



Arkansas State University
Commencement



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The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.

Arkansas State University

History and Overview

Arkansas State University is a Carnegie Foundation R2 national doctoral-granting institution. Dedicated to teaching, research and service, the university provides students with the broad educational foundations that help develop critical thinking and analytical skills, decision-making capabilities, and communication skills.

This institution was founded in Jonesboro in 1909 by the Arkansas General Assembly as a regional agricultural training school. It began offering a two-year college program in 1918, then became "First District Agricultural and Mechanical College" in 1925. A four-year degree program was begun in 1930, then A & M College became "Arkansas State College" in 1933. The Arkansas Legislature elevated the college to university status and changed the name to Arkansas State University in 1967. Today, the institution has more than 100,000 alumni. A-State has received notable rankings in recent years, moving into the "National Universities" category in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "Best Colleges" rankings in 2019, and being named Best in South by *Princeton Review*, gold-level Military Friendly Schools by *Military Times*, and a top online value by a wide range of internet rating groups.

A-State has extended its global reach with the only U.S.-style campus in Queretaro, Mexico. A College of Veterinary Medicine is in the advanced stages of development at A-State, which also hosts the first osteopathic medical school in Arkansas, the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. More information about A-State is available online at AState.edu.

Degree Programs

Master degree graduate programs were initiated in 1955, and Arkansas State began offering its first doctoral degree, in educational leadership, in the fall of 1992. In addition, doctoral programs are now offered in environmental science, heritage studies, molecular biosciences, nursing practice, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Programs at the specialist, master's, bachelor's and associate degree levels are available through the various colleges: Agriculture; Griffin Business; Education and Behavioral Science; Engineering and Computer Science; Liberal Arts and Communication; Nursing and Health Professions; Beck Sciences and Mathematics; and University College.

Accreditation

Arkansas State University's commitment to excellence in higher education is demonstrated through its accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission, based in Chicago, as well as 37 discipline-specific accrediting organizations. In addition, the university holds membership in numerous national organizations that support the highest educational standards.

The ASU System

The Arkansas State University System includes the main campus of Arkansas State University, A-State, which is in Jonesboro; the newest addition, Henderson State University, a four-year institution in Arkadelphia; and five two-year institutions: ASU-Beebe, ASU-Newport, ASU-Mountain Home, ASU Mid-South, in West Memphis, and ASU Three Rivers, in Malvern. A-State includes Campus Queretaro in the State of Queretaro, Mexico. ASU-Beebe has campuses in Heber Springs and Searcy and an instructional site at Little Rock Air Force Base. ASU-Newport also has campuses in Jonesboro and Marked Tree.

The ASU System was formally established by Board of Trustees resolution effective July 1, 2006, although it had operated as a system much longer. Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas joined the system in 1955 as ASC-Beebe, later becoming ASU-Beebe. White River Vo-Tech at Newport became associated with ASU-Beebe in 1992; that institution is now ASU-Newport. The Mountain Home campus officially became ASU-Mountain Home on July 1, 1995. Delta Technical Institute at Marked Tree, which came into the system in 2001, is now an ASU-Newport campus. ASU-Beebe opened a sister campus at Heber Springs in 1999. Foothills Technical Institute was merged with ASU-Beebe on July 1, 2003, and is now the Searcy campus of ASU-Beebe. Mid-South Community College in West Memphis became a system member in 2015 as ASU Mid-South. College of the Ouachitas in Malvern joined the system in 2020 as ASU Three Rivers. Henderson State University joined the system in February 2021. A-State also offers bachelor degree programs, master degree programs and upper level courses through degree centers at ASU-Beebe, ASU-Mountain Home, and ASU Mid-South.

Enrollment

Arkansas State University has grown significantly over the past three decades. A-State's enrollment in the fall of 2023 was 14,032. Home to the largest online program in the State of Arkansas, A-State also has the largest graduate enrollment, largely through several 100% percent online programs.



Mission, Core Values, and Vision

Mission

Arkansas State University *educates* leaders, *enhances* intellectual growth, and *enriches* lives.

