



# 2015 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 10 | 1 p.m. | Richard L. Jantz Stadium

# ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

## Processional

\*Invocation ..... Dr. Jacob L. Goodson  
*United Methodist Exemplary Teacher, Southwestern College*

Welcome ..... Dr. W. Richard Merriman, Jr.  
*President*

Awards..... President Merriman  
Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award and  
Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award

Recognition of Student Academic Honors..... Dr. James A. Sheppard  
*Provost*

Conferring of Degrees..... President Merriman

Presentation of Graduates ..... Dr. Sheppard

Presentation of Diplomas..... Ms. Linda Weippert  
*Registrar*

Presentation of Honorary Degree ..... Dr. David E. Smith  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

\*Alma Mater ..... Mr. Dylan Moore  
*Class of 2015*

### \*Alma Mater

Far above the Walnut Valley  
On a lofty height,  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
Bathed in golden light.

*Chorus*

***Lift the chorus, speed it onward,  
Over hill and dale,  
Hail to thee, beloved Southwestern,  
Alma Mater, Hail!***

Far above the stir and bustle  
Of the busy town,  
Reared against the arch of heaven,  
Looks she calmly down.

To the heights she calls us daily,  
Alma Mater, dear,  
Heights of knowledge, hope, and courage,  
Free from doubt and fear.

Benediction ..... Dr. Matthew Sigler  
*Campus Minister*

\*Please stand

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PAGERS AND CELL PHONES ARE OFF DURING THE CEREMONY.

# THE CLASS OF 2015

## Valedictorian

Dylan Moore

## Salutatorian

Esther Oliver

## Bachelor of Arts

Amie Archer, Elementary Education, Derby, Kansas  
Lauren Kristen Atkinson\*, Psychology, Glen Burnie,  
Maryland

Rachel Michelle Baker, *summa cum laude*, Accounting,  
minor in Business Administration, Edmond,  
Oklahoma

Anthony Jene Barraza, Business Administration,  
Groesbeck, Texas

Allison N. Bethurem, Elementary Education, Winfield,  
Kansas

Toni Bishop, *magna cum laude*, Elementary Education,  
Lansing, Kansas

Michael Alan Bond, Business Administration, minor in  
Leadership, Wichita, Kansas

Baylee Brock, Elementary Education, Grand Island,  
Nebraska

Nicole Brundage\*, Elementary Education, Wichita,  
Kansas

Sean Olin Bucholz, *magna cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Silverdale, Washington

Ruth Louise Byrd, Elementary Education, Abilene,  
Kansas

Chaoming Cai, Business Administration, Zhongshan,  
Guangdong, China

Jeff D. Carpenter, Elementary Education, Wichita,  
Kansas

Dalton J. Carver, Communication with emphasis in  
Convergent Journalism, Ozawkie, Kansas

Mindy M. Cashion, Elementary Education, Augusta,  
Kansas

Maecy E. Charleston\*, Communication with emphasis  
in Professional Communication, Clarksville,  
Tennessee

Hunter Jay Cline, Business Administration, Oswego,  
Kansas

Ginnie Mae Copeland, *cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Wichita, Kansas

Adrienne Joann Cornejo, Elementary Education,  
Oxford, Kansas

Mindy Elise Courter\*, Psychology, Fairbanks, Alaska

Evelyn Charlene Davidson\*, Pastoral Studies,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sara Michelle Davis, *magna cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Wichita, Kansas

Taylor Alayne Easum\*, Psychology, Perry, Kansas

Bobbi J. Eriksen, *cum laude*, Early Childhood Education,  
Moore, Oklahoma

Melissa Robin Evers, *cum laude*, Early Childhood  
Education, Eugene, Missouri

Mattie L. Ford, Elementary Education, Kansas City,  
Kansas

Antionette Foster\*, Psychology, Junction City, Kansas  
Elizabeth N. Freeman\*, Elementary Education,  
Alexandria, Virginia

Kelcey Danielle Gabriel, Psychology, minor in  
Leadership, Lincoln, Nebraska

Saskia Gaiser, Psychology, Buffalo, New York  
Abby Jordan Gengler, *summa cum laude*, Accounting,  
Business Administration, Lindsborg, Kansas

Shane Franklin Gilbert, Business Administration, Derby,  
Kansas

Francesca L. Gilley, Elementary Education, Alexandria,  
Virginia

Kathryn Hamilton, *cum laude*, Business Administration,  
minors in Leadership and Sustainability and  
Environmental Studies, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Crystal Hanson, *cum laude*, Elementary Education,  
Andover, Kansas

