



Jackson State Community College
**57th Commencement
Exercises**

Carl Perkins Civic Center
May 3, 2025
Jackson, Tennessee

Class of 2025

Message from the President



We are gathered here today to celebrate and congratulate you, the fifty-seventh graduating class from Jackson State Community College, class of 2025.

Your accomplishments in academics, athletics, student clubs and organizations, and community service are the pride of every faculty member and staff. We know you will carry the knowledge and skills you have mastered at Jackson State to your workplace and your community.

Since we were founded fifty-eight years ago, we have provided postsecondary educational opportunities to many people. As you join the more than 22,000 people who have also earned an associate degree or technical certificate from Jackson State, let me ask you to do three things:

First, stay involved. As we know, most Jackson State graduates go on to live and work right here in our community. We know you will be close, so make sure you visit often. Whether it is a musical program, ballgame, or lecture, just remember there are opportunities for you to be involved at Jackson State long past your days as a student.

Second, be an ambassador for higher education and Jackson State. Earning a degree from Jackson State is life changing and will give you increased opportunities for success – opportunities we strive to make available to all West Tennesseans. We hope you will seize every opportunity to speak of how your degree has helped you and refer others to Jackson State.

And third, I encourage you to remember to give back to Jackson State and to your community so that others in the future may have the same opportunities.

I hope you will always remember the wonderful memories you have made here at Jackson State. As you walk across the stage today, remember also that you are part of the rich history of Jackson State Community College. The contributions you make to your communities will improve the quality of life for us all.

I wish you happiness, success and peace. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carol Rothstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "C" and "R".

Dr. Carol Rothstein

President, Jackson State Community College

About Jackson State

The Mission

Jackson State Community College provides accessible learning opportunities that enhance the lives of individuals, strengthen the workforce, and empower our diverse communities by offering traditional and contemporary associate degrees, certificates, continuing education and enrichment, and college-readiness programs.

Jackson State Community College believes in these principles:

Education

We value higher education as the key to a better quality of life. Jackson State is the foundation. We value learning and the continuous pursuit of knowledge. To this end, we provide a learner-centered, affordable opportunity to our students and community.

Integrity

We value unconditional integrity based on fairness, honesty, and the pursuit of truth.

Excellence

We strive for high quality and effectiveness in education, communication, and leadership while accepting responsibility and accountability in all our endeavors.

Service

We value service to the student in the areas of academic, personal, and professional development and leadership in the community through the stimulation of economic growth and quality of life.

My status as a Green Jay will far exceed my time at Green Jay Nation, and it's these pillars I commit to uphold and hold as truth henceforth.

Accreditation

Jackson State is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Various career and transfer programs in health sciences, business and industrial technology have received specialized accreditation from their respective industry agencies.

History

In 1963, the Tennessee General Assembly responded to recommendations made in the Pierce-Albright Report by establishing a group of state community colleges. Jackson State was selected as the first such institution in West Tennessee.

Dr. F.E. Wright was appointed the first president of Jackson State on March 15, 1967 and served the institution with distinction until his death on May 15, 1976. Dr. Walter L. Nelms assumed the presidency in July of 1976 and led the college toward continued progress until his retirement in June of 1997. In July of 1997, Dr. Charlie D. Roberts, Jr. became Jackson State's third president and continued the journey to bring greater opportunities to the people of West Tennessee until his retirement in February of 2004. In February of 2004, Dr. Bruce Blanding began his tenure to lead Jackson State to a greater fulfillment of its vision to serve as the community's college until his retirement in 2016. Dr. Allana Hamilton was appointed as the fifth president of the college in January 2017. She continued to build on the college's commitment to student success and strengthening community partnerships until her transfer to the role of Vice Chancellor for Academics at the Tennessee Board of Regents in October 2019. Dr. George Pimentel was appointed as the sixth president of the college in July 2020 until his appointment as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Strategic Initiatives at the Tennessee Board of Regents in July 2023. In August 2023, the Tennessee Board of Regents unanimously confirmed Dr. Carol A. Rothstein as the seventh president.