Core Values

Arkansas State University values the following as central to our success:

- **Student-Centered:** We are committed to education, inquiry and service in order to meet students' changing needs. We foster lifelong learning, civic and social responsibility, leadership, and individual and career growth.
- **Learning-Centered:** We nurture intellectual flexibility, knowledge and skills by integrating teaching, research, assessment and learning to promote continuous improvement of our scholarly community.
- **Excellence:** We pursue excellence within the campus community through opportunities for achievement in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity and service.
- **Diversity:** We embrace diversity in all of its dimensions realizing that mutual respect for individuality and the inclusion of all are vital for both personal and institutional success.
- **Service:** We support and recognize service at all levels of the university. We strive to contribute to the benefit of the university, the Delta, the state, the nation and the world.
- **Integrity:** We hold high standards of character and integrity as the foundations upon which the University is built.

Vision

Arkansas State University aspires to be an academic leader recognized for innovation and quality in teaching and learning, international standing in strategic research areas, and commitment to outreach and service to the Delta and beyond.

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Dr. Nikesha Nesbitt, Dean
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Dr. Annette Hux, Interim Dean
College of Education and
Behavioral Science

Dr. Scott Gordon, Dean
College of Nursing and
Health Professions

Dr. Brad Rawlins, Interim Dean
Graduate School

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OTHER CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

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Dr. William McLean
Senior Vice Provost for
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Professor of
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Mr. Nathan LaRue
Honorary Doctorate Recipient

Ms. Catherine Couch
Graduating Senior

Line Announcers – Mr. Jonathan Reaves and Dr. Ryan Sullivan
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THE PROGRAM

Processional: Pomp and Circumstance *Edward Elgar*
Arkansas State University Commencement Brass Ensemble

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM
**The Star Spangled Banner*..... *Francis Scott Key*
Arkansas State University Choir Ensemble

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS..... *Dr. Todd Shields*
Chancellor

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE *Dr. Todd Shields*

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATING CLASS *Ms. Catherine Couch*
Graduating Senior

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES *Dr. Calvin White, Jr.*
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES *Dr. Todd Shields*

***Please stand for the national anthem**

Honorary Doctor of Public Service Nathaniel Thomas LaRue

Nathan LaRue is a distinguished leader in the field of information technology and business operations, with a career spanning over 25 years. He is the CEO of Kalmer Solutions, a company he has led since 2007. Before that Nathan served as vice president of BLU3 Technologies, an audit and network security testing firm.

As the CEO of Kalmer Solutions, Nathan has led the company by implementing cutting-edge cybersecurity measures and AI-driven solutions that significantly elevated the performance of their clients' businesses. Their strategic vision and leadership have been instrumental in helping organizations navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of cyber threats and technological advancements. Kalmer Solutions serves clients in eight states and Nathan serves on many industry boards, peer groups, and committees.

Nathan has always been passionate about his community and service and is a proud member of The Exchange Club of Jonesboro where they serve by promoting the Prevention of Child Abuse, Americanism, Community Service, and support of many area Youth Programs.



Beyond his professional achievements, Nathan is a dedicated supporter of Arkansas State University and an avid Red Wolves fan.



STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

August 10, 2024

Dear Class of 2024,

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University. As Governor, I commend your tremendous achievement and join with your friends and family to celebrate your years of hard work and dedication.

The education and lessons you have learned during your time at this university will help unleash new, exciting opportunities for you to leave your mark on Arkansas and our nation. I look forward to seeing the tremendous impact you will have.

I hope you will continue to pursue learning opportunities throughout your life and continually expand your horizons. You will soon be presented with new experiences and challenges that will shape your mind and your character. Work hard, strive to achieve your full potential, and realize the possibilities are endless.

Again, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University and best wishes for a memorable event and continued success. Go Red Wolves!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders,
Governor of Arkansas



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RED WOLVES

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

On behalf of the members of the Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from Arkansas State University! Graduation signals the end of one era and the beginning of another as we welcome you to the family of more than 100,000 A-State alumni worldwide. It is our sincere hope that you continue your association with the university through active membership in the Alumni Association.

