



# TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## *Fall Commencement*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

PERSHING ARENA

11:00 A.M.

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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## 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 Bankelsangerlieder” — Anonymous, ed. Robert King

## PROCESSIONAL

United States Army ROTC Color Guard

Grand Marshal

Bill Miller

*Associate Professor of Chemistry*

President of the University

Sue Thomas

Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Charles McAdams

Commencement Speaker

Dusty Folwarczny

Student Speaker

Allison Duncan

*Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Board of Governors

Vocal Soloist

Skylar Petersen

*Senior Music Emphasis Groups Major*

Reader

William Ashcraft

*Professor of Philosophy and Religion*

Marshal

Kathryn Brammall

*Professor of History*

Candidates  
Master of Science  
Master of Arts in Education  
Master of Arts  
Master of Accountancy  
Bachelor of Science  
Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Bachelor of Fine Arts  
  
Faculty Honoree  
  
Faculty and Administration

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

Skylar Petersen

## **WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Thomas

## **GREETINGS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

President Thomas

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Dusty Folwarczny

## **RECOGNITION OF FACULTY HONOREE**

Interim Provost McAdams and President Thomas

Sara E. Orel  
*Professor Emerita of Art*

## **INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER**

Interim Provost McAdams

## **STUDENT ADDRESS**

Allison Duncan

## **RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS**

Interim Provost McAdams

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

Interim Provost McAdams and President Thomas

William Ashcraft

Candidates for the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts  
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 Science

## **TURNING OF TASSELS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

President Thomas

## **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

arranged by Roger Cody

Skylar Petersen

## **RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE**

*Quintet No. 1, Mvt. III* – Victor Ewald

## **JUNIOR MARSHALS**

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

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## DUSTY FOLWARCZNY



Dusty Folwarczny, alumna artist and entrepreneur, is a native of Winfield, Missouri, and was fortunate to be raised in a family that prioritized education for her and her four siblings. She earned her BFA in sculpture from Truman State University in 2003 and made her way to Chicago in 2006 to establish her sculpting practice and work in management consulting, a career that would later be the genesis for a business idea.

Dusty is a people person who initially found her art community through Chicago Sculpture International in 2007, establishing her own welding studio in 2008.

Dusty's goal as a sculptor is to create and place public art all over the world with the hope that her sculptures will be seen and help transform a site into a more beautiful place, all while exposing more people to sculpture. She creates large abstract steel forms salvaged from industrial steel, and her sculptures have been exhibited in places like the Chicago Loop, Navy Pier, the Willis Tower (AKA Sears Tower), and Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, and are part of the Delta Sky Lounge corporate collection. Within Chicago Sculpture International, she served in the positions of secretary, vice president, and president of the member-based non-profit, and between 2009-2016 she helped transform the organization into a 501(c)(3), fortify partnerships, fundraise, modernize communications, and create its brand.

In 2011, after half a decade of management consulting workshops, Dusty used her people skills, big-picture mindset, and entrepreneurial spirit to co-found Ink Factory. Ink Factory is a visual communications company that specializes in live visual note-taking. Their mission is to create visual experiences that inspire and engage, and their vision is a world where visuals are the universal language. This work happens most often in strategy sessions and large conferences, and their slogan is, "you talk. we draw. it's awesome." In 2016, a future advisory board member encouraged Dusty to apply to the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program to help provide an actionable framework for growing the company. Fast forward to 2022, Ink Factory is a multimillion-dollar creative company trusted by some of the largest organizations in the world. The company has 14 full-time employees and the future looks bright. Dusty is the Chief Vision Officer, and with her two business partners and their amazing team they live out the values of creating awesome work, valuing each team member, and having fun.

When Dusty is not working or sculpting, she stays grounded by tending to her urban farm complete with chickens, bees, fruit trees, and raised beds. She loves grocery shopping, hosting supper clubs, sailing, scavenging, and of course spending time with family and friends.