Tennessee Board of Regents

The Honorable Bill Lee, Chairman Governor of the State of Tennessee

The Honorable Bill Lee

Emily J. Reynolds

Lizzette Reynolds

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Jeremy Harrell

Shane Hooper

Deanne DeWitt

Todd Kaestner

Kyle Spurgeon

Nisha Powers

Ross Roberts

Angela Richardson

Cayden Keltgen

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The College System of Tennessee

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Nashville, TN 37214

Program of Exercises

Prelude

“A Million Dreams” by Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, and Ziv Zaifman
National Anthem Innovations Ensemble
Esther Gray-Lemus, Director

Introduction and Welcome Dr. Carol Rothstein
President

Honor Graduates RecognitionDr. Carol Rothstein
President

Ceremonial Mace.....Sara Youngerman
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Guest Speaker..... Derek “DY” Young

Presentation of GraduatesSara Youngerman
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Confirmation of Degrees Dr. Carol Rothstein
President

Recessional

Speaker Biography

Derek “DY” Young

Derek Young has seen the power and grace of God shape his life. Since his first job as a 14-year-old Upward Bound Counselor, he has helped more than 500,000 people increase their joy and impact through more than 10,000 engagements in a variety of roles.

Looking back on his trajectory, the odds makers would have told you that he should be a negative statistic. As a resident of the largest housing development in St. Louis, Missouri, he was raised by his mother and grandmother and only saw his father six times. By relying on the strong family foundations of reliability, consistency, and kindness, his life has been a series of firsts. He was the first member of his family to attend a private school, entering Saint Louis University High School at age 12. He was the first member of his family to attend college, entering Rockhurst College at age 16. Through the mentorship of his two “big brothers” from high school who preceded him at Rockhurst, he became President of the Business Communicators, Assistant Editor of the Yearbook, Resident Advisor, Senior Advisor to the Black Student Union, Intramural Basketball and Football Captain, Campus Radio Disc Jockey, and Captain and Drummer of the Pep Band. He was the first member of his family to enter the corporate world, joining the Federal Reserve Bank at age 20 as an Internal Auditor and Economic Research Analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank and a Communications Analyst for Sprint Global Headquarters.

He helped more than 800 students enter college and corporate America as a Career Development Manager for INROADS and as Executive Director for 100 Black Men, where he founded the 100 KINGS program.

As a corporate leader, DY has the rare distinction of being the founding Director for four functions at two Nashville-area Fortune 1000 HQ's. He started the Process Improvement and Corporate Social Responsibility functions for Dollar General, where he also served as Director of Leadership Development. He also started the Diversity and Community Outreach functions for Cracker Barrel.

As President of YMG Enterprises, LLC—a Nashville, Tennessee based Culture Transformation and Motivational Speaking Company started in 2004—he has delivered transformative Culture Strategies for organizations such as, AT&T, Bass Pro-Cabela's, Belmont University, Best Buy, BMI, Cal State Fullerton University, Eli Lilly, Fisk University, Florida A&M University, Firestone, Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, HCA Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, Loews Hotels, Nissan, Prudential, Sodexo, Tennessee Board of Regents, Tennessee State Government, United Way, and the US Department of Agriculture.

He and his wife Allyson, a Clinical Chaplain, live in Nashville, TN. The couple has four adult children who are pursuing careers in media, music, business, and retail. When he is not enjoying time with his family, he can be found enjoying St. Louis Cardinals Baseball, Premier League or Nashville Soccer Club soccer, Formula 1, Indy Car, or NASCAR racing, or great movies. His motto for success is God First, Others Second, and Dreams Third. Learn more about DY at www.derekyoungspeaks.com

◆ *Summa Cum Laude, “with highest honor”*

Those graduating Summa Cum Laude have a grade point average between 3.80 - 4.0. Any student with a ◆ symbol by their name is a Summa Cum Laude graduate. Graduates will wear a gold cord for this distinction.

❖ *Magna Cum Laude, “with great honor”*

Those graduating Magna Cum Laude have a grade point average between 3.50 - 3.79. Any student with a ❖ symbol by their name is a Magna Cum Laude graduate. Graduates will wear a silver cord for this distinction.

