D. Sowell**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- \*Hannah R. Spataro**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *Influence of Poetry in the Piano Works of Edward MacDowell*
- Danielle Nichole Spaulding**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- Chantelle M. Stephens**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Jennifer L. Stewart**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \*Madison Storrs**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Mattie Thippawan Strozier**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education  
Grades 1-5
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- Briana Lenea Swift**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jonshonique L. Taylor**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Amanda Thomas**, Master of Arts, Art  
**Creative Research Project:** *For All That Cannot Be Grown*
- Klaire Ella Thomas**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *A Performance Guide and Analysis of Northern Lights by Eric Ewazen*
- Olivia Carter Thomas**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Quantavious Berwaun Thompkins**, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
- Teiraney Amanda Turner**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Rylee Parker Vallely**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Brittany Vinson**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Alexandra Krieger Waguespack**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- \***Samantha Marie Waltman**, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences
- \***Hallie Katharine Ward**, Master of Music, Music  
**Performance Document:** *The Prominence of Marcel Moyse and Toshio Takahashi in the French School of Flute Playing and the Modern Flute Community and a Focus of How Their Works Are Used Today*
- Melissa Sue Ward**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Claudasha Watson**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Thesis:** *Siblinghood Experiences with a Sibling Who Identifies as Transgender*
- Jonathan Michael Weaver**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Erykah Melyra Shinez Wells**, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education
- Brian Michael West**, Master of Science, Homeland Security
- Erin Renee Whitten**, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical  
**Thesis:** *Social Network Use, Gun Exposure, Gender, and Moral Panic Surrounding Indiscriminate School Shootings*
- Tierra Lashay Williams**, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leadership
- \***Rebecca Claire Woodley**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Shawn Michelle Wright**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Monica Ann Wyatt**, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Amanda Rachael Yule-Sneed**, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8



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### BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES SPRING 2024

- \***Joseph Daniel Adams**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *The Applications and Viability of ARIMA Modeling Using Current Employment Statistics*
- \***Trace D. Anthon**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *Game Theory Applications to Homeland Security*
- \***Makayla Lynn Dean**, Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
**Thesis:** *The Use and Misuse of Mental Illness in Entertainment*
- \***Colby W. Grayson**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *Existential Belief Adoption: Incoherency Without God*
- \***Jackson A. Gregory**, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  
**Thesis:** *The Case for Unifying the Historically Fragmented Landscape of Federal Digital Asset Regulations*
- \***Catherine Grace Karam**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *A Comparative Assessment of Emotional Wellbeing in Memory Care and Non-Memory Care Assisted Living Facility Workers*
- \***Dominic M. Ross**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *An Analysis of Realignment Theorists and Louisiana Newspapers in the Nineteen-Sixties*
- \***Angelo James Schibetta**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *The Crawfish Boil: An Anthropological Lens on a Louisiana Tradition*
- \***Kristina Elise Simon**, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts  
**Thesis:** *A Philosophical Evolution: Emily Dickinson's Response to Platonic Philosophy*
- \***Erin Renee Whitten**, Bachelor of Science, Psychology  
**Thesis:** *Social Network Use, Gun Exposure, Gender, and Moral Panic Surrounding Indiscriminate School Shootings*



