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# Commencement Schedule

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## Friday, December 9, 2016

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Graduate School

*Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.*

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Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus

*Student Life Center, 7 p.m.*

## Saturday, December 10, 2016

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College of Arts & Sciences

*Bramlage Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.*

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College of Education

*Bramlage Coliseum, 10 a.m.*

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College of Business Administration

*Bramlage Coliseum, 11:30 a.m.*

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College of Agriculture

*Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.*

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College of Human Ecology

*Bramlage Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.*

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College of Engineering

*Bramlage Coliseum, 4 p.m.*



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# *Celebrating Our Future*

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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Kansas State University family, we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes on your graduation.

Your degree represents a great deal of work and commitment on your part and on the part of those who have helped you along your way. Whether it is your family, friends, faculty, staff or fellow students, know that all are proud of your accomplishments.

Your commencement marks a milestone in your life and sets you on a journey toward a productive and fulfilling career. We hope you use the knowledge and preparation you received at K-State to move forward and make a difference throughout your life, whether in the career field, in the community or in other worthy pursuits.

As you embark and progress in your career and life, know that Kansas State University will always encourage you along the way. You are now part of our network of more than 200,000 proud alumni worldwide. We urge you to remain connected to the university through the K-State Alumni Association, which is providing you and fellow graduates with a year's free membership.

Please find opportunities to return to campus, whether to continue your education, share your experiences and expertise with future K-Staters, take in an athletic or cultural event, or just to catch up on your alma mater.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future,



*R. B. Myers*

Richard B. Myers, MBA  
President



*April C. Mason*

April C. Mason, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President



## Alma Mater

*by H.W. Jones, class of 1888*

I know a spot that I love full well  
'Tis not in forest nor yet in dell,  
Ever it holds me with magic spell,  
I think of thee, Alma Mater.  
K-S-U, we'll carry thy banner high,  
K-S-U, long, long may thy colors fly.  
Loyal to thee, thy children will swell the cry.  
Hail, hail, hail, Alma Mater.

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# About Kansas State University

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**K**ansas State University is on its way to becoming one of the nation's Top 50 public research universities by 2025. The visionary K-State 2025 plan, launched in 2010, serves as a guide for our decision-making and priority-setting in all facets of the university, including academics, facility needs, research, engagement and athletics. For more information and to track our progress, go to [k-state.edu/2025](http://k-state.edu/2025).

Founded in 1863 as the country's first operational land-grant university, Kansas State University has campuses in Manhattan, Salina — now known as Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus — and Olathe, as well as K-State Global Campus, which serves distance education students. In addition, K-State Research and Extension has a presence throughout Kansas.

The mission of Kansas State University is to foster excellent teaching, research and service that develop a highly skilled and educated citizenry necessary to advancing the well-being of Kansas, the nation and the international community. The university embraces diversity and inclusion, encourages engagement and is committed to the discovery of knowledge, the education of undergraduate and graduate students, and improvement in the quality of life and standard of living of those we serve.

Forbes magazine, Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report have recognized Kansas State University as one of the best in America.

Nearly 24,000 students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries attend Kansas State University. Students can choose from more than 250 majors and options in nine colleges: Agriculture; Architecture, Planning & Design; Arts & Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; Technology and Aviation; and Veterinary Medicine. The Graduate School offers more than 110 academic programs.

With 200,000-plus alumni, K-State is ranked among the Top 5 alumni associations in the national Power Five conferences for percentage of graduate membership. Philanthropic giving to the university, coordinated by the Kansas State University Foundation, has exceeded \$100 million for the fifth year in a row.

A leader in food safety and security, Kansas State University is home to four Feed the Future labs, an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development to increase food production in nations with limited resources. The university also is home to the Biosecurity Research Institute, which supports comprehensive “farm-to-fork” infectious disease research programs that address threats to plant, animal and human health. With construction of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Bio and Agro-defense Facility — the nation's premier animal disease research facility — adjacent to the Manhattan campus, Kansas State University is becoming a well-recognized national hub for efforts to protect the food supply, a vital national security interest.

Total research efforts at Kansas State University have led to more than 200 patents to date. The university has more than 90 research centers, including the 8,600-acre Konza Prairie Biological Station and the Johnson Cancer Research Center. Our distinguished faculty members are tackling such issues as climate change, cybersecurity, sustainable energy, urban revitalization and more — often involving undergraduate students in their work.

## Kansas State University, by the numbers

- 1 — *Where Money* magazine ranks K-State on its list of best colleges in Kansas.
- 2 — Years in a row K-State is rated the best value in Kansas by *SmartAsset*.
- 3 — Years in row K-State receives the HEED Award for diversity and inclusion.
- 5 — Years in a row K-State's National Strategic Selling Institute named one of nation's top sales programs.
- 7 — Years in a row K-State's Crops Team is national champion.
- 8 — Times in the last 11 years K-State's Black Student Union named best in the Big 12.
- 9 — Academic colleges, offering a variety of academic disciplines.
- 200+ — Fellowships held by faculty, and patents developed at the university.
- \$230+ million — Financial aid distributed annually, including scholarships, student wages and veterans' benefits.
- 250+ — Academic majors and options.

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# About our ceremonies

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## The university mace

The Kansas State University mace made its debut in September 2009 at the inauguration of Kirk H. Schulz, Ph.D., as the university's 13th president. A mace is a decorative symbol of office and typically carried at the front of academic processions. The university's mace is carried in the processional at the Graduate School ceremony and is displayed at each college's ceremony. Designed by Tom Boley, a 1970 university graduate, the mace is made from a purple wood called purpleheart and a light-colored maple.

## Academic dress

The history of academic dress dates back to the medieval European universities of the 12th century. Universities in the United States have standardized academic dress so its features are common and uniform throughout the country.

**The gown** — At Kansas State University, gowns are black and typically made of synthetic material or worsted wool. The pattern varies with the degree held — open sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with slits for the hands for the master's degree; and round, bell sleeves for the doctoral degree.

**The hood** — Students receiving graduate degrees wear hoods. The master's hood is shorter than the doctoral hood and lacks the panels of the doctoral hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the university; the university's lining is purple with two inverted chevrons. The binding or edging of the hood is the color pertaining to the subject of the degree.

**Caps** — All bachelor's and master's degree candidates wear a black mortarboard. Doctoral students may wear a mortarboard or a soft velvet tam with either six or eight sides. The tams can be dark blue or black for Doctor of Philosophy candidates, and light blue for Doctor of Education candidates. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine candidates wear a black mortarboard. Tassel color for all degree candidates depends on the degree and/or degree field.

## Trimming colors on hoods

<b>Brown</b>
<i>Master of Fine Arts</i>
<i>Master of Landscape Architecture</i>
<b>Dark blue</b>
<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>
<b>Gray</b>
<i>Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</i>
<b>Lavender</b>
<i>Master of Architecture</i>
<b>Light blue</b>
<i>Doctor of Education</i>
<b>Maize</b>
<i>Master of Agribusiness</i>
<b>Navy blue</b>
<i>Master of Interior Architecture &amp; Product Design</i>
<b>Orange</b>
<i>Master of Software Engineering</i>
<i>Master of Engineering Management</i>
<b>Peacock blue</b>
<i>Master of Public Administration</i>
<i>Master of Regional &amp; Community Planning</i>
<b>Pink</b>
<i>Master of Music</i>
<b>Salmon</b>
<i>Master of Public Health</i>
<b>Tan/drab brown</b>
<i>Master of Accountancy</i>
<i>Master of Business Administration</i>

<b>White</b>
<i>Master of Arts</i>
<b>Yellow</b>
<i>Master of Science</i>

## Tassel colors on candidates' caps

<b>Brown</b>
<i>Bachelor of Fine Arts</i>
<i>Master of Fine Arts</i>
<i>Master of Landscape Architecture</i>
<b>Dark blue</b>
<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>
<b>Golden yellow</b>
<i>Associate degrees</i>
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>
<i>Master of Science</i>
<b>Gray</b>
<i>Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</i>
<b>Lavender</b>
<i>Master of Architecture</i>
<b>Light blue</b>
<i>Bachelor's degrees in Education</i>
<i>Doctor of Education</i>
<b>Maize</b>
<i>Bachelor's degree in Agriculture</i>
<i>Master of Agribusiness</i>
<b>Maroon</b>
<i>Bachelor's degrees in Human Ecology</i>
<b>Navy blue</b>
<i>Master of Interior Architecture &amp; Product Design</i>

<b>Orange</b>
<i>Bachelor's degrees in Engineering</i>
<i>Master of Software Engineering</i>
<i>Master of Engineering Management</i>

<b>Peacock blue</b>
<i>Master of Regional &amp; Community Planning</i>
<i>Master of Public Administration</i>

<b>Pink</b>
<i>Bachelor of Applied Education</i>
<i>Bachelor of Music Education</i>
<i>Master of Music</i>

<b>Salmon</b>
<i>Master of Public Health</i>

<b>Tan/drab brown</b>
<i>Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration</i>
<i>Master of Business Administration</i>
<i>Master of Accountancy</i>

<b>White</b>
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i>
<i>Bachelor of Arts in Music</i>
<i>Master of Arts</i>

## Graduation honors

Bachelor's degree candidates who are earning graduation honors from Kansas State University wear a purple-and-white honor cord on the left shoulder of their commencement gown. Honors are awarded based on their Kansas State University grade point average. Eligible students also must have completed a minimum of 60 hours in residence, with at least 50

hours in graded courses.

### K-State graduation honors:

**Summa cum laude** —  
*For students with a 3.95 or above GPA.*

**Magna cum laude** —  
*For students with a 3.85–3.949 GPA.*

**Cum laude** —  
*For students with a 3.75–3.849 GPA.*

\* **Note:** Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree candidates receive these honors based on courses completed in the professional program. Honors indicated in this program are determined on a minimum of 45 hours in residence completed prior to the term of graduation, with at least 36 credit hours in graded courses.

### Commencement program key

<i>(Cl)</i> Cum laude
<i>(Mcl)</i> Magna cum laude
<i>(Scl)</i> Summa cum laude
<i>(H)</i> Honors program
<i>(S)</i> Secondary major
<i>(S16)</i> Spring 2016 graduate
<i>(SU16)</i> Summer 2016 graduate
<i>(S17)</i> Spring 2017 candidate
<i>(D)</i> Dual degree
* <i>Double, multiple majors</i>
<i>(P)</i> Posthumous degree

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# Graduate School

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## **Introduction:**

Gerard Kluitenberg, *Ph.D., Professor, Agronomy*

## **Processional:**

David Pickering, *D.M.A., Associate Professor, Music*

## **National Anthem:**

Samuel James Wilson III, *Junior, Applied Music*

## **Greetings from the Kansas Board of Regents:**

Dennis A. Mullin, *Regent*

## **Recognition of University**

### **Distinguished Professors:**

April C. Mason, *Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President*

### **Honorees:**

P.V. Vara Prasad, *Ph.D., Professor, Agronomy*

Bharat Ratra, *Ph.D., Professor, Physics*

## **Recognition of Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Graduate Teaching Award:**

Carol Shanklin, *Ph.D., Dean*

### **Honorees:**

Timothy Keane, *Ph.D., Professor, Landscape Architecture*

Zongzhu Lin, *Ph.D., Professor, Mathematics*

## **Introduction of Commencement Speaker:**

Carol Shanklin *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Commencement Address:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

## **Alumni Association Greetings:**

Amy Button Renz, *President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association*

## **Graduate Student Council**

### **Greetings:**

Tucker Jones, *President, Graduate Student Council*

## **Presentation of Graduate Faculty:**

Carol Shanklin, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Conferral of Degrees:**

Carol Shanklin, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Recessional:**

David Pickering, *D.M.A., Associate Professor, Music*

## **Marshals:**

Brett DePaola, *Ph.D., Professor and Interim*

*Department Head, Physics*

Steven Eckels, *Ph.D., Professor, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering*

Bronwyn Fees, *Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean, College of Human Ecology*

Gerard Kluitenberg, *Ph.D., Professor, Agronomy*

Stephanie Rolley, *M.C.P., Professor and Head, Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning*

Chwen Sheu, *Ph.D., Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Business Administration*

Linda Thurston, *Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean, College of Education*

## **Reader:**

Vincent Carlisle, *Ph.D., Educational Leadership*



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# Kansas Board of Regents

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Dennis A. Mullin

Dennis A. Mullin, Manhattan, was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Gov. Sam Brownback in 2015. Mullin currently serves as chairman of Steel and Pipe Supply, one of the largest steel service centers in the nation.

Mullin earned a bachelor's degree in 1970 from Pittsburg State University,

graduating as the Outstanding Senior Man. He was named the university's Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1984.

A member of the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University, Mullin is a trustee emeritus of the Kansas State University Foundation and a board member of KS State Bank, Manhattan. He was selected as Entrepreneur of Year by Ernst Young and INC. magazine for Kansas and western Missouri in 1995. Mullin is a past president/chairman of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, Manhattan Rotary Club and Greater

Manhattan Community Foundation. He is a founding member and president of the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, Flint Hills Breadbasket and Flint Hills Christian School, all in Manhattan.

He and his wife, Rhonda, have two children and four grandchildren. In his free time, Mullin enjoys watching his grandchildren play sports and everything K-State.

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## Speaker

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Richard B. Myers, MBA

Richard B. Myers returned to his home state and alma mater when he was appointed interim president of Kansas State University in April 2016 by the Kansas Board of Regents. He was appointed president in November 2016.

A 1965 K-State graduate with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Myers joined the Air Force through the university's Air Force ROTC program.

The native Kansan from Merriam served his country well and retired as a four-star general. From 2001-2005, he was the 15th chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff. As chairman, Myers was the highest-ranking uniformed officer of U.S. military forces and served as the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

As a command pilot, Myers logged more than 4,100 flying hours, including 600 combat hours. His largest commands included U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan; Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Space Command and Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. He has received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including the Legion of Merit, French Legion of Honor, Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association.

Myers serves as the Kansas State University Foundation professor of military history and leadership. He received a master's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1977.

He also graduated from Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1977, U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in 1981, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he completed a program for Senior Executives in National and International Security in 1991.

Throughout Myers' active duty and world travels, he continued relationships with his friends back home. He has provided instruction, insight and inspiration to current students and the K-State community. In 2000, he presented the 118th Landon Lecture at Kansas State University, where he spoke about the military's role in international relations. K-State named the military science building, home of the Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC programs, Gen. Richard B. Myers Hall in honor of his service and dedication. A member of the Kansas State University Foundation Board of Trustees, Myers and his wife, Mary Jo, serve as co-chairs of Kansas State University's Innovation and Inspiration Campaign to raise \$1 billion.

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## Awards

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### University Distinguished Professors



P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D.

P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D., professor of agronomy, is director of Kansas State University's Feed the Future Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab, which is funded by the United States Agency for International Development, or USAID.

His research focuses on understanding responses of food grain crops to climate change factors

and developing crop, water and soil management strategies for efficient use of resources and improving crop yields. He has quantified the influence of high temperature stress on various physiological and yield processes of several grain crops, improved our understanding of physiological and biochemical mechanisms associated with high temperature tolerance, and screened germplasm and identified genotypes tolerant to high temperature stress in various food grain crops. He has active research and capacity building programs in several countries in Asia and Africa that are focused on providing food and nutritional security to smallholder farmers.

A K-State faculty member since 2005, Prasad has received \$62 million in grant funding to support research, education and extension activities from local, national and international agencies. He has published more than 140 peer-reviewed journal

articles and book chapters and his research has been cited 4,400 times. He has mentored and trained more than 100 research scholars and graduate students.

He is the recipient of several noteworthy awards for his research, teaching and service activities, including the university's International Educator of the Year award, Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, and the Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award, as well as the Early Career and Outstanding Research Award from Gamma Sigma Delta. He is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.

Prasad earned his bachelor's degree in 1991 and his master's degree in 1993 from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University in India. He earned his doctorate from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom in 1999.



**Bharat Ratra, Ph.D.**

**B**harat Ratra, Ph.D., professor of physics, works in the areas of cosmology and astroparticle physics. He conducts research on the structure and evolution of the universe. Two of his current principal interests are developing models for the large-scale matter and radiation distributions in the universe and testing these models by comparing predictions to observational data.

In 1988, Ratra and Jim Peebles proposed the first dynamical dark energy model. Dark energy is the leading candidate for the mechanism that is responsible for causing cosmological expansion to accelerate. The discovery that cosmological expansion is accelerating is one of the most significant of the last quarter of a century.

Since coming to the university in 1996, Ratra has received more than \$8 million in individual and collaborative grants, largely from the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. Ratra was a National Science Foundation CAREER award winner in 1999 and received the 2012-2013 Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award from Kansas State University. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Ratra's research has appeared in more than 90 scholarly publications, which have been cited more than 11,000 times in scientific literature.

Ratra earned his master's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi in 1982 and his doctorate in physics from Stanford University in 1986. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University, the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award



**Timothy Keane, Ph.D.**

**T**imothy Keane, Ph.D., professor of landscape architecture at Kansas State University, is an active researcher who focuses on fluvial geomorphology, stream channel stability and sediment transport, and urban storm water management.

His research has been acknowledged through national awards from the U.S. Department

of Agriculture and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, and has been funded by state, federal and private agencies, including the Kansas Conservation Commission, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, USDA, National Science Foundation and the Apache Foundation.

A K-State faculty member since 1984, Keane has been repeatedly recognized with multiple departmental Teacher of the Year awards and two college-level McElwee Teaching awards. He has twice been awarded the Jarvis Chair in Landscape Architecture from the College of Architecture, Planning & Design, including the inaugural Mary Jarvis Scholar of Distinction Faculty Chair in Landscape Architecture from 2010-2013.

Keane is a co-founder of the College of Architecture, Planning & Design's interdisciplinary doctoral program, serving as committee chair for three candidates in the newly minted program.

Along with teaching and research, Keane has served on national committees for the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture; university committees, including the Research Themes committee; and many committees at the college and departmental level.

Keane earned a Bachelor of Science in landscape architecture from Iowa State University and his master's and doctoral degrees in landscape architecture from the University of Michigan.



**Zongzhu Lin, Ph.D.**

**Z**ongzhu Lin, Ph.D., professor of mathematics at Kansas State University, researches representation theory of algebraic groups, quantum groups and Lie algebras, a branch of pure mathematics with deep connections to mathematical physics and quantum computing.

Lin's research has been supported by numerous grants from the National

Science Foundation and the National Security Agency. He was a member of Mathematical Science Research Institute and program director at the National Science Foundation from 2008-2011. He is a member of American Mathematical Society and has served as a member of the society's Human Rights Committee.

Along with serving on several editorial boards of journals, Lin also has organized a dozen international research conferences and edited three conference proceedings. He has been a K-State faculty member since 1993 and was named a full professor in 2002. Lin has supervised and co-advised 10 doctoral students in mathematics at K-State.

Lin earned his Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Harbin Engineering University and his doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He was a visiting researcher at Oxford University in the United Kingdom, Aarhus University in Denmark and Osaka City University in Japan. He has lectured at numerous international and domestic institutions on research and also at graduate research summer schools.



