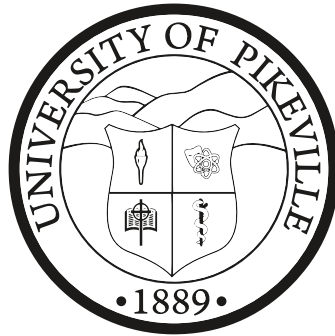


University of Pikeville



*Class of 2023
Commencement*

*College of Arts and Sciences
Coleman College of Business
College of Nursing and Human Services
Patton College of Education*

May 6, 2023

Order of Ceremony

- Prelude**..... Phillip Westgate, DMA, *pianist*
Professor of Music
- * **Academic Processional** Keith Murphy, *piper*
- * **Presentation of Colors** Pikeville Police Department Honor Guard
- Welcome** Lori Werth, Ph.D.
Provost, University of Pikeville
- * **Invocation**..... Daniela Hernandez
Class of 2024
- Anthem “Shalom”** University of Pikeville Concert Choir
Directed by Eric Rutherford, DMA
Associate Professor of Music/Director of Choral & Commercial Vocal Music Studies
Dr. Westgate, *pianist*
- Greetings from the Trustees** Terry L. Dotson
Chairman, University of Pikeville Board of Trustees
- Introduction of Commencement Speaker** Burton J. Webb, Ph.D.
President, University of Pikeville
- Commencement Address**..... Josh Samarco, M.A. '10
Class of 2010, University of Pikeville
- William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards** Paul E. Patton
Chancellor
- Congratulations and Alumni Association Induction** Kay Hammond
President, University of Pikeville Alumni Association
- Conferring of Master’s Degrees and Presentation of Candidates** President Webb and Provost Werth
- Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates**
- Conferring of Associate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates**
- Closing Remarks** President Webb
- Alma Mater “Orange and Black”** University of Pikeville Concert Choir
Dr. Rutherford, *director*
Dr. Westgate, *pianist*
- * **Benediction** Rob Musick, D.Min.
Campus Chaplain

* *Audience please stand, if able*

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



Josh Samarco, M. A.

Josh Samarco hails from Ypsilanti, Michigan and is one of five siblings. Samarco has a unique story of overcoming adversity, trauma and mental health struggles. He is a first-generation student who attained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2010 from UPIKE and has a Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership from Wesley Seminary.

During his time at UPIKE, he was an NAIA All-American. In 2009, he put together one of the best individual seasons ever, scoring an MSC-leading 20.4 points per game while shooting 47.8 percent from three and 88.7 percent from the free-throw stripe.

He had one of the most memorable individual games in program history when he scored 41 points to upset rival Georgetown College at home. Samarco holds the record for most three-pointers in a game with eight and most in a season with 99. He was inducted into the UPIKE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2019.

He has spent the past 11 years serving in pastoral ministry, primarily youth ministry. Samarco has worked with and spoken to thousands of teens and families. He has been a life coach, basketball coach, mentor and youth advocate.

When Samarco isn't serving, he is planning a trip with friends, exploring the world's best coffee, trying to master latte art, changing his daughter's stinky diapers and spending time with his lovely bride Jasmine of nine years.

Josh serves on staff at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as the admissions manager of diversity recruitment and engagement. In the fall of 2021, he launched Merch That Matters to remind people that their life and story matters. He is currently working on finishing his first book. Samarco believes that your dreams can move mountains!

History of the University of Pikeville

Pikeville College was established in 1889 as an outreach of the Presbyterian Church after an extensive survey of the religious and educational needs of Eastern Kentucky. An 1887 scouting party, which included Dr. W. C. Condit, Rev. Samuel B. Alderson and Rev. James P. Hendrick, set forth, in Condit's words, to "select the location for an institution of higher learning for the youth of the mountains."

September 16, 1889, was the first day of class at Pikeville Collegiate Institute, located in a four-room brick building situated on three acres of land in Pikeville, Ky. It functioned as both school and church and was not originally intended to confer degrees, but to give "good practical education to those persons who pursue its courses." At that time, the institute offered schoolwork in primary, preparatory and "college" departments.