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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| Tara Lynn Anderson-Wagner          | Criminal Justice |
| Christina Faith Bardwell*          | Criminal Justice |
| Logan A. Bordelon*                 | Communication    |
| Peyton Alexander Bordelon*         | Criminal Justice |
| Tenley-Parrish Claire Bordelon*    | Criminal Justice |
| Kevin Jerome Brooks*               | Criminal Justice |
| Victoria Alice Brown               | English          |
| Andrey Alfredo Loría Calvo*        | Criminal Justice |
| Kelsie LeighAnn Michelle Campbell* | Communication    |
| Alayna Faith Charles*              | Criminal Justice |
| Alexa Denae Clause*                | Criminal Justice |
| Nicholas Dodd Cooksey*             | History          |
| Cecelia Dominique Cousins*         | English          |
| Bianca Marie Dominique             | History          |
| Ashley Britannia Duffus*           | Communication    |
| Devontre A. Francisco              | Criminal Justice |
| Haleigh N. Franklin*               | Criminal Justice |
| Isabella Madeleine Fulton*         | Criminal Justice |
| Margaret Claire Gates*             | Liberal Arts     |
| Clifford Gordon, Jr.               | Criminal Justice |
| Krystal Danielle Gueory            | Criminal Justice |
| Clara Louise Rose Guidry*          | English          |
| Simone C. Guillory*                | English          |
| Anna Hebden*                       | Liberal Arts     |
| Trevon B. Henry                    | Criminal Justice |
| Hailee R. Hroch                    | Criminal Justice |
| Andrea N. Hudson                   | Criminal Justice |
| Kaitlyn Grace Johnson              | Communication    |
| Alexxis Deondria Jones*            | Criminal Justice |
| Jason Darnell Jones*               | Criminal Justice |
| Hannah Elizabeth Jordan*           | Liberal Arts     |
| Mariah Brielle Kador*              | Communication    |
| Indea I'Nayja Marie Kately*        | Criminal Justice |
| Michantwana Lynn Lacey             | Communication    |
| Ashley Lynn Lacombe*               | English          |
| Abigail Leigh Lahue*               | Liberal Arts     |

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| Destin Lopez*                  | Communication    |
| Shamya Mabry*                  | Criminal Justice |
| Jonathan T. Magnano            | Communication    |
| Krystyna Nicole McKeown        | Criminal Justice |
| Atouria Renee Mitchell*        | Criminal Justice |
| Alaina Joelle Pilgrim*         | Criminal Justice |
| Isabelle J. Plauche*           | English          |
| Allyson Renee Roberts*         | English          |
| Lexie Ryan Roos                | Criminal Justice |
| Ainsley E. Rusca*              | English          |
| Harleigh Danielle Schexneider* | Criminal Justice |
| Madeline Scott Simpson*        | Communication    |
| Zachary Ryan Slaughter*        | Criminal Justice |
| Janie Renee Sneed*             | History          |
| Halie Thielepape*              | English          |
| Kevin H.D. Thomas*             | Communication    |
| Derrick J. Varnado, Jr.*       | Communication    |
| Tenisha Nicole Viltz           | Criminal Justice |
| Celeste Teagan Waddle*         | Criminal Justice |
| Alexandria Leigh Walker*       | Liberal Arts     |
| Raegan Marie Wallace*          | Criminal Justice |
| Lynell Trayshelle Washington   | Criminal Justice |
| Gavin S. Watson                | Criminal Justice |
| Daniel Paul Wellmeier*         | Communication    |
| Malaya Nykae White*            | Communication    |
| Jaden M. Williams              | Criminal Justice |
| Abigail Nelson Wimberly*       | Communication    |
| Shelby Cherie Young*           | Liberal Arts     |
| Amber Simone Youngblood*       | Liberal Arts     |

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Naomi S. Adams*          | Fine and Graphic Arts |
| Austin G. Anderson*      | Musical Theatre       |
| Kaitlyn O. Bailey*       | Fine and Graphic Arts |
| Samuel Hart Bailey*      | Fine and Graphic Arts |
| Cullen Barrilleaux*      | Dance                 |
| Logan Wyatt Boline*      | Fine and Graphic Arts |
| Juan Sebastian Castilla* | Fine and Graphic Arts |
| Starkeia M. Davis*       | Dance                 |
| Imani Elizabeth Fleury*  | Production and Design |
| Julia E. Kuchler         | Musical Theatre       |

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Carleigh Jamison Murphy  
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Melody Kay Sparks\*  
Naje Rasa Turner\*

Production and Design  
Fine and Graphic Arts  
Dance  
Production and Design  
Fine and Graphic Arts  
Fine and Graphic Arts  
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## **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES**

