



HARDING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

12 p.m., May Fourth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

George S. Benson Auditorium

Searcy, Arkansas

HARDING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

12 p.m., May Fourth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

TABLE OF CONTENTS

tap to advance to each section

3 Speaker Biography: Dr. Tim Baird

4 Order of Service

5 Candidates for Degrees

5 College of Arts and Sciences

19 Candidates for Special Honors

22 Board of Trustees and Officers of
Administration

24 Alma Mater and Hymn

25 Harding University History

DR. TIM BAIRD



Dr. Tim Baird arrived at Harding as a freshman in Fall 1974 during Harding's 50th year. He joined the faculty in 1981 and will retire this summer after 43 years of service to the University.

Graduating in 1979, Dr. Baird earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and Bible. He completed a master's degree in computer science in 1981 and a doctorate in computer science in 1988, both from the University of Missouri - Rolla (now

the Missouri University of Science and Technology). He also earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Harding in 2016.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Baird played a significant role in the creation of the computer science major in 1982 as well as the computer science department, which he has chaired since it began in 1994. In 2000, he assisted with the establishment of the University's first engineering program in computer engineering. He served as chair of both the computer science and engineering departments from 2000-06.

Dr. Baird received Harding's Teacher Achievement Award in 2014 and 2021 and was elected to a two-year term on Harding's inaugural Faculty Leadership Council in 2019.

Dr. Baird and his wife of 47 years, Debbie, have three sons, Steven, Danny and David.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL..... “Variants on the Alma Mater”
Music by **William Holloway, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus
Performed by **Harding University Symphony Orchestra**
Orchestrated and conducted by **Michael Chance, DMA**, Professor Emeritus

WELCOME **Michael D. Williams, Ed.D.**
President

HYMN **Chuck Hicks, MSE**
“Higher Ground” Assistant Professor of Music and Director of
Belles & Beaux and Good News Singers

SCRIPTURE READING **Glen Adams, Ph.D.**
Professor of Behavioral Sciences

OPENING PRAYER **Wil Perkins, Ed.D.**
Graduate Registrar and Coordinator of Graduate and Professional Support

REMARKS **Charles Ganus, J.D.**
Chairman, Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER **President Williams**

ADDRESS..... **Tim Baird, Ph.D.**
Professor and Chair of the Department of Computer Science

RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES..... **Marty Spears, Ph.D.**
Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES..... **Jim Miller, Ph.D.**
Professor of Communication and Assistant Dean of the Honors College

College of Arts and Sciences

“Watch Me Soar” by Scott Alan **Emma Myhan**
Alyssa Koay, DMA, Assistant Professor of Music, Collaborative Pianist Candidate for Degree

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” **Chuck Hicks, MSE**
Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Belles & Beaux and Good News Singers

ALMA MATER..... **Chuck Hicks, MSE**
Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Belles & Beaux and Good News Singers

CLOSING PRAYER **Robin Miller, MFA**
Professor of Theatre

RECESSIONAL..... “Variants on the Alma Mater”

(Audience will remain seated.)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dana Steil, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

* Arkansas Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi
o Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society

Description of Honors:

Cum Laude – Grade-Point Average of 3.50-3.74

Magna Cum Laude – Grade-Point Average of 3.75-3.89

Summa Cum Laude – Grade-Point Average of 3.90 or higher

The listing of graduates, degrees and distinctions in this program is preliminary and subject to final certification of graduation.

The permanent transcript of the University registrar is the official record of earned degrees.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Kaylan Paige Chesney	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Kelsey Victoria Force	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Bartlett, Tennessee
Abigail Louise Meina Jones <i>Cum Laude</i>	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Wichita Falls, Texas
Cindy Michelle Jones	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Judsonia, Arkansas
Kinley B. Cash Koonce	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Fort Portal, Uganda
Molly Brianna Montgomery	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Waupaca, Wisconsin
Milosh Estefano Petrovic	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Santiago de Chile, Chile
Macian Jayde Schmitz	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Searcy, Arkansas
Matthew R. Sterling	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Griffithville, Arkansas
Grace Alexander Strickland	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Fort Worth, Texas
Alexis Kate Theofiledes	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Sulphur Springs, Texas

