

FALL CLASS OF 2020

Commencement

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 A.M.





PROFILE OF SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY

MISSION STATEMENT

We prepare today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

Shawnee State University is a student-focused public university with nationally-ranked programs and faculty who are experts in their fields. Our graduates today will go on to make a name for themselves in the fields of education, medicine, the arts, game design and programming, business, technology, engineering, science, math, health care, and many areas not yet imagined.

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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations Graduates!

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Shawnee State, I want to congratulate you on achieving such a monumental milestone — and during such an unprecedented time. You have completed your education during one of the toughest times in American history.

You are part of a group of graduates that will be remembered always for your determination, resilience, and ability to adapt quickly to new ways of learning.

As your friends, families, neighbors, faculty, and future employers began the shift to working, learning, and living remotely, you were right by their side putting your college education to work. You helped to solve problems, many of you began using the skills you learned in your programs to show others how to do things differently and how to take advantage of the tools and technology now available to us.

The world needs you right now. It is ready for you — and you are ready for it. No matter where your path leads from here, you are forever a part of the Shawnee family and we will always be here to support you.

Best wishes and Go Bears!

Dr. Jeffrey Bauer
President

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at today's commencement are based on the garb worn by the medieval priests and students who founded the first universities in Europe. Those who have earned the baccalaureate or associate degree wear a gown with a yoke, a long pleated front and long pointed sleeves, and barrel pleats across the shoulders and the yoke back. Master's degree holders wear a similar gown, but the sleeves are usually oblong at the ends and open to the waist. Those holding the doctor's degree, wear gowns with broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars across their full, round, open sleeves. Although the gown and velvet trim are usually black, they may also be the colors of the institution that conferred the wearer's degree, or the color representing the wearer's field of learning.

Because black is the traditional color for academic gowns, most of the color and meaning of the academic costume is found in the hoods and tassels. Master's and doctoral hoods are silk-lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree awarded to each wearer. The velvet border of the hood shows the color of the field of learning to which the degree belongs. Shawnee State University's baccalaureate and associate graduates do not wear hoods, but the colors of the tassels on their caps represent their field of study.

The traditional academic colors you will see today are these:

Arts	<i>White</i>	Health Science	<i>Kelly Green</i>
Associate in	<i>Maroon & White</i>	Journalism	<i>Black & White</i>
Arts & Science		Law	<i>Purple</i>
Business Administration	<i>Drab</i>	Library Science	<i>Lemon Yellow</i>
Communication	<i>Silver Gray</i>	Music	<i>Pink</i>
Dentistry	<i>Lilac</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Occupational Therapy	<i>Academy Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Fine Arts	<i>Brown</i>	Science	<i>Golden Yellow</i>

Shawnee State University students graduating summa cum laude are wearing gold cords as a badge of distinction. Magna cum laude graduates are wearing silver cords, while cum laude graduates wear bronze cords. Students wearing gold stoles are members of Phi Eta Sigma, the national honorary society. Officers of the society are wearing medallions with gold and black ribbons. Students wearing purple cords are members of the Honors Program. Students wearing red and gold cords are members of Tri Beta, the national biological honor society. Officers of the society are wearing medallions. Students wearing the blue, white and silver medals are members of Psi Chi, the international honor society for psychology. The students wearing the red and black honor cords are members of the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta. Veterans participating in today's ceremony are wearing special veteran's stoles. Active military members are wearing red, blue and white cords.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Students who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.5-3.74 prior to the semester of graduation are graduated *cum laude*.

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.75-3.89 prior to the semester of graduation are graduated *magna cum laude*.

Students who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or above prior to the semester of graduation are graduated *summa cum laude*.

The University bestows additional honors to those in the Honors Program who have completed all of the course requirements for this program.

