University of Pikeville

Class of 2024
Commencement

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

May 4, 2024

Order of Ceremony

Prelude ..... UPIKE Concert Band
Slade Denman, MME
Professor of Music

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** ..... Britani Messick
Class of 2025

Anthem "Like a Shining Light" ..... 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 President ..... Burton J. Webb, Ph.D.
President, University of Pikeville

Greetings from the Trustees

Introduction of Commencement Speaker ..... Dr. Werth

Commencement Address ..... Charles "Rusty" Justice
Managing Member, Jigsaw Enterprises LLC

Conferring of Honorary Degree ..... President Webb and Provost Werth
Charles "Rusty" Justice, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards ..... Paul E. Patton
Chancellor

Conferring of Faculty Emeritus ..... Dr. Werth

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 Dr. 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, Ph.D.
Campus Chaplain

* *Audience please stand, if able*

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient

Charles "Rusty" Justice

Rusty Justice is an entrepreneur from Eastern Kentucky. His business investments provide services in engineering, mining, land development, telecom, software, and broadcasting. He holds degrees from the University of Kentucky in Mining and Civil Engineering. He is also a graduate of MIT's Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program and a founding member of Accelerate Kentucky, a nonprofit focused on supporting Kentucky's entrepreneurs and innovators. Rusty combines his love for business with a deep appreciation for Appalachia's rich heritage. He works to leverage his capabilities to grow the local economy through diverse projects with cultural value that celebrate the Appalachian identity and promote its future.

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 Tanner College of Dental Medicine.

This year's commencement is a culmination of 134 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

Brigitte Anderson
Professor of English

FLAG BEARERS

Britani Messick
S.G.A. President

Yaricel Rodriguez Castillo
S.G.A. Vice President

FACULTY MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences	Coleman College of Business	College of Nursing and Human Services	Patton College of Education
Michael Holcomb *Professor of Mathematics*	Brenda Maynard *Professor of Business*	Dawnetta Marcum *Professor of Nursing*	J. Michael King *Professor of Education*

GONFALON CARRIERS

College of Arts and Sciences	Coleman College of Business	College of Nursing and Human Services	Patton College of Education
Brennon Leroy Adkins	Jeremy Clevinger	Nate Harper	Jordan Kyle Endicott

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Abby Adkins	Carly Crooks	Lilia Jerry	Mason Smith
Scarlett Anderson	Ashton Crum	Hailey Little	Jolene Fei Smith
MaKenna Bailey	Amelia Cure	Jayden Mullins	Kynlea Stanley
Parker Baker	Alison Dotson	Reece Patton	Laikin Tackett
Ainsley Blackburn	Destiny Ellis	Brylie Pennington	Kylie Tackett
Noah Brown	Emily Evans	Sarah Polly	Sydney Thompson
Madison Calhoun	Jesse Fulk	Serenity Lynn Ramsey	Savannah Wright
Breanna Cole	Wali Ghayur	Carter Ratliff	
Renee Crooks	Lauren Hawkins	Jordan Roberts	

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)
Isabella Maria Mullins

SALUTATORIAN
(The Margaret E. Record Award)
Gabriel Rodrigues Torres Santos

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Jon Barragan Barrenechea
Jason Lee Casey
Paul-Michael Ryan Charles
Bryston Dakota Conley
Kelsie Ann Hardester
Hayden R. Hockett
Isabella Maria Mullins
Katlyn E. Mullins
Julia Kate Parker
Ryan Ercel Ratliff
Diana Maria Sibrian
Gabriel Rodrigues Torres Santos

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Daniel Tyrus Clayton
Ruth Leigh Dietrich
Jeffery Shane Dovenbarger
Aryn Grace Fannin
Anastasia N. McFarland
Dylan Edward Mishak
Kyle Jeter Reaves

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Luisa Nathalia Diaz Castaneda
Mirko Dedich
Madison Nicolette Sanderlin

Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidates for Master's Degrees

• **Carolyn Alincic**
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

• **Cody D. Andreychuk**
Nanaimo, British Columbia
Business Administration Professional

* **Karlea Alisabeth Butcher**
Inez, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Timothy Blake Butcher**
Inez, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Madison V. Campbell
Hazard, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

David Lee Chapman
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

* **Johnny F. Chowoe**
Laurel, Maryland
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Matteo G. Cittadin
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Craig Allen Cox**
King George, Virginia
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

* **Stephanie June Crider**
Centerville, Ohio
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

• **Latasha Dalton**
Inez, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

Kayla Nicole Dotso
Hurley, Virginia
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Coby Lamarvin Fields**
Columbia, Tennessee
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Harold Dorsey Fields II**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Evan Daniel Flores
Johnstown, Colorado
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

Bailey Nicole Frazier
Wise, Virginia
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Joe Emile Frem**
Beirut, Lebanon
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Kailey Lynn Garten**
Charleston, West Virginia
Business Administration Healthcare Management

This list of May degree candidates is tentative and is based upon the anticipated successful completion of work undertaken during the spring semester 2024. 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
2024 Candidates for Master's Degrees

* **Nicole Katelyn Gilbert**
Harvest, Alabama
Business Administration Professional

• **Amanda Godlove**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Thomas M. Good**
Cincinnati, Ohio
Business Administration Professional

• **Derrick Emil Griffith II**
Sacramento, California
Business Administration Strategic Communication

Amari Nigee Hardwick
Moffett, Oklahoma
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

Noah Spencer Helton
Somerset, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Kathryn Jeanette Hensley**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

• **Michael Thomas Hobby**
Knoxville, Tennessee
Business Administration Strategic Communication

Timothy Britt Hopson
Florence, Alabama
Business Administration Professional

• **Anthony Logan Houk**
Mount Vernon, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

Ashley Nicole Justice
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Kevin Andrew Justice**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Kolawole Adeshina Kataye**
Bowie, Maryland
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Gregory Todd Lile**
Louisville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

• **Makena Markert**
Jamestown, North Carolina
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Whitney Blake Maupin**
Berea, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

• **Madison Rae McGee**
New Concord, Ohio
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Hannah Michelle Muncy**
Williamson, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional

• Expected to complete degree requirements in summer 2024
* Completed degree requirements in December 2023

Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidates for Master's Degrees

* **Theodore J. Murphy**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

• **Wyatt Allan Oxley**
Louisville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

• **Henry Pacheco**
Lansing, Michigan
Business Administration Strategic Communication

• **Ivan Eduardo Perez**
Conover, North Carolina
Business Administration Professional

* **Brit Jeremy Ray Potter**
Dorton, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

* **Dustyn Estel Wayne Reinstetle**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

• **Elijah I. Richardson**
Knoxville, Tennessee
Business Administration Strategic Communication

• **Jacquez Nicholas Russ**
Tamarac, Florida
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Anna Elizabeth Scarbrough
Frankfort, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

Lyudmyla Shymkiv
Ternopil, Ukraine
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Robin Keathley Slone**
Harold, Kentucky
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

• **Korbin Jace Spencer**
Sandy Hook, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

• **Megan Alise Stewart**
Harold, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Joseph Michael Timp**
Cottage Grove, Minnesota
Business Administration Entrepreneurship

• **Leah J. Turnmire**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Amya Nicole Webb**
Spring, Texas
Business Administration Professional

* **John Paul West II**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

• **Bryan Seth Whitt**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication

Eric Ryan Workman Jr.
Bluefield, Virginia
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Benjamin Cole Bailey
Orlando, Florida
Information Technology Management

Jon Barragan Barrenechea
Lasarte-Oria, Guipuzcoa
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **Bralin Jkaga Barton**
Calhoun, Georgia
Business Administration Management

Jason Lee Casey
Freeburn, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **Paul-Michael Ryan Charles**
Phelps, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Daniel Tyrus Clayton
Erwin, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Bryston Dakota Conley
Oil Springs, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management