Weston Pierce Timms <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Applied Studies Arts and Sciences	Searcy, Arkansas
*Lila B. Billingsly <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Art	Van Alstyne, Texas
Kristie Lawon Bonham <i>Cum Laude</i>	Art	Fort Worth, Texas
Gabriel Clint Hodges <i>Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Barry, Illinois
Zane Damon Edwards <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Chemistry	McKinney, Texas
Kelsey G. Davis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Communication Studies	College Station, Texas
Connor M. Manry	Communication Studies	Rochester, Michigan
Maura Noel West	Communication Studies	Jenks, Oklahoma
Caleb Michael Arnold	Computer Science	Wynne, Arkansas
Tiag G. Campney <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science Leadership and Ministry	Edmond, Oklahoma
Mitchel C. Current	Computer Science	Durham, California
*Chloe Elyse Dunaway Dalrymple <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science Spanish	Brighton, Tennessee
Allen Edward Fries	Computer Science	Harlan, Iowa
Kate Alexandra Guyer	Computer Science	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Max Edward Guyer <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science Theological Studies	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Anna Grace Haley <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Northport, Alabama
Avery Hawkins <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Caldwell, Idaho
Jack Ford Johnson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science Theological Studies	Lexington, Kentucky
David Enmanuel Lainez Berrios <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Diriamba, Nicaragua
Colton Marshall	Computer Science	Little Rock, Arkansas
Lawson Cole Neal <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Michael Scott Newman <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science Theological Studies	Jackson, Missouri
*Caleb M. St Clair <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	West Chester, Ohio
Joshua Jay Sutton	Computer Science Theological Studies	Frisco, Texas
Samuel M. Wade <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Madison, Alabama

Bailey C. Floyd <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English and Business Communication	Gig Harbor, Washington
Emma G. Weber <i>Cum Laude</i>	English and Business Communication	Valley Center, Kansas
*Caroline Elise Anderson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Katy, Texas
o Victoria Leigh Boggs <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	McRae, Arkansas
*Evelyn Claire Boyd <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English Theological Studies	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Ava Catherine Bramlett <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Maumelle, Arkansas
Rachael Ann Bull <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English Theological Studies	Knoxville, Tennessee
Cydney Ellen Cypert <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	English	Sherwood, Arkansas
Hallie Brooke Davis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English Missions	Bloomington, Indiana
*o Hannah Lindsay Diles <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English Leadership and Ministry	Columbia, Tennessee
Alyssa Michele Dodson	English	Searcy, Arkansas
* John A. Edwards II <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	English	Royse City, Texas
Micah Allen Gill <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Master of Business Administration, Harding University</i>	English Theological Studies	Florissant, Missouri
Becca Allyn Kearney-Dunker <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Magnolia Springs, Alabama
*Kathleen Ogden <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English Theological Studies	Huntsville, Alabama
Logan Smith	English	Kopperl, Texas
Alyssa Leighann Toyé <i>Cum Laude</i>	English	Searcy, Arkansas
Paige Elizabeth Weiskirch <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Buckner, Missouri
Brinson G. Davenport	Film Missions	Kigali, Rwanda
Aidan McGuire	Film	Bristow, Virginia
Seth Wilson Albritton <i>Cum Laude</i>	Foreign Language and Missions	Chesapeake, Virginia
Hannah Grace Noble <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Foreign Language and Missions	Greensboro, North Carolina
Grayson Reed Sutherlin <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Foreign Language and Missions	Quitman, Arkansas

Sierra R. Tackwell	French Spanish	Searcy, Arkansas
Isaac Chambers Copeland <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	History	Austin, Texas
Hannah Irene Reese	History	Lakewood, Colorado
Thomas A. Reynolds	History	Millington, Tennessee
Ethan James Weldon	History	Benton, Arkansas
Conner Nathaniel White	History	Bryant, Arkansas
o Luke Ziegler <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	History Spanish	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Noah Timothy Bankhead <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Franklin, Tennessee
Jonathan P. Butterfield <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Smyrna, Tennessee
o Eva Lisanne Cheatham <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Lucas U. Cline <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Cedarville, Ohio
Mark D. Craig	Integrated Marketing Communication	Lansing, Michigan
Genevieve M. Cunningham	Integrated Marketing Communication	Ballwin, Missouri
Ryan N. Fox <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Sophia R. Gillespie	Integrated Marketing Communication	Arlington Heights, Illinois
Alexander D. Hall	Integrated Marketing Communication	Belleville, Illinois
*o Tucker Bradley Lovell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Old Hickory, Tennessee
Thando Leeto Musa Mahlangu	Integrated Marketing Communication	Pretoria, South Africa
Henry David Noblin	Integrated Marketing Communication	Rogers, Arkansas
McKenna Neely Oliver	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Tanner J. Shumate <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication French	Richardson, Texas
Benjamin Neale Alan Sloan	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
*Nora F. Vaughn <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Fort Recovery, Ohio
Maverick Reese Walker	Integrated Marketing Communication	Dripping Springs, Texas