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# Degree Candidates

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## Adult, Occupational and Continuing Education

### Doctor of Education

Dennis Samuel Burket <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Sarah Jane Fishback, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The Formative Use of Summative Assessment at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School: A Qualitative Case Study*

## Adult, Occupational and Continuing Education

### Doctor of Philosophy

Paul Eric Berg

Major Professor: Sarah Jane Fishback, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *An Exploratory Case Study of the Effects of Gender Related Combat Stress on Adult Learning in a Military Academic Environment*

David Thomas Culkin

Co-Major Professors: Kakali Bhattacharya, Ph.D., and Royce Ann Collins, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *A Need to Heal: An Autoethnographic Bildungsroman through the Shadows*

Jay A. Van Der Werff

Major Professor: Royce Ann Collins, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Exploratory Study of Graduate-Level Instructor's Perception of Teaching Critical Thinking*

## Agronomy

### Doctor of Philosophy

Abdulaziz Ghazi Alghamdi

Major Professor: DeAnn Presley, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Rehabilitation of Waste Materials Near Lead and Zinc Mining Sites in Galena, Kansas*

Ammar Bahadur Bhandari <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Nathan Nelson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Improving Phosphorus Loss Assessment with the Apex Model and Phosphorus Index*

Amal Faraj Ahmed Ehtaiwesh

Major Professor: P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Effects of Salinity and High Temperature Stress on Winter Wheat Genotypes*

Andrew Justin Green <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Allan Fritz, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Abiotic Stress Tolerance from the Tertiary Gene Pool of Common Wheat*

Meng Lin

Co-Major Professors: Guibua Bai, Ph.D., and Allan Fritz, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Genome-Wide Association Study and Genomic Prediction on Pre-Harvest Sprouting Resistance in U.S. Winter Wheat*

Frank Maulana <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Tesfaye Tesso, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Agronomic, Genetic and Genomic Approaches for Predicting Heterosis in Sorghum [Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench]*

Sridevi Nakka

Major Professor: Mithila Jugulam, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Physiological, Biochemical and Molecular Characterization of Multiple Herbicide Resistance in Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)*

O. Adewale Osipitan

Major Professor: J. Anita Dille, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Relative Ecological Fitness of Glyphosate-Resistant *Kochia* from Western Kansas*

Joy Anna Pierzynski

Major Professor: Ganga Hettiarachchi, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The Effects of P Fertilizer Addition on P Transformations in High-P Fixing and Grassland Soils*

Pavithra Sajeewani Pitumpe Arachchige <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Ganga Hettiarachchi, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Understanding of Coupled Physicochemical and Mineralogical Mechanisms Controlling Soil Carbon Storage and Preservation*

Kyle James Shroyer

Major Professor: P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The Effects of Water and Heat Stress on Reproduction, Physiology, and Yield of Spring and Winter Wheat*

Jason Charles Waite

Major Professor: P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Analysis of Corn and Forage Sorghum Protection in Western Kansas*

Dilooshi Kumari Weerasooriya <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Tesfaye Tesso, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Genetic Analysis of Interveneal Chlorosis and Reduced Seedling Vigor as Related to Agronomic Performance in Sorghum Resistant ALS Inhibitor Herbicides*

## Animal Science

### Doctor of Philosophy

Cesar Guillermo Caballero

Major Professor: Duane Davis, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Monocyte-Derived Mesenchymal Cells (MDMCs): Isolation, in vitro Expansion, and Initial Characterization*

Scott L. Hill

Major Professor: Jeffrey Stevenson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Serum and Plasma Metabolites and Insemination Timing Associated with Greater Pregnancy Risk in Suckled Beef Cows Subjected to Artificial Insemination Programs*

Claudio Fabian Vargas Rodriguez <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Barry Bradford, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Effect of Dietary Fatty Acids and Other Nutritional Supplements on Biological Processes in Dairy Cows*

Mathew Alan Vaughn

Major Professor: John Gonzalez, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Characterization of Intra-Litter Variation on Myogenic Development and Myogenic Progenitor Cell Response to Growth Promoting Stimuli*

## Biological and Agricultural Engineering

### Doctor of Philosophy

Yong Wei

Major Professor: Naiqian Zhang, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Handheld and Robotic Phenotype Designs*

## Biology

### Doctor of Philosophy

Kimberly O'Keefe

Major Professor: Jesse Nippert, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Spatiotemporal Variability in Tallgrass Prairie Ecohydrology*

Courtney Nicole Passow <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Michael Tobler, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Physiological and Transcriptomic Aspects of Adaptation to Extreme Environments*

Andrew Michael Ricketts <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Brett Sandercock, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Of Mice and Coyotes: Mammalian Responses to Rangeland Management Practices in Tallgrass Prairie*

Hannah Martha Tetreault <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Mark Ungerer, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Transposable Element Contribution and Biological Consequence of Genome Size Variation Among Wild Sunflower Species*

## Chemical Engineering

### Doctor of Philosophy

Clint Duncan Frye

Major Professor: James Edgar, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *B12P2 Improved Epitaxial Growth and Evaluation of Alpha Irradiation on its Electrical Transport Properties*

Timothy Bruce Hoffman <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: James Edgar, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Optimization and Characterization of Bulk Hexagonal Boron Nitride Single Crystals Grown by the Nickel-Chromium Flux Method*

Phong Nguyen

Co-Major Professors: Placidus Amama, Ph.D., and Vikas Berry, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Chemical Vapor Deposition Growth and Covalent Functionalization/Interfacing of 2D Nanomaterials for Electronic Applications*

Balabalaji Venkata Krishnaiah Padavala <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: James Edgar, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Epitaxy of Boron Phosphide on AIn, 4H-SiC, 3C-SiC and ZrB2 Substrates*

Matthew Jared Young <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Peter Pfromm, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Studying Liquid-Phase Heterogeneous Catalysis Using the Atomic Force Microscope*

Jingyi Xie

Major Professor: Keith Hohn, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Hydrogen Production of Bimetallic Catalysts and Local Acidity Investigation of Aluminosilicates and Mesoporous Silica via Single Molecule Spectroscopy*

Fan Zeng <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Keith Hohn, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Catalytic Processes for Conversion of Natural Gas Engine Exhaust and 2,3-butanediol Conversion to 1,3-Butadiene*

Quanxing Zheng

Major Professor: Keith Hohn, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Conversion of 2,3-Butanediol Over Bifunctional Catalysts*

## Chemistry

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Major Professor: Daniel Higgins, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Single-Molecule Spectroscopic Studies of Thin-Film Chemical Gradients*

Sahani Manjitha Weerasekara

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Dissertation: *Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of Bioactive Molecules, Quantification of Tricyclic Pyrones from Pharmacokinetic Studies, Nanodelivery of Sirna, and Synthesis of Viral Protease Inhibitors*

Hao Xu

Major Professor: Daniel Higgins, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Fluorescence Microscopy Studies of Molecular Diffusion and Interaction Within Self-Assembled Nanomaterials*

Yiqun Yang <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Major Professor: Jun Li, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Integration of Photosynthetic Pigment-Protein Complexes in Dye Sensitized Solar Cells Towards Plasmonic-Enhanced Biophotovoltaics*

## Civil Engineering

### Doctor of Philosophy

Naga Narendra Babu Bodapati

Major Professor: Robert Peterman, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *A Comprehensive Study of Prestressing Steel and Concrete Variables Affecting Transfer Length in Pretensioned Concrete Cross-ties*

Harshad Vijay Kulkarni <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Co-Major Professors: Natalie Mladenov, Ph.D., and David Steward, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Biogeochemical Interactions of Natural Organic Matter with Arsenic in Ground Water*

Marta Miletic

Major Professor: Dunja Peric, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Computational and Experimental Modeling of Strain Localization in Fiber Reinforced Cementitious Composites*

Hojr Momeni <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Co-Major Professors: Sunanda Dissanayake, Ph.D., and Malgorzata Rys, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Identifying Effective Geometric and Traffic Factors to Predict Crashes at Horizontal Curve Sections*

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Major Professor: Mustaque Hossain, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Effect of Asphalt Rejuvenating Agent on Aged Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement and Binder Properties*

## Computer Science

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *A Development and Assurance Process for Medical Application Platform Apps*

Zhi Zhang <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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Dissertation: *A Formal Approach to Contract Verification for High-Integrity Applications*

## Counseling and Student Development

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *The Multicultural Competence of Entry Level Housing Professionals in the Upper Midwest*

## Curriculum and Instruction

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Major Professor: Jacqueline Spears, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Investigating a Redesigned Physics Course for Future Elementary Teachers*

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Co-Major Professors: Frederick Burrack, Ph.D., and Phillip Payne, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *A Preliminary Comparative Study of Rhythm Systems Employed Within the First Year of College Aural Skills Class*

Scott Anthony Marshall <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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Dissertation: *Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching of Elementary and Secondary Teachers with Regards to Division by Fractions*

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Dissertation: *Concerns and Professional Development Needs of Faculty at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia in Adopting Online Teaching*

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Dissertation: *Grading Practices and Mindset Development: The Growth of Both*

Laura Tietjen <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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Dissertation: *Service-Learning Pedagogy in Teacher Education: An Examination of Individual and Group Experiences*

## Economics

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Co-Major Professors:** Jason Bergtold, Ph.D., and Timothy Dalton, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Essays on Extension Education and Farmers' Adoption of Oilseeds Crops and Conservation Practices*

Sheng Gong <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *Essays on Conservation Adoption and Discrete Choice Modeling*

Ji Yong Lee <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *Essays in Three Design Issues in Experimental Auctions*

Krishna Prasad Pokharel

**Major Professor:** Allen Featherstone, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Measuring the Efficiency and Productivity of Agricultural Cooperatives*

Xia Shang <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *Food Safety Impacts on U.S. Domestic Meat Demand and International Red Meat Trade*

Rulianda Purnomo Wibowo

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**Dissertation:** *Optimal Irrigation Strategy with Limited Water Availability Accounting for the Risk from Weather Uncertainty*

## Educational Leadership

### **Doctor of Education**

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**Dissertation:** *Exploring the Lived Experience of the Post 9-11 Army Veteran in Transition Toward a Theoretical Framework*

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**Co-Major Professors:** Kakali Bhattacharya, Ph.D.; David Thompson, Ed.D.; and Mary Tolar, Ed.D.

**Dissertation:** *Analysis of Discourse and Rhetoric in Performance Measures for Research Institutions in Kansas*

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**Dissertation:** *The Superintendent's Role in Teacher Professional Development*

## Electrical Engineering

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Physical Layer Security in Co-Operative Mimo Networks — Key Generation and Reliability Evaluation*

## Entomology

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Co-Major Professors:** Thomas Phillips, Ph.D., and R. Jeffery Whitworth, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Methods for Pest Management of *Tyrophagus putrescentiae* (Schränk) (Sarcoptiformes Acaridae) in Dry-Cured Ham Facilities*

Alice Lea Harris

**Major Professor:** Brian McCornack

**Dissertation:** *Spatial Distribution of Adult *Dectes texanus* (Leconte, Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) and its Effects on Kansas Soybean (*Glycine max* L.)*

Matthew Charles Heerman <sup>(Su16)</sup>

**Co-Major Professors:** Marcelo Ramalho-Ortigao, Ph.D., and Kun Yan Zhu, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Bacterial Infection, Immune Responses, and Autophagy in *Iutzomyia Longipalpis* Sand Flies*

## Food Science

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Major Professor:** J. Scott Smith, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Formation and Inhibition of Advanced Glycation End Products in Meat and Model Systems*

## Genetics

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Utilizing A Historical Wheat Collection to Develop New Tools for Modern Plant Breeding*

## Geography

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Major Professor:** Kendra McLaughlan, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Investigating North American Grassland Biogeography throughout the Holocene*

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**Dissertation:** *Geographic Distribution of Malaria in Nepal*

Atena Haghighattalab

**Co-Major Professors:** Douglas Goodin, Ph.D.; Jesse Poland, Ph.D.; and Kevin Price, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *High-Throughput Phenotyping of Large Wheat Breeding in Nurseries Using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques*

Travis Smith

**Co-Major Professors:** Kevin Blake, Ph.D., and Jeffrey Smith, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Place Images of the American West in Western Films*

## Grain Science

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Co-Major Professors:** Bbadriraju Subramanyam, Ph.D., and Hulya Dogan, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Heat Treatment of Empty Storage Bins and Grain-Processing Facilities: Factors Influencing Efficacy Against Adults of the Red Flour Beetle, *Tribolium Castaneum* (Herbst)*

Michael Vadakekara Joseph <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *Extrusion, Physico-Chemical Characterization and Nutritional Evaluation of Sorghum-Based High Protein, Micronutrient Fortified Blended Foods*

Jungeun Lee

**Major Professor:** Praveen Vadlani, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Sustainable Production of Microbial Lipids from Renewable Biomass Evaluation of Oleaginous Yeast Cultures for High Yield and Productivity*

Oscar Fernando Ramos <sup>(Su16)</sup>

**Major Professor:** Praveen Vadlani, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Response of Wheat Plants (*Triticum aestivum* L.) to Stress and Synthetic Elicitors of Systemic Acquired Resistance as Expressed by Phenolic Levels in Foliage and Mature Grain*

Kaliramesh Siliveru <sup>(Su16)</sup>

**Co-Major Professors:** Kingsley Ambrose, Ph.D., and Praveen Vadlani, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** *Cohesive Properties of Wheat Flour and their Effect on the Size-Based Separation Process*

## History

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**Dissertation:** *Interpreting the Transnational Material Culture Acculturation of the 19th-Century North American Plains Indians: Creators, Collectors, and Collections*

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**Co-Major Professors:** *Michael Krysko, Ph.D., and David Stone, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Reform, Foreign Technology, and Leadership in the Russian Imperial and Soviet Navies, 1881-1941*

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**Dissertation:** *The Struggle for Control of American Military Aviation*

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**Dissertation:** *Managing Chaos: Combat Effectiveness Without Cohesion*

## Horticulture

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Explorations of Pine Wilt Disease Management in Kansas and Use of Virtual Plant Walk Maps as a Tool for Teaching Plant Identification Courses*

## Human Ecology

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Testing the Instrumental and Reactive Motivations of Romantic Relational Aggression*

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**Dissertation:** *Energy Consumption Determinants for Apparel Sewing Operations: An Approach to Environmental Sustainability*

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**Dissertation:** *Sexual Orientation and Physical Activity for Men*

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**Dissertation:** *A Theoretical Framework of Interracial Couple Relationship Success: Empirical Findings from a Sample of Black-White Couples in the United States*

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**Dissertation:** *Tourist Experiences and Word-of-mouth: The Mediating Effect of Memory*

**Kariga Karim Pratt** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

**Co-Major Professors:** *Walter Schumm, Ph.D., and Farrell Webb, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *The Influence of Paternal Role Upon Father Involvement Among Army Fathers Serving on Active Duty*

**George Rus Williams** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *The Associations Between Biological Father Involvement (Quantity and Quality) and Family Support with Adult Child Well-Being*

## Human Nutrition

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Sensory Analysis and Acceptability of Pet Food*

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**Dissertation:** *Understanding Children's Food-Related Emotions Using Words and Emojis in the United States and Ghana*

## Industrial Engineering

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *An Exploratory Study of the Adoption of Mobile Telecommunications Service in Order to Improve Medical Device Development*

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**Dissertation:** *Laser Micro/Nano Machining Based on Spatial, Temporal and Spectral Control of Light-Matter Interaction*

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**Dissertation:** *Spontaneous Changes of Human Behaviors and Intervention Strategies: Human and Animal Diseases*

## Mathematics

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Sheaves of Differential Operators and D-Modules Over Non-Commutative Projective Spaces*

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**Co-Major Professors:** *Todd Cochran, Ph.D., and Craig Spencer, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Solutions of Diagonal Congruences with Variables Restricted to a Box*

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**Dissertation:** *The Double of Representations of Cohomological Hall Algebras*

## Mechanical Engineering

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Dissertation:** *Acoustic Scattering by Cylindrical Scatterers Comprising Isotropic Fluid and Orthotropic Elastic Layers*

**John Craig Elson** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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**Dissertation:** *Evaluation of Personal Cooling Systems and Simulation of Their Effects on Human Subjects Using Basic and Advanced Virtual Environments*

## Microbiology

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Major Professor:** *Stefan Rothenburg, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Host Range Functions of Poxvirus Proteins are Mediated by Species-Specific Inhibition of the Antiviral Protein Kinase PKR*

## Pathobiology

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

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**Co-Major Professors:** *Robert Larson, Ph.D., and Bradley White, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Transmission Dynamics, Characterization, Diagnosis, and Control of Bovine Respiratory Disease*

**Jolene Christine Carlson**

**Major Professor:** *Stephen Higgs, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Dynamics of Protection Against Virulent Challenge in Swine Vaccinated with Attenuated African Swine Fever Viruses*

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**Major Professor:** *Daniel Thomson, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Investigation into an Ongoing Dilemma: Undefined Welfare Implications Challenging the Use of B-Adrenergic Agonists in Beef Production*

**Rachel Palinski**

**Major Professor:** *Raymond Rowland, Ph.D.*

**Dissertation:** *Detection and Characterization of Emerging Porcine Viruses Putatively Associated with Outbreaks of Disease in Swine*

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**Dissertation:** *The Application of Systems Thinking in Cattle Production*

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Major Professor: Daniel Thomson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Feedlot Lameness Industry Perceptions, Locomotion Scoring, and Lameness Morbidity and Association of Locomotion Score and Diagnosis with Case Outcome in Beef Cattle in Great Plains Feedlots*

## Personal Financial Planning

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *Three Essays on Financial Self-Efficacy Beliefs and the Saving Behavior of Older Pre-Retirees*

William Sam Cupples

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Dissertation: *An Investigation of the Behavioral, Normative, and Control Beliefs of College Students Who Do Not Possess a Credit Card — A Reasoned Action Approach*

Frederick Ray Fernatt

Co-Major Professors: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D., and Clifford Robb, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Three Studies of the Associations of Cognitive Ability, Health and Wealth Among the Elderly*

Linda Y. Leitz

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Dissertation: *The Impact of Credit and Debt on Wealth Accumulation*

## Physics

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *Antineutrino-Induced Charge Current Quasi-Elastic Neutral Hyperon Production in ArgoNeuT*

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Dissertation: *Influence of Multimedia Hints on Conceptual Physics Problem-Solving and Visual Attention*

## Plant Pathology

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *Genetic Diversity and Pathogenicity of Sorghum-Associated Fusarium Species*

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Dissertation: *Environmental Conditions Associated with Stripe Rust and Leaf Rust Epidemics in Kansas Winter Wheat*

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Dissertation: *Identification of Wheat Genes Induced by Puccinia triticina*

Andres Jose Reyes Gaige <sup>(Su16)</sup>

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Dissertation: *Invasion Potential and Colonization Dynamics of Fusarium Proliferatum*

## Psychology

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *Role of HDAC Inhibition and Environmental condition in Altering Phases of Amphetamine Self-Administration*

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Dissertation: *Loneliness Among College Students: Examining Potential Coping Strategies and the Influence of Targeted Messages on the Likelihood of Befriending*

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Dissertation: *Investigating Mindfulness and Implementation Planning as Strategies that Facilitate Granting and Seeking Forgiveness Behaviors Among Young Adults*

## Security Studies

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *NGO Insecurity in High-Risk Conflict Zones: The Politicization of Aid and Its Impact on "Humanitarian Space"*

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Dissertation: *In Search of New Identities: The DOD and CIA Relationship from the End of the Cold War Through the Global War on Terror*

## Sociology

### Doctor of Philosophy

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Dissertation: *Symbolic Structure of the Post-Soviet Transformation in Latvia and Emigration: Avoiding Shame and Striving for Hope and Confidence*

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Dissertation: *Educational Attainment of Second Generation Hmong in a Rural Ethnic Enclave*

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Dissertation: *Images of Gender Arrangements of Three American Social Organizations: A Content Analysis of Top Ranked Google Images of Individuals Performing Organizational Roles*

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## Mechanical Engineering

### **Master of Science**

**Kyle McGahee**  
Major Professor: Dale Schinstock, Ph.D.

**Jignesh Arvind Patel**  
Major Professor: Mohammad Hosni, Ph.D.

**Adam Michael Saverino**  
Major Professor: Amy Betz, Ph.D.

**Martin Thomas Squicciarini**  
Major Professor: Donald Fenton, Ph.D.

## Modern Languages

### **Master of Arts**

**Ariana Shay Guerin**  
Major Professor: Melinda Cro, Ph.D.

**Tugce Gungormezler** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Li Yang, Ph.D.

**John Kearbey**  
Major Professor: Earl Brown, Ph.D.

**Erin Michelle Redeker** <sup>(S16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Mary Coppie, Ph.D.

## Music

### **Master of Music**

**Jordan Howell Brown** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Phillip Payne, Ph.D.

**Gretchen Amelia Hartsook** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Ruth Gurgel, Ph.D.

**Henry Littich** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack, Ph.D.

**Jamie Joanna Minneman** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frank Tracz, Ph.D.

**Staci Dawn Payne**  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack, Ph.D.

**Melinda Call Pickering**  
Major Professor: Virginia Houser, D.M.

**Shawn Anthony Shipley** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frank Tracz, Ph.D.

**Sarah Michelle Szopinski** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack, Ph.D.

**Paden Joseph Town** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack, Ph.D.

**Tobias David Wood** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Frank Tracz, Ph.D.

## Nuclear Engineering

### **Master of Science**

**Tyrel George** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Co-Major Professors: Jeffrey Geuther, Ph.D., and  
Douglas McGregor, Ph.D.

## Operations Research

### **Master of Science**

**Meaghan Balsler**  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Derek W. Christensen**  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Jill Nicole Dickerson**  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Jeffrey Paul Nold** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Pedro Jose Ortiz**  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**James D. Pleuss** <sup>(S16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Jessica Heier Stamm, Ph.D.

**David Arthur Ryan** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Orrin Gregory Stitt**  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

**Daniel Aubrey Young** <sup>(S16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Todd Easton, Ph.D.

## Personal Financial Planning

### **Master of Science**

**Michael Wade Elliott**  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

**Janet Galloway** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Laura Coulson, Ph.D.

**Kelli Grant** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Laura Coulson, Ph.D.

**Dawn Lee Holtmann** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

**Darlene Elizabeth Pearson**  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

**Daniel Scott Reiter**  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

**Christi Ann Smith** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

**Jared Stafos** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Laura Coulson, Ph.D.

**Kevin Scott West** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald, Ph.D.

## Physics

### **Master of Science**

**Sara Crandall** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Bharat Ratna, Ph.D.

**Elaheh Ghanati** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Jeremy Schmit, Ph.D.

**Subhash Paudel** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Jeremy Schmit, Ph.D.

## Plant Pathology

### **Master of Science**

**Taylor Dawn Fischer** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Erick DeWolf, Ph.D.

## Political Science

### **Master of Arts**

**Wendy Jacqueline Moreno** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Laurie Johnson, Ph.D.

## Psychology

### **Master of Science**

**Lauren Lewis Abell**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Danielle Setola Antes**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Rodrigo Castro**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Eric Warren Dixon**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Ashley Marie Galazia**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Kathleen Lynn Gates**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Sumasree Gottvedu**  
Major Professor: Clive Fullagar, Ph.D.

