Commencement Schedule

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017

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Graduate School
Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.

26
Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus
Student Life Center, Salina, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

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College of Arts and Sciences
Bramlage Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.

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College of Education
Bramlage Coliseum, 10 a.m.

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College of Business Administration
Bramlage Coliseum, 11:30 a.m.

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College of Agriculture
Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.

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College of Human Ecology
Bramlage Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.

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College of Engineering
Bramlage Coliseum, 4 p.m.
Dear Graduates,

On behalf of Kansas State University, we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes on your graduation.

Your degree represents work and commitment on your part and on the part of those who have helped you along your way. Whether it is your family, friends, faculty, staff or fellow students, know that all are proud of your accomplishments.

Commencement marks a milestone in your life and sets you on a journey toward a productive and fulfilling career. We hope you use the knowledge and preparation you received at K-State to move forward and make a difference throughout your life, whether in the career field, in the community or in other worthy pursuits.

As you embark and progress in your career and life, know that Kansas State University will always encourage you along the way. You are now part of our network of more than 200,000 proud alumni worldwide. We urge you to remain connected to the university through the K-State Alumni Association, which is providing you and fellow graduates with a year of free membership.

Please find opportunities to return to campus, whether to continue your education, share your experiences and expertise with future K-Staters, take in an athletic or cultural event, or just to catch up on your alma mater. Congratulations and best wishes for the future,
Alma Mater
by H.W. Jones, class of 1888

I know a spot that I love full well,
’Tis not in forest nor yet in dell;
Ever it holds thee in magic spell,
I think of thee, Alma Mater.

K-S-U, we’ll carry the banner high.
K-S-U, long, long may thy colors fly.
Loyal to thee, thy children will swell the cry.
Hail, Hail, Hail, Alma Mater.
Kansas State University is on its way to becoming one of the nation’s Top 50 public research universities by 2025. The visionary K-State 2025 plan, launched in 2010, serves as a guide for our decision-making and priority-setting in all facets of the university, including academics, facility needs, research, engagement and athletics. For more information and to track our progress, go to k-state.edu/2025.

Founded in 1863 as the country’s first operational land-grant university, Kansas State University has campuses in Manhattan, Salina — now known as Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus — and Olathe, as well as K-State Global Campus, which serves distance education students. K-State Research and Extension also has a presence throughout Kansas.

The mission of Kansas State University is to foster excellent teaching, research and service that develop a highly skilled and educated citizenry necessary to advancing the well-being of Kansas, the nation and the international community. The university embraces diversity and inclusion, encourages engagement and is committed to the discovery of knowledge, the education of undergraduate and graduate students, and improvement in the quality of life and standard of living of those we serve.

Forbes magazine, Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report have recognized Kansas State University as one of the best in America.

Nearly 23,000 students from across the U.S. and more than 100 countries attend Kansas State University. Students can choose from more than 250 majors and options in nine colleges: Agriculture; Architecture, Planning & Design; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; Technology and Aviation; and Veterinary Medicine. The Graduate School offers more than 110 academic programs.

K-State also enjoys strong support from its alumni and friends. With more than 200,000 alumni, the K-State Alumni Association is ranked among the top five alumni associations in the nation for the percentage of graduates who are members. The Kansas State University Foundation’s Innovation and Inspiration Campaign has already earned $1 billion and is on its way to reaching $1.4 billion by 2020.

Called “the Silicon Valley for biodefense” because of its leadership in food safety and security and agrodefense, Kansas State University is home to four Feed the Future labs, an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development to increase food production in nations with limited resources. The university also is home to the Biosecurity Research Institute, which supports comprehensive “farm-to-fork” infectious disease research programs that address threats to plant, animal and human health. Construction is underway adjacent to the Manhattan campus of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s National Bio and Agro-defense Facility, which will be the nation’s premier animal disease research facility.

Total research efforts at Kansas State University have led to more than 200 patents to date. The university has more than 90 research centers, including the 8,600-acre Konza Prairie Biological Station and the Johnson Cancer Research Center. Our distinguished faculty members are tackling such issues as climate change, cybersecurity, sustainable energy, urban revitalization and more — often involving undergraduate students in their work.

Kansas State University, by the numbers

1 — Where Money magazine ranks K-State on its list of best colleges in Kansas.
2 — Years in a row K-State is rated the best value in Kansas by SmartAsset.
3 — Years in a row K-State receives the HEED Award for diversity and inclusion.
4 — Years in a row K-State's National Strategic Selling Institute named one of nation’s top sales programs.
5 — Years in a row K-State’s Crops Team is national champion.
6 — Times in the last 12 years K-State’s Black Student Union named best in the Big 12.
7 — Academic colleges, offering a variety of academic disciplines.
8 — Fellowships held by faculty, and patents developed at the university.
9 — Financial aid distributed annually, including scholarships, student wages and veterans’ benefits.
200+ — Academic majors and options.
About our ceremonies

The university mace
The Kansas State University mace made its debut in September 2009 at the inauguration of Kirk H. Schulz as the university’s 13th president. A mace is a decorative symbol of office and typically carried at the front of academic processions. The university’s mace is carried in the processional at the Graduate School ceremony and is displayed at each college’s ceremony. Designed by Tom Boley, a 1970 university graduate, the mace is made from a purple wood called purpleheart and a light-colored maple.

Academic dress
The history of academic dress dates to medieval European universities of the 12th century. Universities in the United States have standardized academic dress so its features are common and uniform throughout the country.

The gown — At Kansas State University, gowns are black and typically made of synthetic material or worsted wool. The pattern varies with the degree held — open sleeves for the bachelor’s degree; long, closed sleeves with slits for the hands for the master’s degree; and round, bell sleeves for the doctoral degree.

The hood — Students receiving graduate degrees wear hoods. The master’s hood is shorter than the doctoral hood and lacks the panels of the doctoral hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the university; the university’s lining is purple with two inverted chevrons. The binding or edging of the hood is the color pertaining to the subject of the degree.

The caps — All bachelor’s and master’s degree candidates wear a black mortarboard. Doctoral students may wear a mortarboard or a soft velvet tam with either six or eight sides. The tams can be dark blue or black for Doctor of Philosophy candidates, and light blue for Doctor of Education candidates. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine candidates wear a black mortarboard. Tassel color for all degree candidates depends on the degree and/or degree field.

Trimming colors on hoods

Brown
Master of Fine Arts
Master of Landscape Architecture
Dark blue
Doctor of Philosophy
Golden yellow
Associate degrees
Bachelor of Science
Master of Science
Gray
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Lavender
Master of Architecture
Light blue
Doctor of Education
Maize
Master of Agribusiness
Navy blue
Master of Interior Architecture & Product Design
Orange
Master of Software Engineering
Master of Engineering Management
Peacock blue
Master of Public Administration
Master of Regional & Community Planning
Pink
Master of Music
Salmon
Master of Public Health
Tan/drab brown
Master of Accountancy
Master of Business Administration
White
Master of Arts
Yellow
Master of Science

Tassel colors on candidates’ caps

Brown
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Bachelor of Music Education
Master of Fine Arts

About our ceremonies

White
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Music
Master of Arts

Graduation honors

Bachelor’s degree candidates who are earning graduation honors from Kansas State University wear a purple-and-white honor cord on the left shoulder of their commencement gown. Honors are awarded based on their Kansas State University grade point average. Eligible students also must have completed a minimum of 60 hours in residence, with at least 50 hours in graded courses.

K-State graduation honors:
Summa cum laude — For students with a 3.95 or above GPA.
Magna cum laude — For students with a 3.85-3.949 GPA.
Cum laude — For students with a 3.75-3.849 GPA.

Note: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree candidates receive these honors based on courses completed in the professional program. Honors indicated in this program are determined on a minimum of 45 hours in residence completed prior to the term of graduation, with at least 36 credit hours in graded courses.

Commencement program key
(Scl) Summa cum laude
(Mcl) Magna cum laude
(Cl) Cum laude
(H) Honors program
(S) Secondary major
(S17) Spring 2017 graduate
(SU17) Summer 2017 candidate
(S18) Spring 2018 candidate
(D) Dual degree
* Double, multiple majors
(P) Posthumous degree
Graduate School

Introduction:
Gerard Kluitenberg, Professor, Agronomy

Processional:
Stephen Kucera, Master’s Student, Accounting

National Anthem:
Cooper McGuire, Junior, Applied Music

Greetings from the Kansas Board of Regents:
D. Shane Bangerter, Regent

Recognition of University Distinguished Professors:
April C. Mason, Provost and Senior Vice President

Honorees:
Phillip Klebba, Professor and Department Head, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics
Timothy Musch, Professor, Kinesiology, and Anatomy and Physiology
Anil Pahwa, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Yan Soibelman, Professor, Mathematics
Kun Yan Zhu, Professor, Entomology

Recognition of Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Graduate Teaching Award:
Carol Shanklin, Dean

Honorees:
Christine Aikens, Professor, Chemistry
Frederick Burrack, Professor, Music Education, and Director, Office of Assessment

Introduction of Commencement Speaker and Presentation of Honorary Degree:
Richard B. Myers, President

Commencement Address:
James C. Richardson, Photographer, National Geographic

Alumni Association Greetings:
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association
D. Shane Bangerter, Dodge City, was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Gov. Sam Brownback in 2013. He is the owner of Bangerter Law, a legal practice that has an emphasis on civil litigation and workers’ compensation cases. Bangerter grew up in Leoti, working endless hours of farm and ranch labor between school activities and university attendance.

Richardson’s work has taken him around the world, covering issues of the environment, cultures and travel, landscapes and perils to the night sky. His ongoing coverage of food and agriculture issues has been a centerpiece of National Geographic’s coverage of world food.

Richardson is also known for his documentary photography of small towns and rural issues. CBS “Sunday Morning” twice profiled his 40-yearlong journal of Cuba, Kansas. ABC’s “Nightline” chronicled Richardson’s coverage of the Columbia River and the process of assembling the resulting National Geographic magazine story. Martha Stewart Living and myriad books and magazines have profiled his work. His 1979 study of adolescence, “High School USA,” is now considered a photo essay classic and is used in college classrooms. In 2015 he was honored by his fellow National Geographic photographers as their “Photographer’s Photographer.”

Richardson lectures and teaches internationally and leads travel groups for National Geographic Expeditions. Known for his dogged research and devotion to craft, he is a sought-after mentor to new photographers. He lives in Lindsborg, where his work is featured at his Main Street gallery, Small World.

Klebba came to Kansas State University in 2012. His research and collaborative projects have garnered more than $9 million in continuous research funding since 1986, from organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He has more than 84 publications.

For several decades he has served as a referee for funding agencies and scientific journals. He is a managing editor for Frontiers in Bioscience and served as an editorial board member for the Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology and for Advances in Biological Chemistry.

Klebba spent 2002-2003 as a Fulbright scholar at Institut Necker Enfants Malades in Paris. He remains involved with the Fulbright Scholar Program of the U.S. State Department and is a biochemistry specialist for the program’s Council for Exchange of International Scholars. In 2001 he was an international professor of the American Society for Microbiology at the University of São Paulo in Brazil.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Microbiology and the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Some of his career accolades include receiving the 1981 Evelyn Neizer Post-Doctoral Research Award from Stanford University, Phillippe Foundation International Scholar awards in 1993 and 2002, and a 2011 Burroughs-Wellcome Research Scholar Award at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Klebba earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1982, and performed postdoctoral research at Stanford University and at the University of California, Berkeley from 1982-1984.
Timothy Musch is a faculty member in the departments of kinesiology, and anatomy and physiology. He is the co-director of the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Cardiorespiratory Exercise Physiology Research Laboratory. His research interests include the mechanisms associated with exercise performance in health and disease focusing on chronic heart failure.

He came to Kansas State University in 1993 and served as the College of Human Ecology’s interim associate dean for research and scholarship from 2013-2015. He has received more than $8.8 million in research funding from a variety of national organizations, including the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association. He has published nearly 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, and his work has been cited more than 7,000 times.

Musch is a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Physiological Society. He is also a member of the American Heart Association and has served on the Scientific Advisory Council for the American Federation for Aging Research.

He has provided service to numerous national scientific organizations, including NASA, the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Physiological Society and the National Institutes of Health. He has been an associate editor and manuscript reviewer for several journals.

He received the national New Investigator Award in 1986 and the national Citation Award in 2013 from the American College of Sports Medicine. He also received the national Arthur C. Guyton Educator of the Year Award from the American Physiological Society in 2013. At K-State, he has received the 1998 Presidential Award for Undergraduate Teaching and the 2014 Zoetis Award for Excellence in Research.

Musch earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physical education from the University of California, Berkeley and a doctorate in exercise physiology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He was a postdoctoral fellow in cardiovascular physiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, now the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Anil Pahwa holds the Logan-Fetterhoof electrical and computer engineering faculty of distinction chair. His research focuses on reliability, automation and optimization of power distribution systems. His work has provided innovative and practical solutions for electricity distribution as well as large-scale integration of renewable energy resources in the system to decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

A Kansas State University faculty member since 1983, Pahwa served as the electrical and computer engineering department head from 2004-2007. He has engaged in 38 funded research projects with about $8.8 million in total funding, largely from the National Science Foundation. He has been the lead principal investigator on 28 of these projects. Pahwa has published more than 225 articles and reports with more than 60 refereed journal papers and his research has received more than 2,400 citations.

Pahwa is an IEEE — formerly the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers — fellow and has served in many leadership positions in the IEEE Power and Energy Society during the past 20 years, including chair of the Power and Energy Education Committee and editor of IEEE Transactions on Power Systems.

He has served on the advisory committee of DistribuTECH, a premier conference focused on automation of power distribution systems, for more than 25 years. The National Academies selected Pahwa for a 2014-2015 Jefferson Science Fellowship and he served as a senior scientific adviser in the Economic Policy Office of the State Department’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs as a part of the fellowship.

Pahwa has received several awards during his professional career, including the IEEE Power and Energy Society’s Douglas M. Staszesky Distribution Automation Award in 2012 and the Outstanding Alumni Award from Birla Institute of Technology and Science in 2014. At K-State, he received the College of Engineering’s Erickson Public Service Award in 2011 and Frankenhoff Outstanding Research Award in 2012.

Pahwa earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India; a master’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maine, Orono; and a doctorate in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University.

Yan Soibelman is director of the Kansas State University’s M-Center for Mirror Symmetry and Tropical Geometry. He researches algebra, deformation theory, algebraic geometry, topology, symplectic geometry, representation theory, non-commutative geometry, differential equations, mathematical physics and string theory.

He joined K-State in 1994. He has received 27 grants and awards. His work has received support from the National Science Foundation, the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Clay Mathematics Institute and the International Congress of Mathematicians. His research has appeared in 70 publications, monographs and proceeding volumes.

Soibelman has been a referee and editor for 21 publications and organizations, including the National Science Foundation, the National Security Agency and the European Research Council. He has given more than 175 conference presentations and lectures across the world. He has been an invited speaker at more than 50 regional and national conferences in Russia and the United States.

A Clay Mathematics Institute fellow, he is a member of the American Mathematical Society and the Kiev Mathematical Society in Ukraine. He holds a distinguished visiting research chair at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Canada.

Soibelman has been a visiting scholar or professor at Cambridge University in the U.K.; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Harvard University; the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey; the Institute of Advanced Research in Bures-sur-Yvette, France; Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Kyoto, Japan; and the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn, Germany, among other institutions.

He received his master’s degree and doctorate in mathematics from Rostov University, now Southern Federal University in Russia.

Kun Yan Zhu has an international reputation in insect toxicology and molecular biology and his research spans from basic to applied studies. He has collaborated with more than 50 scientists in the U.S. and around the world.

He discovered a new insecticide target gene in a major agricultural insect pest, which was cited as
Christine Aikens is a professor of chemistry at Kansas State University. Since joining the university's faculty as an assistant professor in fall 2007, Aikens' work on developing a theoretical understanding of the relationship between structure and properties of nanomaterials — including the structure and spectroscopic properties of gold and silver nanoparticles and nanoparticle arrays, and the reactivity of nanostructured metal oxide particles — has garnered more than $2.5 million in extramural support. Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, American Chemical Society and more. Aikens and her research group have written more than 90 manuscripts that have appeared in top chemistry and scientific journals and have been cited numerous times. In 2016 alone, their work generated more than 700 citations.

