

*Twenty-First Annual
Fall Commencement
Exercise*



*Northwestern Oklahoma
State University
Alva, Oklahoma*

*Percefull Fieldhouse
December 3, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.*

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Sunday, December 3, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Processional Recording

Star Spangled Banner Recording

Invocation Mr. Jeffery A. Hall

Pastor, Speak Life Fellowship A/G

Address Alexa Humphries

Class of 2005

Presentation of Class Dr. James Bell

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Academic Degrees..... Dr. Bo Hannaford

President

Alma Mater Audience

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, Director of Choral Studies

Benediction..... Mr. Jeffery A. Hall

Pastor, Speak Life Fellowship A/G

Recessional Recording

Graduating Class

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Alex Arthur Bentrem
Adult Education Management
& Administration
Downey, California

Gretchen Jones
Adult Education Management
& Administration
Sterling, Oklahoma

Megan Nicole Brown
Educational Leadership
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dylan Norsen
Adult Education Management
& Administration
Loveland, Colorado

Clement Dustin Cottom
Educational Leadership
Claremore, Oklahoma

Chima Dante Ozz
Adult Education Management
& Administration
Houston, Texas

Robin Marie Eckert
Educational Leadership
Carrier, Oklahoma

Aubree Lane Pittman
School Counseling
Morse, Texas

DaNae A. Hagelberg
Educational Leadership
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Leslie Michelle Polanco Delgado
Adult Education Management
& Administration
La Vega, Dominican Republic

Cody O'Neal Henson
Adult Education Management
& Administration
Alva, Oklahoma

MASTER OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Abigail Lynn DeTar
Piedmont, Oklahoma

Meghan Rosemary Goulden
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Sandra Lisette Eguia
Tonkawa, Oklahoma

Yosbelli Anahi Lora-Trejo
Ringwood, Oklahoma

Dalia Estrada
Guymon, Oklahoma

Sarah Rose
Ponca City, Oklahoma

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Roger Adams
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Kyllie Dawn Bigbey
Nursing, BSN
Marshall, Oklahoma

Melissa Jo Albers
Psychology, BS
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Holli Jo Black
Accounting, BBA
Halstead, Kansas

Teresa Austin
Nursing, BSN
Woodward, Oklahoma

Laura Blair
Psychology, BS
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Jordan Avants
Computer Science, BS
Garber, Oklahoma

Jaden Bloyd
Business Administration, BBA
Aline, Oklahoma

Arlene Ayala
Elementary Education, BSED
Woodward, Oklahoma

Jenna R. Bohannan
Psychology, BS
Tyrone, Oklahoma

Malliyah Dion Baker**
Psychology, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Jacob Buck
History, BA
Enid, Oklahoma

Shaylee Sooner Beck**
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
White Deer, Texas

Tabor Mason Budy**
Agriculture, BS
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Maggie Louise Bellew
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Beaver, Oklahoma

Liberty Bynum**
Biology, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Wilson D. Cal
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Fullerton, California

LaTasha Von Campbell
Nursing, BSN
Enid, Oklahoma

Arturo Simental Cisneros
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Sandra R. Colberg
General Studies, BA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Jerika Lyn Coon
Elementary Education, BSED
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Emily Jobita Cordova
General Studies, BA
Enid, Oklahoma

Jonas B. Decker***
Agriculture, BS
Meno, Oklahoma

Nicole Lynn Dirks
Business Administration, BBA
Enid, Oklahoma

Brianna Michelle Duncan
Biology, BS
Kiowa, Kansas

Brandi Machele Ehardt
Elementary Education, BSED
Kremlin, Oklahoma

Noel Marie Fairbanks**
Nursing, BSN
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Jalynn M. Fausnaugh
Biology, BS
Stoutsville, Ohio

Brandon M. Fletcher
Computer Science, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Joshua Dale Foos*
Social Science, BAED
Enid, Oklahoma

Aubree Rahnae Furtch
General Studies, BA
Hayward, California

Hunter Nicole Garrison
Business Administration, BBA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Chancelor Gill
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
San Antonio, Texas

Tally Layne Goddard
Psychology, BS
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Carmen Maria Gonser*
Political Science, BA
Woodward, Oklahoma