■ *Cum Laude, “with honor”*

Those graduating Cum Laude have a grade point average between 3.25 - 3.49. Any student with a ■ symbol by their name is a Cum Laude graduate.

Honors are based on Fall 2024 grades.

Honor Graduates

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an organization which provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, an intellectual ideas and ideals, lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. The criteria for membership is to be enrolled full-time in a two-year college, have a grade point average not less than a “B,” have established academic excellence as judged by the faculty, and be of good moral character possessing recognized qualities of citizenship. Graduates will wear a blue and gold cord and/or stole.

Avarey Adams	Colby Duke
Layla Al Hajsalem	William Egros
Jeremy Allen	Jalina Filomeno
Jaelyn Baker	Hannah Fowler
Brenna Baughman	Elisabeth Garner
Adelaide Biffle	Victoria Graham
Haley Brasher	Samantha Hall
Lily Broehm	Jared Hamilton
Chelsea Brooks	Raven Horn
Nathan Bui	Sarah Hosford
Adriana Canaca	Chloe Howington
Gabriel Carranza	Tamya Hurt
Maggie Carter	Virginia Ivy
Mackenzie Castellaw	Mackhia Johnson
Joseph Clark	Abigail Karnes
Samantha Cleveland	Nadine Kattoum
Marvin Cliff Jr	Spencer Kee
Cassie Comer	Bethany Knott
Madelyn Cornelius	Hayleigh Lester
Eryn Coure	Charles Lewis
Steven Crenshaw	Veronica Malagon
Allyson Davis	Levi Mason
Hailey DeLassus	April-Marie Mathis
Timothy Doyle	Ashton Mathis
Elizabeth Duck	Mercedes McCaig

Honor Graduates

Phi Theta Kappa

William McCann	Allison Runyon
Emily McFarland	Nevan Shipp
Hailey Miller	DeReka Slayton
Nate Moore	Marnina Smeltser
Leah Mustain	Leah Stanfield
Kaylee Nance	Sarah Stebbins
Karina Neal	Tabatha Summers
Nallely Ortiz	Eli Surratt
Indya Parham	Madalyne Tanner
Madison Parker	Priscilla Taylor
Taylor Parker	Misheel Tillman
Alexandra Pinkston	Jeffery Tomblin
Zoe Poole	Stormy Travis
Candace Porter	Chelsea Vanalstine
Elaina Pugh	Chasney Vue
Amber Pulley	Bailey Whitley
Kayley Quinn	Samantha Wigley
Amanda Reyna	Hannah Wilbanks
Breanna Rivero	Ty Winkler
Tara Robinson	Laurel Woods
Ava Rosson	

Honoring our Veterans

Jackson State Community College is very proud of our veteran graduates. In recognition of their service, they have been presented with a red, white, and blue cord.

Jennifer Easley	Edward McBryde
Dylan Ford	William McCann
Jared Goode	Tyler Moore
Charles Graeser	Hiedi Poulson-Halbasch
Lyric Greer	Amber Roaten
Haley Holland	Ty Winkler
Brandon Johnson	

Honors Program Graduates

Honors Scholars

To be recognized as an “Honors Scholar,” students must earn honors credit in three courses, graduate with a final GPA of 3.25 or above, and either complete an Honors Seminar course or perform 24 hours of documented volunteer service work. Honors Scholars are awarded green and gold honors cords.

Jeremy Allen	Veronica Malagon
Brenna Baughman	Hannah Myrick
Adelaide Biffle	Kaylee Nance
Chelsea Brooks	Madison Parker
Keyon Davis	Emily Peachey
Colby Duke	Alexandra Pinkston
Celeste Griffin	Sarah Stebbins
Myracle Jackson	Stormy Travis
Nadine Kattoum	Samantha Wigley

Distinguished Honors Graduates

To be recognized as a Distinguished Honors Graduate, students must earn honors credit in at least five courses, complete an Honors Seminar course, and graduate with a final GPA of 3.25 or above. Distinguished Honors Graduates are awarded green, gold, and purple honors cords.