Promoted to full professor in 2015, Aikens has earned many prestigious honors, including an NSF CAREER award in 2010, Hewlett-Packard Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from the American Chemical Society in 2011 and a Camille Dreyfus Teaching-Scholar Award from 2011-2016. She also was named a Kavli fellow in 2012 and awarded an Alfred P Sloan Research Fellowship from 2011-2013. She has delivered more than 100 presentations at national and international conferences and workshops, including presenting the 2017 Kroto Lecture in Chemical Physics at Florida State University and the 2015 Journal of Physical Chemistry A Lectureship.

At the graduate level, Aikens has been major professor to five successful doctoral candidates at K-State. She has taught six graduate-level courses, including a course she developed, Introduction to Computational Chemistry. She also includes postdoctoral researchers and undergraduate students on her research team.

Aikens graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma and earned her doctorate in physical chemistry from Iowa State University. She completed postdoctoral studies at Northwestern University.

Frederick Burrack is a professor of music education and director of the university's Office of Assessment. Combining his knowledge and research interests in both assessment and music education, Burrack serves the teaching profession on a national scale. As director of the university's Office of Assessment, he leads initiatives to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of assessment at the university. He also guides student learning assessment processes for all of the university's graduate programs. His efforts helped Kansas State University earn the inaugural Excellence in Assessment designation from the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment in 2016. The designation recognizes the university's commitment to comprehensive assessment of student learning outcomes.


The author of nearly 40 peer-reviewed publications on topics in both music education and assessment, he also has presented his work at many national and international conferences. He is member of the International Review Panel for the International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education and former chair of the Special Research Interest Group on Music Assessment for the Society of Research in Music Education of the National Association for Music Education. Currently, he is serving on the Knowledge Task Force for the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, which is charged with identifying and facilitating ways to advance the development of knowledge devoted to assessing and improving student learning in higher education.

As chair of graduate studies in music education in the university's School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, Burrack has worked to increase and sustain the quality of graduate students in the program, ensuring they receive high-quality instruction, research opportunities and mentoring so that they may be successful in their careers. He also has been a member of 141 Master of Music graduate committees and the chair of 14 doctoral committees at the university.

A member of the Kansas State University faculty since 2005, Burrack was promoted to full professor in 2014. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa; a Master of Music in music education from Northwestern University; and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction-music education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Degree Candidates

Adult Learning and Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy
Joel A. Buck (Su17)
Major Professor: Royce Ann Collins
Dissertation: An exploratory examination of reflective thinking in human performance improvement professionals

Agronomy

Doctor of Philosophy
Olalere Marcus Olatoye
Major Professor: Geoffrey Morris
Dissertation: Quantitative Genomic Dissection of Agroclimatic Adaptation in Sorghum

Huan Wang
Major Professor: Varu Prasad
Dissertation: Crop assessment and monitoring using optical sensors

Animal Science

Doctor of Philosophy
Jared R. Johnson
Major Professor: Michael Brouk
Dissertation: Techniques to increase silage stability and starch availability and the effects of heat stress abatement systems on reducing heat load in dairy cattle

Aaron Michael Jones
Major Professor: Jason Woodworth
Dissertation: Effects of specialty protein sources on nursery pig performance

Benjamin Eugene Voelz (Su17)
Major Professor: Luis Mendonca
Dissertation: Heat stress and uterine disease: Stressors influencing reproduction of dairy cattle

Biochemistry

Doctor of Philosophy
Yan Shipelskiy
Major Professor: Phillip Klebba
Dissertation: Gram positive heme acquisition

Chemical Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Haider Hassan Almkhellef
Major Professor: Placidus Amama
Dissertation: Scalable carbon nanotube growth and design of efficient catalysts for Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis

Chemistry

Doctor of Philosophy
Medha Jaimini Gunaratna Gamaralalage
Major Professor: Duy Hua
Dissertation: Design, synthesis and bio-evaluation of piperidines and CGRP peptides; Synthesis of substituted 6-(dimethylamino)-2-phenylisoindolen-1-ones for the inhibition of luciferase

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Vladimir Rustemovich Karimov
Major Professor: Alekey Sheshukov
Dissertation: Mathematical modeling of ephemeral gully erosion

Daniel S. Sullins (Su17)
Major Professor: David Haukos
Dissertation: Regional variation in demography, distribution, foraging, and strategic conservation of lesser prairie chickens in Kansas and Colorado

Bram Hendrik Ferdinand Verheijen (Su17)
Major Professor: Brett Sandercock
Dissertation: Demographic responses of grassland songbirds to rangeland management in the tallgrass prairie

Chemistry

Doctor of Philosophy
James Emery Brown
Major Professor: Jun Li
Dissertation: Advances in electrical energy storage using core-shell structures and relaxor-ferroelectric materials

Natalia Vladimirovna Karimova
Major Professor: Christine Aikens
Dissertation: Theoretical study of the optical properties of noble metal nanoparticles: CD and MCD spectroscopy

Ruben Shrestha
Major Professor: Ping Li
Dissertation: Molecular mechanism and enzymological studies of dye-decolorizing peroxidases (DyPs) from T. curvata and E. lignolyticus

K.L. Dimuthu M. Weerawardene
Major Professor: Christine Aikens
Dissertation: Optical and luminescence properties of noble nanoparticles

Manomi Dharshika Perera (Su17)
Major Professor: Christer Aakeroy
Dissertation: Hydrogen and halogen bonding in co-crystallization: from fundamentals to applications

George Valentino Podaru (Su17)
Major Professor: Viktor Chikan
Dissertation: Exploring Controlled Drug Release From Magneto Liposomes

Bo Wang (Su17)
Major Professor: Mark Hollingsworth
Dissertation: Synchrotron studies of “self-compression” in urea inclusion compounds

Civil Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Rund Ahmad Al-Masri (Su17)
Major Professor: Hayden Rasheed
Dissertation: Analytical and finite element buckling solutions of anisotropic laminated composite columns/plates under axial compression with various boundary conditions
Major Professor: Nicole Jean Hunter
Dissertation: Standardized literacy assessments culturally and linguistically diverse students

Major Professor: Theodora D. Roop
Dissertation: Personal epistemology and effective practice for Beliefs in the crossroads: Teachers’

Major Professor: Cristina A. Fanning
Dissertation: A qualitative case study that examines experiences, philosophies and pedagogies of University Distinguished Teaching Scholars at Kansas State University

Doctor of Philosophy

Major Professor: Hong Liu
Dissertation: Grades: The effects of reciprocal (RT) training on grades: The effects of reciprocal (RT) training on

Co-Major Professors: David Allen and Haijun Kang
Dissertation: Influential factors and faculty members’ practices in technology integration using ISTE standards for teacher preparation at Taibah University-Saudi Arabia

Co-Major Professors: Aysha Sulaiman Bajabaa
Dissertation: Case study of counselors’ self-disclosure in a multicultural therapeutic alliance with military clients

Counseling and Student Development

Doctor of Philosophy

Major Professor: Ophelia Marlene Blackwell
Dissertation: Case study of counselors’ self-disclosure in a multicultural therapeutic alliance with military clients

Curriculum and Instruction

Doctor of Philosophy

Major Professor: Asma Abdulmana Alhamadi
Dissertation: The influence of social media on Saudi graduate students: An exploratory case study

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Nicole Jean Hunter
Dissertation: Tier II intervention in the intermediate grades: The effects of reciprocal (RT) training on standardized literacy assessments

Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education

Major Professor: Maria del Pilar Mejia Velez
Dissertation: ¿Soy bilingue? The experience of bilingual teachers under the leadership of monolingual principles: An ethnographic case study

Doctor of Philosophy

Major Professor: Sara Elizabeth Schwerdtfeger
Dissertation: Elementary preservice teachers’ and elementary inservice teachers’ knowledge of mathematical modeling

Melissa Gail Van Zant
Dissertation: Poetry in American education on standards from 1971-2011

Alexander Minh Wimmer
Dissertation: An exploration of a beginning undergraduate music student conducting with expressivity

Economics

Doctor of Philosophy

Haydory Akbar Ahmed
Dissertation: Essays on fiscal deficit, debt and monetary policy: A nonlinear approach

Mohammad Iqbal Ahmed
Dissertation: Essays in asymmetrical empirical macroeconomics

Melissa Gale Short McKendree
Dissertation: Essays on beef cattle economics

Sheryll Pugon Namingir
Dissertation: Essays on how health and education affect the labor market outcomes of workers

Nicolas Efrain Quintana Ashwell
Dissertation: Essays on optimal extraction of groundwater in Western Kansas

Steven Ramsey
Dissertation: Essays on optimal extraction of groundwater in Western Kansas

Co-Major Professors: Jessica Heier Stamm and Jason Bergfeld
Dissertation: Advances in land-use and stated-choice modeling using neural networks and discrete-choice models

Electrical Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

Jacob Michael Lamb
Dissertation: Corrective schemes for internal and external abnormalities in cascaded multilevel inverters

Xin Li
Dissertation: Enhancing network robustness using software-defined networking

Haotian Wu
Dissertation: OpenFlow-enabled dynamic DMZ for local networks

Environmental Design & Planning

Doctor of Philosophy

Rebecca Berhane Meskel
Dissertation: The housing experience of Hispanic immigrants: The case of Finney, Kansas

Elizabeth Michelle Musoke
Dissertation: Understanding the adoption of soil and water conservation practices: The role of social capital

Genetics

Doctor of Philosophy

Mingjin L.L. Shao
Dissertation: QTL mapping of pre-harvest sprouting and stripe rust resistance in wheat cultivars Danby and Tiger

Narinder Singh
Dissertation: Genetic diversity of wheat wild relative, Aegilops tauschii, for wheat improvement

Graduate School, Degree Candidates | 11
Human Nutrition

Doctor of Philosophy
Xi Chen
Major Professor: Weipun Wang
Dissertation: Functional food-related bioactive compounds: Effect of sorghum phenolics on cancer cells in vitro and conversion of short- to long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated acids in duck liver in vivo

Brooke Johanna Cull (Su17)
Major Professor: Sara Rosenkranz
Dissertation: Youth Wellness Promotion for Development of Positive Dietary and Physical Activity Behaviors

Yijing Li (Su17)
Major Professor: Tandalayo Kidd
Dissertation: Using a non-diet approach to prevent overweight and obesity among 6th to 8th grade youth in a low-income racial/ethnic community in Kansas

Mutia Tirta Prabandari Lintang Kusuma (Su17)
Major Professor: Tandalayo Kidd
Dissertation: Strengthening the competence of dietetics students on providing nutrition care for HIV patients: Application of attribution theory

Industrial Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Yan Kuang (Su17)
Major Professor: David Ren-Ariech
Dissertation: Modeling and analysis of competing dynamic ecological systems

Mathematics

Doctor of Philosophy
Ashok Aryal (Su17)
Major Professor: Ivan Blank
Dissertation: Geometry of mean value sets for general divergence from uniformly elliptic operators

Hui Chen (Su17)
Major Professor: Zongzhu Lin
Dissertation: Counting representations of deformed preprojective algebras
Tiffany Lynn Lee (Su17)
Major Professor: Daniel Thomson
Dissertation: The health and welfare of fed cattle after transport to commercial slaughter facilities

Lance Wade Noll (Su17)
Major Professor: T.G. Nagaraja
Dissertation: Detection and quantification of the top-seven Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli serogroups in feces and on hides of feedlot cattle and whole genome sequence-based analysis of O103 serogroup

Luca Nicolaie Popescu
Major Professor: Raymond Reseland
Dissertation: Diagnostic techniques for classical swine fever virus

Gaochan Wang (Su17)
Major Professor: Philip Hardwick
Dissertation: Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli signaling and interactions with host innate immunity and intestinal microbiota

Personal Financial Planning

Doctor of Philosophy

Derek Thomas Tharp
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Dissertation: Lights up when plugged in, the superpower of disability: An arts-based narrative

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Major Professor: Sajid Alavi

Quan Li (S17)  
Major Professor: Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun

Human Nutrition

Master of Science  
Jayashan Adhikari  
Major Professor: Edgar Chambers IV

David Alejandro Gomez Baquero  
Major Professor: Edgar Chambers IV

Han Li (S17)  
Major Professor: Kadri Koppel

Taylor Lauren Terry  
Major Professor: Mark Haub

Industrial Engineering

Master of Science  
Aram Bahrini (S17)  
Major Professor: Shuting Lei

Hanxiong Fan  
Major Professor: Dong Lin

Courtnay Michelle Faucett  
Major Professor: Malgorzata Rys

Jordan May Gutsch (S17)  
Major Professor: Shuting Lei

Sai Pradeep Medarametla (S17)  
Major Professor: Shuting Lei

Hospitality and Dietetics Administration

Master of Science  
Ryan Irvin (S17)  
Major Professor: Jichul Jang

Sai Medarametla (S17)  
Major Professor: Shuting Lei

Horticulture

Master of Science  
Susanna J. Algrim  
Major Professor: Ryan Sharp

Kevin Theiry Gargot (S17)  
Major Professor: Ted Cable

Raul Jefferson Osorio Morillo (S17)  
Major Professor: Charles Barden

Kyle Wait (S17)  
Major Professor: Adam Ablers

History

Master of Arts  
Kevin Dallas Burton (S17)  
Major Professor: Robert Linder

Bradley M. Galka  
Major Professor: Donald Mrozek

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Eric John Rogler
Major Professor: Shing Chang

Lucas George Verschelden
Co-Major Professors: Jessica Heier Stamm and Todd Easton

Interior Architecture & Product Design

Master of Interior Architecture and Product Design
Emily Rose Erbert (Su17)
Major Professor: Rodney Troyer

Patrick Edward Smith (Su17)
Co-Major Professors: Rodney Troyer and Ryadi Adityavarman

Kinesiology

Master of Science
Andrew Michael Alexander
Major Professor: Thomas Barstow

Luis Fernando Chavez
Major Professor: Thomas Barstow

Jacob Nathaniel Frye (Su17)
Major Professor: Carl Ade

Chelsey Noel Glatz (S17)
Major Professor: Emily Mailey

Shane Michael Hammer (Su17)
Major Professor: Thomas Barstow

Dennis Martin Jilka (S17)
Major Professor: Timothy Musch

Evan Alexander Kempf
Major Professor: Steven Copp

Shelbi Lorrae Sutterfield
Major Professor: Carl Ade

Landscape Architecture

Master of Landscape Architecture
Taylor Elizabeth Allen (S17)
Major Professor: Jason Brady

Neal Eugene Heidt (Su17)
Major Professor: Laurence Clement

Emily Jordan Jagels (Su17)
Major Professor: Alpa Nawre

Jonathan Edward Knight (Su17)
Major Professor: Jessica Canfield

Lindsay Stucki
Major Professor: Brent Chamberlain

Tyler John Svehla (Su17)
Major Professor: Alpa Nawre

Tyler Wayne Tucker (Su17)
Major Professor: Laurence Clement

Mass Communications

Master of Science
Alix Carole Omnalela Bilip
Major Professor: Samuel Mwangi

Matthew Leon Blomberg (S17)
Major Professor: Louise Benjamin

Karly Lynne Craig (Su17)
Major Professor: Thomas Hallaq

Danielle Katherine Golway (Su17)
Major Professor: Xiaochen Zhang

Tazrin Janatt Khan
Major Professor: Nancy Muturi

Joseph Michael Kucharski
Major Professor: Barbara Desanto

Kaidi Wang
Major Professor: Xiaochen Zhang

Mathematics

Master of Science
Peter Kwadwo Asante
Major Professor: Natalia Rajkovskaia

Wenbo Li (S17)
Major Professor: Hrant Hakobyan

Andrew Patrick Ostergaard (Sa17)
Major Professor: Sarah Reznikoff

David Patrick Williams
Major Professor: Byron Jones

Blane Dannon Worley (Su17)
Major Professor: Andrew Bennett

Mechanical Engineering

Master of Science
Zayed Ahmed (S17)
Co-Major Professors: Terry Beck and Mohammad Hasni

