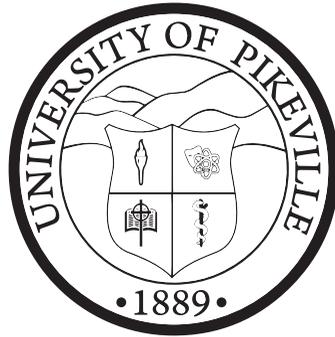


University of Pikeville



*Class of 2025
Commencement*

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

May 10, 2025

Order of Ceremony

- Prelude**..... UPIKE Concert Band
Slade Denman, MME
Professor of Music
Phillip Westgate, DMA, *pianist*
Professor of Music
- * **Academic Processional** Mark Saucedo-Izbrand, *piper*
- * **Presentation of Colors** Pikeville Police Department Honor Guard
- Welcome** Lori Werth, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, University of Pikeville
- * **Invocation**..... Sydney Beth Middleton
Class of 2025
- Anthem “Journey On”** 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** Terry L. Dotson
Chair, University of Pikeville Board of Trustees
- Introduction of Commencement Speaker** Dr. Werth
- Commencement Address** Ambassador Kelly Craft
*30th Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and
31st United States Ambassador to Canada*
- William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards** Paul E. Patton
Chancellor
- Congratulations from Alumni Association** Kay Hammond
President, University of Pikeville Alumni Association
- Conferring of Master’s Degrees and Presentation of Candidates** President Webb
- Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates** Marisa Greer, Ed.D.
- Conferring of Associate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates** *Vice President for Academic Affairs*
- 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



Ambassador Kelly Craft

Ambassador Craft was sworn in as the Representative of the United States to the United Nations in September 2019 and held the position until January 2021.

While leading the US Mission to the United Nations, Ambassador Craft's highest distinction of service to her country was the implementation of the historic Abraham Accords - the most significant turning point in the Middle East peace process in fifty years.. The Accords normalized relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan. She fought daily against anti-Israel bias at the United Nations and continually sought opportunities to strengthen ties between the United States and Israel socially, economically and diplomatically.

Ambassador Craft served as the US Ambassador to Canada from October 2017 until 2019. During her time, she worked through the complex revisiting of the NAFTA treaty, known as the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This agreement was not only for its economic magnitude, but for its cutting-edge labor laws that protected the dignity of workers in all three countries.

Ambassador Craft has served on numerous boards, currently including the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship (ARC) and the Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

Ambassador Craft has a deep commitment to education, including serving on the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees and co-founding the Morehead State University Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

With Ambassador Craft's expertise and experience in international affairs, she continues to speak at international forums including the Munich Security Conference, Doha Forum and the GZero Japan Summit. She is a staunch defender of Taiwan and was honored to speak at the Ketagalan Forum emphasizing the importance of regional security issues in the Indo-Pacific.

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 135 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

Savannah Lowe Elizabeth Davis

FACULTY MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences

Michael Holcomb
Professor of Mathematics

Coleman College of Business

Brenda Maynard
Professor of Business

College of Nursing and Human Services

Dawnetta Marcum
Professor of Nursing

Patton College of Education

J. Michael King
Professor of Education

GONFALON CARRIERS

College of Arts and Sciences

Wali Ghayur

Coleman College of Business

Brennon Adkins

College of Nursing and Human Services

Zachary Carty

Patton College of Education

Leah Anderson

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Kassidy Adkins
Hunter Adkins
Kierra Akers
Scarlett Anderson
Noah Brown

Amelia Casey
Andrew Castle
Amelia Cure
Jordan Endicott
Mallory Johnson

Mahailey Kirk
Olivia Morgan
Jayden Mullins
Faith Newsom
Brylie Pennington

Lindsay Pruitt
Serenity Ramsey
Chloe Roberts
Morgan Wallace
Kyla Worrix

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)

Kyle Patrick Elkins

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Clara McKenzie Rae Blair
Kyle Patrick Elkins
Jesse D. Fulk
Lauren Elizabeth Holmes
Christopher Terence Le Sueur
John R. Parks
Carter Jeremy Ratliff
Jaxen Blaise Smith
John Shelby Stephens