*MAJOR: GENERAL STUDIES*

Sharvel M. Addison\*  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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| Jalacia Jane' Alexander          | Theatre                              |
| Natalie Baloochestani            | Biology                              |
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| Kya Dinell Berry                 | Biology                              |
| Riley C. Birdwell*               | Electronics Engineering Technology   |
| Abbie Lynn Rene Boutte* ★★       | Biology and Physical Science         |
| Hannah Conrad Bradley            | Theatre                              |
| Sierra M. Brewer*                | Biology                              |
| Cady Beth Brown*                 | Theatre                              |
| Blake Michael Chustz*            | Mathematics                          |
| Kyndall Kay Clark*               | Biology                              |
| Ernesto Andree Diaz              | Applied Microbiology                 |
| Addison Michelle Duet*           | Biology                              |
| Derek P. Dupre* ★★               | Biology and Physical Science         |
| Logan E. Dupuy*                  | Theatre                              |
| Nolan Hunter Ezernack*           | Electronics Engineering Technology   |
| Andie Katelyn Gilcreast*         | Biology                              |
| Blake Daniel Glorioso*           | Unified Public Safety Administration |
| Donovan Ray Green*               | Electronics Engineering Technology   |
| James Austin Grooms*             | Biology                              |
| Hunter B. Hamilton*              | Applied Microbiology                 |
| Mallory Taylor Angelle Hargrave* | Biology                              |
| Kendal J Harmon*                 | Industrial Engineering Technology    |
| Max J. Hebert*                   | Theatre                              |
| Caleb Ryan Helms* ★★             | Applied Microbiology and Biology     |
| Blake T. Inabnet*                | Biology                              |
| Coby James*                      | Industrial Engineering Technology    |
| Beau Floyd Juneau                | Unified Public Safety Administration |
| Nicholas Ahmad Kidd              | Electronics Engineering Technology   |
| Sara K. Kimble*                  | Applied Microbiology                 |
| Lila Laday Laroux*               | Biology                              |
| Reese M. Lipoma*                 | Biology                              |
| Madisen G. Martin*               | Theatre                              |
| Schuyler Cole Mason*             | Biology                              |
| Donald Mckinnies III*            | Electronics Engineering Technology   |
| Montel Jonas Mercier* ☆☆         | Biology and Physical Science         |
| Sarah Lanette Moore*             | Biology                              |
| Andrea Elizabeth Mouton*         | Theatre                              |
| Sonte Pierre                     | Biology                              |
| George Lawrence Prince, Jr.      | Industrial Engineering Technology    |
| Naiomy Perez Del Valle*          | Biology                              |
| Sally Raxsdale*                  | Applied Microbiology                 |
| Ragan Teaira Rounds              | Biology                              |
| Erik Ray Sandel                  | Biology                              |

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Theatre  
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Unified Public Safety Administration  
Applied Microbiology and Biology  
Biology