# 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

Macy DeBosier, Creative Writing  
Allison Duncan, Creative Writing (Also BA)  
Anna Mae Grahlherr, Art  
Alexa Rybarczyk, Creative Writing

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Madeline Li-Shr Campbell  
Sengchi Chroek  
Natalie Paige LeBaube  
Taylor Lyles  
Kiara Leonor Malone  
Keegan Miller  
Hanna Amani Nabulsi  
Haley Nicole Venable  
Chelsea Christine Ward

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Phoebe Ackerman, Psychology  
Sarah Grace Appelbaum, Business Administration  
Megan Michelle Barnes, Business Administration  
Timothy Maxwell Beard, Business Administration  
Mason Philip Brandt, Economics  
Avery Daniel Brownell, Theatre  
Hannah E. Chastain, Biology  
Grace Cork, Art  
Luke Desnoyer, English  
Allison Duncan, Psychology (Also BFA)  
Hannah Farley, Business Administration  
Matthew M. Frank, Communication  
John George, Statistics  
Emily Lynn Giannotti, English  
Devin Wayne Gobble, Statistics  
Dreyton M. E. Grissom, Business Administration  
James Haessig, Music (General)  
Edward August James Hahn, Communication

Jenna Grace Hamilton, Psychology  
Ainsley Jayne Heise, Communication  
Eunyoung Je, Business Administration  
Grace Lindsey Johler, Communication  
Devin Wade Johnson, Modern Language  
Tyler Young Han Kim, Business Administration  
Carl Laude, English (Also BS)  
Gabrielle Nicole Lohman, Music  
Brayden Noel Lynch, English  
Nicholas Alexander Maag, Modern Language  
Jade A. Marceau—Mary, Communication  
Nicholas Carl McClanahan, Business Administration  
Meredith Leigh McConnell, Communication  
Nardos Zerihun Mengesha, Business Administration  
Caiden Flynn Owens, Business Administration  
Charles Anthony Perry, English  
Sophia Margaret Picard, Classics  
Cory Price, Communication  
Xueru Qi, Communication  
Tatianna Ray, Theatre  
Kara Ann Rieger, Communication Disorders  
Deegan Rodriguez, History  
Rebecca Rose Rosenow, Liberal Studies  
Lydia Ann Schilly, Psychology  
Riley Andrew Scott, Classics  
Paul Barron Shumate, Communication  
Tori Smith, Modern Language  
Emma Margaret Steingraber, English  
Colin Anthony Stuerman, Mathematics  
Gelu Sun, Communication  
Joshua Timothy Svoboda, Business Administration  
Kali Shae Teague, Art  
Dylan Patrick Threlkeld, English  
Emily Watson, English  
Jadyn Webber, English  
Ellie Anne Weltha, Communication  
Megan Renee Wollgast, Business Administration  
Hajin Yun, Business Administration  
Zachary T. Zerwig, Business Administration  
Yancheng Zhao, Business Administration

