

# TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 Stokes Stadium 2:00 p.m.

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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## **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

The music for commencement is provided by the Truman State University Wind Symphony under the direction of Curran Prendergast, conductor.

> First Suite in Eb — Gustav Holst Pomp and Circumstance — Edward Elgar

#### PROCESSIONAL

United States Army ROTC Color Guard

Grand Marshal Carolyn Cox, *Professor of Health Science* 

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Eric Freedman

Vice President for Student Engagement, Enrollment and Marketing Tyana Lange

> Commencement Speaker Kia Noelle Johnson

Student Speaker Jacqueline Wilson Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

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Vocal Soloist MaKenna Carnes Bachelor of Music in Music Emphasis Groups

Readers Jay Self, *Professor of Communication* Bridget Thomas, *Professor of Classics* 

Marshal Kathryn Brammall, *Professor of History*  Candidates Master of Accountancy Master of Arts Master of Arts in Education Master of Athletic Training Master of Science Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

Faculty Honorees

Faculty and Administration

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Star-Spangled Banner — Francis Scott Key

MaKenna Carnes

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Provost Freedman

## **GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Provost Freedman

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Kia Noelle Johnson

## **Recognition of Faculty Honorees**

Provost Freedman and Vice President Lange

Jeffrey R. Arabas\*, Instructor Emeritus in Health and Exercise Sciences Elizabeth M. Clark, Professor Emerita of Communication Jacqueline Collett, Professor Emeritus of Music Sergio Escobar\*, Professor Emeritus of Spanish David H. Gillette, Professor Emeritus of Economics Randy Hagerty\*, Professor Emeritus of Political Science Julie Lochbaum, Professor Emerita of Education Ronald K. Manning\*, Assistant Professor Emeritus of French Terry L. Olson\*, Professor Emeritus of Economics David W. McKamie\*, Professor Emeritus of Music Wendy S. Miner, Professor Emerita of Education Phil Ryan, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Matthew G. Tornatore, Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages Lisa Glaubitz-Vincent, Research and Instruction Librarian Emerita

## **INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER**

Vice President Lange

## **STUDENT ADDRESS**

Jacqueline Wilson

### **Recognition of Honor Students**

Provost Freedman

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Provost Freedman and Vice President Lange

Jay Self Bridget Thomas Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science Candidates for the Degree Master of Accountancy Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education Candidates for the Degree Master of Athletic Training Candidates for the Degree Master of Science

## TURNING OF TASSELS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Provost Freedman

### **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

arranged by Roger Cody

MaKenna Carnes

## **Recessional and Postlude**

Stars and Stripes Forever – John Philip Sousa Second Suite in F – Gustav Holst

## **JUNIOR MARSHALS**

The Junior Marshals, robed in white, serve as escorts during the Commencement ceremony.

## **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

## **KIA NOELLE JOHNSON**



Kia Noelle Johnson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, is director of the Atlanta satellite of The University of Texas at Austin's Arthur M. Blank Center for Stuttering Education and Research, a clinical research institute with the mission to change the world for people who stutter.

Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communication disorders from Truman in 2000. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology from Howard University and a Ph.D. in hearing and speech sciences from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

A certified speech-language pathologist through the American

Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Johnson is an expert in developmental stuttering with a focus on culturally and linguistically diverse individuals and communities. Aside from teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at various universities, she conducts and presents her peer-reviewed research at local, national and international conferences and has first-authored and co-authored many scholarly publications.

Johnson has served the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology through volunteer roles as a member of the ASHA Board of Directors and past national advisor to the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. She currently serves as the immediate past chair of the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing Board of Directors and is a member of the ASHA Board of Ethics.

Throughout her career, Johnson has mentored countless undergraduate and graduate students, with a particular interest in guiding underrepresented students interested in academic research careers. She has been recognized by professional associations and academic institutions for her contributions to the professions in teaching, scholarship and leadership. The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Howard University recognized Johnson with the Distinguished Alumna Award, and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine honored her with the Judith S. Gravel Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences.

During her time at Truman, Johnson was involved with the Ronald E. McNair Scholar Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She and her husband Deric Dejuan Johnson, also a Truman graduate, have three children, Sydney, Chase and Deric Josiah.

## THE GRADUATES

The Commencement program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of graduates. Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete all requirements by established deadlines.

## **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Celia Battson, Creative Writing Emily Diane Bolton, Creative Writing Savannah Carmichael (also BA), Creative Writing Sirui Cheng, Design Amanda Cox, Creative Writing Abigail Dismuke, Creative Writing Lily Anne Fisher, Design Elizabeth Ann Harness, Creative Writing Gracie June Hunsel, Creative Writing Jonah Levi Husgen (also BA), Creative Writing Bryce Lewin, Creative Writing Madeline Mertz, Creative Writing Madeline Elise Morris, Design Rebekah Grace Nelson, Design Gina Yuli Newell, Design Ibrahim Sakibu, Design Tyler Stanfield, Design Hunter Thompson, Design Qiushi Yang, Design

## **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

MaKenna Carnes, Music Emphasis Groups (BM) Parker Andrew Hart, Music Emphasis Groups (BM) Ajdin Krdzalic, Music Emphasis Groups (BM) William David Schwartz, Music Emphasis Groups (BM)

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Sarah Marie Abdurakhmonov Alexander Hunter Abrams\* Caitlyn Alcorn\* Audrey Espey Allen Adrian Miguel Agustin Ampon Kierra Renee Arndorfer Cassidy Shea Boord Abigail Rose Brink Gertrude Anna Broker Emily Collins Taylor E. Cornish\* Audrey A. Currey Kendall Rose Dascher Miranda Ditto Kayla Lyn Duggan