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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| Ebenezer Robert Aggrey*       | Business Administration            |
| Taylor Nicole Barr*           | Accounting                         |
| Hayden Patrick Barrios*       | Business Administration            |
| Diana Beches                  | Computer Information Systems       |
| Erin Elizabeth Bosch          | Accounting                         |
| Piper Jae Boydston*           | Business Administration            |
| Jesus Bravo*                  | Accounting                         |
| Stephen Alvin Bryan*          | Computer Information Systems       |
| Jace Atticus Bullock*         | Computer Information Systems       |
| Ellanor Riley Mercer Carlson* | Hospitality Management and Tourism |
| Stevie Nicole Carter*         | Accounting                         |
| Samantha L. Chavez*           | Business Administration            |
| Tyler Corwin                  | Computer Information Systems       |
| Clayton David Cotten          | Accounting                         |
| Vicente Cuevas*               | Computer Information Systems       |
| Vallouise Daniel              | Business Administration            |
| Norman Wayne Davis II         | Accounting                         |
| Jenny Marie Desselle*         | Accounting                         |
| Tafari Derell Dixon*          | Computer Information Systems       |
| Jared Clay Dodd*              | Computer Information Systems       |
| Isabelle G. Ducote*           | Hospitality Management and Tourism |
| Krey R. Dupree                | Business Administration            |
| Chassy Michelle Earl*         | Accounting                         |
| Hannah Elizabeth Esthay       | Business Administration            |
| Amber M. Ford*                | Business Administration            |
| Blake Scott Fowler*           | Business Administration            |
| Andrea Fernández García*      | Business Administration            |
| Ian R. Gentry*                | Computer Information Systems       |
| Damien Thomas Gill, Jr.*      | Computer Information Systems       |
| Grant Aaron Goleman*          | Business Administration            |
| Daniel Jude Guidry            | Business Administration            |
| Hallie Gayle Guidry*          | Hospitality Management and Tourism |
| Jennifer Renee Hamilton*      | Accounting                         |
| Nia S. Harvey                 | Business Administration            |
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| Loren T. Higginbotham*           | Business Administration                |
| Cole Alan Hill*                  | Business Administration                |
| Derek Hutchinson                 | Computer Information Systems           |
| Zoe Elizabeth Johnson*           | Business Administration                |
| Haven L. Jones                   | Business Administration                |
| Latonya Renee Journet            | Accounting                             |
| Ryan Vincent Kirkham             | Business Administration                |
| Victoria Hubbard Knighten*       | Business Administration                |
| Nicholas A. Knotts*              | Business Administration                |
| Lexi Lee LaGrange                | Accounting                             |
| Haley Elise Legnion*             | Business Administration                |
| Donald A. Lejeune*               | Business Administration                |
| Chloe Grace Longlois*            | Accounting                             |
| Jerrin Lucas                     | Accounting                             |
| Jasmayn Monique Maddox           | Business Administration                |
| James C. Magee*                  | Accounting                             |
| Morgan Lea Maley*                | Business Administration                |
| Landon H. Malmay*                | Business Administration                |
| Ashley Nichole McClelland ★★     | Accounting and Business Administration |
| Jasmyn Renee McClendon*          | Computer Information Systems           |
| Brookelynn M. McConnell          | Business Administration                |
| Keith McCrory                    | Computer Information Systems           |
| Jimmy Hiro McDonald*             | Accounting                             |
| Nidia Yajaira Mendez             | Business Administration                |
| Maci Messenger* ☆☆               | Accounting and Business Administration |
| Jon Ryane Pagayonan Midel        | Accounting                             |
| Mathew James Morris              | Computer Information Systems           |
| Bradford Thomas Morrison*        | Computer Information Systems           |
| Taylor N. Myers*                 | Accounting                             |
| Flynt Tate Nelson*               | Business Administration                |
| Michelle Todaro Nobles           | Accounting                             |
| Michell Alessandra Parker*       | Business Administration                |
| Keisheda R. Petterway            | Accounting                             |
| Joshua Laudrick Pierite          | Business Administration                |
| Nicholas James Pierson*          | Hospitality Management and Tourism     |
| Rachel Prestridge                | Accounting                             |
| Ashlie Cauthen Pujol*            | Accounting                             |
| Hunter David Rabalais, Sr.*      | Business Administration                |
| Sha'Taylor Lashaun Reed*         | Business Administration                |
| Joshua D. Robertson              | Hospitality Management and Tourism     |
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| Jessica Ximena Parra Serena* | Business Administration            |
| Matthew Bryce Serice         | Accounting                         |
| Nadja Nikole Sills           | Business Administration            |
| Rachael Elise Smith*         | Business Administration            |
| Joseph Thomas Sotile*        | Business Administration            |
| Ellie G. Starks*             | Business Administration            |
| Rebecca McEvers Stineff      | Business Administration            |
| Devan W. Thacker*            | Business Administration            |
| Cindy Louise Tillar          | Computer Information Systems       |
| Michael James Touchet, Jr.*  | Business Administration            |
| Hope Alexander Underwood*    | Business Administration            |
| Tyler J. Weathers            | Business Administration            |
| Todd Alan Wedgeworth*        | Computer Information Systems       |
| Brian Paul Weir*             | Computer Information Systems       |
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**BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Taylor William Carrell*        | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Jose A. Del Rio*               | Music Education-Vocal Grades K-12        |
| Jordan Malachi Elliott*        | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| MaKayla R. Goff*               | Music Education-Vocal Grades K-12        |
| Taylor Madison Hooper*         | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Griffin Marshall Howe*         | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Meghan B. Jackson*             | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Jared Ricardo Gabriel Jarrell* | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Ethan F. Maynard*              | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Nathaniel S. Rachal*           | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Matthew N. Spencer*            | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Adreanna Leigh Thrift*         | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Carson S. Ward*                | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |
| Tyler L. White*                | Music Education-Instrumental Grades K-12 |