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Isabella Xin Lan Barrett
Matthue Aden Calderon
Kayce Rae Campbell
Dalton Leslie Cure
Willa Alexandra Davis
Preston Scott Helle
Jackson Warren Kennedy
David Alexander Klinepeter
Ryan Lewis Sartin-Slone
Jolene Fei Yin Ling Smith
Wesley Andrew Yazell

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Thomas E. Adams
Juan Diego Alzate Perilla
Gabriela Guacanes Chavarro
Sarah Elizabeth Mattingly
Pevaga J. Njopang
Bianca Rebecca Andrea Ostlund
Alejandro Rodriguez Munoz
Jalen Royal-Eiland

HIGH HONORS (3.76-4.00)

Elijah Cole Mayberry

Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidates for Master's Degrees

- * **Kasey Michele Baldwin**
Delbarton, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional
- **Kristina Brooke Catoe**
Mooreville, North Carolina
Business Administration Professional
- Cherry Lou Dejuocos Coley**
Virgie, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Kelli K. Contos**
Williamson, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional
- * **Nathan Joseph Covelto**
Tucson, Arizona
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- Charles George Cox**
Fort Deposit, Alabama
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- Broc M. Crist**
Bridgeport, Ohio
Business Administration Professional
- **Kelsey Delila Cummings**
Oxford, North Carolina
Business Administration Professional
- **Tyler Joseph Freas**
Woodstock, Georgia
Business Administration Professional
- * **Chelsea Ann Green**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- **Swathi N. Gutti**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Jakob L Headley**
Auxier, Kentucky
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- Richard Lee Kirkland**
Bluffton, South Carolina
Business Administration Professional
- * **Seth Willie Lindsey**
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- Myson Laray Livingston**
St. Mary's, Georgia
Business Administration Strategic Communication
- * **Kellie Renee Varney Marino**
South Williamson, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional
- Larry Blake Marshall**
Langley, Kentucky
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 2025. 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
2025 Candidates for Master's Degrees

* **Derek Lester McCowan**

Clinchco, Virginia
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Erin Nicole Morgan

Pikeville, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

* **Cody Nathaniel Morton**

Louisville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

Katlyn E. Mullins

Georgetown, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

* **Lauren M. Nelson**

Lowmansville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Paul Scott Porter**

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Jordan Ryan Scott**

Huddy, Kentucky
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Ben E. Tate III

Spartanburg, South Carolina
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

* **Kelly Denise Warren**

Williamson, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional

- Expected to complete degree requirements in summer 2025
- * Completed degree requirements in December 2024

Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Thomas E. Adams

Premium, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Information Technology Management

Anthony Richard Aguilar

Gastonia, North Carolina

Business Administration Sport Management

Michael Thomas Akins

Chickamauga, Georgia

Business Administration Accounting

* **Juan Diego Alzate Perilla**

Ibague, Colombia

Cum Laude

Business Administration Sport Management

Isabella Xin Lan Barrett

Calvert City, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

* **Johnny Lee Black Jr.**

Lexington, Kentucky

Business Administration Sport Management

* **Tyler Troy Joe Blackburn**

Inez, Kentucky

Information Technology Management

Cory Seth Blackburn

Phyllis, Kentucky

Information Technology Management

Clara McKenzie Rae Blair

Paintsville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Matthue Aden Calderon

Los Angeles, California

Magna Cum Laude

Business Administration Management

Kayce Rae Campbell

Hazard, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Business Administration Management

Paulo Cesar Castillo Martinez

Esmeraldas, Ecuador

Business Administration Sport Management

Timur Andreyevich Chsherbakov

Seattle, Washington

Business Administration Sport Management

Raymond Brett Coleman

Canada, Kentucky

Business Administration Accounting

Millicent Laurice Conod

Walsall, West Midlands

Business Administration Management

• **Logan Wade Cunningham**

Parkersburg, West Virginia

Business Administration Management

* **Dalton Leslie Cure**

Elkhorn City, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Information Technology Management