In 1909, the structure of the school changed and the articles of incorporation were amended to make Pikeville College a chartered college, empowered by the state of Kentucky to offer four years of college work and confer baccalaureate degrees. The school maintained its commitment to primary and secondary education by sustaining the Pikeville Collegiate Academy for grades 1-12. Pikeville College admitted its first college freshman class in 1916, adding the final two years of college in 1955. The first baccalaureate graduation was held in 1957, a year that also marked the closing of the Pikeville Collegiate Academy.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine opened its doors on September 8, 1997, as the 19th osteopathic medical school in the country. The school was the dream of Paintsville attorney G. Chad Perry III, a visionary whose generosity and perseverance paved the way for a new generation of doctors to provide primary care in medically underserved areas in Eastern Kentucky and Appalachia. On May 12, 2001, these medical students were the first at Pikeville College to receive the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree.

The Pikeville College Board of Trustees authorized creation of the institution's first master's degree program, a Master of Business Administration (MBA), in 2011. At the time, the board acknowledged that the college, by definition of the programs offered, was a university. On July 1, 2011, Pikeville College officially became the University of Pikeville, also known as UPIKE.

As part of the plan for growth, the university was reorganized into two schools – the College of Arts and Sciences and the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. The inaugural MBA class, the first to earn master's degrees from the institution, graduated in 2013. The Coleman College of Business was also established in 2013, named in honor of Trustee Emeritus Burlin Coleman, a business leader who spent more than 50 years developing the banking industry in Eastern Kentucky, and his wife, Jean Coleman, a Pikeville College alumna and retired educator.

In 2014, the university announced the Kentucky College of Optometry, a mission-focused strategic initiative to provide for the underserved in Central Appalachia and other rural areas of the country. Considered the "birthplace of rural optometry," the school is the first in Kentucky and the 22nd in the nation.

The Patton College of Education was established in 2015, named in honor of Kentucky's 59th governor, Paul E. Patton, who has been recognized as a national leader in education policy. As UPIKE's president from 2009-2013, Patton led the historic transition from college to university status and currently serves as chancellor.

In 2022, UPIKE announced that it would expand its service-minded mission with the addition of the College of Dental Medicine.

This year's commencement is a culmination of 133 years of service. Like those before us, we are caretakers of this great institution, committed to advancing the University of Pikeville in a purposeful way, one that honors the founding promise to educate the youth of the mountains.

Marchers

MACE BEARER

Nancy Cade
*Davenport Distinguished Professor
of History/Political Science*

FLAG BEARERS

Daniela Hernandez
S.G.A. President

Cheyenne N. Martinez
S.G.A. Vice President

FACULTY MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences

Brigitte Anderson
Professor of English

Coleman College of Business

Brenda Maynard
Associate Professor of Business

College of Nursing and Human Services

Dawnetta Marcum
Associate Professor of Nursing

Patton College of Education

James Michael King
Associate Professor of Education

GONFALON CARRIERS

College of Arts and Sciences

Matthew Mayhue

Coleman College of Business

Ethan Offutt

College of Nursing and Human Services

Seth Clark

Patton College of Education

Chloe Robinette

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Joshua Adkins
Katlin Anderson
Julia Bates
Bailey Birchfield
Michaela Blackburn
Gabrielle Blankenship
Kathryn Grace Brown
Katelyn Byrd
Zane Carter

Darby Chapman
Hanna Collins
Cristiana Brackelle
Couch
Bethanie Crum
Lauren Din
Caleb Dotson
Kiersten Dotson
Brianna Fortman
Vanessa Fuzie

Jacqueline Alexis Helton
Hannah Jones
Abigail Meade
Cassidy Mullins
Alexis Hope Newsome
Harley Newsome
Jacob Rainey
Hannah Robinson
Jasmon Rowe

Hevannah Smith
Aariana Sparks
Andrew Stratton
Skylar Stumbo
Tyra Sullivan
Emily Paige Taylor
Jerrica Thacker
Michael Underwood
Celia Wiedel

Graduation with Honors

Honors are traditionally recognized for associate and baccalaureate degrees only. Honors are based on the cumulative grade point average for performance at the University of Pikeville. To be considered for honors at commencement, a minimum of 60 semester hours for the baccalaureate degree and 30 semester hours for the associate degree must have been completed at the University of Pikeville. Students who have a scholastic standing of 3.5 and above are eligible to graduate with honors in the categories listed below:

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Honors

This degree will be awarded to candidates who have a grade point average of 3.50–3.75.

