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DR. J.D. YINGLING



Dr. J.D. Yingling joined the faculty in 1998 and will retire this summer as professor in the department of kinesiology, director of aquatics and director of Harding Outdoors.

Dr. Yingling earned a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Harding in 1982 and worked as a graduate assistant and assistant coach for the Water Buffaloes swim team from 1982-1984. He earned

a master's degree in education from Harding in 1984 and a doctorate in health and physical education from Texas A&M-Commerce in 2000.

Dr. Yingling has served in a variety of roles at the University, including directing the Introduction to Wellness course, sponsoring social clubs Kappa Sigma Kappa, Theta Nu and Kyodai, and serving as international faculty in Greece, Latin America and Australia. In addition to leading spring break mission trips, he coordinated and led educational trips for students in the London Olympic Tour in 2012 and the Navajo Studies Program in 2021.

He also served Downtown Church of Christ as deacon from 2000-2013 and as shepherd from 2013-2020 and currently serves as chair of the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Dr. Yingling received Harding's Teacher Achievement Award in 2015.

He and his wife of 39 years, Kim, have three sons, Kevin, Trent and Derek, and a daughter-in-law, Anna Westbrook.

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 **Eli Smith**

“Higher Ground”

Candidate for Degree

SCRIPTURE READING **German Abarca, DNP**

Assistant Professor of Nursing

OPENING PRAYER **James Nesbit, Ph.D., R.Ph.**

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

REMARKS **Charles Ganus, J.D.**

Chairman, Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER **President Williams**

ADDRESS **Jon David Yingling, Ed.D.**

Professor of Kinesiology

RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES..... **Marty Spears, Ph.D.**

Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES..... **Ellen Jones, Pharm.D.**

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

**College of Allied Health
Carr College of Nursing
College of Pharmacy**

“The Distance You Have Come” by Scott Alan..... **Hannah Jo Haddix**

Scott Carrell, DMA, Professor of Music and Director of

Candidate for Degree

Piano Studies, Collaborative Pianist

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” **Mark Cullum, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences

ALMA MATER..... **Eli Smith**

Candidate for Degree

CLOSING PRAYER **Kevin Kehl, Ed.D.**

Associate Professor and Dean of the Academic Resource Center

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

(Audience will remain seated.)

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Mike McGalliard, Sc.D.

Dean of the College

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- o Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Melaney Lynn Binkley <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Wichita Falls, Texas
Audra Elizabeth Bradley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Carsyn Claire Burns <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Maumelle, Arkansas
Hartley Jane Carroll	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Madison, Mississippi
Kinley Reanne Corley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Abilene, Texas
Lexie Lyn Davis <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Liliana Marie Derr <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Florence, Alabama
Ella M. Duryea <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Alayna Jordan Griffith <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Stonewall, Louisiana
Abigail Elizabeth Hackett <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Nolensville, Tennessee
Kayla A. Harper	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Dallas, Texas
Ellianna Renee Holland <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Midlothian, Texas
*Sierra Lynne Jenkins <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Marietta, Georgia

Kara Ashley Johnston	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Little Rock, Arkansas
Miranda E. Kiffmeyer	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Alton, Illinois
Anna Grace McDonald <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Coweta, Oklahoma
o Jayda Elizabeth Lynn <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Beggs, Oklahoma
Miah Lynn Maples <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Searcy, Arkansas
Jordyn N. Perry <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Allen, Texas
Karagan G. Prine <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Memphis, Tennessee
Faith Annamarie Snyder <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Fort Collins, Colorado
Tessa Winter Spears <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders Missions	Heber Springs, Arkansas
Sydney McKay Sprawls <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Cabot, Arkansas
*Savanna Jo Stanley <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Talco, Texas
Kaylie Morgan Stephenson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Phoenix, Arizona
o Kaylee Noelle Stickels <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Greenwood, Indiana
Darby Nicole Walker <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Tyler, Texas
Raegan E. Wallace <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Catlettsburg, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Darius Tabalbag Baguinon	Exercise Science	Lihue, Hawaii
Emory Claire Cabe <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Birmingham, Alabama
Mason Wilson Caraway	Exercise Science	Tuscola, Texas
Austin R. Davis	Exercise Science Theological Studies	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Devan Kimberly Floyd <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	North Little Rock, Arkansas