ALMA MATER SHAWNEE

Blessings on thee Alma Mater Shawnee
 Blessings on you standing through the years
 We will always think about you fondly
 Mem'ries through the joy and through the tears
 Alma Mater, Alma Mater Shawnee
 We your children sing of you today
 And when we are far away from you dear Shawnee
 Our lives will show your guidance on your way.

Words and Music by Shirley Evans Crothers-Marley
 Newly Arranged by Dr. Michael Barnhart and Dr. Stanley Workman, Jr.

About this Program

Every effort is made to make this program accurate with respect to degrees awarded and honors conferred. However, printing schedules occasionally make this impossible. The student's permanent academic record is the official record. Any graduate at today's commencement whose name is not published in this program will be listed in the next commencement program.

GRADUATE DEGREES 2020

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Name

Omair Alsubaie
 Heather N. Barlow
 Ashley Nicole Beamer
 Devyn L. Brossard
 Natalie Grace Cox
 Carly Michon Ekvall
 Carly Marie Falcone
 Paige E. Ferland
 Mackenna K Harper
 Crystal R. Haskins
 Kelcey Holder
 Benjamin A. Keith
 Tiffany F. Knauff
 Lindsey K. Krause
 Moira McKenna Lay
 Jessica L. Lowe
 Evan Lundquist
 Haylee Marie McClurg
 Merrill Brook Melvin
 Brooke M. Messer
 Janie A. Moller
 Alli Yvonne Morgan
 Shaina Newman
 Alexis Marie Otworth
 Velvet H. Patterson
 Jeffrey C. Pendleton
 D'Andre Price
 Odis A. Prunty
 Kristen Elizabeth Ratliff
 Mackenzie Anne Riley
 Caitlin N. Smith
 Darian Rae Steele
 Leslie Renee Stringer
 Kaylee Brookes Truesdell
 Veronica Paige Young

Major

Curriculum and Instruction
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 Curriculum and Instruction
 Intervention Specialist K-12
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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

2020

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Name	Major
Emily DeLane Adkins	Social Sciences
Beau Patrick Barley	Natural Science
Justin Michael Ball	History
Leha M. Bass	International Relations
Keldon Paige Bowling	English Humanities
** Ryan Nicholas Burchfield	Mathematical Sciences
Chance C. Clement	Fine Arts
Benjamin Ronald Davis	English Humanities
Danielle Ranae Edler	Fine Arts
Kimberly Denise Esham	Fine Arts
Brandon C. Fosson	Fine Arts
Maleek Devin Greene	Fine Arts
Sarah Renee Hallam	Fine Arts
Tristan Leigh Hazlett	Natural Science
Tristan Leigh Hazlett	Psychology
Lauren Nicole Hieneman	Sociology
Zachary G. Herman	Natural Science
Kaitlyn Raeanna Hollingsworth	Sociology
** Rebekah L. Holt	Psychology
Mark Allen Scott II	Social Sciences
* Peyton Mackenzie Jones	Sociology
Amanda R. Jordan	English Humanities
Michael Daniel Joyce	History
Bryan R. Kelley	English Humanities
** Kaleb Lewis Kendall	Fine Arts
* Airlanda Ann Kingery	Sociology
** Madison Knight	Political Science
Deidra Marie Kraft	Psychology
Alison J. Parker-Malone	Psychology
Ashley S. Marshall	Psychology
Brent Moore	Political Science
* Raiden Otto	Fine Arts
Lana B. Percell	Natural Science
Jacob J. Posey	Fine Arts

* Graduating cum laude

** Graduating magna cum laude

*** Graduating summa cum laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

2020

Name	Major
Molly Renee Poynter	Fine Arts
Haleigh M. Purcell	Psychology
*** Ryan Cameron Rice	Psychology
Samuel Rogers	Natural Science
Monte David Rowlands Jr.	Natural Science
Megan Christine Ruggles	Natural Science
Taylor Runyon	Sociology
Emily N. Sheets	Biology
Dakota Glen Simpson	Natural Science
Jessica Mae Swaim	Psychology
Julia Michelle Tackett	Fine Arts
* Tyson Trinidad	English Humanities
Kristi N. Wilkinson	Natural Science
Grace Olivia Wilson	Psychology
Gabriel Rhys Yeary	Fine Arts
Kyle Young	English Humanities