Rinad Alwahany	Camron Harris
Joanae Anderson	Johnia Hudson
Sencerity Baker	Hanien Kattoum
Aubrey Blackwood	Bethany Knott
Lily Broehm	Hailey Miller
Addison Brown	Marianna Sanders
Adriana Canaca	Nevan Shipp
Samantha Cleveland	Kendall Shoate
Cassie Comer	Marnina Smeltser
Eryn Coure	Madalyne Tanner
Meagan Guess	

Associate of Arts

Brenna Baughman ♦
Haley Jocelyn Brasher ❖
Natalia Cardenas
Jessica Nandi Carroll
Sarai Castro
Samantha Cleveland ♦
Rebekkah Cook
Macall Davis ♦
David Emerson
Jalina Filomeno ♦
Baylee Alexandra Foppiano ■
Justice Sinclair Fouse
Elisabeth Garner ❖
Alexas Goodwin
Victoria Alexis Graham ❖
Tonya Gray
Josalyn Raye Greer
Kayla Hatch
Tanya Beyonce' Hurt ■
Mycah Keener
Heather McCaslin ❖

Dalton McLain
Rebecca Carroll Meek ❖
Isabella Milford
Caden Moore ♦
Christina Newsom ■
Vanessa Nyholm ■
Hollan Parker
Emily Ann Peachey ❖
Breanna Rivero ❖
Josue Rosas
April Scales
Jacob Brandon Smith ❖
Jacobe Austin Smith ■
Sarah Alyse Stebbins ❖
Eli Surratt ♦
Misheel Tillman ♦
Christina Vaughn
Dannell Lee Walker ■
Bailey Addison Whitley ❖
Hannah Mayline Wilbanks ♦

Associate of Science

Katelyn Danielle Acred ❖
Avarey Adams ❖
Layla Al Hajsalem ❖
Sultan Adil Murshad Alaudi
Jeremy Allen ♦
Rinad Alwahany ■
Joanae Marie Anderson ■
Brittany A. Andrews

Dylan Lee Armstrong ♦
Corey James Arndt ♦
Jaleah Askins
Sadie Atkins
Gracie S. Ausley ❖
Nehemiah Ausley
Jacob Austin ❖
Libby Carol Autry ♦

Graduates

Associate of Science

Justin Ayres ❖
Tietiyana Bailey
Vera Bailey
Jaxon Bryce Baker
Sencerity Precious Baker ■
Asia Balfour
Brennan James Ballard
Makalia Lizette Ballard ❖
Zachary Bassham ◆
Addison Gabrielle Baughn ◆
Ryanne Baum
Irma Bazaldua
Kierstyn Beard ■
Anna Beare
Dylan Beck-Fitch ◆
Ashlyn Berkley
Se'Riyah Yvonne Bethea
Marcus Aurelius Bielinski ◆
Adelaide Biffle ◆
Faith Black
Jeffrey Isaiah Blackwell
Aubrey Blackwood ■
Ashlyn Nicole Blankenship
Devin Bonds ■
Brian Botter ■
Brayden Boyd ❖
David Briggs ■
Lily Broehm ❖
Addison Taylor M. Brown ❖
Julie Ann Brown ■
Kaitlyn Brown ◆
Lily Brown ■
Nathan Tien Bui ■

Kaia Elizabeth Burns
Brynlee Butler ◆
Delaney Renae Byers ◆
Rachel Lee Neisler Byrd
Adriana Juliet Cruz Canaca ◆
Alexandria Leigh Carney
Rita Carp ◆
Victoria Carrington ◆
Nicole Castro ◆
Grace Cavitt ❖
Isabella Chiriboga ❖
Hannah Christen Clark ■
Joseph Riley Clark ◆
Maliyah Cliff
Jealeah Cole
Austin Combs
Cassie Suzanne Comer ◆
Nolon Cook ◆
Madelyn Cornelius ◆
Eryn Rose Coure ■
Tristian Ameer Crawford
Clinton Crisci
Mikayla Cross
Spencer Crouse ■
Breia Crowe ■
Alizeth Cruz
Sara Elizabeth Curlin
Andrea Davis
Cliftavian Antawun Davis ❖
Emily Davis
Keyon Davis ■
Hailey Emma DeLassus ◆
Daltyn DeLoach ❖