* **Keshawn Michael Croskey**
Sumter, South Carolina
Business Administration Management

* **Mirko Dedich**
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Luisa Nathalia Diaz Castaneda
Bogotá, Colombia
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **Ruth Leigh Dietrich**
Ashland, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

Lauren Bettina Din
Killeen, Texas
Business Administration Management

Jeffery Shane Dovenbarger
Mount Vernon, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Aryn Grace Fannin
Van Lear, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Kelsie Ann Hardester
Union, Missouri
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Hayden R. Hockett
Spokane, Washington
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Parker Riley Hutchens
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Richard Lee Kirkland III
Bluffton, South Carolina
Business Administration Sport Management

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Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Nicholas Andrew Letherbarrow
Wilson, North Carolina
Business Administration Sport Management

Anastasia N. McFarland
Butler, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

• **Alexus Renea Miller**
Newport, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management

Dylan Edward Mishak
North Ridgeville, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

* **Cody Nathaniel Morton**
Louisville, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management

Isabella Maria Mullins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management

Katlyn E. Mullins
Georgetown, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Healthcare Management

Keith Michael Mullins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Eloge Mbayo Ntumba
Lubumbashi/Haut-Katanga
Business Administration Management

* **Hector Valentin Ortiz**
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Business Administration Management

Julia Kate Parker
Ashland, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **Emily Grace Primeau**
Phyllis, Kentucky
Business Administration Management & Accounting

Michael Donnell Pryor
Pittsburg, California
Information Technology Management

Evan Lloyd Pugh
Spencerville, Ohio
Business Administration Management

* **Jacob Nathaniel Thomas Rainey**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Accounting

Ryan Ercel Ratliff
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Silas William Cody Ratliff
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Kyle Jeter Reaves
Manchester, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management

* **Madison Nicolette Sanderlin**
Pedricktown, New Jersey
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Caleb W. Scott
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Joshua E. Seymore
Portmsouth, Virginia
Business Administration Management

Diana Maria Sibrian
El Salvador, San Salvador
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

• **Len'Kel Tremaine Smith**
Brooksville, Florida
Business Administration Sport Management

Brendan Thomas Stevens
Lovely, Kentucky
Business Administration Management & Accounting

Bethany Cheyenne Tackett
Paintsville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

• **Ryan N. Taylor**
Hamilton, New Jersey
Business Administration Sport Management

Gabriel Rodrigues Torres Santos
Pikeville, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

* **Christopher A. Zaccarelli**
Lexington, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Coleman College of Business
2024 Candidate for Associate Degrees

Luisa Nathalia Diaz Castaneda
Bogotá, Colombia
Cum Laude
Business Accounting

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College of Arts and Sciences
Graduates With Academic Honors

VALEDICTORIANS
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Merebeth Evalyn Elswick
Jacqueline Alexis Kay Helton
Kaitlyn Jager
Abigail Korrina Looney
Nicole Trimble McNamee
Alexis Hope Newsome
Aariana Sparks
Kiersten Breanna Stanley
Michael Aaron Underwood

SALUTATORIAN
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Kathleen Denise Scott

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Dylan Blake Baldridge
Taylor Brooke Bevins
Bailey Drew Birchfield
Amber Jasmine Rachelle Caldwell
Dawson Lee Case
Sheridan Anita Donithan
Merebeth Evalyn Elswick
Kendra Darlene Estepp
Nathan Lewis Feese
Vanessa May Fuzie
Kylie M. Gollihue
Emily Lauren Hall
Maggie Elizabeth Hall
Haden W. Harper
Jillian Grace Harrison
Ashley Nicole Hayes
Noah Thomas Helphenstine
Jacqueline Alexis Kay Helton
Kaitlyn Jager
Hannah Elizabeth Jones
Lillian Ann Kluesner
Sophia Margaret Kluesner
Taylor Grace Layne
Abigail Korrina Looney
Martin Ignacio Lorenzo
Nicole Trimble McNamee
Kate MacKenzie Miller
Alize Jada Morales
Alexis Hope Newsome
Katherine Nicole Ray
Chloe Abigail Robinette
Kathleen Denise Scott
MacKenzie Faith Smith
Markisha Ann Sowards
Aariana Sparks
Kiersten Breanna Stanley
Andrew Stratton
Emily Paige Taylor
Julia Rayeann Underwood
Michael Aaron Underwood
Oksana Vucetic
Macen Hannah Witt