High Honors

This degree will be awarded to candidates who have a grade point average of 3.76–4.00.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Cum Laude

This degree will be awarded to candidates who have a grade point average of 3.50–3.69.

Magna Cum Laude

This degree will be awarded to candidates who have a grade point average of 3.70–3.84.

Summa Cum Laude

This degree will be awarded to candidates who have a grade point average of 3.85–4.00.

Coleman College of Business
Graduates With Academic Honors

VALEDICTORIAN
(The Dr. W. C. Condit Award)

Macy A. Jones

SALUTATORIAN
(The Margaret E. Record Award)

Anna Elizabeth Scarbrough

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Evan Neil Coleman

Ty Jonathan Crall

Hannah Michelle Dempsey

Kody Wayne Estacio

Molly Allyson Francis

Nicole Katelyn Gilbert

Macy A. Jones

Myson Laray Livingston

Anna Elizabeth Scarbrough

John Paul West II

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Meghana K. Patel

David C. Watson

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Broc M. Crist

Yuri Ferreira Rocha

Tyler Freas

Jada Gabriela Hood

Jordan Marley Hood

Robert Matthew Keen

Jacquez Nicholas Russ

Leah J. Turnmire

Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Master's Degrees

- **Daria Aguila**
Nova Kakhovka, Ukraine
Business Administration Professional
- ~ **Charles Wade Atkinson**
Stanville, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship
- Charles Derrick Bevins**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Megan Brook Bishop**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- **Luciano Anthony Borrelli**
Los Angeles, California
Business Administration Entrepreneurship
- **Jacob Chandler Brown**
Clemmons, North Carolina
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Madison LaBelle Campbell**
Hazard, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management & Professional
- Anne-Sydney Carter**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- **Corey Cassell**
Inez, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- **Amy Lori Charles**
South Williamson, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- **Melissa G. Chrisman**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional
- **Kimberly Denise Clark**
Harold, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional
- **Hunter ReAnn Clewis**
Corona, California
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- * **Ethan Joel Conley**
Versailles, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional
- Dustin Lee Contos**
Lenore, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional
- **Sarah Elizabeth Crawford**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management & Professional
- **Rebecca Yu Diamond**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional
- Sharon Lynn Evans**
Logan, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional

This list of May degree candidates is tentative and is based upon the anticipated successful completion of work undertaken during the spring semester 2023. This document should not be taken as an official record that degrees have or have not been awarded to the May candidates.

Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Master's Degrees

- **Joni Legena Fields**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- Hailey N. Free**
Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- **Seneca Fuller Jr.**
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

- **Nero Mushon Hawks**
Gainesville, Georgia
Business Administration Strategic Communication

- * **Jessica E. Hazlewood**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

- **Noah Spencer Helton**
Somerset, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

- John S. Holyfield IV**
Jenkins, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- **Churchill Jonadab Ihentuge**
El Paso, Texas
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- Zoë Kincer Ingram**
Ashland, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- * **Jonathan Casey Jones**
Salvisa, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

- Kevin Tyler Lyttle**
Manchester, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

- **Trenedy K. May**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

- * **Quintin E. Murphy**
Shelbyville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- Rodolphine Nkenganang**
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Business Administration Healthcare Management

- **Crystal Janae Pettigrew**
Lauderdale, Mississippi
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

- Isaak Matthew Ramirez**
Tulare, California
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

- Expected to complete degree requirements in summer 2023
- * Completed degree requirements in December 2022
- ~ Veteran

Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Master's Degrees

Mamoon Rashid

Richmond, Virginia
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

• **Melinda C. Robertson**

Shelbiana, Kentucky
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

• **Janet Summer Scarpaci**

West Bend, Wisconsin
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

* **Aaron F. Slone**

Richmond, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

• **Ashley N. Stahurski**

Groveport, Ohio
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

* **Caden Patrick Stephens**

Olive Hill, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

McKenzie Marie Taul

Owensboro, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

* **Phedarrius Will Thompson**

Memphis, Tennessee
Business Administration Professional

Quamari Lamar Tinsley

Owensboro, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

Mallory K. Tobbe

Meridian, Idaho
Business Administration Professional

* **Lucas J. Trent**

Whitesburg, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

• **Kyle Gabriel Williams**

Yuba City, California
Business Administration Professional

Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Rashad Brown

Chicago, Illinois
Business Administration Management

Jack Michael Burleson

Germantown, Tennessee
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management & Management*