**Elizabeth Husted**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**John Patrick Hutson**  
Major Professor: Lester Loschky, Ph.D.

**Dana M. Munaco**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**Jared Joel Peterson**  
Major Professor: Lester Loschky, Ph.D.

**Megan E. Rosebaugh**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**Valerie Nicole Schmitt**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**Jessica Sheets**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**Amy Hunter Smith**  
Major Professor: Patrick Knight, Ph.D.

**John Otis Smyers** <sup>(S16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Richard Harris, Ph.D.

## Public Health

### **Master of Public Health**

**Marisol Aguirre Rojas**  
Major Professor: Katherine KuKanich, Ph.D.

**Katie Breese** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Co-Major Professors: Sandra Procter, Ph.D., and  
Roberta Riportella, Ph.D.

**Sara Jane Bubenik** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Justin Kastner, Ph.D.

**Emily Cavlovic**  
Major Professor: Natalia Cernicchiaro, Ph.D.

**Terra Lecann Dawes** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Thu Nguyen, Ph.D.

**Katie Frazer**  
Major Professor: Michael Sanderson, Ph.D.

**Jill Jeanine Hoffner**  
Major Professor: David Renter, Ph.D.

**Cassandra Diane Jones** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Thu Nguyen, Ph.D.

**Cassidy Keim** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Thu Nguyen, Ph.D.

**Cassandra Kay Knutson** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Richard Rosenkranz, Ph.D.

**Rebecca Ann Megee** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Thu Nguyen, Ph.D.

**Callie Cheyenne Paquette**  
Major Professor: Ram Raghavan, Ph.D.

**Anna Marie Pees** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Susan Moore, Ph.D.

**Daniel Perez** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: David Dzerwaltowski, Ph.D.

**Judith Sempa** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Tandalayo Kidd, Ph.D.

**Taylor Shulse** <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Major Professor: Melinda Wilkerson, Ph.D.

## Regional and Community Planning

### **Master of Regional and Community Planning**

**John Paul Heiman** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: John Keller, Ph.D.*

**Yihong Yan** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Brent Chamberlain, Ph.D.*

## Security Studies

### **Master of Arts**

**Jonathan Mian Chakeres**

*Major Professor: Michael Krysko, Ph.D.*

**Jeremy Ray McDonald** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Michael Krysko, Ph.D.*

**Benjamin M. Mwangi**

*Major Professor: Andrew Long, Ph.D.*

**Mathew Anson Randolph**

*Major Professor: Andrew Long, Ph.D.*

**Elijah Abdon Santiago** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Michael Krysko, Ph.D.*

## Sociology

### **Master of Arts**

**Jamilya Orozbekovna Anderson** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Mario Cano, Ph.D.*

**Rebecca Rana Brown** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Lisa Melander, Ph.D.*

**Alayna Rose Colburn** <sup>(S16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Lisa Melander, Ph.D.*

**Heather Dawn Moore**

*Major Professor: Gerad Middendorf, Ph.D.*

**Carrie Marie Summers** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Laszlo Kulcsar, Ph.D.*

## Software Engineering

### **Master of Software Engineering**

**David Buryl McWaters**

*Major Professor: Doina Caragea, Ph.D.*

## Special Education

### **Master of Science**

**Elisa Ivette Mendoz** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel, Ph.D.*

**Ashley Nichole Messick**

*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel, Ph.D.*

**Christina Marie Navickas** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel, Ph.D.*

**Christopher Kent Wahl**

*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel, Ph.D.*

## Statistics

### **Master of Science**

**Chendi Cao** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Weixing Song, Ph.D.*

**Danni Cong**

*Major Professor: Christopher Vahl, Ph.D.*

**Jiena Gu** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Wei-Wen Hsu, Ph.D.*

**Alexander Bond McLellan** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Perla Reyes Cuellar, Ph.D.*

**Gayan Sam** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Christopher Vahl, Ph.D.*

**Yu Wang**

*Major Professor: Christopher Vahl, Ph.D.*

**Xiaojing Zhang** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: James Neill, Ph.D.*

## Technology

### **Professional Master of Technology**

**Shuaibu Musa Umar** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Frederick Guzek, Ph.D.*

## Theatre

### **Master of Arts**

**Fatemah H. Al-Qadfan** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Sally Bailey, M.F.A. and M.S.W.*

**Sandra K. Chastan** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Jennifer Vellenga, M.F.A.*

**Timothy Tarkelly** <sup>(Su16)</sup>

*Major Professor: Sally Bailey M.F.A. and M.S.W.*

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# Kansas State University Polytechnic

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**Announcer:**

James Westling, *Rocking M Radio, Salina*

**Processional:**

Elliot Rogers, *President, Student Governing Association*

**National Anthem:**

Eric Cole, *Guest Musician*

**Welcome:**

Verna Fitzsimmons, *Ph.D., CEO and Dean*

**Student Commencement Speaker:**

Elliot Rogers, *President, Student Governing Association*

**Introduction of Commencement Speaker:**

Verna Fitzsimmons, *Ph.D., CEO and Dean*

**Commencement Address:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

**Presentation of Degree Candidates:**

Alysia Starkey, *Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Interim Academic Director*

**Presentation of Diplomas:**

Verna Fitzsimmons, *Ph.D., CEO and Dean*

**Assisted by:**

Kurt Barnhart, *Ph.D., Associate Dean of Research and Engagement*

**Reader:**

Alysia Starkey, *Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Interim Academic Director*

**Alumni Association Greetings:**

Brad Sidener, *Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, K-State Alumni Association*

**Conferral of Degrees:**

Verna Fitzsimmons, *Ph.D., CEO and Dean*

**Recessional:**

Eric Cole, *Guest Musician*

**Student Marshal:**

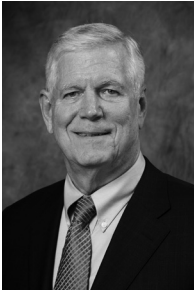
Elliot Rogers, *President, Student Governing Association*

\*The audience will please rise.

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## Speaker

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Richard B. Myers,  
MBA

Richard B. Myers returned to his home state and alma mater when he was appointed interim president of Kansas State University in April 2016 by the Kansas Board of Regents. He was appointed president in November 2016.

A 1965 K-State graduate with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Myers joined the Air Force through the university's Air Force ROTC program.

The native Kansan from Merriam served his country well and earned the rank of four-star

general. From 2001–2005, he was the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As chairman, Myers was the highest-ranking uniformed officer of U.S. military forces and served as the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

As a command pilot, Myers logged more than 4,100 flying hours, including 600 combat hours. His largest commands included U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan; Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Space Command and Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. He has received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including the Legion of Merit, French Legion of Honor, Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association.

Myers serves as the Kansas State University Foundation professor of military history and leadership. He received a master's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1977.

He also graduated from Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1977, U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in 1981, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he completed a program for Senior Executives in National and International Security in 1991.

Throughout Myers' active duty and world travels, he continued relationships with his friends back home. He has provided instruction, insight and inspiration to current students and the K-State community. In 2000, he presented the 118th Landon Lecture at Kansas State University, where he spoke about the military's role in international relations. K-State named the military science building, home of the Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC programs, Gen. Richard B. Myers Hall in honor of his service and dedication. A member of the Kansas State University Foundation Board of Trustees, Myers and his wife, Mary Jo, serve as co-chairs of Kansas State University's Innovation and Inspiration Campaign to raise \$1 billion.

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## Degree Candidates

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### School of Integrated Studies

#### Engineering Technology/Computer Systems

##### Associate of Technology

David Michael McEldowney, *Salina* <sup>(D)</sup>

#### Engineering Technology/Digital Media

##### Associate of Technology

Ashley Jean Beach, *Salina* <sup>(D)</sup>

#### Engineering Technology/Mechanical

##### Associate of Technology

Gustin Edward Pachta, *Cuba* <sup>(D)</sup>

Travis John Rolfs, *Salina* <sup>(M)</sup> <sup>(D)</sup>

#### Aeronautical Technology/Aviation Maintenance Management

##### Bachelor of Science

Asim Nafee Alsulmi, *Jeddab, Saudi Arabia*

Mohammed Saleh Barnawi, *Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

Austin Paul Carrill, *Kansas City, Missouri*

Nicholas Ryan Steffen, *Cherryvale*

#### Aeronautical Technology/Avionics Systems and Management

##### Bachelor of Science

Jacob A. Masters, *Burlingame*

#### Aeronautical Technology/Professional Pilot

##### Bachelor of Science

Scott Michael Agee, *Independence, Missouri*

Ryosuke Amo, *Osaka, Japan*

Austin Michael Bally, *Wichita* <sup>(C)</sup>

Devin Cray Larm, *Salina*

Mason Brent McMillan, *Ozawokie*

Abbas Makki Tayi, *Baghdad, Iraq*

Zachary Joseph Witkauskis, *Manitowoc, Wisconsin*

Christopher J. Wright, *Tulsa, Oklahoma*

#### Aeronautical Technology/Unmanned Aircraft Systems

##### Bachelor of Science

Stephen Magee Hinwood, *Snobomish, Washington* <sup>(M)</sup>

William Stewart Morgan, *Huntsville, Texas*

Victor Eugene Tomei, *Staten Island, New York*

Trevor Dean Witt, *Abilene* <sup>(S)</sup>

#### Engineering Technology/Computer Systems

##### Bachelor of Science

David Michael McEldowney, *Salina* <sup>(D)</sup>

#### Engineering Technology/Digital Media

##### Bachelor of Science

Ashley Jean Beach, *Salina* <sup>(D)</sup>

## Engineering Technology/Mechanical

### **Bachelor of Science**

Samuel Phillip Anderson, *Olathe*

Gustin Edward Pachta, *Cuba* <sup>(D)</sup>

Travis John Rolfs, *Salina* <sup>(M.d)(D)</sup>

## Technology Management

### **Bachelor of Science**

Pamela Sue Barrett, *Salina*

Jason Bolieu, *Salina*

Leslie Duane Covey, *Arlington, Texas*

Bryan Arthur Cox, *Wichita*

Kayla Raye Cross, *Salina* <sup>(M.d)(D)</sup>

Kasie Jo Cook, *Bennington*

Alicia Kim Donaldson, *Wichita*

Natasha Eileen Gawith, *Salina*

Veronica Hudon, *Yuma, Arizona*

Joel Ashley Mills, *Snellville, Georgia*

Theo Luke Posch, *Mount Hope*

Jonathan Robert Schrag, *Wichita*

Verneysha L. Walker, *Wichita*

## College of Human Ecology

### Family Studies and Human Services

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Rachel Mehl Frazier, *Salina*

### Personal Financial Planning

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Kayla Raye Cross, *Salina* <sup>(M.d)(D)</sup>

Sevda Sebahat Tasci, *Salina*

## Certificate Candidates

### Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator

Devin Cray Larm, *Salina*







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# College of Arts & Sciences

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## **Processional:**

David Pickering, *D.M.A., Associate Professor, Music*

## **National Anthem:\***

Christian Blackburn, *Bachelor's Candidate,  
Applied Music*

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

Amit Chakrabarti, *Ph.D., Interim Dean*

## **Recognition of Ronald N. Gaches Teaching Awards:**

Ronald N. Gaches, *J.D., Distinguished Alumnus,  
Economics and Political Science*

## **Recognition of William L. Stamey Teaching and Advising Awards:**

Louise Benjamin, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

## **Commencement Address:**

Susan Brown, *Ph.D., University Distinguished  
Professor, Biology*

## **Conferral of Degrees:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

## **Presentation of Diplomas:**

Amit Chakrabarti, *Ph.D., Interim Dean*

Beth Montelone, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

Kimathi Choma, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

## **Readers:**

Louise Benjamin, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

Alison Wheatley, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

## **Alumni Association Greetings:**

Amy Button Renz, *President and CEO, K-State  
Alumni Association*

## **Charge to the Class:**

Amit Chakrabarti, *Ph.D., Interim Dean*

## **Alma Mater:\***

Christian Blackburn, *Bachelor's Candidate,  
Applied Music*

## **Recessional:**

David Pickering, *D.M.A., Associate Professor, Music*

## **Marshals:**

Kent Kerby, *Ph.D., Teaching Professor and Associate  
Director of Undergraduate Studies and Advising, Biology*

Michael A. Krysko, *Ph.D., Associate Professor and  
Department Chair, History*

Charles R. Martin, *Ph.D., Professor and Department  
Head, Geography*

\*The audience will please rise.

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## Speaker

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Susan Brown, Ph.D.

Susan Brown, university distinguished professor of biology, has spent most of her career studying the genetic regulation of development. Recently, her research group discovered an insect segmentation mechanism that works much like the mechanism controlling development of our own vertebrae.

Brown led efforts to establish *Tribolium*, the flour beetle, as a model organism for scientific research in developmental

biology and insect pest management, and she was lead author of a proposal to the National Human Genome Research Institute, which resulted in the *Tribolium* genome being the fourth insect genome to be sequenced.

A number of undergraduates have worked with Brown in her laboratory. They have used this experience in professional careers, including in medicine, intellectual property law, bioinformatics computational research and molecular biology research. Her work has been supported by research grants from National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture and BASF, and has been published in more than 100 journal articles.

In addition to Brown's work on *Tribolium*, she is the director of the K-INBRE Bioinformatics Core, a statewide network sponsored by the NIH IDeA program to provide bioinformatics support to biological researchers. Since biological research

generates large quantities of data that are difficult to manage in simple format, the Bioinformatics Core collaborates with K-State's computer science department to employ individuals that can develop the sophisticated database systems and data-mining tools required to manage and analyze biological data. At K-State, Brown teaches classes in genetics and bioinformatics.

Brown received her doctorate in 1984 from the University of Missouri, Columbia and joined the K-State Division of Biology faculty in 2001. She was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and full professor in 2007. She was named the K-INBRE Faculty Scholar in 2005 and received the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award in 2010. She was made a fellow of the Entomological Society of America in 2011 and received the Olin Petefish Award from the Higuchi-KU Foundation in 2014 for research achievement in the basic sciences.

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## Degree Candidates

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### Art

#### Bachelor of Arts

Abigail Crouse, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts

Megan Amelia Carry, *Flint, Michigan*

Maxwell Browne Fillingim, *Coppell, Texas*

Timothy Allan Folkins Jr., *Kansas City*

Marcus Rudin Gilbert, *Royse City, Texas*

Kathryn Lorene Gloschen, *Wellsville* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Kelsey L. Green, *Kona, Hawaii* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Skylar Zethan Henre, *Kansas City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Lauren Janelle Kuykendall, *Weskan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Tarina Whitney MacDonell, *Kenora, Ontario, Canada*

Lathan Montana Mastellar, *Liberal*

Molly Kate McEwan, *Moran*\*

Robert Kenneth Pifer, *Lakewood, California*

Meghan Ashley Sullivan, *Leavenworth*

Kerry Lee Titterton, *Manhattan*

Jessica LeeAnn Tucker, *Chanute*

### Biochemistry

#### Bachelor of Science

Linah Mohammed A. Alkotami, *Yanbu, Saudi Arabia*\*

Michael John Bradshaw, *Bedford, Texas*

### Biology

#### Bachelor of Arts

Vanessa Lynne Rutter, *Lyndon*

#### Bachelor of Science

Oshadhi Pavithra Athukorala Arachchige, *Manhattan* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Connor Aaron Atkinson, *Holton* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Sharaya Lynn Bearman, *Topeka*

Amanda Josephine Braun, *Victoria* <sup>(Sd) (D) (H)</sup>

Ryan Alexander Brennan, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Tanner James Clow, *Lenexa*

Brooke Ellen Collins, *Gillett, Wisconsin* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

Christopher Thomas Denton, *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Victoria Royale Dukart, *Hutchinson*

Melissa Laurine Feuerborn, *Olathe* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

Kathryn Ann Fix, *Shawnee* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

Mark Brian Gallo, *Marlton, New Jersey*

Valeria Maria Guizado, *Shawnee*

Jennifer R. Karr, *Allen* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

Drew Eduard Kohlmeier, *Manhattan* <sup>(H)</sup>

Brendan Randall McCluskey, *Shawnee*

Olivia Marie Parrish, *Wamego*\*

Allison Christine Paul, *Kearney, Missouri* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Marius Edward Radulescu, *Overland Park*

Jason Ryon Wilson, *Bucyrus*

### Fisheries and Wildlife Biology

#### Bachelor of Science

Ashley Marie Bowers, *Junction City*

Brett John Budach, *Overland Park* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Matthew D. Cook, *Oak Grove, Missouri*

Michaela Leigh Gustafson, *Spring Hill* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Jerusha Mercedes Matthews, *Leavenworth*

Alexandria Cole McChesney, *Winfield* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Rebecca Rose McElroy, *Lawrence* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Tyrel J. Murphy, *Manhattan*

Jordan Scott Webster, *Manhattan* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

### Microbiology

#### Bachelor of Science

Bailey Anne Bye, *Wichita*

Christian Cox, *Palo Alto, California* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Leah Spencer Fitzwater, *Mound City* <sup>(Sd)</sup>

Sarah Angelene Krueger, *Lebo* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Ha Quang Le, *Hanoi, Vietnam*

Jacob Charles Morris, *Kansas City*

Matthew Armando Ramos, *Topeka* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Christian Anton Rittmann, *Oberlin* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

### Chemistry

#### Bachelor of Science

Linah Mohammed A. Alkotami, *Yanbu, Saudi Arabia*\*

Richard Alexander Corbett III, *Wichita*

Kali Alysse Hinman, *Ottawa* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Juliana Knopp, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Kevin C. Robben, *Overland Park* <sup>(Su16)\*</sup>

## Communication Studies

### Bachelor of Arts

Morgan McKenzie Ruiz, *Emporia*

### Bachelor of Science

Kjersti Nicole Anderson, *Spring Hill*  
Kylie Grace Andres, *Shawnee*  
Morgan Leann Bisnette, *Manhattan* \*  
Morgan Scott Burns Sr., *Wichita*  
Jacob Lee Delks, *Paola*  
Joseph Daniel Dixon, *Kansas City*  
Nathan Lee Elliott, *St. Clair Shores, Michigan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Trenton Nicholas Hagenau, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
Colby Christopher Haverkamp, *Silver Lake* <sup>(Cl)\*</sup>  
Evan Thomas Malinowski, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Annie Beth Pralle, *Blue Rapids* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Cambry Nicole Schrag, *Pratt*  
Michael Allen Trimmell, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Colby Joseph Zishka, *Overland Park*

## Economics

### Bachelor of Arts

Christa Marie Deneault, *Concordia* <sup>(Sd)\*</sup>  
Wenyang Ji, *Manhattan*  
Andres Mendez Lopez, *Veracruz, Mexico*  
Scotland Kathryn Preston, *Mountainside, New Jersey* <sup>(Sd)\*</sup>

### Bachelor of Science

Colby Ray Bostick, *Durant, Oklahoma* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
William Loren Chew, *Lake Quivira* \*  
Bradley Alexander Cooper, *Overland Park*  
Andrew J. Farmer, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Tyler Dalton Hoyt, *Lansing* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Matthew Austin Johnston <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Tanik Akhilesh Joshipura, *Moshi, Tanzania*  
Tyler Benjamin Kocher, *Concordia* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
William Charles Male, *Shawnee*  
Ryan Alan Maxwell, *Ottawa* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Braden Chance Miller, *Winfield*  
Ikem Anthony Obinna, *Dallas, Texas* \*  
Makenzie Lynn Pohl, *Mulvane*  
Brittany Lee Scheele, *Bennington* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Yiyang Wan, *Beijing, China*

## English

### Bachelor of Arts

Grant Paul Billings, *Overland Park*  
Johanna Ellis Brockhoff, *Powhattan* <sup>(D)</sup>  
Christopher Nathan Burns, *Wichita*  
Elizabeth Anne Cummings, *Shawnee* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Susan Dalton Love Elder, *Valley Center* <sup>(Cl) (Su16)</sup>  
Karyn Suzanne Elliott, *Gardner*  
Colin Matthew Eurit, *Marion* \*  
Emma Louise Machell, *Lawrence*  
Samuel Jon Petrovski, *Overland Park*

Katherine Anne Reinger, *Monument, Colorado*  
Connor Lee Syrios, *Wichita*  
Dan Zhang, *Shenzhen, China* <sup>(Sd) (D) (Su16)</sup>

## Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

### Bachelor of Science

Olivia Marie Parrish, *Wamego* \*

## Geography

### Bachelor of Science

Nicolas Christopher Olson, *Omaha, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Robert Burns Sharemet, *Spring Hill*  
Jakob Wayne Whitson, *Pratt* <sup>(Cl)\*</sup>