You and the members of your class are important to the Alumni Association and the alma mater we serve. Much that you have enjoyed here at Arkansas State has been made possible by the generous support of graduates who have preceded you. As alumni, we are proud of the time, energy and resources we have shared to help provide a quality institution for the current and future students at Arkansas State. Commencement Letter - P Wright

We invite you to continue this tradition by participating in Alumni Association activities such as homecoming, class reunions, recruiting events in your area and other events. The Cooper Alumni Center will be your permanent home on the A-State campus. I invite you to stop by and see this wonderful place.

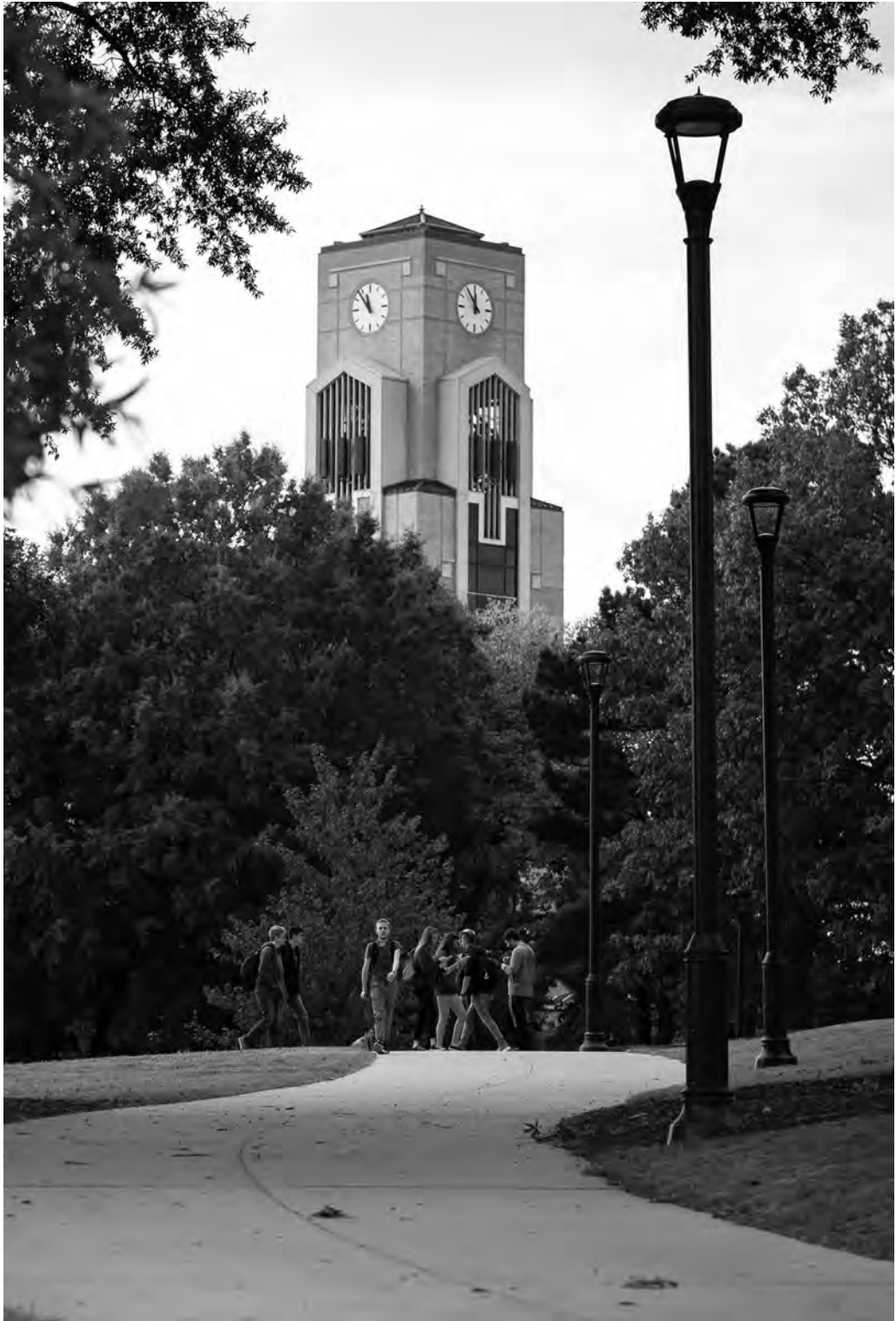
Most of all stay connected! Visit our website AStateAlumni.org; join us on social media and download our mobile app to keep us informed of your accomplishments and current contact information. We want to share in your success and keep you advised of University and Alumni Association events. The friendships and associations you have built while at Arkansas State will continue to grow through your participation in the Alumni Association.

