

*Twenty-Second Annual
Fall Commencement
Exercise*



*Northwestern Oklahoma
State University
Alva, Oklahoma*

*Percefull Fieldhouse
December 8, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.*

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Sunday, December 8, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Processional Recording

Star Spangled Banner Recording

Invocation Chris Ruwaldt

Pastor, First Baptist Church of Alva

Address Judith Ridgeway, JD

Class of 1970

Presentation of Class Dr. James Bell

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Academic Degrees Dr. Bo Hannaford

President

Alma Mater Audience

Emily Smith, Class of 2024

Benediction Chris Ruwaldt

Pastor, First Baptist Church of Alva

Recessional Recording

Graduating Class

MASTER OF ARTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Andrea Amanda Lynn Corr
Hardtner, Kansas

MASTER OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Rhema Abercrombie
Enid, Oklahoma

Dawson Maxwell
Perry, Oklahoma

Christopher Black
Enid, Oklahoma

Emma Kate Reynolds
Tonkawa, Oklahoma

Klaire Kallas
Enid, Oklahoma

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Danielle Faye Budy
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Alva, Oklahoma

Ja'Ron Burks
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Kansas City, Missouri

Daniel Campbell
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Brewster, Massachusetts

Cara Schultz
Reading Specialist
Canton, Oklahoma

Kaitlyn Rose Mattingly
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Woodward, Oklahoma

Riley Walker
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Jacksonville, Florida

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Carla Briscoe
Caledon, Ontario, Canada

Taylor Phillips
Alva, Oklahoma

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Ashley Marie Ailey
Psychology, BS
Blackwell, Oklahoma

Sagelyn Chanielle Budy***
Agriculture, BS
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Hannah G. Appleton***
Health & Sports Science Education, BSED
Drummond, Oklahoma

Matthew Lee Carpenter***
Agriculture, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Ella R. Ayers**
Business Administration, BBA
Nash, Oklahoma

Kayla Carroll
Elementary Education, BSED
Vici, Oklahoma

Emilee Batman
Elementary Education, BSED
Sharon, Oklahoma

Avery Ruth Clark
Business Administration, BBA
Choctaw, Oklahoma

Elizabeth Bee
English, BAED
Enid, Oklahoma

DaRaun T. Clark
General Studies, BA
San Antonio, Texas

Patricia L. Boeckman
Psychology, BS
Blanchard, Oklahoma

Chase Davidson
Business Administration, BBA
Houston, Texas

Victoria Joylynn Bolar
General Studies, BA
Enid, Oklahoma

Janessa Viola Davis-O'Reilly
Accounting, BBA
Beaver, Oklahoma

Cayden Brown
Computer Science, BS
Perryton, Texas

Elizabeth Denney***
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Prague, Oklahoma

Madison Kay Dollarhide
Psychology, BS
Blackwell, Oklahoma

William N. Hillyer, Jr.
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Woodward, Oklahoma

Kaycee Jean Evans
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Medford, Oklahoma

Angie Grace Horner
Psychology, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Samantha Nicole Farris
General Studies, BA
Ridgecrest, California

Robert L. James
Sociology, BA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Nydia Evelyn Fraire
Accounting, BBA
Woodward, Oklahoma

Colby Jarnagin
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Lacey Renee Geiger
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Emmett, Idaho

Deborah Marie Jobes
Nursing, BSN
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Douglas Wilson Griffith, II
Business Administration, BBA
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Ashton Layne Jones
Business Administration, BBA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Regan C. Hacker
Elementary Education, BSED
Tonkawa, Oklahoma

Isaiah Kellum
Business Administration, BBA
Lansing, Michigan

Madalyn Nicole Halderman
Elementary Education, BSED
Vici, Oklahoma

Delaney Elizabeth Lambert***
English, BAED
Alva, Oklahoma

Asia Monae Hicks
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Tallulah, Louisiana

Dalton B. Landers
General Studies, BA
Elgin, Oklahoma

Halea Renay Locke
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Hooker, Oklahoma

Jaime Lopez
Business Administration, BBA
Enid, Oklahoma

Itzy Lozano
General Studies, BA
Guymon, Oklahoma

Rylee Manning
Elementary Education, BSED
Seiling, Oklahoma

Katelynn Milam
Early Childhood Education, BSED
Enid, Oklahoma

Destiny Marie Miller
General Studies, BA
Alva, Oklahoma

Megan Nicole Moulder
Nursing, BSN
Waukomis, Oklahoma

Lyla Alyn Murie
Biology, BS
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Gracie I. Myatt***
Biology, BS
Piedmont, Oklahoma

Mason Myers
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Olathe, Kansas

Heather Negelein
English, BA
Cleveland, Oklahoma

Timothy B. North
Computer Science, BS
Erick, Oklahoma

Vanessa Pacheco
Elementary Education, BSED
Enid, Oklahoma

Kaci A. Pembrook
Biology, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Beatriz Angeli Dacudao Penaflor
Psychology, BS
Shattuck, Oklahoma

Mattie Ann Pitts*
Elementary Education, BSED
Waynoka, Oklahoma

Kacie Platt
Nursing, BSN
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Shelby Lynn Porter
Criminal Justice, BS
Cherokee, Oklahoma

Riley Prosser
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Pratt, Kansas

Adriana M. Quezada***
Psychology, BS
Enid, Oklahoma

Travis Scott Riley
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Alva, Oklahoma

Azucena Rivera Martinez***
Accounting, BBA
Waukegan, Illinois

Brianisha Marie Rolling
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Canton, Texas

Paul F. Sachen
Business Administration, BBA
Scottsdale, Arizona

David Alejandro Salas
Health & Sports Science Education, BS
Arlington, Texas

Stephanie Salcedo
Accounting, BBA
Enid, Oklahoma

Mikala Marie Salinas
Computer Science, BS
Freedom, Oklahoma

Kenneth Dee Shannon
Business Administration, BBA
Helena, Oklahoma

Jacob Shaw
Agriculture, BS
Hastings, Nebraska

Worthy Shepherd
Health & Sports Science Education, BSED
Blackwell, Oklahoma

Pemba Sherpa*
Computer Science, BS
Kathmandu, Nepal

Derek Douglas Sinor
General Studies, BA
Medford, Oklahoma

Emily M. Smith*
Music-Vocal, BME
Holdenville, Oklahoma

Taylor Rae Songster
Biology, BS
Elkhorn, Nebraska

Trinity M. Soutter
Agriculture Education, BSED
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Julianna Sprague
Agriculture, BS
Kincaid, Kansas

Terrell Kade Stokes
Agriculture, BS
Landrum, South Carolina

Katherine D. Wallen
Business Administration, BBA
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Elizabeth Christine Terbush
Social Science, BAED
Woodward, Oklahoma

John Michael Landry Wilcox
Business Administration, BBA
Woodward, 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
- BME - Bachelor of Music Education
- BSED - Bachelor of Science Education
- BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- BSW - Bachelor of Social Work
- JD - Juris Doctor

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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