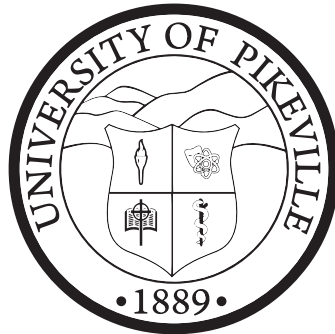


University of Pikeville



Class of 2026 Commencement

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

May 2, 2026

Order of Ceremony

- Prelude** UPIKE Concert Band
Phillip Westgate, DMA, *pianist*
Professor of Music
- * Academic Processional** Mark Saucedo-Izbrand, *piper*
- * Presentation of Colors** Pikeville Police Department Honor Guard
- Welcome** Marisa Greer, Ed.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
- * Invocation** Zachariah Morris
President, Student Leadership Council
- 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 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** Lori Werth, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, University of Pikeville
- Commencement Address** Nick Jamerson ‘10
Singer/Songwriter
- Baird Family Service Award** President Webb
- William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards** Paul E. Patton
Chancellor, University of Pikeville
- Congratulations from Alumni Association** Kay Hammond
President, University of Pikeville Alumni Association

Order of Ceremony

Conferring of Master's Degrees and Presentation of Candidates President Webb
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates and
Conferring of Associate Degrees and Presentation of Candidates Dr. Greer

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

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" University of Pikeville Concert Choir

** Audience please stand, if able*

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



Nick Jamerson

Nicholas (Nick) Jamerson was born into a musical family in Eastern Kentucky, where gatherings were full of guitars and songs. “My grandmother always had a camera rolling, which taught me early on that life is worth documenting,” he says. “That’s what I try to do through songwriting: turn ordinary moments into something meaningful.” Starting out with piano and choir as a child, Jamerson added guitar, banjo and mandolin to his repertoire along the way.

After attending and graduating from the University of Pikeville, where he played football, Jamerson co-founded the band Sundry Best and has released a dozen records between the band, his solo work and his own band over the last thirteen years. “Music has taken me places I never dreamed,” he tells, “but more than anything, it’s a way for me to honor places and people, and to help others feel seen and proud of where they come from.” These days, in addition to his own music, Jamerson is working to mentor the next generation, helping other writers find their voice through projects like the Sleeping in the Woods Songwriter Festival.

Since the release of *Peace Mountain* (2023), Jamerson has been working, as always. As fitting an artist who blurs the line between the universal and the deeply personal, that work has been focused on both the creation of this final chapter in the trilogy that began with *The Wild Frontier* (2020) and the growth of his inner world; spending time with family, deepening his faith and trying to stay grounded while navigating the ups and downs of the world.

Both with a band and on his own, Jamerson has made his mark on the region’s most hallowed stages and events, from the Grand Ole Opry and Ryman Auditorium to Americana and Master Musician Festivals. He is among an esteemed group of today’s artists who have shaped, redefined and expanded the notions of Appalachian and Southern music, and reminds people why they love it and enjoy its many splendors.

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 136 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

Katlin Harrison Rylee Theiss

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

Curtis Wallace

Coleman College of Business

Charlie Williams

College of Nursing and Human Services

Katie Stiles

Patton College of Education

Joseph Tackett

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Zac Cantrell
Emily Duncan
Brooke Duncan

Munachi Ibeawuchi
Eli Johnson
Hannah Kidd

Steven Layne
Ashlyn Patrick
Allyson Rife

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

VALEDICTORIANS

(The Dr. W. C. Condit Award)

Andrew Kirby Allen

Kylie Brooke Jones

SALUTATORIAN

Jeremy Matthew Clevinger

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Andrew Kirby Allen	Emily Katherine Lindsey
Paige Diane Ayler	Cameron Andrew Morrison
Chaz Allen Brown	Faith Angeleigh Newsom
Mariah Grace Cantrell	Katelyn Marie Abshire O'Quinn
Jeremy Matthew Clevinger	Brianna Elizabeth Rogers
Peyton Josiah Compton	Ethan Chase Stiltner
Iker Goyri de la Garma	Caleb F. Stuck
Kylie Brooke Jones	Keian Isiah Worrix
Ethan Blake Lemley	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Samuel Cristancho	Ethan Todd Fecto
Tomas Cristancho	Lilia Meeth Jerry
Renee Ming Crooks	Madison Elizabeth Lucas
Keynan Joshua Cutlip	Chase Joseph Mackenzie Mims
Jack DiNapoli	