We look forward to serving you and working with you in your new role as alumni of Arkansas State University.

Go Red Wolves!

Sincerely,

Peggy Wright '93 '96
President
A-State Alumni Association



CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Education

David Bernard Allen

M.S., Alabama A & M University
B.S., Savannah State College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SELECTION AND CHANGE OF MAJOR FOR STUDENTS AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Agamyrat Altyyev

M.A.T., University of Texas El Paso
B.S., University of Texas El Paso
A.A., El Paso Community College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Bronwyn MacFarlane
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON ASSIGNED MASTERY GOALS AND STAAR PERFORMANCE IN K-8 TEXAS SCHOOL STUDENTS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jaime Lee Arnold

M.A., Tusculum University
B.A., Tusculum University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF EARLY-CAREER SECONDARY TEACHERS' EXPERIENCES WITH ORGANIZATIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND SUPPORTS AS RELATED TO JOB SATISFACTION
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Cecil Kevin Belt

M.S., Oklahoma State University
B.S.E., Henderson State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SECONDARY STEM STUDENTS MOTIVATIONAL PERCEPTIONS, ENGAGEMENT, AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Lindsay Ellis Anne Blake

M.S., University of South Carolina
B.S.E., University of Kansas
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: EXAMINATION OF HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS SIMULATION BASED INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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M.S.E. Missouri State University
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: TEACHERS' AND SCHOOL LEADERS' PERCEPTIONS OF A COMMUNITY SCHOOL MODEL'S IMPACT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amy Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE IMPACT OF MOTIVATORS AND HYGIENES ON THE JOB SATISFACTION AND CLASSROOM EFFICACY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY IN ARKANSAS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Christian Miguel Canizales

M.S., University of Arkansas Little Rock
B.A., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION: NARRATIVES OF UNDOCUMENTED AND DACA RECIPIENT LATINE STUDENTS IN ARKANSAS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Kayla Caprio

M.E.d., Grand Canyon University
B.S., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: TEACHER PERCEPTIONS OF READING AND MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AMONG ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Arrica L. Chandler

M.Ed., Concordia University-St. Paul
B.S., Mississippi University for Women
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: EXAMINING THE INFLUENCES OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND THE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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M.E.D., Alabama State University
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE ROLE OF PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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B.S. E., University of Mexico
M.A., University of New Mexico
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS: SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS WHICH DIVERGE FROM A SINGULAR CULTURAL SCRIPT
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.E.D., University of Mississippi
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Mahauganee Bonds
DISSERTATION TITLE: TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF PREPAREDNESS FOR INSTRUCTION DURING AND AFTER COLLABORATIVE PLANNING
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Pamela Mangrum Everitt

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S., University of Southern Mississippi
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: NOVICE TEACHER RETENTION AND THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL MODEL
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

LaTeasha D. Gaither-Davis

M.S. University of Central Arkansas
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: SCHOOL LEADER EXPERIENCES OF ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY IN RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS: PHENOMENOLOGICAL
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jennifer Wilks Gaston

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S., University of Mississippi
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: EXAMINING THE INFLUENCE OF STUDENT AUTONOMY, COMPETENCE, AND STUDENT-TEACHER RELATEDNESS ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON HIGH-STAKES TESTS

Doctor of Education (continued)

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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M.S., Doane University