Associate of Science

Polly Anna Dennison	Milo Green
Paeton Denton ■	Celeste Griffin ♦
Donna Detty	Samantha Hall ♦
Cherish Dickey	Tatum Hall ■
Brandi Dixon	Jared Hamilton ❖
Luke Doll ♦	Camron Harris ❖
Jessie Dougherty	Joseph Harris ♦
Devon Douglas ♦	JoAnne Hart
Dylan Douglas ♦	Marihya Hart
Timothy Allen Doyle, Jr. ❖	Tenarra Haynes
Elizabeth Grace Duck ❖	Zaley Haynes ■
Colby Duke ❖	Wyatt Hemingway
Anna Katherine Duncan ♦	Valerye Hernandez ♦
Joshua Duncan	Kelsey Amanda Hicks
Herlan Duran ❖	Jakiya Hines
William Egros ❖	Mollie Hines ■
Wyatt P. Farley	Queenie Holcombe-Willis
Braden Albert Fender ❖	Declan Horn ■
Danny Fenty ❖	Johnia Amaria Frances Hudson ❖
Dylan Ford ■	Jesse Hughes ❖
Sylvia Foster ♦	Reagan Humphrey ■
Hannah Fowler ❖	Alana Coren Hymes ♦
Raychel Fowler	Camille Ivie
Daniel Franklin ♦	Taylor Ivy ❖
Emily Frazier	Megan Jackson
Cody Freeman	Myracle Denise Jackson ♦
Urathia Gaffney	Kaliyah James
Aneela Kelys Gant	John Jeter ❖
Valerie Garrett	Emma Elizabeth Johnson ♦
Christopher Godwin ■	Mackhia Alyxandria Johnson ♦
Chelsea Goodman	Chanel LaShay Jones
Kaitlyn Michele Goodman ♦	Destiny Jones
Hayden Gorski ♦	Heather Jones ❖

Graduates

Associate of Science

Janiya Jones	Julia Martinez ♦
Johnnate Jones	Lidia Matthews ■
Miley Jones ♦	William McCann ■
Shaneka Jones	Lauren McCarter ■
Abigail Karnes ❖	Savannah McCoy
Hanien Husam Kattoum ❖	Emily McFarland ❖
Nadine Wajdi Kattoum ♦	Emma McKenzie
Spencer Kee ❖	James McKinney
Shanice Lashay Kimble	Barry W. McKinney Jr.
Daisy Kinzie ■	Diamond McLeish
Sara Kinzie ❖	Ethan Meeks
Bethany Grace Knott ❖	Brittany Mickiewicz
Zi'Priya Zi'Lee Lake	Madison Middleton ❖
Garrett Lance	Tyler Walter Milam
Heaven Marie Lawrence ❖	Hailey Miller ♦
Ava-Grace Lawson ❖	Hannah Miller
Emma Lea	Olivia Milton
Cassidy Lenn	Ja'Kaylyn Kyria Montague
Hayleigh Michelle Lester ❖	Carson Elisabeth Moody
Charles Lewis ♦	Logan Moore ❖
Matthew Long ❖	Nate Wilson Moore ❖
Michael Lowery	Tazaira Shanta Morgan
Anthony Grey Lucas ♦	Bailey Morris
Miguel Luis ❖	Bridget Morris ♦
Katelynn Luther ❖	Hannah Myrick ❖
Keaton Majors ♦	Kaylee Nance ❖
Veronica Malagon ♦	Karina Neal ♦
Cadence Malin ❖	Deqwon Nelson
Michael Wayne Manning ♦	Enzley-Claire Newsom ♦
Sarah Kaitlyn Marbry ❖	Krista Noles ❖
Brianna Marchbanks ❖	Emily Odle ■
Olivia Marek	Nallely Ortiz ♦
Anahi Martinez	Angelica Ortiz-Lopez ■