Jacob Glenn Harrell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Briana Jacobe Johnson	Exercise Science	Frisco, Texas
Desiree Ariel Johnson	Exercise Science	Midlothian, Texas
Kiersten N. Keiser	Exercise Science	Houma, Louisiana
Kaleigh Ann Kittinger	Exercise Science	Maumelle, Arkansas
James Min-Gi Lee <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Ocala, Florida
Kaylee Anne McKinney <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Chantilly, Virginia
Jalen Carl Montgomery	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
William Jefferey Roguske <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Belgrade, Minnesota
*Aaron Weston Snow <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Georgia E. Templeton <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Fayetteville, Arkansas
Jorey Lee Thorman <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	McKinney, Texas
Lauren D. Triplett	Exercise Science	Circleville, Ohio
Easton J. Usery <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science Leadership and Ministry	Austin, Arkansas
Marilyn Sloane Wiedower <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Faith Anna Wise <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Gracie Faye Wise <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Thaddeus Kirby	Strength and Conditioning	Mason, Texas
Michaela Grace Potter	Strength and Conditioning	Austin, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Hannah Claire Bariola <i>Bachelor of Science, Arkansas State University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Ty Garrison Carger <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Searcy, Arkansas
Taryn Nicole Cast <i>Bachelor of Science, Texas A&M University- Commerce</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Richardson, Texas

*Ashlyn Kaite Elmore <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Southlake, Texas
Carly Alexandra Enns <i>Bachelor of Science, Arkansas State University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Stillwater, Oklahoma
Kaiden Blake Goodwin <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Conway, Arkansas
Trey Jordan Goudeau <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Ponder, Texas
Ryan Tyler Haines <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
*Kylie Elizabeth Hasz <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Prosper, Texas
Blake Logan Hodges <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Benton, Arkansas
Landon Heath Johnson <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Paragould, Arkansas
Clayton Lee Jones <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Granbury, Texas
Dalton Patrick Koch <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Searcy, Arkansas
Allie Shay Kuykendall <i>Master of Business Administration, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	McMinnville, Tennessee
Wyatt Brantley Maples <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Strafford, Missouri
Seth Andrew Morgan <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Batesville, Arkansas
Ashley Katherine Nilsson <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Kamie Lauren Provence <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Searcy, Arkansas
Grace Alyssa Pukas <i>Bachelor of Science, Brevard College</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Valrico, Florida

William Shane Reeves <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Peyton Gabrielle Rogers <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Rogers, Arkansas
Mason Alexander Rush <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Lawrenceville, Georgia
Sutton Elizabeth Springman <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Madelyn Grace True <i>Bachelor of Science, Tennessee Technological University</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Centerville, Tennessee
Johanna Elaine Ruth Wolter <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</i>	Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology	Cabot, Arkansas
Emily R. Burdette <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Katy, Texas
*Hope Ruth Carson <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Tyler, Texas
Haley L. Cleveland <i>Bachelor of Science Education, Arkansas State University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Searcy, Arkansas
*Lindley Brooke Davis <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Winter Garden, Florida
Lydia Faye Edmonds <i>Bachelor of Science, Freed-Hardeman University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Covington, Tennessee
*Sarah Claudette Gossett <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Lamar, Arkansas
Morgan Elena Houchell <i>Bachelor of Arts, Florida College</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Eules, Texas
Zoe M. Jennings <i>Bachelor of Arts, Ouachita Baptist University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Bella Vista, Arkansas
Kaitlyn M. Miller <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Fayetteville, Arkansas
Kaylee Yvonne Pardue <i>Bachelor of Science, Murray State University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Bolivar, Tennessee

*Madelyn Paige Parker <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Columbia, Missouri
Lauren Abigail Reams <i>Bachelor of Arts, Ouachita Baptist University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Beebe, Arkansas
Brylan Cassidy Roach <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Bald Knob, Arkansas
Madeline Mai Rubio <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Franklin, Tennessee
*Abby Rae Showalter <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Frisco, Texas
Parker J. Smitherman <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Nashville, Tennessee
Sydney Taylor Vick <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Searcy, Arkansas
Molly Maddox Watson <i>Bachelor of Arts, Ouachita Baptist University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Christin Lynne Wood <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Speech-Language Pathology	Searcy, Arkansas
Stacy J. Borth <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Strength and Conditioning	Saint Louis, Missouri
Sophie F. Capitanelli <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Strength and Conditioning	Collierville, Tennessee
Dennis Lamont Carroll <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Strength and Conditioning	Little Rock, Arkansas
John Grant Ennis <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Strength and Conditioning	Lavaca, Arkansas
Haity Kambatuku <i>Bachelor of Science, Washington State University</i>	Strength and Conditioning	St. Joseph, Missouri
Tedi Nunn <i>Bachelor of Science, Newberry College</i>	Strength and Conditioning	Louisville, Kentucky