Tian Bai (S17)
Major Professor: Xiaojiang Xin

Derek James Black
Major Professor: Dale Schinstock

Kevin Kombo Bultonge (Su17)
Major Professor: Melanie Derby

Jeremy Wayne Hass
Major Professor: Xiaojiang Xin

Jeffrey Thomas Hicks
Major Professor: Byron Jones

Asar Ahmed Syed (S17)
Major Professor: Donald Fenton

Modern Languages

Master of Arts
Graciela Berumen
Major Professor: Mary Copple

Sean Christopher Cochran (S17)
Co-Major Professors: Phillip Marzluf and Earl Brown

Magdalena Alicia Egan (S17)
Major Professor: Lucia Garavito

Jadyn Elizabeth Urbina
Major Professor: Mary Copple

Music

Master of Music
Kirsten Tara Champion Cunningham (Sa17)
Major Professor: Frank Tracz

Maria Gunesman (S17)
Major Professor: Frank Tracz

Bryan Paul Kirk (S17)
Major Professor: Frank Tracz

Abel Josue Maldonado (S17)
Major Professor: Frank Tracz
Kirsten T. McManus (Su17)  
Major Professor: Frank Tracz

Elizabeth-Hannah Petropulos  
Major Professor: Patricia Thompson

Michael Lance Quilling  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack

Meredith Anne Reid (Su17)  
Major Professor: Julie Yu Oppenheim

Katherine Anne Todd (Su17)  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack

Nuclear Engineering

Master of Science
Jacob Nathaniel Werneke Edwards (Su17)  
Major Professor: Hitesh Bindra

Zoairia Idris Lyric (Su17)  
Major Professor: Douglas McGregor

Nutrition, Dietetics and Sensory Sciences

Master of Science
Traci D. Bolin  
Major Professor: Jennifer Hanson

Operations Research

Master of Science
Andres Roberto Donoso  
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Cody Quick  
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Jeromie Donald Smith  
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Daniel Joseph Sourile (Su17)  
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Ma Guadalupe Vega Andrade  
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Personal Financial Planning

Master of Science
Alan Jason Baumann  
Major Professor: Sonya Britt

C. Daniel Delgadillo (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Mitchell Clayton Friedemann (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Maribel Gonzalez-Lee  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

John Robert Howe  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Alan Edward Jilka (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Melanie R. Mendiola  
Major Professor: Sonya Britt

James Matthew Moten  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Sarah Lowe Pakizer (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Efren Edwin Robinson (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Jacqueline L. Schlup  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Philip Lawson Tull (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Christopher Ryan Wells  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Aaron Timothy Winters  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Zarahemla Valdivia Zuniga (Su17)  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Psychology

Master of Science
Sergio Ayala  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Brian Edward Burdorf  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Tiago Darocha  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Rebecca Kay Giertz  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Susan Michele Hutcherson  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Clayton Thomas Johnson  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Nicklas J. Jones  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Conor James O’Dea (Su17)  
Major Professor: Donald Saucier

Samuel Clay Parker (Su17)  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Zachary Lawrence Stewart  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Stephen R. VanKrevelen (Su17)  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar

Lisa Vangness (Su17)  
Major Professor: Michael Young

Phoebe Fleur Walker  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Sheryl Lynn West  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Jewel Michelle Yell  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Political Science

Master of Arts
Becky Jean O’Donnell  
Major Professor: Sabri Ciftci

Jarred Michael Stindt (Su17)  
Major Professor: Nathaniel Birkhead

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Public Administration

Master of Public Administration
Michael Ames Howard II (Su17)
Major Professor: Brianne Heidbreder

Diana L. McElwain
Major Professor: James Franke

Madushika Nadeeshani Weeasinghe Pathiranage
Major Professor: Ethan Bernick

Software Engineering

Master of Software Engineering
Chandrika Mitra
Major Professor: Doina Caragea

Keith Alan Moyer (Su17)
Major Professor: Eugene Vasserman

Teaching

Master of Arts in Teaching
Lindsay M. Rowley (S17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Patricia Ellen Butler Spiess (Su17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Joyce Allison Swoopes-White (Su17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Public Health

Master of Public Health
Deidre Kim Bean (S17)
Major Professor: Thu Annelise Nguyen

Nathaniel Kapaldo (Su17)
Major Professor: Lee Cohnstaedt

Holly Jo Kuckelman
Major Professor: Sandra Procter

Corey Aaron Miller
Major Professor: Tandalayo Kidd

Matthew Bruce Franklin Powell (Su17)
Major Professor: Richard Rosenkranz

Erica Lynn Howard (Su17)
Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel

Special Education

Master of Science
Andrew Lloyd Biery
Major Professor: Mickey Losinski

Casi Lynn Wiebe (Su17)
Major Professor: Mickey Losinski

Rebecca Rose William (Su17)
Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel

Statistics

Master of Science
Zachary Lee Ahlers (Su17)
Major Professor: Christopher Vahl

Shatha Abdulsalam Alahmadi (Su17)
Major Professor: Weixing Song

Samirah Hamid Alzubaidi
Major Professor: Perla Reyes Cuellar

Chixiang Chen (Su17)
Major Professor: Weixing Song

Xukun Li
Major Professor: Haiyan Wang

Xiao Liang (Su17)
Major Professor: Christopher Vahl

Sociology

Master of Arts
Dusty Ray
Co-Major Professors: Gerard Middendorf and Laszlo Kulesar

Shenshen Lu
Major Professor: Wei-Wen Hsu

Chixiang Chen (Su17)
Major Professor: Weixing Song

Technology

Professional Master of Technology
William Robert Jones
Major Professor: Frederick Guzek

Ramon Ortega Rubio (Su17)
Major Professor: Raju Dandu

Daniel Joseph Scott
Major Professor: Frederick Guzek

Teaching

Master of Arts in Teaching
Lindsay M. Rowley (S17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Patricia Ellen Butler Spiess (S17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Joyce Allison Swoopes-White (Su17)
Major Professor: Thomas Vontz

Teatre

Master of Arts
Teri Lynn Grunthaner
Major Professor: Sally Bailey

Hannah Anona Rockey
Major Professor: Jennifer Vellenga

Peyton Welch (Su17)
Major Professor: Sally Bailey

Graduate School, Degree Candidates
Kansas State University
Polytechnic Campus

Announcer:
James Westling, Rocking M Media, Salina

Processional:*
Nicholas Ramirez, President, Student Governing Association

National Anthem:*
Eric Cole, Guest Musician

Welcome:
Verna M. Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean

Student Address:
Nicholas Ramirez, President, Student Governing Association

Introduction of Commencement Speaker:
Verna M. Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean

Commencement Address:
Kaye Crawford, Mayor, City of Salina

Presentation of Degree Candidates:
Terri Gaeddert, Associate Professor, Director of Academic Operations

Presentation of Diplomas:
Verna M. Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean

Assisted by:
Kurt Barnhart, Professor and Associate Dean, Research and Engagement

Reader:
Alysia Starkey, Professor and Associate Dean, Academics

Alumni Association Greetings:
Brad Sidener, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, K-State Alumni Association

Conferral of Degrees:
Verna M. Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean

Recessional:
Eric Cole, Guest Musician

Student Marshal:
Nicholas Ramirez, President, Student Governing Association

*The audience will please rise.
Kaye Crawford has been serving the Salina community for more than 30 years. Elected as mayor in 2016 and 2017, her focus has been on improving the quality of life for all citizens, including bettering neighborhoods and creating more affordable housing. She also served two terms as city commissioner, from 2011-2015. Crawford was born and raised in Salina. She graduated from Marymount College with a bachelor’s degree in business. She traveled across the country for 15 years with her husband, a member of the military and a Vietnam veteran, before resettling in Salina. Crawford later earned her Master of Science in adult education from Kansas State University.

Degree Candidates

School of Integrated Studies

Professional Master of Technology
William Robert Jones, Cusseta, Alabama
Daniel Joseph Scott III, New Orleans, Louisiana

Aeronautical Technology/Airport Management
Hsin Huang, Taichung City, Taiwan
Jacob Timothy Spain, Lawrence
Christopher Ralph Stroda, Herington

Aeronautical Technology/Aviation Maintenance Management
Christian Tucker Johansen, Manhattan
Carsten Pfessdorf, Apolda, Germany
Ryan Wade Roth, Holcomb

Aeronautical Technology/ Helicopter Pilot
Taelor Logan Mendenhall, Concordia

Aeronautical Technology/ Professional Pilot
Mychal Dean Akers, Merced, California
Klayton Louis Beasley, Parsons
Christopher Martin Bugyi, Easton, Pennsylvania
Yuki Busujima, Ota, Japan
Kayode Fawusi, Wichita
Johnathon Fraser Hagen, Belton, Missouri
Andrew Morgan Pahlke, Bartlett, Illinois

Derek J. Rogy, Peoria, Illinois
Nicholas Henry Terrapin, Alma
Alexander Robert Tidwell, Olathe
Dylan Lowell Todd, Sedgwick
Michael Joseph Williams, St. Marys

Aeronautical Technology/Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Brian Ray Krug, Oakley
Christopher Reynolds Maddy, Norton
Brandon Joshua Rapp, Salina
Spencer Ryan Schrader, Salina
Christopher Thomas Stewart, Lenexa
Toby Francis Tracy, Great Bend
Dillon Stewart Walls, Claremore, Oklahoma

Engineering Technology/Computer Systems
Matthew Allen Miller, Salina

Engineering Technology/Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology
Benjamin Paul Kyle, Wichita

Engineering Technology/Mechanical Technology
Greggory Allen Baehr, Salina
Joshua Alan Brown, Salina
Jacob Scott Marney, Topeka
Glenn Michael Morgan, Hope

Technology Management
Connor David Haarhuis, Overland Park
Aaron John Jacobs, Augusta
Adam Louis Karnowski, Wamego
Timothy P. Kenney, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Andrew Paul Lake, Lenexa
Eva Ling Yu Liou Landess, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Haley Lara Lundblad, Junction City
Matthew Aaron Parsons, Kansas City, Missouri
Philip J. Rowe, Vancouver, Washington
Stephen Bret Stone, Walla Walla, Washington
Meredith Pierce Thompson, Salina

Engineering Technology/Computer Systems
Wayne A. Gerleman, Lincoln

Engineering Technology/Mechanical Technology
Greggory Allen Baehr, Salina

College of Human Ecology

Family Studies and Human Services
Courtney Joy Hoffman, Chapman

Personal Financial Planning
Courtney Joy Hoffman, Chapman

Speaker

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College of Arts and Sciences

Processional:
David Pickering, Associate Professor, Music

National Anthem:*  
Samuel Massey, Bachelor’s Candidate, Applied Music

Welcome and Introductions:
Amit Chakrabarti, Dean

Recognition of Ronald N. Gaches Teaching Awards:
Mary Kohn, Assistant Professor, English  
Don Hedrick, Professor, English

Recognition of William L. Stamey Teaching Awards:
Heather Bailey, Assistant Professor, Psychological Sciences  
Carla Martinez Machain, Associate Professor, Political Science  
Amanda Martens, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Psychological Sciences

Commencement Address:
Kevin Rabas, Poet Laureate of Kansas; and Department Chair, English, Modern Languages and Journalism, Emporia State University

Conferral of Degrees:
Richard B. Myers, President

Presentation of Diplomas:
Amit Chakrabarti, Dean  
Kristan Corwin, Interim Associate Dean  
Kimathi Choma, Assistant Dean

Readers:
Louise Benjamin, Associate Dean  
Alison Wheatley, Assistant Dean

Alumni AssociationGreetings:
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Charge to the Class:
Amit Chakrabarti, Dean

Alma Mater:*  
Samuel Massey, Bachelor’s Candidate, Applied Music

Recessional:
David Pickering, Associate Professor, Music

Marshals:
Michael Krysko, Associate Professor and Department Chair, History  
Gregory Paul, Associate Professor and Interim Department Head, Communication Studies  
Charles W. Martin, Professor and Department Head, Geography

*The audience will please rise.
Kevin Rabas, poet laureate of Kansas, teaches at Emporia State University where he chairs the Department of English, Modern Languages and Journalism and leads the poetry and playwriting tracks. Rabas is the author of nine books, including “Lisa’s Flying Electric Piano,” a Kansas Notable Book and Nelson Poetry Book Award winner. His most recent poetry collection, “Songs for My Father: Poems & Stories,” was published by Meadowlark in 2016. A playwright, Rabas’ plays have been produced across Kansas and in North Carolina and San Diego, and his work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize six times.

A recipient of the Emporia State President’s Award for Research and Creativity, Rabas also is the winner of the Langston Hughes Award for Poetry, the Victor Contoski Poetry Award, the Jerome Johanning Playwriting Award and the Salina New Voice Award.

A 1998 Master of Arts graduate in English from Kansas State University, Rabas received the College of Arts and Sciences’ Alumni Merit Award in October 2017.

Mary Kohn, associate professor of English, works to foster a love of language among students in all of her classes, including ENGL 430, Structure of English; ENGL 476, American English; and ENGL 490, History of English. Kohn is a founding member of TALK, or Talking about Language in Kansas, a joint undergraduate research initiative through which she heads the Kansas Speaks Project. This project is a collaboration with undergraduate researchers to document language variation and change in rural and suburban Kansas. As part of this study, Kohn’s research team explores the linguistic impact of “new destination” communities for international immigrants in the Great Plains region, documenting varieties of Latinx English spoken within communities that emerged because of immigration and trade reform in the 1990s.

Kohn earned a Bachelor of Arts from Appalachian State University, a Master of Arts from North Carolina State University and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She joined the K-State faculty in 2013.

At Kansas State University for 41 years and counting, Don Hedrick has taught more than 3,000 students. He includes research on entertainment’s early history in his innovative, interdisciplinary courses for honors, pre-law, gender studies and film students, as well as for the cultural studies program, of which he is founding director. Many of his students have gone on to prestigious graduate programs, and many teach Shakespeare, a major focus of Hedrick’s work.

Among his many honors include the K-State English department’s teaching award and the endowed Donnelly Scholar award. Hedrick also has served in several visiting positions and fellowships, including at Colgate University, the Cornell Society for Humanities, Amherst College, University of California, Irvine and at Charles University in Prague on a Fulbright Senior Teaching Fellowship.

Hedrick has led study tours to London, Prague and Las Vegas, and has directed workshops and residencies, including Camp Shakespeare, for high school teachers. He lectures and publishes both nationally and internationally. With a commitment to public humanities outreach, he lectured statewide for the Kansas Humanities Council and frequently brought London actors to K-State’s McCain Auditorium for residencies and performances.

Recently, Hedrick received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for teaching Shakespeare to undergraduates, which included coaching students to lead community programs for veterans, retirees and high school students. In 2016 he organized campus and community events in conjunction with the university’s Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art exhibition on Shakespeare’s 400-year-old First Folio of plays.

Thrilled when students eventually discover Shakespeare is actually fun, Hedrick especially wants them to “own” Shakespeare profoundly and personally, as did Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela, John F. Kennedy and many others throughout history. A strong hope for increased support and acknowledgement of public education and the humanities fuels his dedication.

A native Kansan and summa cum laude graduate of the University of Kansas, Hedrick received his doctorate in Renaissance literature from Cornell University.
William L. Stamey Teaching Awards

Heather Bailey joined Kansas State University’s psychological sciences department as an assistant professor in 2013. Her research interests focus on learning and memory, which provide a clear connection between her work in the laboratory and her goals in the classroom.

Teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, Bailey has taught larger classes, such as Experimental Methods and Cognitive Psychology, as well as smaller classes, such as Psychology of Aging. She currently serves on the Undergraduate Program Committee in the psychological sciences department and is the faculty advisor for Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology. In each of these roles, she aims to connect with students and help prepare them for their future careers.

Bailey earned her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, her master’s degree in experimental psychology at Wake Forest University, and her doctoral degree in cognitive psychology from Kent State University. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis before joining K-State.

Carla Martinez Machain is an associate professor of political science. Her research focuses on coercion at both the international and domestic levels. In particular, she has been engaged in work on conflict outcomes, military policy and repression. Martinez Machain has done much study on the various effects of U.S. troop deployments abroad on host states’ policy. Her work has appeared in various journals, including International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, and Foreign Policy Analysis.