Julianne Lee Baker <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Spencer D. Bittle <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Centerton, Arkansas
Elise Madison Siklosi	Interdisciplinary Studies	Weatherford, Texas
Corbin T. Wright	Interdisciplinary Studies	New Iberia, Louisiana
Aeryn Claire Hodges <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Studies	Lexington, Oklahoma
Rylee Corley <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kinesiology	Abilene, Texas
Will E. Eagleman	Kinesiology	Lawrence, Kansas
Julius Leroy Pitts	Kinesiology	Martins Ferry, Ohio
Michael Stetson Smithson	Kinesiology	Bald Knob, Arkansas
Bobby Cameron Tucker <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kinesiology	Grand Junction, Colorado
Wesley James Laughary <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Mathematics	West Plains, Missouri
Bryce Andrew Miller <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Mathematics	Lebanon, Tennessee
Jacob T. Weatherford	Mathematics Theological Studies	Franklin, Tennessee
Jonathan M. Brazell	Media Production Film	Ennis, Texas
Asa Bryant Clay	Media Production	Taylorville, Kentucky
Gabriella Faith McCaughan <i>Cum Laude</i>	Media Production	Claremore, Oklahoma
Collin David Slatton	Media Production	Houston, Texas
Evelynn R. Foster <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities French	Manassas, Virginia
Mallory J. Shelton <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Humboldt, Tennessee
Blaine Cade Thomas	Medical Humanities	Granbury, Texas
Ethan Thomas Conn <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Whites Creek, Tennessee
Macy L. Cox	Multimedia Journalism	Brock, Texas
*o Christiane J. Davis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Worthington, Indiana
Madison Grace Powers <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Dover, Florida
Carter Evan Thweatt <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Nashville, Tennessee
o Zoie A. Dean <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Political Science	Greenwood, Arkansas

Thomas William Harness	Political Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Donald Coley Matthews	Political Science	Longview, Texas
Avery Dean Shepherd	Political Science	Woodbury, Tennessee
Thomas A. Valente <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Political Science	Mount Dora, Florida
Lindsay Walton <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Political Science	Birmingham, Alabama
Kobe Emmanuel Wicklund	Political Science	Houston, Texas
Caleb A. Chunn <i>Cum Laude</i>	Public Relations	Loveland, Ohio
Amanda Bailey Coffman	Public Relations	Lexington, Kentucky
Sophie Lee Thibodeaux	Public Relations	Kingwood, Texas
Joshua Stephen Brooks <i>Cum Laude</i>	Social Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Eryn M. Hayner	Social Science	Holly Springs, North Carolina
Meghan Marie McElroy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Social Science	Houma, Louisiana
o Jonathan Morris Underwood <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Social Science Leadership and Ministry	Hernando, Mississippi
Kassie J. Lamoureux <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Spanish Mathematics	Jefferson, Iowa
Hannah Jo Haddix	Theatre Design/Production	Searcy, Arkansas
Richard Thurman Bailey <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Theatre	Geita, Tanzania
Emma Claire Myhan <i>Cum Laude</i>	Theatre	Centerton, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Emma E. Brantley <i>Cum Laude</i>	Graphic Design	Richardson, Texas
Whitney Nicole Byers	Graphic Design	Augusta, Arkansas
Xunlin Chen	Graphic Design	Guangzhou, China
Gracie Zhai-Lynn Cornett <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Graphic Design	Colon, Michigan
Jonnalynn Dennis Jennings	Graphic Design	New Braunfels, Texas

Lillian Kate Thornton <i>Cum Laude</i>	Graphic Design	Lake Providence, Louisiana
Cooper J. Turman	Graphic Design	Memphis, Tennessee
Victoria Joy Brady	Interior Architecture and Design	Cabot, Arkansas
Rinda Elizabeth Dennis	Interior Architecture and Design	Nashville, Tennessee
Sydney N. Fawks <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Dallas, Texas
Jacey Lauryn Pfiffner <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Parker, Colorado
*Angel Nichole Robison <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	McKinney, Texas
Seth N. Starck	Interior Architecture and Design	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Grant Lee Wade	Interior Architecture and Design	Abilene, Texas
*Amelia Marie Kretzer <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Visual Art Studio	Flatgap, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Corbin D. Henson	Instrumental Music	Bald Knob, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Taughton R. Pettigrew	Apparel Merchandising	Farmington, Arkansas
Zoe Rogers <i>Cum Laude</i>	Apparel Merchandising	Searcy, Arkansas
Madison Elizabeth Luallen	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Faith Schmeling	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Clarkston, Michigan
Andrew Mitchell Headley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biochemistry	Lebanon, Ohio
Bennett S. Lowry	Biochemistry	Troy, Ohio
*o Carson Walker Stewart <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biochemistry	Maumelle, Arkansas
Maria Elisa Gonzalez Diaz	Biology	Quezaltenango, Guatemala