Emily Elfrink Alexandra Hope Fisher (also BA) **Cassidy Nicole Gann** Jakob Hartzell Rachel Elizabeth Henson **Bailey Morgan Hixson** Hallie Ann Holst Samuel James Howard Addison Inlow Rihana Kemal\* Daniel Harrison King\* Alexandra Maya Kolesiak **Delainy Renee Kroeger** Jacqueline Eve Lewis Melanie Elaine Lyons Olivia Mann\* Elizabeth Marcus Shelby Rehnea McLaughlin Mara Jayne Miller Allyson Elizabeth Monroe Charles Palumbo **Elizabeth Raines** Chloe D. Roffmann Savannah Rothe\* Kelly Elizabeth Rydberg\* Ishita Sarode Elizabeth Anne Shirrell Jewel Marie Smith Mackenzie Sullivan Hannah Rose Thacker Ashley Marie Thebeau Sasha Marie Thomas Sophia Claire Tulipana Lauren Mary Uchida\* Rebekah Walker\* Sydney Nicole Walker Hallie Webber Samantha Lynn Whitworth Samantha Marie Wilson

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Kossi Louis Jean de Dieu Adira. Economics Kent Allsberry, Biology Holly Spencer Alwine, Classics Taylor Sue Baldwin, History Brett Thomas Barger, Music (General) Eli Quinten Bartz, Political Science & International Relations Elijah Baum (also BS), Modern Language Adam Franklin Bishop (also BS), Classics Ian Robert Boland, English Abby Bomball, Psychology Santino A. Bono, Political Science & International Relations Liliana Borrego, Psychology Adam Joseph Brehob, Theatre John R. Breitweiser, Communication Jacob Louis Brown, Political Science & International **Relations and Economics** Ty Bushnell, Art Diego Armando Butron, Psychology Savannah Carmichael (also BFA), Theatre Lily Helena Casey, English Samuel Becket Clark, Psychology Katherinne Colmenero-Cortez, English Kennedy Kathleen Cooper, Philosophy & Religion and Political Science & International Relations Fatoumata Moctar Coulibaly, Business Administration Alexandra Crawford, English Kaitlyn Juliette Crawford, English Justin Wayne Crouch, Theatre Jacquelyn Danter, Theatre Brianna Michelle Dotson, Music (Pre-Certification) Nathan Tucker Dowell, History Karley Ellen Drabik, Music (Pre-Certification) Emelia Katie Durham, Psychology and Philosophy & Religion Isabella Eddy, Psychology Mariam Hesham Elkadi, Art and Political Science & International Relations John Austin Eritreo. Communication Reagan Brooke Faiferlick, History Logan Paul Feulner, Psychology Eileen K. Finley, Political Science & International Relations and Modern Language Alexandra Hope Fisher (also BSN), Modern Language Morgan Faith Ford, Biology Joshua Fowler, Business Administration Will Henry Fromm, Business Administration Bryan David Garth (also BS), Music (General) Bryce A. Goodall, History Rachel Grigsby, Communication Nicholas Haggard, English

Mitchel Lee Hall, History Savannah Hargett, English Koby Dean Hatfield, Mathematics Isabella Marie Heintz, Business Administration Wesley Henshaw, English and Philosphy & Religion Jessica Hiegel, English Andrew Hilliard, English John Andrew Vorwark Hobbs (also BS), Theatre Grace Elizabeth Hoffman, Psychology Kate Howard\*, Art Jillian Marie Humke, Interdisciplinary Studies Jonah Levi Husgen (also BFA), Interdisciplinary Studies Qinglong Jia, Business Administration Yuho Kasuga, Business Administration Trenton Cauy Kiesling, Business Administration and Music EoJin Kim, Sociology/Anthropology Rebecca Nicole Kubin, Art Lydia Faye Lamb, Communication Connor Lee Landwehr, Music (Pre-Certification) Cozette LeRoy, History Véla Lightle, History Shelby Paige Manes, Linguistics Anna Katherine Markiewicz, Theatre and English Evan Alexander Martin, Business Administration Sydney Olivia Mattas (also BS), Business Administration Elizabeth McCarthy, Political Science & International **Relations and Modern Language** Leighya McNeely, English Jackson A. Michals, Business Administration Frances Ann Miklovic, English Andrew Lloyd Miller, Physics Caroline Million, Theatre Luke Middleton Moores, Communication Kara L. Morley, Business Administration Bridget Kathleen Morris, Modern Language Natalie Morrison. Communication Elizabeth Nahach, History Siobhan Elizabeth Neely, Music Alyse Nicole Nguyen, Communication Robert Earl Noe, Business Administration Matthew Robert Nothdurft, Music Shane Kiernan O'Donnell, Classics and Music Emily Danielle O'Leary, Communication Katrina Marie Parks, Political Science & International **Relations and Modern Language** Cherish V. Pope\*, Music (Pre-Certification) and **Business Administration** Keaton Dale Porch, Physics Emily A. Pozzo, Mathematics Phoebe Lucille Primeau, Art Stephanie Reñasco, Business Administration

Jose Angel Saenz Gutierrez (also BS) Business Administration Ella Rose Schnake, Political Science & International Relations and Sociology/Anthropology Olivia Sloan, English Blaine Charles Smallwood, Music Faith Marie Smith, English Hannah Elizabeth Stevenson, English Cora Marie Stimpson, English Kali Shae Teague, Art Alexander John Thornhill, Business Administration Genevieve Tlustos. Communication Megan Travis, English Simone Alexander Valentino, Biology and Modern Language Grace Madison Vandall, History Hanna Vanourney, Modern Language Michael S. Walka, Political Science & International Relations Katelyn Suzanne Walker, English Zeyu Wang, Economics Mairin Warner, Sociology/Anthropology Thomas Weber (also BS), Modern Language Jacqueline L. Wilson, Business Administration Matthew Logan Winkler, Economics Lilianne Winston, Music (Pre-Certification) Riley Witherbee, Music (Pre-Certification) Katherine Woolston, Art Natalie Worley, Psychology Heidi Elizabeth Wright, History Qishen Xiang, Communication Xiaozhu Yan, Statistics Huido Yang\*, Economics Xuangian Ye, English Melody Kay Zakarian (also BS), Music (Pre-Certification) Keer Zeng, Economics