Her teaching interests include courses in foreign policy, international relations and security studies. She also is a faculty advisor to the K-State Model United Nations team.

A program chair for the Scientific Study of International Processes’ section of the International Studies Association, or ISA, Martinez Machain has been a board member for ISA Midwest and an editorial board member for the journal Foreign Policy Analysis. Her work won the Frank J. Klingebell Award for best paper presented by a faculty member at the ISA Midwest annual conference in 2015.

As a graduate student, Amanda Martens has been the instructor of record 15 times. Her experiences range from teaching introductory courses, such as General Psychology and Introductory Psychology Lab at Emporia State University, to teaching both introductory and upper-level courses, such as General Psychology, Psychology of Women, Social Psychology, Personality Psychology and Forensic Psychology, as a graduate teaching assistant at Kansas State University, where she is a doctoral student in the social psychology program.

Martens’ primary research interests include examining perceptions of women within the lenses of both traditional and contemporary gender roles. She uses her research program not only to discover novel empirical findings to further the extant knowledge of social psychology, but also as a vehicle by which she empowers her undergraduate collaborators. She mentors five undergraduates in her laboratory each semester. To date, she has co-authored 17 national conference presentations with her undergraduate collaborators.

Along with teaching and research, Martens has served as president of K-State’s Graduate Student Council. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and her Master of Science from Emporia State University.

Degree Candidates

American Ethnic Studies

Bachelor of Arts
Katelyn Marie Pahl, Jewell
Daiah Antwone Porchia, Kansas City, Missouri

Bachelor of Science
Nakia Jahna’e Hope, Kansas City

Art

Bachelor of Arts
Weiyi Li, Changchun, China

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Monica Plunkett Disberger, Morton, Illinois
Ben T. Dodge, Everest

Kellie Jay Goss, Basehor
Tanner Dylan Hall, Olathe
David Wayne Hammons, Houston, Texas
Allison Elizabeth Olsen, Manhattan
Lauren Sanders, Wichita
Sydney Marie Sneed, Lake Quivira
Shelby Jo Stoneking, Eudora
Madison Lynn Wedekind, Wichita
Yawan Zheng, Yangzhou, China

Biochemistry

Bachelor of Science
Justin D. Walker, Salina
Cory Wasko, Winfield
Natalie Mae White, Wichita

Biology

Bachelor of Science
Jackson Thomas Alex, Olathe (D)
Fajer J N Y Alhajji, Misabreaf, Kuwait (M)
Emily Kate Baker, Yates Center
Luke Christian Bontrager, Wichita (C)
Haley Marie Bungarner, Lenexa (C)
Mamie Lee Ann Cairns, Salina
Grant C. Christiansen, Wichita
Lindsay Faith Curl, Bennington
Erek Aslan Dannenberg, Raleigh, North Carolina (M)
Nicole Tipton Fuchs, Shawnee
Joshua William Garber, Overland Park
Samantha Ruth Grieger, Manhattan (M)
Janaye Daniele Hanschu, McPherson

College of Arts and Sciences, Awards, Degree Candidates
Bachelor of Science
Alexander James Bahr, McPherson
Kamaron D. Davis, Phoenix, Arizona
Paige Lynne Decker, Rose Hill
Joshua Michael Ethier, Phoenix, Arizona
Abigail Marie Fiser, Overland Park
Kevin Thomas Furdek, Overland Park
Grant Connor McLaughlin, Olathe
Paige Penelope Nelson, Farmers Branch, Texas
Akara Marie Regimand, Olathe
Dalton William Risner, Wiggins, Colorado
Megan Love Roe, Arlington, Texas
Isaiah Alexander Ross, Lawrence
Leah Nicole Schirber, Overland Park
Jacob Darryl Sims, Franklin, Tennessee
Samantha Ruth Siuda, Lake Zurich, Illinois

Economics

Bachelor of Science
Dallas Fidel Hug de Belmont Brugada, Asunción, Paraguay (Cl)
Chenchen Duan, Xuzhou, China
Tianran Li, Guangzhou, China

Bachelor of Arts

Fajer J N Y Alhajji, Misbāf, Kuwait (Cl)
Musab Turki A. Alotaibi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Osama Turki A. Alotaibi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Anwar Moslih Alsilmy, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Sean Michael Diesel, St. Marys
Jarell E. Easterwood, Kansas City
Jared Miles Erpelding, El Dorado
Matthew Joel Johnson, Wichita
Nicholas Charles Jones, Overland Park
Lucas Jay Minear, Wichita
Matthew Carter Nerz, Houston, Texas
Connor Stanley Philgreen, Bucyrus (Cl)
Andrew Jackson Ryal V, Buford, Georgia
Cody Allen Sherbert, Wakefield
Andrew John Unruh, Louisburg

Geology

Bachelor of Science
Ben Richard Haller, Manhattan
Ishaq Danlami Ibrahim, Kaduna, Nigeria
David Alan Martin, Louisburg
Caleb Spencer Tanner, Whitewater
Kellie Weeks, Weskan (Cl)
Tabitha Ann Wyckoff, Phillipsburg
Caitlyn Marie Kohake, Seneca (CJ)
Caitlin Mary Lingg, Stockton
Phoebe Anne Loehr, Wichita
Garrett Spencer Macklin, Kingwood, Texas
Taylar Rae Morgan, Tonganoxie (MJJ)
Alyssa Lynn Rudzik, Meade
McKenzie Lorraine Schmitt, Shawnee
Mallory Louise Seary, Topeka (CJ)

Journalism and Mass Communications

Bachelor of Arts
Eli Christopher Anderson, Kansas City, Missouri
Abigail Rose Cambiano, Kansas City, Missouri
Katherine Gravel-Coursol, Mirabel, Quebec, Canada (MJJ)
Melissa Nicole Hueter, Lenexa (MJJ)
Raushaid Akeem Penn, McDonough, Georgia
Kari Lynn Porter, Gardner (SJJ)
Brittany Nicole Reed, Omaha, Nebraska
Sara Savatovic, Belgrade, Serbia
Fabiola Irati Sierra, Johnson City
Zanri Van Der Merwe, Pretoria, South Africa (CJ)
Glenn Agustin Williams, Coppell, Texas

Bachelor of Science
Taj Alexandria Brimmer, Kansas City (D)
Adriana Liz Nahyr Cabanas Chamorro, Manhattan
Anthony Richard Cannizzaro, Lenexa
Jane Marie Chaffee, Overland Park (MJJ)
Taylor Jacob Czajkowski, Topeka
Emily Catherine Dye, Basehor
Kyle James Elliott, Wichita
Katherine Joanne Hiebert, Lawrence
Aleksandras Thomas Jirgens, Leawood
Juliana Paige Karber, Andover (SJJ)
Carrie Ann Miller, Seneca
Colby Dean Moore, Springtown, Texas
Courtney J. Nance, Wichita
DeRiel Nixon, Buford, Georgia
Colin James Novick, Fairway
Katherine Hannah Oder, Wichita (MJJ)
Nicholas Anthony Papiiri, Overland Park
Jessica A. Ruiz, Topeka'
Amanda Ryann Shepley, Tonganoxie
Kara Jane Tannef, Topeka (CJ)
Brittni Marina Walters, Overland Park
Geneva Kierra White, Junction City

Mathematics

Bachelor of Science
Hassna Fahid Alajloul Sr., Manhattan
Alexander Benton Crouch, Overland Park
Joseph Townsend Davis, Kansas City (D)
Susan Marie Leimbach, Quincy, Illinois (SJJ) (D)
Daniel Christian Longfellow, Concordia (MJJ) (D)
Christopher John Martin, Hanover (CJ)
Ann Marie Mignano, Manhattan
Emma Katherine Nelson, Leawood

Modern Languages

Bachelor of Arts
Margaret Jean Anderson, Leawood (MJJ)'
Katherine Boulanger, Bartlesville, Oklahoma (MJJ)'
Alexandra Marie ElAttar, Westwood (MJJ)'
Courtney Michelle Faucett, Manhattan (MJJ) (D)
Margaret Elizabeth Suzanne Lang, Olathe (CJ)'
Lameese Ahmed Madi, Shawnee
Allison Nichole McNary, Sahibeha
Anna Rose Baocai Meyer, Atchison (SJJ)'
Samantha Elizabeth Wright, Overbrook

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Applied Music

Bachelor of Music
Blake Arthur Cordell, Derby (MJJ)'
Samuel Aquilla Massey, Manhattan
Diamond Connor McNeill, Bellevue, Nebraska

Music

Bachelor of Arts
Rebekah Leigh Fillmore, Belle Plaine

Music Education

Bachelor of Music Education
Logan Caywood, Hutchinson
Ryan Allan Dillon, Plano, Texas
Stephanie Kaylee Goering, Elliswood (KJ)
Rachael Katherine Gros, La Crosse (KJ)
Morgan LeAnn Karr, Olathe (MJJ)
Kodi Christian Lamar Shouse, Leavenworth

Theatre

Bachelor of Arts
Katherine Boulanger, Bartlesville, Oklahoma (MJJ)'
Evam James Brittain, Andover
Blake Arthur Cordell, Derby (MJJ)'
Aubrey Renea Mann, Goddard
Peighton Sierra Jamison, Gardner

Bachelor of Science
Kelli Jean Jones, Smith Center

Physics

Bachelor of Science
Bradic Elizabeth Armstrong, Lubbock, Texas
Blake Austin Correll, Shawnee
Jonah Robert Hall, Goddard'
Cameron Houston Powell, Topeka
Darnell Jerome Wallace, Kansas City

Political Science

Bachelor of Arts
Marrissa Justine Core, Scottsdale, Arizona
Paul Leonard Hargrove, Manhattan
Kyle Stephen McCullough, Olathe
Dre'Vel Dupree Taylor, Manhattan

Bachelor of Science
Ramat Abanishe, Kansas City
Caelen Joelle Blair, Wathena'
Kenny Clark, Stanton, Tennessee
Jonah Robert Hall, Goddard
Alexandria Kaye Mangum, San Antonio, Texas
Tyler Joseph Owsey, Shawnee
Cameron Houston Powell, Topeka
Jessica A. Ruiz, Topeka'
Mary Catharine Sabatini, Topeka
Lance Edward Smith, Mansfield, Texas (MJJ)'
Darnell Jerome Wallace, Kansas City
Kaitlyn Nicole Willis, Abilene

Psychological Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
Brooke Ellen Hall, Kansas City, Missouri (MJJ)
Chloe Joy Jex, Manhatten'
Penny Lighthill, Manhattan
Austin Louis Magette, Dodge City
Kira Patricia Shropshire, Manhattan
Jasmine Annastasia Elise Tuir, Albany, Georgia
Bachelor of Science
Nathan Michael Bahmnaia, Lenexa
Hannah Irene Beacher, Gardner
Kristoffer David Boyle, St. John
Nicholas Christopher Bright, Wichita
Adam Robert Capps, Harper*
Steven Thomas Chalman, Manhattan (Cl)
Kyle Tanner Coffey, Edmond, Oklahoma
Elsa Maria Costa, Mount Vernon, New York
Adam Christopher Ernst, Pocatello, Idaho
Hannah Jo Fenton, Hesston (Cl)
Erica Michelle Fuller, Rose Hill (Mcl)
Pamela Merced Hernandez, Garden City
Ashley Marie Huffman, Manhattan
Kylie Marie Huneycutt, Wichita (Mcl)
Deondra Lee Johnson, Junction City
Karli Jo Kubik, Manhattan (Cl)
Alexis Paige Leikam, Overland Park
Kristen C. McGatlin, Linn
Justine Erin Morano, Manhattan*
Elena Michele Nicholson, Kansas City
Timothy Edward Olsen, Wichita*
Courtney Ray Slier, Frankfort
Carly Ann Smerchek, Topeka
Jessica Kaye Thompson-Bray, Wichita
Carly Frances Tracez, Manhattan
Margarita Athanasia Tsipas, St. Charles, Illinois
Anastasia Rose Weston, Overland Park*
Kydal Marie Whitecotton, Wagoner, Oklahoma*

Bachelor of Arts
Karen Stacey Barroeta, Lenexa (Mcl)
Taj Alexandria Brimmer, Kansas City (D)
Marissa Carina Garcia, La Habra, California
Courtney Denise Payne, Manhattan
Amanda Jo Stuchlik, Marion

Bachelor of Science
Jordan Leigh Achilles, Inman
Caitlin Marie Charbonneau, Clyde
Jessica Jasmyn Martinez, Liberal
Gina Medina, Miami, Florida
Monica Kay Reaser, Olathe
Abelina Yulissa Rueda, Liberal (D)
Martha Rebekah Grace Schumm, Manhattan
Katelyn Michelle Voorhees, Newton
Abigail Lynn Wilson, Lawrence

Bachelor of Arts
Lance Edward Smith, Mansfield, Texas (Mcl)
Zachary Tyler Streit, Lincoln
Bryce Logan Ward, Jenks, Oklahoma
Isabelle Grace Whitehead, Sioux City, Iowa
Kydal Marie Whitecotton, Wagoner, Oklahoma*
Mary Christine Whitelow, Overland Park

Anthropology
Bachelor of Arts
Margaret Jean Anderson, Leawood (Mcl)
Chloe Joy Jex, Manhattan*
Erica Nicole Nickolet, Overland Park
Bianca Beatriz Rodriguez, Topeka*

Bachelor of Science
Benjamin Paul Adams, Louisburg
Fajer J N Y Alhajji, Misref, Kuwait*
Brecken Anne Brown, Burlington
Rosemary Hellene Harris, Lenexa
KaZoua Elizabeth Lo, Manhattan

Social Work
Bachelor of Arts
Karen Stacey Barroeta, Lenexa (Mcl)
Taj Alexandria Brimmer, Kansas City (D)
Marissa Carina Garcia, La Habra, California
Courtney Denise Payne, Manhattan
Amanda Jo Stuchlik, Marion

Bachelor of Science
Jordan Leigh Achilles, Inman
Caitlin Marie Charbonneau, Clyde
Jessica Jasmyn Martinez, Liberal
Gina Medina, Miami, Florida
Monica Kay Reaser, Olathe
Abelina Yulissa Rueda, Liberal (D)
Martha Rebekah Grace Schumm, Manhattan
Katelyn Michelle Voorhees, Newton
Abigail Lynn Wilson, Lawrence

Statistics and Data Science
Bachelor of Science
Trenton Allen Loganbill, Cherryvale
**College of Education**

**Processional:**
Stephen Kucera, Master’s Student, Accounting

**Welcome:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean

**National Anthem:**
Michael Fibelkorn, Senior, Music Education

**Presentation of Michael C. Holen Excellence in Research Award:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean

**Presentation of Student Awards:**
Todd Goodson, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Curriculum and Instruction

**Commencement Address:**
Sally Yahnke, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

**Student Commencement Address:**
Micah Barfuss, Bachelor’s Candidate, Elementary Education

**Conferral of Degrees:**
Richard B. Myers, President

**Presentation of Degrees:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean  
Richard B. Myers, President  
April C. Mason, Provost and Senior Vice President  
David Griffin Sr., Assistant Dean  
Paul Burden, Assistant Dean  
Bradley Burenheide, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

**Alma Mater:**
Michael Fibelkorn, Senior, Music Education

**Recessional:**
Stephen Kucera, Master’s Student, Accounting

**Marshals:**
David Allen, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction  
Ken Hughey, Professor and Department Chair, Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs  
Lotta Larson, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction  
Kimberly Staples, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction  
Be Stoney, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction  
Jim Teagarden, Associate Professor, Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

*The audience will please rise.

**Oath of Education**

I hereby pledge my dedication to the profession of teaching. I accept the obligations and the challenges of guiding students to knowledge, always showing them care and concern. I will encourage respect for all people, and will cultivate the disciplined, yet free minds necessary for a democratic way of life.

I promise to champion policies which promote quality in teaching and learning. I will provide everyone engaged in education the opportunity to achieve their own level of excellence. I will strive to become a knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision maker and emulate these qualities which I pledge to foster. I recognize that at times my endeavors may prove discouraging. Nonetheless, I remain faithful to the belief that my actions in the pursuit of these goals make me worthy of my profession, and make my profession worthy of a free people.
Yahnke earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics education from South Dakota State University. She earned a master’s degree in home economics education and a doctorate in vocational education, teacher education and staff development from Colorado State University.

