



Jackson State Community College
**58th Commencement
Exercises**

Carl Perkins Civic Center
May 2, 2026
Jackson, Tennessee

Class of 2026

Message from the President



We are gathered here today to celebrate and congratulate you, the fifty-eighth graduating class from Jackson State Community College, class of 2026.

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-nine years ago, we have provided postsecondary educational opportunities to many people. As you join the more than 21,500 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, which appears to read "Carol Rothstein". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Carol Rothstein
President, Jackson State Community College

About Jackson State

Our Mission

Jackson State Community College provides accessible learning opportunities that strengthen communities, empower students, and enhance lives.

Jackson State Community College believes in these pillars of excellence:

Relationships

I will build strong relationships, lifting others and creating a sense of belonging wherever I stand.

Reach

I will expand my reach, opening doors for myself and others through connection and action.

Resources

I will use my resources with purpose and wisdom, using every opportunity to grow and give back.

Relevant

I will remain relevant, curious, and committed to lifelong learning.

Reputation

I will uphold the reputation of JSCC through integrity, excellence, and discipline in all I do.

Results

I will pursue results that matter, striving for impact in my work, my community, and my life.

I will live to strengthen my community.

I will lead to empower those around me.

I will serve to enhance the lives of others.

I am a graduate of JSCC
and I am its legacy.

Accreditation

Jackson State is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Specific career and transfer programs in the health sciences, business, and industrial technology are accredited by agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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

Andy Holt

Lizzette Reynolds

Steven Gentile

Thomas A.H. White

Mark George

Jeremy Harrell

David Bradshaw

Miles A. Burdine

Christi Branscom

Barry Stephenson

Matt Herriman

Deanne Dewitt

Todd Kaestner

Kyle Spurgeon

Nisha Powers

Angela Richardson

Clomeisha Tumlin

Makena Davis

Dr. Flora Tydings, Chancellor

The College System of Tennessee

1 Bridgestone Park

Nashville, TN 37214

Program of Exercises

Prelude

“The Irish Blessing” and National Anthem Innovations Ensemble
Esther Gray-Lemus, Director

President’s Welcome Dr. Carol Rothstein
President

Guest Speaker..... Dr. Shawn Boyd

Honor Graduates Recognition Sara Youngerman
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Presentation of GraduatesDr. Paul Morgan
Dean for Students

Confirmation of Degrees Dr. Carol Rothstein
President

Recessional

Speaker Biography

Dr. Shawn Boyd

Dr. Shawn Boyd is an educator, speaker, and college success strategist dedicated to helping students maximize their college experience and prepare for life after graduation. He is the Founder and CEO of Dr. Shawn Boyd Educational Solutions, where he travels across the country partnering with high schools, colleges, and organizations to support first-generation college access, student success, leadership development, and college readiness initiatives.

Dr. Boyd received his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University, his master's degree from the University of Memphis, and his doctorate from Trevecca Nazarene University. He has worked in higher education for more than two decades, serving in roles focused on student engagement, college access, leadership development, and retention.

He is the author of the college success guide *How to Play the Game of College*, which provides students with practical strategies to navigate college with purpose and confidence. His new book, "How to Win at Life After College: Your Playbook for Career, Purpose, and Success," focuses on helping graduates successfully transition from college into their careers and adult life.

Through keynote presentations, workshops, and coaching, Dr. Boyd empowers students to discover their strengths, set meaningful goals, and become professionals both in the classroom and in life.

Dr. Boyd is married to his beautiful wife, Dr. Nikayla Boyd, and they are the proud parents of two children, Kyndall and Kaleb.

◆ *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.

❖ *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.

■ *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 2025 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.