Marchello Alexander Carrossellia

Brooklyn, Ohio
Business Administration Accounting

* **Aric Bart Clements Jr.**

Glennville, Georgia
Business Administration Sport Management

* **Evan Neil Coleman**

Kimper, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Devin James Collins

Chapmanville, West Virginia
*Business Administration Sport Management &
Management*

Ty Jonathan Crall

Mount Orab, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management & Accounting*

• **Dainon C. Creagh**

Mobile, Alabama
Business Administration Sport Management

Broc M. Crist

Bridgeport, Ohio
Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

Hannah Michelle Dempsey

Lenore, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Kody Wayne Estacio

San Lorenzo, California
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

Brayden Walker Fannin

Painstville, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management

* **Yuri Ferreira Rocha**

Brasilia, DF
Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

Coby Lamarvin Fields

Columbia, Tennessee
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Mardorie Nyonomoni Flahn

Baltimore, Maryland
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Molly Allyson Francis

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Tyler Freas

Woodstock, Georgia
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Luis Gayoso

Trujillo, Peru
Business Administration Management

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Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Nicole Katelyn Gilbert**

Harvest, Alabama
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting

Favio Sebastian Govea Silva

Guayaquil, Ecuador
Business Administration Accounting

• **Mya Renee Holmes**

Richlands, Virginia
Leadership

* **Jada Gabriela Hood**

Lexington, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

• **Jordan Marley Hood**

Lexington, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Erin Nicole Jarrell

Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Britian S. Johnson

Robinson Creek, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Macy A. Jones**

Morehead, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Robert Matthew Keen

Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Cacia Lee Larsen

Salt Lake City, Utah
Business Administration Accounting

• **Quion M. Lee**

Lorain, Ohio
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Dylan Tate Lester

Vansant, Virginia
Business Administration Accounting

Gregory Todd Lile

Louisville, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management

• **Myson Laray Livingston**

St. Mary's, Georgia
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Carlos DeMarco Miller

Nashville, Tennessee
Leadership

• **Meghana K. Patel**

South Williamson, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting

Zephaniah Javan Matthew Ragsdale Jr.

Overland Park, Kansas
Business Administration Sport Management

* **Maria Fernanda Rojas**

Jackson, New Jersey
Business Administration Sport Management

Jacquez Nicholas Russ

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Cum Laude
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Coleman College of Business
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Jamarion A. Sanders

Hazlehurst, Georgia
Business Administration Sport Management

Anna Elizabeth Scarbrough

Arnoldsville, Georgia
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting &
Healthcare Management

Lexia R. Stolakis

Worcester, Massachusetts
Business Administration Sport Management &
Management

* **Alexander B. Thurza**

Edgewood, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Amber Elizabeth Triplett

Louisa, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare
Management

Leah J. Turnmire

Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

• **Victor Waldrich Vechi**

Itajai, Brazil
Business Administration Sport Management

* **David C. Watson**

Belfry, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **John Paul West II**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

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College of Arts and Sciences
Graduates With Academic Honors

VALEDICTORIANS

(The Dr. W. C. Condit Award)

Hunter Jacob Akers	Elizabeth Ann Lukens
Adrianna Elizabeth Deskins	Cody James Morehead
Alyssa Danielle Franklin	David Mitchell Slone
Ashley P. Harrison	

SALUTATORIAN

(The Margaret E. Record Award)

Erin Nicole Thibeault

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Devin Blake Adkins	Ashley P. Harrison	Brit Jeremy Ray Potter
Hunter Jacob Akers	Zachary A. Hill	Carrington Rayne Russell
Alex William Childress	Melody Erin Little	Sidney Michelle Salyer
Shelby Gaynell Cline	Elizabeth Ann Lukens	David Mitchell Slone
Emily Hannah Davis	Ashleigh Michelle Maldonado	Frank James Tackett
Mallory Keagan Davis	Kylie Cheyenne Maynard	Jordan Dwayne Thacker
Adrianna Elizabeth Deskins	Dustin Blake McCarty	Shelby Thacker
Sierra Brooke Dotson	Cody James Morehead	Erin Nicole Thibeault
Arthur Odin Edwards	Kylee Faith Morris	Noah Walton Thomas
Alyssa Danielle Franklin	Dezeree Lashay Newsome	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Bobby Shaundell Allums	Ivan Eduardo Perez	Samantha J. Smith
Michael Thomas Hobby	Jada Ashley Rice	Evan James VanLierop
Kelsie M. Justice	Jordan Alexander Noah Slone	