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Amr Ahmed, Justice Systems Sophia L. Akers\*, Accounting Patrick Thomas Akins, Mathematics Cael Ryan Aldridge, Exercise Science Star Giselle Alexander, Psychology Eric Benjamin Allison, History Blake W. Anderson, History Emily Leann Anderson, Sociology/Anthropology Myranda Kathleen Anthes, Liberal Studies Saul Armendariz Lobera, Biology Carson Drake Ash, Biology Nolan Atnip, Liberal Studies Mikaela Grace Aurand, Business Administration Joseph Davidter Baer, Biology Warren Dean Barge, Political Science & International Relations and Economics

Colin T. Barry, Biology Elijah Baum (also BA), Political Science & International Relations Olivia Baumann, Business Administration and Accounting Abigail Baumgarth, Accounting and Business Administration Alexandria Paige Beard, Liberal Studies Allison Beaton, Biology Cassidy Dawn Beck, Communication Disorders Nissim Josh Benabou, Political Science & International Relations Hanna Berry, Exercise Science Paige Mackenzie Bethel, Criminal Justice Studies Thaddeus W. Bielecki, Computer Science Nicholas Biesemeyer, Accounting and Business Administration Aidan James Bilbao, Exercise Science Keegan James Bird, Mathematics Adam Franklin Bishop (also BA), Linguistics Justin Thomas Bonds, Chemistry Andrea Both, Exercise Science Joshua W. Bowen, Mathematics Nicholas Noah Bowen, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Hunter J. Bowman, Computer Science Svdnev Ann Bowman, Biology Matthew Joe Boyce, Accounting Whitney R. Boyce, Psychology Cole Joseph Bracken, Computer Science David Bradshaw, Business Administration Mason Julian Brandt, Criminal Justice Studies Jessica Nicole Breyfogle, Health Science Maya Rose Broshears, Exercise Science and Psychology Allison Raven Brown, Exercise Science Kamden Scott Brown, Statistics Madelyn Brueggeman, Business Administration and Accounting Brian Daniel Bruxvoort, Statistics Bailev Ellen Brvant\*, Health Science Grace Kathleen Burris, Mathematics Collin Scott Buss, Accounting Jonathan Buss, Accounting Clay Daniel Caldwell\*, Exercise Science Carter Cameron, Economics Clayton Capriglione, Psychology Fiona Judy Chao, Health Science Krishna Saurabh Chebolu, Mathematics Olivia Irene Clark, Business Administration Jordan Mackenzie Clement, Psychology Taylor Renee Combites, Psychology Lillian Conger, Interdisciplinary Studies Hawa Moctar Coulibaly, Health Science Morgan L. Cowen, Psychology

Jadan Madison Crader, Exercise Science Maysun Scout Craven, Psychology Kayla Jean Cunningham, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Shane Dabbs\*, Exercise Science John Ryan Dabney, Mathematics Molly Elizabeth Dacus, Interdisciplinary Studies Michael V. Daggett, Mathematics John William Dames Jr., Business Administration Kenneth H. Damper, Biology Madeline Rose Dando, Biology Joseph M. Danner\*, Agricultural Science Charlotte Daues, Psychology Austin D. Davis, Computer Science Dylan Robert de Leon, Accounting Paxton Michael Dempsay, Mathematics Madison Catherine Devlin, Exercise Science Sean Alexander Dillon, Exercise Science Andrew Nguyen Doan, Biology Sophia Grace Dolan, Business Administration Sydney J. Donath, Agricultural Science Max Henry Driver, Health Science Jillian Grace Duncan, Business Administration Carissa Nichole Dunn. Exercise Science Gabriel Durkee, Health Science Alexander M. Eckes\*, Exercise Science Grace Elizabeth Edgar, Sociology/Anthropology Lathen Paul Elschlager, Psychology Brian Enwonwu, Computer Science Corbin Austin Estes, Bioloav Isaiah Estes, Exercise Science Arthur Mann Fabella, Business Administration Daniel Jacob Falcon, Political Science & International Relations Noah D. Faulkner, Mathematics Alex Thomas Fellows, Business Administration Sara Nicole Figura, Psychology Jenna Michele Foelsing, Accounting Cassidy Folken, Liberal Studies Megan Jane Ford, Social Issue Advocacy Brennan Michael Fortel, Biology Matthew David Foster, Accounting Daniel Fox, Business Administration Lauren Hunter Frazier, Economics Allison Grace Frey, Communication Disorders and Psychology Mackenzie Adele Frost, Mathematics Isabel Sara Fultz, Justice Systems Sandra Nicole Galarza Guilarte, Business Administration Bryan David Garth (also BA), Computer Science Skylar Kathleen Katrien Gaw, Biology Leah Katherine Gehrke, Accounting Daniel David Joseph Gernander, Statistics

William Richard Gibson, Agricultural Science Audrey Hazel Gilmore, Business Administration Blake Gordon, Psychology Mitchell Gore, Agricultural Science Grace Gottschamer, Biology Lance Christian Griffith, Agricultural Science Aubrie Kirsten Grubbs, Communication Disorders Jaren Guck, Exercise Science George Nathaniel Gump, Health Science Yixuan Guo, Accounting Cole Allen Hadley, Biology Rvan Anthony Hake, Business Administration and Accounting Hannah Hankins, Health Science Casey Hansen, Exercise Science Catherine Hanses, Biology Zoie Brynn Harden, Health Science Garrett Wade Harding, Business Administration Ryan Harness, Biology Matthew Robert Hartmann, History Robert Wolfgang Hartsell, Health Science Nicole Havel, Communication Disorders Elizabeth Hemmer. Communication Disorders Lydia Hernandez, Health Science Trey Edmund Herzing, Health Science Christian Heumann, Computer Science Emily D. Hildrich, Accounting Ethan David Hinn, Computer Science Grace Lynn Hinrichs, Mathematics and Computer Science Andrew James Hnilo, Computer Science John Andrew Vorwark Hobbs (also BA), Mathematics Georgia R. Hollingsworth, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Emma Kathrynne Holt, History Abigail Kathleen Homer, Criminal Justice Studies Spencer Kelly Hoskins II, Health Science Shuxuan Huang, Business Administration Harrison Kyle Hughes, Computer Science Madelyn Blair Huhn, Health Science Mason Daniel Huskey, Psychology Alyssa Huston, Psychology Kendall Francis Hutchison, Exercise Science Abigail Julianna Ihnat, Health Science William Michael Jackson, Psychology Peter J. Jerszynski IV, Business Administration Brock K. Jones, Accounting Tyler Allan Jones, Accounting Kate Hanna Justis, Sociology/Anthropology Logan Kammerer, History Kana Gebrekidan Kassa, Biology Daniel John Lloyd Kaysinger, History and Psychology Rachel Kelly, Accounting Jack Alexander Kenney, Statistics