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

William Frank Cvar	Alfonso Robinson
Larry Mark Iagulli	Tyler Kenneth Robinson
Chuck Alexander Moore	Ryan Heath Thomas
Riley Rogelio Paulino	Richard Thomas Turner
Kassidy Loren Ray	Tate Wellington Walters

Coleman College of Business
2026 Candidates for Master's Degrees

Michael Thomas Akins

Chickamauga, Georgia
Business Administration Professional

* **Crystal Renee Raines Branham**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

* **Angela Lynn Bush**

Harold, Kentucky
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

* **Katelyn Leigh Byrd**

Georgetown, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

• **Caitlynn Joy Estevez**

Jenkins, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

Kelsie Almeda Fidell

Pineville, Kentucky
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

* **John Shamar Fitzpatrick**

Spartanburg, South Carolina
Business Administration Professional

Jeffrey Jeremiah Flowers

Montgomery, Alabama
Business Administration Professional

Dejhawn Michael Hill

Fresno, California
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

Caleb D. Levesque-Sotolongo

Miami, Florida
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

• **Cheyenne Nicole Martinez**

Roswell, New Mexico
Business Administration Professional

Dylan Edward Mishak

North Ridgeville, Ohio
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

• **Donovan Jacob Neace**

Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

Chandler D. Pacheco

Tallahassee, Florida
*Business Administration Strategic
Communication*

Yuri Rocha

Brasilia, Brazil
Business Administration Professional

• **Sara Elizabeth Tackett**

Dana, Kentucky
Business Administration Professional

~ • **Jeremy Scott Thompson**

Holden, West Virginia
Business Administration Professional

- Expected to complete degree requirements in summer 2026
- * Completed degree requirements in December 2025
- ~ Veteran

This list of May degree candidates is tentative and is based upon the anticipated successful completion of work undertaken during the spring semester 2026. 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
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Andrew Kirby Allen**
Ironton, Ohio
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- * **Ahmante Vonzell Altman**
Birmingham, Alabama
Business Administration Management
- * **Paige Diane Ayler**
Cincinnati, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Daron Joshua Lee Baumann**
Cape Town, South Africa
Business Administration Accounting
- **Cameron James Bergman**
Quincy, Illinois
Business Administration Management
- **Dalen A. Boyd**
Philadelphia, New York
Information Technology Management
- Kameron Jon Brodeur**
Temecula, California
Business Administration Sports Management
- Tyler W. Brook**
Richmond, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
- * **Chaz Allen Brown**
Robinson Creek, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- Jonathan Wesley Bryant**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
- Mariah Grace Cantrell**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- Richtter B. Castillo Gamboa**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
- Makylee Beth Charles**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
- Jeremy Matthew Clevinger**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- * **Garrett Thomas Compton**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Information Technology Management
- Peyton Josiah Compton**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Samuel Cristancho**
Bogota, Colombia
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Tomas Cristancho**
Bogota, Colombia
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Renee Ming Crooks**
Toronto, Ontario
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management

Coleman College of Business
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Keynan Joshua Cutlip**
Johnson City, Tennessee
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- Jack DiNapoli**
Louisville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Heath A. Dingus**
Martin, Kentucky
Information Technology Management
- **Ethan Todd Fecto**
Vermilion, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- Gavin Dean Fraser**
Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada
Business Administration Management
- * **Iker Goyri de la Garma**
Puebla, Mexico
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- * **Logan Chase Hamilton**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Information Technology Management
- Larry Mark Iagulli**
Austintown, Ohio
Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- * **Lilia Meeth Jerry**
Auckland, New Zealand
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- * **Kylie Brooke Jones**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Healthcare Management
- Philip Blake Justice**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management/
Accounting
- Elijah Fransohn Ernest King-Turner**
Oakland, California
Business Administration Management
- Ethan Blake Lemley**
Calera, Alabama
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Alex Dwayne Lindsey**
Cecilia, Louisiana
Business Administration Sport Management
- Emily Katherine Lindsey**
Harvest, Alabama
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- **Madison Elizabeth Lucas**
Garrett, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- * **MacKenzie Nicole Maynard**
Belfry, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
- Madelyn Faith Maynard**
Sidney, Kentucky
Business Administration Management