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Cecilia Amoako, Computer Science and Statistics  
Maia Juliet Anderson, Biology  
Mara Sue Andrews, Exercise Science  
Kristen Iris Arroyo, Health Science  
Daniel Bagby, Biology  
Lauren Elizabeth Bahr, Biology  
Gabriel Elijah Bailey, Biology  
Emilie Barone, Psychology and Justice Systems  
Brooke Beahan, Communication Disorders  
Tyler Beauregard, Mathematics  
Wynter Madisen Bergner, Biology  
Abigail Ann Bidwell, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Nate Blume, Business Administration  
Brianna Bone, Justice Systems  
Philip Chandler Briden, Business Administration  
Griffen Eugene Brock, Biology  
Grace Gemma Brom, Psychology  
Samantha Bulechek, Health Science  
Tressa Jeana Sue Burr, Psychology  
Rebecca L. Byrd, Biology  
Randall Elizabeth Chambers, Exercise Science  
Natalie Edurne Clark, Mathematics  
Anna Marie Clayton, Exercise Science  
Zoe Coffelt, Justice Systems  
Shayna Cohen, Psychology  
Taylor E. Cornish, Health Science  
Blake Daniel Curry, Agricultural Science  
Rachel Sarah DeFries, Justice Systems  
Dominic Christopher DeProspero, Business Administration  
and Exercise Science  
Syrus Doty, Biology  
Emily Elizabeth Earl, Accounting  
Emily Paige Eberwine, Exercise Science  
Farida Hesham Ahmed Zaki Elkadi, Biochemistry &  
Molecular Biology  
Noah Ennis, Agricultural Science  
Derek Thomas Fesser, Accounting  
David Michael Francken Jr., Business Administration and  
Accounting  
Faith Joy Glaspie, Health Science  
Taryn Lorraine Gough, Communication Disorders  
Sarah Lynn Graci, Psychology  
Brett David Griesbaum, Agricultural Science  
Matthew C. Hall, Business Administration  
Carley Paige Halpin, Health Science  
Olivia Marie Harvey, Biology  
Gina Hattemar, Psychology  
Sam Ho, Business Administration  
Alexandre Hoang, Computer Science  
Grace Elizabeth Holtmann, Biology  
Alexis Anais Huitron, Psychology  
Emily Hurley, Justice Systems  
Morgan Winona Ireland, Psychology

Zachary Taylor Jacobson, Accounting  
Breann Elizabeth Jakich, Exercise Science  
Baylee Catherine Jennings, Health Science  
Zhihao Jin, Computer Science  
Elizabeth Grace Johnson, Psychology  
Joshna Karki, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Grace Mary Kearns, Justice Systems  
Mitchell J. Kidd, Mathematics  
Rebekah Kimpel, Biology  
Alec Joseph Knight, Business Administration  
Elizabeth Koenig, Exercise Science  
Vin Nicholas Kriegshauser, Business Administration  
Yawa Makafui Judith Kugbe, Chemistry  
Carl Laude, Biology (Also BA)  
Chance Lauhoff, Political Science & International Relations  
Nhi To Le, Psychology  
Lijing Liu, Business Administration  
Zeping Long, Accounting  
Courtney Lynn Matthews, Psychology  
Savannah Lee Mauck, Psychology  
Kathryn Josephine McBride, Agricultural Science  
Hannah Moore, Exercise Science  
Alec Joseph Mundle, Health Science  
Henry George Murphy, Psychology  
Benjamin Nanor, Business Administration  
Brielle M. Navara, Business Administration  
Layne T. Nichols, Economics  
Richard Parks, Chemistry and Biology  
Cameryn Illyse Patterson, Exercise Science  
James Layton Phillips, Accounting  
Sutton Purinton, Chemistry  
Hunter Craig Isaiah Randall, Accounting  
Jack L. Ratliff, Political Science & International Relations  
Delaney Reprogle, Psychology  
Aaron Richmond, Psychology  
Bryasha T. Robinson, Health Science  
Ethan Joseph Robinson, Liberal Studies  
Ian W. Rosebrough, Computer Science and Linguistics  
Katherine Schwegmann, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
Andrea Marie Seabloom, Agricultural Science  
Allison M. Seiler, Business Administration  
Hannah Joy Simons, Biology  
Abigail Simpson, Justice Systems  
Khristen Sneed, Psychology  
Eleanore Soete, Biology  
Jordyn Ann Steffen, Exercise Science  
Noah Talton, Exercise Science  
Kathryn Suzanne Taylor, Linguistics  
Collin Patrick Thompson, Exercise Science  
Owen David Thornburg, Exercise Science  
Thang Dinh Tran, Computer Science  
Huyen Trinh, Accounting  
Joseph Van Lieshout, Sociology/Anthropology  
Blake Beckett Weakley, Exercise Science