Mary Hayano, Elementary Education, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Candace L. Hays, *magna cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Wellington, Kansas

Kenneth Lee Henderson, Business Administration with  
emphasis in Marketing, Hutchinson, Kansas

Emily Morgan Hicks\*, Biology, minor in Psychology,  
Broadus, Texas

Shari L. High, Elementary Education, Douglass, Kansas

Bobby S. Hines\*, Pastoral Studies, Hampton, Virginia

Casey Dale Holt, Biology, Sedan, Kansas

Vicki Lyn House, Elementary Education, *magna cum  
laude*, Charles City, Virginia

Caleb Mark Jackson\*, Business Administration, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma

Ashton Renee' Kelly, Psychology, Business  
Administration, minor in Philosophy and Religion,  
Winfield, Kansas

Susanna Lee Killgore, Elementary Education, Wichita,  
Kansas

Bridgett LaDawn Kostelecky, *cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Manhattan, Kansas

Janie Lou Kruse Murk, Elementary Education, Junction  
City, Kansas

Miranda Rachelle Laing, *magna cum laude*, Elementary  
Education, Early Childhood Education, Augusta,  
Kansas

Yingjie Lan\*, Business Administration, Zun Yi,  
Guizhou, China

Sicilee Anne Lansbury\*, Psychology, Junction City,  
Kansas

David Martin Larson, Pastoral Studies, Willmar,  
Minnesota

David D. Leonard\*, Business Administration

Bo Lian, Business Administration, Hefei Anhui, China

Zenas M. Lopez, Business Administration, minor in  
Theatre Arts, Anchorage, Alaska

Juliette Lowrance, Theatre with emphasis in Technical  
Theatre, Coffeyville, Kansas

Jonathon William Lyons, Accounting, minor in  
Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, Angleton, Texas

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Rosana C. Macias, Psychology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Maria Concepcion Magdaleno-Rolon, Elementary Education, Wichita, Kansas  
 Ashlee Mammenga, Elementary Education, Arkansas City, Kansas  
 Garrett Joseph Mangrum, Business Administration, Winfield, Kansas  
 Hayley C. Mata, Communication with emphasis in General Communication, Olathe, Kansas  
 Paul Hugh Xavier Mata, Philosophy and Religion, Carrollton, Texas  
 Christopher R. Mayer, Psychology, Tucson, Arizona  
 Chanel Opal McCray\*, Chemistry, Wichita, Kansas  
 Zachary Chase McDowell, Elementary Education, Arkansas City, Kansas  
 Jessica Diane McMahan, Elementary Education, Trenton, Georgia  
 Samantha Mae Miller, *summa cum laude*, Elementary Education, Mulvane, Kansas  
 Rachel Min Wong, *summa cum laude*, Psychology, Mathematics, Singapore  
 Evan Ames Orr, Business Administration with emphasis in Finance, Neodesha, Kansas  
 Victoria F. Ortiz, Elementary Education, Fort Stewart, Georgia  
 Samantha Jo Parr\*, Elementary Education, Leavenworth, Kansas  
 George Myers Petts III, Pastoral Studies, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri  
 Michael G. Phillips, *cum laude*, Middle Level Mathematics Education, Monte Vista, Colorado  
 Darnell Lee Pittman, Business Administration, Melbourne, Florida  
 Brandon E. Pride\*, History, Spring City, Tennessee  
 Crystal Dawn Pritchett, Elementary Education, Clearwater, Kansas  
 Heidi Nathania Raisa, *summa cum laude*, Early Childhood Education, Business Administration, Jakarta, Indonesia  
 Mengting Ren, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration, Fuyang City, Anhui Province, China  
 Luiz Reyes\*, Business Administration, Houston, Texas  
 Sarah Ribordy, *magna cum laude*, Early Childhood Education, Tonkawa, Oklahoma  
 Alyssa Marie Richardson, Communication with emphasis in Professional Communication, minor in Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, Lantana, Texas  
 Stacy Faith Roberts, Psychology, West Orange, New Jersey  
 Hunter Thane Rockhill, Music, Derby, Kansas  
 Jessica Rogers, *cum laude*, Elementary Education, Topeka, Kansas  
 Erica Catherine Schall, Elementary Education, Maize, Kansas  
 Shane Wyatt Valentine Schrag, Theatre with emphasis in Theatre Performance, Arkansas City, Kansas  
 Larry K. Shepherd Sr., Elementary Education, Belle Plaine, Kansas  
 Austin Lewis Sheppard\*, Psychology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Blake E. Smith, Biology, Douglass, Kansas  
 Kelsey Anne Smith, *magna cum laude*, Elementary Education, Winfield, Kansas  
 Nikia Faith Smith, Theatre with emphasis in Musical Theatre, Syracuse, Kansas  
 Michelle Sommerhauser, Psychology, Rose Hill, Kansas  
 Jake Alan Stecklein, Elementary Education, Wichita, Kansas  
 Lauren Marie Strain, Psychology, minor in Leadership, McAlester, Oklahoma  
 Laura Velez Tappan\*, Elementary Education, Hollywood, Florida  
 Kaitlin Cristina Thompson, Psychology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Aaron Michael Tisdale, Pastoral Studies, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 Jordan Drae Tompkins, Elementary Education, Wellington, Kansas  
 Joe Do Tran, Music, Arlington, Texas  
 Odis Lee Tucci Jr., Pastoral Studies, Leavenworth, Kansas  
 Shelby Tucker\*, Business Administration with emphasis in Finance, Barnsdall, Oklahoma  
 Tavinia Novella Tucker, Psychology, minor in Leadership, San Antonio, Texas  
 Angel Vadillo Delgado, Communication with emphasis in Radio and TV Production and Performance, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico  
 Bethany Venn, Psychology, minor in Philosophy and Religion, Winfield, Kansas  
 Courtney Vitamvas\*, Psychology, Human Resource Development, Vacaville, California  
 Christian S. Wacker, Mathematics, Loveland, Colorado  
 Lindsey Marie Wagner, *magna cum laude*, Elementary Education, Derby, Kansas  
 Nicholas Eli Warnke, *cum laude*, Business Administration with emphasis in Finance, Wichita, Kansas  
 Mariah Ann Warren\*, Theatre with emphasis in Musical Theatre  
 Courtney Watson, Psychology, Commerce, Oklahoma  
 Morgan Elizabeth White, *cum laude*, Elementary Education, Oxford, Kansas  
 Grahm M. Whitley, Interdisciplinary Studies, Winfield, Kansas  
 Kristina M. Williard, Elementary Education, Wichita, Kansas  
 Kylea Dian Wilson, *cum laude*, Elementary Education, Mooreland, Oklahoma  
 Rachel Wong Min, *summa cum laude*, Psychology, Mathematics, Singapore  
 Morgan E. Workman, Middle Level Mathematics Education, Parsons, Kansas  
 Jill Nadine Young, Accounting, Plentywood, Montana