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chloe' Janee' Anderson      | Psychology                       |
| Nicole D Archangel          | Child and Family Studies         |
| Elizabeth Vann Armstrong*   | Psychology                       |
| Floynerrica Ashontie Ashley | Psychology                       |
| Da'Keayah Shardae Bell      | Health and Exercise Science      |
| Brooke M. Bergeron          | Psychology                       |
| De'Jon D. Blake             | Health and Exercise Science      |
| Lizzie L. Blanchard* ☆☆     | Psychology and Addiction Studies |
| Victoria Grace Breaux       | Psychology                       |
| Madison G. Brown*           | Health and Exercise Science      |
| Tiffany Burleson*           | Psychology                       |
| Breanna Nicole Burrell*     | Health and Exercise Science      |
| Jauxniece Rhoad Childress   | Psychology                       |
| Briana Citizen              | Psychology                       |
| Sarah Michelle Cobb         | Addiction Studies                |
| Ivy Collins                 | Psychology                       |
| Kylie D'Nae Combs* ☆☆       | Psychology and Addiction Studies |

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| Junette Cutshaw            | Psychology                            |
| Maggie Colleen Darr*       | Health and Exercise Science           |
| Alicia Rene' Davis         | Psychology                            |
| Phillip Vincente' Davis    | Addiction Studies                     |
| LaKeisha Dorsey            | Child and Family Studies              |
| Joscelin Armenia Douglas*  | Psychology                            |
| Gabriel Mark Ducote* ☆☆☆   | Psychology and Addiction Studies      |
| Melissa Duel*              | Psychology                            |
| Manuel Rayne Duque V*      | Psychology                            |
| Sarah Elizabeth Edelen*    | Early Childhood Education Grades PK-3 |
| Claire Elise Endris*       | Health and Exercise Science           |
| Denise Naomi Ensign        | Psychology                            |
| Chelsea Renee Esprit       | Addiction Studies                     |
| Hannah Elizabeth Ferguson* | Elementary Education Grades 1-5       |
| Kendall Nicole Fowler*     | Secondary Education and Teaching      |
| Taylor Monique Fuller*     | Child and Family Studies              |
| Jolie Raye Gary*           | Child and Family Studies              |
| Mary Frances Gill*         | Elementary Education Grades 1-5       |
| Latyteauna A. Goodwin      | Psychology                            |
| Gabriel Grant              | Psychology                            |
| Halee Nicole Griffin*      | Psychology                            |
| Tara Grimm*                | Child and Family Studies              |
| Halli Shea Hall*           | Elementary Education Grades 1-5       |
| Carley Jeanae Handy        | Psychology                            |
| Kayla M. Crew Harris       | Child and Family Studies              |
| Kloei Kristine Hodges      | Psychology                            |
| Sarah Michelle Holzem      | Psychology                            |
| Payton A. Hudson*          | Psychology                            |
| Elizabeth Ann Hughes*      | Child and Family Studies              |
| Anna M. Jackson*           | Secondary Education and Teaching      |
| Keith T. Jackson           | Psychology                            |
| Breanna Nicole James*      | Psychology                            |
| Abigail G. Jennings*       | Child and Family Studies              |
| Jalivia Kristina Johnson*  | Psychology                            |
| Cassandra Jones*           | Child and Family Studies              |
| Kelsie J. Key* ☆☆☆         | Addiction Studies and Psychology      |
| Kaylin R. Kirby            | Psychology                            |
| Kennedy Kristin Madison    | Psychology                            |
| Natalie Michelle Mangandi* | Psychology                            |
| Bre-Anna Alyse Marron*     | Child and Family Studies              |
| Taylor Marie Maust*        | Psychology                            |

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## Learning for Life

Career | Graduate School | Professional School

As of 2020, all of Northwestern State University's baccalaureate programs have implemented *Learning for Life*, the University's Quality Enhancement Plan. *Learning for Life* is dedicated to ensuring all baccalaureate programs conclude with meaningful capstone experiences that prepare graduates for careers and graduate study. Congratulations to all of Northwestern's graduates who took part in *Learning for Life* this semester.