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Darby Jade Chapman
Seth Aaron Clark
Riley Socia Collett
Emily Elizabeth Dendinger
Sydni Grace Dummitt
Emma Nicole Gahm
Daniela Hernandez
Elijah L. Herron
Bradyn Keith Hunter
Isaiah Jeremiah Juneau
Cheyenne Nicole Martinez
Dalton Wes Mullins
Ethan Offutt
Jamie Peyton Pollard
Morgan Denise Stamper
Christopher Blaine Stiltner
Kiara L. Warrens
Anastasia L. Wolfe

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Katlin Hope Anderson
Gabrielle Rene Blankenship
Emily Grace Brown
Katelyn Leigh Byrd
Carla Hall
Jakob L. Headley
Savannah Anniston McKendree
Gabreila Madison Myers
Bryce Arthur Oliver
Jasmin Geann Rowe
Bryan Miller
Jackson K. Samuel
Emily Ann Short
Hevannah MaKay Smith
Shayla Alleen Sturgill
Tyra Brooke Sullivan
Celia Anne Wiedel
Kacy Zimmerman

College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Abigail Free Adams
Pikeville, Kentucky
Psychology
Sociology

* **Katlin Hope Anderson**
Phyllis, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Frank Victor Baker
Inglewood, California
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Dylan Blake Baldridge
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Mathematics

Tre'Vaughn My'Kale Barnett
Canton, Georgia
Film & Media Arts

* **Satin L. Bentley**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Tierdin K. Berry
Huntington, West Virginia
Psychology

Taylor Brooke Bevins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Victor Allen Bingham IV
Barbourville, Kentucky
Psychology

Bailey Drew Birchfield
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Michaela Hope Blackburn
Belfry, Kentucky
Biology

Gabrielle Rene Blankenship
Inez, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Jacob Reason Boggs
Cornettsville, Kentucky
Biology

Lyda Katherine McKenna Brashear
Viper, Kentucky
Biology

Emily Grace Brown
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts
Communication

• **Nancy Marie Brown**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Film & Media Arts

Katelyn Leigh Byrd
Georgetown, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

* **Zane Hayden Carter**
Mount Sterling, Kentucky
Biology

Dawson Lee Case
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science
Psychology

Kristina Brooke Catoe
Mooresville, North Carolina
Chemistry
Sociology

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* **Darby Jade Chapman**
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biology

Seth Aaron Clark
Harold, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

* **Riley Socia Collett**
Cumberland Gap, Tennessee
Magna Cum Laude
Biology

Hanna Grace Collins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Biology

* **Cade Marlyn Cradlebaugh**
Germantown, Ohio
History

Emily Elizabeth Dendinger
Louisville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Corey Wayne Deskins
Draffin, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Brian Jeremy Dillon
Mingo, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

* **Sheridan Anita Donithan**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Caleb James Dotson
Phelps, Kentucky
Biology

* **Sydni Grace Dummitt**
Garrison, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biology

Merebeth Evalyn Elswick
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
English

* **Madison Lynn Estep**
Phyllis, Kentucky
Biology

Kendra Darlene Estepp
Delbarton, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Religion

* **Nathan Lewis Feese**
Lexington, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Vanessa May Fuzie
Las Vegas, Nevada
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

Emma Nicole Gahm
Lucasville, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