Haley Raquel Howell
Business Administration, BBA
San Antonio, Texas

Saydy Lynn Graybill
Elementary Education, BSED
Alva, Oklahoma

Ashley Michele Hromas Roach
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Enid, Oklahoma

Talyn Hagelberg**
Biology, BS
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Breanna Nicole Hubbard
Mathematics, BSED
Enid, Oklahoma

Jasmine Isabel Hagemeyer
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Woodward, Oklahoma

Cole Jones
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Pond Creek, Oklahoma

Randy Lynn Hamilton
Industrial Education, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Justin Michael Jones
Criminal Justice, BS
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Michael Keith Hart
Organizational Leadership, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Siena Marie Kephart
Psychology, BS
Carmen, Oklahoma

Erika Judith Hernandez Luna
Elementary Education, BSED
Laverne, Oklahoma

Kassandra Jo Kuns
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Forgan, Oklahoma

Gracee SkyeLynn Hill
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Lawton, Oklahoma

Maria Maricela Leon
Psychology, BS
Guymon, Oklahoma

Bryan Scott Hodshire Jr.
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Jimi Chenoha Dawn Wilson Lindell
Psychology, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Chance Love
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Chicago, Illinois

Shayna Elaine Miller***
English, BAED
Tuttle, Oklahoma

Kiomiko Maidher
Psychology, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Andrea Lyn Torres-Naile
General Studies, BA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Angelina Remedios Marlow
Business Administration, BBA
Beaver, Oklahoma

Kolade Ogunjemiyo
General Studies, BA
Fresno, California

Justin Arvin Masee
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Laverne, Oklahoma

Karli Jo Packard**
Accounting, BBA
Kingman, Kansas

Kathryn N. Mayer
Business Administration, BBA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Donovan David Paden*
Elementary Education, BSED
Great Bend, Kansas

Karah Danielle McCleary
Biology, BS
Chemistry, BS
Blackwell, Oklahoma

Maxwell Parsons*
Accounting, BBA
Alva, Oklahoma

Alfredo Medina
General Studies, BA
Enid, Oklahoma

Ashley Nichole Pesicka
Business Administration, BBA
Enid, Oklahoma

Heatherene N. Merrill
Psychology, BS
Apple Valley, California

Rebecca Ann Peterson
Business Administration, BBA
Enid, Oklahoma

Andrew Timothy Raj
Computer Science, BS
Edmond, Oklahoma

Cesar F. Ramos
Agriculture, BS
Boise City, Oklahoma

Brandy Thomas
Nursing, BSN
Elk City, Oklahoma

Tracy Renee Rupp
Nursing, BSN
Ness City, Kansas

Ian Tompkins
Biology, BS
Woodward, Oklahoma

April Kaye Schultz
Social Work, BSW
Alva, Oklahoma

Riley Tune
Agriculture, BS
Seiling, Oklahoma

Shelby Nacole Seiger
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Lisa Mary Vermillion
Accounting, BBA
Hardtner, Kansas

Rosco Terry Moore Setzer
Agriculture Education, BSED
Chelsea, Oklahoma

Belinda Gina Hukill-Villot
Accounting, BBA
Maud, Oklahoma

Andrew Jackson Shepherd
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Midland, Texas

Matthew Stephen Voth**
Elementary Education, BSED
Hutchinson, Kansas

Mary E. Smart
Elementary Education, BSED
Douglas, Oklahoma

Harlie Renee Whisenant
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Hollis, Oklahoma

Jonathon Still
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Mustang, Oklahoma

Larry Darnell White II
General Studies, BA
Topeka, Kansas

Sydney Eryn Taylor
Computer Science, BS
Guymon, Oklahoma

Collin Zink
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Blackwell, Oklahoma

Official graduation photos taken by NWOSU University Relations will be available for free download via the Northwestern Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/albums>.

- BA - Bachelor of Arts
- BBA - Bachelor of Business Administration
- BM - Bachelor of Music
- BS - Bachelor of Science
- BAAS - Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
- BAED - Bachelor of Arts Education
- BMED - Bachelor of Music Education
- BSED - Bachelor of Science Education
- BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- BSW - Bachelor of Social Work

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program was designed by faculty and administration to provide intellectual stimulation in a challenging and supportive environment. Only a few of the academically elite students are selected to participate. Program requirements include taking a minimum of four Honors Courses and participating in student/faculty research projects or attending seminars. Students who complete the program will “Graduate with Honors” and are indicated in the program by the symbol “†”.