Associate of Science

Mark Owen
Brandie Owens
Indya Parham ♦
Kendall Park
Grant Patterson ♦
Trey Pearson ■
Alexandra Pinkston ❖
Amber Pitt ■
Atyana Ne'vaeh Polk ■
Zoe F. Poole ♦
Madsion Pruett
Elaina Pugh ♦
Dalia Qaaden ■
Brandon Ramirez ■
Sierra C. Reasons
Amber Redmon ❖
Kansas Reid
Maley Replogle ♦
Amanda Michelle Reyna ♦
Alexandria Rhodes
Hallie Rich
Reagan Richards ❖
Nathan Ricketts
Colby Rickman ❖
Alora Beth Riddle ♦
Hayley Rider
Jayce Roberts
Jon Cooper Robertson ■
Chloe Robinson
Rodgerick Robinson
Tara Robinson ■
Michael Romagno
Ava Rosson ■

Allison Runyon ♦
Marianna Maya Sanders ♦
Michelle Sangster
Kinlee Scates ♦
Kaden Senter ■
Nevan Ryan Shipp ♦
Kendall Renee Shoate ♦
Galvin Sims
Taylor Marie Sinclair ❖
Marnina Rosalie Smeltser ❖
Hunter Smith ♦
Jonathan Smith
Kimberly Smith ■
Leah Catherine Smith ♦
Sally Snow
Cade Spaulding
Sebastian Spurgeon
Amanda Stanfill
Cade Harrison Steiner ■
Emma Stevenson
Tiara Lanette Stinson
Emma Grace Stokes ❖
Jesse Stringer
Tabatha Summers ■
Melody Swal ♦
Madalyne S. Tanner ❖
Kylie Tart ♦
Destiny Taylor ♦
Jerry Taylor, Jr.
Sebastian Thurston ♦
Jeffery Tomblin ❖
Shyann Townsend
Juan Trejo-Hernandez

Graduates

Associate of Science

Antoinette Trice	Pyper Warren
Harrison Tucker	Sarah Michelle Wascher ❖
Jayden Casey Tyus	Nyjha Semei Webster ♦
Kylan Tyus	Grace Alice Weiss
Jonas Urban	Logan White ❖
Alicia Valadez ■	Samantha Wigley ❖
Elizabeth Vales	Noah Williams ♦
Chelsea D. Vanalstine ❖	Caitlyn Grace Willis
Tihyunna Shunta Vann	MaKenzie Nadia Winters
Maribel Vega	Destiny Wolfe
Carla Martina Velayo	Amelia Woodard ❖
Daniel Villatoro ♦	Mallory Woodward
Roberto Villatoro	Jasmine Keyonna Woods
Chasney Kasia Vue ❖	Kerri Woods
Dustin Kyle Wallace	Gabriella Woody
Taylor Walters ❖	Cianne Zion ♦
Alissa Dianne Warren ❖	Adam Zukowski ■

Associate of Science in Teaching

Lydia Claire Antonidze	Kaitlyn McLaughlin ❖
Allyson Davis ❖	Felicia Reno ❖
Darby Davis	Tiffany Scott
Kaylin Godwin ♦	Kristen Nicole Weaver
Camryn Brooke Manley ■	Carlee Webb
Mercedes McCaig ■	

Associate of Applied Science Business

Dayna Anderson	Katrina Foster
Ashley K. Arnold	Devin Gibbs ■
Kasen Austin	Mallory Howell ♦
Dominique Forbis ❖	Karina Jaimes

*Associate of Applied Science
Business*

Brandon Johnson
Elizabeth Maitland
Kayla Mast ♦
Analyn Maxedon
Kaylie Mitchell ■
Monica Moore ❖
Allie Parr

Kaylie Parsons ❖
Amber Jean Pulley ♦
Katelynn Richardson
Marquiesha Scott
Latia Smith ♦
Stormy Travis ♦
Colby Wooley

*Associate of Applied Science
Computer Information Technology*

Christopher Britt
Katherine Leanne Cagle ♦
Gabriel Carranza ❖
Alyssa Carver ■
Cody Cranford ■
Josh Frensley ♦
Cade Fulbright ♦
Jake Goad ❖
Prince Jackson