Belal Abujaber	Logan Cole
Savannah Adams	Isaiah Coleman
Abdullah Alhajsalem	Jason Cooper
Winnie Kedman Amanze Anyanwu	Jessica Crowe
Jazsmine Anderson-Tamayo	William Daws
Amy Arbuckle	Devin De Luca
Madilynn Arflack	Alexis Diaz
Jack Ball	Halle Dickson
Rebekah Ball	DeMartcus Ellis
Erika Barlow	Aleea Etheridge
Emily Becerra	Haylee Franks
Ryder Blankenship	Maria Galvan
Natalie Boner	Alexas Goodwin
David Bowen	Olivia Grantham
Benjamin Brannett	Iyana Gray
Chelsea Brooks	Matthew Hall
Lillian-ann Burns	Kevin Harmon
Kalia Burrell	Kyli Henson
AnnaBella Burse	Aiden Hildenbrandt
Kayla Byrd	Alligrace Howell
Rainie Capps	Liseth Huerta
Tyniea Carruthers	Cobain Irwin
Hunter Carter	Stephanie Ivey
Kelonta Cole	Mackenzie Jackson

Phi Theta Kappa

Kendra Johnson	Haley Pratt
Noelle Johnson	Nicholas Reeves
Presley Johnson	Aubrey Reynolds
Tyrianna Johnson	Harold Rivera
Logan Kaye	Micah Roach
Jennifer Kibbey	Hannah Rowland
Mattox Kimbler	Montasia Rucker
Sharlize Laramy	Lauren Rushing
Peyton Lomax	Holly Simons
Shua Sheng Lor	Selah Sims
Katie Lovelace	Apryl Sipes
Billy Loyd	Marquisa Sykes
Sharai Manuel	Adam Tequida
Kendall Maupins	Jeci Thompson
David Mayo	Paxton Turner
Taylor McCarver	William Valdez
Cambria McKinley	Alexandria Vega
Lauren McMorris	Mykala Vinson
Micah Morales	Haley West
Kendal Morris	Phoebe Whitaker
Maggie Morris	Charlotte Winberry
Anna Nguyen	Nicholas Zeto
Cardin Nguyen	
Carter Noble	
Mollie Nuckolls	
Hudson O'Neill	
Andrea Pafford	
Jack Page	
Maggie Parker	
Crystal Phifer	
Candace Porter	

Honor Graduates

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.

Brandon Bauman

David Bowen

Jason Cooper

Jennifer Easley

Jacob Ewell

Thomas Hack

Cobain Irwin

Blake Johnson

Erika Lowery

Megan Neal

Derek Sowell

Joshua Yingling

Honors Program Graduates

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.

Lauren Brooks

Destiny Canada

Jessica Crowe

Rozlyn Hensley

Mackenzie Jackson

Andrew Munoz

Elizabeth Overbey

Aubrey Reynolds

Jaylah Willis

Maggie Winchester

Mia Zarate Velazco

Distinguished Honors Program 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.

Abdullah Alhajsalem
Jazmine Anderson-Tamayo
Kalia Burrell
Alece Davis
Alexis Diaz
Maraki Hickey
Ellarie Houston
Rachel Jarrett
Jocilynn Jones
Jennifer Kibbey
Mattox Kimbler

Paige Marshall
Hudson O'Neill
Alaysia Polk
Je'Delle Ross
Mykala Vinson
Haley West

Associate of Arts

Rebekah Ball❖	Timothy Owens❖
AnnaBella Burse❖	Alyssa Parker
Alexas Goodwin❖	Jenna Perry
Misty Gordon■	Crystal Rayne Phifer❖
Olivia Grantham◆	Bonnie Powell-Riddick❖
Angelina Hampton❖	Shellie Pritchard
Preston Ingram	Marciuna Shivers
Kellon Johnson	Wyatt Stinchfield
Suzanne Keith	Titus Kenyata Taylor, Jr.
Sofia Lopez❖	Adam Tequida❖
Baler Melton■	Abigail Vasquez
Logan Money❖	Lauren Williams
Ammar Nasr	Charlotte Winberry◆
Carter Noble❖	