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Coleman College of Business
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Chase Joseph Mackenzie Mims**
Harold, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting/
Management
- **Connor R. Moody**
Powell, Tennessee
Business Administration Management
- Chuck Alexander Moore**
Huntsville, Alabama
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Oscar C. Moore**
Pageland, South Carolina
Business Administration Management
- Cameron Andrew Morrison**
Kite, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
- Faith Angeleigh Newsom**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
- Brandon D. Newton**
Fairfield, California
Business Administration Management
- Katelyn Marie Abshire O'Quinn**
Lick Creek, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Information Technology Management
- Riley Rogelio Paulino**
Fife, Washington
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
 - **Mark Allen Prewitt**
Rockholds, Kentucky
Business Administration Accounting
 - **Sidney Blake Ratliff**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Management
 - **Kassidy Loren Ray**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Accounting
 - **Alfonso Robinson**
Concordia, Argentina
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
 - **Tyler Kenneth Robinson**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
 - **Brianna Elizabeth Rogers**
Florence, South Carolina
Summa Cum Laude
Business Administration Management
 - **Natalia Geraldine Salinas**
La Paz, Bolivia
Business Administration Management
 - **Logan Elias Scott**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Business Administration Accounting
 - * **Jada Madison Brooke Slone**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Business Administration Healthcare
Management
 - **Joshua M. Smith**
Parkersburg, West Virginia
Business Administration Management

Coleman College of Business
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

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| <p>Ethan Joseph Stadnyk
Georgetown, Kentucky
<i>Information Technology Management</i></p> | <p>Kesean J. Waldon
Dumfries, Virginia
<i>Information Technology Management</i>
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> |
| <p>* Ethan Chase Stiltner
Phelps, Kentucky
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> | <p>* Tate Wellington Walters
Pikeville, Kentucky
<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> |
| <p>Caleb F. Stuck
Charlevoix, Michigan
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> | <p>* Mason Tyler Ward
Pikeville, Kentucky
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> |
| <p>~ Ryan Heath Thomas
Salyersville, Kentucky
<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Business Administration Accounting</i></p> | <p>Jordan Michael Washington
Hoover, Alabama
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> |
| <p>Richard Thomas Turner
Benicia, California
<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Information Technology Management</i></p> | <p>Keian Isiah Worrix
Pikeville, Kentucky
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> |
| <p>Yavonda Alexandria Van Dyke
Elk Grove, California
<i>Business Administration Management</i></p> | |

Coleman College of Business
2026 Candidates for Associate Degrees

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| <p>• Ethan Lloyd Elliot
East Point, Kentucky
<i>Business Administration Accounting</i></p> | <p>Keian Isiah Worrix
Pikeville, Kentucky
<i>Business Administration Accounting</i></p> |
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Graduates With Academic Honors

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Colby Cooley
Amelia Anne Cure
Joseph Evan Maynard

Matthew Dale McCarty
Logan Aaron Morrison
Jayden McKenna Mullins
Fallon K. Scott

Madison Rae Taylor
Erica L. Werth

SALUTATORIAN

Kynlea S. Stanley

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.85 – 4.00)

Brennon Leroy Adkins
Hunter Lee Adkins
Trenton Michael Adkins
MaKenna Reece Bailey
Yael Azul Barrios
Yazmin Abril Barrios
Isaac Christian Berry
Cloud LeShay Castle
Courtney Paige Collins
Colby Cooley
Hailey Elizabeth Corum
Amelia Anne Cure

Dara L. Davis
AllenaMae Rose Dodd
Destiny Marina Ellis
David James Exum
Emily Grace Fletcher
Paisley Jade Ford
Joseph Robert Gagnon
Victoria Dawn Hines
Hanna Frances Hughes
MaHailey Lea Kirk
Emily Grace Jackson
Mallory Nicole Johnson

Joseph Evan Maynard
Matthew Dale McCarty
Logan Aaron Morrison
Tanner Alexander Morrison
Jayden McKenna Mullins
Brylie Kate Pennington
Lindsay Michaela Pruitt
Abigayle Nicole Dee Ray
Luke Arnold Ray
Ashley Elizabeth Reed
Jayden Ryne Sampsell
Fallon K. Scott

Sophia Grace Sims
Shelby L. Smith
Kynlea S. Stanley
Tanner R. Stephens
Allie Brooklyn Stone
Madison Rae Taylor
Bailey Marie Walker
Erica L. Werth
Rayce Addison Yelton

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Ainsley Layne Blackburn
Kassidy Morgan Blackburn
Chloe Nicole Bryant
Madison Paige Calhoun
Kirsten Adora Callahan
Amelia Paige Casey
Annaliese Nevaeh Chitti
Kaylee Marie Compton