Ross Jacob Damron

Pikeville, Kentucky

Information Technology Management

• **Willa Alexandra Davis**

Bethel, Ohio

Magna Cum Laude

Business Administration Management

Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Adam Di Millo

Woodbridge, Ontario
*Business Administration Healthcare
Management*

Kyle Patrick Elkins

Belfry, Kentucky
*Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Healthcare
Management
Accounting*

Caleb Brett Emrick

Parkersburg, West Virginia
Information Technology Management

Hyman Isaiah Farmer

Harlan, Kentucky
Information Technology Management

Hunter Joseph Ferguson

Knoxville, Tennessee
Business Administration Sport Management

Joshua Tyler Ford

Scottsville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

* **Jesse D. Fulk**

Bradenton, Florida
*Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management*

Ethan Kennedy Lee Garland

Simpsonville, Kentucky
Information Technology Management

Gabriela Guacanes Chavarro

Ibagué, Colombia
*Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management*

Preston Scott Helle

Whitesburg Kentucky
*Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting*

Blake Thomas Hisle

Lexington, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

Lauren Elizabeth Holmes

Lawrenceburg Kentucky
*Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management*

* **William Lucas Ison**

Sandy Hook, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management

* **Jackson Warren Kennedy**

Pikeville, Kentucky
*Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management*

David Alexander Klinepeter

Ashland, Kentucky
*Magna Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
Film & Media Arts*

Christopher Terence Le Sueur

Kent, Ohio
*Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting*

Zachary T. Lucas

Jenkins, Kentucky
Business Administration Accounting

Sarah Elizabeth Mattingly

Pikeville, Kentucky
*Cum Laude
Business Administration Management*

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Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Genesis Jhoana Medina Morales**
Barquisimeto, Venezuela
Business Administration Management
- * **Sydney Elisabeth Kimberlain**
Campton, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Alexus Renea Miller**
Newport, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management
- * **Zachary Chandrick Raven Neace**
Hazard, Kentucky
Business Administration Sport Management
- **Donovan Jacob Neace**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Accounting
- * **Pevaga J. Njopang**
Hardy, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Bianca Rebecca Andrea Ostlund**
Saltsjö Boo, Sweden
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- * **John R. Parks**
McAndrews, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Carter Jeremy Ratliff**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting Healthcare Management Management
- Sheridan McKynzie Robbins**
Orleans, Indiana
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- * **Alejandro Rodriguez Munoz**
Barcelona, Spain
Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Jalen Royal-Eiland**
Youngstown, Ohio
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- * **Ryan Lewis Sartin-Slone**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Sport Management
- Javione Duvall Shepherd**
Richmond, California
Business Administration Sport Management
- * **Austan James Shuffler**
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Business Administration Sport Management
- * **Jaxen Blaise Smith**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Jolene Fei Yin Ling Smith**
Barbourville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Courtney Paige Standifur**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Information Technology Management
- John Shelby Stephens**
Mount Sterling, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management

Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

McKenzie Jade Tackett

Printer, Kentucky

Business Administration Management

Alyssa Leslee Tenney

Vernal, Utah

Business Administration Management

Max Henrie VanDenbroek

Versailles, Kentucky

Business Administration Accounting

Reginald Lamario Whyte

Cincinnati, Ohio

Information Technology Management

* **Ronald Jerome Davis II**

Charlotte, North Carolina

Business Administration Management

Wesley Andrew Yazell

Lexington, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Business Administration Sport Management

Coleman College of Business
2025 Candidate for Associate Degree

* **Elijah Cole Mayberry**

Mechanicsburg, Ohio

Honors

Business Management

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College of Arts and Sciences
Graduates With Academic Honors

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

Emilee Grace Bailey	Zoey Hope Keeton
Emily Grace Bechtel	Jacob Landon Newsome
Elathan David Tucker Bowling	Hannah Lynn Thompson
Bailee Renee Good	