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Gracie Neff, Interdisciplinary Studies Samuel Garrett Newton, Biology Natalie Nguyen, Health Science Margaret Nicholl, Political Science & International Relations Lucas Nichols, Business Administration Gabrielle Marie Nielsen, Exercise Science Kimberly Niemeyer, Biology Salvador Enrique Niemeyer, Political Science & International Relations and Psychology Olivia Rose Noack, Agricultural Science Carolene Azenith Bautista Noble, Exercise Science Delaney O'Byrne, Business Administration Lucy Prevost O'Connor, Exercise Science Ryan Olivas, Business Administration Breyton Osburn, Exercise Science Samuel John Otto, Chemistry Kayla Jacy Overbeck, Communication Disorders Jack Owens, Agricultural Science Rena Lynn Owens\*, Exercise Science Ethan Joseph Parisi, Biology Ethan Thomas Parmenter, Biology Katherine Grace Paul, Exercise Science Emily Nicole Pearson\*, Exercise Science Lindsey Pellock, Psychology Hanna Nicole Perry, Exercise Science Isabella Ann Petry, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Jaxon T. Pickett, Psychology Kolton Piva, Biology Zackary Thomas Ploch, Biology Maura Ploesser, Interdisciplinary Studies Madison Polniak, History Holden Potter, Accounting Eli W. Price, Computer Science Brendan Quinn. Statistics Claire A. Rake, Business Administration Sara Rausa\*, Psychology Alison Rose Regina, Chemistry Cole Renshaw, Health Science Dane Kenneth Jon Renshaw, Exercise Science Nathan Rhodes, Agricultural Science Fury Anthony Rinck\*, Computer Science Lauryn Robinet, Psychology Trevor Anthony Roed, History Mary Claire Rogge, Chemistry Dominic Charles Ross, Exercise Science Grant Ross, Chemistry Rebecca Leonia Rushman, Computer Science and **Mathematics** Alyssa Rzany (also BA), Psychology Jose Angel Saenz Gutierrez (also BA), Statistics Catherine Elizabeth Salem, Biology Paige AnMarie Scaman, Exercise Science Justin Schneider, Computer Science

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## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY**

Meredith Grace Bayer Landon Cody Donaldson Emily Elizabeth Earl Derek Thomas Fesser Jacob Grabenhorst Victoria Ann Griffith Zachary Taylor Jacobson Christopher John Kastberg Savanna Koetting Ryan Laule Holden Missey Lucas M Payne James Layton Phillips Bryce William Rauba Jackson Todd Sefrit Adam Joseph Shine Tayte Standifird Madison Stoecklein Sara Michelle VanAmburgh Kevin Mark Yaovi Zossoungbo

## **MASTER OF ARTS**

Brooke Elizabeth Beahan\*, Disability Studies: Applied **Behavior Analysis** Maggie Beem (also MAE), English Idean Elise Bindel\*, Gifted Education Megan Bonham-Smith, Leadership Colton Borders, English Robert Lee Cagle III, Music Leah May Caputo, Communication Disorders Brooke Ashley Chapman, Communication Disorders Joseph llen Cheng, Music Zhaoyang Cui, Music Kerrion Cornelius Dean\*, Leadership Paige Elaine Devening, Communication Disorders Madeleine G. Duncan\*, Disability Studies: Applied **Behavior Analysis** Aidan James Ervin, Music Alexandria Fanning, Leadership Natalie Ruth Fatka, Leadership Jeremy C. Fink, English Amanda Dawn Finn\*, Gifted Education Emma Marie Gierer, Mental Health Counseling Anna Josephine Gregory\*, Gifted Education Sara DeAnne Grieb\*, Gifted Education Curtis Dean Halbrook, Music Autumn Mackenzie Heath. Music Mason Tyler Heavin\*, Gifted Education Brian Christopher Holland\*, Gifted Education Zachary Hunn\*, Gifted Education Bethany Jenice Jackson, Communication Disorders Tessa Jo Keeton, Communication Disorders Kathryn Knox, English Christina Landburg\*, Gifted Education Rebecca Labrie Liljenberg, Communication Disorders Ashley Ann Ludwinski, Communication Disorders Maria Ann McGonegle (also MAE), English Samantha A. Mitchell, School Counseling Robert Scott Myers II. Leadership Cameryn Illyse Patterson, Leadership Jennifer E. Pautz, English Katherine Joann Poole\*. Gifted Education Christa Price\*, Gifted Education Amanda Marie Rericker, Communication Disorders Brooke Alexandrea Reynolds\*, Gifted Education Jacob Robinson, Leadership Claire Christine Russotto, Communication Disorders Janice Steacy\*, Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis Kelly Josephine Stiles, Communication Disorders Victoria Ai-Hua Strege, Communication Disorders Natalie Sofía Suazo Hernández\*, Leadership Morgan Tanner Tait\*, Leadership Amanda Dawn Trelow\*, Gifted Education

Kristen Nicole Weber, Communication Disorders Sarah White, English Dalaney Danielle Widiger (also MAE), English