Associate of Science

Belal Abujaber❖	Isabella Berlanga■
Kayce Adair◆	Faith Black
Savannah Michelle Adams◆	Ryder Blankenship❖
Abdullah Alhajsalem◆	Kadea Lee Bolyard◆
Zachariah Aljafari❖	Marvin Bond
Winnie Kedman Amanze Anyanwu■	Shelby Alexa Bond
Jamarion Cordez Anderson	Natalie Boner■
Jazsmine Dezarie Anderson❖	Mae Borden❖
Kristine Anderson	Jodie Bowen
Madilynn Arflack◆	Jaden Thomas Bradford
Jaden Arnold	Ja'Vieon Zontayvious Bradley■
Lexi Austin❖	Benjamin Brannett❖
William Bain	Alayna Brasher
Kendall Baker	Triston Brenner
Jack Duncan Ball◆	Lily Bridges◆
Jace Barnes	Taylor Britt
Case Andrew Beckham❖	Macy Bromley■

Graduates

Millie Bromley❖	Jason Cooper■
Lauren Brooks	James Cranford
Kayla Brown■	Jordyn McKenzie Creamer
Michael Brown	Jessica Crowe❖
Myah Brown	Yatzi Cruz
Isaac Bryan	Lillian Daniel
Brittney Suzanne Burnett	Yvan Dao◆
Lillian-ann Burns◆	Cheyenne Grace Davidson❖
KaLia Amani Burrell❖	Alece Davis◆
Breyona Burton	Reese Davis
Tracey Burton■	William Daws◆
Olivia Butler	Barrix Dawson■
Daniel Callahan■	Ethan DeBruyn
Hannah Callahan■	Lucas Deel
Julian J. Cancel Rios	Alexis Diaz◆
Brandon Cantu	Halle Dickson❖
Rainie Capps❖	Queonna Dodson
Tynia Carruthers❖	Madeysson Douglass
Hunter Kyle Carter◆	Taleshia Driver■
Laquinthia Carter■	Ethan Droz■
Grayson Ellis Cary	Jason Cortez Dunn, Jr.■
Orion Cary	Jessica Durbin
Kaley Grace Cates◆	Ra'marion Rashad Durham
Aniyah Champion❖	DeMarcus Ellis■
Mariah Octavia Champion❖	Gary Evans III
Corbin Chandler❖	Kelly Ferguson
Jayli Childress❖	Shekinah Fields
Chasity Christie❖	Porter Finney
Kayedence Jaycee Christopher❖	Eliza Flatt
Faith Clark	Mary Flint◆
Hannah Clark	Wesley Floyd❖
Donavin James Claus■	Gage Forester◆
Jayce Clutter❖	Alexandria Foster❖
Isaiah Samuel Coleman❖	Brianna Nicole Foster
Maddie Grace Conley❖	Makayla Jo Foust

Graduates

Associate of Science

Raychel Fowler	Zachary Harvey
Caleb Franks■	Julie Jordan Haynes
Haylee Jane Franks❖	Ny'emah Henry
Lily Freels	Kyli Henson❖
Kadance Nevaeh French	Aaron Hernandez◆
Pedro Fuentes■	Ariadne Hernandez◆
Maryam Gaad	Andrew Hernandez Johnson
Maria Galvan❖	Raphael Herrera
Crislan-Shea Rhein Gammons	Akedra Herron■
Robert Gayer■	Maraki Hickey❖
Eddie Gibbs◆	Katie Hicks■
Jeremiah Gonzalez	Maranda Higgins
Noah Gonzalez	Aiden Hildenbrandt◆
Zachary Gooch	Caitlin Marie Hill
Danica Lynn Goodman◆	Sean Hilliard❖
Aidan Gowen■	Ella Hilton■
Ashley Graham	Gracie Hix
Abigail Grammer	Jaylen Hollingsworth
Anniston Grant	Daliyah Horn■
Iyana Gray◆	Ayden Houchin
Charity Greenhill	Ellarie Houston■
Desmond Griffin◆	Alligrace Howell■
Tracey Lynn Grisham◆	Niyah Hughes◆
Thomas Hack	Jayden Hulen
Krystle Haggard	Addison Hutcherson
Kaden Hall	Sophie B. Irby◆
Kalli Hall◆	Jackson Isley❖
Matthew Hall◆	Stephanie Lauren Ivey■
Anna Hamilton	Joanna Jackson■
Carson Phillip Hamm	Mackenzie Jackson❖
Jillian Ragan Hampton❖	Treveon Jameson
Charity Ann Hardy	Rachel Jarrett❖
Halie Harris	Blake Warren Johnson❖
Kenley Camille Harris❖	Deniya Johnson■