**Bachelor of General Studies**  
 Vince Edward Folston, General Studies, Lake City, Florida  
 Richard L. Hanson, General Studies, Chapman, Kansas

Brianna Meredith Helton, General Studies, minor in  
Leadership, Augusta, Kansas  
David Lee Madrigal, General Studies, Winfield, Kansas

### **Bachelor of Music**

Dylan T. Moore, *summa cum laude*, Music Education,  
Music with emphasis in Performance, minor in  
Leadership, Ottawa, Kansas

### **Bachelor of Science**

Amber Dawn Adams\*, Human Resource Development,  
Ponca City, Oklahoma

David W. Addison, *summa cum laude*, Computer  
Operations Technology, Greenville, Alabama

Gaige Thomas Adkins, Sport Management, Neodesha,  
Kansas

Desire' Danielle Agosto, Human Resource  
Development, Wichita, Kansas

Aukshawlahshieba Allen, Human Resource  
Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jacob Allen, *summa cum laude*, Security Management,  
Florissant, Missouri

Michael W. Allen, Business Administration, Concord,  
North Carolina

Israel Alvarado\*, Accounting, San Diego, California

Tracy H. Alvey\*, Security Management, Panama City  
Beach, Florida

Erik Emil Amato\*, Strategic Leadership, Glendora,  
California

Nicholas Joseph Ammerman\*, Healthcare  
Administration, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Matthew T. Andersen, Computer Programming  
Technology, Noble, Oklahoma

Donte Anderson, Strategic Leadership, Baltimore,  
Maryland

Cameron Ashely Ashe-Bedgood\*, Security  
Management, Montgomery, Alabama

Benjamin Freeman Agbenyaga Ayivorh\*, Strategic  
Leadership, Burke, Virginia

Koy Aden Baird\*, Marine Biology, Neodesha, Kansas

Tonya Baker\*, Healthcare Administration, Beavercreek,  
Ohio

Andrew Kurt Barger, *summa cum laude*, Computer  
Programming Technology, Overland Park, Kansas