* **Kylie M. Gollihue**
Belfry, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Anthony Tyrone Grant
Augusta, Georgia
Communication

College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Carla Hall**
Grethel, Kentucky
Cum Laude
English
Psychology

* **Emily Lauren Hall**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
History

Maggie Elizabeth Hall
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Haden W. Harper
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Jillian Grace Harrison
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Ivey Jo Hart
Honaker, Virginia
Biology

• **Jacob Hatcher**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Health and Human Performance

* **Ashley Nicole Hayes**
Louisa, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

* **Jakob L. Headley**
Auxier, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Noah Thomas Helphenstine
Princeton, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

* **Jacqueline Alexis Kay Helton**
Barbourville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology/Psychology

Benjamin I. Henson
Lyman, South Carolina
Communication

Daniela Hernandez
Los Angeles, California
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice

* **Elijah L. Herron**
Columbus, Georgia
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Amber Jasmine Rachelle Caldwell
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

* **Dejhawn Michael Hill**
Fresno, California
Psychology

Madison Hope Hopkins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice/Sociology

• **Colin R. Howell**
Beaver, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

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College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Bradyn Keith Hunter**
Harold, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice/Sociology

Kaitlyn Jager
Akron, Ohio
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

Bretton M. Jervis
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Biology
Chemistry

Hannah Elizabeth Jones
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Ahvrahhahm K. Jones
Louisville, Kentucky
Communication
Leadership

* **Isaiah Jeremiah Juneau**
Porter, Texas
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Lillian Ann Kluesner
Lexington, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Sophia Margaret Kluesner
Lexington, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Communication
Psychology

Steven Reginald Lawrence
Thornton, Illinois
Interdisciplinary Studies

* **Taylor Grace Layne**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Jashaunte Micah Lee
Louisville, Kentucky
Film & Media Arts

Caleb D. Levesque-Sotolon
Miami, Florida
Criminal Justice/Sociology

* **Seth Lindsey**
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Psychology

Abigail Korrina Looney
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Martin Ignacio Lorenzo
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

Yadieliz Enid Maldonado-Ramos
Elyria, Ohio
Psychology

* **Xavier Davon Malone**
Knoxville, Tennessee
Psychology

Cheyenne Nicole Martinez
Roswell, New Mexico
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

• **Avery Lamar Martinez Carrillo**
Herndon, Virginia
Communication

College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Matthew Sterling Mayhue
Goose Creek, South Carolina
Biomedical Science
Psychology

Gary James McGowan III
Bakersfield, California
Health and Human Performance

Savannah Anniston McKendree
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biology

* **Nicole Trimble McNamee**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

Adrian Yamir Medacco
Cape Coral, Florida
Biomedical Science

* **Jack Stuart Mefford**
Louisville, Kentucky
Film & Media Arts
Communication

* **Kate MacKenzie Miller**
Gastonia, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Alize Jada Morales
Melbourne, Florida
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Ethan Scott Morris
Pikeville, Kentucky
Communication
Sociology

Dalton Wes Mullins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice/Sociology

Gabreila Madison Myers
Vanceburg, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

* **Jamesha Emma Nellum**
Newport, Kentucky
Psychology

* **Alexis Hope Newsome**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

* **Ethan Offutt**
Winder, Georgia
Magna Cum Laude
Communication

Bryce Arthur Oliver
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Cum Laude
Communication

Jamie Peyton Pollard
Hazard, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biology

Katherine Nicole Ray
Hardy, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

Faythe MacKenzie Reid
Rockwood, Tennessee
Psychology

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College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Cam Spencer Revolt
Crestwood, Kentucky
Health and Human Performance

Chloe Abigail Robinette
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

* **Kaelynn Rae Lewis Robinson**
Norton, Virginia
Communication

Jasmin Geann Rowe
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Bryan Miller
Sunrise, Florida
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice/Sociology