## Geology

### Bachelor of Science

Trenton Jay Bortz, *Smith Center*  
Kevin Alexander Henderson, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Kerri Michelle Kennedy, *Olathe*  
Lorin Rae Macklin, *Manhattan*  
Skylar David Neufeld, *Burlington*  
Austin Joseph Noll, *Nortonville*  
Jessica Osner, *Mulvane*  
Drew Warren Otte, *Herington*  
Michelle Frances Page, *Downey, California*  
Matthew Richard Rose, *Olathe*  
Trevor Spencer, *Chapman* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Brandon Max Young, *Arkansas City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

## History

### Bachelor of Arts

Daniel Aaron Dissmore, *Manhattan* \*  
Theodore Roland Smith, *Lindsborg*

### Bachelor of Science

Kody Mack Cox, *Little River*  
Keith Andrew Edmonds, *Easton* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Samantha Jean Fischer, *Lodi, California* \*  
Bo Lin, *Guangzhou, China*  
Patrick Timothy Moran, *Chicago, Illinois*  
Scott Kenneth Ollila, *Lawrence*  
Rebecca Andrea Renteria, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Steven Joseph Serratore, *Austin, Minnesota*  
Michael Robert Spachek, *Wichita*  
Scott William Whitson, *Hutchinson* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Emily Catherine Wilson, *Overland Park* <sup>(H)</sup>

## Humanities

### Bachelor of Arts

Rahnishia A. Day, *Fairview*  
Timothy Joseph O'Connor, *Louisburg*  
Tiffany Jane Willbanks, *Hutchinson* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

## Journalism and Mass Communications

### Bachelor of Arts

Molly Sue Brown, *Overland Park*  
Hannah Lee Condrey, *Wamego* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Courtney Marie Cox, *Courtland*  
Sarah Marie Falcon, *Seoul, South Korea* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
John L. Harvey III, *Wichita*  
Katherine Olivia Johnston, *Wichita*  
Mayara Garay Kostianovsky, *Asuncion, Paraguay*  
Brennan Willis Mense, *Shawnee*  
Laura Meyers, *De Soto*  
Nicholas R. Patterson, *Overland Park*  
Scotland Kathryn Preston, *Mountainside, New Jersey* <sup>(Sd)\*</sup>  
Michaela Christine Richards, *Pleasant Hill, Missouri*  
Cynthia Denise Torres, *Mesquite, Texas*  
Vanessa Elizabeth Vlasic, *Leawood*  
Ashlee Brooke Wolters, *Olathe* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

### Bachelor of Science

Tanner Ray Barth, *Holly, Colorado* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Colin M. Becker, *Lawrence*  
Morgan Nicole Bell, *Colby* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Morgan Leann Bisnette, *Manhattan* \*  
Bailie Marie Bridges, *Dallas, Texas* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Deante W.J.A. Burton, *Manhattan*  
Elizabeth Anne Carro, *Wichita*  
Le'andre Terrance Carthen, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Madelyn Jane Collins, *Prairie Village*  
Paul Brian Edwards, *Dallas, Texas*  
Kaylee Suzanne Engle, *Cottonwood Falls* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Brandon Michael Fait, *Delmont, Pennsylvania* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Kelsey Marie Floyd, *Shawnee* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Lindsey Nicole Ford, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Courtney Marie Gemmill, *Overland Park*  
Nathan Warren Guidry Jr., *Fort Worth, Texas*  
Mallory Sue Heinen, *Goff* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Ashlyn Ann Johnson, *San Antonio, Texas*  
Jack Dalton Jones, *Kansas City*  
Jessica Nicole Karst, *Meriden* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Gian James LaManno, *Kansas City, Missouri* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Cristy Rose Law, *Wetmore* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Alexandra Nicole Lessard, *Larned*  
Jon Spencer Lofquist, *Albuquerque, New Mexico*  
Kaleigh Morgan Lorenz, *Wichita*  
Ryan Paul Manning, *Olathe*  
Trenton Lane Miller, *Topeka*  
Evert Ramon Nelson, *Tecumseh*  
Maria Anderson Penrod, *Overbrook*  
Andrew Shores, *Goodland*  
Alyssa Nicole Smith, *Minneapolis* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Ryan Leete Westfahl, *Hutchinson*  
Anthony Patrick Williams, *Murdock* \*  
Katelyn Marie Winn, *Wichita*  
Emily Louise Writer, *Roxbury*

## Life Sciences

### **Bachelor of Science**

Joshua Danté Arrington, *Overland Park*  
Olivia Mackenzie Elaine Beam, *Vancouver, Washington*  
Katie Danielle Brand, *Grand Island, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Mariah Ann Broadnax, *Hoisington*  
Elizabeth Ann Dudley, *North Kansas City, Missouri*  
Shannon Michelle Hill, *Overland Park*  
Janae Emmalie Horchem, *Manhattan*  
Alexander Charles Keller, *Overland Park* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Aubree Jon May, *Shawnee* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Hannah Diane Minson, *Bainbridge Island, Washington* <sup>(CJ)</sup>  
Jessica Lorraine Morrison, *Wichita*  
Aundrea Danielle Self, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Jenna Kay Snell, *Ellinwood*  
Kerianne Strzelecki, *Ramsey, Minnesota* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Sara Noelle Teague, *Cheney*  
Joshua Logan Warner, *Belleville* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Jacob Joseph Wodtke, *Shawnee* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

## Mathematics

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Christa Marie Deneault, *Concordia* <sup>(Sd)</sup> \*

### **Bachelor of Science**

Christopher Karl Backman, *Iuka*  
Rong Gao, *Harbin, China*  
Madison Nicole Grier, *Stikwell* <sup>(Sd)</sup> <sup>(D)</sup>  
Alexander Hugh Hines, *Houston, Texas* \*  
Miranda Rene McCloud, *Chase*  
Alexander Charles Nebel, *Overland Park*  
Kevin C. Robben, *Overland Park* <sup>(Su16)</sup> \*  
Weiqiang Zhi, *Xi'an, China* \*

## Modern Languages

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Brandon Mark Eastman, *Haysville* <sup>(D)</sup>  
Dominik Vincent Haeflinger, *Topeka*  
Lain Emerald Littlejohn, *Crystal Lake, Illinois*  
Kacie Michelle Mallon, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Madeline Rose McMillen, *Stikwell* \*  
Jessica Lynn Pennybacker, *Geneva, Illinois* <sup>(D)</sup>  
Amanda Mae Sloan, *Lincoln, Nebraska* <sup>(CJ)</sup>  
Yaming Tao, *Lanzhou, China*

## Music, Theatre, and Dance

### Applied Music

### **Bachelor of Music**

Thomas Robert Bacon, *Hutchinson*

Christian James Blackburn, *Lakin*  
Samuel Goodwin Fifield, *Montgomery, Alabama*  
Aaron Mackenzie Fisher, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Alexander Gregory Perkins, *Derby*

## Music

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Sierra Dawn Davila, *Norwich* \*  
Daniel Aaron Dissmore, *Manhattan* \*  
Rachel Christina Hunt, *Manhattan*

## Music Education

### **Bachelor of Music Education**

Abigail Louise Baeten, *Topeka* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Karis Laura Dolenz, *Atchison* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Emily Sue Fish, *Olathe* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Kellyn Noelle Harrison, *Leawood* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Shelby Lynn Shore, *Wellington*  
Ranie Elisabeth Wahlmeier, *Burlington*

## Theatre

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Audrey Lynne Artis, *Manhattan*  
Katie Nicole Edgar, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup> \*  
Margaret Joyce Glazier, *Plano, Texas*  
Manasseh Elihu McPike, *Kirksville, Missouri*  
Mitchell John Ward <sup>(Su16)</sup>

### **Bachelor of Science**

Benjamin Thomas Deghand, *Berryton* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Alexis JoLynn Michael Lehman, *Manhattan*  
Alana Michelle Pfeifer, *Marysville* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Robert Chase Rossman, *Gardner*

## Physical Science

### **Bachelor of Science**

Dane Sydney Steen, *Kingston, Jamaica* <sup>(D)</sup>  
Sarmad Tehseen Khan, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

## Physics

### **Bachelor of Science**

Trek Ty Keck, *Colby*  
Kevin C. Robben, *Overland Park* <sup>(Su16)</sup> \*  
Anthony Patrick Williams, *Murdock* \*

## Political Science

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Taylor René Bates, *Brunswick, Maine*  
Jacob Leonard Granzow, *Herington*  
Jon Timothy Parton, *Olathe*

George Jacob Redden, *Andover*

### **Bachelor of Science**

Shawn Michael Brown, *Crown Point, Indiana*  
Shawn Voth Coleman, *Winfield* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Brianna Marie Cunningham, *Greenwood, Missouri*  
Samantha Jean Fischer, *Lodi, California* \*  
Matthew Ryan Franchett, *Lenexa*  
Emily Kathryn Hottinger, *Montclair, Virginia*  
Kerrick C. Kuder, *Sylvan Grove*  
Andrea Paige Mick, *Salina* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Ikem Anthony Obinna, *Dallas, Texas* \*  
Sean Patrick O'Hara, *Hammonton, New Jersey*

## Psychology

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Angelica Maria Castro Bueno, *Salina* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Connor William Corley, *Dana Point, California* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Katie Nicole Edgar, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup> \*  
Erika Fraire, *Liberal*  
Teresa Lynn Kearn, *Linn* \*  
Emma Katherine Sullivan, *Overland Park*  
Hannah Claire Talkington, *Hays* \*

### **Bachelor of Science**

Maria Belinda Alfonso Achi, *Asuncion, Paraguay*  
Lexia Rae Aurand, *Belleville*  
Allison Nicole Beesley, *Overland Park* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Devan Marie Brown, *St. Louis, Missouri* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Janicka Tyeisha Burgess, *Sardis, Mississippi* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Kaitlyn Jo Connor, *Lenexa*  
Sierra Dawn Davila, *Norwich* \*  
Greg Robert Erickson, *Clay Center* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Colin Nathaniel Ferrel, *Burlingame* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Carson Tyler Gentry, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Caitlin Ann Hall, *Overland Park*  
Colby Christopher Haverkamp, *Silver Lake* <sup>(CJ)</sup> \*  
Tyler David Hilgenkamp, *Castle Rock, Colorado*  
Jennifer Amanda Huerta, *Salina* \*  
Chelsey Nicole Leclear, *Ashland* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Benjamin Joseph Morsman, *Lenexa*  
Danielle Nicole Mount, *Rose Hill*  
Aaron Thomas Pulliam, *Manhattan*  
Grace Ann Rehorn, *Louisburg* <sup>(MEd)</sup>  
Taylor Brianna Reid, *Forney, Texas*  
Michele Elizabeth Riter, *Wichita*  
Brianna Lee Rodgers, *De Soto* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Eboni Kamille Smarr, *Dyersburg, Tennessee*  
Haley Diane Sneed, *Nickerson*  
Alyson A. Sprenger, *Overland Park*  
Karen Elisabeth Stig, *Fort Riley* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Claudia Alexa Tedoni, *Lansing* <sup>(CJ)</sup>  
Carrie Elizabeth Turpen, *Omaha, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

## Social Science

### Bachelor of Arts

Martine Chery-Hilaire, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Yuchi Huo, *Hefei, China* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Abigail Jacklyn Hutchcraft, *Fredonia*

Min Jia, *Manhattan*

Tianyu Xin, *Suzhou, China*

### Bachelor of Science

Harry Lee Allen Jr., *San Diego, California*

Marlee Mae Arrasmith, *Omaha, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Lucas Everett Benenati, *Santa Barbara, California* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Austin J. Bergeron, *Lewisville, Texas* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Matthew Jonathan Bille, *Bonner Springs*

EvanAnn Exline Boose, *Littleton, Colorado*

Amber Marie Briggs, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Byron Brown Jr., *Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Codi Austin Burrow, *Bennington*

Tyler S. Carter, *Childersburg, Alabama* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Allyson Nicole Coburn, *Lindenhurst, Illinois* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Julie Marie Croasdale, *Plattsmouth, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Andre Rashad Davis, *Baltimore, Maryland*

Matthew Dabney Derby, *Manhattan*

John Wesley Dobson, *Overland Park*

Jon Patrick Doolen, *Papillion, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Rylee Shea Easton, *Holdrege, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Diann Rebecca Edelen, *Manhattan*

Adrian James Esquilin, *Houston, Texas*

Crystal Lynn Fay, *Newport, Arizona*

Corey Joe Fischer, *Denmark, Wisconsin*

Jordan Ray Floyd, *Topeka*

Henry Mitchell Fulner, *Killingworth, Connecticut* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Edyn Michelle Gorman, *Torwanda*

John J. Hale II, *Kansas City*

Shawna Rena Harrington, *Topeka*

Ashley Richelle Haugaard, *Salina*

Kyle James Hess, *Gardner* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Lauren Mackenzie Holmes, *Overland Park*

Alexander Jacob Knorr, *Gardner*

Tanner Lee Lewis, *Mulvane*

Brogan James Loibl, *Wichita*

Timothy Austin McMullin, *Manhattan*

Stephen Morrell, *Miami, Florida*

Caleb Morris, *Grand Junction, Colorado* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Andrew Dean Mullins, *Nederland, Texas*

Natasha Phuoc Nguyen, *Los Angeles, California*

Natalie Rivera Niebres, *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Will Schneider Noonon, *Overland Park*

Trevor Michael Nordell, *Concordia*

Hunter Gage Owen, *Pretty Prairie*

Alysha Rachelle Palacio VI, *Leawood*

Donald Wayne Perfect Jr., *Colleyville, Texas* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Carl Edward Prince II, *Starkville, Mississippi* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

David G. Reed II, *Beckley, West Virginia*

Joseph Rice Reid, *Overland Park*

Jonathan William Riley, *Silver Lake*

Terrie Jo Salley, *Topeka*

Susan Schmidt, *Allentown, Pennsylvania* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Joseph Douglas Scott, *San Diego, California* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Seth Abraham Siemens, *Augusta* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Timothy Wayne Steinmetz, *Manhattan*

Tianna Brea Todd, *Wichita*

Carmen Leenae Tucker, *Olathe*

Brandon Scott Turner, *Ottawa*

Renee Anne Wegworth, *Bellevue, Nebraska*

Tassion Lyn Wicks, *Nixa, Missouri*

Altovice Williams, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Jaden Marcus Woofter, *Dodge City*

Christopher Paul Zach, *Agenda*

## Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

### Sociology

#### Bachelor of Arts

Pinakin A. Bhakta, *Junction City*

Hannah Claire Talkington, *Hays* \*

#### Bachelor of Science

Robert Allen Barton Jr., *Junction City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Dalton Michael Blasiar, *Overland Park*

Brandon DeShawn Bolden, *Sumter, South Carolina*

Colton Laine Browne, *Altoona*

Janicka Tyeisha Burgess, *Sardis, Mississippi* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Ross Taylor Cunningham, *Wichita*

Rick Joel Dewees, *Sharon Springs* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Isoke Jenkins-Dyer, *Kansas City, Missouri* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Danielle Sherice Edwards, *Manhattan*

Nawen Cynthia Engle, *Council Grove* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Athina Fernandez, *Asuncion, Paraguay* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Aaron Richard Gray, *Shawnee*

Shanice Nachele Handy, *Kansas City*

Erica Laray Harley, *Jacksonville, Florida* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Chance Christopher Hinds, *Kansas City*

Jennifer Amanda Huerta, *Salina* \*

Jesse Dejuan Mack Jr., *Spartanburg, South Carolina* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Ryan Demarkus Mack, *Buford, Georgia*

Katlin Marie Mackey, *Olathe*

John Clarence Mies, *Wichita* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Emil Ouellette Miller, *Washington*

Brianna Renee Moos, *Plainville* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Alex Weston Northrup, *Wichita*

Adriana Estefania Olivas, *Kansas City*

Maegan Leann Osner, *Kingman*

James R. Parks Jr., *Lincoln, Nebraska* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Pamela Ellen Grace Pickell, *Kansas City* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Erica Lynn Pulvermacher, *Martinsville, Indiana* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Noah Stephen Ries, *Kansas City*

Tyler Harlan Roznos, *Irvine, California* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

MaKenzie Nicole Ruder, *Louisburg* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Gean P. Sanchez, *Bay Shore, New York* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Lagituaiwa Sandoval, *Pago Pago, American Samoa*

Bradley Aaron Sellers, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Ronald Smith, *Cottonwood, Alabama*

Beau Benjamin Soucie, *Kansas City*

Marisa Nai Suarez, *Kansas City*

Kenneth Christopher Super, *Overland Park*

Justin David Thomas, *Olathe*

Kimberly Ashekia Williamson, *Frankfield, Jamaica* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Jordan Johnathan Willis, *Raymore, Missouri*

Jenna Marie Wyrick, *Liberal*

### Anthropology

#### Bachelor of Arts

Seth R. Bitikofer, *St. George*

Courtney Nicole Eells, *Manhattan*

Madeline Rose McMillen, *Stilwell* \*

#### Bachelor of Science

Addison Rae Dickens, *Overland Park* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Lacey-Raé Marie Surritt, *Atchison*

### Social Work

#### Bachelor of Science

Arlena Justine Blum, *Wakefield*

Madison Storie Book, *Ponca, Nebraska* <sup>(Cl)</sup> <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Malori Deen Gales, *Lyndon*

Emily Ann Hail, *Gardner* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Wendybeth Rene Hamm, *Lawrence*

Anna Kathryn Ladd, *Shawnee* <sup>(Me)</sup> <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Kelsey Lynn Ledford, *Manhattan* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Taylor Rose Leitner, *Atwood*

Leah Marie Nagely, *Sabetha* <sup>(Me)</sup>

Christina Lane Pitts, *Wichita*

Paige Michelle Porter, *Garnett*

Rachel Anne Roszel, *Lenexa* <sup>(Me)</sup> <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Ariel Hope Scherer, *Woodstock, Georgia* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

Morgan Chantalle Stryker, *Waterville*

Emily Gene Zwonitzer, *Holton* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

### Statistics

#### Bachelor of Arts

Sara Baqer Gain, *Queens, New York*

#### Bachelor of Science

William Loren Chew, *Lake Quivira* \*

Ethan Joseph Deneke, *Beloit*

Alexander Hugh Hines, *Houston, Texas* \*

Wei Qiang Zhi, *Xi'an, China* \*

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# College of Education

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## **Processional:**\*

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

## **Welcome:**

Debbie Mercer, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **National Anthem:**\*

Rachel Hunt, *Bachelor's Candidate, Music*

## **Presentation of Kathryn A. Holen Excellence in Service Award:**

Debbie Mercer, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Presentation of Student Awards:**

Todd Goodson, *Ph.D., Associate Professor and  
Department Chair, Curriculum and Instruction*

## **Commencement Address:**

Jonathan Ferrell, *2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year  
Team Member and Sixth-Grade Teacher at Briarwood  
Elementary School, Shawnee Mission School District*

## **Student Commencement Address:**

Elizabeth Hix, *Bachelor's Candidate, Secondary Education*

## **Conferral of Degrees:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

## **Presentation of Degrees:**

Debbie Mercer, *Ph.D., Dean*

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

April C. Mason, *Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President*

Linda Thurston, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

David Griffin Sr., *Ed.D., Assistant Dean*

Paul Burden, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

Bradley Burenheide, *Ph.D., Associate Professor,  
Curriculum and Instruction*

## **Alma Mater:**

Rachel Hunt, *Bachelor's Candidate, Music*

## **Recessional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

## **Marshals:**

David Allen, *Ed.D., Associate Professor, Curriculum  
and Instruction*

Ken Hughey, *Ed.D., Professor and Department Chair,  
Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs*

Tonnie Martinez, *Ph.D., Assistant Professor,  
Curriculum and Instruction*

Kimberly Staples, *Ph.D., Associate Professor,  
Curriculum and Instruction*

Be Stoney, *Ph.D., Associate Professor, Curriculum  
and Instruction*

Jim Teagarden, *Ed.D., Associate Professor, Special  
Education, Counseling and Student Affairs*

\*The audience will please rise.

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## *Oath of Education*

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I hereby pledge my dedication to the profession of teaching. I accept the obligations and the challenges of guiding students to knowledge, always showing them care and concern. I will encourage respect for all people, and will cultivate the disciplined, yet free minds necessary for a democratic way of life.

I promise to champion policies which promote quality in teaching and learning. I will provide everyone engaged in education the opportunity to achieve their own level of excellence. I will strive to become a knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision maker and emulate these qualities which I pledge to foster. I recognize that at times my endeavors may prove discouraging. Nonetheless, I remain faithful to the belief that my actions in the pursuit of these goals make me worthy of my profession, and make my profession worthy of a free people.

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## Speaker

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Jonathan Ferrell

A Kansas State University College of Education alumnus, Jonathan Ferrell is a member of the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year team. Ferrell is a sixth-grade teacher at Briarwood Elementary School in the Shawnee Mission School District. He is passionate about empowering his students to take ownership

of their learning. His classroom is collaborative, engaging and filled with opportunities to make learning rich and relevant for all of his students.