Jeffrey Lee Barnes, *cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Bossier  
City, Louisiana

Keena R. Bassi, Criminal Justice, Camp Hill,  
Pennsylvania

John Edward Baughman, Criminal Justice, Corvallis,  
Oregon

Collin James Baulch, Business Administration

Cory M. Beck, Business Quality Management,  
Galveston, Indiana

Malaika Bell\*, Human Resource Development,  
Strategic Leadership, Wichita, Kansas

Andrew D. Bessette\*, Business Quality Management,  
Wausau, Wisconsin

Allen D. Billings, *magna cum laude*, Human Resource  
Development, Millersburg, Ohio

Zachary Paul Leo Birkes, *cum laude*, Computer Science  
and Digital Arts with emphasis in Game  
Development, Belle Plaine, Kansas

Amanda Dean Bishop\*, Business Administration,  
Human Resource Development, Benton, Kansas

Trevor L. Bliven\*, Operations Management, Sioux  
City, Iowa

Tamra Ja' Nene Bower\*, Healthcare Administration,  
White Settlement, Texas

Lourdes Alejandra Bravo\*, Business Quality  
Management, Tempe, Arizona

Tacarra Theresa Monique Brown, *cum laude*, Human  
Resource Development, Hinesville, Georgia

Earnest James Buffin Jr., Criminal Justice, Mesquite,  
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Tanya Leigh Bulluck\*, Strategic Leadership, San  
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Wichita, Kansas

Jared Camper\*, Human Resource Development,  
Derby, Kansas

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Woodbridge, Virginia

William H. Casey Jr., Healthcare Administration, Las  
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Alberto Castañeda Jr., *summa cum laude*, Business  
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Belton, Missouri

Tyler A. Christensen, Criminal Justice, Des Moines,  
Iowa

Nicholas Lee Clair, Computer Operations Technology,  
Kansas City, Kansas

Richard Clark, *magna cum laude*, Operations  
Management, Lee's Summit, Missouri

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Pelham, Georgia

Todd D. Coleman, Human Resource Development,  
Chicago, Illinois

Anthony Michael Collins, *cum laude*, Operations  
Management, Burden, Kansas

Logan Commins, *summa cum laude*, Operations  
Management, Schertz, Texas

Ryan P. Condrey, Human Resource Development,  
Bellevue, Nebraska

Lucas E. Connelly, Operations Management, Arkansas  
City, Kansas

Leland Douglas Cook, Business Administration,  
Snellville, Georgia

Sarah Elizabeth Crabtree, Sport Management, Baldwin  
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Catherine Cranmer, Sport Management, *cum laude*, Andover, Kansas

Kalua Rene Crow, Strategic Leadership, Anaheim, California

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Christopher E. Czerwonka\*, Business Administration, Doniphan, Missouri

Lisa Marie Davis, Business Quality Management, Plant City, Florida

Tony Eric Davis, Security Management, Junction City, Kansas

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Curtis A. Dawson, *magna cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Gassville, Arkansas

Ashley Nicole DeHoff\*, Human Resource Development, Douglass, Kansas

Emmanuel James DeLouiser Sr.\*, Criminal Justice, Tulsa, Oklahoma

David Henry DeOrio\*, Business Administration, San Diego, California

Joel Andrew DesJardin, *magna cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Rochester, New York

Shawn Michael Dixon, Computer Programming Technology, Sedgwick, Kansas

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John Paul Dold\*, Business Administration, Wichita, Kansas

Christopher M. Downing, *cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology

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Obie Lee Dubose III, Criminal Justice, Los Angeles, California

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Brandy L. Eldridge, Healthcare Administration, Palmetto, Georgia

Daina T. Elliott, Accounting, Laurinburg, North Carolina

Christopher Jack Ellis\*, Computer Operations Technology, Yorktown, Virginia

Barbara J. Epperly\*, Computer Operations Technology, Wichita, Kansas

Tracy Lavonda Epting, Healthcare Administration, Human Resource Development, Gulfport, Mississippi

Daniel Erb, Computer Operations Technology, Temple, Texas

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Joshua Robert Fisher\*, Computer Operations Technology, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Jason M. Fitts\*, Strategic Leadership, St. Louis, Missouri

Michael Phillip Fiyalko\*, Business Quality Management, Tucson, Arizona

Anderson Curtis Flansburg, Business Administration, Germantown, Tennessee

Taylor Kimberlin Fogle, Biology, minor in Leadership, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Lynne L. Foss\*, Computer Operations Technology, Wichita, Kansas