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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar

DISSERTATION TITLE: EXPLORING TEACHERS' PARTICIPATION IN A LITERACY-FOCUSED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Amanda Leann Green

M.S.E., Walden University

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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Mahauganee Bonds

DISSERTATION TITLE: THE IMPACT OF FAMILY EDUCATION ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Rahime Malik Howard

M.A., The American University

B.S., Howard University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar

DISSERTATION TITLE: THE EXAMINATION OF HINDERING FACTORS OF 2-YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' VERTICAL TRANSFER TO 4-YEAR COLLEGES

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Marilyn Louise Hunt

E.D.S., Arkansas State University

M.S.E., Arkansas State University

B.S.E., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker

DISSERTATION TITLE: Perspectives of Novice Teachers to Prepare For and Work Equitably With Students with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Leonard Jones

E.D.S., Arkansas State University

M.S.E., Arkansas State University

A.A., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton

DISSERTATION TITLE: EXPLORING THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EXPERIENCES OF BLACK MALE K-12 TEACHERS IN CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY AND THEIR PERCEIVED IMPACT ON STUDENTS

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Lori M. Kemmet

M.A. University of Kansas

B.A. University of Oklahoma

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amany Saleh

DISSERTATION TITLE: TEST OPTIONAL ADMISSIONS: A CASE STUDY ON ACCESS AND PERSISTENCE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Angela Monette Long

M.E.D., Texas Women's University

B.S., University of Central Oklahoma

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Bronwyn MacFarlane

DISSERTATION TITLE: FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THIRD-GRADE READING PERFORMANCE ON THE STATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS (STAAR)

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Starlett Nicole Lamb Mack

E.D.S., Arkansas State University

M.A., Arkansas State University

B.A., Arkansas State University

DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Mahauganee Bonds

DISSERTATION TITLE: AN ANALYSIS OF FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SUCCESS OF DUAL-ENROLLMENT STUDENTS THROUGH THE PERSPECTIVES OF FACULTY AND COUNSELORS

DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Michael C. Mackenzie

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S., University of Phoenix
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: The Impact of Smartphones on Middle School Students
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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M.S.E., University of Arkansas at Monticello
B.A., University of Arkansas at Monticello
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN THE ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING MODEL: A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF K-5 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CAREGIVER PERSPECTIVES
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Cristen Skylar McBride

M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S., University of Memphis
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Bronwyn MacFarlane
DISSERTATION TITLE: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF EDUCATORS' PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING INSTRUCTION AND THEIR SUPPORTING ROLE FOR THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Samuel T. McKnight

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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Brandi Leigh Newsom

M.S., University of Central Arkansas
B.S., Arkansas State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: EXAMINING THE INFLUENCE OF STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ON THEIR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH: PERSPECTIVES OF COUNSELORS AND MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Kimberly Renee Pittman

E.D.S., Mississippi College
B.A., Tougaloo College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Mahauganee Bonds
DISSERTATION TITLE: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL CASE STUDY OF HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Shawana Powell

E.D.S., Delta State University
M.E.D., Liberty University
B.S., Mississippi Valley State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: Impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE) on Adolescent Literacy in the Mississippi Delta
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Danielle Kay Pugsley

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M.S.E., Arkansas State University
M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S., Austin Peay State University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: INFLUENCE OF TEACHERS' SECONDARY TRAUMATIC SYMPTOMS ON TEACHER ATTRITION IN LOW SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOLS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Brittany Shallyne Reid-Phillips

M.Ed., Concordia University
B.S., Coastal Carolina University
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE INFLUENCE OF K-12 STEM EDUCATION ON THE RETENTION OF BLACK WOMEN STEM MAJORS IN TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Danielle Reilly

M.A., University of Phoenix
B.S., Centenary College
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DISSERTATION TITLE: INFLUENCE OF TEACHERS' SECONDARY TRAUMATIC SYMPTOMS ON TEACHER ATTRITION IN LOW SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOLS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Stefania Rubino