Associate of Science

Hannah Johnson	Haley Looney
Kendra Johnson◆	Shua Sheng Lor❖
Nevaeh Johnson❖	Katie Lovelace◆
Noelle Elizabeth Johnson◆	Erika Lowery❖
Presley Johnson◆	Billy Loyd■
Sanaa La’Nai Johnson	Mackenzie Lusk■
Adriauna Jones❖	Courtney Lynch■
Alan Jones■	Sharai Ashant’e Manuel❖
Gerrika Jones	Leah Manzella
Jocilynn Jones■	Emilee Markham
Montana Jones	Jayanna Martin◆
Paul Jones	Kortlynn Martin
Braden Joyner❖	Anahi Martinez■
Zoey Kaneer	Brittany Symone Mason
Logan Kaye◆	Octavia L. Mason
Kaleb Keim	Lanee Rae Mathis◆
Amaire Kelley	Wiley Maupin❖
Jennifer Kibbey◆	Kendall Maupins◆
Mattox Kimbler❖	Hunter Aiden Mayer◆
Dora Raquel Kirk◆	Aaron Mayo❖
Eve Kizer	Samaria Mays■
Ivy Knight■	Jett McAlister■
Karis Lanning	Taylor Monroe McCarver◆
Sharlize Laramy❖	Stephanie McGowan❖
Angel Lawrence	Terkessa McKenzie
MaryLane Lawson❖	Ashley McKinnie
Olivia Lax	Jada Symone’ McKinnie
Christopher Jevon Lay	Michael McMahan■
Harlie Madison Lester	Makayla Melaine McMinn◆
Jack Lin■	Seth Middleton
Isabella Lisin◆	Molly Claire Milligan
Lyric Lockard◆	Jaden Moore■
Peyton Lomax❖	Micah Morales◆
Nicole Denise Long	Maggie Isabella Morris❖

Graduates

- Mikayla Morrissey❖
Andrew Munoz❖
Katie Murphy■
Joseph Myers
Ammar Nasr
Grace Newsome
Derrick Bugarin Ngayan■
Anna Nguyen❖
Cardin Nguyen◆
Alayah La Shae Nichols
Mollie Cole Nuckolls◆
Joselyn Denise Oakley❖
Hudson O'Neill◆
Jackson Owen❖
Brandie Owens
Ashlyn Page❖
J'Lynn Paige
David Pappis
Sydney Kate Parmenter◆
Shina Jignesh Patel◆
Shiv Jignesh Patel◆
Joseph Payne
Maci Peck◆
John Maxwell Perry❖
Jessica Pettis
Dylan Phelps
Ahmani Phillips
Hannah Pinson■
Tiffany Nichole Pirtle
Jasmine Denise Pitts
Alaysia Quamy Polk■
Matyana Heaven Polk❖
Logan Powell
Haley Pratt◆
Kaley Lee Preshern
Robert Quilaquil
Emily Quintana
Aidan Raines◆
Sherlyn Ramirez Campos■
Kylie Ramsey
Addison Reece❖
Reginald Reed■
Nicholas Garren Reeves❖
Joshua Reid
Brody Reuter◆
Aubrey Reynolds◆
Calyn Rich❖
Robert Rich❖
Summer Riley
Harlee Diane Rimes
Abigail Rivera
Harold Rivera◆
Micah Roach◆
Layton Robertson
Alonso Rodriguez Limon◆
Ramona Rogers
Je'Delle Suma-Thira Ross❖
LeeEllen Ross❖
Allison Rowland
Hannah Lesa Rowland❖
Paige Lynnaie Russell-Marshall■
Helana Saaka
Brylie Sacks■
Navi Salazar
McCayla Gale Sanders
Brianna Scott
Gabriel Scott
Kevan Scott◆
Kobe Scott
Tiffany Scott