* **Eli Hunter Sammons**
Greenup, Kentucky
Communication

Jackson K. Samuel
Ashland, Kentucky
Cum Laude
History/Political Science

• **Joseph Y. Sandorf**
Clearwater, Florida
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Oliver L. Saunders III
San Francisco, California
Film & Media Arts

Kathleen Denise Scott
Phyllis, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

• **Ariana Elizabeth Shank**
Anoka, Minnesota
Criminal Justice

• **Emily Ann Short**
Lewis County, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice

Tommy Dallas Cole Smith
Pikeville, Kentucky
Communication

Hevannah MaKay Smith
Garner, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

• **MacKenzie Faith Smith**
Kimper, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Communication
Film & Media Arts

* **Markisha Ann Sowards**
Salyersville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Aariana Sparks
Grethel, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Morgan Denise Stamper
Independence, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biology

Issac Devon Stanback
Chicago, Illinois
Communication

Kiersten Breanna Stanley
McCarr, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

College of Arts and Sciences
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Christopher Blaine Stiltner
Grundy, Virginia
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Andrew Stratton
Harold, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts

• **Shayla Alleen Sturgill**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Brian Jacob Suffridge
Hazard, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

* **Tyra Brooke Sullivan**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology
History/Political Science

Keirstan Cheyenne Tackett
Printer, Kentucky
Psychology
Criminal Justice

Melinda Ann Taylor
Pikeville, Kentucky
Psychology

* **Emily Paige Taylor**
Belfry, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Sociology

* **Brekel Kaye Tibbs**
New Orleans, Louisiana
Criminal Justice

Serena Rose Tucker
Shelbiana, Kentucky
Psychology

Julia Rayeann Underwood
Somerset, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Michael Aaron Underwood
Danville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Jada Makenzie Vincent
Ashland, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Oksana Vucetic
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Summa Cum Laude
Chemistry

• **Maycie Caroline Walker**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Communication

Kiara L. Warrens
Martin, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

* **Celia Anne Wiedel**
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Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

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Communication

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Magna Cum Laude
Communication

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Cold Spring, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

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Abigail Korrina Looney
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Katelyn Vang

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Carla LeMaster
Abigail Korrina Looney
Alize Jada Morales
Norman A. Ramsey
Julia Rayeann Underwood
Katelyn Vang
Halei Brianna Woolum

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Jasmin Geann Rowe

HIGH HONORS (3.76-4.00)

Hannah Marie Overstreet

HONORS (3.50 - 3.75)

Tyler Martin DeLoach
Alyssa M. McCoy
Brooklyn Cate Newsome
Chelsea B. Osborne
Alexandra Leigh Slone

College of Nursing and Human Services
2024 Candidates for Master's Degrees

• **Ronald Whayne Bowling**
Smilax, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Sonya Dotson**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

Amanda Elizabeth Griffith
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Social Work

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Social Work

* **Patricia L. Keathley-Price**
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Social Work

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Social Work

* **Stacy Leigh Lucas**
Dorton, Kentucky
Social Work

Ashleigh Michelle Maldonado
Charlotte, North Carolina
Social Work

* **Dezeree Lashay Newsome**
Banner, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Kayla Ann Pearson**
Centralia, Illinois
Social Work

Alyssa Grace Robinson
Grayson, Kentucky
Social Work

Sidney Michelle Salyer
Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Mechella A. Varney**
McAndrews, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Kayla Suzanne Ward**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Social Work

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Social Work

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• **Nathaniel Lee Bishop**
Pikeville, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Austin Corey Blackburn**
Church Hill, Tennessee
RN-BSN

* **Allison Marie Blair**
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Social Work

• **Daphne LaShae Cook**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Mathew Luke Dotson**
Gilbert, West Virginia
RN-BSN

• **Dalton Casey Hall**
Teaberry, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Jenna Hope Kidd**
Pikeville, Kentucky
RN-BSN

* **Carla LeMaster**
Martin, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Shakira Reshae Lester**
Phelps, Kentucky
RN-BSN