M.S.E., Arkansas State University
B.S., Endicott College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AND ITS IMPACT ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, WELL-BEING, AND LEARNING OUTCOMES: A STUDY OF TEACHERS' PERSPECTIVES.
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Ida D. Schmidt

M.S.E., Texas Tech University
B.A., Texas Tech University
A.A., Blinn College
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION TO SUPPORT COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN STUDENTS WITH LOW-INCIDENCE DISABILITIES THROUGH SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL INTERACTIONS
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Jonathan Scrivner

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M.A.T., Converse
B.S., Bob Jones University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Amany Saleh
DISSERTATION TITLE: REDUCING MATH ANXIETY IN MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENTS THROUGH MASTERY-BASED LEARNING
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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DISSERTATION TITLE: COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORS' PERCEIVED LEVELS OF SELF-EFFICACY PROVIDING CAREER COUNSELING TO STUDENTS IN ALABAMA
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

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B.S., Mississippi State University
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DISSERTATION TITLE: PERCEPTIONS OF ENGLISH LEARNER SUCCESS AMONG HISPANIC STUDENTS IN ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAMS: A CASE STUDY
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education (continued)

Christina Smith

M.S., Silver Lake College
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DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Dr. Topeka Singleton
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE EXPLORATION OF A NEW ACCELERATED RADIOLOGY PROGRAM AND ITS PREPARATION OF STUDENTS ENTERING THE HEALTHCARE FIELD: A PHENOMENOLOGY STUDY
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Nickie Smith

M.S.E., Texas A & M University
B.S., Texas A & M University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Ibrahim Duyar
DISSERTATION TITLE: A QUANTITATIVE INVESTIGATION OF TEACHER PERSONALITY ON TEACHER-STUDENT RELATEDNESS, STUDENT INTRINSIC MOTIVATION, AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Roxanne Souma

E.D.S., Arkansas State University
M.S., Radford University
B.S., Lee University
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Timberly Baker
DISSERTATION TITLE: THE INTEGRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY INTO STATE HISTORY CURRICULUM STANDARDS: EXAMINING THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DISSERTATION DEPARTMENT: Educational Leadership

Melanie Cheyanne Spence

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ACADEMIC APPAREL

The present-day academic costume probably originated at Oxford and Cambridge universities and is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late middle ages. As the universities passed from ecclesiastical control, the academic gown used brighter colors to distinguish it from the totally drab clerical robe. Although colonial American universities used academic gowns based upon the British system, people continued to associate them with the clergy.

Late in the nineteenth century, a student movement centering in New England instigated the establishment of a "senior badge" to improve commencement week exercises and revive the traditions of university life. In the 1890's, American universities and colleges established a uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods for the various degrees, thereby standardizing academic styles in this country. The gown, the cap, and the hood are the characteristic elements of academic apparel.

The *gown* is usually of black material. However, some doctors' gowns are of the school color. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long, closed sleeves, with slits from which the arms protrude; the doctors' have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The *cap*, the square mortar-board in American universities, but a round, soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters.

The *hood*, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree, while its lining of silk bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

Originally, the hood had three uses: as a head covering, as a shoulder cape, and as a bag in which alms could be collected. When large wigs were in vogue in Britain, the cape part of the hood was split in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire cape and hood was allowed to fall back as it is today, and it was never restored to the original style.

The *degree* colors in the hood are appropriate to the category of the degree, rather than to the scholar's major subject. Appropriate colors for degrees:

Agriculture

Agriculture	Maize
Agriculture Education	Maize

Business

Accounting	Drab Brown
Business Administration	Drab Brown

Education and Behavioral Science

College Student Personnel Services	Peacock Blue
Early Childhood Services	Golden Yellow
Education	Light Blue
Exercise Science	Sage Green
Mental Health Counseling	Golden Yellow
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychological Science	Gold
Rehabilitation Counseling	Sage Green
School Psychology	Light Blue
Sports Administration	Sage Green
Teaching	Light Blue