Brian David Fowler\*, Business Quality Management, Douglass, Kansas

Thomas Josef Full, *cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Mulvane, Kansas

Chelynnmae G. Fuller, Operations Management, Madison, Alabama

Julia Elizabeth Fuquay, *cum laude*, Biology, minor in Leadership, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Christopher Robert Furlough, *cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Saint Charles, Missouri

Kaitlin Renee Gibbs, Marine Biology, Lampe, Missouri

Evan Matthew Gillespie, Healthcare Administration, Enid, Oklahoma

Michael Thomas Gillette, *magna cum laude*, Operations Management, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dalton Tyler Grant, Computer Science and Digital Arts with emphasis in Game Development, Winfield, Kansas

Thomas Wayne Grantland III, Healthcare Administration, California, Maryland

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Brandon L. Griffith, Computer Programming Technology, Greenville, South Carolina

Joy K. Haig\*, Healthcare Administration, Andover, Kansas

Daniel Gene Hampt, *magna cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Lincoln, Nebraska

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Caitlin Harris, Biology, minor in Christian Discipleship Studies, Edmond, Oklahoma

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Daniel R. Hawkins, Security Management, Chesterfield, Missouri

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Marcus D. Hicks\*, Operations Management

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Jeremy H. Hines\*, Criminal Justice, Wilmington, North Carolina

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Jordan Elizabeth Hobbs, Biology, minor in Christian Discipleship Studies, *cum laude*, Harrah, Oklahoma

Mark Anthony Hoffman, Human Resource Development, Phoenix, Arizona

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Scott Thomas Kauffman, Healthcare Administration, Saint Johns, Florida

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Jay W. Killen Jr.\*, Business Quality Management

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Skylor Anthony Kistler, Sport Management, Winfield, Kansas

Brent Allen Knight, *cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Marietta, Ohio

Mark Ray Koehler, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration, Mansfield, Pennsylvania

Elliot C. Koester, Biology, Tucson, Arizona

Bradley Konz, Business Administration, Kiel, Wisconsin

Chad Eldon Kuntz\*, Business Quality Management, Operations Management, Abilene, Kansas

Jeffrey Lanning, *cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Wichita, Kansas

Emily Lantz, Biology, Bel Aire, Kansas

Steven J. Laser, *magna cum laude*, Business Quality Management, Calimesa, California

Robert Thomas Legg, Computer Programming Technology

Jeremy Ray Lemons\*, Criminal Justice, Anderson, Alaska

Cody William LeNeve, Security Management, Belgrade, Montana

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Jennifer L. Levine, *cum laude*, Security Management, Savannah, Georgia

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Milton S. Lopez Jr.\*, Business Quality Management, East Chicago, Indiana

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Sierra Meyer, Sport Management, Manhattan, Kansas