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

NAME	HOMETOWN
James Hunter Boyd <i>Bachelor of Science, Freed-Hardeman University</i>	Nashville, Tennessee
Jordi J. Contreras <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Texas-Tyler</i>	Kilgore, Texas
Jessalyn Ruth Davis <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Gibson City, Illinois
Ethan R. Dickeson <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Conway, Arkansas
Elise Danielle Duverger <i>Bachelor of Science, Oklahoma Christian University</i>	Yukon, Oklahoma
Kyle S. Hamlett <i>Bachelor of Science, Lipscomb University</i>	Hartselle, Alabama
Lillian Talley Lewis <i>Bachelor of Science - University of Texas at Austin</i>	Flower Mound, Texas
Elena Maria Maes <i>Bachelor of Science Education, Baylor University</i>	Tacoma, Washington
Carys Danae Pate <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Sugar Land, Texas
William T. McAdams <i>Bachelor of Science, Mississippi State University</i>	Terry, Mississippi
Bridget Aryn Morris <i>Bachelor of Science, Louisiana Tech University</i>	Doyline, Louisiana
Nathan Randall Nolan <i>Bachelor of Science, Murray State University</i>	Evansville, Indiana
Matthew Zane Owens <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Spring, Texas
Talbert Brent Pate <i>Bachelor of Science, Mississippi State University</i>	Millport, Alabama
Noah David Phillips <i>Bachelor of Science, Freed-Hardeman University</i>	Tuscumbia, Alabama
Haley Nicole Poole <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Louisiana at Monroe</i>	Bossier City, Louisiana
William Conner Shannon <i>Bachelor of Science Education, The University of Alabama</i>	Birmingham, Alabama
Emily June Smith <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Aledo, Texas
Ashley Kate Smyser <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Abilene, Texas
Megan G. Stirrup <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Katy, Texas
Kelsey D. Taylor <i>Bachelor of Science, Williams Baptist College</i>	Ash Flat, Arkansas
Donovan J. Ward <i>Master of Science, Louisiana Tech University</i>	Bossier City, Louisiana
Christian T. Willmon <i>Bachelor of Science, Lubbock Christian University</i>	Lubbock, Texas
Kaitlin R. Word <i>Bachelor of Science, University of Texas-Tyler</i>	Kilgore, Texas

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Susan Kehl, Ph.D., RN, CNE

Dean of the College

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NAME	SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Katherine Michelle Bedow		Imperial, Missouri
Erin G. Booher <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Canal Winchester, Ohio
Gillian L. Campos		Glen Rose, Texas
Madelyn W. Cantrell		Sherwood, Arkansas
Hunter Timothy Carlson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		West Palm Beach, Florida
Moriah May Carriere		Searcy, Arkansas
*Sierra Rose Cassidy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Rolla, Missouri
*Alayna R. Clark <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	French	Holly Springs, North Carolina
Harli N. Crossen <i>Cum Laude</i>		Keenesburg, Colorado
Rachel Elizabeth Dawson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>		Judsonia, Arkansas
Kenzie G. Ducharme		Hermitage, Tennessee
Marilena Rose Frerot		Geispolsheim, France
Erin Elisabeth Graves <i>Cum Laude</i>		Hot Springs Village, Arkansas
Sarah Grace Hampton <i>Cum Laude</i>		Bentonville, Arkansas
Kathryn Russell Harris		Clarksville, Tennessee
Macy E. Hays <i>Cum Laude</i>		Blanchard, Oklahoma

Mason Keith Heusel <i>Cum Laude</i>	Overland Park, Kansas
Barbara Rose Johnson	Bentonville, Arkansas
Elizabeth Eden King <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rogers, Arkansas
Kathleen G. Krejci <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Richmond, Texas
Madeline G. Lowry <i>Cum Laude</i>	Searcy, Arkansas
Keely Eileen Madden <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Riley E. Maxfield	Rogers, Arkansas
Mikayla L. Maynard <i>Cum Laude</i>	Green Cove Springs, Florida
Nicholas Spencer Mays	Van Buren, Arkansas
Hunter A. McNeel <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gilmer, Texas
*Emma Grace Montague <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Denver, Colorado
Emily C. Nikolai <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Brighton, Colorado
Leah Elizabeth Pahman <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mobile, Alabama
Gracie M. Steelman	Blanchard, Oklahoma
Bella Claire Thatcher <i>Cum Laude</i>	Arlington, Texas
Joanna Ruth Vielmette	Beaverton, Oregon
Ashlyn S. Voss <i>Cum Laude</i>	McKinney, Texas
Austin James Wardlow	Georgetown, Ohio
Amanda Marie Weibel	Beaumont, California
McKenzie Aspen Wilson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jonesboro, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Brenda Leigh Barros Antonaccio <i>Bachelor of Professional Studies, The University of Memphis Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Union University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Cordova, Tennessee
Amanda Michelle Boardman <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Arkansas- Monticello</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Monticello, Arkansas