*Martina Marie Gooden <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biology Spanish	Fort Smith, Arkansas
*Caleb R. Hooton <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biology Leadership and Ministry	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Timothy Daniel Jayne	Biology	Las Vegas, Nevada
Tyler Scott Neill	Biology	Soldotna, Alaska
Abigail Rice <i>Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Judsonia, Arkansas
Ezra W. Smith <i>Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Lewistown, Montana
Rebecca Elizabeth Stephens <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Trent Jennings Davidson	Biomedical Engineering	Vienna, West Virginia
Gabriella Ann Fields	Biomedical Engineering	Rogers, Arkansas
Silas J. Foster	Biomedical Engineering	Marysville, California
Drew Mason Fowler <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biomedical Engineering	Rogers, Arkansas
Ryan Michael Lynn	Biomedical Engineering	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Sarah J. Morehead <i>Cum Laude</i>	Biomedical Engineering	Aledo, Texas
Drake L. Jackson II	Chemistry	Newport News, Virginia
*Shannon Elise Keyser <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Chemistry English	Bryan, Texas
Elise Ann Skinner	Chemistry	Dublin, California
*Hannah Victoria Traylor <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Chemistry	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Anna Grace Kurck	Child Development	Searcy, Arkansas
*Kalyn Nicole Epperson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Child Life	Hoover, Alabama
Madison M. Fraley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Child Life	Chandler, Arizona
Abigail T. Furby	Child Life	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Kierstin H. Tomlinson	Child Life	Nashville, Tennessee
Miles G. Burgess	Civil Engineering	Franklin, Tennessee
Ciera Keagan Drum	Civil Engineering	Scottsburg, Indiana
Matthew M. Fortkamp	Civil Engineering	Ponca City, Oklahoma
Zach Tillman Hale	Civil Engineering	Choctaw, Oklahoma

Sheila Qirjaqi <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Civil Engineering	Tirane, Albania
John Joshua Stewart <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Civil Engineering	Paragould, Arkansas
Rebecca A. Vasel	Civil Engineering	Fenton, Missouri
Carter Joshua Owen	Cognitive Neuroscience	Nashville, Tennessee
*Evan J. Paltjon <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Cognitive Neuroscience Preprofessional Health Science	Robinson, Texas
Addison Kinly Province	Cognitive Neuroscience	Searcy, Arkansas
Eli Dillon Smith <i>Cum Laude</i>	Cognitive Neuroscience	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Madelyn E. Smith	Cognitive Neuroscience	Winter Garden, Florida
Jorge Javier Estrada Morales <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Engineering	Guatemala City, Guatemala
John M. Aldrich III <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Isaac Graham Hardy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Parkersburg, West Virginia
Joel M. Hoppe <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Highland, Arkansas
Matthew Robert Ingalsbe	Computer Science	El Paso, Illinois
Ricard Jove Robert	Computer Science Computer Engineering	Blanes, Spain
Kennady Gabriel Rogers <i>Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Duilio Alejandro Rosciano Montoya	Computer Science	Villahermosa, Mexico
Kyle M. Shanachilubwa <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Tyler Szostek	Computer Science	Dearborn, Michigan
Itziar Ugarte <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Boadilla Del Monte, Spain
*Fernando Vides Aguilar <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Computer Science	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Henry Bruce Buckner VI	Criminal Justice	Mount Juliet, Tennessee
Blake Markus Delacruz <i>Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice	Springfield, Missouri
Makayla Madison Elmore <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice	Smithfield, Kentucky

Abraniqua Anaya Elvariste	Criminal Justice	Nassau, Bahamas
Benjamin R. Ferris	Criminal Justice	Kerrville, Texas
Taylor Madison Graham	Criminal Justice	Cypress, Texas
*Mimi Grace Herring <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice	Nashville, Tennessee
Joshua Canaan Webb Kelso <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice Theological Studies	Tuscola, Texas
Megan Elizabeth McLarty <i>Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice	Woodbridge, Virginia
Kodie Nickael Winnings <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Criminal Justice	Haltom City, Texas
*Elena Grace Gartrell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Data Science	Doylestown, Ohio
Ashanti Chante Poindexter	Data Science	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Manuel Osmaro Berrios Henriquez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Electrical Engineering	Apopa, El Salvador
Thomas Cutter Evans <i>Cum Laude</i>	Electrical Engineering	Benton, Arkansas
Kayla Marie Jones <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Electrical Engineering Mathematics	Cabot, Arkansas
Benjamin Wayde Longley	Electrical Engineering	College Station, Texas
Alvaro Ariel Rodriguez Delgado	Electrical Engineering	David, Chiriqui, Panama
Princess Janae Welch	Electrical Engineering	Malvern, Arkansas
Maggie Elizabeth Greer	Environmental Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Lindsey Belle Tilley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Family and Consumer Sciences	Rison, Arkansas
Lydia Maren Davis	Family Life Education	Highlandville, Missouri
Anna Kathryn Caldwell	Food and Nutrition	Mountain View, Arkansas
Adrianna Keri McClendon <i>Cum Laude</i>	Forensic Science	Kennett, Missouri
Cynthia Rose Turner	Forensic Science	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Megan E. Prater	Human Biology	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Isabel D. Cunningham	Interdisciplinary Studies	Ballwin, Missouri
Kaelyn Grace Edwards <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Benton, Arkansas