Technology is seamlessly integrated throughout his curriculum and is key to his teaching style. At any moment, visitors might see his students designing with a 3-D printer, composing their own novels on iPads, pursuing Genius Hour projects, tending to their hydroponic garden, directing movies with a green screen, solving problems with robotics, coding their own apps, exploring science with hands-on labs and enjoying the learning process together as a

community of learners. Parents say Ferrell inspires students to be creative and curious, and they describe the sound floating from his room as the gentle hum of a beehive as students collaborate.

Ferrell received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from K-State and a Master of Science from Pittsburg State University.

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## Award

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### Kathryn A. Holen Excellence in Service Award



Trina Harlow

Trina Harlow, College of Education art education instructor and 2015 Kansas Art Education Association Higher Education Educator of the Year, is the recipient of the college's 2016 Kathryn A. Holen Excellence in Service Award.

A deep understanding of how the arts contribute to holistic education and their contributions to service

learning, as well as her lifelong commitment to service across the globe, are the reasons Harlow was selected for the honor.

After growing up in western Kansas and earning a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles at Kansas State University, Harlow moved to Dallas, Texas, where she taught for more than 20 years. She received her master's degree in art education from Boston University. She has taught short term in Uganda, Ecuador and Switzerland, and toured schools in Cuba and Turkey. As a professional educator, she credits these international experiences with inspiring her passion to teach with a global

vision. She currently serves as the education outreach coordinator for the International Folk Art Alliance and volunteers at the International Folk Art Market and the Museum of International Folk Art, all in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Harlow's commitment to art education has attracted attention to K-State at the local, state, national and international levels. She's invited national and international artists from developing countries to K-State each year and planned outreach activities in the Flint Hills for her students to embrace the local area. Understanding the power of the arts, she takes these visiting artists to area P-12 schools to share their skills and cultures.

Harlow's pre-service teaching students know her as the educator who can be reached all hours of the day. She is known for meeting students on Sunday afternoons to go over an assignment they need assistance with or hosting students at her home for Education Council meetings. A driven educator, Harlow's students know she has very high expectations but also wants them to fully grasp the joy that a life well lived and a life of service can bring.

The discipline and strong work ethic she learned as a farmer's daughter have carried over to her career as an educator and demonstrate how effective it

is when the inhabitants of the earth look out for and help each other. She feels a responsibility to teach this to her students and to demonstrate it by the life she lives when mentoring college students or early-career teachers who graduated from the art education program. Harlow considers teaching future educators at K-State one of the most rewarding and largest responsibilities of her life. She knows the impact that her teaching can and will have on their careers and on the thousands of students with whom their paths will cross.

A K-State faculty member since 2014, Harlow is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction. She is active in the National Art Education Association, where she serves in a national position, and in many other organizations. One of her short-term goals is starting an international art competition with a theme of humanity dwelling around the world in harmony in honor of a former student she was very close to — a 10-year-old boy, who along with his father, was killed in Nice, France, earlier this year.



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# Degree Candidates

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## Elementary Education

### Bachelor of Science

Madison Leigh Anderson <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Darrien Paige Beckwith  
Krysten Nicole Beeton, *Wichita*  
Stephanie Noelle Bender, *Topeka*  
Amanda Renee Boeding, *Seneca* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Bailey Renee Boline, *Olathe*  
Kadra Lynn Boulware, *Scott City*  
Kristin Henningsen Brengle, *Hot Springs, South Dakota* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Kolby Lee Brinker, *Pikeville, Kentucky*  
Takara Jah-Nay Brownridge, *Chesapeake, Virginia*  
Abigail Elizabeth Buser, *Manhattan* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Karleen Michelle Carlson, *Louisburg*  
Erika Kristine Chandler, *Almena* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Luis Omar Contreras, *Minneapolis*  
Morgan Alexandra Cossette, *Salina*  
Kaitlyn Irene Rose Cox, *Auburn* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Lauren Taylor Craig, *Olathe*  
Alexis Jo Cunningham, *Topeka* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Ashley Marie Yvonne Davidson, *Alta Vista*  
Wade Allen Davis, *Princeton* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Molly Marie DeBusk, *Leawood* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Cheyenne Michelle Deyo, *St. George* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Elizabeth Marie Dunlap, *Wichita*  
Emelie Elizabeth Ellis, *Shawnee*  
Jensine Villanueva Ernacio, *Junction City*  
Kaitlyn Marie Finley, *Gardner*  
Morgan Fulk, *Olathe* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Paige Marie Gasper, *Horton*  
Leslie Gomez-Chamu, *Dodge City*  
Freedom Sierra Green, *Waterville* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Alejandro J. Guerrero, *Topeka*  
Victoria Faye Hamilton, *Topeka*  
Dayna Elaine Hartley, *Derby* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Chloe Rose Hay, *Lawrence*  
Anna Elizabeth Hein, *Andale* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Courtney Mae Henney, *Gardner*  
Caitlin Hinnergardt, *Liberal*  
Ethan Clay Hutchcraft, *Dodge City*  
Lizzet Ibarra, *Kansas City*  
Taylor Dawne Jager, *Wamego*  
Kelly Brenda Carina Jefferson, *Lawton, Oklahoma*  
Jessa Lee Jones, *Frankfort*  
Lindsey Rose Jones, *Wichita* <sup>(CI)</sup>

Leah Marie Kellerman, *Leawood* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Tiffany Jo Kelsay, *Auburn, Nebraska*  
Megan Jo Kelzer, *Olathe*  
Jillian Linn Kilty, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Alexandra Layne Kimball, *Wellington* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Sara Elizabeth Lair, *Frisco, Texas*  
Danae Corinne Leppke, *Bonner Springs* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Sahyra Jeraldin Lujan, *Great Bend* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Taylor Grace Lyle, *Shawnee*  
Mikaela RaJean Margolis, *Newport, Rhode Island*  
Alexandria Maria Marquez, *Garden City*  
Brittany Ann Marie Martin, *Topeka*  
Lindsey Kay Maugh, *Olathe* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Nicole Renee McCormack, *Overland Park*  
Anna Josephine McCoy, *Ensign*  
Amanda Rene Miller, *Beloit*  
Mackenzie Erinn Miller, *Lansing*  
James Nathan Mitchell, *Bonner Springs*  
Shannon Claire Moylan, *St. Marys*  
Kaitlyn Leigh Orscheln, *Overland Park*  
Kati Kathlene Owen, *Topeka*  
Jessica Alexandria Parra, *Olathe*  
Hannah Elizabeth Pauls, *Oakley*  
Kristen Nicole Peters, *Overland Park*  
Cindy Elizabeth Ponce, *Belize*  
Annie Elizabeth Ross, *Olsburg*  
Skylar Flinn Ross, *Linwood*  
Payton Ann Scheer, *Cheney*  
Amanda Nicole Schwabauer, *Overland Park* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Lauren Susanne Schwalm, *Lenexa*  
Hunter Delano Sherretts, *Valley Falls*  
Haley Jane Slusser, *Topeka*  
Ryan Jesse Smallwood, *Tipp City, Ohio*  
Kaitlyn Leigh Spani, *Salina*  
Taylor Mae Spratt, *Palmyra, Missouri*  
Erin Lee Stout, *Shawnee* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Elizabeth Michelle Stover, *Prairie Village*  
Amber Elizabeth Thibault, *Manhattan* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Mallorie James Thibault, *Osborne*  
Erin Hanna Titus, *Leawood*  
Kelly Lynn Toll, *Manhattan*  
Olivia Paige Valadez, *Wichita*  
Kate Marie Whitsitt, *Lenexa*  
Rebekah Janae Williams, *Scott City*  
Taylor Jean Wissing, *Olathe*

## Secondary Education

### Bachelor of Science

Emily Louise Allan, *Olathe* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Megan Leigh Anderson, *Lenexa*  
Malaena Ivy Bauman, *Sabetha* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Cooper James Bell, *Hutchinson*  
Amanda Josephine Braun, *Victoria* <sup>(SD) (H)</sup>  
Johanna Ellis Brockhoff, *Powhattan*  
Victoria Madeline Byrd, *Olathe*  
Justine Wakako Cerna, *Manhattan*  
Robert Gregory Cox, *Abilene*  
Emily Rose Dierksen, *Sterling*  
Alyssa Maureen Dimon, *Overland Park* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Rebecca Ashley Doerksen, *Kansas City, Missouri* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Brandon Mark Eastman, *Haysville* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Brady Paul Field, *Linwood* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Peter William Fisher, *Osawatomie*  
Courtney Amanda Flanery, *Chapman*  
Madison Nicole Grier, *Stilwell* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Sydney Michelle Harris, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Kali Alyse Hinman, *Ottawa* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Elizabeth Joy Hix, *Olathe* <sup>(SD) (H)</sup>  
Mark Benjamin Johnson, *Topeka*  
Jennifer R. Karr, *Allen* <sup>(SD)</sup>  
Brandi Morgan Klehn, *Leawood*  
Catherine Grace Madderom, *Overland Park*  
Levi Calahan MaVorhis, *Freeland, Washington*  
Jacob Andrew May, *St. Joseph*  
Colin Timothy McCarty, *Merriam*  
Miranda Renee McCloud, *Chase*  
Matthew Orrill Merriman, *Olathe*  
Timothy Daniel Morford, *Medicine Lodge* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Michelle Nicole Newton, *Olathe*  
Kaycee Nicole Niermeier, *Hoxie*  
Shannon Renee Oakley, *Manhattan* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Kayla Chentel Peck, *Salina*  
Jessica Lynn Pennybacker, *Geneva, Illinois*  
Nolan Regnier, *Bennington*  
Lauren Elizabeth Rowe, *Salina*  
Jessi Nicole Sands, *Tecumseh*  
Ryan James Scott, *Topeka*  
Cameron Kennelly Soug y, *Overland Park*  
Nicholas Ray Uremovich, *Eules, Texas*  
Sara Marie Vytlacil, *Belleville*  
Sheridian Celeste Zarda, *Shawnee*

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# College of Business Administration

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**Processional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

**National Anthem:**

Taylor Fry, *Senior, Marketing*

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Kevin Gwinner, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Commencement Remarks:**

Kent Glasscock, *President, Kansas State University  
Institute for Commercialization*

**Presentation of Awards:**

Kevin Gwinner, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Kansas State Bank Teaching  
Excellence Award:**

Sabine Turnley, *MBA, Instructor, Management*

**College of Business Administration  
Outstanding Contribution in  
Research Award:**

Chwen Sheu, *Ph.D., Professor, Supply Operations  
and Management, and Interim Associate Dean,  
Academic Programs*

**College of Business Administration  
Professional Staff Excellence Award:**

Melanie Horton, *Assistant to the Dean*

**Outstanding Senior in Business**

Kathryn Clawson, *Bachelor's Candidate, Marketing*

**Alumni Association Greetings:**

Amy Button Renz, *President and CEO, K-State  
Alumni Association*

**Student Remarks:**

Nicholas Ramsey, *Bachelor's Candidate, Finance*

**Presentation of Degrees:**

Kevin Gwinner, *Ph.D., Dean*

Stacy Kovar, *Ph.D., Associate Dean, Academic  
Administration*

Chwen Sheu, *Ph.D., Professor, Operations and Supply  
Chain Management, and Interim Associate Dean,  
Academic Programs*

David Lehman, *MBA, Instructor, Marketing*

**Assisted by:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

April C. Mason, *Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President*

**Recessional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

\*The audience will please rise.

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## Speaker

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Kent Glasscock

\$30 million in direct benefit back to the university.

Kent Glasscock is the president of the Kansas State University Institute for Commercialization, or KSU-IC. The institute disseminates technological innovation throughout the world stemming from K-State research via licensing, corporate partnerships and new company creation. During Glasscock's tenure, KSU-IC has generated more than

Before joining KSU-IC in 2003, Glasscock spent 16 years in public office. He served as the mayor of Manhattan from 1989-1990; as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1991-2003; as Kansas House majority leader from 1991-2001; and as speaker of the House of Representatives from 2001-2003. Additionally, Glasscock was selected to serve on the transition teams for Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and former Kansas Gov. Bill Graves.

In 2012, *Ingram's* magazine named Glasscock one of its "50 Kansans You Should Know."

Glasscock is a member of the Higher Education Task Force for the Kansas City Area Development Council; the board of trustees for the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, Missouri; the

professional advisory council for Kansas State University's College of Business Administration; and the professional advisory board for the K-State architecture department. He also is a member of the Kansas State University Olathe board of directors.

He is an emeritus member of the professional advisory councils for university's College of Engineering and College of Arts & Sciences.

Glasscock also serves as chairman and CEO of his family retail lumber and construction businesses operating in Missouri, Iowa and Kansas.

A Kansas State University graduate, Glasscock earned his bachelor's degree in English in 1976. He grew up in Manhattan.

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## Awards

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### Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award



Sabine Turnley, MBA

competition team and helps coordinate the business ethics case competition at K-State.

Turnley received a joint bachelor's degree in business and engineering from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. She earned her Master of Business Administration from Cornell University.

Before joining K-State, Turnley worked for NCR and AT&T, where she was a competitive analyst and product manager.

Sabine Turnley, an instructor of management in the College of Business Administration, is the recipient of the Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award.

Along with teaching courses in strategic management, international management and management concepts, Turnley also coaches the college's MBA case



Chwen Sheu, Ph.D.

and proceedings articles. His work has received numerous best paper and research award honors from several academic organizations and professional meetings.

Sheu has served as the president of the Global Manufacturing Research Group. He is currently the vice president of education for the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals' Kansas City chapter. He has consulted for more than 40 firms, including Boeing, China Mobile, Western Resources, Boehringer Ingelheim, Taipei Computer Association, Motorola and Kansas Farm Bureau, in the areas of supply chain management, continuous improvement and project management. In the last few years, Sheu has taught supply chain management to various groups of corporate executives in China and Taiwan.

Sheu's teaching has earned several honors at the national, university and college levels, including the Commerce Bank Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, Kansas State Bank Teaching Award, Conoco Excellence in Teaching Award, and DSI Instructional Innovation Award.

and the college's interim associate dean for academic programs.

Nationally and internationally recognized in the field of operations management with a focus on supply chain management, manufacturing sustainability and global manufacturing management, Sheu has authored or co-authored over 140 refereed journal

A K-State faculty member since 1990, Sheu earned his doctorate in operations management from Ohio State University.

### College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award



Melanie Horton

Horton works extensively with event planning and the development activities of the college. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and ethics from Manhattan Christian College and is working on a graduate certificate in conflict resolution at K-State. Her goal is to become qualified as a state-approved mediator in the state of Kansas.

Horton and her husband, Steve, came to Manhattan via Fort Riley and the U.S. Army in 1993. They have two grown sons, two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and, at home, a four-legged "eternal toddler."

The inaugural recipient of the College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award is Melanie Horton, assistant to the dean of the college.

This new award was created to recognize a professional staff member in the college who has demonstrated outstanding performance in his or her work area.

### College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award

The winner of the College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award is Chwen Sheu, Ph.D., the Paul Edgerley chair in business administration, professor of operations and supply chain management,

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# Degree Candidates

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## Accounting

Kelsey Camille Case, *Derby* <sup>(Mid)</sup>  
Heather De Leon, *Manhattan*  
Shelby Elizabeth Domann, *Louisburg*  
Samuel Carter File, *Hutchinson*  
Christine Elizabeth Flach, *Paxico*  
Joyce Gonzalez, *Lyons*  
Evan Reid Hartter, *Plano, Texas* <sup>(Mid)</sup>  
Josephine Barbara Hayes, *Jetmore* \*  
Brett Ryder Holle, *Wamego* \*  
Mallory Johnson, *Overland Park*  
Charles James Kadel, *Overland Park* \*  
Shelon A. Knox, *St. Louis, Missouri*  
Kersten Louise Kober, *Southlake, Texas* <sup>(Std)</sup>  
Qiyu Li, *Manhattan* <sup>(Std)</sup>  
Braxton William Lind, *Wichita*  
Mitchell Curtis Long, *Clifton*  
Austin Mitchell Marshall, *Halstead*  
Alex Micheal May, *Overland Park* \*  
Princess Christine R. Moran, *Wichita*  
Alex Steven Poage, *Topeka* <sup>(Std)</sup>  
Shannon Elizabeth Riemer, *Shawnee* <sup>(Mid)</sup>  
Anastacia Bethany Sanders, *Topeka*  
Kiley Marie Schwarz, *Marysville*  
Nicole M. Vestal, *Wamego*

## Entrepreneurship

David Paul Bahr, *Wichita*  
Zachary Tyler Bailey, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Samuel Levi Baker, *Wichita* \*  
Bo Richard Banner, *Garden City*  
Daniel Joseph Burger, *Minnnetonka, Minnesota*  
Kody Michael Chase, *Chanute*  
Christopher Pike Earnshaw, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Patrick Ryan Hackathorn, *Olathe*  
Natalie Nicole Heslop, *Overland Park*  
Jennifer Marie Kongs, *Overland Park*  
Dominic Joseph Liberatore, *Silver Spring, Maryland*  
Colin J. Miller, *Ellinwood* \*  
Ryan Thomas Miller, *Lenexa* \*

## Finance

Parker Christian Ayres, *Minden, Nebraska*  
Caleb John Blumer, *Marysville*  
Tucker Nicholas Clark, *Learwood*  
Myles Jeffrey Copeland, *Wichita*  
Chandler Marie Custer, *Junction City*  
Alan Joseph Davis, *Strong City* \*  
Randall Keith Friesen, *Meade* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Jacob Alan Gadwood, *Shawnee*  
Ashley Marie Hageman, *Manhattan*

Blake Tyler Hillman, *Overland Park*  
Ryan William Hoover, *Andover* <sup>(CI)</sup> \*  
Regan David Houchin, *Overland Park*  
Zachary J. Keller, *Grafton, Wisconsin*  
Dylan Brett Kelsheimer, *Strong City*  
Andrew Hayden Knott, *Olathe* \*  
Jamie Marie Lacy, *Lenexa*  
Kelsey Leigh Lampe, *Jetmore*  
Muenfua Allen Lewis, *Olathe*  
Robert Francis Loomis, *Lenexa*  
Alec Main, *Salina*  
Gavin Layne Maloney, *Wichita*  
Gino Giuliano Pavetti Villalba, *Asunción, Paraguay* \*  
David Alan Pool, *Olathe*  
Nicholas Michael Ramsey, *Hutchinson*  
Courtney Gayle Robles, *Learwood*  
Kayla Dawn Saunders, *Wichita*  
Taylor Marie Scantlin, *Olathe* <sup>(S17)</sup>  
William Robyn Schneider, *Hinsdale, Illinois*  
Kylan Lucille Schooley, *Abilene*  
Hannah Shay Sharp, *Derby* <sup>(Mid)</sup>  
Cole Eli Sjeklocha, *Sublette*  
Seth Robert Sundeen, *Clearwater*  
Megan Marie Underwood, *Overland Park*  
Jesse Lee Weir, *Wakefield*  
Taylor Steven Wilson, *Denver, Colorado* \*  
Jacob Steven Wourms, *Beavercreek, Ohio*  
Yikang Xu, *Hangzhou, China*  
Qiang Yang, *Zhengzhou, China*  
Brett William Zapletal, *Manhattan*

## General Business

Christopher David Bickerstaff, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Stefanie Jae Bittel, *Abilene*  
Kathleen D. Burr, *Columbus*  
Michael D. Crites, *Lee's Summit, Missouri*  
Denise Lynn Koehn, *McPherson*  
Devon Chantelle Lynch, *Frankfort*  
Tyler Miles, *Tonganoxie*  
Teah Irene Renken, *Downs*

## Management

Tyler Bates, *Wamego*  
Craig Michael Berry, *Manhattan*  
Katelyn Madrene Bertels, *St. Marys*  
Millan Bong, *Jakarta, Indonesia*  
Jacob Matthew Burnett, *Kansas City* <sup>(Std)</sup>  
Macarena Thais Campos Cervera Gonzalez, *Asuncion, Paraguay* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Clayton Ross Carter, *Overland Park*  
Yi Yang Chen, *Taipei, Taiwan*  
Wenjng Cui, *Manhattan*