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Emilee Grace Bailey	Aleah Drew Grayson	Eva Paige Roach
Emily Grace Bechtel	Madeline Brooke Hamilton	Madison Kayleigh Stanton
Elathan David Tucker Bowling	Paige Amelia Hoover	Skylar Laine Thompson
Heaven Lee Carver	Haleigh Marie Jones	Hannah Lynn Thompson
Ethan M. Colegrove	Zoey Hope Keeton	Jaydan V. Waugh
Ethan C. Doebel	Christopher Terence Le Sueur	Ellie Klaire Webb
Brianna Michelle Fortman	Alexa M Muha	Jessica Dawn Williamson
Bailee Renee Good	Jacob Landon Newsome	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Chloe Lane Adkins	Braxton M. Damron	Ethan Michael Prewitt
Mylah Sage Caudill	Ashley Nicole Elkins	Syrus Xander Ramsey
Robby Coleman	Austin J. Johnson	Jessilyn Gabrielle Tibbs
Allison Renee Collinsworth	David Alexander Klinepeter	
Sara Sofia Contreras Cristancho	Taylor G. Messer	

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Makala Chy-Anne Stambaugh	Brianna S Hamilton	Casey Ann Peavler
Paul Chandler Brown	Jacob Ryan Honaker	Alyssa Grace Sturgill
Samantha Anabeth Case	David J Keen	Keleigh Shae Sturgill
Hana Lee Hackworth	Noel Jameson Kintz	Jerrica Thacker
Kolton Shann Hall	Balea Michele McCoy	

HIGH HONORS (3.76-4.00)

Adam Christopher Thornbury

College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Avery Alexander Adderley

Nassau, Bahamas
Film & Media Arts
Communication

Halee N. Adkins

Dorton, Kentucky
English

Chloe Lane Adkins

Betsy Layne, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology
Communication

* **Emilee Grace Bailey**

Salyersville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
English

Emily Grace Bechtel

Harrodsburg, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

• **Tyler Dale Belcher**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

* **Maggie G. Bentley**

Harold, Kentucky
Criminal Justice/Sociology

* **Owein Skyler Blas**

Huntsville, Alabama
Criminal Justice/Soc

India Larae Blyth

Melbourne, Australia
Health & Human Performance

Elathan David Tucker Bowling

Hellier, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Performing Arts

Cody Allen Bowling

London, Kentucky
Psychology

Makala Chy-Anne Stambaugh

Jenkins, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Paul Chandler Brown

Danville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Heaven Lee Carver

West Liberty, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Samantha Anabeth Case

Elkton, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biology

Justin Keith Casey

Belcher, Kentucky
Psychology
Communication

* **Mylah Sage Caudill**

Belfry, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice/Sociology

* **Tyrese Deshone Christian**

Chicago, Illinois
Psychology

Ethan M. Colegrove

Lenore, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

Robby Coleman

Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

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College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Allison Renee Collinsworth

Hazel Green, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Sara Sofia Contreras Cristancho

Bogotá, Colombia

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

* **Braxton M. Damron**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

* **Ethan C. Doebel**

Grethel, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Ashley Nicole Elkins