Anne Sangster Wells, Agricultural Science  
Dametrius Rondell Wesley, Business Administration  
Joshua Williams, Business Administration  
Nicholas Robert Williams, Justice Systems  
Tre'Andice Ataya Williams, Biology  
JaLisa Shanae Wines, Business Administration  
Emma Wituk, Psychology  
Logan D. Woodruff, Health Science

Lydia AnnaKay YuFen Woody, Chemistry  
Erin Audrey Baoli Woolf, Communication Disorders  
Catherine Wright, Psychology  
Ellison Lynn Wright, Biology  
Runze Yu, Business Administration  
Xinyu Yu, Accounting  
Yujia Zhai, Mathematics

## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY**

Chutong Cao  
Madison Cleeton  
Rayna S. Cross  
Long Ling  
Katherine Emily Vollmer

## **MASTER OF ARTS**

Nicole Lee Boyer, English  
Timothy P Bruns, Gifted Education  
Kaylee Ann Collins, Communication Disorders  
Brianna Michele Dean, Communication Disorders  
Emily Elise Goerlich, Communication Disorders  
Anna Christine Hess, Communication Disorders  
Legacy Grace Huff, Communication Disorders  
Ryan L. Miller, Leadership  
Abby Nicole Moore, Communication Disorders  
Robert Scott Myers II, Leadership  
Naomi Elizabeth Raible, Communication Disorders  
Farzad Rashidi, Leadership  
Kelly Theobald, Gifted Education  
Madison R. Thomason, Communication Disorders

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION**

Madeline Jane Amsinger, Elementary Education  
Nathan Bufka, Exercise Science  
Angelique Collinge, Elementary Education  
Mackayla Marie Gordon, Elementary Education  
Samantha Jo Hawkins, Elementary Education  
Joshua Michael Hunsaker, Foreign Language  
Jackson Scott Kasper, Music  
Nichole Lynn Krause, Elementary Education  
Karlie Ann Minnehan, History/Social Science  
Heidi Marcella Ohmer, Elementary Education  
Maya Pritchard, Elementary Education  
Kayla Nicole Quanstrum, Exercise Science  
Paige Christine Sanders, Elementary Education  
Hannah Rachael Scott, Foreign Language  
Julia Sikes, Elementary Education  
Meredith Elaine Spargo, Elementary Education  
Alison Michelle Vedova, Elementary Education

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Mark Richard Benmuvhar, Data Science & Analytic  
Storytelling  
Daniel Paul Eness, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling  
Daniel Leatherman, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling  
Michael Statler, Data Science & Analytic Storytelling

# 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 honors. 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*

Megan Michelle Barnes  
Grace Gemma Brom  
Rachel Sarah DeFries  
Emily Elizabeth Earl  
John George  
Sarah Lynn Graci  
Alexis Anais Huitron  
Morgan Winona Ireland  
Baylee Catherine Jennings  
Zhihao Jin  
Charles Anthony Perry  
Sophia Margaret Picard  
Kara Ann Rieger  
Andrea Marie Seabloom  
Emma Margaret Steingraber  
Huyen Trinh  
Emma Wituk  
Megan Renee Wollgast

### **Magna Cum Laude**

#### *3.75 - 3.89 GPA*

Mara Sue Andrews  
Timothy Maxwell Beard  
Tyler Beauregard  
Hannah E. Chastain  
Anna Marie Clayton

Allison Duncan  
Emily Paige Eberwine  
Olivia Marie Harvey  
Grace Lindsey Johler  
Joshna Karki  
Carl Laude  
Nhi To Le  
Meredith Leigh McConnell  
Hannah Moore  
Alec Joseph Mundle  
Layne T. Nichols  
Richard Parks  
James Layton Phillips  
Jordyn Ann Steffen  
Gelu Sun  
Joshua Williams  
Erin Audrey Baoli Woolf

### **Cum Laude**

#### *3.50 - 3.74 GPA*

Sarah Grace Appelbaum  
Daniel Bagby  
Gabriel Elijah Bailey  
Wynter Madisen Bergner  
Natalie Edurne Clark  
Zoe Coffelt  
Shayna Cohen  
Grace Cork  
Taylor E. Cornish