Andrew Blake Davis, *Salina*  
Michael Bernard Dawkins, *Balkwin, Missouri*  
Adam Lee DeHaan, *Lansing*  
Jobie Lee Edward Debrick, *Paola*  
MaKenna Frances DeHart, *Olsburg*  
Denise Adriana Durham, *Manhattan* <sup>(S17)</sup>  
Ashlyn Neil Fiscus, *Olathe* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Creyton Allen Vincent Gardner, *Learwood*  
Jason Daniel Gazaway, *Andover*  
Krystal Jean Gee, *Wamego*  
Caley Ann Greving, *Prairie View*  
Paul Anthony Gutsch, *Herington*  
Taberie Lanae Halling, *Caldwell*  
Kylie Hunter Hardman, *Topeka* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Mollie Margaret Hart, *Paola*  
Matthew Dean Hiebert, *Peabody*  
Taylor Allen Hilgers, *Manhattan* \*  
Kyle Paul Hinrichs, *Yuma, Arizona*  
Shelby Marie Hutchinson, *Chapman*  
Turner Lynn Landon, *Hutchinson*  
Angela Rose Livingston, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Connor Phillip Lutz, *Spring Hill*  
Justin Tyler Lynn, *De Soto*  
Carolina Lee Marks, *Overland Park*  
Lindsey Kathryn McKee, *Algonquin, Illinois*  
Bingxiao Mei, *Manhattan*  
Lucas James Munds, *Hutchinson*  
Brady Marguerite Drouhard Nordhus, *Wichita*  
Xiujuan Qin, *Nanning, China*  
Zachary Lynn Rieck, *St. George*  
Tamyia Ruth Rowell, *Wichita* <sup>(S17)</sup>  
Gentry Cheyenne Schneewis, *Dodge City*  
Hayley Marie Schwartz, *Baldwin City* \*  
Kelsey Ann Shirey, *Lawrence*  
Eric Mitchell Sieck, *Overland Park*  
Brandon Thomas Smith, *Axtell*  
Mariah Lyn Strahm, *Sabetha* <sup>(Mid)</sup>  
Tyler Kevin Struckhoff, *Fort Collins, Colorado*  
Yukun Sun, *Chongqing, China*  
Jiaqi Wang, *Shijiazhuang, China*  
Xinmin Wang, *Tangshan, China*  
Yao Xue, *Binzhou, China*  
Yan Yan, *Wuhan, China*  
Yubo Zhang, *Manhattan*  
Shelby Lynn Zimmerling, *Wamego*

## Management Information Systems

Lincoln Benjamin Brown, *Lansing*  
Richard Arthur Clancy, *De Soto*  
Brian Joseph Click, *Overland Park*  
Kevin Brian Crawford, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Connor Leon Elliott, *Overland Park*

Logan Mitchell Fortney, *Olathe*  
Joshua J. Smith, *Derby*  
Mark Stephen Thompson, *Girard*

## Marketing

Samantha Ann Allen, *Topeka*  
Jackson Spencer Andre, *Webster Groves, Missouri*  
James Dean Azeltine, *De Soto*  
Hallie Carlene Beck, *Prairie Village*  
Brooke Ellen Becker, *Hutchinson*  
Daniel Patrick Beeler, *Lenexa*  
Andrew Michael Stadel Blick, *Wichita*  
Raquel Elizabeth Borck, *Manhattan*  
Deian Nathaniel Brooks, *Chapman*  
Tyson Kenneth Cannon, *Shawnee*  
Kathryn Bernice Clawson, *Satanta*  
Kody James Cook, *Manhattan*  
Xiaoda Cui, *Leling, China*  
Michael Lee Davis, *Palmdale, California*  
Marcus Anthony Ealom, *Overland Park*  
Blake Andrew Geubelle, *Lakin*  
Graham Kincaid Goodner, *Wichita*  
Tyler Howard Green, *Olathe*  
Yu Gu, *Manhattan*  
Allison Margaret Harwood, *Lawrence*  
Jacob Matthew Headrick, *Arkansas City*  
Edenia Isabel Herrera, *Dodge City*  
Trey Patrick Johnson, *Milton*  
Austin H. Katsorelos, *Leawood*  
Kasey Ellen Kowalski, *Overland Park*  
Jason Michael Lierz, *Manhattan*  
Shicheng Liu, *Xuchang, China*  
Dakota Christopher Madsen, *Spring Hill*  
Robert James Melcher, *Overland Park*  
Meghan Rae Munday, *Wichita* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Brandon Michael Payne, *Savannah, Georgia*  
Fei Peng, *Beijing, China*  
Megan Renae Plattner, *Manhattan*  
Weston James Prockish, *Topeka*  
Lee Arthur Prutsman, *Shawnee*  
Derron Scott Reddick, *Council Grove* <sup>(MI)</sup>  
Logan Clark Rose, *Mission Hills*  
Nicholas Wilson Row, *Overland Park*  
Kam'ron Lee Shannon, *St. Louis, Missouri*  
Jordan Reagan Shinn, *Seneca*  
Henry Joseph Simpson, *Mission Hills*  
Brett Connor Soucie, *Wichita*  
Connor Alexander Sparks, *Derby*  
Victoria Rose Stephen, *Kansas City*  
Anastasia Devona Vandermark, *Frisco, Texas* <sup>(CI)</sup>  
Anthony Michael Vitale, *Shawnee*  
Lukas Jonathan Weber, *Wichita* <sup>(MI)</sup>  
Yixiao Wei, *Yuncheng, China*  
Caitlyn Michelle Winchester, *Lecompton*  
Adonis Labron Wooten-Herron, *Junction City*  
Zehui Xue, *Xiamen, China*  
Zachary David Kasmiskie, *Overland Park* <sup>(S17)</sup>  
Lulu Zheng, *Manhattan*  
Brandon Edward Zipper, *Lenexa*

## Certificate in International Business

Macarena Thais Campos Cervera Gonzalez,  
*Asuncion, Paraguay*  
Chandler Marie Custer, *Junction City*  
Marcus Anthony Ealom, *Overland Park*  
Angela Rose Livingston, *Kansas City, Missouri*

## Certificate in Integrated Investment Management

Parker Christian Ayres, *Minden, Nebraska*  
Tucker Nicholas Clark, *Leawood*  
Ryan William Hoover, *Andover*  
Dylan Brett Kelsheimer, *Strong City*  
Ryan Thomas Miller, *Lenexa*  
Seth Robert Sundeen, *Clearwater*  
Megan Marie Underwood, *Overland Park*

## Certificate in Professional Strategic Selling

Daniel Patrick Beeler, *Lenexa*  
Daniel Joseph Burger, *Minnetonka*  
Kathryn Bernice Clawson, *Satanta*  
Kevin Clancy Donlin, *Plymouth, Minnesota*  
Allison Margaret Harwood, *Lawrence*  
Kasey Ellen Kowalski, *Overland Park*  
Jason Michael Lierz, *Manhattan*  
Megan Renae Plattner, *Manhattan*  
Nicholas Michael Ramsey, *Hutchinson*  
Dylan Andrew Splichal, *Spring Hill*  
Anastasia Devona Vandermark, *Frisco, Texas*  
Anthony Michael Vitale, *Shawnee*

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# College of Agriculture

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## **Processional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

## **National Anthem:**

Mallory Diekmann, *Bachelor's Candidate, Agricultural Communications and Journalism*

Michael Lee, *Bachelor's Candidate, Animal Sciences and Industry*

## **Reflections:**

Samuel Knauss, *Bachelor's Candidate, Agronomy*

## **Introductions:**

Don Boggs, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

## **Recognition of Honors Graduates:**

Don Boggs, *Ph.D., Associate Dean*

## **Commencement Address:**

John W. Carlin, *Visiting professor and executive-in-residence, Staley School of Leadership Studies*

## **Student Commencement Speaker:**

Emily Beneda, *Bachelor's Candidate, Food Science and Industry*

## **Conferral of Degrees:**

John Floros, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Presentation of Degree**

### **Candidates:**

Allen Featherstone, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Economics*

Kris Boone, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Communications and Agricultural Education*

Joseph P. Harner, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering*

Gary Pierzynski, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Agronomy*

Candice Shoemaker, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Horticulture and Natural Resources*

Ken Odde, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Animal Sciences and Industry*

John Unruh, *Ph.D., Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry*

Gordon Smith, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Grain Science and Industry*

## **Presentation of Diplomas:**

John Floros, *Ph.D., Dean*

## **Assisted by:**

Shannon Washburn, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

## **Recessional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

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## Speaker

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John Carlin

John Carlin is a visiting professor and executive-in-residence at Kansas State University's Staley School of Leadership Studies.

Carlin served on the board of the Kansas Bioscience Authority from 2006 until 2012, the last two years as chairman. This authority was created in 2004 to advance the biosciences in Kansas.

For three years, Carlin chaired the Pew Trust Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. Its final report was issued in 2008 and it continues to help inform policymakers in Washington on key issues facing agriculture and our food supply.

Carlin returned to his home state of Kansas in 2005 after serving 10 years as archivist of the United States. He was appointed to the post by President Clinton in 1995. Carlin also served two four-year terms as governor of Kansas, leaving office in January 1987. He was chairman of the National Governors Association from 1984-1985.

After leaving public office he taught at Wichita State University, was involved in two small business ventures and traveled internationally on behalf of Kansas businesses. Before being elected governor, Carlin served four terms in the Kansas House of Representatives. His last term he served as speaker of the house.

Carlin has a Bachelor of Science in dairy husbandry from K-State, graduating in 1962 and then returning to the family farm to manage the diverse farming operation and its registered Holstein herd.

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## Degree Candidates

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### Agricultural Economics

#### Agribusiness

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness**

Macy Nichole Adams, *Welda*  
Nathan James Alonso, *Overland Park (Md)*  
Mitchell Gayle Baumchen, *Emmett*  
Matthew Dale Clements, *Andover*  
Grayson Lawrence Coonrod, *Leawood*  
Miles Avery Craig, *Cheney*  
Shawn Michael Crisler, *Middletown, Indiana*  
Ethan Robert Diederich, *Greenleaf*  
Broc Andrew Ellis, *Rolla*  
Matthew Phillip Fawl, *Overbrook*  
Travis Dalton French, *Topeka*  
Jacob I. Gatz, *Pratt*  
Austin Clarke Jackman, *Baldwin City (Ct)*  
Denver Scott Johnston, *Garnett*  
April Layne Josserand, *Garden City*  
John Anderson Kruse, *Ankeny, Iowa*  
Ty Allen Larson, *White City*  
Nicholas Lawrence Lawson, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
Jacob Nelson, *Olsburg*  
Katelyn Nicole Pryor, *Dixon, California*  
Jeffery L. Raastad, *Manhattan*  
Maria Alejandra Ramirez Lopez, *Encarnacion, Paraguay*  
Gabrielle Marie Reeves, *Emporia*  
Jared Edward Robison, *Scandia*  
Gracen Ann Rockers, *Garnett*  
Ronald Leo Sullivan Jr., *Paola (Sd)*

Alison Elizabeth Sutter, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
Gavin Lathe Swearngin, *Lawrence*  
Jacob Landon Wagner, *Hobbs, New Mexico*

#### Agricultural Economics

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Rogelio Rivas Benitez Florentin, *Asuncion, Paraguay*  
Elizabeth Nicole Broeckelman, *Holton*  
Colby Ray Brownrigg, *Welda*  
Trenton Michael Gaw, *Pendleton, Indiana*  
Bryan Hellman, *Nashville*  
George Winton Huston III, *St. Charles, Illinois*  
Ian Scot McDaniel, *Wellington*  
Taylor James Meder, *Norton*  
Austin Stevens Puetz, *Wichita*  
JohnPaul Carl Seiwert, *Cokwich*  
Nathan Michael Smart, *Moran (Ct)*  
Cassidy Cheyenne Stimpert, *Medicine Lodge*

#### Communications and Agricultural Education

#### Agricultural Communications and Journalism

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Brittney Lauren Blum, *Shawnee*  
Samantha Marie Capoun, *Alma*  
Charlsie Joann Craig, *Scandia*  
Mallory Rose Diekmann, *St. Paul, Minnesota (Sd)*  
Audrey Nicole Green, *Stockton*  
Emily Drew Velisek, *Gaithersburg, Maryland*  
Emily Louise Writer, *Roxbury*

### Agricultural Technology Management

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Kyle Robert Barton, *Hermiston, Oregon*  
Mark Anthony Duncan, *Modesto, California (Md)*  
Colton Dane Easterberg, *Clay Center*  
Thomas C. Eisenbarth, *Onaga (Md)*  
Lucas Daniel LaTourell, *Great Bend*  
Justin James Malloy, *Silver Lake*

#### Agronomy

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Jessica Anne Bramhall, *Seneca*  
Erin Leigh Bush, *Franklin, Indiana (Ct)*  
Hannah Lynn Corpstein, *Atchison*  
Tyler Thomas Deters, *Baileyville (Ct)*  
Mary Anne Eaton, *Kinsley*  
Jacob Alexander Glavin, *Salina*  
Joshua Matthew Keim, *Wakefield*  
Samuel Ewing Knauss, *Paola (Md)*  
Samantha Janelle L'Ecuyer, *Morrowville (Md)*  
Saul Miller, *Ellinwood*  
Jaxsen Luke Moss, *Hoxie*  
Caleb Scott Perkins, *Andover*  
Blake Alan Reinecke, *Seneca*  
Garett James Schmitt, *Beloit*  
Zachary Allyn Spiegel, *Formoso*  
Alan Jacob VenJohn, *Mount Hope*  
Jenny Jo Whitehair, *Hope*

## Horticulture and Natural Resources

### Horticulture

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Egypt I. Edwards, *Dallas, Texas*  
Eric Michael Grant, *Wichita*  
Patrick Ryan Hackathorn, *Olathe*  
Spencer Joel Hess, *Hays*  
Dalton Lee Langford, *Plevna*  
Franklin J. Lewis, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
Justin William Malone, *Emporia*  
Caitlynn Marie McVey, *Arkansas City (Sci)*  
Rachel Elizabeth Pittman, *Olathe*  
Josiah Zachary Jay Rokey, *Sabetha*  
Nathaniel Paul Sneathen, *Ottawa*  
Nolan Lee Stark, *Fort Scott*  
Taylor R. Warmick, *Overland Park*

### Park Management and Conservation

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Karlen Joseph Carpenter, *Olathe*  
Robert Scott Gray, *Manhattan (MEd)*  
Jared Wayne Ireland, *Eudora*  
Anastasia Marie Slough, *Lawrence (CI)*  
Matthew Daniel Sobczynski, *Stilwell*  
Steven William Torpy, *Weatherford, Texas*  
Annette Catherine Trieb, *Wamego*

### Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Dustin Luke Bayless, *Caney*  
Scott Allen Blake, *Salina*  
Jacob Guy Brown, *Wellsville*  
Evan Mitchell Gawanda, *McPherson*  
Tyler Glen Gentry, *Valley Center (Sci)*  
James Marshall Hill, *El Dorado*  
Michelle Rena LeFave, *Emory, Texas*  
Chadrick Dean Lind, *Wichita*  
Jacob Lee Lukehart, *Spring Hill*  
Chase Michael Middleton, *Cumming, Georgia*  
Jacob Lee Winkel, *Troy*

## Animal Sciences and Industry

#### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Meghan Lynn Allard, *Rose Hill*  
Rustin Cole Ardery, *Greensburg*  
Kane Elza Austin, *Mount Vernon, Illinois*  
Jody Emily Baragary, *Tonganoxie*  
Seth Lee Bartlett, *Uniontown*  
Thomas William Herold Benton, *Garnett*  
Jesse Tony Birney, *Scott City*  
Rene Marie Brown, *Sloughhouse, California*  
Cory Meyer Craver, *Gypsum*  
Michael Stephen Cropp, *Damascus, Maryland (MEd)*  
Hannah Rhea DeVoss, *Paris, Texas*  
Nicole Jean Dunovsky, *Alliance, Nebraska*

Jenae Christine Fischer, *Goddard*  
Blake Foraker, *Burrton (Sci) (H)*  
Dalton Alexander Fraizer, *Wichita*  
Skyler John Glenn, *Scott City*  
Emily Ann Gray, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
Jordan Leslie Green, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Catherine Sara Harper, *Overland Park*  
Taylor Morgan Harrison, *Spring Hill*  
Brandi Lerae Herrington, *Elizabeth, Colorado*  
Daniel Sachs Herz, *Rancho Mirage, California*  
Tanner Allen Jaeckel, *Goddard*  
Courtney Lynn Jenkins, *Wichita*  
Shandra Lynn Johnson, *Imperial, Nebraska*  
Whitney Cheyenne Jones, *Hutchinson*  
Amanda Joyce Kathrens, *Circleville*  
Clayton Brady Kauer, *Salina*  
Danielle Diane Kemper, *Gilbert, Arizona*  
Brandon Robert Kerwin, *Delia*  
Mary Khadivi, *Lenexa*  
Olivia Simone Khatri, *Olathe*  
Sarah Angelene Krueger, *Lebo (CI)*  
Michael Ross Lee, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Annaleigh Gabrielle Lemmon, *Lenexa*  
Kaylie Louise Lewis, *Iliff, Colorado*  
Lain Emerald Littlejohn, *Crystal Lake, Illinois*  
Antoinette Elaine Lona, *Chicago, Illinois*  
Allison Lynn Manchester, *Lowell, Indiana*  
Lindsey Marie Mansfield, *Wichita*  
Austin McDaniel, *Auburn*  
Janessa Lyn McDaniel, *Wellington*  
Keith Jacob Mentnech, *Swansboro, North Carolina*  
Jordan Rochelle Mills, *Olathe*  
Stacy Nicole Nicholas, *Herington*  
Jarrod Michael Nickelson, *Clearwater*  
Ashleigh Ann Ollendieck, *Cresco, Iowa*  
Vannise Jade Parton, *Morganton, North Carolina*  
Brady Joseph Perkins, *Atchison*  
Sarah Perrin, *Daytona Beach, Florida*  
Luis Reyes, *Miami, Florida*  
Rachel R. Robertson, *Dodge City*  
Maria Aime Ruiz, *Los Angeles, California*  
Hope Elizabeth Gates, *Carl Junction, Missouri (H)*  
Jennifer Louise Schwanke, *Colby*  
Katie Lynne Seeman, *Larned*  
Kelvin Scott Shinliver, *Nashville*  
Marshe' L. Slaughter, *Kansas City*  
Ashley Antonia Smith, *St. John*  
Taylor Nicole Smith, *Topeka*  
Kiana Marie Stewart, *Lyons*  
Courtney Nicole Stover, *Beloit*  
Elizabeth Lynn Stubenhofer, *Overland Park*  
Adrian Jacob Teasley, *Salina*  
Jarek Allen Van Petten, *Meriden*  
Andi Paige Wait, *Watauga, Texas*  
Matthew Thomas Waybright, *Andover*  
Resa Leanne Wicker, *Canadian, Texas*  
Shelby Marie Wietharn, *Kansas City*  
Anna Lee Williamson, *Keystone Heights, Florida*  
Courtney Patrice Woodall, *Surwancee, Georgia*

## Food Science and Industry

#### **Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Industry**

Trent Dale Anderson, *Osseo, Minnesota*  
Emily Fay Beneda, *Wilson (CI) (H)*  
Ronald Joe Bragg, *Manhattan*  
Daniel James Buyanovsky, *Spring Hill*  
Kelvin Duy Dam, *Rosemead, California*  
Christopher John Durant, *Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania*  
Daniel P. Jaskiewicz, *Addison, Illinois*  
Emma Marie Knox, *Olathe*  
Owen Toomey Moore, *Olathe*  
Olivia Rose Orth, *Andale (Sci)*  
Steven Douglas Ross, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Natali Rubio, *Hidalgo, Mexico*  
Michael Aaron Scheib, *Sacramento, Pennsylvania*  
Georgia Elizabeth Pate, *Rising Sun, Indiana*  
Marsha Nadia Thompson, *Houston, Texas*  
Gary Shaun van Breda, *Port Elizabeth, South Africa (MEd)*  
Jesus Santiago Velazco, *Manhattan*

## Grain Science and Industry

### Bakery Science and Management

#### **Bachelor of Science in Bakery Science and Management**

Caitlyn Brittany Aguirre, *Oak Forest, Illinois*  
Ruijia Hu, *Changde, China*  
Cristina Maria Law, *Houston, Texas*  
Alicia Denece Luarks, *Topeka*  
Zachary Philip Ray, *Washington, Missouri*  
Talia Rae Sepe, *North Scituate, Rhode Island*  
Lacey Brianne Tipton, *Arkansas City*  
Kendal Rae Walton, *Arkansas City*  
Haley Rochell Wireman, *West Des Moines, Iowa*  
Jiayi Zhou

### Feed Science and Management

#### **Bachelor of Science in Feed Science and Management**

Rebecca M. Downey, *Louisburg*  
David Michael Weidmaier II, *Holt, Missouri*



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# College of Human Ecology

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**Processional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

**Welcome:**

Karen Pence, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

**National Anthem:**\*

Rachel Hunt, *Bachelor's Candidate, Music*

**Recognition of Faculty Awards:**

John Buckwalter, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed  
Faculty Development Fund:**

Julia K. Day, *Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Apparel,  
Textiles, and Interior Design*

Brandon C. Irwin, *Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Kinesiology*

**Recognition of Student Speaker:**

John Buckwalter, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Student Address:**

Tim Turner, *Bachelor's Candidate, Athletic Training*

**Recognition of Student Honors:**

Shawna Jordan, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean and Research  
Assistant Professor, Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health*

**Commencement Address:**

Pat Keating, *President and CEO, Keating and Associates*

**Alumni Association Greetings:**

Amy Button Renz, *President and CEO, K-State  
Alumni Association*

**Conferral of Bachelor's Degrees:**

John Buckwalter, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Presentation of Degree Candidates:**

Barbara Anderson, *M. Arch., Associate Professor and  
Department Head, Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design*

Dorothy Durband, *Ph.D., Professor and Director,  
School of Family Studies and Human Services*

Mark Haub, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head,  
Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health*

Kevin Roberts, *Ph.D., Associate Professor and Interim  
Department Head, Hospitality Management*

Karen Pence, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

Craig Harms, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head,  
Kinesiology*

**Presentation of Diplomas:**

John Buckwalter, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Assisted by:**

Richard B. Myers, *MBA, President*

April C. Mason, *Ph.D., Provost and  
Senior Vice President*

Karen Pence, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

**Charge to the Class:**

John Buckwalter, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Alma Mater:**\*

Rachel Hunt, *Bachelor's Candidate, Music*

**Recessional:**

Stephen Kucera, *Senior, Applied Music and Accounting*

\*The audience will please rise.