Graduates

Katie Seiber	Mykala Vinson❖
Madie Seratt	Jasmine Walker■
Mariah Sharpe■	Adrionna Wallick■
Jordyn Shaw	Clyne Wesley Walton◆
Britni Shepherd❖	Carmen Ward
Gabriel Shepherd	Charis Joy Ward
Apryl Sipes■	Hunter Ward
Mattie Skelton◆	Jasmine Katandra L. Wardlow
Lily Elizabeth-Ann Smith■	Bradyn Warren■
Robert Smith❖	Mandi Watkins
Nicolas Soriano	Cy'Linthia Wedley■
Derek Sowell	Alicia West
Brooklynn Spates	Haley Grace West❖
Taylor Spencer	Tucker Wheeler◆
Allison Spivey	Phoebe Ellice Whitaker◆
Dante Stanek■	Hannah Mayline Wilbanks◆
Nathan Steele◆	Aiden Wilkerson
Elizabeth Hope Stewart◆	Ja' Ayanna Wilkes◆
BraNiya Stinson	Caleb Brendan Williams
Danielle Angel Stoddard	Kyra Williams❖
Jazemine Sullivan	Savannah Williams
Miley Elizabeth Sullivan	Amaya Williamson
Marquisa Sykes❖	Ashton Willis
Morgan Talley	Breanna Paige Willis
Cha'Nyah Teague	Destiny Nicole Willis
Michael Thomason	Jaylah Jamere Shantrease Willis❖
Jeci Lenae Thompson❖	Austin Wilson
Adrienne Faith Todd	Blakely Janette Wilson❖
Paxton Celeste Turner❖	Maggie Elizabeth Winchester◆
Raelee Turner	Macie Wofford
Matthew Tyler❖	Makigh Woods
Amaya Nicole Tyson❖	Anna Worrell
William Valdez◆	Maxwell Wright◆
Alexandria Deshay Vega■	Liberty Yeager■
Elizabeth Vega-Ramirez❖	Mia Yamileth Zarate Velazco❖
Alaina Vickers	Nicholas Zeto◆

Graduates

Associate of Science in Teaching

Claire Burns◆	Jordan Miles■
Courtnei Campbell◆	Lauren Elizabeth Rushing◆
Brandy Chandler	Kristan Paige Smith❖
Claire Dickson	Hannah Staten■
Mackenzie Jackson❖	Lae'La Talley
Kara Kelley	Carlee Rena Webb
Brooklyn King■	Destiny Whitney
Lauren Bailey McMorris◆	
Itzamarly Mena	

Associate of Applied Science Business

Elizabeth Aguirre	David Mayo◆
Angel Javier Antunez	Katina Mays
Heather Bartholomew■	Tamia Powell
Skylar Blackmon❖	Elias Ramirez
Ximena Capetillo-Vega	Jessica Reynolds■
Dorothy Cockrell	Sarah Scott
Victoria Dover■	D'jhala Sidney
Jayden Fortune	Cody Smith
Reagan Gowler❖	Latia Smith◆
Carsen Hickerson❖	Sabrina Gail Smith■
Liseth Huerta❖	Kendell Trice
Trenika Johnson	Kaylin Wade
Tyrianna Michelle Johnson■	Kevin Watkins◆
Hannah Johnston❖	

Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Technology

Jephunneh Nonan Agdon■	Efrain Cervantes
Damon Anderson■	Dustin S. Coyne
Adam Avenenti◆	Trey Crouch◆
Ashley Cary❖	Jessica Crowe❖

Joshua Dennis■
Jaden Derryberry
Jordon Myles Fuller
Kalyiah Gooch
Kevin Harmon◆
Caleb Howard
Cobain Irwin❖
Kobie Jackson
Lucas Kurdzille
Joshua Isaiah Norfolk

Fauram Patel◆
Christopher Allen Phillips
Joel Powell❖
Stephanie Powell-Riddick❖
Montasia Rucker❖
Carolyn Denise Scott◆
Garrett Paul Soria❖
Hayden Davis Tucker❖
Jessica Ulch◆
Joshua Yingling❖

*Associate of Applied Science
Emergency Medical Services Paramedic*

Roger Allen❖
Brandon Bauman
Sheila Burk
Peyton Davis
Jennifer Easley
Dacey Ellington◆
Jacob Alan Ewell
Caleb Ferguson
Victoria Graves
Jamie Jarrell

Michael Lewis❖
Kayla Martinez
Eugene Jay Mashburn◆
Brittney Maxwell
John R. Maxwell, Jr.
Braden Pounds
James Rigby■
Joshua Rogers
Justin Varner
Arianna Zion

*Associate of Applied Science
Engineering Systems Technology*

Nickolas Daniel Andre❖
Mekhi Arnold
Rayshaun K. Bailey
Spencer Baker◆
David Allan Bowen❖
Kelonta Cole❖
Jessica Crowe❖
Austin Finley

Andrew Fitz❖
Madison Marleen Foster❖
Marlin Foulks
Jamie Garner
Gideon Gooch
Evan Hammack◆
Dominique Harris
Greyson Hooten

Graduates

David Johnson■	Jimmy Plunk
Jada Beth Jones■	Tyler Poole
Easton Key	Zackory Pulley
Robert Nicholas King◆	Martin Quintana-Duran
Taurean King, Jr.	Matthew Westin Rankin◆
Kaden Lowe	Brennan Rood❖
Braden McCanness	Jonathan Smith■
Jeremy McDaniel◆	Santiago Snelling◆
Karson McKee◆	Andrew Mikel Terry◆
Jaxon Lee Mims❖	Joel Turner, Jr.❖
David Morisch	Jim C. Webb■
Kendal Nicole Morris❖	Brent Edmund Werner■
Jack Elliott Page■	Simon James Whitaker
Keeston Palmer	Connor Ryals White◆
Samuel Peden	

Associate of Applied Science Health Sciences

Chloe Adkisson	Ireland Joseph◆
Aneicea Allen	Molly Katherine Kennedy❖
Brianna Michelle Anderson	Lili Peyton Koelsch❖
Tehya Elese Branscomb	Brea Martin
Brittany Bray	Patricia Mitchell
Kalis Ne'Shae Cliff	Candace Porter❖
DeCarolyn Renee Dotson■	Deanna Pusser
Aleea Etheridge❖	Selah Sims❖
Tristen Hankins	Dajiah Stafford
Nissi Herrera	Kailyn Tucker
Chelsey Hudkins◆	Misty Warrington
Ashlie Hurst■	Acacia Delois Williams
Josh Jarrell■	JeLeesia Williams

Graduates

Associate of Applied Science Medical Laboratory Technician

Dalton Hicks■
Amaiya Rashelle Maze■
Kristen Lee Romelhart

Wheeler Jack Stokes, Jr.❖
Shelby Swinford
Zelinda Von Willeford

Associate of Applied Science Nursing

William Arnold◆
Bernice Renee Ballentine
Jessica Laura Blake◆
Lashara Shavay Burkley
Rylie Burton
Kayla Byrd■
Aliya Camper■
Danielle Carlton■
Logan Cole■
Kaehler Coleman■
Ella Cornelison■
Bailee Elise Cross
Karlee Rose Dalton❖
Sanaii Davis
Akeia Day
Lauren Delaney
Terri Angel Lynn Duerkes
Morgan Edwards
JoAnn Eldredge❖
Mary Eschbach
Mackenzie Faye Flint❖
Kindal Leigh Fluck
Javier Isaiah Galvan
Macey Rochelle Garig
Ellen Garrett
Gracie Glenn