Her service includes leadership positions in several professional organizations, including the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association. Yahnke has published and presented at conferences and served on several editorial boards. In June 2016, she was recognized as a Leader and a Legend in Family and Consumer Sciences by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society for the Human Sciences.

Yahnke has focused on teacher quality throughout her career at K-State. She secured more than $14 million in grant funding to provide professional development to faculty in the College of Education and its professional development school partners to examine the undergraduate teacher education program and ensure undergraduates were being prepared to be quality teachers. She has continued this focus and is currently working on a Kansas Board of Education grant to assist alternatively licensed career and technical education teachers be better prepared to meet the challenges of their classrooms.

The most rewarding part of Yahnke’s job is working with undergraduate students, especially watching them grow from the first time she meets them to the day they graduate, and then seeing them become teachers who are making a difference in their own classrooms. She truly believes teachers are heroes and she is on a mission to help all teachers believe this is true.

Mickey Losinski, an associate professor of special education, counseling and student affairs, is the 2017 recipient of the Michael C. Holen Excellence in Research Award from the College of Education.

Losinski’s current research concerns identifying evidence-based practices and examining the legal and policy issues on the delivery of special education to students with disabilities.

Active with the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, the national advocacy organization for children with emotional disturbances, Losinski also serves on the editorial boards of the journals Behavioral Disorders, Beyond Behavior, Intervention in School and Clinic, and the Journal of Disability Policy Studies. Additionally, Losinski has made a firm commitment to mentoring future leaders in the field of special education by including a number of doctoral students in his current research projects and publications.

Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science
Kelly-Anne Lorraine Agee, Overland Park
Alec Nicole Anderson, Norton
Alexia Antunez, Leawood
Sara Stephanie Ault, Olathe
Micah Lynn Barfuss, Manhattan
Morgan Bailey Beemer, Chapman
Marley Paige Brooks, Overland Park
BreAnne Lynette Caudle, Bendena
Abbey Elizabeth Coffin, Norfolk, Nebraska (C)
Holly Rene Cooper, Palmer
Kinsey Michelle Cox, Clay Center (C)
Kelsey Brooke Crawford, Manhattan (R)
Barbara Christine Crosby, Gold Bar, Washington
Allison Kate Devlin, Manhattan
Maddison Laurel Downard, Topeka
Margaret Anne Dugan, Wichita
Katelyn Mary Dunlap, Abilene
Blake Elizabeth Fingalsen, Manhattan
Christina Marie Frost, Sarasota, Florida
Kara Jayne Galbraith, Leawood (C)
Emma Lynne Glessner, Leonardville
Lindsey Marie Goiff, Manhattan
Lauren Caroline Gregory, Overland Park
Morganne Marie Hamm, Tampa (R)
Seth Eugene Hiatt, Belleview
Cara Jean Hillman, Kansas City, Missouri
Taylor Marie Hoover, Abilene
Alexis Seymone Hullaby, Kansas City
Kylie Marie Huneycutt, Wichita
Brooke Lee Jackson, Arkansas City
Elizabeth Anne James, Shawnee
Jordan C. Jimerson, Council Grove
Taylor Casey Johnson, Hutchinson
MacKenzie M. Justice, Hutchinson
Madison Grace Lingard, Topeka
Stephanie Michelle Long, Kansas City
Savanna Jasmine Lytle, Spring Hill
Emma Klaire Miller, Dodge City
Hannah Jordan Miller, Manhattan
Kailey Elise Morash, Westwood
Mackenzie Hope Nelson, Overland Park
Lauren Ruth Pearl Nitcher, Wichita
Carrie Elizabeth Pilkington, Oakley
Bethany Gail Porting, Axtell
Anne Kristine Roberson, Manhattan
Amanda Kate Rogowski, Kansas City, Missouri
Tina Bianca Rollins, White City
Margaret Rose Salisbury, Overland Park
Tiffany Rose Shaheen, Manhattan
Halston Lea Shaw, Arkansas City
Morgan Nicole Shupe, Lenexa
Eileen Marin Sieck, Overland Park
Sarah Grace Spradling, Overland Park
Abby Leigh Stos, McPherson
Zachary Brett Stout, Liberal
Jada Michelle Stringfield, Wichita
Kelly Anne Sweeney, Shawnee
Kassandra Necole Swisher, Wray, Colorado
Laura Beth Tefft, Wakefield
Brianna Lee Threlkill, Denver, Colorado
Johanna Lee Van Holland, Shawnee
Teresa Lee Wade, St. John
Hayley Jo Wallace, Overland Park
Caitlin Marie Watson, Andover
Jordan Alyse Weems, Salina
Jamie Miranda Williams, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Emmaline Rose Wyrill, Kirwin
Kyra Irene Zaldivar, Superior, Colorado

Secondary Education

Bachelor of Science

Mayci Dawn Agler, Topeka
Jackson Thomas Alex, Olathe
Autumn Lynn Bullock, Wichita
Hannah Byun, Junction City
Jaci Crist, Quinter
Jenee Marie Davis, Scott City
Mitchell Robert Engelken, Seneca
Miguel Richard Flores, Derby
Katherine Grace Gehrt, De Soto
Adam Lynn Gudenkauf, Havensville
Brett Matthew Hamilton, Augusta
Sandra Natalie Havel, Haven
Jacob Robert Herlihy, Overland Park
Raegan Cecelia Hermreck, Onaga
Tammy Holmberg, Lovington, New Mexico
Tara Leigh Hurt, Huntingtown, Maryland
Joshua Karimi, Topeka
Shaun Martin Knipp, Hutchinson
Candice Virginia Lane, Manhattan
Susan Marie Leimbach, Quincy, Illinois
Tucker Don Love, Merriam
Matthew Garet Lundy, Spring Hill
Michael Alan Meador, Olathe
Ryan Patrick Mullins, Wamego
Isaiah Vincent Murdock, Wichita
Jessica Lynn Nguyen, Mulvane
Mackenzie Adam Phrommany, Olathe
Miranda Lynne Rider, Manhattan
Julia Grace Ruszczyk, Shawnee
Ashley Nichole Strasser, Lenexa
Jordan Scott Sutton, Wichita
Ryan Jeffrey Swift, Olathe
Matthew James Taylor, Grafton, Massachusetts
Joseph Matthew Weakland, Olathe
Junior Webb, Junction City
Christina Marie Wilkinson, Rosenberg, Texas
Tanner Cy Young, Wichita

Brianna Ruth Zweimiller, Hartford
College of Business Administration

Processional:*
Stephen Kucera, Master's Student, Accounting

National Anthem:*
Jessica Schreiner, Bachelor's Candidate, Entrepreneurship
Megan Zeman, Senior, Secondary Education

Welcome and Introductions:
Kevin Gwinner, Dean

Commencement Remarks:
Michael W. Upchurch, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Kansas City Southern

Presentation of Awards:
Kevin Gwinner, Dean

Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award
Doug Walker, Associate Professor, Marketing

College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award
Roger McHaney, Professor, Management

College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award
Emily Brueseke, Director, Career Development Program

Outstanding Senior in Business
Cooper Clawson, Bachelor’s Candidate, Agricultural Economics and Finance

Alumni Association Greetings:
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Student Remarks:
Patrick Kennedy, Bachelor’s Candidate, Finance and Management

Presentation of Degrees:
Kevin Gwinner, Dean
Stacy Kovac, Associate Dean, Academic Administration
Chwen Sheu, Associate Dean, Academic Programs
David Lehman, Instructor, Marketing

Assisted by:
Richard B. Myers, President
April C. Mason, Provost and Senior Vice President

Recessional:
Stephen Kucera, Master’s Student, Accounting

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alliances are primary components of a North American Free Trade Agreement railway system, linking the commercial and industrial centers of the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

In his current position since October 2008, Upchurch previously served as senior vice president of financial management and purchasing. He joined Kansas City Southern in March 2008. He previously served in various positions at Sprint Nextel over a 16-year career, including as senior vice president for financial operations. He started his career with Price Waterhouse.

Upchurch earned his bachelor’s in accounting from Kansas State University. He is a certified public accountant and serves on the College of Business Administration’s advisory board. He also has been a member of the K-State accounting department’s advisory board for many years. He is a former board member of the Boy Scouts of America Heart of America Council and the Multiple Sclerosis Society-Mid America Chapter. In June 2011 he was recognized by the Kansas City Business Journal as chief financial officer of the year.

Upchurch is an avid K-State sports fan who has season tickets for both football and basketball.

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**Awards**

**Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award**

Doug Walker, associate professor of marketing, is the recipient of the 2017 Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award. He has been nominated for a top teaching award each semester he has been eligible in his academic career, and was a three-time winner of the premiere teaching award in the College of Business at Iowa State University before coming to Kansas State University in 2015.

Walker incorporates analytics and data-driven decision-making into each of his courses, including Marketing Management, Customer Relationship Management and Sports Marketing. He regularly finds ways to involve his students in experiential learning opportunities, and actively works to help students land internships and jobs.

Current research by Walker focuses on applying cutting-edge analysis methods in the areas of sales and public policy. His research has been published in top journals, presented at international and national conferences, and reported by hundreds of television, radio, print, and online outlets.

Walker earned undergraduate degrees in marketing and finance from K-State. He earned his Master of Business Administration and doctorate from the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

**College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award**

Roger McHaney, professor and the Daniel D. Burke chair for exceptional faculty in the management department and a university distinguished teaching scholar, is the recipient of the 2017 College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award.

This honor recognizes a faculty member who has excelled in research activities. McHaney’s main research interests include computer simulation and its intersection with industrial systems, health care, big data and other areas. He has authored and co-authored numerous journal articles, scholarly books and textbooks. He teaches courses primarily in management information systems.

McHaney earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Lake Superior State University, and doctorate in computer information systems and quantitative analysis from the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas. Before earning his doctorate, McHaney worked in various software development and simulation analyst roles at a major industrial automation firm. He joined the management department faculty at Kansas State University in fall 1995.

**College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award**

Emily Brueseke, career development program director for the College of Business Administration, is the 2017 recipient of the College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award. This award goes to a professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding performance in their work area.

Brueseke earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from Butler University in 2002 and a Master of Science in college student personnel from Miami University in 2004. She joined Kansas State University and the College of Business Administration staff in 2007 as an academic advisor. In her current role, Brueseke manages the Executive Mentor, Professional Advantage and Young Alumni Leaders programs. Brueseke was the 2008 recipient of the Kansas State Bank Award for Outstanding Advising.
Degree Candidates

Accounting

Courtney Brianne Anschutz, Basehor
Eli Camp, Winfield
Troy Dewey, Wichita
Bryan Douglas Ezell, Shawnee
Tevin James Grace, Salina
Rachel Racann Gumm
Jennifer Lee Ann Hittschmann, Claflin
Ann Truc Hoang, Wichita
Logan Francis Horsch, Andale
Sheridan Rose Kostes, Jewett
Nathan Michael Lorson, Hope
Joshua Lindstrom Mullins, Olathe
Caine Hanley Pacheco, St. Robert, Missouri
Zachary David Porter, Holton
Nicole Irene Reisert, Danbury, Connecticut
Hillary M. Richards, Salina
Matthew Chase Ryan, Colby
Aaron Michael Schmelzle, Danbury
Garrett William Smith, Hutchinson
Tyler James Strecker, Park City
Emilie Thill, Great Bend
Molly Irene Ward, Chanute

Entrepreneurship

Kayla Lynn Blatt, Enterprise
Jonathan Michael Darnall, Lawrence
Luke Patrick Eckert, Minneapolis
Brianna Meryl Engle, Manhattan
Alexis Robin Eron, Wichita
Hannah Rey Hawley, Redding, California
Mitchell Tarin Holaday, Topeka
Chase Douglas Lambert, Mahaska
Diana Milena LeBlanc, Duitama, Colombia
Brandt Michael Loroff, Troy
Weston Michael Penn, Minneapolis
Matthew Jon Penner, Olathe
Alfonso Edward Range, Brooklyn, New York
Eric Christopher Rice, Kansas City
Jessica Taylor Schreiner, Topeka
Matthew William Sullivan
Jason Robert Van Maren, Bonner Springs
Donald E. Wright

Finance

Anthony William Alvarez, Leawood
Andrew Charles Baxter, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Rogelio Rivas Benitez Florentin, Asunción, Paraguay
Matthew Joseph Brophy, Lenexa

Hao Cai, Jinjiang, China
Cooper Jace Clawson, Meade
Tyler S. Edwards, Gardner
Brooks Christopher Elder, Kansas City, Missouri
Brandon Dean Faeholtz, Wichita
Marcel Adrian Gutierrez Meraz, Manhattan
Garrett Joseph Haney, Salina
Cameron Douglas Homolka, Leawood
Andrew Jewell, Salina
Cody Robert Kaemmer, Overland Park
Kip Jameson Keeley, La Crosse
Patrick John Kennedy, Paola
Carson Courchaine King, Spring Hill
Forest A. Kozen, Wichita
Wen Lju, Tianjin, China
Ian Loren Lloyd, Roeland Park
Jack Mckie Longan, Leawood
Ryan Michael Mealy, Overland Park
Jesse Daniel Medina, Los Angeles, California
Michael John Meenen, Topeka
Quentin J. Miller, Andover
James Michael Mindrup, Manhattan
Thiba Nagaraja, Manhattan
Vincent D. Nguyen, Olathe
Blake Henry Sanders, Stilwell
Andrew Scott Schrum, Norton
Nicholas Andrew Scott, Olathe
Leah Marie Siebert, Lake Quivira
Maureen Kathleen Stott, Littleton, Colorado
Tyler Jason Swartz, Alta Vista
Blake Ryan Vargo, Manhattan
Zachary Lake Winter
Emily Marie Wolf, Salina
Michaela Kristi Yau, Manhattan
Joshua Carl James Zdeb, Shawnee
Mengxuan Zhang, Wuban, China
Zhihong Zhang, Shouzhou, China

General Business

Michaela Louise Frazer, Anchorage, Alaska
Monica Renee Kieffer, Topeka
Angela D. Lara, Manhattan
Kristen Elizabeth Martin, Overland Park
Lindsay J. Miller, Ellsworth
Marisol Ochoa Miller, Los Angeles, California
Nathaniel Lawrence Tenbrink, Olathe
Callie Afton Woolery, Overland Park

Management

William D. Allen, St. Joseph, Missouri
Audra Rose Anderson, McPherson
Matthew Daniel Anderson, Overland Park
Michael Erin Bird, Mulvane
Tyler Brennecke, Olathe
Cody James Brown, Hayville
Jacob Wayne Callanan
Yongbin Choi, Ansan, South Korea
Madison Paige Cunningham, Tonganoxie
Adam Emmanuel Daugherty
Alexandra Brooke Deegan, Hesston
Winston M. Dimel, Manhattan
Erica Faith Edwards, Loiusburg
Brent Oliver Estes, Wichita
Hayden Thomas Garvey, Shawnee
Pedro Gurrola, Kansas City
Monique Tá'nisha Harris, Landover, Maryland
Kaneil Antonio Harrison, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica
Shay Matthew Lehmann, Riley
Domingo Macario Lopez, Topeka
Matthew Marshall, Great Bend
Alexander M. Maryman, Wichita
Benjamin Arthur McCann, Chicago, Illinois
Aleida Virginia Mejia, Guatemala City, Guatemala
Tendai Munyanyi, Dartford, United Kingdom
Audrey Elizabeth Oswald, Olathe
Maxwell A. Payne, Shawnee
Dalton Reese Porter, Newton
Trevor Michael Reid, Maize
Bailey Adaire Reynolds, Paris, Texas
Parker Daniel Rigler, Edmond, Oklahoma
Jessica Rogers, Wichita
Jessica Lynn Ryan, Stilwell
Jessica Shane Ryan, Abilene
Keith James Schnug, Elk City
Ryan Simpson, Lenexa
Cindy Michelle Spahalski, Overland Park
Steven Ray Stimac, Kansas City
Zachary Supple, Reno, Nevada
Kathleen Tann, Shawnee
Daeshon Allen Trent, Lansing
Beau Allen Turner, Olathe
Bradley Coy Vanzandt, Tablequab, Oklahoma
Madeline Rose Wagner, Atchison
Hao Wang, Manhattan
Sara Ann Wildin, Wamego
Logan Michael Wilkins, Lenexa
Hunter Dylan Wingert, Las Vegas, Nevada
Jinghan Yang, Kunming, China
Management Information Systems