Aaron Christopher Mielke, Business Administration, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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 Jason P. Muhle, Computer Operations Technology, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Ian Mutio, Sport Management, London, England  
 Blake Jonathon Nachbor\*, Business Quality Management, Douglass, Kansas  
 Terry T. Namkung, Strategic Leadership  
 Gabriel A. Nerf, *magna cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Sandy, Oregon  
 Ben Isaac Nichols, Business Administration, Springfield, Missouri  
 Brittany Marie Nodine, Physical Performance and Sport Studies, Coffeyville, Kansas  
 Tommie S. Oakman\*, Computer Operations Technology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Esther Rose Oliver, *summa cum laude*, Biology, Republic, Missouri  
 Carlos Ramon Ortiz Jr., Computer Operations Technology, Criminal Justice, Wichita, Kansas  
 Matthew W. Osborn, *cum laude*, Operations Management, Eagle River, Alaska  
 Matthew S. Osborn, Strategic Leadership, Warrensburg, Missouri  
 Derek Thomas Owen, *summa cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Security Management, East Hartford, Connecticut  
 Alan K. Parker Jr., *cum laude*, Business Administration, Lenoir, North Carolina  
 Jayen B. Patel, *summa cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Chatsworth, California  
 Edward J. Paxton, *magna cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Anchorage, Alaska  
 Sara Elizabeth Peck, Biology, minor in Leadership, Wellington, Kansas  
 Clyde Russell Pence, Computer Operations Technology, Coffeen, Illinois  
 Melissa A. Pennington, *magna cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Williston, Florida  
 Albert Shawn Peterson, Criminal Justice, Valdosta, Georgia  
 Kevin Joel Philippe\*, Strategic Leadership, Fort Benning, Georgia  
 Lana M. Pohlman, *cum laude*, Healthcare Administration, Augusta, Kansas  
 Penny Jane Poland\*, Human Resource Development, Wichita, Kansas  
 Ashley Leann Powell\*, Human Resource Development, Wichita, Kansas  
 Denise Renae Powell\*, Criminal Justice, Wichita, Kansas  
 Matthew G. Powley\*, Business Administration, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Ashley A. Presley, *cum laude*, Strategic Leadership  
 Crystal A. Price, Accounting, Newkirk, Oklahoma  
 Brandon Lee Priest, Computer Science and Digital Arts with emphasis in Computer Science, Coweta, Oklahoma  
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 Joseph Araneta Quevedo\*, Business Administration, Pampanga, Philippines  
 Patrick Kevin Raleigh\*, Computer Operations Technology, Business Quality Management, Kings Park, New York  
 Lauren Adel Reed, Physical Performance and Sport Studies, Ottawa, Kansas  
 William R. Reisner\*, Operations Management, Marathon, Wisconsin  
 Dustin M. Remmenga\*, Business Administration, Leavenworth, Kansas  
 Montana Renee Rickey, Biochemistry, minor in Biology, Tecumseh, Oklahoma  
 Nicholas David Riedel, *summa cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Bobbie J. Riensche, *summa cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Jasper, Florida  
 Justin Alexander Rizzo, Computer Programming Technology, Las Vegas, Nevada  
 Jamie M. Roasa, Human Resource Development, San Antonio, Texas  
 Charles Clifford Roberts, *magna cum laude*, Business Quality Management, Blacklick, Ohio  
 Ally M. Rodriguez, *magna cum laude*, Security Management, Boston, Massachusetts  
 Whitney S. Rogers\*, Human Resource Development, Union City, Tennessee  
 Sandra Ruiz, Business Administration, Buckeye, Arizona  
 David Ruley, *magna cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Austin, Arkansas  
 Bradley Stephen Sabotka, *magna cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Macomb, Michigan  
 Taylor Satterthwaite, Physical Education, Winfield, Kansas  
 David Benjamin Schlanger\*, Criminal Justice, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 Jessica L. Schleyer, Security Management, Arvada, Colorado  
 Marc E. Scofield Jr., *summa cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Derby, Kansas  
 Matthew Seely, Computer Science and Digital Arts with emphasis in Digital Arts, Wichita, Kansas  
 Christina Settles, Criminal Justice, Wylie, Texas  
 Allison Marie Shields, *cum laude*, Marine Biology, minor in Sustainability and Environmental Studies, Lincolnville, Kansas  
 Bradley P. Showalter\*, Business Quality Management, Garden City, Kansas  
 Joshua Sipes, *magna cum laude*, Mathematics, Secondary Licensure in Mathematics, Sabetha, Kansas  
 David S. Small, *magna cum laude*, Operations Management, Dayton, Ohio



Jimmy W. Snow, *cum laude*, Strategic Leadership, Waynesboro, Virginia  
 Erik F. Snyder, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration, Coshocton, Ohio  
 David Lee Soberano\*, Operations Management, Derby, Kansas  
 Mitchell J. Stein, *summa cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Crescent City, Illinois  
 Jon L. Stewart, Strategic Leadership  
 Conner Stone\*, Sport Management, Dexter, Kansas  
 Kenneth Durell Stricker\*, Business Quality Management, Merritt Island, Florida  
 Rodney Tanner Strohl, Sport Management, Shawnee, Kansas  
 Nicole R. Struxness, Biology, San Antonio, Texas  
 David Joseph Sullivan, *cum laude*, Operations Management, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Greyson Thompson, *magna cum laude*, Computer Operations Technology, Youngsville, North Carolina  
 Matthew Thompson, Physical Performance and Sport Studies, Stilwell, Oklahoma  
 William Tisdale II\*, Sport Management, minor in Business Administration, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Mauricio Torres, *cum laude*, Computer Science and Digital Arts with emphasis in Game Development, Macksville, Kansas  
 Allison Nicole Totty, Biology, Wichita, Kansas  
 Chelsea Nan Trask, Healthcare Administration, Human Resource Development, Oxford, New York  
 Stacy Dawn Underwood\*, Accounting, Derby, Kansas  
 David Valenzuela\*, Business Administration, El Paso, Texas  
 Erin Leslie Vales\*, Business Quality Management, Human Resource Development, Wichita, Kansas  
 Peter Robert Van Damme, *summa cum laude*, Criminal Justice, Lyons, New York  
 William Brent Van Scoy, Computer Programming Technology, Glenwood, Iowa  
 Michelle K. Vaught, *summa cum laude*, Accounting, Burden, Kansas  
 Larry Lynn Vester II\*, Human Resource Development, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Stacy L. Vickery, Business Quality Management, Derby, Kansas  
 John Anthony Von Waldner Jr.\*, Criminal Justice, Savannah, Georgia  
 Audrey Dione Vorderlandwehr, Sport Management, Yukon, Oklahoma  
 Jessica Ann Weaver, Computer Operations Technology, Manhattan, Kansas  
 Terry Dean Weaver Jr., Security Management, Fort Riley, Kansas  
 Jerrod Bryce Webb\*, Business Administration, Ferriday, Louisiana  
 Michal W. Wells, *magna cum laude*, Operations Management, Rock Spring, Georgia  
 Sharon Marie West\*, Business Quality Management, Douglass, Kansas