Carly Wei Crooks
Madison Rose Crum
Matthew Delmar Cole
Crum
Cassie Jo Finley
Cole Richard Fowler
Garren Curtis Gledhill
Nathaniel James Harper
Zoe L. Howard

Shelby Danielle Jarvis
Hailey Brooke Little
Madison Elizabeth Lucas
Grant Lumpkins
Leah Shay Marcum
Kennadi Mariah Mayer
Connor Baylee McGuire
Olivia Paige Morgan

Molly A. Mullins
Joshua Luke Pugh
Jordan Lucinda Roberts
Jacoby Isaiah Thornsby
Sasha A. Uchwal
Mateo Vargas
Aaron J. Watson

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Noah Samuel James
Brooks
Noah Scott Brown
Hannah M. Callis
Rylea Kriselle Charles
Zachary James Crum

Tea Nicole Davidson
Elizabeth Ann Davis
Kaiden Elizabeth Hess
Spencer Manuel Howard
Abigail Grace Johnson
Brianna Sharlene Lockhart

Gracey Jane Lovgren
Jasmine Nicole May
Haley Grace McKinney
Benjamin McLaughlan
Riley Rogelio Paulino
Brady Michael Price

Ethan C. Slone
Kylie J. Tackett
Jered Fitzgerald White
Lukas Razor Woods
Dana Leigh Wright

HONORS (3.50 - 3.75)

Rylea Kriselle Charles

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Master's Degrees

• **Morgyn Baylee Breonna Dixon**

Hazard, Kentucky

Strategic Communication

• **Jashaunte Micah Lee**

Louisville, Kentucky

Strategic Communication

Bryce Arthur Oliver

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Strategic Communication

• **Jairemy Xavier Pulido**

Pomona, California

Strategic Communication

• **Aleshia N. Sykes**

Elkhorn City, Kentucky

Strategic Communication

• **Kayla Suzanne Ward**

Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Strategic Communication

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College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Brennon Leroy Adkins

Pikeville, Kentucky

Valedictorian

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Sociology

Hunter Lee Adkins

Pikeville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Sciences

* **Jasmine LaSha Adkins**

Grethel, Kentucky

Psychology

Trenton Michael Adkins

Louisa, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Health and Human Performance

• **Zyairia K. Amos**

Russellville, Kentucky

Psychology

Kenna Paige Anderson

Hazard, Kentucky

Biomedical Sciences

Alondra Victoria Ayende

Orange City, Florida

Communication

Kiera H. Bailey

Cincinnati, Ohio

History/Political Science

MaKenna Reece Bailey

Pikeville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Biomedical Sciences

Krystina Dawn Ballard

Hazard, Kentucky

Psychology

Criminal Justice

Yael Azul Barrios

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Summa Cum Laude

Communication

Film and Media Arts

Yazmin Abril Barrios

Pikeville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Health and Human Performance

Psychology

Bryce Edward Barton

Corbin, Kentucky

Criminal Justice

Isaac Christian Berry

Bristol, Virginia

Summa Cum Laude

Health and Human Performance

• **Mahala Rose Bird**

Cherokee, North Carolina

Communication

Kassidy Morgan Blackburn

Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Biomedical Sciences

Ainsley Layne Blackburn

Pikeville, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Psychology

Noah Samuel James Brooks

Cloverdale, British Columbia

Cum Laude

Health and Human Performance

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Noah Scott Brown

Hardy, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Chloe Nicole Bryant

Logan, West Virginia
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Sociology

Bradley Jesse Bunch

Pikeville, Kentucky
History

* **Madison Paige Calhoun**

Paintsville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Kirsten Adora Callahan

Viper, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts
Communication

* **Hannah M. Callis**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biology

Jefferson Clayton Cartmell

Pikeville, Kentucky
English

Amelia Paige Casey

Freeburn, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Cloud LeShay Castle**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

* **Kayli Renea Caudill**

Martin, Kentucky
Biology

• **Rylea Kriselle Charles**

Hurley, Virginia
Cum Laude
Communication
History/Political Science

Annaliese Nevaeh Chitti

Union, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

• **Kenneth Aaron Coffey**

Rogersville, Tennessee
Health and Human Performance

Austin W. Collins

Knott County, Kentucky
Biology

Courtney Paige Collins

Mallie, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Performing Arts in Music