Ashley Madison Killingsworth <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Cabot, Arkansas
Mariah Marie Miller	Interdisciplinary Studies	Cisco, Texas
o Julia Isabell O'Pry <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jber, Alaska
Halle V. Parker	Interdisciplinary Studies	Brentwood, Tennessee
*Isaac Jordan Raymond <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies Theological Studies	Siloam Springs, Arkansas
McKinley L. TeBeest <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Springdale, Arkansas
Josie Anna Thomas	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Krish Shaun R. Watson	Interdisciplinary Studies	Conway, Arkansas
Roc Miles Webb <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Lamar, Arkansas
Joshua Thomas Agin <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kinesiology and Health	Shelbyville, Illinois
Joshua Robert Espinosa	Kinesiology and Health	Burton, Ohio
Jon Jackson Francis	Kinesiology and Health	Pottsville, Arkansas
Maddox R. Long	Kinesiology and Health	Morrilton, Arkansas
*o Davis R. Burton <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Little Rock, Arkansas
Nikolasz Csokas <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Szekesfehervar, Hungary
Ryan M. Grandgenett <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Zachary L. Hartzell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Cordova, Tennessee
Daniel Mark Houser <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Smyrna, Tennessee
Cody M. Jewett	Mechanical Engineering	Holly, Michigan
Logan Garrett Kelly	Mechanical Engineering	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Colton Wayde Mercer <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Gainesville, Texas
Jared Charles Nitz	Mechanical Engineering	Oak Grove, Missouri
Jordan M. Cabana	Medical Humanities	McKinney, Texas
Brady LeighAnn Callaway	Medical Humanities	Conway, Arkansas
Audrey J. Cartwright <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Mount Juliet, Tennessee
Tucker Steven Cromwell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Nashville, Tennessee
Meghan Grace Denny <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Brownsburg, Indiana

McKenzie Nicole Paden <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Mountain Home, Arkansas
Caitlann Abigail Potter <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Austin, Arkansas
Grant Edward Tiller <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Jenna Reese Wesley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Brentwood, Tennessee
*Callie Grace Williams <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Laboratory Science	West Monroe, Louisiana
*Sadie Lynn Gaskins <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Molecular and Cellular Biology	LaBelle, Florida
Emma Grace Kinder	Molecular and Cellular Biology	Sherwood, Arkansas
Avery Elisabeth Land	Molecular and Cellular Biology	Birmingham, Alabama
Tyler James McDonald <i>Cum Laude</i>	Molecular and Cellular Biology	Belton, Texas
Thomas Andrew Williams <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Molecular and Cellular Biology	Conway, Arkansas
Walker Bennett Hendricks <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Physics Chemistry	Searcy, Arkansas
Christina Brun <i>Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Austin, Arkansas
Bethany G. Chandler <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Centerton, Arkansas
Leah Elizabeth Gray	Psychology	Hixson, Tennessee
Destiny Cherie Hendrix <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Olivehurst, California
*Emma Marion Jones <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Psychology Theological Studies	Salem, Oregon
*Morgan T. Kirby <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Frisco, Texas
Andrew D. McMaster	Psychology	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Caleb Nathan Mills	Psychology	Judsonia, Arkansas
Sophia H. Nguyen <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Searcy, Arkansas
Mattingly Elisabeth Otto	Psychology	Wichita Falls, Texas
David Nathaniel Perkins	Psychology	Searcy, Arkansas
Terry Lane Rivers II	Psychology	Mint Hill, North Carolina
Brendan W. Smith	Psychology	Clarksville, Tennessee

Matthew David August Starks	Psychology	Hurst, Texas
Jimmy Lee Crow III <i>Cum Laude</i>	Public Administration	Searcy, Arkansas
William Thomas Johnston <i>Cum Laude</i>	Public Administration	Paducah, Kentucky
Rede Alexander	Software Development	Maumelle, Arkansas
Robert R. Cherry <i>Cum Laude</i>	Software Development	Marion, Arkansas
Elijah Blake Davidson	Software Development	Littleton, Colorado
Ethan John Davidson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Software Development	Mobile, Alabama
Caleb Matthew Merroto	Software Development	Midlothian, Virginia
Kaler Jensen Fortner <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Sport and Recreation Management	Mount Juliet, Tennessee
Madison Renee Hiteshow <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sport and Recreation Management	Mount Dora, Florida
Hunter Whit Lillard	Sport and Recreation Management	Maumelle, Arkansas
William Meredith III	Sport and Recreation Management	Little Rock, Arkansas
Ja'mon Tyrese Smith	Sport and Recreation Management	Kensett, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