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## Speaker

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Pat Keating

Pat Keating founded Keating and Associates, a financial services company, in Manhattan in 1975 and serves as its president and CEO. Keating and Associates specializes in comprehensive planning required to meet the needs of closely held businesses

and their owners. He now has offices in five Kansas cities; Chicago, Illinois; Tumwater, Washington; and Lincoln, Nebraska.

A 1972 business administration graduate of Emporia State University, Keating created the Entrepreneur Navigator System™ to help business owners and individuals pilot their way through personal and professional goals.

"Our organization helps people become some of the top advisers in the financial industry, advisers who bring high-quality value to their clients," Keating said. "I want to continue to find and help mold people who want to be entrepreneurs in the

financial services industry and teach them and others how to balance their personal and business lives so both remain intact."

At K-State, Keating provides internship and job opportunities for students in the School of Family Studies and Human Services' personal financial planning program.

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## Award

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### Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Faculty Development Fund



Julia K. Day, Ph.D.

As recipients of the 2016 Dean Barbara S. Stowe Faculty Development Award from the College of Human Ecology, Drs. Julia K. Day and Brandon C. Irwin are using the award for their project, "Tiny Houses, Titan Impact: An ecological approach to impacting public health through affordable housing project."



Brandon C. Irwin, Ph.D.

Day is an assistant professor of interior design, and Irwin is an assistant professor of kinesiology. They are researching the tiny house movement and its effect on affordable housing and public health. With the award, they are traveling to tiny house villages throughout the U.S. to collect data about their creation, functionality, impact on health and sustainability. The research will inform application possibilities in the Manhattan community and help Day and Irwin develop an interdisciplinary

course that will challenge students to utilize a built environment to promote public health and physical activity.

Day's research background is in energy use, sustainable building design and occupant behaviors, while Irwin's researches the interpersonal aspects of physical health and activity. Day also has LEED AP — or green building — certification and is an NDICQ-certified designer by the Council for Interior Design Qualification.

Stowe served as dean of the College of Human Ecology at K-State from 1983 to 1998. The fund, established in her honor, supports the professional development of faculty who translate research-based knowledge of human ecology into practice in higher education, business, industry or public policy.

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# Degree Candidates

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## Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

### Bachelor of Science in Apparel Textiles

Elena Krystel Andrus, *Junction City* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Madelyn Bailey Colbert, *Burnsville, Minnesota* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Erica Loren Dodge, *Highland Village, Texas*  
Samantha Renee Dreiling, *Great Bend*  
Kimberly Ann Gottschalk, *Ellis*  
Amber Katherine Harvey, *Lawrence*  
Haoqing Liu, *Kaifeng, China*  
Ebony Simone Paul, *Olathe*  
Anna Nicole Tedder, *Learwood*

## Family Studies and Human Services

### Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services (Communication Sciences and Disorders)

Shelbi Marie Allen, *Ottawa*  
Kelsie Karolyn Bigenwalt, *Topeka* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Ellen Elizabeth Bodine, *Roeland Park* <sup>(Sd) (H)</sup>  
Ariana Belle Haag, *Salina*  
Emma Marie Kelly, *Hoyt* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Ashley Marie Schmelzle, *Sabetha* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Cecilia Taylor Smith, *Shawnee* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Jessa Kathryn Stiens, *Conception Junction, Missouri* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Brennan Andrew Walter, *Russell* <sup>(Md) (S)</sup>  
Sarah Abigail Wood, *Haysville* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

### (Early Childhood Education)

Taylor Elizabeth Baumgartner, *Sabetha*  
Madison Renae Kracht, *Marysville* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Courtney Ella Marsh, *Papillion, Nebraska*  
Gabriel Miller, *Manhattan*  
Jessica C. Minge, *Bremen*

### (Family Studies and Human Services)

Elizabeth N. Abrahamian, *Louisburg*  
Alexandre Adams, *Junction City*  
Rotem Arieli, *Manhattan* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Erin Keely Backensto, *Winchester* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Mark Robert Behrens, *Marysville*  
Taylor Ashleigh Best, *Arkansas City*  
Kailey Kimberlyn Boyd, *Moran* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Nicole Marie Brauer, *Wright* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Laura Rose Braun, *Hays* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Madison Marie Brumley, *Lawrence*  
Jacqueline W. Bush, *Martin, Georgia*  
Julie Nicole Bywater, *Olathe*  
Megan Amelia Carry, *Flint, Michigan*

Martika Ann-Renae Chappell, *Salina*  
Elizabeth Ann Clanahan, *Topeka*  
Kaitlyn Elyse Clark, *Overland Park*  
Brooke Elizabeth Claycamp, *Blue Rapids*  
Sarah Kelsey Colburn, *Olathe*  
Logan Darlene Darbyshire, *Wichita*  
Emily Rose Dietz, *Dighton* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Noelle Elizabeth Dykmann, *Lenexa*  
Jessica E.M. Edwards, *Corpus Christi, Texas*  
Emily Anne Forge, *St. George*  
Rachel Mehl Frazier, *Salina*  
Wendy Dawn George, *Iola*  
Angelina Marie Gonzalez, *Junction City*  
Emily Ann Gracia, *Lindenvold, New Jersey*  
Makenzie Kay Greeley, *Olathe* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Joanna R. Greenwell, *Kansas City, Missouri*  
Catherine Marie Li Ping Ehling-Gwin, *Baldwin City*  
Jessica Nicole Harris, *St. Louis, Missouri*  
Kirsten Alyse Hosey, *Topeka*  
Toni L. Jones, *Columbus, Georgia*  
Nicole Michelle Keith, *Morland* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Alyssa Gabriela Kelly, *Overland Park*  
Morgan Julie Koenig, *Wamego*  
Krista Ann Kucharik, *Scott City*  
Mikaela Sue Lehew, *Horton* <sup>(Su16) (Sd)</sup>  
Siyu Li, *Beijing, China*  
Lindsey Marie Lierz, *Seneca*  
Shaun Thomas Linenberger, *Manhattan* <sup>(Cl)</sup>  
Katelyn Nicole Mar, *Valley Center*  
Elizabeth Catherine Martin, *Olathe*  
Jordan Alexander Mayle, *Medina, Minnesota*  
Laura Marie Lyddon McComb, *Manhattan*  
Emily Jane Meyer, *Hanover*  
Bradley Scott Newman Jr., *Olathe*  
Anna Kristine Plum, *Olathe* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Emily Kristene Purifoy, *Overland Park*  
Jordan Noel Randolph, *O'Fallon, Illinois*  
Jackie Lynn Reneberg, *Kensington*  
Haley Paige Rust, *Wichita*  
Haleigh Marie Salyer, *Louisburg*  
Nicole Pauline Schiavo, *New Milford, Connecticut*  
Kayla Nicole Schmidt, *Burlington*  
Lindsey Christine Shamburg, *Overland Park*  
Amanda Mae Sloan, *Lincoln, Nebraska* <sup>(Cl) (D)</sup>  
Lauren Alexandra Sokolosky, *Wichita*  
Alyson A. Sprenger, *Overland Park*  
Jill Marie Swart, *Seneca*  
Claudia Alexa Tedoni, *Lansing* <sup>(Cl) (D)</sup>  
Hailey Morgan Thornburg, *Rossville*  
Caitlin Elaine Reece Valadez, *Wellsville*  
Kristin Carrie Wells, *Cottonwood Falls*  
Emily Ann Whiteside, *Overland Park*  
Haley Ashton Williams, *Overland Park*

Jenae Elizabeth Winkler, *Seneca* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Keeley Roye Young, *Wamego*

### Bachelor of Science in Personal Financial Planning

Dominic Russell Crook, *Lyndon*  
Kayla Raye Cross, *Salina* <sup>(Md) (D)</sup>  
Sevda Sebahat Tasci, *Salina*

## Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

### Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

Carly Nicole Cubbage, *Overland Park*  
Cody Laurent Derby, *Glenwood Springs, Colorado*  
Cecilia Ann Lane, *Goddard* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Michael Ryan Schlicht, *Lenexa*  
Tyler Norman Tunnell, *Ijamsville, Maryland*  
Timothy Ryan Turner, *Lawrence* <sup>(Cl) (S)</sup>  
Bridgette Westhoff, *Olathe* <sup>(Cl)</sup>

### Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Richard Boye, *Dahlonega, Georgia* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Micielle C. Burce, *Kapolei, Hawaii*  
Ashley Nicole Burgess, *Platte City, Missouri*  
Melaney Ann Coco, *Manhattan*  
Andrea Marguerite Frankenfield, *Fort Worth, Texas* <sup>(Su16)</sup>  
Lauren Gallen, *Lee's Summit, Missouri*  
Tara L. Geil, *Lakeview, Oregon*  
Danielle Rene McAdam, *Wichita*  
Whitney L. Nelson, *Wichita*  
Mandy Marie Peers, *Lawrence*  
Amanda Rosenmerkel, *Burlington, Wisconsin*  
Charna Sheinfeld, *Flushing, New York*  
Kelli D. Snow, *Mission* <sup>(Sd)</sup>  
Erin Kathleen Sullivan, *Great Bend*  
Marie Elizabeth Tyndall, *Bellingham, Washington*  
Cody Scott Varner, *Belle Plaine*  
Ann Elizabeth Wassenberg, *Sabetha*

### Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition

#### (Nutrition and Health)

Ashley Clare Annan, *Wamego* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Erin Christine Bennett, *Apple Valley, California*  
Kelly J. Betts, *Peabody, Massachusetts*  
Shalon Caldwell, *New York, New York*  
Alexander Jacob Fees, *Manhattan* <sup>(H)</sup>  
Taylor William Harris, *Paola*  
Hope Nicole Laubhan, *Augusta* <sup>(S)</sup>  
Darlene Michelle Lopez, *Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico*  
Bobbi Gayle Luttjohann, *Topeka*  
Breanna Nicole Schukar, *Kearney, Nebraska*

## (Nutrition and Kinesiology)

Paige Marie Kochuyt, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI) (D)</sup>

Shannon K. Parr, *Rossville* <sup>(D)</sup>

## (Nutritional Sciences)

Wenting Guo, *Manhattan* <sup>(MEd)</sup>

Megan Lynn McCulloch, *De Soto* <sup>(CI)</sup>

Karina Mendez, *Guatemala City, Guatemala*

## Hospitality Management

### **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management**

Jordyn Danielle Barten, *Woodbine* <sup>(CI)</sup>

Michelle Nicole Cameron, *Fort Riley*

Daniel Patrick Carroll, *Wichita*

Cheng Cheng, *Manhattan*

Mekenna LaRee Crowe, *Wellington*

Cody Wade Duffey, *Colby*

Nicole Elizabeth Eck, *Naperville, Illinois*

Logan Marshall Edwards, *Goddard*

Eric Alan Ernst, *Colwich*

Anthony Jerome Fink, *Hutchinson*

Jesus Garcia III, *Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Alicia Michelle Grover, *Lorraine*

Julia Marie Hutfles, *Colby*

Jonah Christopher Markovetz, *Lansing*

Kelly Marie Mayerle, *Overland Park*

Jacob Michael Penning, *Manhattan*

Jessica Christine Pickman, *Bendena*

Matthew Karl Purvis, *Berryton*

Mariah Macy Regier, *McPherson*

Ashley Marie Rottinghaus, *Seneca*

Kelsey Morgan Unrein, *Augusta*

Brooke Marie Witt, *Omaha, Nebraska*

### **Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management**

Lu Lu, *Jingyuan, China*

Darren K. Ricketts II, *Kansas City, Missouri*

## Human Ecology

### **Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology**

#### (General Human Ecology)

Bailey Rae Blair, *Wathena*

Kelsey Grace Ludwig, *Shawnee*

Tuo Zhang, *Manhattan*

## Kinesiology

### **Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology**

Dominique Matthew Adams, *Euharlee, Georgia*

Kevin Allan Arnhold, *Hays*

Emily Kay Avazpour, *Overland Park*

Logan Edward Beard, *Udall*

Kimberly Allison Britton, *Wichita* <sup>(CI)</sup>

Daniel Colson Broaddus, *Leavenworth*

Allison Louise Brown, *Overland Park*

Adam James Carney, *Overland Park*

Jourdan Case, *Salina*

Kyron Joseph Case, *Wamego*

Kaila Colvin, *Laona, Wisconsin* <sup>(S)</sup>

Jenay Elizabeth Copeland, *Olathe*

Logan Michael Crawford, *Hugoton* <sup>(S)</sup>

Johnathan Nathaniel Dirks, *Junction City*

Hannah Marie Edgar, *Greenleaf*

Edward Thomas Ernst Jr., *Chino Hills, California*

Justin Daniel Hahn, *Berryton*

Chase William Hart, *Manhattan*

Austin David Howard, *Shawnee*

Lucas Truman Ingham, *Raymond*

Janay Alyeska Johnson, *Fort Leavenworth*

Evan Alexander Kempf, *Shawnee* <sup>(MEd)</sup>

Paige Marie Kochuyt, *Overland Park* <sup>(CI) (D)</sup>

Trevor Joseph Kocour, *Atchison*

Reinis Kregers, *Vecumnieki, Latvia*

Hayden Christopher Kuehler, *Overland Park*

Truitt Dean Kuhlmann, *Smith Center*

Nathaniel Adam McCorkle, *Whitewater*

Reid Hampton McMullin, *Shawnee*

Haley Christine McMurphy, *Hutchinson*

Alexander Steven Milby, *Derby*

Moriah L. Miner, *Allen*

Hayley Marie Parker, *Olathe*

Shannon K. Parr, *Rossville* <sup>(D)</sup>

McKayla Victoria Peelen, *Ottawa*

Ethan Brook Redd, *Thief River Falls, Minnesota*

Luis Enrique Reyes Mendieta, *San Pedro Sula, Honduras*

Samantha Kay Rutherford, *Basehor*

Sydney Jane Sheldon, *Pomona*

Connor Britt Shelton, *Topeka*

Dylan Andrew Splichal, *Spring Hill*

Brian James Thiessen, *Beloit* <sup>(Su16)</sup>

Willie Robert Thomas II, *Fredericksburg, Virginia*

Joshua Paul Tillotson, *Towanda* <sup>(Sci)</sup>

Keli Ann Tinius, *Wichita*

Trevor Alexander Tipton, *Sanger, Texas*

Sydney Jane Sheldon, *Pomona*

Lindsay Rose Ulmer, *Seneca*

Dayton Lee Valentine, *Baldwin City*

Brandon Ray Wall, *Naples, Italy*

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# College of Engineering

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**Processional:**\*

Student Brass Quintet

**Welcome:**

Craig Wanklyn, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

**National Anthem:**\*

Douglas Stephen Anjard, *Bachelor's Candidate, Computer Engineering*

**Recognition of Honor Graduates:**

Darren Dawson, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Student Address:**

Andrew Coleman Ewing, *Bachelor's Candidate, Industrial Engineering*

**Commencement Address:**

Ray C. Dempsey Jr., *Vice President and Head of External Affairs, BP America*

**Presentation of Degree****Candidates:**

Raphael A. Yunk, *M.S., Professor and Department Head, Architectural Engineering and Construction Science*

Joseph P. Harner, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering*

James H. Edgar, *Ph.D., University Distinguished Professor and Department Head, Chemical Engineering*

Robert W. Stokes, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Civil Engineering*

Scott A. Deloach, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Computer Science*

Don M. Gruenbacher, *Ph.D., Associate Professor and Department Head, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Bradley A. Kramer, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering*

William L. Dunn, *Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering*

**Presentation of Diplomas:**

Darren Dawson, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Assisted by:**

Gary A. Clark, *Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean*

Bette Grauer, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

Craig Wanklyn, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

Andy Fund, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

**Conferral of Degrees:**

Darren Dawson, *Ph.D., Dean*

**Recital of College of Engineering Pledge:**

Bette Grauer, *Ph.D., Assistant Dean*

**Alma Mater:**

Douglas Stephen Anjard, *Bachelor's Candidate, Computer Engineering*

**Closing:**

Craig Wanklyn, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

**Recessional:**

Student Brass Quintet

**Grand Marshals:**

Ronaldo G. Maghirang, *Associate Dean*

Andrew Fund, *M.S., Assistant Dean*

\*The audience will rise.

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## Pledge

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As a graduate of the College of Engineering, I pledge:

To give the utmost of performance;  
To participate in none but honest enterprise;  
To live and work according to the laws of humanity, and the highest standards of professional conduct; To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other consideration. In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

**College of Engineering Pledge**

*Based on the Engineer's Creed, National Society of Professional Engineers*



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# Speaker

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Ray C. Dempsey Jr.

Ray C. Dempsey Jr. is vice president and head of external affairs for BP America, with accountability for national third-party relationships, sponsorships and contributions, and supplier diversity efforts supporting BP's U.S.-based operations. As president of the BP Foundation, Dempsey leads BP's global corporate philanthropic activity.

Since joining the company in 1990, Dempsey has served in a variety of management and operational roles in engineering, strategy, finance and external affairs in the U.S. and abroad.

He was named to Savoy Magazine's 2016 Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America. In 2014, Dempsey was named by STEMconnector as one of 100 diverse corporate leaders in STEM, and he received the 2013 Best of Black Business Award for Visionary Leadership in Energy from the American Academy of Business and Commerce. In 2012, Dempsey was named a Game Changer by Politic365.

Dempsey is vice chair of the board of directors for the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering and is treasurer for the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute. He is a trustee for the National Urban League and a member of the board of directors for the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

He has a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering from Kansas State University and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston, Illinois. He and his wife, Alysia, have four daughters and live in Vienna, Virginia.