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Evan Daniel Flores	Seth A. Howell	Verlecia Unique Scarlett
Bailey Nicole Frazier	Gavin Zavier Thor Hunt	Korbin Jace Spencer
Clayton Alex Horn	Daniel Wayne McDaniel	Bryan Seth Whitt
Matthew Horn	Brennan E. Mollere	

College of Arts and Sciences
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Devin Blake Adkins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Sociology

* **Tommy Dewayne Adkins**

Elkhorn City, Kentucky
History

* **Hunter Jacob Akers**

Harold, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Bobby Shaundell Allums

Bristow, Virginia
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology & Psychology

Griffin Blankenship

Versailles, Kentucky
Biology

Lillian C. Bowen

Louisa, Kentucky
Psychology

* **Kristina N. Bowling**

Belfry, Kentucky
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Jayne Nicole Buchner

Russellville, Kentucky
History

Emily Mikaela Burke

Louisa, Kentucky
Psychology

Timothy Butler

Plantation, Florida
Communication

Lara Cali Campbell

Stanville, Kentucky
Biology

Jordan C. Cantor

Winchester, Kentucky
Biology

• **Travis M. Caudill**

Hager Hill, Kentucky
Psychology

Ethan John Cernohous

Bulverde, Texas
Criminal Justice

Katlin P. Cheek

Salyersville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Alex William Childress

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

* **Zackery D. Clark**

Langley, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Shelby Gaynell Cline

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

* **John K. Combs**

Hindman, Kentucky
Interdisciplinary Studies

• Expected to complete degree requirements in summer 2023

* Completed degree requirements in December 2022

College of Arts and Sciences
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Job E. Corbett**
Logan, West Virginia
Criminal Justice
- Hailey N. Cornett**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Biology
- * **Cody Matthew Davis**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Film & Media Arts
- Emily Hannah Davis**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology
- * **Mallory Keagan Davis**
Inez, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology
- Adrianna Elizabeth Deskins**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
English
Religion & Sociology
- Sierra Brooke Dotson**
Delbarton, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science
- ~ **Arthur Odin Edwards**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology
- * **Jalil DeShawn El-Amin**
Duluth, Georgia
Criminal Justice
Sociology
- **Erin Mary Ende**
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Communication
- Nolan Thomas Fernandes**
Chino, California
Criminal Justice
Sociology
- Evan Daniel Flores**
Johnstown, Colorado
Cum Laude
Biology
- Alyssa Danielle Franklin**
Millstone, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
- Bailey Nicole Frazier**
Wise, Virginia
Cum Laude
Biology
- Derrick Emil Griffith II**
Sacramento, California
Communication
- Cynthia B. Handshoe**
Hueysville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice
- Ashley P. Harrison**
Belfry, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Mathematics
- **Kameron A. Hattaway**
Chicago, Illinois
Criminal Justice
Sociology

College of Arts and Sciences
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Zachary A. Hill

Mount Washington, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Michael Thomas Hobby

Knoxville, Tennessee

Magna Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

* **Clayton Alex Horn**

Paintsville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Matthew Horn

Oil Springs, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Psychology

* **Seth A. Howell**

Betsy Layne, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Biology

* **Sherry Josephine Howell**

Ashcamp, Kentucky

Sociology

Gavin Xavier Thor Hunt

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Biology

Psychology

Kelsie M. Justice

Pikeville, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Psychology

Sociology

Melody Erin Little

Belfry, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Elizabeth Ann Lukens

Bellevue, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

Biology

Ashleigh Michelle Maldonado

Charlotte, North Carolina

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Whitney Blake Maupin

Berea, Kentucky

Film & Media Arts

Communication

Kylie Cheyenne Maynard

Louisa, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biology

Dustin Blake McCarty

Salyersville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

* **Daniel Wayne McDaniel**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Biology

Andrea Madison Mims

Harold, Kentucky

Biology

* **Brennan E. Mollette**

Paintsville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Biology

Amber May Elyce Moore

Sandy Hook, Kentucky

Biology

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- Veteran

College of Arts and Sciences
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Cody James Morehead

Verona, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

Computer Science

Kylee Faith Morris

Manchester, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biology

* **Dezeree Lashay Newsome**

Banner, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Scarlett Beth O'Hair

Irvine, Kentucky

Biology

Psychology

Robert Chase Owens

Painstville, Kentucky

Criminal Justice

Theodore Carlton Parham Jr.