Kaylee Marie Compton

Pilgrims Knob, Virginia
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Dominac J. Conn

Martin, Kentucky
Criminal Justice
Sociology
Psychology

Colby Cooley

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biology
Chemistry

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College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Sydney Jane Coots**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Health & Human Performance

* **William A. Copley**
Louisa, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

* **Hailey Elizabeth Corum**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Carly Wei Crooks
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Madison Rose Crum
Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Matthew Delmar Cole Crum
Paintsville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance
Psychology

* **Zachary James Crum**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
History

* **Amelia Anne Cure**
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
History

• **Tea Nicole Davidson**
Grundy, Virginia
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Dara L. Davis
Owingsville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Communication

Elizabeth Ann Davis
Ashland, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Amber Nicole Dehart
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Communication

AllenaMae Rose Dodd
Auburn, Washington
Summa Cum Laude
Performing Arts in Music

* **Destiny Marina Ellis**
Hanover, West Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Sociology

Larry M. Epling
Pikeville, Kentucky
Communication

* **David James Exum**
West Palm Beach, Florida
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Cassie Jo Finley
Mount Hermon, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Kierra Lashae Fitch
Louisa, Kentucky
Biomedical Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

*** Emily Grace Fletcher**

Salyersville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Daniel Brooks Flores

San Angelo, Texas
Biology

Paisley Jade Ford

Tompkinsville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Cole Richard Fowler

Murrieta, California
Magna Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

*** Jordan C Frazier**

Harold, Kentucky
Biology

Tagge Balin Fry

Grants Pass, Oregon
Biomedical Sciences

Joseph Robert Gagnon

Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Summa Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

Fabián Ignacio Villavicencio Gil

Garrison, Kentucky
Health and Human Performance

Madison B. Ginn

Calera, Alabama
Biology

Carson Alexander Glass

Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Health and Human Performance

Garren Curtis Gledhill

Las Vegas, Nevada
Magna Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

Sofia H. Hackney

Pikeville, Kentucky
Chemistry

Nathaniel James Harper

Zanesville, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Kaiden Elizabeth Hess

Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Hannah Paige Hill

Pikeville, Kentucky
Psychology

Victoria Dawn Hines

Louisville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

*** Spencer Manuel Howard**

Salyersville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Zoe L. Howard

Salyersville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Performing Arts in Music

Anastasia Marie Howell

Bristol, Virginia
Psychology

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College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Hanna Frances Hughes**

Flatgap, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology

Emily Grace Jackson

Grundy, Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
History/Political Science

Shelby Danielle Jarvis

London, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Abigail Grace Johnson

South Portsmouth, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Darryl Damarion Johnson**

Sacramento, California
Health and Human Performance

Mallory Nicole Johnson

Louisa, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Holly Lauren Anne Jordan

Louisa, Kentucky
Biology

Hanna Grace Justice

Logan, West Virginia
Biology

Kyra G. Justice

Williamson, West Virginia
Biology

Presley K. Kinser

Belfry, Kentucky
Biomedical Sciences

MaHailey Lea Kirk

Belfry, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Biology

• **Chelsea B. Lewis**

Stanville, Kentucky
Health and Human Performance

Hailey Brooke Little

Langley, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Brianna Sharlene Lockhart

Vero Beach, Florida
Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

• **Gracey Jane Lovgren**

Stillman Valley, Illinois
Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

* **Savannah Faith Lowe**

Louisville, Kentucky
Psychology

Madison Elizabeth Lucas

Garrett, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Grant Lumpkins

Garrison, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Leah Shay Marcum**

Canada, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Jasmine Nicole May

Pikeville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

Kennadi Mariah Mayer

Butler, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Joseph Evan Maynard

Naugatuck, West Virginia
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
History

* **Matthew Dale McCarty**

Salyersville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Connor Baylee McGuire

Orlando, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Haley Grace McKinney**

Melvin, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Communication
Theatre

Benjamin McLauchlan

Edinburgh, Scotland
Cum Laude
Biology

Chloe LeAnn McNew

Norton, Virginia
Biology

• **Christopher A. Meek**

Paintsville, Kentucky
Performing Arts in Music

Oscar C. Moore

Pageland, South Carolina
Criminal Justice

Olivia Paige Morgan

Kite, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
English

Logan Aaron Morrison

Kite, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts
Communication

Tanner Alexander Morrison

Kite, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts
Communication

Jayden McKenna Mullins

Belfry, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Health and Human Performance