Belfry, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

* **Brianna Michelle Fortman**

Defiance, Ohio

Summa Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Psychology

Sociology

Alexis Rose Girard

Macomb, Michigan

Biology

Russell H. Goins

Duffield, Virginia

Biomedical Science

* **Bailee Renee Good**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

English

Communication

Tamara Laura Grass

Paintsville, Kentucky

Psychology

* **Aleah Drew Grayson**

South Shore, Kentucky

Presidential Fellow

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Psychology

Austin Gurney

Campbell River, British Columbia

Psychology

Hana Lee Hackworth

Paintsville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Communication

Health & Human Performance

• **Kolton Shann Hall**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

History

* **Madeline Brooke Hamilton**

Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Psychology

Brianna S. Hamilton

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Psychology

Sociology

Criminal Justice

* **Jim T. Harmon**

Dunlow, West Virginia

Psychology

Landan Kade Harris

Bee, Virginia

Biomedical Science

College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Natalie Rae Holton

Huntington, West Virginia

Criminal Justice

Psychology

Sociology

Jacob Ryan Honaker

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Biology

Paige Amelia Hoover

Louisville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

* **Delaney Kaye Johnson**

Jenkins, Kentucky

Communication

Austin J. Johnson

Jenkins, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Jaden Neal Jones

Galax, Virginia

Biomedical Science

Haleigh Marie Jones

Cynthiana, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Sociology

Psychology

David J. Keen

Pikeville, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

Zoey Hope Keeton

Raceland, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

Health & Human Performance

Psychology

Noel Jameson Kintz

Bonita Springs, Florida

Cum Laude

Health & Human Performance

David Alexander Klinepeter

Ashland, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Film & Media Arts

Camryn Marie Kollar

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

Biology

* **Jacob T. Kopchak**

Sacramento, California

Criminal Justice

Jonah Faiiletasi Kuresa

Orange County, California

Communication

History

Christopher Terence Le Sueur

Kent, Ohio

Summa Cum Laude

Criminal Justice

* **Sierra Faith Lowe**

Belfry, Kentucky

Biology

Balea Michele McCoy

Lexington, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Psychology

Taylor G. Messer

Manchester, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

Alexa M. Muha

Hazard, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Science

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College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Rosemary Margaret Mullins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Madison Emily Mullins

Circleville, Ohio
Health & Human Performance
Psychology

* **Marianne Nicole Negron Cordero**

Puerto Rico
Psychology

Jacob Landon Newsome

Kite, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science

Emily Ann Pack

Staffordsville, Kentucky
Health & Human Performance

Casey Ann Peavler

Cadiz, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Math

Jackson Clay Potter

Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Psychology

Allyson Baleigh Prater

Stopover, Kentucky
Health & Human Performance

Ethan Michael Prewitt

Salyersville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Maalona Joseph Tuiava Pule

American Samoa
Criminal Justice

Syrus Xander Ramsey

Teaberry, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Eva Paige Roach

Gate City, Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Shirley Lynn Roberts

Pikeville, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

John Micheal Rose

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Psychology
Sociology

Diego McLinn Soto

Jacksonville, Florida
Communication

* **D'Andre Samthony Stafford**

Miramar, Florida
Criminal Justice

Madison Kayleigh Stanton

Struthers, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science
Criminal Justice

* **Alyssa Grace Sturgill**

Wise, Virginia
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Keleigh Shae Sturgill

Whitesburg, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Science

Kyle Steven Sturgill

Pikeville, Kentucky
English

Angel Marissa Tackett

Pikeville, Kentucky
Communication

McKenzie Jade Tackett

Printer, Kentucky
Communication

College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

• **Aiden Hunter Teague**

Social Circle, Georgia
Criminal Justice

• **Emma Dailey Terry**

Barboursville, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

* **Jerrica Thacker**

Shelby Gap, Kentucky
Cum Laude
English

* **Skylar Laine Thompson**

Raccoon, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science

Hannah Lynn Thompson

Logan, West Virginia
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice
Communication

* **Kha'Ron Anthony Thrower**

Fairfield, California
Criminal Justice/Sociology

Jessilyn Gabrielle Tibbs

Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Maguire Wayne Dooks Wakelyn

Abbotsford, British Columbia
Psychology

Jaydan V. Waugh

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
English

* **Ellie Klaire Webb**

Louisa, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Health & Human Performance

* **Jessica Dawn Williamson**

Hi Hat, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Sociology

College of Arts and Sciences
2025 Candidate for Associate Degree

Adam Christopher Thornbury

Pikeville, Kentucky
High Honors
Communication

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College of Nursing and Human Services
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Alyssa M. McCoy

Balea Michele McCoy

HIGH HONORS (3.76-4.00)

Breanna Nashae Cole

Jessica Vickers

HONORS (3.50 - 3.75)