Eric Michael White\*, Human Resource Development, Tualatin, Oregon  
 David W. White III, *summa cum laude*, Human Resource Development, Rockledge, Florida  
 Isa LaVoe Whitley, *cum laude*, Physical Performance and Sport Studies, Wichita, Kansas  
 Amanda Mae Will, Biology, Osborne, Kansas  
 Brandyn Willard, Physical Performance and Sport Studies, Andover, Kansas  
 Austin Jerral Williams, Sport Management, Clearwater, Florida  
 Daniel Morel Williams\*, Human Resource Development, Saint Louis, Missouri  
 Vivian Wright Williams, Business Administration  
 Cindy Lou Willis, Computer Operations Technology, Andover, Kansas  
 Lauren DeLanie Wilt, Healthcare Administration, Augusta, Kansas  
 Telly R. Woods, Business Administration, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 Harrison E. Wynn II, Biology, Mulvane, Kansas  
 Jason D. Yearwood, *magna cum laude*, Operations Management, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands  
 Phuong Yim, Computer Programming Technology, Lynn, Massachusetts  
 William Ashe Young II, Human Resource Development, Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Adam E. Zakrzewski, Security Management, Depew, New York  
 Robert Paul Zelaya\*, Criminal Justice, Castro Valley, California  
 Brian Troy Ziegler, Biology, Grainfield, Kansas

### **Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training**

Caitlin Elizabeth Hays, *cum laude*, Athletic Training, minor in Biology, Garden Plain, Kansas  
 Amanda Watson, *cum laude*, Athletic Training, minors in Biology and Leadership, Commerce, Oklahoma

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Debra Birdwell\*, Nursing, Valley Center, Kansas  
 Tonya S. Drescher\*, Nursing, Augusta, Kansas  
 Ashley Renee' Edwards\*, Nursing, Derby, Kansas  
 Jessika Lenora Haselbauer\*, Nursing, Elizabethtown, Kentucky  
 Scarlett A. Ledford, Nursing, Gainsville, Georgia  
 Kaleah J. Simmons, Nursing, Phoenix, Arizona  
 Cindy Priscilla Smith, Nursing, Derby, Kansas  
 Pamela Y. Thomas-Knighten\*, Nursing

### **Associate of General Studies**

James Compty, General Studies

\*Due to timing for printing, the appearance of names on this program does not necessarily signify issuance of degrees by Southwestern College. Summer and late May graduates are indicated by an asterisk on the program.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Graduation with honors.** General honors are awarded to those members of the graduating class who have completed their degrees and have attained a high level of scholastic achievement. Graduates with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or higher graduate *summa cum laude* (with highest honors); a 3.70 is required for *magna cum laude* (with high honors), and a 3.50 for *cum laude* (with honors). For students who have transferred hours to Southwestern, both the resident and cumulative GPAs must meet the standard.

**Order of the Mound.** Southwestern College honors those members of the graduating class who have completed their degrees and whose academic work has been outstanding by naming them members of the Order of the Mound. After calculation of their final grades, these seniors are the top 10% of the graduating class. Students must have 60+ graded hours completed at Southwestern College to be eligible. A purple and gold cord denotes this honor.

**Valedictorian/Salutatorian.** The graduating senior with the highest grade point average is recognized as valedictorian. The second highest ranking student is named salutatorian. If two or more persons are ranked equally for valedictorian, all are named such and no salutatorian is recognized. A purple and gold neck ribbon with a medallion denotes this honor.