Molly A. Mullins

Dorton, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

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• **Marcus Albert Nunes**

Vallejo, California
Criminal Justice

Riley Rogelio Paulino

Fife, Washington
Cum Laude
Psychology

Brylie Kate Pennington

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology
Psychology

Charles Parker Preece

Louisa, Kentucky
Criminal Justice
Sociology

* **Bradyn Michael Price**

Paintsville, Kentucky
Cum Laude
History

Lindsay Michaella Pruitt

Brinkley, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Joshua Luke Pugh

Jeremiah, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Abigayle Nicole Dee Ray**

Lexington, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Sociology

Luke Arnold Ray

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology
Psychology

Ashley Elizabeth Reed

Nokesville, Virginia
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Jordan Lucinda Roberts**

Waleska, Georgia
Magna Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Nicholas Glen Robinson**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Communication

Matthew B Rodgers

Pikeville, Kentucky
Biology

Dawsan Michael Kiser Rodriguez

Jenkins, Kentucky
History/Political Science

Theresa Lizette Romero

Phoenix, Arizona
Criminal Justice
Communication
Sociology

Olivia Morgan Ross

Paintsville, Kentucky
Communication

Jayden Ryne Sampsell

Hazard, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

* **Fallon K. Scott**
Salyersville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

Sophia Grace Sims
Flemingsburg, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice

* **Ethan C. Slone**
Printer, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biology

Shelby L. Smith
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology

* **Kynlea S. Stanley**
Belfry, Kentucky
Salutatorian
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Psychology

Tanner R. Stephens
Wayland, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts

Caden Bay Stiltner
Grundy, Virginia
Communication

Allie Brooklyn Stone
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Health and Human Performance

Emily Mika Grace Tackett
Pikeville, Kentucky
Biology

Kylie J. Tackett
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Biomedical Sciences

* **Laikin Ellen Tackett**
Martin, Kentucky
Biology

Madison Rae Taylor
Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology

Amanda Lee Tharp
Jackson, Kentucky
Theatre

* **Jacoby Isaiah Thornsburry**
Williamson, West Virginia
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Casey D. Tussey
Printer, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology

Sasha A. Uchwal
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

* **Mateo Vargas**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Communication

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College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

• **La'Son Mikal Walker**

Columbus, Ohio
Communication

Bailey Marie Walker

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice
Sociology
Psychology

Aaron J. Watson

David, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Psychology

Erica L. Werth

Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Psychology
Chemistry

~ **Randall Christopher West**

Belfry, Kentucky
Biomedical Sciences

* **Jered Fitzgerald White**

Houston, Texas
Cum Laude
Film & Media Arts
Communication

* **Cory R. Williams**

Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia
Biology

• **Jordan Kaleo Williams**

Highland, California
Health and Human Performance

Lukas Rasor Woods

Seattle, Washington
Cum Laude
History

Dana Leigh Wright

Greenup, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Psychology
Criminal Justice

Rayce Addison Yelton

Quincy, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude
Criminal Justice

Megan Leann Younce

Melvin, Kentucky
Psychology
Criminal Justice

* **Peter Anthony Zamora**

Pace, Florida
History/Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences
2026 Candidate for Associate Degree

• **Rylea Kriselle Charles**

Hurley, Virginia
Honors
Communication

Jacob Ryan Rose

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

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Ainsley Layne Blackburn

Elizabeth Cady Day

Molly A. Mullins

Julia Grace Pinson

Jessica R. Vickers

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Alexis Raeann Combs

Kailey Alexa Wolford

HONORS (3.50 - 3.75)

Kaleigh M. Deskins

Carla D. Hall

Jarrold Dennis Jones

Chloe R. Lazenka

Jaidy Alejandra Mejia-Andrade

Randi J. Sizemore

Kimberly M. Slone

College of Nursing and Human Services
2026 Candidates for Master's Degrees

• **Lillian Cora Marie Bowen**

Louisa, Kentucky
Social Work

Mary Brady

Ironton, Ohio
Social Work

• **Julia Paige Bruner**

London, Kentucky
Social Work

Sarah Michelle Dempsey

Ironton, Ohio
Social Work

Ethan C. Doebel

Grethel, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Amira Pernissia Nicol Faizal-Vincent**

Madisonville, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Breanna L. Fields**

Williamson, West Virginia
Social Work

* **Sherry Josephine Howell**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Skyler Hughes**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Kaylee Rae Kyler**