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Madisyn Lee Andrews, Elementary Education Monica Lauren Backer, Special Education Maggie Beem (also MA), English Samantha Effie Bertier, Elementary Education Emily Catherine Bowen, Special Education Bridget Jean Boyle, Music Emma Burke, Elementary Education Emma Marie Bushery, Music Jessica Coleman, History/Social Science Austin James Coolidge, Science Brittain M. Cooper, Music Grace Cork, Elementary Education Grace Ann Daugherty, English Catherine Grace Dean, Elementary Education Rachel Nicole Downey, Science Kelli Ellis, Mathematics Devin Lee Fields. Exercise Science Daniel Fink. Music Tressa Gregory, Elementary Education Andrew Richard Gooch, Music Corbyn Harold Harper\*, Elementary Education Margaret Flaherty Hart, English Olivia Marie Harvey, Science Michael William Jacober, History/Social Science Grace Lindsey Johler\*, Elementary Education Elizabeth Grace Johnson, Elementary Education Emily Johnson\*, Foreign Language Tyler Juergens\*, History/Social Science Veronica Rose Kelly, Elementary Education Kaelin Kendrick-O'Bryan\*, Exercise Science Rose Melroy Kippenbrock, English Cara Rose Klaustermeier, Elementary Education Miranda Ruth Lee, Music Kaelene Ann Leppanen, Elementary Education Courtney Lynn Matthews, Elementary Education Christina Maury, English Erin McCart, Foreign Language Maria Ann McGonegle (also MA), English Madelyn Paige Meinhardt\*, Foreign Language Lexi Neubauer, Elementary Education Annie Frances O'Brien, English Holly Claire Olson, Elementary Education Bianca Paige Overbeck, Music Isabelle Perkins, Science Charlie Anthony Perry, English Amy Rose Puzniak, English

Jonathon M. Saxbury\*, Exercise Science Adam Henry Schmitz, Foreign Language Riley Andrew Scott, Foreign Language Tori Smith, Foreign Language Paige L. Snyder, Elementary Education Emma Margaret Steingraber, English Amanda Rose Voss, Elementary Education Emily Watson, English Blake Beckett Weakley, Exercise Science Samuel Weaver, Music Ellie Anne Weltha, Elementary Education Wolf M. Wheeler, Foreign Language Delaney Danielle Widiger (also MA), English Camilla Seren Wilkerson, Mathematics

## MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

Connor Joseph Greaves Paul Joseph Haarmann II Alexis Jordan Hassler Chance P. Orf Allison Nichole Payne

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

All are Master of Science in Data Science & Analytic Storytelling Candidates

Benjamin Edward Carlson\* Kevin M. Donohue\* Jessica Droege Ethan Anton Gabel\* Jeremy Wayne Johnson\* Branden Lawson\* Jerry Lin\* Corey McNab\* Madison Nicole Nguyen Jason Alan Odom Christopher Patrick O'Keefe Stephen Quinn\* Spencer Donald Ratermann\* **Elizabeth Scholl** Sterling Smith\* Nan Urbonya Mark Van Coutren\*

## **Recognition of Honor Graduates**

### **UNIVERSITY HONORS**

Undergraduate students receiving a baccalaureate degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or above will have the degree conferred with bonors. Honor graduates will wear special insignia during commencement. University Honors are awarded based on the following overall grade point averages:

#### Summa Cum Laude

3.90 - 4.0 GPA

Audrey Espey Allen Blake W. Anderson Carson Drake Ash Warren Dean Barge Brett Thomas Barger Colin T. Barry Abigail Baumgarth Adam Franklin Bishop Cassidy Shea Boord Gertrude Anna Broker Jacob Louis Brown Savannah Carmichael Krishna Saurabh Chebolu Taylor Renee Combites John William Dames Jr. Kendall Rose Dascher Sydney J. Donath Nathan Tucker Dowell Gabriel Durkee Emily Elfrink Mariam Hesham Elkadi Corbin Austin Estes Daniel Jacob Falcon Eileen K. Finley Jenna Michele Foelsing Morgan Faith Ford Matthew David Foster Cassidy Nicole Gann Bryan David Garth Leah Katherine Gehrke Elizabeth Ann Harness Matthew Robert Hartmann Elizabeth Hemmer Wesley Henshaw Jessica Hiegel Emily D. Hildrich Ethan David Hinni John Andrew Vorwark Hobbs

Hallie Ann Holst Harrison Kyle Hughes Jonah Levi Husgen Logan Kammerer Rachel Kelly Trenton Cauy Kiesling Elizabeth Anne Kleitz Alexandra Maya Kolesiak Sara Kutilek Lydia Faye Lamb Ashton Makay Lee\* Brady Michael Lisec Olivia Mann\* Anna Katherine Markiewicz Evan Alexander Martin Sydney Olivia Mattas Madelynn Rose Mattson Sydney Diane Mattson Erika McIntyre Micaela Sarah Merrill Frances Ann Miklovic Mara Jayne Miller Sean Moen James Moloney VI Allyson Elizabeth Monroe Elizabeth Marie Musco Samuel James Myers Elizabeth Nahach Rebekah Grace Nelson Breyton Osburn Zackary Thomas Ploch Emily A. Pozzo Claire A. Rake Rebecca Leonia Rushman Ishita Sarode Ella Rose Schnake Thomas Schodl Kyle Dwight Seabaugh Samantha Anne Seggerman Elizabeth Anne Shirrell Brynn Ainsley Sprague

Cora Marie Stimpson Alicia Marie Stout Hannah Rose Thacker Elizabeth Julia Thompson Genevieve Tlustos Sydney Nicole Walker Justin Patrick Watson James Weindel Matthew Logan Winkler Lilianne Winston Abigail Wise Huido Yang\* Daphne Jane Zakarian Melody Kay Zakarian Kathleen Zimmerman

#### Magna Cum Laude

#### 3.75 - 3.89 GPA

Eric Benjamin Allison Kierra Renee Arndorfer Eli Quinten Bartz Olivia Baumann Hanna Berry Paige Mackenzie Bethel Thaddeus W. Bielecki Emily Diane Bolton Abby Bomball Santino A. Bono Joshua W. Bowen Hunter J. Bowman Whitney R. Boyce Jessica Nicole Breyfogle Maya Rose Broshears Kamden Scott Brown Ty Bushnell Fiona Judy Chao Alexandra Crawford Kaitlyn Juliette Crawford Austin D. Davis Abigail Dismuke Andrew Nguyen Doan Kayla Lyn Duggan