Alex Aubuchon, Overland Park
Brett Alan Brunner, Hutchinson
Nahom Solomon Daba, Olathe
Riley Keenan Flinn
Kurstin Rae Guy, Abilene
Jonathan Terrell Hadley, Kansas City
Brandon Myles Hoffman, South Hutchinson
Nia Leanne Marshall, Laramie, Wyoming
Phuong Viet Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam
Johnathon Paul Poorman, Mundelein, Illinois
Chante Marie Thompson, Olathe

Marketing

Levi Charles Bailey, Riley
Haley Anne Barrett, Shawnee
Abdulrahman Asaad H Barri, Medina, Saudi Arabia
Wyatt Russell Bayless, Great Bend
Raul Alexis Beltran, Lakin
Eric Michael Braun, Overland Park
Andrew Michael Breault, Wichita
Savana Avery Brush, Downs
Austin Charles Butterfield, Centennial, Colorado
Nicholas Patrick Christian, Mulvane
David Lee Crawford, Russell
Laura Marie Crosley, Lee’s Summit, Missouri
Kayla Ann Curnuttte, La Cygne
Courtney Marie Davis, Wichita
Kathryn Elizabeth Buchanan Fernandes, Flower Mound, Texas
Bryce Davison Fitzner, San Diego, California
Sage Austin Geller
Victoria Elizabeth Gilmore, Salina
Dustin Francis Hermes, Centralia
Julia Elizabeth Hinman, Wellington
Hao Hou, Manhattan
Daryn Nicole Irton, Olathe
Connor Dawson Jarman, Lake Quivira
Yaojun Jia, Shanghai, China
Jaylen Ross Lane, Andale
Breanne Lorraine Lombard, Northwood, Iowa
Yuncheng Lu, Beijing, China (SU17)
Emily Lauren Lucas, Olathe
Wiley E. Lundy, Marion
Ryan Todd Mantz, Olathe
Anthony McNeely, Pittsburg
Chase Michael Middleton, Cumming, Georgia
Joel Andrew Milford, Fowler
Justine Mae Moore, Manhattan (MCL)
Maxwell Chase Obersroockling, Shawnee
Callie Marie Pfeffer-Hahn, Herndon, Virginia
Samuel Michael Preston, Overland Park
Qiang Qin, Zhengzhou, China

Maria Fernanda Rivero Perez, Santa Cruz, Bolivia (SU17)
Kyle Christopher Rohrmann, Fresno, California
Laura Christine Rook, Junction City
Joan Ai Jia Tan, Bukit Mortajam, Malaysia (Cl)
Ruixin Tang, Wuhan, China
Yilin Teng, Changsha, China
Francisco A. Torres, Haviland
Jordan Renee Vigola, Topeka
Hailey Erin Walstad, Frisco, Texas
Kalin Christine Watson, Wichita
Collin Robert Weems, Lake Quivira
Vance Simon Wentz, Leawood
Lauren Wilderson, Lenexa
Ryan Scott Woodson, Overland Park
Molly Madelyn Young, Denver, Colorado

Certificate in International Business
Breanne Lorraine Lombard, Northwood, Iowa
Emily Lauren Lucas, Olathe
Audrey Elizabeth Oswald, Olathe

Certificate in Integrated Investment Management
Rogelio Rivas Benitez Florentin, Asunción, Paraguay
Matthew Joseph Brophy, Lenexa
Cooper Jace Clawson, Moode
Brooks Christopher Elder, Kansas City, Missouri
Andrew Scott Schrum, Norton

Certificate in Professional Strategic Selling
Eric Michael Braun, Overland Park
Austin Charles Butterfield, Centennial, Colorado
David Lee Crawford, Russell
Kayla Ann Curnuttte, La Cygne
Kathryn Elizabeth Buchanan Fernandes, Flower Mound, Texas
Bryce Davison Fitzner, San Diego, California
Connor Dawson Jarman, Lake Quivira
Justine Mae Moore, Manhattan
Samuel Michael Preston, Overland Park
Alonzo Edward Range, Brooklyn, New York
Matthew William Sullivan
Jason Robert Van Maren, Bonner Springs
Ryan Scott Woodson, Overland Park
Molly Madelyn Young, Denver, Colorado
Joshua Carl James Zdeb, Shawnee
College of Agriculture

Processional:
Stephen Kucera, Master's Student, Accounting

National Anthem:
Adam Johnson, Senior, Bakery Science and Management, and Food Science and Industry

Reflections:
Celine Marie Beggs, Bachelor's Candidate, Agricultural Communications and Journalism, and Agricultural Economics

Introductions:
Don Boggs, Associate Dean

Recognition of Honors Graduates:
Shannon Washburn, Assistant Dean

Commencement Address:
Chad Miller, Associate Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources

Student Commencement Speaker:
Cooper Clawson, Bachelor's Candidate, Agricultural Economics and Finance

Conferral of Degrees:
John Floros, Dean

Presentation of Degree Candidates:
Allen Featherstone, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Economics
Jason Ellis, Associate Professor and Interim Department Head, Communications and Agricultural Education
Joe Harner, Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Gary Pierzynski, Professor and Department Head, Agronomy
Candice Shoemaker, Professor and Department Head, Horticulture and Natural Resources
Ken Odde, Professor and Department Head, Animal Sciences and Industry
Karen Schmidt, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry
Gordon Smith, Professor and Department Head, Grain Science and Industry

Presentation of Diplomas:
John Floros, Dean

Assisted by:
Sandy Klein, Assistant Dean
Shannon Washburn, Assistant Dean
Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean

Recessional:
Stephen Kucera, Master's Student, Accounting
A n associate professor of horticulture in the horticulture and natural resources department at Kansas State University, Chad Miller earned a Bachelor of Science in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and a Master of Science and doctorate from Cornell University. Miller joined K-State in 2011. He teaches several courses, including Plant Propagation, Landscape Plants I and II, and Preparing for Your Horticulture Career. In addition, he assists with the department’s international education abroad experiences.

Miller is passionate about horticulture and connecting with students who have similar interests. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he advises undergraduate and graduate students in horticulture, serves as an advisor to Horticulture Club and Pi Alpha Xi, the horticulture honor society; and is an active member of the K-State chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the agriculture honor society. Miller is active in many different professional societies and organizations, including the American Society for Horticulture Sciences where he is currently the chair of its Certified Horticulturist Board.

Miller’s research has focused on the physiology of different greenhouse plants and on landscape performance of various species. His passion is flowering bulb species and underused and new plant species. With his significant teaching appointment, Miller also focuses on scholarship of teaching and learning research to improve the classroom and laboratory experiences for his students.

Among Miller’s many honors and awards are the 2018 USDA Food and Agriculture Sciences Excellence New Teacher Award, 2017 Perennial Plant Association Academic Award, 2017 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Educator Award, 2015 Kansas State University College of Agriculture Innovative Teaching & Learning Award, 2014-2015 College of Agriculture Advisor of the Year and Fall 2014 College of Agriculture Teaching Faculty of the Semester.

Degree Candidates

Agricultural Economics

Agribusiness

Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness

Jared Mitchell Bohl, Norton
Timothy John Bugner, Garden Plain
Tyler Michael Burdiek, Circleville
Hunter Joseph Burk, Gardner
Ashley Chalfant, Effingham
Chase Robert Congrove, Lake Quivira
Derek David Dahl, Topeka
Hannah Eilert, Jewell
Andrew Scott Ellis, Norton
Christopher Dale Fisher, Norton
Brooke Rachel Jensen, Courtland
Dan Maurice Johnson, Dillon, Montana
Clayton Michael Kaminska, Basehor
Me’Quelle Prentyst Keeling, Olathe
Nathan Michael Lorson, Hope
Andrew James Mahoney, St. Joseph, Missouri
Caitlyn Maree Maloney, Florence
Dustin John McClure, Stafford
Emily Jean Meeks, Subieta

BrookeLynn Jean Minihan, Manhattan
Allison Renee Nickelson, Penokee
Katie Ann O’Brien, Matfield Green
Jack Arthur Rickabaugh, Garnett
Kristin Elizabeth Stiebe, Kinsley
Lukas Alan Weldon, Wichita
Shelby Nicole Zink, Oxford, Indiana

Agricultural Economics

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Devin Michael Ammann, Highland, Illinois
Celine Marie Beggs, Clearfield, Iowa
Brett Robert Burdiek, Centralia
Cooper Jace Clawson, Meade
Duncan Paul Davidson, Hope
George Winton Huston III, St. Charles, Illinois
AshLee Noel Lattner, Montrose, Pennsylvania
Jacob Henry Law, Garden City
Blair Ellen Fern McGehee, Wichita
William Ohlde, Clyde
Juliette Marie Reimer, Kalvesta
Anna Christine Setter, Humboldt
Gage Walker Woodard, Maize

Communications and Agricultural Education

Agricultural Communications and Journalism

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Celine Marie Beggs, Clearfield, Iowa
Madison Marion Blevins, Greeley
Sarah Esther Krehbiel, Inman
Carlee Jaye Meeks, Taylor, Nebraska
Madison Caroline Ogle, Olathe
Payton Stoppel, Russell

Agricultural Technology Management

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Daniel Lee Denman, Cortland, Ohio
Colton Austin Funk, North Newton
Joshua Delaine Hinke, Hiawatha
Nicole Louise Kruse, Oskaloosa
Jason Spencer Logan, Rossville
Lucas Daniel Madding, Mulvane
Tyler Scott Peterson, Annawan, Illinois
Andrew William Waldron, Olathe
Joshua Mark Zeller, Overbrook
Agronomy

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Robert Dean Askew, Dodge City
Derek Morey Balzer, Belle Plaine
Patrick Christopher Bean, Osage City
Dillon Randall Boeh, Ottawa
Benjamin Franklin Harrison, Moultrie, Georgia
Timothy James Herta, Abilene
Drew Patrick Hoffman, Wathena
Yanrui Liu, Jinan, Shandong, China
Wyatt Brady Oliver, Smith Center
Luke Thomas Rush, Bendena (Scl)
Liam Paul Williams, Olpe

Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources

Horticulture
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Stewart Mitchell Chalkley, Cimarron
Aliczander Cole Erpelding, Overland Park
Andrew Daniel Fox, Syracuse
Eric Michael Grant, Wichita
Kendall Ann Lolley, Manhattan
Scott Meyer, Kingman
W. Cooper Michel, Topeka
Derek Troy Price, Hutchinson
Josie Mae Riggs, Savannah
Logan Jarrett Slattery, Kansas City, Missouri
Ellyn Nicole Stimac, Overland Park
Kate Hunter Tjelmeland, Topeka
Parker Grant Whitney, Wichita

Park Management and Conservation
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Katyn Aleigha Alexander, Monticello, Illinois
Madeline Claire Becker, Lenexa
Brittany Coffman, Cheney
Troy Daniel Cowdin, Dwight
Logan Alexander Cox, Bucyrus
Sandra K. Fangohr, Lawrence
Nathan Andrew Fischer, Overland Park
Michael Raymond Jardine, Manhattan
Jared Mark King, Hillsboro
Derek Kent Kvasnicka, Ellis
Alex Michael Jeffery Strege, St. George

Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
Spencer Jacob Anderson, Chapman
John Erle Gengler, Beloit
Elliot Neil Matyac, Durham, North Carolina
Chase Michael Middleton, Cumming, Georgia
Shane Christopher Pokorney, Willsieville
Nolan Ray Rush, Willsieville
Clayton Eugene Swanson, Arkansas City
Luke Andrew Whitlow, Gardner
Graham Rasmus Zurschmiede, Wisibita

Animal Sciences and Industry

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Devon Michael Argo, Seneca
Janet Elizabeth Attanasio, Otego, New York
Hayley Ellen Banister, Auburn
Trevor Joe Birky, Strang, Nebraska
Rebecca Louise Biswell, Wamego (Cl)
Taylor Renee Brenner, Boulder, Colorado
Jessica Lynn Brumbaugh, Richmond, Virginia
Erika Ann Brun, Fullerton, California
Helen Ying Carter, Riley
Michelle Beth Cederberg, Andover
Cole Ainsworth Clanton, Bucyrus
Wyatt Jackson Colburn, Visalia, California
Mar'Quel Ka'Cynthia Collins, Florissant, Missouri
Bradley Eugene Dedon, Walker, Louisiana
Nicole DeMars-Reerson, Miltonvale
Kacey Michelle DeWeese, Americus
Nicole Diane Diekemper, Olathe
Logan Eric Drake, Winfield
Cale Randall Dunlap, Abilene
Madison Paige Eaton, Madison
Alexandra Caitlin Eckert, Wichita
Quentin Kane Ediger, Minnusa
Cassandra Nicole Filipi, Olathe
Jocelyn Elaine Flowers, Florissant, Missouri
Crisa Breann Fortner, Mount Hope
Katelyn Marie Franco, Los Angeles, California
Haley Mae Freelove, Colony
Laura Ann Furstenberg, Wichita (Cl)
Tiana Marlee Garcia, Las Animas, Colorado
Stephanie Carolina Maria Geven Sr., Syracuse
Mikayla JoAnn Goering, Inman
Erika Michelle Graham, Manhattan
Victoria Brooke Greer, Chanute
Shayla Brock Harshbarger, Oxford
Alexandra Taylor Hatchett, Wichita
Elizabeth Marie Heimerman, Conway Springs
Alexis Dawn Hissong, Oxford
Matthew James Jenkins, Bucyrus
DeMarcus Leon Jones, Tyler, Texas
Isla Floreen Jones, Kansas City, Missouri
Riley Jae Jones, Liberal
Mariah Ashlee Kinkade, Liberty, Missouri
Lydia Ellen Kramer, Willsieville
Alicia Michaela Maloney, Florence
Augusta Adele Marston, Canton
Carolina Isabel Martioli, Houston, Texas
Victoria Gaye Maurath, Halstead

Kevin Robert Meng, Kingman (Scl)
Haley Marie Miller, Overland Park
Madison Micayla Moniz, Palm Springs, California
Naticia V. Morris, Topeka
Kirsten Jeanine Nilges, Shawnee
Sarah Anne Ostrom, Naperville, Illinois
Rachel Lynne Overmohle, Lenexa
Justin Ray Prothe, Paola
Alice J. Radenberg, Clifton
Anne Ruble Recker, Prairie Village (Scl)
Mackenzie Kaebree Riffel, Abilene
Brooklyn Nichole Rollett, Humboldt
Taylor Rae Rossillon, Le Roy
Kylieanne Michelle Rupp, Olathe
Sofia Scavone, Asuncion, Paraguay
Elizabeth Jean Sharp, Cimarron
Erica Lynn Shearer, Wright
Natalie Jane Shinn, Topeka
Madison Ann Smith, Hutchinson (Scl)
Karley Cassandra Stockton, Maude
Tiffany Michelle Tappen, Lansing
Shelby Leigh Teague, Port Morgan, Colorado
Tynol Marie Turkovic, Abilene
Natasha Brianne VanGundy, Americus (Cl)
Brynna Ann Vogel, Clearwater
Kathleen Renee Waite, Camp Verde, Arizona
Kaitlyn Nichole Williams, Overland Park
Arisa Danielle Yamashita-Taylor, Boca Raton, Florida

Food Science and Industry

Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Industry
Robert Miguel Acevedo, Oakland, New Jersey
Ana Luisa Arvelo, Minneapolis
Jennifer Borchers, Northfield, Minnesota
Ronald Joe Bragg, Manhattan
Taylor Woodson Cannon, Louisburg
Robert Cassill, Eugene, Oregon
Chelsea Danielle Crow, Troy, Missouri
Dominic Edward DeBlasio, Orland Hills, Illinois
Meghan Polly Dugan, Wichita (Scl)
James Michael Fantine, Wellington, Ohio
Dawn Christine Halbrook, Phoenix, Arizona
Qianqian Li, Jiangsu, China
Bria Liana Morton, Christiansted, Virginia
Kayla Denette Root, Derby
Alaycia Renee Ryan, Great Bend
Mayra S. Sanchez, Great Bend
Emily Ann Schmitz, Centralia
Bennett Cody Uhl, Overland Park
Trinisa D. Williams, Chicago, Illinois
Grain Science and Industry