Hazard, Kentucky
Social Work

* **Virginia Latta**

Highland, Indiana
Social Work

~ **Rachel Lynn Miller**

South Shore, Kentucky
Social Work

Jonessa Moore

Cincinnati, Ohio
Social Work

Ethan Garrett Preston

Ironton, Ohio
Social Work

* **Norman A. Ramsey**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

Faythe MacKenzie Reid

Rockwood, Tennessee
Social Work

• **Lisa M. Risner**

Sharpsburg, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Megan D. Rutherford**

Jeffersonville, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Kelly M. Scott**

Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Charity Faith Smith**

Pound, Virginia
Social Work

• **David C. Sykes**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Alyssa M. Warner**

Henderson, Kentucky
Social Work

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College of Nursing and Human Services
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- Eden P. Whitaker**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Katelyn Sue Wickemeyer**
Cincinnati, Ohio
Social Work
- **Amanda Nicole Woods**
Morehead, Kentucky
Social Work
- Kacy Zimmerman**
Cold Spring, Kentucky
Social Work

College of Nursing and Human Services
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

- **Bethany Nicole Bentley**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.
- **Braxton J. Bentley**
Knott County, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.
- Ainsley Layne Blackburn**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Social Work
- Zachary Blake**
Salyersville, Kentucky
Social Work
- **Hannah Marie Blankenship**
Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.
- * **Cloud LeShay Castle**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work
- **Gracie Elizabeth Clements**
Lexington, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.
- **Breanna Nashae Cole**
Salyersville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
R.N. to B.S.N.
- **Sidney Grace Collins**
Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.
- **Alexis Raeann Combs**
Hazard, Kentucky
Cum Laude
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• **Elisheba Lee Compton**

Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

• **Lynnsey Elizabeth Compton**

Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Elizabeth Cady Day

Hazard, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Larry M. Fannin**

Inez, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

• **Dorothy Annette Foerster**

Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Hannah Paige Hill

Pikeville, Kentucky
Social Work

Victoria Dawn Hines

Louisville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Joshua D. Justice**

Pikeville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Fidelia Cruz Koval

Ocala, Florida
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

Whitney D. Moore

Louisa, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Ryleigh P. Morris**

Belfry, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Molly A. Mullins

Dorton, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Social Work

Julia Grace Pinson

Tomahawk, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Joseph A. Tackett**

Dorton, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Madison Rae Taylor

Pikeville, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Social Work

• **Jessica R. Vickers**

Hardy, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
R.N. to B.S.N.

• **Deanna M. Ward**

Salyersville, Kentucky
R.N. to B.S.N.

Melody Jewel Williams

Ashland, Kentucky
Social Work

• **Kailey Alexa Wolford**

Belfry, Kentucky
Cum Laude
R.N. to B.S.N.

College of Nursing and Human Services
2026 Candidates for Associate Degrees

* **Claudia Faith Adkins**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Connie Marie Alford

Alum Creek, West Virginia
Nursing

* **Madison Faith Anderson**

Raccoon, Kentucky
Nursing

Brianna Grace Bevins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Emily Rose Carlington

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Gabrielle Elizabeth Cook**

Viper, Kentucky
Nursing

Saul Brayley Crist

Bridgeport, Ohio
Nursing

Kaleigh M. Deskins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

Samara L. Durbin

Harold, Kentucky
Nursing

Alyssa Marie Fluty

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Olivia Grace Hale

Cannelton, Indiana
Nursing

Carla D. Hall

Pikeville, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

* **Cheyenne Cierra Rayne Hall**

Mousie, Kentucky
Nursing

Kylie G. Hall

Dana, Kentucky
Nursing

Jacalyn Armina Hancock

Martin, Kentucky
Nursing

Lauren Faith Hawkins

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Carson Shane Hurt

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Jarrold Dennis Jones**

Manchester, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing

* **Nathan Thomas Justice**

Mouthcard, Kentucky
Nursing

* **Victoria Drew Justice**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing

Carly Danielle Lafferty

Wayland, Kentucky
Nursing

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College of Nursing and Human Services
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- Chloe R. Lazenka**
Belfry, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing
- Sophee C. Lowe**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Kendra Michelle Marcum**
Louisa, Kentucky
Nursing
- Jacob Cameron Massey**
Manchester, Kentucky
Nursing
- Bethany Joy Maynard**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing
- Kaylee G. Meade**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing
- Jaidy Alejandra Mejia Andrade**
Somerset, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing
- * **Emily Brooke Neal**
Louisa, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Shelby Nichole Nichols**
Virgie, Kentucky
Nursing
- Arren Brooke Owens**
Huddy, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Sarah Leann Polly**
Whitesburg, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Graycee Lynne Pratt Garland**
Shelbyville, Kentucky
Nursing
- Emma L. Preston**
Paintsville, Kentucky
Nursing
- Holly Marie Ramey**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing
- Emily Grace Roberts**
Pikeville, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Sarah Elizabeth Faith Sargent**
Phelps, Kentucky
Nursing
- * **Randi J. Sizemore**
Manchester, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing
- Kimberly M. Slone**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Honors
Nursing
- * **Alyssa Faith Swedersky**
Belfry, Kentucky
Nursing

College of Nursing and Human Services
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Josie R. Swiney

Pikeville, Kentucky

Nursing

* **Breanna Lashae Tackett**

Pikeville Kentucky

Nursing

Dakota LeMari Warren

Williamson, West Virginia

Nursing

* **Kaitlyn Wright**

Boonscamp, Kentucky

Nursing

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Madelyn Shaye Smith
Megan Paige Stringer
Ashton Grace Walters

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.70 – 3.84)

Alayna Faith Coleman
Jordan Kyle Endicott
Emily Grace Evans
Baylee Renae Mize
Serenity Lynn Ramsey
Madeline Elizabeth Roberts
Emma G Williams
Halley Morgan Winstead

CUM LAUDE (3.50 – 3.69)

Mackensi Faith Lester

Patton College of Education
2026 Candidates for Master's Degrees

Jacki Denise Adkins

Shelbiana, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

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Blaine, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

* **Jessica Danielle Asbury**

Pikeville, Kentucky
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Cayci M. Bevins

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Teacher Leader Program

* **Brian Christopher Blackburn**

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
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* **Casey N. Blackburn**

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Teacher Leader Program

* **Chloe E. Brashear**

Kimper, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Heather N. Davidson

Chavies, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Alina R. Fuller

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Kristen Elizabeth Griffith

Kimper, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Timothy Edward Hall

Virgie, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Melissa Kae Howell

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Akeyla J. Johnson

Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Christopher Adam Johnson

Virgie, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Autumn L Norman

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Josie Lynn Looney

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

* **Teddi D. Lowe**

Kimper, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Sheridan Paige Luttrell

Hazard, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

* **Kaci Lauren McGuire**

Pikeville, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

* **Brandon K. Ratliff**

Belcher, Kentucky
Teacher Leader Program

Davyn Mahayla Robinson

Hazard, Kentucky
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* **Mikale L. Salyers**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

Tiffany R. Sanson

Pikeville, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

Eryn Faith Sayers

Pikeville, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

* **Dedra A. Slone**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

* **Charles Austin Taylor**

Pikeville, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

Aaron D. Ward

Elkhorn City, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

* **Stacie Weddington**

Kimper, Kentucky

Teacher Leader Program

Patton College of Education
2026 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Leah Hope Anderson

Pikeville, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Scarlett MaKenzie Anderson

Raccoon, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Alayna Faith Coleman

Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Secondary Education
Social Studies

Jordan Kyle Endicott

Jenkins, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Middle Grades Education
Math and Social Studies

Emily Grace Evans

Elk Grove, California
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Lauren Elizabeth Johnson

Paintsville, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Sarah Brooke Justice

Phyllis, Kentucky
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Tara Nicole Justice

Phoenix, Arizona
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Mackensi Faith Lester

Kimper, Kentucky
Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Titus Matthew McGlone

Grayson, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Shaye William McTavish

Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada
Elementary Education

Baylee Renae Mize

Somerset, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Alexis Grace Moore

Dry Ridge, Kentucky
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Serenity Lynn Ramsey

Pikeville, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Madeline Elizabeth Roberts

Ivel, Kentucky
Magna Cum Laude
Elementary Education

Emma Katherine Schubert

Dayton, Ohio
Valedictorian
Summa Cum Laude
Elementary Education

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Madelyn Shaye Smith

Bardstown, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Secondary Education

Social Studies

Megan Paige Stringer

North Somerset, England

Summa Cum Laude

Educational Studies

Ashton Grace Walters

Pikeville, Kentucky

Summa Cum Laude

Elementary Education

Emma G. Williams

Pikeville, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Elementary Education

Halley Morgan Winstead

Pikeville, Kentucky

Magna Cum Laude

Secondary Education

English

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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