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# Degree Candidates

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## Architectural Engineering

### Bachelor of Science

Mohammed Ali Al Qallaf, *Kuwait City, Kuwait*  
Christopher Matthew Brettell, *Overland Park*  
Codi James Darbyshire, *Haysville*  
Jonathan Scott Entgelmeier, *Overland Park*  
Emily M. Garrison, *Marietta, Ohio (MEd)*  
Geoffrey Alan Kyle Huff, *Benton*  
Keelan Jackson, *Nickerson*  
JooHwan Jung, *Busan, South Korea*  
Justin Matthew O'Malley, *Overland Park*  
Guy Allen Oden, *Sterling*  
Daniel Preut, *Tampico*  
Kyle Joseph Rieger, *Overland Park (CI)*  
Breanna Leigh Robertson, *Valley Center*  
Antonio Rodriguez Jr., *Wichita*  
Changdong Shao  
Dwayne Wall, *Aurora, Nebraska*  
Aaron Joseph Wolf, *Wichita (SD)*

## Construction Science and Management

### Bachelor of Science

Angel Roselee Alvarado, *Wichita*  
Kofi Anane-Sekyere, *Houston, Texas*  
Jacob Douglas Anderson, *Lenexa*  
Brandon J. Bienhoff, *Shawnee*  
Samuel Lewis Blaha, *Benton*  
Benjamin Adam Cook, *Valley Falls*

Tyler Jon Coonrod, *Wichita*

Antonio Pietro De Negri, *Overland Park*

Deep Desai, *Shawnee*

Muhannad Ghazi Dinn, *Kansas City, Missouri*

Zachary Anthony DuPont, *Garnett*

Noah Daniel Easterling, *Lansing*

Stephen Charles Fix, *Shawnee*

Benjamin Thomas Flowers, *Omaha, Nebraska*

Kristin Elizabeth Glossner, *Nashua, New Hampshire*

Christopher Michael Harrell, *Council Grove*

Ryan Patrick Kelly, *Leawood*

Douglas Scott Lazarus, *Mukwano*

Nathan Lars Mandsager, *Garden City*

Kyle Thomas Mayer, *Overland Park*

Jonathon Cole McDowell, *Smith Center*

Matthew Alexander Mravunac, *Olathe*

Salvador Oseguera Jr., *Kansas City*

Clayton Linwood Pearce, *Overland Park*

Tyler Lee Petersen, *Plano, Texas*

Gabriel Robert Potter, *Basehor*

Dane Sydney Steen, *Kingsston, Jamaica*

Alexander Scott Taylor, *Overland Park*

Carlos Villalobos, *Wichita*

Jorge David Villalta, *Council Bluffs, Iowa*

Brian Richard Witt, *Overland Park*

Bryce Avery Yohn Sr., *Greensburg*

## Biological Systems Engineering

### Bachelor of Science

Keaton Thomas Abeln, *Overland Park*

Jay Otis Brintnall, *Hiawatha*

Katherine Mong-Linh Nguyen, *Wichita*

Dalton Lee Owen, *Andover*

Bridget Mandana Paulk, *Parkville, Missouri*

Lars William Peterson, *Lindsborg*

Corbin Trevor Pfrang, *Goff*

Emily Grace Rohleder, *Alma*

Jeffrey D. Scott, *Olathe*

Zachary Louis Stejskal, *Bison*

## Chemical Engineering

### Bachelor of Science

Tabatha Lynn Bell, *Meriden*

Levi Michael Karhoff, *Girard*

Jonah Francis Klug, *Overland Park*

Ryan Gage Massman, *Scotia, Nebraska*

Logan Patrick O'Dea, *Wellsville (CI)*

Han Zhang, *Tianjin, China*

## Civil Engineering

### Bachelor of Science

Eric R. Armstrong, *Bel Aire*

George Francis Baker, *Lansing*

Elizabeth Dianne Bowen, *Broken Arrow, Oklahoma*

Joseph P. Cillessen, *Wichita*

Koby Francis Daily, *Hays*

Andrea Renee Erickson, *Overland Park*

Abraham John Fangman, *Hutchinson*

Alexander Charles Gustafson, *Fort Collins, Colorado*

Seth Martin Heronemus, *St. Joseph, Missouri (MEd)*

Jonathan David Hood, *Olathe*

Dylan Frederick Hunter, *Topeka*  
Austin R. Jueneman, *Hanover* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Jason Lyle Kane, *Houston, Texas*  
Patrick Dean Keck, *Manhattan*  
David Gideon Laurence, *Lansing*  
Boaz Thomas Love, *Manhattan* <sup>(Ct)</sup>  
Man Luo, *Chengdu, China*  
Stephen Edward Mazzoni, *Leawood*  
Darren John Meyer, *Bern* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Anthony Michael Mies, *Wichita*  
Luke Francis Miller, *Lenexa*  
Gaurang Vijay Mistry, *Mumbai, India*  
Abigail Ortiz, *Garden City*  
Dalton Jerald Savage, *Topeka* <sup>(Ct)</sup>  
Barrett Thomas Schmidt, *Independence, Missouri*  
Colin Jennings Shipwright, *Overland Park* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Koby Matthew Slaven, *Overland Park*  
Edward Michael Tarpey, *Long Grove, Illinois*  
Braden Lee Taylor, *Garden City*  
Seth James Weber, *Topeka*

## Computer Engineering

### **Bachelor of Science**

Douglas Stephen Anjard, *Overland Park* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Kevin Andrew Brashears, *De Soto*  
Brian Richard Brazill, *El Dorado*  
Alexander David Johnson, *Overland Park*  
James Luke Lawson, *Goddard*  
Daniel Richard Miller, *Shawnee*  
Jesus Orlando Rangel Roberti, *Caracas, Venezuela*  
Joshua Adam Welch, *Garden City* <sup>(Md)</sup>

## Electrical Engineering

### **Bachelor of Science**

Majid Adel Alkhalil, *Safwa, Saudi Arabia*  
Abdulraheem Adnan Alkhiary, *Jeddab, Saudi Arabia*  
Valerie Jean Binns, *Hiarwatha* <sup>(St)</sup>  
Zhongze Fan, *Jinan, China*  
Sile Hu, *Hobhot, China*  
Joseph Michael Langr, *Lyndon* <sup>(Ct)</sup>  
Taishan Li, *Jingzhuo, China* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Derek James Lingo, *Tonganoxie*  
Linzheng Luo, *Shiyang, China*  
Gregory Thomas Moats, *St. Marys*  
Paul William Naab, *Emporia*  
Sunny N. Patel, *Oakley*  
Timothy Scott Sample, *Olathe*  
Aaron William Streit, *Independence, Missouri*  
Danielle Lynette Suppes, *Great Bend*  
Luke Alexander Terrell, *Overland Park*  
Adam James Treece, *Bixby, Oklahoma*  
John Bradley Trinkl, *Olathe*  
Logan Tate Van Horn, *Garfield*  
Logan Marshall Whitmore, *St. Francis*  
Bo Zhang, *Zhangjiakou, China* <sup>(Md)</sup>

## Computer Science

### **Bachelor of Science**

Austin Alan Boerger, *Manhattan*  
Michael John Bradshaw, *Bedford, Texas*  
Carlo M. Claro, *Olathe*  
Alex Donnelly, *Lenexa*  
Clyde James Dopheide, *Leavenworth*  
Jacob Hull Ehrlich  
Zhiang Fan, *Changshu, China*  
Christopher David Gieringer, *Gardner*  
Seth Wayne Gruver, *St. Joseph, Michigan*  
Dominik Vincent Haeflinger  
Daniel Arlon Jones, *Wellsville*  
Joung Su Kim  
Pavel Kuropatkin <sup>(Sci)</sup>  
Phong Trieu Le, *Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*  
Donovan Alan Mitchell, *Olathe*  
Yashkumar Nareshbhai Patel, *Oakley*  
Joshua Nathaniel Reed, *Maize*  
Joshua Edward Richtarik, *Havensville*  
Brandon Thomas Runyan, *Conway Springs*  
Gui Xian Say, *Petalong Jaya, Malaysia*  
Aaron Willis Schiff, *Derby*  
Adam James Seiwert, *Pittsburg*  
Jonathon Edward Kyle Terry, *Houston, Alabama*  
James Blades Tyson Jr., *Atlanta, Georgia*  
Wyatt D. Watson, *Topeka*  
Matthew Bryan Wilderson, *Overland Park*  
Jia Wen Wong, *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*  
Shanshan Wu, *Qingzhou, China*  
Yue Xie, *Wuhan, China*  
Kai Zhang, *Manhattan*

## Information Systems

### **Bachelor of Science**

Alexandre Adams, *Junction City*  
Andrew James Darrow, *Junction City*  
Patrick Neil Hutfless, *Leawood*  
Jerry Robert Losey, *Greenville, South Carolina*  
Jake Alan Macek, *Osawatomie*  
Daniel Alejandro Marquez, *Liberal*  
Robert G. McDevitt, *Enfield, New Hampshire*  
Ifeanyichukwu Rex Otuonye, *Breezy Brae, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands*  
Richard Allen Petrie II, *Hutchinson*  
Matthew Thomas Traudt <sup>(Ct)</sup>

## Industrial Engineering

### **Bachelor of Science**

Abdullah Abdulrhaman Alhaqbani, *Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*  
Caroline Renee Deats, *Midland, Texas*  
Kevin Clancy Donlin, *Plymouth, Minnesota*  
Andrew Coleman Ewing, *Spring Hill* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Hannah Leigh Frith, *Olathe*  
Lyndsie Christine Graham, *Van Alstyne, Texas* <sup>(Ct)</sup>  
Nicole Makucheff Zermeno

Ryan Dean Shelley, *Wichita*  
Carla Patricia Tam Ramos, *Trujillo, Peru*  
Sarah Lynn Tatarko, *Manhattan* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Adam Joseph Temel, *Hutchinson*  
Vernon Nicholas Vaughn II, *Kansas City*  
Sebastian Manuel Velazquez Costa, *Asuncion, Paraguay*  
Daniel Patrick Worthington, *Raytown, Missouri*

## Mechanical Engineering

### **Bachelor of Science**

Sultan Hamed Alhaysuni Sr., *Madinah, Saudi Arabia*  
Ebraheem Mohammed Abd Alla Almergan, *Manhattan*  
Kyle Thomas Alsop, *Overland Park*  
Korby P. Anderson, *Atchison*  
Cullen Shaun Arness, *Shawnee*  
Jordan Michael Ast, *Conway Springs*  
Kyle Xue Bannerman, *Overland Park*  
John Charles Boyington, *Phillipsburg*  
John Nelson Buchanan, *Minneola*  
Ryne Alexander Burns, *Leavenworth*  
Riley Lester Callahan, *Silver Lake*  
Alexander W. Campbell, *Leawood*  
Suwan Cho, *Seoul, South Korea*  
Lauriston Juleo Davis, *Jamaica*  
Lucas Allen Demott, *Olathe*  
Justin D. Drake, *Olathe*  
Sterling Lawrence Embers, *Lenexa* <sup>(Md)</sup>  
Derek Michael Glover, *Maize*  
Lucas Anton Gorentz, *Arma*  
Kelsey Ann Harlow, *Andale*  
Derek James Haug, *Manhattan*  
Levi Charles Hefner, *Oakley* <sup>(St)</sup>  
Tyler Jordan Hieber, *Paola*  
Abigail Lynn Holler, *Newton*  
Bryce Austin Kearney, *Gardner*  
Soo Bin Kim, *Seoul, South Korea*  
Carter William Klise, *Berryton*  
Christopher Grant Leonard, *Olathe*  
Ethan Mark Linden, *Ellinwood* <sup>(St)</sup>  
Devin Lee Magee, *Overland Park*  
Johnny Michael Monroy, *Griffin, Georgia*  
Jordan Alexander Morrow, *Valley Falls*  
Kevin Michael Myren, *Racine, Wisconsin*  
Alexis Nevarez-Cervantes, *San Juanito, Mexico*  
William Garrett Parkins, *Leawood*  
Damien Parks, *Salina*  
Jacob Scott Riggs, *Emporia*  
Preston Scott Robertson  
Jeffrey Lynn Rosebaugh, *Topeka*  
Kendall David Schmidt, *Newton* <sup>(St)</sup>  
Jacob Otto Schwindt, *Olpe*  
Nathanael Arron Simerl, *Tecumseh*  
Jamie Michael Stadler, *Silver Lake*  
Trevor Nicholas Turner, *Solomon*  
Victoria Theresa Voigt, *Lindsborg*  
Justin David Watson, *Silver Lake*  
Trenton John Zamecnik, *Salina*







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# University Distinguished Professors

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The title of University Distinguished Professor is the highest honor Kansas State University can bestow on its faculty. This lifetime title recognizes faculty making outstanding contributions to teaching, research and service to their

professions and communities. University Distinguished Professors are appointed following a universitywide competition conducted by the university's provost and senior vice president. Each receives a commemorative medallion upon appointment.

## 2016

P.V. Vara Prasad, *Ph.D., Agronomy*  
Bharat Ratra, *Ph.D., Physics*

## 2015

Wayne Goins, *Ph.D., Music*  
Douglas S. McGregor, *Ph.D., Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering*

## 2014

Yolanda Broyles-González, *Ph.D., American Ethnic Studies*  
Gary Pierzynski, *Ph.D., Agronomy*  
Sandra Stith, *Ph.D., Family Studies and Human Services*  
Bhadriraju Subramanyam, *Ph.D., Grain Science and Industry*

## 2013

James H. Edgar, *Ph.D., Chemical Engineering*  
Stephen Higgs, *Ph.D., Biosecurity Research Institute*  
Ryszard Jankowiak, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Nancy Monteiro-Riviere, *Ph.D., Anatomy and Physiology*  
Philip Nel, *Ph.D., English*  
Jürgen A. Richt, *D.V.M., Ph.D., Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*  
Jim Riviere, *Ph.D., Anatomy and Physiology*  
Mike Tokach, *Ph.D., Animal Sciences and Industry*

## 2012

Christer Aakeröy, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Itzik Ben-Itzhak, *Ph.D., Physics*  
Susan Brown, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Ruth Welti, *Ph.D., Biology*

## 2011

Michael Dryden, *D.V.M., Ph.D., Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*  
Brett Esry, *Ph.D., Physics*  
John Hatcliff, *Ph.D., Computing and Information Sciences*  
John Leslie, *Ph.D., Plant Pathology*  
Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun, *Ph.D., Grain Science and Industry*

## 2010

Elizabeth Dodd, *Ph.D., English*  
Anthony Joern, *Ph.D., Biology*

## 2009

Walter K. Dodds, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Charles W. Rice, *Ph.D., Agronomy*

## 2008

Edgar Chambers IV, *Ph.D., Human Nutrition*  
Philine Wangemann, *Ph.D., Anatomy and Physiology*  
T.G. Nagaraja, *Ph.D., Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*

## 2007

Dale Herspring, *Ph.D., Political Science*  
Duy Hua, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Subbaratnam Muthukrishnan, *Ph.D., Biochemistry*

## 2006

John M. Blair, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Daniel C. Marcus, *Ph.D., Anatomy and Physiology*  
Richard A. Marston, *Ph.D., Geography*

## 2005

Michael R. Kanost, *Ph.D., Biochemistry*  
Harald E.L. Prins, *Ph.D., Anthropology*  
James Shanteau, *Ph.D., Psychological Sciences*

## 2004

James R. Coffman, *Ph.D., Clinical Sciences (honorary)*  
David C. Hartnett, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Yoshiro Ikeda, *Ph.D., Art*  
Hongxing Jiang, *Ph.D., Physics*  
Joseph V. Ortiz, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Sonny Ramaswamy, *Ph.D., Entomology*  
Ted Schroeder, *Ph.D., Agricultural Economics*

## 2003

M.M. Chengappa, *Ph.D., Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*  
Robert D. Linder, *Ph.D., History*  
David A. Schmidt, *Ph.D., Computing and Information Sciences*

## 2002

Alan Knapp, *Ph.D., Biology*  
S. Lillian Kremer, *Ph.D., English*  
Thomas E. Roche, *Ph.D., Biochemistry*  
Barbara Valent, *Ph.D., Plant Pathology*

## 2001

Frank Blecha, *Ph.D., Anatomy and Physiology*  
David Littrell, *Ph.D., Music*  
Talat Rahman, *Ph.D., Physics*  
Larry Takemoto, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Dean Zollman, *Ph.D., Physics*

## 2000

Rob Denell, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Christopher M. Sorensen, *Ph.D., Physics*

## 1999

E. Wayne Nafziger, *Ph.D., Economics*  
Brian S. Spooner, *Ph.D., Biology*

## 1998

Gary W. Conrad, *Ph.D., Biology*  
Timothy R. Donoghue, *Ph.D., Physics (honorary)*  
Jan E. Leach, *Ph.D., Plant Pathology*

## 1997

C. Lewis Cocke, *Ph.D., Physics*  
Bikram S. Gill, *Ph.D., Plant Pathology*  
Peter M.A. Sherwood, *Sc.D., Ph.D., Chemistry*

## 1994

John J. Iandolo, *Ph.D., Pathology and Microbiology*  
James L. Marsden, *Ph.D., Regents Distinguished Professor of Animal Sciences*

## 1993

Neville "Bill" Reay, *Ph.D., Physics*

## 1990

Chii-Dong Lin, *Ph.D., Physics*  
Michael W. Suleiman, *Ph.D., Political Science*

## 1989

William Fateley, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Norman J. Fedder, *Ph.D., Theatre*  
Terry Johnson, *Ph.D., Biology*

## 1988

Cornelia B. Flora, *Ph.D., Sociology*  
Jonathan Holden, *Ph.D., English*  
Kenneth W. Jones, *Ph.D., History*  
Kenneth Klabunde, *Ph.D., Chemistry*  
Patrick Richard, *Ph.D., Cortelyou-Rust Distinguished Professor of Physics*  
Sadahiro Saeki, *Ph.D., Mathematics*

## 1987

L. T. Fan, *Ph.D., Chemical Engineering*  
David Leith, *Ph.D., Regents Distinguished Professor of Pathology*  
Donald Setser, *Ph.D., Chemistry*

## 1986

Duane Acker, *Ph.D., Animal Sciences and Industry*  
Horst Leopold, *Ph.D., Pathology*

## 1985

Richard Consigli, *Ph.D., Biology*

## 1984

Kenneth Hoyt, *Ph.D., Education*

## 1974

Ernest E. Shult, *Ph.D., Regents Distinguished Professor of Mathematics*

## 1964

Dudley Williams, *Ph.D., Regents Distinguished Professor of Physics*



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## *Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars*

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The Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars was created in 1995 to underscore Kansas State University's commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching and learning. A faculty member acknowledged as a leading teaching scholar is appointed to the chair by the university's provost and senior vice president for one academic year. All who hold the chair retain the title of University Distinguished Teaching Scholar throughout their careers. During the year in residence, the scholar's time and resources are spent advancing the interests of undergraduate teaching and learning at the university.

### **The honorees**

#### **2016-2017**

Patricia Ackerman, *Ph.D., Arts, Sciences and Business*

#### **2015-2016**

Donald Saucier, *Ph.D., Psychological Sciences*

#### **2014-2015**

Mick Charney, *Ph.D., Architecture*

#### **2013-2014**

John Fliter Jr., *Ph.D., Political Science*

#### **2012-2013**

N. Sanjay Rebello, *Ph.D., Physics*

#### **2011-2012**

Michael Wesch, *Ph.D., Anthropology*

#### **2010-2011**

Kimberly Williams, *Ph.D., Horticulture*

#### **2009-2010**

Doug Benson, *Ph.D., Modern Languages*

#### **2008-2009**

Greg Eiselein, *Ph.D., English*

#### **2007-2008**

Christopher M. Sorensen, *Ph.D., Physics*

#### **2006-2007**

Roger McHaney, *Ph.D., Management*

#### **2005-2006**

Michael Boland, *Ph.D., Agricultural Economics*

#### **2004-2005**

Harald E.L. Prins, *Ph.D., Anthropology*

#### **2003-2004**

Andrew Barkley, *Ph.D., Agricultural Economics*

#### **2002-2003**

Jana Fallin, *Ph.D., Music*

#### **2001-2002**

Medhat M. Morcos, *Ph.D., Electrical and  
Computer Engineering*

#### **2000-2001**

Stephen Thien, *Ph.D., Agronomy*

#### **1999-2000**

Larry Williams, *Ph.D., Biology*

#### **1998-1999**

Bryan Schurle, *Ph.D., Agricultural Economics*

#### **1997-1998**

Ann Stalheim-Smith, *Ph.D., Biology*

#### **1996-1997**

Dean Zollman, *Ph.D., Physics*

#### **1995-1996**

Cliff Meloan, *Ph.D., Chemistry*



## University administration

**Richard B. Myers, MBA, President**  
**April C. Mason, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President**  
**Cindy A. Bontrager, MBA, Vice President for Administration and Finance**  
**Pat J. Bosco, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students**  
**Peter K. Dorhout, Ph.D., Vice President for Research**  
**Jeffery B. Morris, M.S., Vice President for Communications and Marketing, and Acting Vice President for Human Capital Services**

## Academic divisions

**John Floros, Ph.D., Dean, College of Agriculture; and Director, K-State Research and Extension**  
**Timothy de Noble, M. Arch., Dean, College of Architecture, Planning & Design**  
**Amit Chakrabarti, Ph.D., Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences**  
**Kevin Gwinner, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business Administration**  
**Debbie Mercer, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education**  
**Darren Dawson, Ph.D., Dean, College of Engineering**  
**John Buckwalter, Ph.D., Dean, College of Human Ecology**  
**Verna M. Fitzsimmons, Ph.D., CEO and Dean, Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus**  
**Tammy Beckham, D.V.M., Ph.D., Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Carol Shanklin, Ph.D., Dean, Graduate School**  
**Sue C. Maes, Ph.D., Dean, K-State Global Campus**

**Lori A. Goetsch, MLS, Dean, K-State Libraries**  
**Ralph C. Richardson, D.V.M., CEO and Dean, K-State Olathe**

## Kansas Board of Regents

The Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions — seven public universities, 19 community colleges and six technical colleges. The president and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents is Blake Flanders. The following individuals are members of the Board of Regents:

**Joseph B. Bain, Goodland**  
**D. Shane Bangerter, Dodge City**  
**Ann Brandau-Murguia, Kansas City**  
**Bill Feuerborn, Garnett**  
**Dennis Mullin, Manhattan**  
**Dave Murfin, Wichita**  
**Zoe Newton, Sedan**  
**Daniel Thomas, Mission Hills**  
**Helen Van Etten, Topeka**

## Alumni membership

All colleges have provided graduates with a one-year membership to the K-State Alumni Association. Graduates also will receive a gift from the alumni association in recognition of their graduation today. K-Staters are some of the most loyal alumni in the country, and we are excited to welcome you into a new relationship with your alma mater. The K-State Alumni Association is your link

for life to K-State. Learn more and stay connected by visiting [K-State.com](http://K-State.com).

## Program notes

The Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Teaching Awards are funded by the W.T. Kemper Foundation and the Commerce Bankshares Foundation.

The organ was supplied by Mid-America Piano, Manhattan.

Terry Ferguson is the bagpiper for all ceremonies at Bramlage Coliseum and at Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus.

If available, the hometowns of undergraduate students from Kansas are included in the listing of degree candidates. For students from out of state or out of country, the hometown and state or country are included.

## Commencement questions?

If you have questions or comments about commencement, please contact: Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, Kansas State University, 108 Anderson Hall, 919 Mid-Campus Drive North, Manhattan, KS 66506-0113, 785-532-6224, [graduation@k-state.edu](mailto:graduation@k-state.edu).