Emelia Katie Durham Megan Jane Ford Daniel Fox Lauren Hunter Frazier Mitchell Gore Cole Allen Hadley Ryan Anthony Hake Catherine Hanses Savannah Hargett **Robert Wolfgang Hartsell** Jakob Hartzell Koby Dean Hatfield Rachel Elizabeth Henson Georgia R. Hollingsworth Kate Howard\* Madelvn Blair Huhn Gracie June Hunsel Kate Hanna Justis Daniel John Lloyd Kaysinger Rihana Kemal\* Malory C. Kloeppel Laura Teresa Klump Aaron Jacob Kohler Connor Lee Landwehr **Brody Wayne Leath** Melanie Elaine Lyons Amanda Renee Maasen Shelby Paige Manes **Elizabeth Marcus** Jacob McCollum Ian G. McIntyre Megan Mocker Madeline Elise Morris Samuel Garrett Newton Natalie Nguyen Margaret Nicholl **Kimberly Niemeyer** Olivia Rose Noack Lucy Prevost O'Connor Kayla Jacy Overbeck Katrina Marie Parks Madison Polniak

Cherish V. Pope\* Keaton Dale Porch **Elizabeth Raines** Chloe D. Roffmann Mary Claire Rogge Savannah Rothe\* Grace Schnelle Bravden William Schoening Jack Scott Cassandra C. Seuferling Catherine Seymour Sarah Grace Simons Jaden Sitze Jewel Marie Smith Mackenzie Sullivan Marliere Grace Toothaker Sophia Claire Tulipana Luke Dean Turner Rebekah Walker\* Renhao Wang Zeyu Wang Hallie Webber Sidney Marie Wickwire Haley Wilson Natalie Worley Xuangian Ye Samuel Yeom

#### Cum Laude

3.50 - 3.74 GPA

Caitlyn Alcorn\* Star Giselle Alexander Adrian Miguel Agustin Ampon Emily Leann Anderson Mikaela Grace Aurand Elijah Baum Keegan James Bird lan Robert Boland Justin Thomas Bonds Liliana Borrego Abigail Rose Brink Allison Raven Brown Brian Daniel Bruxvoort Collin Scott Buss Carter Cameron MaKenna Carnes Lily Helena Casey Taylor E. Cornish\* Hawa Moctar Coulibaly Jadan Madison Crader

Audrey A. Currey Molly Elizabeth Dacus Charlotte Daues Dylan Robert de Leon Brianna Michelle Dotson Max Henry Driver Carissa Nichole Dunn Isabella Eddv Noah D. Faulkner Sara Nicole Figura Alexandra Hope Fisher Lily Anne Fisher Brennan Micheal Fortel Allison Grace Frey Sandra Nicole Galarza Guilarte Skylar Kathleen Katrien Gaw Grace Gottschamer Jaren Guck George Nathaniel Gump Mitchel Lee Hall Casey Hansen Zoie Brynn Harden Garrett Wade Harding **Ryan Harness** Parker Andrew Hart Isabella Marie Heintz Grace Lynn Hinrichs Bailey Morgan Hixson Emily Ann Hlas Spencer Kelly Hoskins II Kendall Francis Hutchison Abigail Julianna Ihnat Addison Inlow William Michael Jackson Peter J. Jerszynski IV Tyler Allan Jones Jack Alexander Kenney EoJin Kim Megan Lynn Koch Alicia A. Koogler Ajdin Krdzalic **Delainy Renee Kroeger** Cozette LeRoy Jacob Thomas Liebmann Vela Lightle Kevin Richard Luft Lotus Marie MacDonald Madeline MacDonough Yuanhao Mao Elizabeth McCarthy Haley Koren McCarty

James Cameron McClure Leighya McNeely Dustin Meador Thaddeus Carl Meadows Jackson A. Michals Beniamin P. Miller Ellen Moloney Brian-Paul Christian Moore Natalie Morrison Gracie Neff Gina Yuli Newell Gabrielle Marie Nielsen Samuel John Otto Charles Palumbo Ethan Thomas Parmenter Katherine Grace Paul **Emily Nicole Pearson\*** Isabella Ann Petry Kolton Piva Maura Ploesser Holden Potter Cole Renshaw Dane Kenneth Jon Renshaw Lauryn Robinet Alyssa Rzany Jose Angel Saenz Gutierrez **Catherine Elizabeth** Salem William David Schwartz Clarence Edward Shearer Ш Olivia Sloan Blaine Charles Smallwood Faith Marie Smith Zachary Alan Stellhorn Hannah Elizabeth Stevenson Caleb Matthew Stoddard Emma Sullivan Xiniie Sun Liliana Tasler Caleb Arthur Templer Ashley Marie Thebeau Caden Thomas Sasha Marie Thomas Megan Travis Hannah Elizabeth Tucker Lauren Mary Uchida\* Hanna Vanourney

Aaron David Villamayor Michael S. Walka Thomas Weber Kate Elizabeth Williams Jacqueline L. Wilson Samantha Marie Wilson Travis Michael Wilson Emma Ann Wollert Caitlin Elizabeth Wright Joshua R. Wydra

## HONORS SCHOLARS

General bonors in arts and sciences are awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five specially designated courses. At least one course must be from the areas of mathematics, science, humanities, and social science. Only grades of "A" and "B" may count toward the General Honors grade point average requirement of at least 3.50 in those five courses and students must have an overall grade point average of 3.50.

Lauren Hunter Frazier

## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Departmental bonors in the major are available in several disciplines for outstanding majors who have achieved distinction as determined by measures specific to the Departmental Honors Program. Students meeting the requirements for Departmental Honors will have their transcript annotated.