John Brayden Ison

Sylvia Simpson

Kailey Alexa Wolford

College of Nursing and Human Services
2025 Candidates for Master's Degrees

- * **Ronald Whayne Bowling**
Smilax, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Danna Kassondra Brewer**
Lexington, Kentucky
Social Work
- * **Kaylene Hope Burke**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Social Work
- Corissa Blair Cline**
Belfry, Kentucky
Social Work
- Caitlyn Brianna Coffey**
Cynthiana, Kentucky
Social Work
- ~ **Cassandra Louise Damron**
Willow Wood, Ohio
Social Work
- * **Alyssa Danielle Franklin**
Millstone, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Jesse James Fuson**
Morehead, Kentucky
Social Work
- * **Matthew Ryan Gross**
Jenkins, Kentucky
Social Work
- Stacy Lynn Hunt**
Salt Lick, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Gavin Xavier Thor Hunt**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Jamie Mann**
Afex, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Alize J. Morales**
Melbourne, Florida
Social Work
- Kaitlyn Murphy**
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Social Work
- * **Brittany Lynn Marie Murray**
Salem, Illinois
Social Work
- **Eilish Anne Neff**
Apex, North Carolina
Social Work
- * **Chastity Nichole Peters**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Lacey Renae Preuss**
Letcher County, Kentucky
Social Work
- Jacob Marshall Qualls**
Lexington, Kentucky
Social Work
- * **Andrea Rhoads**
Grand Island, Nebraska
Social Work
- **Jasmin Geann Rowe**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work
- * **Caitlin Marie Sanders**
Fairborn, Ohio
Social Work

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- ~ Veteran

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~ **Jordan Danielle Skeens**

Greenup, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Annishia Smith**

Cincinnati, Ohio
Social Work

Lauren Jade Spurlock

Kenova, West Virginia
Social Work

Caroline Annette Taylor

Roanoke, Virginia
Social Work

College of Nursing and Human Services
2025 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Cody Allen Bowling

London, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Christina Lynn McCarty**

Kitts Hill, Ohio
RN-BSN

• **Hunter Lee Hampton Case**

Pikeville, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Lakayla Faith Conn**

Martin, Kentucky
RN-BSN

• **Cassidy Hope Conn**

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RN-BSN

* **Ethan C. Doebel**

Grethel, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Stacey Allison Fields**

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• **Jamie S Foley**

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RN-BSN

* **Constance Love Huffman**

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Social Work

• **Paul R. Huffman**

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• **Leah M. Johnson**

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* **Emily Verna Jones**

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Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Alyssa M. McCoy**

Pilgrim, Kentucky
Cum Laude
RN-BSN

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Balea Michele McCoy

Lexington, Kentucky

Cum Laude

Social Work

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Social Work

• **Meghan Elizabeth Pruitt**

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RN-BSN

• **Courtney BreAnna Runyon**

Pikeville, Kentucky

RN-BSN

• **Hannah M Spence**

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RN-BSN

• **Charles Jacob Sweeney**

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RN-BSN

• **Alyssa Rose Thacker**

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Mouthcard, Kentucky

Social Work

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Dorton, Kentucky

Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

* **Jaylin Kenadie Boyette**

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Julia Grace Burchett

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Nursing

Tommy Caldwell

Paintsville, Kentucky

Nursing

Emily Lechele Chaney

Pikeville, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Gracie Elizabeth Clements**

Winchester, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Breanna Nashae Cole**

Salyersville, Kentucky

High Honors

Nursing

Sidney Grace Collins

Elkhorn City, Kentucky

Nursing

Alexis Raeann Combs

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Nursing

Lynnsey Elizabeth Compton

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Nursing

Sara Grace Conforti

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Nursing

Gabrielle Elizabeth Cook

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Nursing

* **Alison LeeAnn Dotson**

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Nursing

* **Emmi Brae Edmonds**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Victoria Paige Espinoza**

Clovis, California

Nursing

* **Larry M Fannin**

Inez, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Makayla Rechelle Fitch**

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Nursing

Tyra Alyliah Faith Gilkey

Inez, Kentucky

Nursing

College of Nursing and Human Services
2025 Candidates for Associate Degrees

* **Kylee Grace Hamilton**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Amanda Carol Hunt**

Delbarton, West Virginia
Nursing

John Brayden Ison

Raccoon, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

* **Christy N. Johnson**

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Nursing

Hannah Elizabeth Johnson

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Nathan Thomas Justice

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Nursing

Allie Grace Justice

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Michael Cameron Kidd**

Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

• **Andrew Payton Kinney**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Jordan Alexander Little**