Bakery Science and Management

**Bachelor of Science in Bakery Science and Management**

Andrew Russell Habiger, *Los Alamos, New Mexico*

Ian Michael Jolliffe, *Leawood (CO)*

Jordan Rae Ochs, *Jetmore (KS)*

Gary Shi, *Manhattan*

Kenzie Sinclair, *Great Bend*

Feed Science and Management

**Bachelor of Science in Feed Science and Management**

Jared Wayne Hoffman, *Effingham*

Bryce Allan Roberts, *Hillsboro*

Jon Michael Millard Rubey, *Mount Pleasant, Iowa*

Milling Science and Management

**Bachelor of Science in Milling Science and Management**

Kyle Dean Armstrong, *Andale*

Keaton Mathew Hale, *Salina*

Oliver Frank Kindel, *Wichita*

Jordan Rae Ochs, *Jetmore*
College of Human Ecology

**Processional:**
Stephen Kucera, Master's Student, Accounting

**Welcome:**
Karen Pence, Assistant Dean

**National Anthem:**
Sam Wilson, Senior, Applied Music

**Recognition of Faculty Awards:**
John Buckwalter, Dean

**Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Faculty Development Fund:**
Sara Rosenkranz, Assistant Professor, Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

**Recognition of Student Speaker:**
John Buckwalter, Dean

**Student Address:**
Jacob Lofquist, Bachelor's Candidate, Kinesiology

**Recognition of Student Honors:**
Shawna Jordan, Assistant Dean and Research Assistant Professor, Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

**Commencement Address:**
Sonya Britt-Lutter, Associate Professor, Personal Financial Planning

**Alumni Association Greetings:**
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

**Conferral of Bachelor's Degrees:**
John Buckwalter, Dean

**Presentation of Diplomas:**
John Buckwalter, Dean

**Assisted by:**
Richard B. Myers, President
April Mason, Provost and Senior Vice President

**Charge to the Class:**
John Buckwalter, Dean

**Alma Mater:**
Sam Wilson, Senior, Applied Music

**Recessional:**
Stephen Kucera, Master's Student, Accounting

*The audience will please rise.*
Sonya Britt-Lutter is an associate professor of personal financial planning in the School of Family Studies and Human Services. She is a certified financial planner with training in family and marriage therapy. As a researcher and teacher of financial therapy, Britt-Lutter explores the role of money in couple relationships, families and with the individual. Britt-Lutter’s research on money arguments and their influence on relationship satisfaction and divorce has appeared in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Kiplinger’s and Yahoo! Finance to name a few. She and her co-authors won the best theoretical paper award at the 2016 Financial Planning Association national meeting for “Tightwads & Spenders: Predicting Financial Conflict in Couple Relationships.” Her developmental work in the emerging field of financial therapy is summarized in “Financial Therapy: Theory, Research and Practice” with co-editors Brad Klontz and Kristy Archuleta. Britt-Lutter has applied her research over the last 10 years into a love and money curriculum and forthcoming book for young couples.

Active in promoting financial literacy and financial well-being on campus, Britt-Lutter has worked with multidisciplinary teams to focus on first-generation students, food insecurity, and veterinary and pre-veterinary students. Her work at the financial counseling centers at Texas Tech University and Kansas State University has guided the effectiveness of her financial counseling research agenda. Her work with college financial counseling programs is the subject of a co-edited book with Dorothy Durband, “Student Financial Literacy: Campus-Based Program Development.”

Britt-Lutter received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Kansas State University and her doctorate from Texas Tech University. She was founding president of the Financial Therapy Association and continues to serve on other national boards. She enjoys spending time at home with her husband, two boys and many pets.

Sara Rosenkranz, assistant professor of food, nutrition, dietetics and health, is the recipient of the Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Faculty Development Fund Award. Stowe served as dean of human ecology at K-State from 1983 to 1998. The fund, established in her honor, supports the professional development of outstanding faculty who translate research-based knowledge of human ecology into practice in higher education, business, industry or public policy.

Rosenkranz, who received the honor at the College of Human Ecology’s Fall Forum in August, was recognized for her project, “Community Outreach for Best Practice School Lunches,” which looks to positively influence local school policies and practices related to nutritional quality of food served within the school setting. The project studies nutritional quality not only for obesity prevention, but also for the association between poor nutritional quality and risk for chronic disease in adults and children.

The funding from the award will allow the research team to add an outreach component. Researchers will look to strengthen existing connections as well as build new connections between the research team and those affiliated with the National School Lunch Program.

Jocelyn Nicole Marten, Oskaloosa
Michael Slaight Moore, Denver, Colorado
Laura Anne Munk, Shawnee (S)
Brock Christopher Sexton, Derby
Jessica Gale Shields, Lake Elmo, Minnesota (S)
Anna Ione Sunderland, Sabetha (M)
Allison Ann Volkintine, Topeka (S)

(Early Childhood Education)
Raine Ashlan Davis, Topeka (S)
Courtney Megan O’Grady, Olathe
Tessa Marie Pearson, Topeka (S)
Lauren Nicole Vlasity, Olathe (S)

Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design
Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Textiles
Blair Katherine Burdick, Centralia (S)
Annabelle Elizabeth Frese, Tonganoxie (M)
Ashton McKenzie Hanna, Rushfield (M)
Holly Patrice Peterman, Shawnee
Jennifer Marie Vogt, Holton
Yang Yue, Hefei, China
Fabiana Beatriz Zalazar Vega, Asunción, Paraguay

Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services
(Communication Sciences and Disorders)
Regan Rae Albertini, St. Paul (S)
Anna Miquel Boyer, Junction City (S)
Hannah Marie Carlgren, North Newton (H)
Christina Isabel DeGraffenreid, Overland Park (S)
Baylee Anna Eck, Colwich (M)
Abigail Ann Enneking, Seneca (S)
Marcy Louise Gagna, Salina (S)
Jenna Marie Haverkamp, Seneca (M)
Kylie Lynn Manville, Valley Falls (S)

Degree Candidates
Bachelor of Science in Personal Financial Planning
Kyle Steven Becher, Lenexa
Racheal Lynn Davis, St. John
Courtney Joy Hoffman, Chapman (D)
Dayton Daniel Schmalzried, Junction City

Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

Tressa Elizabeth Chandler, Falls City, Nebraska (S)
Calista Irene Hickman, Holton
Patience Jenee Ivy, Wichita

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Adele Bohn, Columbus
Karen Marie Case, Kansas City, Missouri
Lea Marie Himes, Wichita (G)
Ariel Joy Johnston, Overland Park
Emily J. Lincicome, Wichita (M)
Beth McCracken, Earleville, Maryland
Camille Marie Osbome, Powell, Wyoming (S)
Mandel Johnson Smith, Royston, Pennsylvania
Quintina Grace LeOra Ruth Tillotson, Whiteswater (S)
Chaya Mushka Wilhelm, Brooklyn, New York (M)

Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition

(Mark and Health)
Makenzie Kathryn Buxton, Leawood (S)
Meagan Marie Champion, Andale
Chelsea Patrice Graham, Rockton, Illinois
Mary Frances Harner, St. George (G)
Marihia Stephanie Kieffer, Clifton
Marissa Dawn Lott, McPherson
Laura Nicole Mackie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sydney Allison McIntosh, Prairie Village (S)
Stephanie Anne McKee, Daphne, Alabama
Samantha Brook Rosado, Olath
Rosemarie Wadman, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

Heather Frances Baldwin, Wichita
Grant A. Baublitz, Manhattan
Michelle Nicole Cameron, Fort Riley
Taylor Dawn Clark, Sedgwick
Kamrin Crawford, Paola
Jenleigh Lea Hadley, St. Louis (S)
Lauren Marie Hauser, Gardner
Stormie Jo Hirtle, Concordia (M)
Jessica Lauren Jones, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Megan Elizabeth Williams, Spring, Texas
Jolynne Olivia Yankovic, Kansas City

Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management

Mengni Chen, Wuhu, China
Rhett Aron Jones, Hutchinson
Alyssa Michelle Wotz, Newton

Human Ecology

Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology

(George Human Ecology)
Megan Lee Donovan-White, Minneapolis (S)
Alex Nicole Harden, Kingman
Sarah Louise Long, Crystal Lake, Illinois
Laura Elizabeth Rush, Highland (G)
Hali Renee Stiner, Frankfort

(Family and Consumer Science Education)
Shawn Floyd Finch, Seattle, Washington

Kinesiology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Tristan Scott Alderson, Salina
Colin Michael Amick, Kansas City, Missouri
McKenna Christine Bayless, Colby
Kolton Riley Buer, Derby
Jonathan Matthew Clark, Milford
Kasey Lynn Crauthers, Upper Township, New Jersey
Dylan Beren Craigford, Topeka
Julie Elizabeth Davis, Edgerton
Lauren Marie Del Vecchio, Crystal Lake, Illinois (S)
Megan Elizabeth Donley, Wichita
Katelyn Kiley Gamble, Greensburg (S)
Timothy Allen Gauntt, Manhattan
Tevin Geddis, Wichita
Rebekah Irene Heiland, Dodge City (S)

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Lea Marie Himes, Wichita (G)
Ariel Joy Johnston, Overland Park
Emily J. Lincicome, Wichita (M)
Beth McCracken, Earleville, Maryland
Camille Marie Osbome, Powell, Wyoming (S)
Mandel Johnson Smith, Royston, Pennsylvania
Quintina Grace LeOra Ruth Tillotson, Whiteswater (S)
Chaya Mushka Wilhelm, Brooklyn, New York (M)

Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition

(Mark and Health)
Makenzie Kathryn Buxton, Leawood (S)
Meagan Marie Champion, Andale
Chelsea Patrice Graham, Rockton, Illinois
Mary Frances Harner, St. George (G)
Marihia Stephanie Kieffer, Clifton
Marissa Dawn Lott, McPherson
Laura Nicole Mackie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sydney Allison McIntosh, Prairie Village (S)
Stephanie Anne McKee, Daphne, Alabama
Samantha Brook Rosado, Olath
Rosemarie Wadman, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

Heather Frances Baldwin, Wichita
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Michelle Nicole Cameron, Fort Riley
Taylor Dawn Clark, Sedgwick
Kamrin Crawford, Paola
Jenleigh Lea Hadley, St. Louis (S)
Lauren Marie Hauser, Gardner
Stormie Jo Hirtle, Concordia (M)
Jessica Lauren Jones, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Megan Elizabeth Williams, Spring, Texas
Jolynne Olivia Yankovic, Kansas City

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Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology

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Alex Nicole Harden, Kingman
Sarah Louise Long, Crystal Lake, Illinois
Laura Elizabeth Rush, Highland (G)
Hali Renee Stiner, Frankfort

(Family and Consumer Science Education)
Shawn Floyd Finch, Seattle, Washington

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Jonathan Matthew Clark, Milford
Kasey Lynn Crauthers, Upper Township, New Jersey
Dylan Beren Craigford, Topeka
Julie Elizabeth Davis, Edgerton
Lauren Marie Del Vecchio, Crystal Lake, Illinois (S)
Megan Elizabeth Donley, Wichita
Katelyn Kiley Gamble, Greensburg (S)
Timothy Allen Gauntt, Manhattan
Tevin Geddis, Wichita
Rebekah Irene Heiland, Dodge City (S)
Erika Brittani Hess, Powhatan, Virginia
Ashea Diane Hiatt, Ottawa
Tyler James Hubbs, Overland Park
Cheyene L. Hudson, Wichita
Jennifer Jolene Jackson, Topeka (Cl) (S)
Baylie Nicole Jurgensen, Wichita
Brandon Russell Keller, Lenexa
Courtney Alaina Kipp, Wamego
Keaton James Larsen, Garden City
Jacob Scott Lofquist, Overland Park (Cl)
Jocelyn Gissel Macias, Los Angeles, California
Justin Carter Matthews, Olathe
Andreanna Roxanne McLeod, Hauler, Texas
Giancarlo Molina, Wichita
Grace Katherine Muller, Overland Park
Jennica Nadine O’Neill, Wamego
Dominique Lashay Proctor, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Christopher Riley Ratliff, Manhattan
Kendall Ann Reynolds, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Theresa Rena Schaller, Wichita (Sc)
Lindsay Michelle Simmons, Liberal
Rachel Lee St. Clair, Osborne
Connor Tobisch, Sedgwick
Jacob Tyler VanBurkleo, Wichita
Justin James Volkman, Hope
Taylor Diane Wheelock, Cheney (S)
Hannah Nichole Willems, McPherson
Madelaine Jayne Winkler, Manhattan
Processional:*  
Student Brass Quintet

Welcome:  
Craig Wanklyn, Assistant Dean

National Anthem:*  
Mark Ronning, Bachelor's Candidate, Electrical Engineering

Recognition of Honors Graduates:  
Darren Dawson, Dean

Student Address:  
Samuel James McConnell, Bachelor's Candidate, Architectural Engineering

Commencement Address:  
James M. Johnson, President and CEO, GE Johnson Construction Co.

Alumni Association Greetings:  
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates:  
Ray Buyle, Associate Professor and Department Head, Architectural Engineering and Construction Science and Management  
Joseph Harner, Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
Keith Hohn, Professor, Chemical Engineering  
Mustaque Hossain, Professor and Interim Department Head, Civil Engineering  
Scott DeLoach, Professor and Department Head, Computer Science  
Don Gruenbacher, Associate Professor and Department Head, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Bradley Kramer, Professor and Department Head, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering  
William Dunn, Professor and Department Head, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Presentation of Diplomas:  
Darren Dawson, Dean

Assisted by:  
Gary Clark, Senior Associate Dean  
Bette Grauer, Assistant Dean

Conferral of Degrees:  
Darren Dawson, Dean

Recital of College of Engineering Pledge:  
Bette Grauer, Assistant Dean

Alma Mater:*  
Mark Ronning, Bachelor's Candidate, Electrical Engineering

Recessional:  
Student Brass Quintet

Grand Marshals:  
Ronaldo Maghirang, Associate Dean  
Andy Fund, Assistant Dean

*The audience will please rise.

Pledge

As a graduate of the College of Engineering, I pledge:

To give the utmost of performance;  
To participate in none but honest enterprise;  
To live and work according to the laws of humanity, and the highest standards of professional conduct;  
To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other consideration.  
In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

College of Engineering Pledge  
Based on the Engineer's Creed, National Society of Professional Engineers
James M. Johnson assumed the role of president and CEO of GE Johnson Construction Co., a commercial general contractor with annual sales in excess of $300 million, in 1997. Before becoming president of the company, which is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Johnson served as vice president with primary responsibilities that included business development and formation of the special projects division.

Johnsong earned a Bachelor of Science in construction science from Kansas State University in 1984. He has long been active with the university and is a member of the Kansas State University Foundation’s board of trustees, the College of Engineering’s advisory council and the K-State Alumni Association’s board of trustees.

He is a current board member of the Colorado Community College System — State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region Foundation and the Wells Fargo Bank-Colorado Springs community board of directors. He also is a member of the Young Presidents Organization. Johnson is a past board member of the Associated General Contractors of Colorado, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, El Pomar Community Health, Goodwill Industries of Colorado Springs and Penrose Hospital Foundation. He is a past chair of the Penrose Foundation Capital Campaign and a past member of the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation and the Southeast Denver Douglas County Economic Development Council.

He married his wife, Laura, in 2000, and they live with his sons, Jared and Joey, and her children, Nicole and Tyler.