#### **Agricultural Science**

Olivia Rose Noack

#### Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Georgia R. Hollingsworth Elizabeth Julia Thompson

#### Classics

Adam Franklin Bishop

#### Communications

Lydia Faye Lamb Genevieve Tlustos

#### **Communication Disorders**

Elizabeth Hemmer Malory C. Kloeppel Kayla Jacy Overbeck

#### **Computer Science**

Harrison Kyle Hughes Rebecca Leonia Rushman

#### **Creative Writing**

Savannah Carmichael Abigail Dismuke Elizabeth Ann Harness Gracie June Hunsel Jonah Levi Husgen Emily Diane Bolton

#### **Criminal Justice Studies**

Paige Mackenzie Bethel Laura Teresa Klump

#### Design

Madeline Elise Morris Rebekah Grace Nelson

#### **Economics**

Warren Dean Barge Lauren Hunter Frazier

#### English

Lily Helena Casey Alexandra Crawford Kaitlyn Juliette Crawford Savannah Hargett Wesley Henshaw Jessica Hiegel Anna Katherine Markiewicz Leighya McNeely Frances Ann Miklovic Olivia Sloan Cora Marie Stimpson Xuangian Ye

#### **Exercise Science**

Casey Hansen Katherine Grace Paul Lucy Prevost O'Connor Hanna Berry Sidney Marie Wickwire

#### **Health Science**

Jessica Nicole Breyfogle Fiona Judy Chao Hawa Moctar Coulibaly Gabriel Durkee Robert Wolfgang Hartsell Madelyn Blair Huhn Elizabeth Anne Kleitz Cole Renshaw Brynn Ainsley Sprague

#### History

Eric Benjamin Allison Blake W. Anderson Nathan Tucker Dowell Matthew Robert Hartmann Logan Kammerer Daniel John Lloyd Kaysinger Elizabeth Nahach Madison Polniak

#### **Justice Systems**

Kathleen Zimmerman

#### Linguistics

Adam Franklin Bishop

#### Modern Languages

Eileen K. Finley Elizabeth McCarthy Katrina Marie Parks Alyssa Rzany Alexandra Hope Fisher

#### **Music (Pre-Certification)**

Brianna Michelle Dotson Blaine Charles Smallwood

#### **Music with Emphasis Groups**

MaKenna Carnes Parker Andrew Hart Ajdin Krdzalic

#### **Music (General)**

Brett Thomas Barger Bryan David Garth Cherish V. Pope<sup>\*</sup> Melody Kay Zakarian

#### Nursing

Audrey Espey Allen Gertrude Anna Broker Audrey A. Currey Emily Elfrink Cassidy Nicole Gann Bailey Morgan Hixson Hallie Ann Holst Alexandra Maya Kolesiak Delainy Renee Kroeger Melanie Elaine Lyons Mara Jayne Miller Allyson Elizabeth Monroe Charles Palumbo **Elizabeth Raines** Chloe D. Roffmann **Elizabeth Anne Shirrell** Jewel Marie Smith Hannah Rose Thacker

#### Political Science & International Relations

Warren Dean Barge Santino A. Bono Daniel Jacob Falcon Katrina Marie Parks Ella Rose Schnake Alicia Marie Stout Samuel James Myers

#### Philosophy & Religion

Wesley Henshaw

#### Psychology

Whitney R. Boyce Emelia Katie Durham Madelynn Rose Mattson Elizabeth Marie Musco Alyssa Rzany Aaron David Villamayor Haley Wilson Melody Kay Zakarian Ashton Makay Lee\*

#### Sociology/Anthropology

Emily Leann Anderson Kate Hanna Justis EoJin Kim Laura Teresa Klump Ella Rose Schnake

#### **Statistics**

Renhao Wang

## DISCIPLINE HONORS

The Academic Honor Awards were established to recognize the outstanding senior/ graduate student major in each discipline. Each discipline nominates students to receive the Outstanding Student Award. The Awards can be given to both the Outstanding Undergraduate and Outstanding Graduate Student in a discipline.

#### **School of Arts and Letters**

Art Mariam Hesham Elkadi Art: Design Rebekah Grace Nelson Classics Adam Franklin Bishop Creative Writing Savannah Carmichael English Wesley Henshaw Linguistics Adam Franklin Bishop Music: General Melody Kay Zakarian Music: Liberal Arts Trenton Cauy Kiesling *Music: Pre-Certification* Connor Lee Landwehr Music: with Emphasis Groups Brett Thomas Barger

Spanish Katrina Marie Parks Theatre Savannah Carmichael English - Graduate Sarah White

#### School of Business

Accounting Kyle Dwight Seabaugh Business Administration: Finance Justin Patrick Watson **Business Administration:** International Business Sydney Olivia Mattas **Business Administration:** Management Claire A. Rake Business Administration: Marketing John William Dames Jr. Accounting - Graduate Victoria Ann Griffith

#### School of Health Sciences and Education

Communication Disorders Elizabeth Hemmer Exercise Science Alexis Louise Henrikson Health Science Elizabeth Anne Kleitz

Nursing Elizabeth Anne Shirrell Athletic Training - Graduate Connor Joseph Greaves Communication Disorders -Graduate Tucker Martin Murry Elementary Education -Graduate Catherine Grace Dean K-12 Education - Graduate Miranda Ruth Lee Mental Health Counseling -Graduate Katherine Tudeen School Counseling - Graduate Samantha A. Mitchell Secondary Education -Graduate Charlie Anthony Perry Special Education - Graduate Emily Catherine Bowen

## School of Science and Mathematics

Agricultural Science Sydney J. Donath Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Elizabeth Julia Thompson Biology Grace Gottschamer Chemistry Mary Claire Rogge Computer Science Harrison Kyle Hughes Mathematics John Andrew Vorwark Hobbs Physics Daphne Jane Zakarian Statistics Klein Renhao Wang

#### School of Social and Cultural Studies

Anthropology Emily Leann Anderson Communication: Communication Studies Lydia Faye Lamb Communication: Journalism Genevieve Tlustos Communication: Public Communication Rachel Grigsby Economics Warren Dean Barge History Nathan Tucker Dowell

Interdisciplinary Studies Micaela Sarah Merrill Justice Systems Laura Teresa Klump Philosophy & Region Wesley Henshaw Political Science & International Relations Warren Dean Barge Psychology Star Giselle Alexander Psychology Melody Kay Zakarian Sociology Ella Rose Schnake *Leadership - Graduate* Alexandria Fanning

## Message to New Alumni

Congratulations! Today marks the completion of a truly impressive achievement. You have grown as a person, not only through your academic program but also in your relationships with friends and classmates you met at Truman and in the community. You are leaving Truman a different person than when you started, and you should be proud of the hard work that has brought you to this point. Your liberal arts and science education has prepared you well for the opportunities ahead.