McRoberts, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Wesley D. Loudermilk**

Phelps, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Alannah Luke**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Samantha Paige Marcum**

Louisa, Kentucky
Nursing

Ryleigh Paige Morris

Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

Cadie Ann Neece

Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Olivia Mary Oxford**

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Nursing

* **Dylan Neil Patrick**

Salyersville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Darren Walker Patrick**

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Nursing

Karsen Riley Prichard

Grayson, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Linzey Renae Robinson**

Jenkins, Kentucky
Nursing

Mikayla S. Robinson

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Nursing

Savannah Jade Salyer

Belcher, Kentucky
Nursing

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Pikeville, Kentucky

Honors

Nursing

Jack Edward Slone

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Nursing

* **Skyla Rae Smith**

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Nursing

* **Taylor Samantha Sparks**

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Nursing

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Paintsville, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Alicia Tackett**

Shelby Gap, Kentucky

Nursing

Aiden Hunter Teague

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Nursing

* **Brittany Sue Thompson**

Inez, Kentucky

Nursing

Brooklynn Vanderpool

West Van Lear, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Victoria Brook Varney**

Delbarton, West Virginia

Nursing

* **Jessica Vickers**

Hardy, Kentucky

High Honors

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Pikeville, Kentucky

Nursing

Brooklyn Cheyenne Williams

Pikeville, Kentucky

Nursing

Kailey Alexa Wolford

Pinsonfork, Kentucky

Honors

Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Isabella Dawn Coleman
Olivia Paige Justice
Kiersten Breanna Stanley
Savannah Jaye Wright

SALUTATORIAN

(The Margaret E. Record Award)

Sophia Blair Beverly

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Mikayla Marie Blair
Alyson Hope Chevalier
Isabella Dawn Coleman
Katherine Elizabeth Collopy
Olivia Paige Justice
Mason Brian Smith
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Erica Alicia Warne
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Kimper, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Andrew Baldwin
Canada, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Bethanie T. Belcher
Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Jacob Bryce Beverly
Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

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Tompkinsville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

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Teacher Leader Program

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Teacher Leader Program

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Hazel Green, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

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Teacher Leader Program

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Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Amy Lynn Compton
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Jacqueline M. Cornett
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Daniel Evan Cornett
Hazard, Kentucky
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Donnie Paul Fugate
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Buckhorn, Kentucky
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Kenton Ryan Woodward

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Kristen Nicole Wright

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Ashley P. Wright

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Teacher Leader Program

Erica P. Wright

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Johnathan Christopher Yancey

Strunk, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

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* **Colt Andrew Asher**

Williamsburg, Kentucky
Educational Studies

* **Audrina L Barrett**

Kimper, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Sophia Blair Beverly

Dorton, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Math & Science

Mikayla Marie Blair

Springfield, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education - Social Studies

Patton College of Education
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* **Emilee Jeanine Carr**

Canada, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Alyson Hope Chevalier

Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Isabella Dawn Coleman

McCarr, Kentucky
Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Johnathan Blake Collins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Lauren Grace Collins

Pikeville, Kentucky
*Middle Grades Education - English &
Social Studies*

Katherine Elizabeth Collopy

Cincinnati, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
Secondary Education - English

Jennifer Ashlie Hampton

Paintsville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Elementary Education

* **Kendall Elizabeth Hillard**

Ashland, Kentucky
Educational Studies

* **Ronni J. Hurley**

Shelbiana, Kentucky
Educational Studies

Mary Katlyn Jones

Grethel, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Olivia Paige Justice

Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Secondary Education - English

Valerie N. Kendrick

Rockcastle County, Kentucky
Secondary Education - Biology

Karlee Gwen Kincer

Jenkins, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Elementary Education

* **Niles Christopher McCoy**

Williamson, West Virginia
Educational Studies

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Virgie, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Isaiah Campbell Salyer

Salyersville, Kentucky
Middle Grades Education - Math

Mason Brian Smith

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Summa Cum Laude
Secondary Education - Social Studies

Kiersten Breanna Stanley

McCarr, Kentucky
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Erica Alicia Warne

Bellefontaine, Ohio
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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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