Abigail Korrina Looney
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

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Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

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Social Work

• **Angel Newsome**
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RN-BSN

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Social Work

• **Danielle Lashea Prater**
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RN-BSN

Lacey Renae Preus
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Social Work

• **Bailie Renee Ramsey**
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RN-BSN

Norman A. Ramsey
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

Faythe MacKenzie Reid
Rockwood, Tennessee
Social Work

• **Kimberly Dawn Rife**
Ransom, Kentucky
RN-BSN

College of Nursing and Human Services
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Jasmin Geann Rowe
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Patrick R. Salisbury**
Staffordsville, Kentucky
RN-BSN

Pamela Leshay Salyers
Paintsville, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Abigail Garra-Shea Stanley**
Pikeville, Kentucky
RN-BSN

Julia Rayeann Underwood
Somerset, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

* **Katelyn Vang**
Belfry, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Lindsey Ann Webb**
South Williamson, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Kelley Grace Williams**
Charleston, South Carolina
RN-BSN

• **Halei Brianna Woolum**
Williamson, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
RN-BSN

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Shayla Faith Adams
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Joshua Ray Adkins**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Megan Elizabeth Lambert Alley**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Hope Elizabeth Amburgey**
Mallie, Kentucky
Nursing

Nicholas Ryan Baker
Paintsville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Brooklyn Nicole Bates**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Nursing

Chloe M. Bentley
Shelbiana, Kentucky
Nursing

Nicholas Cade Bentley
Hazard, Kentucky
Nursing

Madyson Paige Berry
Winchester, Kentucky
Nursing

Payton Lee Bevins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Hanna Bethanie Blackburn
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Christina Lynn Brooks**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Abby Michelle Brown
Salyersville, Kentucky
Nursing

Isabella McKenzie Caldwell
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Hannah L. Casey**
Phelps, Kentucky
Nursing

Cassidy Hope Conn
Martin, Kentucky
Nursing

Lakayla F. Conn
Martin, Kentucky
Nursing

Mikka L. Davenport
Virgie, Kentucky
Nursing

Tyler Martin DeLoach
Sidney, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

Tyeler F. Dotson
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Franklin Lee Evans
Ransom, Kentucky
Nursing

Alexis Dawn Greer
Dorton, Kentucky
Nursing

College of Nursing and Human Services
2024 Candidates for Associate Degrees

Jalyn B. Hackney
Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

Hannah Grace Hatfield
Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Lauren Mackenzie Holbrook**
Neon, Kentucky
Nursing

Emily Dawn Hutcheson
Ransom, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Chelsea Brooke Kendrick**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Terrie Linn Lawson
Morristown, Tennessee
Nursing

~ **Logan Alan Maynard**
McAndrews, Kentucky
Nursing

Alyssa M. McCoy
Pilgrim, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

* **Sophia Abigail McKay**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Jadrien Nicole Morrow
Lowmansville, Kentucky
Nursing

Ariana Destiny Mullins
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Chloe Daisy Neece**
Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

Brooklyn Cate Newsome
Pikeville, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

Chelsea B. Osborne
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

Hannah Marie Overstreet
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
High Honors
Nursing

Meghan Elizabeth Pruitt
Paintsville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Deandra Nicole Quillen**
Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Taylor Leigh Ratliff**
Grundy, Virginia
Nursing

* **Ethan H. Rowe**
Banner, Kentucky
Nursing

Caitlin Brianna Sammons
Forest Hills, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Alyssa Hannah Grace Sargent**
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Nursing

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Alexandra Leigh Slone
Topmost, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

Makaylee Brooke Smith
McCarr, Kentucky
Nursing

Tyann Alexandria Smith
Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

Hannah M. Spence
Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

Allison Kaye Staton
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Taylor RaShae Stephens
Louisa, Kentucky
Nursing

Charles Jacob Sweeney
Charleston, West Virginia
Nursing

Tamra Sue Tackett
Virgie, Kentucky
Nursing

Alyssa Rose Thacker
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Alexis Pauline Goldie Thomas
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Hannah A. Thomas**
Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