* Graduating cum laude

** Graduating magna cum laude

*** Graduating summa cum laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

2020

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Name	Major
Steven Joseph Adams	Health Science
Brenda G. Angel	Health Science
Laura Rose Armstrong	Accounting
* Abigail Marie Barre	Health Care Administration
Heather Michelle Bierbaugh	Health Science
Marisa Kay Brown	Health Care Administration
** Bailey Elizabeth Bowen	Occupational Therapy
Madison H. Burkitt	Health Science
Jordan Noelle Cagle	Marketing
Kathryn Brandenburg Cochran	Health Care Administration
* Sidney L. Crace	Accounting
Matthew D. Crabtree	Digital Simulation and Gaming
	Engineering Technology
Natasha L. Curtis	Health Science
Daniel John Dailey	Plastics Engineering Technology
* Hannah Doss	Occupational Therapy
Madison Renee Epperly	Health Science
Nathan B. Garrett	Exercise Science
** Carrie L. Gregory	Health Science
* Allison Rose Hall	Health Science
Jesse Hall	Sport Studies
Jamie L. Howard	Early Childhood Special Education
* Erika Danielle Howell	Early Childhood PreK-3
** Clayton J. Hunter Howell	Information Systems Management
Julia A. Jackson-McIver	Health Care Administration
Rachel Rose Johnson	Health Care Administration
Catherine M. Johnson	Middle Childhood
Jeffery Ahmed Josey	Exercise Science
Katianna M. Keller	Middle Childhood
Sydney Joi King	Exercise Science
Logan Scout Kremin	Information Systems Management
** Sophia Marguerite Koucoumaris	Health Science
Alexandria Marie Layne	Health Science

* Graduating cum laude
 ** Graduating magna cum laude
 *** Graduating summa cum laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

2020

Name	Major
Alisha M. Long	Plastics Engineering Technology
Megan Louise Lore	Health Science
Natalie B. Marasek	Nursing
*** Kimberly Marie Elizabeth Martens	Occupational Therapy
* Clay M. Massie	Intervention Specialist K-12
Hannah Rose Mathews	Health Science
Jordaniel Demorizi Matos	Exercise Science
** Ava Lynn McCleese	Environmental Engineering
	Technology
Hunter C. Miles	Management
** Zachary Ryan Miller	Exercise Science
* Alannah Faye Miller	Occupational Therapy
Zachary D. Mitchell	Health Science
Emma Grace Monroe	Marketing
Brandon S. Moore	Information Systems Management
** Dovel T. Myers III	Management
Jacqueline M. Newnam	Management
* Rachel Alyson Nordmoe	Occupational Therapy
** Veronica Beth Osborn	Health Science
** Alexis Elisabeth Palazzo	Occupational Therapy
* Kaleena Ann Patton	Health Science
Ashley Janelle Pendleton	Nursing
Francisca Prempeh	Health Science
* Alexia Gwenola Raudier	Environmental Engineering
	Technology
Nathan Wayne Richmond Ward	Management
Danielle Marie Ruggles	Health Science
* Ashtyn M. Saunders	Exercise Science
Jennifer D. Scaff	Health Science
Austin J. Schmidt	Health Science
Cole E. Scott	Information Systems Management
Nathan Lee Simmering	Management
* Beth Sloas	Early Childhood PreK-3
** Sarah C. Slone	Occupational Therapy
Kaylee Michelle Smith	Health Science
Madelyn A. Stamper	Health Science

* Graduating cum laude
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 *** Graduating summa cum laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