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## THE PRESIDENT’S CHAIN, REGALIA, and the MACE

The President’s Chain holds the seal of the University, which is cast in bronze. Around the black satin ribbon holding the seal are engraved platelets bearing the name of a former president of Northwestern and the years he served. Chains of similar design have been worn for centuries during ceremonies at universities. This chain is unique in recognizing the leaders who have served Northwestern while most others are original works of art.

The President’s Chain was presented to the University by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to commemorate the University’s commitment to academic excellence for 125 years.

The President’s Regalia was designed by the Student Government Association on behalf of the student body and symbolizes the mutual trust, respect, and collaboration between the students and the University administration.

Academic regalia dates back to the Medieval universities of Europe and is based on clerical robes worn at that time. The President’s Regalia is comprised of a purple robe and hood with velvet panels and bars with white piping in the University’s colors. The front panels are emblazoned with the seal of the University, and the four bars on the sleeves are exclusive to the regalia of the President.

The Mace is crafted from dark walnut and silver-plated solid bronze. It bears the seal of the University and features details of oak and pine. The Mace is topped by a silver fleur-de-lis finial, symbolizing the French heritage of the area and is encircled by the original Latin motto of the school, “Educatio Adulescentis Est Civitatis Salus (The Education of the Youth is the Salvation of the State).”

The Mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

The commencement ceremonial occasions begin with the entrance of the University Mace, carried by the Mace Bearer, President of the University’s Faculty Senate. The ceremonial Mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the University.

**Mace Bearer**  
Dr. John T. Dunn

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## GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state of office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The gonfalons displayed represent the academic areas of Northwestern State University. The colors of the University, purple and white, are joined together in a pattern common to all flags. The top portion is the designated color for each academic area.

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## COMMENCEMENT COMMENTARY

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to Medieval times and the Renaissance when teachers and students in European universities wore caps, gowns, and hoods. The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of dress and strict rules for its design. In the United States, most institutions have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Although the wearing of academic regalia in this country is now limited to formal occasions, the attire may be considered the mark of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of academic achievement.

Holders of the associate, bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees wear purple gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor's gowns were made of serge or worsted and the master's gowns were made of serge, worsted, or silk; but now synthetic fabrics are also used. The master's and specialist's gowns are distinguished by their long pointed sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or wrist.

The doctor's gown is made of silk and may be in a color other than black. It has rounded, open sleeves, and the trimming includes velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet on the sleeves. The velvet may be black or the color appropriate to the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel, the color of which indicates the academic discipline of the degree, is fastened and hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors and presidents of institutions may wear tassels of gold thread.

At Northwestern State University, students earning bachelor's, master's and specialist's degrees wear purple and white tassels and students earning associate degrees wear purple tassels. The hoods of the candidates for advanced Northwestern State University degrees are lined with the colors of the University, purple and white. The colors of the edging of hoods are representative of the degree:

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Arts, Letters, and Humanities..... | White         |
| Business.....                      | Drab          |
| Education .....                    | Baby Blue     |
| Music.....                         | Pink          |
| Nursing.....                       | Apricot       |
| Science .....                      | Golden Yellow |

Commencement is the most important event of the academic year on a university campus. On that occasion, the faculty traditionally recognizes the graduating class by marching in procession attired in the regalia appropriate to their degrees and the institutions where they were earned. Position in the faculty columns is determined by academic rank; persons of higher rank process first.

The column is led by two marshals wearing regalia in the colors of Northwestern State University. The marshals are chosen by their faculty colleagues on the basis of distinguished service and achievement.

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## **Alma Mater**

Oh, Alma Mater here today,  
We for thy lasting blessings pray,  
We know not where our paths may go,  
But, thou'll uphold us still we know,  
Unchanging thou, 'mid changes vast,  
Unswerved from ideas of the past,  
Steadfast and true, our watchword e'er shall be—  
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!