While today marks a completion, it is also a new beginning. Today, you become an alum and join the ranks of nearly 66,000 proud Bulldogs worldwide. You are part of a special community of people who share the Truman experience. We are Bulldogs Forever. On behalf of the Truman Alumni Association, welcome to the community!

The Truman Alumni Association is dedicated to helping alumni connect to one another, creating meaningful ways to connect you back to Truman and championing the Truman spirit across our networks around the world. Led by alumni just like you who volunteer their time to stay connected, we sponsor networking opportunities, philanthropic events, social outings and Homecoming activities. Your Truman journey has not ended. The Bulldog Forever alumni network encompasses graduates with diverse attributes and interests. We welcome you to come check us out and help bring what only you can bring to the table. To learn more about virtual or in-person events to connect to other alumni, you can connect with us on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and online at truman.edu/ alumni.

As you join other Truman alumni, we believe your experience will be similar to ours and you will find amazing Bulldogs around the world who are here to help one another.

Congratulations and good luck, and stay #TRUMANSTRONG! We can't wait to hear what comes next!

Bulldog Forever,

Lori Hart ('84) President Alumni Association Board of Directors

## **COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**

## THE UNIVERSITY

In 1867, Joseph Baldwin returned to Missouri from Indiana, looking for a location to open a school to educate teachers. On September 2, 1867, Baldwin opened the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College in Kirksville. In 1870, Baldwin's school became the First District Normal School of Missouri, the first in the state's new normal school system, dedicated to the education of teachers for the public schools.

At the close of the 1869-70 academic year, the Normal School graduated its first class of 15 men. The Commencement program was held in the auditorium of the Cumberland Academy building on Friday, June 24, 1870. President Joseph Baldwin preached the sermon and T.A. Parker, state superintendent of schools, delivered the address.

Today, Missouri's statewide public liberal arts and sciences university celebrates its Spring Commencement with over 740 men and women graduating with bachelor's and master's degrees. Although the people, the campus, the mission, and the name of the University have changed during the last 156 years, the traditions of the commencement ceremony have remained intact.

## **THE DRESS**

The academic costume worn today is the dress of the medieval secular clergy with a few alterations introduced by 16th century Protestant reformers. The intellectual revival of the 12th century gave impetus to the founding of the European universities. Students in these institutions were clerks; thus, they wore the dress of the secular clergy. In the 16th century, Protestant reformers, who associated academic habits with popery, adopted more civilian gowns.

The oldest article of academic wear was the robe, which was a loose gown. The habit, a tunic with short, wide sleeves, was worn over the robe. A hood lined with fur or inexpensive skins could be gathered around the neck or pulled up on the head as a turban. Finally, there were three kinds of caps worn: the round cap, reserved for doctoral dignity; a round cap with strings tied under the chin, worn by jurists; and the square cap. Universities such as Oxford made the square cap official; however, secular universities adopted the Tudor bonnet still worn by doctors of law, medicine and music.

American academic costume was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns, three styles of hoods and two kinds of cap tassels. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation. The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings about halfway down for the hands. The doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors, such as Harvard's crimson and Yale's deep blue. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns. The doctor's hood is the longest and fullest among the degrees. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme: white, the arts; gold-yellow, science; purple, law; apricot, nursing; green, medicine; sapphire, business administration; lemon, librarianship; scarlet, theology; and dark blue, doctors of philosophy.

The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Truman's masters graduates, for example, wear a purple and white-lined hood. The faculty at Truman State University represent doctoral-granting institutions around the world. A few of their hood colors are the blue and white of Duke, the orange and black of Princeton, the crimson of Harvard, and the scarlet of Oxford.

The candidates for graduation wear black caps to which are attached tassels of colors illustrative of their degrees:

White: Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Accountancy, Master of Science, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Athletic Training
Brown: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Yellow-Gold: Bachelor of Science
Apricot: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Pink: Bachelor of Music

The medallions worn by some of the undergraduate degree candidates signify the designation of "honor graduate." There are three levels of honors based on a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA): an antiqued bronze medallion on a white ribbon signifies Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74; a silver medallion on a purple ribbon signifies Magna Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.75 to 3.89; and a gold medallion on a purple and white ribbon signifies Summa Cum Laude, a GPA of 3.90 to 4.0. Final honors will be determined after all grades have been received and may be adjusted from those awarded for Commencement.

The academic procession is led by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal carries the University Mace which symbolizes the academic corporate body of scholars possessing its own jurisdiction and legally constituted authority. The mace is made of Missouri black walnut and is decorated with purple and white tassels, and is topped with the University seal. Following the Grand Marshal are the platform guests dressed in doctoral robes with hoods featuring the purple and white colors of the University.

Junior marshals appear throughout the ceremony dressed in white robes and caps. They are Truman students who help form the procession and seat the commencement participants.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN**

## **1:00 PM CEREMONY**

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science

Reader – Bridget Thomas

## 4:00 PM CEREMONY

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Music Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Arts Candidates for the Degree Master of Accountancy Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education Candidates for the Degree Master of Arts in Education Candidates for the Degree Master of Athletic Training Candidates for the Degree Master of Science Commissioned Officers Faculty Honorees

Reader – Jay Self

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

The music for commencement is provided by the Truman Brass Quintet under the direction of Eric Dickson, Associate Professor of Music.

*Fanfare* from "La Peri" – Paul Dukas, arr. Wayne Barrington *Sonata* from "Die Bänkelsängerlieder" – Anonymous, ed. Robert King

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Star-Spangled Banner — Francis Scott Key, arranged by Arthur Goldstein

MaKenna Carnes

### **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

arranged by Roger Cody

MaKenna Carnes

## **Recessional and Postlude**

Quintet No. 1, Mvt. III - Victor Ewald

## **COMMENCEMENT PREPARATIONS**

Special recognition goes to the following for commencement preparations and arrangements:

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