Madison Grace Chavers <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arkansas State University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Jonesboro, Arkansas
*Kendall Leigh Cox <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Mississippi College</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	McGehee, Arkansas
Jenny Rebecca Elrod <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Grand Canyon University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Conway, Arkansas
Ashley S. Heibel <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Indiana Wesleyan University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Franklin, Minnesota
Michelle Renee Morgheim <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Grand Island, Nebraska
Sarah Beth Patterson <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arkansas State University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Lonoke, Arkansas
Spencer Chad Smith <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Arkansas- Monticello</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Monticello, Arkansas
Linley F. Wright <i>Bachelor of Science, Chamberlain University</i>	Family Nurse Practitioner	Mayfield, Kentucky
Faith L. Ewing	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing Bachelor of Science in Health Studies	Evansville, Indiana
Marleigh Nicole Lewis <i>Bachelor of Science, Lyon College</i>	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing	Mountain Home, Arkansas
Allison Nicole Major	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing	Gallatin, Tennessee
Carly Diane Slate	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing Bachelor of Science in Health Studies	Collierville, Tennessee
Mary Alice Smith	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing Bachelor of Science in Health Studies	Burleson, Texas
Kelbey Layne Walters	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing Bachelor of Science in Health Studies	McKinney, Texas
Natalie Morgan Webb <i>Bachelor of Arts, Faulkner University</i>	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing	Naperville, Illinois
*Rebekah Anne Wheadon <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Master's Entry into Professional Nursing	Lawrenceville, Georgia

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Julie A. Hixson-Wallace, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS
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NAME	SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Wendee Breann Abbott <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Bachelor of Science Education,</i> <i>Arkansas State University</i>		Cave City, Arkansas
Randall Craig Carlton		Edgemont, Arkansas
Caragh Cathleen Conyers- Hankins <i>Bachelor of Science, University</i> <i>of Arkansas-Little Rock</i>		England, Arkansas
Kaira Shalynn Cypert <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Associate of Science, Arkansas</i> <i>State University</i>		Bradford, Arkansas
*Claire Elizabeth Farley <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Master of Business Administration in Management and Business Ethics	Judsonia, Arkansas
*Marilyn Elizabeth Gafford <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		Dallas, Texas
*Jennifer Michelle Griffin <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Master of Science, University</i> <i>of Central Arkansas</i>		Conway, Arkansas
Kyle B Griggs <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding</i> <i>University</i>		Searcy, Arkansas
Julia Lynne Hedrick <i>Cum Laude</i>		Bella Vista, Arkansas
Emily Jo Holland <i>Associate of Science, Arkansas</i> <i>State University-Beebe</i>		Des Arc, Arkansas

Robert Graham Knight	Calico Rock, Arkansas
Cody Ray Lynch <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Bachelor of Science, University</i> <i>of Central Arkansas</i>	Romance, Arkansas
Eric B. Madgett	Port Orange, Florida
Madison Howell Matheny <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <i>Bachelor of Science, University</i> <i>of Central Arkansas</i>	Texarkana, Texas
Mackenzie Ann McMaster <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Auburntown, Tennessee
Precious Ndlovu <i>Bachelor of Science, Andrews</i> <i>University</i>	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Erin Nicole Neighbors <i>Associate of Science, Arkansas</i> <i>State University-Beebe</i>	Drasco, Arkansas
Lauren Taylor Nevels	Diana, Texas
Tochukwu Samuel Nwaiwu <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Bachelor of Science, Cameron</i> <i>University</i>	Dallas, Texas
Ashley Shandrelle Parker <i>Associate of Arts, Hinds</i> <i>Community College</i>	Brandon, Mississippi
Caroline Rose Parker <i>Bachelor of Arts, Hendrix</i> <i>College</i>	Harrisburg, Arkansas
Morgan Elaine Pickard <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Marshfield, Wisconsin
Iliriana Ramadani <i>Bachelor of Arts, Arkansas</i> <i>State University</i>	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Tyler T. Roberts <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding</i> <i>University</i>	Bentonville, Arkansas
Micheala S. Roden <i>Associate of Arts, Southern</i> <i>Arkansas University</i>	Magnolia, Arkansas
Claudia Danyelle Sifford	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Matthew Corey Soto <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Oro Valley, Arizona
Khue Truong	Searcy, Arkansas
Emma Abigail Vancil <i>Bachelor of Science, Williams</i> <i>Baptist College</i>	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Haley Owens Weaver <i>Associate of Science, Arkansas</i> <i>State University-Beebe</i>	Beebe, Arkansas

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
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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
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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>	Cognitive Neuroscience Preprofessional Health Sciences	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
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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."

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.



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