Macy DeBosier  
Dominic Christopher DeProspero  
Syrus Doty  
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Colin Anthony Stuerman  
Joshua Timothy Svoboda  
Kathryn Suzanne Taylor  
Owen David Thornburg  
Chelsea Christine Ward  
Emily Watson  
Jadyn Webber  
Logan D. Woodruff  
Catherine Wright  
Xinyu Yu

## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

*Departmental honors 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 transcripts annotated.*

### **Agricultural Science**

Brett David Griesbaum  
Andrea Marie Seabloom

### **Art: Studio Art**

Anna Mae Grahlherr

### **Classics**

Sophia Margaret Picard

### **Communication Disorders**

Kara Ann Rieger

### **English**

Carl Laude  
Charles Anthony Perry

### **Exercise Science**

Jordyn Ann Steffen

### **Justice Systems**

Zoe Coffelt  
Rachel Sarah DeFries

### **Mathematics**

Tyler Beauregard

### **Nursing**

Taylor Lyles

### **Psychology**

Grace Gemma Brom  
Allison Duncan  
Morgan Winona Ireland  
Nhi To Le  
Emma Wituk  
Catherine Wright

# MESSAGE TO NEW ALUMNI

Congratulations! You have persevered to complete your degree, culminating years of hard work developing your academic talents as well as your evolution as an individual capable of affecting change in diverse communities. Your rigorous liberal arts and sciences education positions you to be a multi-perspective problem solver in a time of great challenges for the world requiring critical thinking across silos of degrees. We know that you worked hard, but also know you built friendships and memories that helped develop you into the person you are today.

While today marks a time of transition, your friendships, experiences and learning do not belong to any one location. With more than 64,000 Bulldogs worldwide, the Truman Alumni Association is dedicated to helping alumni connect to one another and creating meaningful ways to connect you back to Truman. We carry our Truman Teachings near and far. You can join one of the alumni groups located across the country:

Arizona	Iowa	Omaha
California	Kansas City	Springfield, Missouri
Chicago	Mid-Atlantic (D.C. area)	St. Louis
Colorado	Mid-Missouri	Upper Northeast (CT, NJ, NY)
Dallas	Northeast Missouri	Wichita

Even if you are not able to join an alumni group in one of these areas, please connect with us through social networks (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn). The Alumni Association also hosts a wide range of virtual and in-person events, leveraging Truman connections however and wherever possible. We challenge you to spread your Truman story and build an increasingly stronger network of Bulldogs for future generations.

As you join other Truman alumni throughout the world, we believe you will find the same benefits that we do: an amazing network of people that share the indescribable experience of a Truman education.

Be proud of your accomplishments; you have worked hard and earned this incredible achievement! Welcome to the next chapter of your life and your continued opportunity to fulfill the Bulldog Forever legacy. Congratulations on your many triumphs. We can't wait to hear what comes next!

Bulldog Forever,



Jamie E. Matthews ('08)

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 Fall Commencement with approximately 230 bachelor's and master's degree graduates. Although the people, the campus, the mission, and the name of the University have changed during the last 155 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, 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, Master 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): a 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 4.00. Final honors will be determined after all grades have been received and may be adjusted from those awarded for Commencement.

## **THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

The 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, made of Missouri black walnut and decorated with purple and white tassels, 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. Following the Marshal are the degree candidates aligned according to the degrees granted. The University faculty are brightly attired in the academic dress of their degree-granting institutions.

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

## COMMENCEMENT PREPARATIONS

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

Academic Affairs Office	Physical Plant
Advancement	President's Office
Athletics	Public Relations
Blue Key Honor Society	Public Safety
Cardinal Key Honor Society	Publications
Graduate Office	Registrar's Office
Health and Exercise Sciences Department	Sodexo
Information Technology Services	Student Access and Disability Services Office
Music Department	Student Union