Tyler Jones
Cailey Lanciloti ❖
Shekinah Montague
Anthony Ohrey ♦
Floyd Rogers ♦
Alexander Sesti ■
Chase Warren ♦
April Wilson ■
Ty Winkler ♦

*Associate of Applied Science
Criminal Justice*

Jared Goode

*Associate of Applied Science
Emergency Medical Services Paramedic*

Tyler Moore
Anthony Pauley

Eva Ridgeway

Graduates

Associate of Applied Science Engineering Systems Technology

Noe Zuniga Aguirre ❖
Jamisson Aleman ❖
Edgar Asencio Baltazar ■
Jackson Childers
Khylan Clark
Marvin Cliff, Jr. ■
Steven Crenshaw ♦
Kayla Morgan Evans ■
David Faustino
Blake Austyn Fesmire
Wesley Franks ■
Cameron Griffis ❖
Tristan Hollowell ■
Christopher King
Wyatt Austin Lee
Conner Lott ■

Colten Luther
Clayton Madden
Levi Mason ❖
Tyler Mayes ■
Braden R. McCannless
Adam S. McDonald
Miguel Angel Mendoza
Jackson Moore
Cameron L. Phillips ❖
Andrew L. Potts ❖
Andrew Sanders ■
Parker Smith
Hayden Wesley Stanford ♦
Jaden M. Taylor ■
Ronyauans Tharpe II
Nicholas Wascher ❖

Associate of Applied Science - Health Sciences

Brianna Anderson
Chelsea Latrice Brooks ♦
Angela Chatman ❖
Torie Dunlap
Khloe Ganus ■
Sherry Gordon
Lyric Greer
Aprille Haddock
Dyan Hamilton
Tristen Hankins
Christine Yvonne Harrison ❖
Ariel Kelsey Rae Hickman

Macie Nuckolls ■
Alexa Powell
Kayley Lashay Quinn ■
Debra Reeves
Tara Robinson ■
Leslie Sain
DeReka Yvonne Slayton ■
Priscilla Taylor ❖
Misty Warrington ■
Lauren Watkins
Amanda White

*Associate of Applied Science
Medical Laboratory Technician*

Angela Barr
Mary Barr
LaShonda Bond
Kemiyah Bradford
Jolissa Carter
Dalton Ray Dicus

Tiesha Vonte Elder
Jacarra Graves
Makaylah Jade Hopewell ■
Alexis Pipkin
Maria Carmela Reeves
Patience Yates

*Associate of Applied Science
Nursing*

Ashlyn Layne Adkins ❖
Kristen Alexander
Taitlyn Allen
David Arnold
Jennifer Ayers
Breanne Barham
Meagan Black
Matthew Blackwell ❖
Kiya Demorae Bond
Jessica Barker Brown
Fatima Jecceamanit Camacho Morales
Kendreonna Ashley Carruthers
Maggie Lee Carter ❖
Noble Carter
Aubrey Castleman
Heather Chilcutt
Leah Cook
Shelby Day
Taylor Grace Doty
Stephanie Duncan
Shalaunda Carter Farley

Jana Ferguson
Kristy Michelle Fuqua
Katherine Gaines ❖
McKenna Gallimore
Hallie Garlock
Reagan Gilliland
Meagan LeAnn Guess ■
Havanna Hamilton
Courtney Harris
Mercedes Laine Hatcher ❖
Bailey Hayes
Isaac Herod
Haley Holland ◆
Sarah Hosford ❖
Khadija Hughes ■
Shantae Key
Kyla Lynn Lowe
Marcelo Malabanan
Karen Marchbanks ❖
Ashton Mathis ■
Lily Morris ■