**Sashes and honor cord color designations.** Membership in honor societies is denoted as follows: Beta Beta Beta (biological honor society), red and green sashes; Pi Gamma Mu (social science honor society), royal blue and white cords; Sigma Theta Tau (nursing honor society), purple and white cords; Kappa Mu Epsilon (mathematics honor society), pink and white cords, pins; Phi Beta Delta (international honor society), medallions with red and yellow ribbon; Alpha Sigma Lambda (adult learners honor society), burgundy and antique gold cords; National Student Nurses' Association, blue and white honor cords. Education graduates are wearing light blue and white cords; gold, purple, green, and red cords denote membership in Campus Players.

**Charles H. Kopke '44 and Verda R. Kopke.** Charles and Verda Kopke have endowed the Distinguished Teaching Award at Southwestern College to recognize members of the college's faculty who exemplify Southwestern's commitment to excellence in teaching. Mr. Kopke resides in Kansas City, Missouri. He retired as senior vice president at Commerce Bank of Kansas City.

**Professor Fran Jabara.** Professor Jabara earned his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University and completed his graduate studies at Northwestern University. He is an advocate of the American free enterprise system and founded the Center for Entrepreneurship at Wichita State University in 1977. A nationally recognized leader in entrepreneurship, Mr. Jabara has received numerous recognitions, awards, and honors. The award presented today in his honor is to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and excellence in its recipients.

**Junior marshals.** Junior marshals lead the procession of graduates and are garbed in ivory robes with purple stoles. They are chosen from those students who meet specified grade point average standards. This year's junior marshals are **Luke Nicolay and Lindsey Graber.**

**Summer and late May graduates.** Students who plan to complete their degrees during the summer of 2015 or who are involved in college-approved dual-degree programs are invited to process in this ceremony. Their names are indicated by an asterisk (\*) on the program.

**Academic Regalia.** On formal academic occasions the faculty appears in academic dress that originated in the Middle Ages. This dress includes the gown, the hood, and the mortarboard (cap). The gown distinguishes holders of the three degrees – doctorate, master’s, and bachelor’s. The doctoral gown is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves, on each of which are three velvet chevrons. The master’s gown has sleeves which reach nearly to the knees and are slit above the elbow. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and lacks the velvet trimming of the doctoral gown.

The hood indicates by the color of its velvet edging the area of study in which the wearer’s degree was taken, and its silk lining displays the color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. (For instance, Southwestern College’s colors are purple and white.) On most campuses the most common degrees are in arts, letters, or humanities (white); business administration or accounting (drab); economics (copper); education (light blue); fine arts (brown); journalism (crimson); library science (lemon); music (pink); nursing (apricot); philosophy (dark blue); physical education (sage green); science (golden yellow); social science (citron); speech (silver gray); and theology (scarlet).

The mortarboard tassel of the faculty holding bachelor’s or master’s degrees is usually black. Gold tassels are worn only by holders of doctoral degrees and by heads of institutions.

Academic dress that differs from this description usually indicates a degree from a university abroad or at home which does not follow the typical pattern.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Graduation regalia.** Graduates are wearing environmentally responsible gowns made from an acetate fabric that is proven to completely decompose in soil within a year. The gowns also contain an Eco-Zip zipper that is made from 100% recycled PET. The college is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).



**Official photographs.** Commencement photographs are being taken by Grad Images. After graduation, order online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com) or call 800.261.2576.

*An area has been provided for family and friends to take individual pictures. Please observe the restriction of areas that should not be used.*

**Interpreter for the hearing impaired.** Provided by Sign Language Interpreting Service.

**Closed circuit viewing.** Closed circuit viewing of the Commencement convocation is available in Richardson Performing Arts Center in Christy Administration Building, in the Java Jinx in the upper level of the Roy L. Smith Student Center, and in the campus life office in the lower level of the student center. The ceremony may also be viewed on Winfield cable channel 20.

**Restrooms.** Restrooms are located in the main level of Stewart Field House, near the lobby and in the lower level of Stewart Field House, off Farney Family Plaza. Restrooms can also be found by the press box of Richard L. Jantz Stadium and on the main level of the Sutton Center.

**Assistance.** Should you require assistance during the Commencement activities, please contact one of our Commencement staff personnel.

**\*Please make sure all pagers and cell phones are off during the ceremony.**



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- Lifetime learning and responsible citizenship; and
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