Nicholas Guillory
Mikalyn Hadley
Bethany Hemby
Rozlyn Hensley
Layla Clair Joyner
Halle Kate Keen■
Esther Kern
Bailey Knipper
William Chase Knipper
Cydney Beth Lane
Callee Beth Lanier■
Anna Lax
Antjuan Martin
Sidney Martin
Laurel Paige Merry◆
Gabrielle Moore
Bryant Morgan
Megan Neal■
Elizabeth Overbey
Kimberly Parham
Helen Perry
Sara Piercey
Shannon Katrina Plante
Mia Jean Pollaro Reyes
Hannah Reed
Emma Rickman

Ivey Robinson
Chloe Rogers
Chloe Scott
Chasity Scranton
Calay Marie Smith
Alexis Taylor
Chloe Taylor
Morgandy Taylor

Madison Thomas
Myracle Thompson
Sierra Todd■
McKayla Vaughn
Kaitlyn Wyatt
Samantha Wynn
Kenia Yingling

*Associate of Applied Science
Physical Therapist Assistant*

Frances Suzanne Archer■
Erika Nicole Barlow■
Emily Barr
Hannah Culver■
Timothy Essary■
Keelie Brooke Hargrove
Ella McLaughlin
Cade Smith Morphis

Francisco Javier Perez, Jr.
McKinley Elaine Pounders
Makayla Leigh Ray■
Baneza Sandoval
Kirsten Daniele Solomon
Emma Tedford◆
Jeremy Turner
Anna Wilbanks❖

*Associate of Applied Science
Radiologic Technology*

Jamesia Ambrose
Emily Mercedes Lynn Becerra■
Alyssa Beth Butler❖
Leah Grace Case◆
Harrison Cook❖
Kenzie Faith Copeland◆
Allie Cunningham◆
Lauren Flowers◆
Hannah Renee Hughes❖
Madilyn Paige Kitchens■
Bobby Larkins❖
Carlie Denise Lawler❖

Allison Maxwell❖
Morgan Moya❖
Maggie Parker❖
Annette Razo❖
Sarah Yvette Rios
Katherine Robertson❖
Holly Elizabeth Simons❖
Sophia Grace Spurlock❖
Kaley Marina Staggs■
Gracie Paige Swift
Riley Nicole West■
Kelly Wu◆

***Associate of Applied Science
Respiratory Care***

Aunetria Arnold ■	Hannah Hastings ❖
Synica Berryman	Abigail Hudgins ■
Lydia Grace Cotnam	Sarah Mayo ❖
Madisyn Garrison ❖	Destinee Ross
Keilanu Harris-Carroll ❖	

***Technical Certificate
Corrections and Law Enforcement***

Glenda Johnson

***Technical Certificate
CCNA Routing and Switching***

Montasia Rucker ❖

***Technical Certificate
Cyber Security Technician***

Damon Anderson ◆
Matthew Harris ■
Oscar Tamayo

***Technical Certificate
Network Computer Technician***

Montasia Rucker ❖

***Technical Certificate
Supply Chain/Logistics***

Elizabeth Aguirre	Tyrianna Michelle Johnson ■
Angel Javier Antunez	David Mayo
Skylar Blackmon ❖	Tamia Powell
Ximena Capetillo-Vega	Sarah Scott
Dorothy Cockrell	Sabrina Gail Smith ■
Carson Hickerson ❖	Mckenzie Stanfill ■