Degree Candidates

Architectural Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Austin C. Curnutt, Belton, Missouri (MSI)
Eddy A. Gomez, Garden City
Colin Glen Hitz, Pratt
Tyler Jacobs, Wichita
Antonio Lamar McBee, St. Louis, Missouri
Samuel James McConnell, Canyon, Texas (Cl)
Connor James Lee Meeske, Wichita
Daniel Allan Minks, Wichita
Michelle Diane Ragan, Kansas City, Missouri
Austin John Shafer, Hutchinson
Matthew Robert Sipes, Suwanee, Georgia
Christopher Mark White, El Dorado (Cl)

Construction Science and Management

Bachelor of Science
Joshua Michael Abel, Wichita
Kyle Jacob Affeldt, Leavenworth
Craig Dillon Archambeau, Winfield
Cory Michael Armendariz, Halstead
Karsten Francis Barragree, Wichita
Zachary Stephen Beck, Wamego
Nicholas James Bedford, Lovewell Lake
Jordon Richard Bieberle, Wichita
Collin James Bond, Overland Park
Hayden James Borth, Meade
Thomas Kenner Bowers, Kansas City, Missouri
Loriem Lynn Breckenridge, Wichita
Jonathan Cascioli, Clarksville, Maryland

Anthony Nicholas Chapman, Washington
Trenton Alexander Cox, Subetha
Shannon Tyler Dial
Quentin Shelvie-Mikel Gould, Bahler
Nathan Burke Haas, Topeka
Matthew Taylor Hastert, Overland Park
Marco Antonio Herrera, Liberal
Robert Philip Holland, Dallas, Texas
Da’Shaun Lamont Isaiah, Kansas City, Missouri
Garrett James Krehbiel, Andale
Mitchell Link Lochbihler, Charlotte, North Carolina
Mike Alvin Loreg, Attica
Matthew Steven McCarthy, Manhattan
Connor Michael McGill, Wichita
Jack Harlan Mitchell, Kansas City, Missouri
Taylor John Nuessen, Gardner
Lance Andrew Putnam, Wichita
John Alan Rector, Overland Park
Whitney Vaughan Reed, Las Vegas, Nevada
Kyle Andrew Romick, Topeka
Tyler Daniel Stifter
Daniel Jared Straub, Shawnee
Ben Tredway, Manhattan
Laura Ann Trickett, Louisburg
Cameron Luke Uphoff, Manhattan
Jackson Charles Wicker, Shawnee

Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Diana Mi Abbott, Chapman
Abdullah Khalil Aldoukhi, Jubail, Saudi Arabia
Montgomery Carl Baker-Fales, Winchester (Cl)
Reggeany Irina Barrios, Panama City, Panama
David Adrian Kourchenko, Winchester
Sultan Abdulrahman Seyedahmed, Medina, Saudi Arabia

Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Maryam Ahmad Alhendi, Keriuat City, Kuwait
Luke Strand Augustine, Salina
Theresa Margaret Collins, Kansas City
John McArthur DeVault, St. Charles, Illinois
Ian Michael Deggendorf, Bonner Springs
Katlyn Hall Dotson, Junction City
Andrew Stephen Foerster, Overland Park (MSI)
Bryan James Harkrader, New Strawn
Justin Edward Harris, South Haven
Zackaryah Lee Hughes, Fairbanks, Alaska
Casey John Keller, St. Francis
Blake Nicholas Moris, Hutchinson
Rory Macphail Reichelt, Portland, Oregon

Biological Systems Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Devon Ali Bandad, Shawnee
Kaitlyn Renee Barnes, Baldwin City
Miranda Nicole Beck-Robert, Leawood

Kaley Renee Brungardt, Ellsworth
Aliison Rose Cioffi, Olathe
Cody Mikkel Lokken, Abilene
Erica Ann Schmitz, Hays (MCl)
Sarah Jane Schuetze, Cimarron
Brendan Joseph Whitney, Wichita

Speaker

James M. Johnson

James M. Johnson
Ryan Patrick Salliotte, Lancaster, California
Dylan Gregory Swoyer, Shawnee
Elena Trang Watson, Baldwin City (C)
Joel Steven Woodward, Overland Park

Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Kyle Conard Brown, Overland Park
Brandon Robert Dunn, Manhattan
Wesley C. Thomas, Wichita
Phillip Ross Urban, Salina
Dan W. Wagner, El Dorado

Bachelor of Science
Troy William Nagle, Manhattan
Diamond Connor McNeill, Overland Park
Jacob Daniel Martin, Overland Park
Daniel Christian Longfellow, Concordia (M)
Collin Andrew Vossman, Overland Park
George Willis Walker, Olathe
An Wei, Beijing, China

Information Systems

Bachelor of Science
Joshua Eric Durbin, Manhattan
Ethan D. Haley, DeWitt, Iowa
Jacob Thomas Moldrup, Manhattan (S)
Sean William Pittman, Overland Park
Devlin Rein Smiley, Wichita
John Daniel Wildman, Louisburg

Industrial Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Adeeb Ali Alqhtani, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Ian Bain Alter, Overland Park
Mohammed Bashir Baba, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Jackson Philip Bever, Hutchinson
Christoffer John Walter Dewes Burgweger, De Soto
Asif Chowdhury, Calgary, Alberta
Brenna Dirks, Hillsboro
Corey Nicholas Egger, Minneapolis
Courtney Michelle Fauchet, Manhattan (M)
Aaron Jacob Holsworth, Overland Park
Mathew John Kaiser, Carlsbad, California
Stanton Kyle Krone, Beloit
Stephan B. Leu, Andover
Miranda Marie Maass, Omaha, Nebraska
Carla Patricia Tam Ramos, Trujillo, Peru
Lucas George Verschelden, Lenexa (C)

Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Joshua Ryan Ahfholde, Stilwell
Mohmed Ahmed Alabdulaal, Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Tyler Bryce Albright, Kingman
Rakan Ahmed Ashi, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Jace Alan Beavers, Junction City (C)
Rachel Nicole Bohm, Rose Hill
Blake Andrew Bombardie, Bel Aire
Hannah Elizabeth Bongers, Wichita
Eric Austin Brown, Mansfield, Texas
Trevor Michael Brown
Brent Michael Broxterman, Ozawkie
Haley Anne Brun, Topeka (C)
Collin Matthew Douglas Buller, Wichita
Leroy James Burke III, Olathe
Kord Jens Byers, Chicopee
Joshua Alexander Camarena, Leavenworth

Computer Science

Bachelor of Science
Cody Lee Baldwin, Wichita
Christopher Charles Boschet, Wichita
Kyle Conard Brown, Overland Park
Eujun Chin, Rayan Lepas, Malaysia
Ashley Aaron Coleman, Colby (M)
Joseph Townsend Davis, Kansas City
Caleb Robert Fleming, Overbrook
Jonathan David Howard, Peru
Jiayi Liu, Xi’an, China
Daniel Christian Longfellow, Concordia (M)
Jacob Daniel Martin, Great Bend
Diamond Connor McNeill, Bellevue, Nebraska
Troy William Nagle, Pretty Prairie

Arunothayan Paramanathan, Mannar, Sri Lanka
Eric Thomas Schmar, Topka (M)
Tyler Jordan Tryon, Robinson
Collin Andrew Vossman, Overland Park
George Willis Walker, Olathe
An Wei, Beijing, China

Trevor D. Carpenter, Ottawa
David Austin Chandler, Valley Center
Wayne Thomas Chism, Independence
Abdullah Choudhry, Gujranwala, Pakistan
William Christopher Clark, Overland Park
Lucas Coyne Commerford, Manhattan
Olivia Paige Cox, Augusta
Joseph Michael Cribbin, Keller, Texas
Damian Anton Cyr, Glyde (C)
Kolton Chandler Decker, Hugo, OK
Matthew Charles Dolezaal, Valley Center
Killian Andrew Doze, Liberal
Alex Christian Dzwawalski, Manhattan
Matthew Lawrence Esquibel, Dodge City
Hadim Lee Ewing, Phillipsburg
Zackary Forrest Ewing, Phillipsburg
Tyler Michael Farmer, Little River
Heather Renee Ferry, Overland Park
Mitchell Scott Fowler, Overland Park (S)
Peter James Gardner, Leavenworth
Brendan Charles Gundy, Holdrege
James Thomas Hamilton, St. Marys
Andrew Weston Harlow, Lenexa (M)
Hayle Jane Headrick, Mullinville
Benjamin Dayton Hower, Overland Park
Ali H A M E Jamal, Qaladisa, Kuwait
Christopher Jacob Kehr, St. Louis, Missouri
Michael Lynn Kelley, Waverly
Chandler W. Klamm, Topeka
Brian L. Koening, Eagan, Minnesota
Julie Mac Kohl, Leavenworth
Elijah R. Koziol, Lincoln, Nebraska
Clark William Kroupa, Marion
Nicholas Tyler Kuchta, Overland Park
Andrew Michael Llewelyn, Manhattan (C)
Seth Allen Martin, Lenexa
Jeffrey Brian Morrow, Derby
Taylor Nicholas Murphy, Dodge City
Nathan Cole Pageler, Wamego
Gabe Alan Probst, Andale
Mary Catherine Ross, Westwood
Christian Nathaneal Sasher, Derby
Ronald Andres Sastoque Prieto, Wichita
Devin Martin Schottler, Northglenn, Colorado
Austin Marsh Schubert, Shawnee
Austin James Scott, Hugo, OK
Garrett Noel Stewart, Minnesota (M)
Valerie Joanna Vega, Topeka
Zakery Joel Voelker, Palmer (M)
Tyler Scott Werth, Wichita
Austin David Wiley, Leavenworth
Paige Williams, De Soto
Zachary Thomas Williams, Olathe (S)
John Randall Willnauer, Stilwell
Joseph Shawn Wolfenberger, Newton
Tyler James Woodman, Castle Rock, Colorado
Dustin Woolsey, Olathe
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The honorees

2017
Phillip Klebba, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics
Timothy Musch, Kinesiology, and Anatomy and Physiology
Anil Pahwa, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Yan Soibelman, Mathematics
Kun Yan Zhu, Entomology

2016
P.V. Vara Prasad, Agronomy
Bharat Ratra, Physics

2015
Wayne Goins, Music
Douglas S. McGregor, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

2014
Yolanda Broyles-González, American Ethnic Studies
Gary Pierzynski, Agronomy
Sandra Stith, Family Studies and Human Services
Bhadriaju Subramanyam, Grain Science and Industry

2013
James H. Edgar, Chemical Engineering
Stephen Higgs, Biocomputer Research Institute
Ryszard Jankowiak, Chemistry
Nancy Monteiro-Riviere, Anatomy and Physiology
Philip Nel, English
Jürgen A. Richt, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Jim Riviere, Anatomy and Physiology
Mike Tokach, Animal Sciences and Industry

2012
Christier Aakeröy, Chemistry
Itzik Ben-Izghak, Physics
Susan Brown, Biology
Ruth Welti, Biology

2011
Michael Dryden, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Brett Esry, Physics
John Hatchiff, Computing and Information Science
John Leslie, Plant Pathology
Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun, Grain Science and Industry

2010
Elizabeth Dodd, English
Anthony Joern, Biology

2009
Walter K. Dodds, Biology
Charles W. Rice, Agronomy

2008
Edgar Chambers IV, Human Nutrition
Philine Wangemann, Anatomy and Physiology
T.G. Nagaraja, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology

2007
Dale Herspring, Political Science
Duy Hua, Chemistry
Subbaratnam Muthukrishnan, Biochemistry

2006
John M. Blair, Biology
Daniel C. Marcus, Anatomy and Physiology
Richard A. Marston, Geography

2005
Michael R. Kanost, Biochemistry
Harald E.L. Prins, Anthropology
James Shanteau, Psychological Sciences

2004
James R. Coffman, Clinical Sciences (honorary)
David C. Hartnett, Biology
Yoshiro Ikeda, Art
Hongxing Jiang, Physics
Joseph V. Ortiz, Chemistry
Sonny Ramaswamy, Entomology
Ted Schroeder, Agricultural Economics

2003
M.M. Chengappa, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Robert D. Linder, History
David A. Schmidt, Computing and Information Sciences

2002
Alan Knapp, Biology
S. Lillian Kremer, English
Thomas E. Roche, Biochemistry
Barbara Valenta, Plant Pathology

2001
Frank Blecha, Anatomy and Physiology
David Littrell, Music
Talat Rahman, Physics
Larry Takemoto, Biology
Dean Zollman, Physics

2000
Rob Denell, Biology
Christopher M. Sorensen, Cortelyou-Rust Distinguished Professor of Physics

1999
E. Wayne Nafziger, Economics
Brian S. Spooner, Biology

1998
Gary W. Conrad, Biology
Timothy R. Donoghue, Physics (honorary)
Jan E. Leach, Plant Pathology

1997
C. Lewis Cocke, Physics
Bikram S. Gill, Plant Pathology
Peter M.A. Sherwood, Chemistry

1994
John J. Landolo, Pathology and Microbiology
James L. Marsden, Regents Distinguished Professor of Animal Sciences

1993
Neville "Bill" Reay, Physics

1990
Chii-Dong Lin, Physics
Michael W. Suleiman, Political Science

1989
William Fateley, Chemistry
Norman J. Fedder, Theatre
Terry Johnson, Biology

1988
Cornelia B. Flora, Sociology
Jonathan Holden, English
Kenneth W. Jones, History
Kenneth Klabunde, Chemistry
Patrick Richard, Cortelyou-Rust Distinguished Professor of Physics
Sadahiro Saeki, Mathematics

1987
L.T. Fan, Chemical Engineering
Donald Setser, Chemistry

1986
Duane Acker, Animal Sciences and Industry
Horst Leipold, Pathology

1985
Richard Consiglio, Biology

1984
Kenneth Hoyt, Education

1974
Ernest E. Shult, Regents Distinguished Professor of Mathematics

1964
Dudley Williams, Regents Distinguished Professor of Physics
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The honorees

2017-2018
Todd Easton, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering

2016-2017
Patricia Ackerman, Arts, Sciences and Business

2015-2016
Donald Saucier, Psychological Sciences

2014-2015
Mick Charney, Architecture

2013-2014
John Fliter Jr., Political Science

2012-2013
N. Sanjay Rebello, Physics

2011-2012
Michael Wesch, Anthropology

2010-2011
Kimberly Williams, Horticulture

2009-2010
Doug Benson, Modern Languages

2008-2009
Greg Eiselein, English

2007-2008
Christopher M. Sorensen, Physics

2006-2007
Roger McHaney, Management

2005-2006
Michael Boland, Agricultural Economics

2004-2005
Harald E.L. Prins, Anthropology

2003-2004
Andrew Barkley, Agricultural Economics

2002-2003
Jana Fallin, Music

2001-2002
Medhat M. Morcos, Electrical and Computer Engineering

2000-2001
Stephen Thien, Agronomy

1999-2000
Larry Williams, Biology

1998-1999
Bryan Schurle, Agricultural Economics

1997-1998
Ann Stalheim-Smith, Biology

1996-1997
Dean Zollman, Physics

1995-1996
Cliff Meloan, Chemistry
University administration
Richard B. Myers, President
April C. Mason, Provost and Senior Vice President
Cindy Bontrager, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Pat Bosco, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students
Peter Dorhout, Vice President for Research
Jeffery Morris, Vice President for Communications and Marketing
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Academic divisions
John Floros, Dean, College of Agriculture; and Director, K-State Research and Extension
Timothy de Noble, Dean, College of Architecture, Planning & Design
Amit Chakrabarti, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Kevin Gwinner, Dean, College of Business Administration
Debbie Mercer, Dean, College of Education
Darren Dawson, Dean, College of Engineering
John Buckwalter, Dean, College of Human Ecology
Verna M. Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean, Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus
Bonnie Rush, Interim Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine
Carol Shanklin, Dean, Graduate School

Duane Dunn, Interim Dean, K-State Global Campus
Lori A. Goetsch, Dean, K-State Libraries
Ralph C. Richardson, CEO and Dean, K-State Olathe

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The Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Teaching Awards are funded by the W.T. Kemper Foundation and the Commerce Bankshares Foundation.

The organ was supplied by Mid-America Piano, Manhattan.

Terry Ferguson is the bagpiper for all ceremonies at Bramlage Coliseum and at Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus.

If available, the hometowns of undergraduate students from Kansas are included in the listing of degree candidates. For students from out of state or out of country, the hometown and state or country are included.

Commencement questions?
If you have questions or comments about commencement, please contact: Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, Kansas State University, 108 Anderson Hall, 919 Mid-Campus Drive North, Manhattan, KS 66506-0113, 785-532-6224, graduation@k-state.edu.