Los Angeles, California

Communication

Ivan Eduardo Perez

Conover, North Carolina

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

* **Brit Jeremy Ray Potter**

Dorton, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

History

• **Peyton G. Prater**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Biology

Jairemy Xavier Pulido

Pomona, California

Psychology

Jada Ashley Rice

Jackson, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Psychology

Carrington Rayne Russell

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Sidney Michelle Salyer

Pikeville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

* **Verlecia Unique Scarlett**

Vero Beach, Florida

Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

David Mitchell Slone

Raccoon, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

Biology

Jordan Alexander Noah Slone

Harold, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biology

Samantha J. Smith

Canada, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Nicklaus B. Spangler

Mayking, Kentucky

Biology

College of Arts and Sciences
2023 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

• **Savana Leanne Sparks**

Grayson, Kentucky
Communication

Korbin Jace Spencer

Sandy Hook, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

* **Frank James Tackett**

Harold, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

• **Ben E. Tate**

Spartanburg, South Carolina
Communication

Miracle Faith Taylor

Louisville, Kentucky
Psychology
Communication

Jordan Dwayne Thacker

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Shelby Thacker

Raccoon, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Sociology

Erin Nicole Thibeault

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Noah Walton Thomas

Russell, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Evan James VanLierop

Bellevue, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Jonathan Liam Webb

Williamson, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

Hunter Keithen Whalen

Phelps, Kentucky
Interdisciplinary Studies

Bryan Seth Whitt

Hardy, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts

Darren Lemonico Williams Jr.

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Mace

The ceremonial mace has origins dating to the Middle Ages when the bodyguards of kings used a mace as an element of protection. Gradually, universities adopted the use of a mace to signify the right of the academic institution to grant degrees to graduates.

Our mace was designed by faculty and students at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, now the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, and created by master carver and retired Presbyterian minister Jerry Cooper of Berea, Ky.

The cherry wood shaft, entwined by a snake – the symbol of medicine – ascends to a ring of walnut thistle leaves symbolic of the Scottish Presbyterian roots of the University of Pikeville. Parallel to the snake are the institution's historic 99 steps.

The university seal dominates the walnut sphere. Between each is carved a Celtic knot, symbolizing the Scotch-Irish heritage of the area. Coal black mountains and valleys ascend from the top of the sphere. Sealed within the orb is a list of the names of the medical school's first graduating class, along with the names of faculty and staff.

A gift to the school from the Pikeville College School of Medicine's class of 2001, the mace is displayed outside the president's office on campus.

Academic Regalia

Those who don academic regalia join a procession of capped and gowned scholars reaching back over eight centuries. In 1895, a group of American colleges and universities standardized the regalia and developed a code of academic dress. Today, academic attire indicates the highest degree earned, the major field of study and the college or university attended by the wearer.

The bachelor's gown has long sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The rear part of the oblong sleeve is square cut and the front has an arc cutaway. The gown may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves.

The headpiece is always black and of either the soft or mortarboard style. The tassel, worn with the cap, has three variations: black; gold, which is restricted to doctors and governing officials of the institution; or the color of the discipline in which the degree was granted.

The hood adds meaning to the academic regalia and is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. The hood is lined in one or two colors of silk, which represent the college or university from which the degree was awarded. Black and orange are the colors of the University of Pikeville.

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“Orange and Black”

*Gather round ye loyal schoolmates,
Lift each voice 'til echoes ring;
Loudly praise our Alma Mater,
'Tis of UPIKE we sing.*

*And in deepest care or sorrow,
Should we pause to think of thee.*

*Strong our hearts once more,
As in days of yore,*

When we sing of our loyalty.

*Orange and Black we hail thee,
Ever thy praises sing!*

*Oh, see our colors that stand for honor,
And to us vict'ry bring.*

Orange and Black forever,

We hail thee far and near!

On the field or in the hall,

We will answer the call;

For we love our University.