Graduates

Technical Certificate Emergency Medical Technician

Jonathan Abernathy	Christopher Hammond■
Christina Michelle Atkins	Jacob Harrison■
Kenizley Bartholomew	Harrison Hoke
Case Andrew Beckham❖	Kaylee Houston
Thomas Bedwell	Jennifer Jenkins◆
Valerie Bogard	Casey Johnson
Taylor Boyd	Avery Jones
Alexia Brown	Erin Juarez
Carly Brown	Brodie Learue
Michael Bullock	Mason Lockard
Colby Cagle	Bridget Monk
Valerie Castro■	Deven Mutter
Hunter Chapman	Diamond Oden
Libbi Clark	Alexus Parker
Andrew Cook	Jackson Summers
Rebekkah Cook	Trevan Thompson❖
Newman Denbow	Tiffany Troutt
Bradley Derryberry	Kaylin Wade
Brilynn Derryberry◆	Stanton Watts
James Duck◆	Hayden White
Michael Fuller	Joseph Witherspoon
Korey Goodman	Boyan Xu
Justice Griffith	

Technical Certificate Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

	Newman Denbow
Chad Bailey❖	Jose Diaz
Isabella Barksdale	Ariana Evans
Case Andrew Beckham❖	Ashlin Fuller
Michael Bullock	Korey Goodman
Valerie Castro■	Daniel Gordon

Justice Griffith
Christopher Hammond■
Jacob Harrison■
Johnni Hinton
Harrison Hoke
Hudson Holley
Kaylee Houston
Casey Johnson
Brodie Learue

Breanna Manning
Elizabeth Moorhead
Cheryl Paige Neill
Katelin Parker
Jackson Summers
Hayden White
Victoria Winters
Joseph Witherspoon

*Technical Certificate
Healthcare Technician*

Chloe Adkisson
Brianna Michelle Anderson
Kayla Arnold■
Rave'on Banks
Kendall Brooks
Arnulfo Davila■
Amy Dyer❖
Harley Foustv
Travis Hardin
Chelsey Hudkins◆
Ashlie Hurst■
Chante Jackson❖
Molly Katherine Kennedy❖
Lili Peyton Koelsch❖
Karabeth Kosark

Brilynn Madden❖
Cambria McKinley❖
Keely Moffett■
Sondria Perry
BreAnna Pope
Deanna Pusser
Ariana Simmons◆
Selah Sims❖
Beverly Strange
Brittany Thomas
Tamia Trevino
Kailyn Tucker
Acacia Delois Williams
JeLeesia Williams

*Technical Certificate
Medical Coding*

Amy Arbuckle❖
Timeaka Bailey◆
Alyssa Marie Barker
Alexandria Best

Lakisha Bowers
Chelsea Brooks◆
Shaquisha Chatman
Colleen Christopher❖

Graduates

Shaniqua Coneal◆
April Knight Cornelison
Molly Cupples❖
Devin De Luca❖
Jessica Flowers
Andrea Frazier❖
Romona Garner■
Bridget Gogel
Lesley Goodwin❖
Katie Hay
Emily Hoskinson❖
Beth Hylton■
Ashley Kail❖
Corey Keeling❖
Jacqueline McKnight
Felicia Mitchell❖

Patricia Mitchell
Andrea Pafford◆
Amanda Parker
Shandrika G. Perry
Kanesha Pickens
Chanta Pirtle■
Jade Ross◆
Brandy Leigh Seat❖
Jennifer Silver
Tammy Lynette Swift❖
Caitlin Vann◆
Cassandra Warner❖
Sonya Washington◆
Emily Catherine White
Gloria Yvonne White
Monica Williamson■

Technical Certificate Patient Care Technician

Kendall Brooks
Amy Dyer❖
Roddericka Graves
Lili Peyton Koelsch❖

Cambria McKinley❖
Amanda McKinney
Acacia Delois Williams

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 or 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.

Academic Dress

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.

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