2020

Name	Major
* Shannon L. Stewart	Health Science
Courtney M. Tackett	Middle Childhood
Tony Armand Taylor Jr.	Accounting
Ryan Tollefson	Digital Simulation and Gaming
	Engineering Technology
Anna Susan Weneck	Occupational Therapy
* Samuel Ray Windsor	Health Science
Lucus Andrew Wolford	Marketing
Amber Nichole Zweigart	Early Childhood Special Education

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Name	Major
Leigha Brooke Scherer	Individualized Studies

* Graduating cum laude
** Graduating magna cum laude
*** Graduating summa cum laude

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

2020

Name	Major
Zachary D. Mitchell	Natural Science
Ryan Woods	Natural Science
* Tyler Scott Woods	Natural Science

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Name	Major
Cody A. Altman	Business Management
Amy L. Conlon	Nursing
Troy D. Francis	Electromechanical Engineering Technology
Jonathan Hart	Nursing
** Rebecca Lovins	Accounting
* Cameran Paige Noel	Nursing
*** Alexis B. Putnam	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Elvy L. Rawlins	Nursing
* Ryan R. Schiesser	Business Management
Nathan Lee Simmering	Business Management
** Kelli Jayne Smith	Accounting
Kristi Nichole Wilkinson	Nursing

* Graduating cum laude
** Graduating magna cum laude
*** Graduating summa cum laude

ASSOCIATE DEGREES 2020

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Name	Major
* Brandon M. Dunn	General Studies
James A. Grimm	General Studies
Mandy Marie Hall	General Studies
Jessica Howard	General Studies
Wayne Dennis Johnson	General Studies
Alec Tanner Liston	General Studies
Kimberly K. Robbins	General Studies
Ezekiel A. Rogucki	General Studies

* Graduating cum laude
** Graduating magna cum laude
*** Graduating summa cum laude

MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations graduates! This milestone is among many that will have shaped your life to this point and builds on a solid foundation for the future. The friends you've made, experiences you've had, lessons learned, the high and lows - prepare you now to continue forward with that same dedication and open mind. Only now you move forward as a Shawnee State University Alumnus. Those of us who carry that proud distinction welcome you. We are your biggest fans. Always cheering your successes. Forever ready to lend a hand should difficulties become heavy. We are a global family formed by our unique experiences at SSU. Be proud of your accomplishments. Represent SSU's values with integrity and determination as you move forward.

I ask each of you to take a moment to say thanks to those who supported you. To the faculty who pushed you to reach your best potential, challenging long-held beliefs, and opening you to a bigger world of possibilities than the one that existed before you walked on campus for the first time. Say thanks to the library staff who helped you research and write papers at the last minute. To your friends and family. Only you know the sacrifices that so many made to support you along the way. And don't forget to take a moment to recognize the strength of effort that you gave to achieve this incredible goal.

The SSU Class of 2020 finds a world with more unknowns than could've been imagined a few short months ago. Do not fear. In uncertainty you will find opportunity. You have a strong foundation. You have already shown the strength required to persevere. I challenge you to seize your opportunities with excitement not with apprehension. Follow your dreams, become who YOU want to be. Never forget your time at SSU and the incredible gift that it is.

Joseph Campbell reminds us - *"Furthermore, we have not even to risk the adventure alone; for the heroes of all time have gone before us; the labyrinth is thoroughly known; we have only to follow the thread of the hero-path. And where we had thought to find an abomination, we shall find a god; where we had thought to slay another, we shall slay ourselves; where we had thought to travel outward, we shall come to the center of our own existence; where we had thought to be alone, we shall be with all the world."* - Joseph Campbell, *Hero with a Thousand Faces*, The (p. 18)

Best of luck in everything you do - your biggest fan!



Tyler Ferguson

Director of Implementation Programs and Contract Services, OCLC
SSU Class of 2000

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WELCOME TO THE SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Congratulations, you are now part of 16,000+ alumni that are in 48 states and across the world making a difference as doctors, teachers, therapists, and so much more that called Shawnee State home.

ONCE A BEAR, ALWAYS A BEAR

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