NAME	SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Elinor Joy Anderson		Clarksville, Tennessee
Hannah Elaine Atkins <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>		Princeton, Texas
*o Madelynn Leigh Ann Bacon <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Evening Shade, Arkansas
Kimberly Barcenas		Carrollton, Texas
Isabella Laine Bridges		Huntsville, Alabama
Tressie J. Chapman <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>		Edmond, Oklahoma
*o Natalie J. Denham <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Leadership and Ministry	Burlington, Kentucky
Macy Jade Edwards <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>		Milford, Ohio
Macie E. Firkins <i>Cum Laude</i>		Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Hayden Gage Forkner		Abilene, Texas

Hayla N. Gainey		Vero Beach, Florida
Shayla Ann Hall		Perryville, Arkansas
Sarah Taylor Johnson		Cash, Arkansas
Emily R. Justice <i>Cum Laude</i>		Searcy, Arkansas
Anna Belle Lewis <i>Cum Laude</i>		Searcy, Arkansas
Bailey Katherine Moore <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>		Bentonville, Arkansas
Madison Elizabeth Moore <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Little Rock, Arkansas
Belicia A. Parker		Hemet, California
Milyn L. Ross	Theological Studies	Naperville, Illinois
Maci Claire Smith		Stuttgart, Arkansas
Emma Lynn Veltema <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Byron Center, Michigan
Loren S. Waller		Gainesville, Virginia
*Mary Anna Westerman <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Sherwood, Arkansas
Bree Kinsee Williams		Flower Mound, Texas

MASTER OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Noah Troy Haile <i>Bachelor of Arts, Williams Baptist College</i>	History	Pangburn, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Emily Kaitlin Bonham <i>Bachelor of Science, West Virginia University</i>	Applied Dietetics Practice	Boulder, Colorado
Lauren Brymer <i>Bachelor of Science, Georgia State University</i>	Applied Dietetics Practice	Ringgold , Georgia
Noelle Alyse Shipley <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science, Louisiana State University and A&M College</i>	Applied Dietetics Practice	Greenwell Springs, Louisiana
Jordan Alexander Roberts <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Kinesiology and Sport Administration	Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Logan H. Stafford <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Kinesiology and Sport Administration	Little Rock, Arkansas
Noah C. Stockton <i>Master of Arts in Teaching, Harding University</i>	Kinesiology and Sport Administration	Bentonville, Arkansas
Jonathan R. Wall <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Kinesiology and Sport Administration	Alvarado, Texas

[return to contents](#)

CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL HONORS

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION

(Those who were on track, as of the start of their final semester, to complete 26 or more hours of honors credit, including four honors contracts and an honors capstone project, while maintaining at least a 3.50 GPA.)

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Caroline Elise Anderson <i>Light Behind the Clouds: Kindness Towards Female Characters in Little Women</i>	English	Katy, Texas
Julianne Lee Baker <i>Enhancers and Inhibitors to Evidence-Based Practice: A Case Study</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Davis R. Burton <i>Modeling Vibration Stiffness: An Analytical Extension of Hertzian Theory for Angular Contact Bearings with a Thin Viscoelastic Coating</i>	Mechanical Engineering	Little Rock, Arkansas
Isaac Chambers Copeland <i>The Mitre and the Crown: The Relationship Between the Church and Crown in Anglo- Norman England</i>	History	Austin, Texas
Hannah Lindsay Diles <i>Conflicting Ethe in Anna Karenina: A Reexamination of Tolstoy's Complex Female Protagonist</i>	English Leadership and Ministry	Columbia, Tennessee
Evelynn R. Foster <i>Bridging the Gap: Developing A Resource to Improve Communication Between Patients and Their Medical Teams</i>	Medical Humanities French	Manassas, Virginia