Graduates

Associate of Applied Science Nursing

Leah Mustain ❖	Brooke Weekley Swope
George Njalle	Hannah Thomas
Elisabeth Owens	Breanna Tobey
Rylee Pafford	Katherine Trivette
Hannah Parker	Whitney Tyus
Hailey Pender	Alexis Vales
Caley Pinson	Yovana Velazquez
Amber Jocelyn Roaten ♦	Mercedes Vitale
Carrie Ross ■	Alaina Summer Weaver
Emily Russell	Sarah White
Velma Santos ■	Sydney White ■
Elizabeth Smith	Brandi Williams
Brianna Sowell	Madelyn Wilson
Leah Stanfield ■	Shelby Diane Woods ❖
Alexx Paige Sterling	Tracy Yarbrough ❖
Gala Stone	Carolyn Yokley

Associate of Applied Science Physical Therapist Assistant

Alexandria Nichole Bryant	Macy Little ♦
Emma Carter	John Olive ■
Bayleigh Coffman	Francisco Padilla
Somer Day	Madison Parker ■
David Duncan	Gerren Robinson
Emily Finley ■	Hunter Scott ❖
Brennan Gatlin ■	Laura Scott
Ainsley Eliana Kurz	Laiken Smith
Sarah Lipford ■	Dalton Gene Todd

*Associate of Applied Science
Radiologic Technology*

Desteyana Allen ■	Alexzanderia Guinn
Jaelyn Montana Baker ❖	Whitley Cheyenne Hopper
Amber Ballard	Chloe Howington ♦
Autumn Brooke Byrum ■	Virginia Ivy ❖
Tillie Cima ■	Trinity Jackson ♦
Rylie Cook ❖	Hanna Malone ♦
Presley Dean	Mirari Stevenson
Olivia Dixon	Nicole Grace Templin ♦
Kaylie Doran ♦	

*Associate of Applied Science
Respiratory Care*

Sarah Grace Bane ❖	Taylor Parker ■
Bobbie Jo Brockman	Brandy Nichole Stanley
Sydney Christensen ♦	Chastity Toth
Angel Elayne Furst ♦	Erin White
Erin Gillon	Kelli Willis
April-Marie Mathis ❖	

*Technical Certificate
Corrections and Law Enforcement*

Marseka Oldham

*Technical Certificate
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Academic Dress

The History

Academic dress originated at universities in the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were necessary in unheated buildings. For centuries, these gowns distinguished students from their fellow citizens. Sometimes this distinction in dress symbolized unfortunate controversies between “town and gown.” The European habit of using academic robes came to this country in the 18th century with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, American universities and colleges standardized their styles of academic costumes, and this system, with occasional modifications, is still in force. Today, the various colors, trimmings, and patterns of gown, hood, and cap are all traditional and symbolize both the degree and the field of learning.

Gowns

American academic gowns are made of black material, and their patterns vary with the degree held. Baccalaureate gowns are relatively simple in design with a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. Master’s gowns have an open front with long, closed sleeves. Doctoral gowns are the most elaborate with velvet panels down the open front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

In the last few years, many universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design. For instance, Middle Tennessee State University’s colors are royal blue and white. The doctoral gown, with a facing of black velvet, now has sleeve bands in the color of the wearer’s discipline.

Hoods

The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees (bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate’s) are lined with the colors of the institution that granted the degree. Hoods also are trimmed with the color that heralds the major field of learning.

Caps

A square mortarboard is the approved headgear. The tassel, fastened to the middle point at the top of the cap, is black of the color appropriate to the subject; it may be gold if the holder has a doctorate degree. Some have replaced the mortar board with a soft velvet tam with a golden tassel.

Following is a list of the hood and tassel colors that represent several categories of learning:

Arts, Humanities, Letters	White
Agriculture	Maize
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Communication	Crimson
Counseling and Guidance	Light Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
English	White
Fine Arts	Brown
History	White
Law	Purple
Literature	White
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Physical Therapy	Teal
Science	Bright Gold
Social Work	Citron
Speech	Silver

All hoods are edged with the above colors. These same colors may be used for the facing and sleeve bars of doctoral gowns and tassels on bachelor's and master's caps.

The lining of the hood indicates the university granting the degree. One example from our program this afternoon is that of our president, Dr. Carol Rothstein. Her doctoral hood is lined with the Frostburg State University colors, red, black, and white.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025

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