Engineering and Computer Science	
Engineering	Orange
Computer Science	Orange
Liberal Arts and Communication	
Art & Design	Brown
Communication Studies	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Golden Yellow
English Education	Light Blue
Heritage Studies — MS/PhD	White
Humanities	White
Journalism	Crimson
Music	Pink
Music Education	Pink
Political Science	Dark Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Radio-Television	Crimson
Social Science Education	Light Blue
Theatre	Brown
Nursing and Health Professions	
Communication Disorders	Gray
Disaster Preparedness	White
Health Science	Sage Green
Nursing	Apricot
Nursing Practice — DNP	Apricot
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Social Work	Citron
Sciences and Mathematics	
Mathematics	Golden Yellow
Mathematics Education	Light Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Science Education	Light Blue

Black and scarlet tassels are correct for all degrees, but gold metallic tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees or by presidents of universities and colleges. The tassel should be worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap.



THE MEDALLION

Medallions were used as adornments in biblical days and also served as symbols of authority. The Arkansas State University chancellor's medallion bears the seal of the university. The Arkansas State University president's medallion bears the seal of the ASU System. The Alumni Association president's medallion bears a 1924 emblem marking the establishment of the Alumni Association. The medallions are worn at all official academic ceremonies.

THE MACE

Originally a weapon of the Middle Ages, the mace gradually became ceremonial in character. A mace was carried by church officials, guards of kings, and other high officials. Today it is used symbolically in academic ceremonies.

The current mace, introduced in 2015, is the result of a collaborative effort involving students, alumni, faculty and staff. From concept and design to production and assembly, the mace utilizes state-of-the-art technology and equipment to symbolically represent Arkansas State University.

The mace is composed of two parts: the head and the staff. The head is comprised of the Memorial Arch, a globe and two university seals. When dedicated in 1927, the Memorial Arch served as the entrance to A&M College. Now, the oldest structure on campus, the arch is an established icon that symbolizes the opportunities to advance in life through the educational experience offered by Arkansas State. The international impact of the university, her students, faculty and staff is symbolized by a globe suspended in the arch. Seals are attached to the sides of the globe to represent the tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

The staff is made of wenge, a dark-colored, highly durable wood symbolic of the rich experiences students receive when pursuing an education at A-State. The shape of the staff is patterned after the pillars of the Memorial Arch, giving it a distinct look.

The mace rests on a base symbolic of the Memorial Arch. Once the gateway to the institution, the Memorial Arch continues to occupy a prominent position in the heart of the Arkansas State University campus.

THE SEAL

The official seal of Arkansas State University has been designed for the purpose of authentication, and to both represent and build upon the impact of an education at Arkansas State.

The current design of the Arkansas State University seal was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2013. The new design incorporates current concepts and goals of the university.

The seal has three distinct characteristics:

1) The Memorial Arch symbolizes a portal or entrance to new life, balance in form and university tradition.

It was given as a gift by the Class of 1927.

2) The inset date of 1909 is the date the institution was established.

3) The laurel wreath signifies the high achievement of its attendees.

These three features represent qualities of tradition, authority and integrity of the university.

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION/HONORS

Arkansas State University recognizes the academic achievement of graduating baccalaureate-degree students in the following ways:

1. Students graduating summa cum laude (4.00 grade point average) will wear a gold cord.
2. Students graduating magna cum laude (3.80-3.99 grade point average) will wear a red cord.
3. Students graduating cum laude (3.60-3.79 grade point average) will wear a white cord.
4. Students who complete the Honors Program or the University Honors program shall be designated as graduating "In Honors" or "In University Honors." The Honors Medal, developed in 2006, is a means of recognizing undergraduate students who graduate from The Honors College at Arkansas State University. The medal's design is taken from "The Scholar" character, which is an architectural relief on Wilson Hall, the university's oldest building. There are two separate medals, gold and silver. Students who graduate "In Honors" are awarded the silver medal. Students who complete an honors thesis and graduate "In University Honors" are awarded the gold medal. Students graduating "In University Honors" or "In Honors" will wear blue cords.

Arkansas State University educates leaders,
enhances intellectual growth, and enriches lives.