Sadie Lynn Gaskins <i>Elucidating Interactions Between Phytohormones in Arabidopsis thaliana Germination</i>	Molecular and Cellular Biology	LaBelle, Florida
Micah Allen Gill <i>Development Under Erasure: Deconstruction in Development Studies</i>	English Theological Studies	Florissant, Missouri
Martina Marie Gooden <i>Pesticidal Properties of Spider Venom</i>	Biology Spanish	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Joel M. Hoppe <i>Leading a Software Development Team using the Scrum Methodology</i>	Computer Science	Highland, Arkansas
Emily R. Justice <i>Beyond Opioids Program Evaluation</i>	Social Work	Searcy, Arkansas
Shannon Elise Keyser <i>Synthesis and Characterization of Low Valent Transition Metal and Thione Imidazole Complexes</i>	Chemistry English	Bryan, Texas
Amelia Marie Kretzer <i>Exploring Narrative Strengths in Animated Storytelling</i>	Visual Art Studio	Flatgap, Kentucky
Abby E. Long <i>Justice on Trial: A Multifaceted Analysis of Capital Punishment</i>	Master of Business Administration Political Science International Business	Huntsville, Alabama
Tyler James McDonald <i>Exploring KUA1 and ILR3 Protein Interactions in Arabidopsis thaliana using Yeast 2 Hybrids</i>	Molecular and Cellular Biology	Belton, Texas
Evan J. Paltjon <i>Analyzing the Role of Oncomodulin in Cochlear Rat Microglial Cells During Inflammation</i>	Cognitive Neuroscience Preprofessional Health Sciences	Robinson, Texas
Isaac Jordan Raymond <i>Dispelling Delusion and Seeing Nature: A Comparative Analysis of Epistemological Methodology and Linguistic Creativity in Lucretius' De Rerum Natura and Hui-neng's Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies Theological Studies	Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Kyle M. Shanachilubwa <i>Emotional Experiences of Black Computer Science and Engineering Students Amid Faculty-Student Interactions</i>	Computer Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Rebecca Elizabeth Stephens <i>The Influences of Sex, Color Morph, and Weather on Roosting Distributions in Overwintering White-throated Sparrows (Zonotrichia albicollis)</i>	Biology	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grayson Reed Sutherlin <i>Effective Missions Among Nomadic Herdsmen in Mongolia</i>	Foreign Language and Missions	Quitman, Arkansas
Emma G. Weber <i>Data-Driven Storytelling: How Nonprofits Cultivate Life Narratives</i>	English Business Communication	Valley Center, Kansas
Luke Ziegler <i>The Third Horseman: Preventability versus Apocalypse in the Great Famine of 1315 and the Irish Potato Famine</i>	History Spanish	Fort Smith, Arkansas

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

(Those who were on track, as of the start of their final semester, to complete 20 or more hours of honors credits, including four honors contracts, while maintaining at least a 3.25 GPA.)

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Kalyn Nicole Epperson	Child Life	Hoover, Alabama
Luis Levi Zelaya Martinez	Master of Science in Information Systems Finance	Ojojona, Honduras
Jesus Urueta	Master of Business Administration in Management and Business Ethics International Business	Chihuahua, Mexico
Johnathan Jacob Wood	Accounting Finance	North Canton, Ohio

PRESIDENT'S LIST

(Undergraduate candidates with 4.00 GPA achieved with all letter grades of A)

NAME	MAJOR/ SECOND MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Erin G. Booher	Nursing	Canal Winchester, Ohio
Aidan Patrick Broome	Bible and Divinity	Thompson's Station, Tennessee
Alayna R. Clark	Nursing	Holly Springs, North Carolina
Liliana Marie Derr	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Florence, Alabama
Ethan C. Dycus	Finance	Madison, Alabama
Kathleen G. Krejci	Nursing	Richmond, Texas

Jayda Elizabeth Lynn	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Beggs, Oklahoma
Aubrey Allison May	Elementary Education	Viola, Arkansas
Anna Grace McDonald	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Coweta, Oklahoma
Emma Grace Montague	Nursing	Denver, Colorado
Emily C. Nikolai	Nursing	Brighton, Colorado
Faith Annamarie Snyder	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Fort Collins, Colorado
Kaylie Morgan Stephenson	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Phoenix, Arizona
Kaylee Noelle Stickels	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Greenwood, Indiana
Shelby Madelyn Stratton	Elementary Education	Oxford, Alabama
Jorey Lee Thorman	Exercise Science	McKinney, Texas
Faith Anna Wise	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Gracie Faye Wise	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Jonathan Jacob Wood	Accounting Finance	North Canton, Ohio

[return to contents](#)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles A. Ganus, chairman	Searcy, Arkansas
James H. Cone Jr., vice chairman	Little Rock, Arkansas
John D. Reese, secretary	Searcy, Arkansas
Joe Wild, treasurer	Vero Beach, Florida
Tim Bewley	Hendersonville, Tennessee
Craig Cheatham	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Stephanie Cochran	Bentonville, Arkansas
Mark Crews	Searcy, Arkansas
Amy Emerson	Tulsa, Oklahoma
W. Harrell Freeman	Metairie, Louisiana
James D. Holsombake	Panama City, Florida
Michael Justus	Searcy, Arkansas
Robin Maynard	Afton, Minnesota
Harold R. Redd	Memphis, Tennessee
John O. Simmons	Columbia, Tennessee
Swaid Swaid	Vestavia Hills, Alabama
David V. Waldron	La Vergne, Tennessee
Robert C. Walker, past chairman	Decatur, Alabama
Rodney Waller	Arlington, Texas
Mark Weeks	Brentwood, Tennessee
Michael D. Williams, ex-officio	Searcy, Arkansas
Howard Wright	Atlanta, Georgia