LEVELS OF ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Latin honors are Latin phrases used to indicate the Level of Academic Distinction with which an academic degree was earned. Northwestern Oklahoma State University recognizes graduates with Levels of Academic Distinction based upon their cumulative grade point average.

*Cum Laude: 3.70-3.79 CGPA

**Magna Cum Laude: 3.80-3.89 CGPA

***Summa Cum Laude: 3.90-4.00 CGPA

ACADEMIC DRESS

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were being organized in medieval Europe. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress worn by church officials of the time. The academic dress of American institutions has evolved from European traditions and has been in use in the country since colonial times. In the United States, academic degrees are identified by distinctive gowns, hoods, and colors.

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities in the United States have the following characteristics. The gown of the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. Today gowns are designed so that they may be worn open or closed.

Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced in front with velvet; three bars (chevrons) are used across the sleeves. These velvet facings and cross bars (chevrons) may be black or the color distinctive of the academic disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus coinciding with the edging of the hood that is appropriate to the particular academic discipline of the doctor's degree.

The academic hood is colorful having its outside black with an edging of velvet in the color representing the academic degree. Each hood is lined with silk in colors representing the university granting the degree. Northwestern Oklahoma State University hoods are lined with red and black in addition to the trim representing the academic degree.

The cap or mortarboard comes from Italy and has its origins during the Renaissance. The cap has evolved from one that originally was worn over the ears and including no tassel to today's modification of a black square on a skullcap including a tassel. Variations of the mortarboard include the beret or the tam.

The colors of the tassel worn with the academic cap represent the level of degree or academic field in which the degree is conferred. For example, doctoral degree holders often wear a gold tassel that used to be worn only by presidents or chancellors.

For academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gown, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different academic disciplines are as follows:

- Agriculture (Maize)
- Arts, Letters, Humanities (White)
- Behavioral Science (Royal Blue)
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business (Drab)
- Economics (Copper)
- Education (Light Blue)
- English (White)
- Fine Arts, including Architecture (Brown)
- Journalism (Crimson)
- Law (Purple)
- Library Science (Lemon)
- Medicine (Green)
- Music (Pink)
- Nursing (Apricot)
- Oratory - Speech (Silver Gray)
- Philosophy (Dark Blue)
- Physical Education (Sage Blue)
- Science (Golden Yellow)
- Social Work (Citron)
- Theology (Scarlet)

Parts of the preceding information were adapted from the commencement programs of Fort Hays State University, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Oklahoma.

MISSION STATEMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership and service, critical thinking and fiscal responsibility.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Northwestern Oklahoma State University offers the opportunity for its students to be members of a number of academic honor societies. Membership traditionally is by invitation to those who have excelled predominantly in academic achievement. Some academic honor societies recognize students from all academic fields while others focus on specialized areas such as psychology or history. At Northwestern, these academic honor societies include: Alpha Psi Omega, Cardinal Key, Delta Tau Alpha, Delta Mu Delta, Chi Sigma Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi, Lambda Iota Tau, Phi Alpha Theta, Psi Chi, Pi Kappa Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Red and Black Scroll, Sigma Beta Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, and Sigma Delta Pi. Some of the members of these honor societies can be identified during graduation ceremonies by the honors cords or honors stoles they will be wearing over their academic dress.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace leads the academic procession at commencement and on other special ceremonial occasions. The mace symbolizes the authority of the President on behalf of the University. Historically, the use of a mace dates back to the Middle Ages and was carried before or placed near a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority.

The mace was designed by Dr. Jerry Brownrigg, Professor Emeritus of Technology. Brownrigg, who retired from Northwestern after 42 years of dedicated service, crafted the mace from a 45-year-old piece of local black walnut. Brownrigg was a skilled artist who has received national and worldwide acclaim for his craftsmanship. The mace depicts various University symbols, including the University seal, the names of the institution since it was established in 1897, and the names of the presidents of the University.





Northwestern Alma Mater

Oh, Northwestern Alma Mater,
In our hearts you will remain,
To keep your honor and your glory,
Our devotion we proclaim.

In days to come,
And years begun
Throughout the land,
We'll praise your name.

For all your honor and your glory,
And your great undying fame,
We hail our Alma Mater.

F.A. McClain

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