Hunter Riley Tunstill
Winchester, Tennessee
Nursing

Noah Jeffery Varney
Virgie, Kentucky
Nursing

Ethan Cole Webb
South Williamson, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Emily Nicole Welch**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Nursing

Javiaire Shantel Williams
Williamson, West Virginia
Nursing

Marijane Chanah Williamson
South Williamson, Kentucky
Nursing

Emily Brooke Wright
Neon, Kentucky
Nursing

Abraham Yusupov
Brooklyn, New York
Nursing

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MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Shelby Payton Casebolt

Kristen Elizabeth Griffith

Christopher Adam Johnson

Graydon Hunter McCloud

Abigail Grace Meade

Ethan Offutt

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Mikela M. Cook

Hannah Marie Robinson

Patton College of Education
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Kristen LeAnn Baker
Hazard, Kentucky
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Desiray Rann Brown
Pilgrims Knob, Virginia
Teacher Leader

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Raven, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Kayla Louvon Cantrell
Grundy, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Kaitlyn L. Carroll
Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Keshia M. Chitwood
Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Anthony D. Church
Vansant, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Crystal Ann Coleman
Vansant, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Heather D. Coleman
Breaks, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Stephanie DeAnn Coleman
Vansant, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Adam Collins
Harold, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Autumn Paige Cooper
Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

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Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Audrey Estep
Grundy, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Alison Lee Ferguson
Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Freda Denise Hale
Haysi, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Erika Leann Justice
Shelbiana, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Courtney Dawn Keene
Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Ashley Michelle Long
Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Shelly McClanahan
Grundy, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Steven Adam McClanahan
Grundy, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Suzanne Rodell Rasnake
Vansant, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Patton College of Education
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Adam J. Roberts
Dana, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Ginger Dawn Sparks
Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Melissa Ann Vandyke
Raven, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Heather Michelle Woods
Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Landry Asher Woods
Monticello, Kentucky
Teacher Leader

Jerkia Leann Yates
Richlands, Virginia
Teacher Leader

Patton College of Education
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Catherine Elizabeth Bacon
Louisville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Kathryn Grace Brown
Betsy Lane, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Shelby Payton Casebolt
Virgie, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Science and Social Studies

Mikela M. Cook
Richmond, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Mathematics

Bethanie Rae Crum
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Anthony Michael DeMarco
Watertown, New York
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

* **Ashlyn Brooke Fannin**
Hindman, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Katanna Brooke Fugate
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Kristen Elizabeth Griffith
Kimper, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Grayson Todd Harris
Harold, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Secondary Education - Social Studies

Abigail Grace Hibbs
Danville, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Christopher Adam Johnson
Virgie, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Mathematics and Social Studies

Ryen Anthony Livers
Louisville, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Josie Lynn Looney
Pikeville, Kentucky
Middle Grades Education - Mathematics and Social Studies

Tyler Stanton Maynard
Louisa, Kentucky
Secondary Education - Social Studies

Graydon Hunter McCloud
Paintsville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Mathematics

* **Sierra Elizabeth Kaye McKinney**
Clay City, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Patton College of Education
2024 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Abigail Grace Meade
Mouthcard, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

* **Ethan Offutt**
Winder, Georgia
Magna Cum Laude
Educational Studies

Hannah Marie Robinson
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Elijah K. Stallard
Pound, Virginia
Secondary Education - Social Studies

Isaiah James Stiltner
Sevierville, Tennessee
Middle Grades Education - Mathematics

Skylar Paige Stumbo
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Christopher Tyler Tibbs
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Secondary Education - Social Studies

* **Samantha Jade Tibbs**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Educational Studies

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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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Professor of Chemistry

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Professor of Mathematics

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Bang Huang, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

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Assistant Professor of Physics

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Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Chandra Massner, Ph.D.
Professor of Communication

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Assistant Professor of Biology

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