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS, ED.D., *president of the University*

JEAN-NOEL THOMPSON, PH.D., *executive vice president*

MARTY SPEARS, PH.D., *provost and chief academic officer*

TAMMY HALL, MBA, *vice president for finance and chief financial officer*

UNIVERSITY CABINET

MIKE CHALENBURG, B.A., *vice president for information systems and technology and chief information officer*

AMY COX, MFA, *chair of Faculty Leadership Council*

MONTE COX, PH.D., *dean of the College of Bible and Ministry*

ALLEN FRAZIER, PH.D., *dean of the Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration*

JIM GURCHIEK, M.ED., *superintendent of Harding Academy*

JULIE A. HIXSON-WALLACE, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS, *dean of the College of Pharmacy*

SUSAN KEHL, PH.D., RN, CNE, *dean of the Carr College of Nursing*

STEVE LAKE, B.A., *vice president for enrollment services*

RAYMOND "DONNY" LEE, ED.D., *dean of the Cannon-Clary College of Education*

JIM MARTIN, D.MIN., *vice president for the School of Theology*

MIKE MCGALLIARD, SC.D., *dean of the College of Allied Health*

JEFF MORGAN, M.ED., *director of athletics*

CANDICE MOORE, BBA, *assistant vice president for university communications and marketing*

ANDREA MORRIS, PH.D., *assistant to the provost*

LUKE MORRIS, BBA, *assistant vice president for finance*

ZACH NEAL, MAT, *vice president for student life and dean of students*

MARK POWELL, PH.D., *dean of the School of Theology*

DAVID ROSS, MBA, *assistant vice president for human resources*

DANA STEIL, PH.D., *dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

[return to contents](#)

ALMA MATER

Near the foothills of the Ozarks,
Midst of hill and plain; Stands our glorious Alma Mater;
Harding is her name.

Chorus:

Sing the chorus, shout it loudly!
Echoing thro' the vale.
Hail to thee, beloved Harding!
Alma Mater, Hail!

Christian standard is her motto;
Christian life is stressed; And in ev'ry branch of learning,
Each one does his best.

Harding opens wide her portals,
Thus inviting all
Who would tread the path to knowledge, Heed then to her call.

"HIGHER GROUND"

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord lead me on to higher ground."

[return to contents](#)

HARDING UNIVERSITY

Harding University has a rich history of quality education. Harding was chartered as a senior college in 1924 when two junior colleges, Arkansas Christian College and Harper College, merged their facilities and assets, adopted the new name of Harding College, and located on the campus of Arkansas Christian in Morrilton, Arkansas. The school was moved to Searcy in 1934, and the board of trustees approved a recommended change of Harding to university status in 1979.

Harding was named in memory of James A. Harding, a pioneer Christian educator who founded Nashville Bible School (now Lipscomb University) in Tennessee. He challenged his co-workers with an enthusiasm for Christian education that remains a significant tradition at Harding University.

At the charter, J.N. Armstrong, who had served five years as Harper's president, became president of Harding College, holding the office from 1924 to 1936.

In 1936, George S. Benson returned from mission work in China to assume the presidency of his alma mater. Benson directed the college from a deep indebtedness into a state of financial stability, national recognition and academic accreditation. He retired in 1965 after 29 years of tireless service.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., a 1943 graduate, served as president from 1965 to 1987. A former history department chair and vice president of the college, Ganus kept alive his predecessors' drive for excellence by leading a plan of campus improvement and expansion. At his retirement, Ganus became Harding's first chancellor in 1987 and then served as chancellor emeritus from 2013 until his death in September 2019.

Dr. David Burks became the fourth president in 1987. A 1965 graduate, he has been a member of the faculty since 1967 and served as dean of the College of Business Administration. Under his leadership, the University experienced record growth in enrollment and giving and, more importantly, placed significant emphasis on Christian servanthood.

Dr. Bruce McLarty, a 1978 graduate and the University's fifth president, served as president from 2013 to 2020. Prior to this role, McLarty was the first vice president of spiritual life for the University. As the result of his doctoral work, the University adopted his five-chapter curriculum, "Embracing the Mission," which focuses on maintaining the faith-based principles Harding was built upon.

Chancellor David Burks resumed the role of president in December 2020 and served until Harding's sixth president, Dr. Michael D. Williams, assumed the role on June 1, 2022. At President Williams' inauguration in September 2022, he challenged the Harding community to find and develop their Inspired Purpose, remaining committed to our historic Christian mission as we aspire to restore the world to what God intended from the beginning. Harding's 4,804 students, representing 47 states and more than 50 nations and territories, are empowered for ministry, leadership and lifetimes of service.