



KELCE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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Pittsburg State University



# **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards**

## **April 25, 2025**



# Kelce College of Business

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April 25, 2025

**5:30 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m.**

***Doors Open  
Program Begins***

### PROGRAM

Welcome .....Dr. Paul Grimes  
Dean, Kelce College of Business

Opening Remarks.....Dr. Susan Bon  
Provost & Executive Vice President

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| Economics Alumni .....                           | KUSB Donors                      |
| Pete Esch.....                                   | Pete & Shirley Esch              |
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| Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones .....                 | PSU Foundation                        |
| Joplin Tri-State IMA.....                       | Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter          |
| <i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i> .....       | <i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i>   |
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| Kansas Society of CPA's.....                    | Kansas Society of CPAs Foundation     |
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| Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little .....                    | Judy Little                           |
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| John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings .....   | John & Susan Lowe                     |
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| James T. & Alice M. Noel .....                  | Andrew Mamalis                        |
| Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes .....               | Larry Nokes                           |
| Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien ..... | George O'Brien                        |
| Glenda Overbeck .....                           | Glenda Overbeck                       |
| Guy W. Owings Excellence in Accounting .....    | Guy & Pam Owings                      |
| Mark & Elizabeth Paden.....                     | Mark & Elizabeth Paden                |
| Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen ..... | PSU Foundation                        |
| William L. & Pamela G. Phalen .....             | William & Pamela Phalen               |
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| August Rua .....                                | David Rua                             |
| Harold Russell.....                             | David & Sondra Russell                |
| Vijay Shankar .....                             | Vijay Shankar                         |
| Michael W. Slack.....                           | Melissa Doll & Michael A. Slack       |
| Firpo & Patricia Smith.....                     | Charles Smith                         |
| Standen Family .....                            | James Standen                         |
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| Martha & Max Thompson .....                     | PSU Foundation                        |
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| Jay C Westervelt .....                          | Anita Westervelt                      |
| Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson .....             | Lynda & Wendell Wilkinson             |
| Michael & Gwen Wilson .....                     | Michael & Gwen Wilson                 |
| Ronald G. Wood .....                            | Ron Wood                              |

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Bachelor of Business Administration.....Dr. Alexander Binder**  
**Faculty Chair, Kelce Undergraduate School of Business**

## ACCOUNTING

| <u>Recipient</u>   | <u>Major</u>                   | <u>Scholarship</u>                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Christy Atkinson   | Accounting                     | Gary & Linda Kahmann<br>FORVIS, LLP                                                                                                                               |
| Janet Bennett      | Accounting                     | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>Kelce Student Support                                                                                                                   |
| Grace Best         | Accounting, Finance *          | Scott F Davis<br>Patrick Cardullo<br>Excellence in Finance                                                                                                        |
| Sarah Best         | Accounting, Finance *, **      | William L. Crow<br>Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson                                                                                                                  |
| Brady Brown        | Accounting                     | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little                                                                                                                                            |
| Katy Burke         | Accounting **                  | Doyle W. Morton<br>Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter<br>Guy W. Owings Excellence in Accounting                                                            |
| Chase Carnahan     | Accounting                     | William L. Crow                                                                                                                                                   |
| James Collett      | Accounting **                  | Don Cash<br>John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings                                                                                                               |
| Jacie Collier      | Accounting                     | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>Z.S. Chang & Family                                                                                                                     |
| Rylee Croft        | Accounting                     | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings                                                                                                 |
| Konnar Davenport   | Accounting **                  | Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter<br>CBIZ, Mayer, Hoffman, McCann, PC<br>John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings<br>Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing     |
| Johnny Harris      | Accounting, Business Economics | Pete Esch<br>Journal of Managerial Issues                                                                                                                         |
| Ethan Jones        | Accounting                     | Kelce Student Support<br>Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter                                                                                                             |
| Aggie Konvicka     | Accounting                     | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas                                                                                                                                         |
| Kelsey Lee         | Accounting, Finance **         | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>William L. Crow<br>Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter                                                                            |
| Rylee Liermann     | Accounting, Finance **         | Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter<br>Pete Esch<br>Patrick Cardullo<br>Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing                                                   |
| Aidan Marcum       | Accounting, Finance            | William L. Crow<br>Pete Esch<br>Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter                                                                                                      |
| Emma McCormack     | Accounting, Finance **         | James T. & Alice M. Noel<br>Rex W. Crowley<br>John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings<br>James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino<br>Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Rachael Ann Miller | Accounting, Management         | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>FORVIS, LLP                                                                                                                             |
| David Ortiz        | Accounting                     | William R. & Karen L. Lewis                                                                                                                                       |
| Taylor Pratt       | Accounting **                  | Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin<br>Chester Goss<br>Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter<br>Kansas Society of CPAs<br>Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing          |
| Mark Radakovich    | Accounting                     | Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson                                                                                                                                     |
| Kathryn Rainey     | Accounting                     | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>Kelce Student Support                                                                                                                   |
| JP Raymundo        | Accounting, Finance            | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little<br>FORVIS, LLP                                                                                                                             |

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| Isabel Read       | Accounting          | Mr. Ron & Dr. Janet Eads                |
| Mariajose Sanchez | Accounting          | Doyle W. Morton                         |
|                   |                     | August Rua                              |
|                   |                     | Michael & Gwen Wilson                   |
| Jacob Scott       | Accounting          | Mr. Ron & Dr. Janet Eads                |
|                   |                     | John C. Clark                           |
| Reese Stucky      | Accounting, Finance | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas               |
|                   |                     | William L. Crow                         |
| Callie Underwood  | Accounting          | Pete Esch                               |
|                   |                     | Jay C Westervelt                        |
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|                   |                     | Ronald G. Wood                          |
| Angelica Vynyas   | Accounting          | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
|                   |                     | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas               |
|                   |                     | Gary & Linda Kahmann                    |
|                   |                     | Journal of Managerial Issues            |
| Madison Warner    | Accounting          | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
|                   |                     | E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick               |
|                   |                     | Bruce & Linda Cofer                     |
| Bayley Wasinger   | Accounting          | Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter            |
|                   |                     | Harold Russell                          |
|                   |                     | Scott F. Davis                          |

## BUSINESS ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, & DATA SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b> | <b><u>Major</u></b>                     | <b><u>Scholarship</u></b>    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jake Keith              | Business Economics                      | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Jonah Sandford          | Business Economics                      | Doyle W. Morton              |
| Kaitlyn Cooper          | Business Studies                        | Journal of Managerial Issues |
|                         |                                         | Mark & Elizabeth Paden       |
| Logan Foulkes           | Data Science & Information Systems      | Kelce Student Support        |
| John Gilmore            | Data Science & Info Systems, Finance    | Scott F. Davis               |
|                         |                                         | Slim Cummings                |
|                         |                                         | Felix and Jane Dreher        |
|                         |                                         | Excellence in Finance        |
| Caden Haverfield        | Data Science & Information Systems      | Doyle W. Morton              |
| Tyler McGinnis          | Data Science & Information Systems      | Kelce Student Support        |
| Purvick Patel           | Data Science Info Systems, Management   | Fred L. Lips                 |
| Joshua Spell            | Data Science & Info Systems, Accounting | Journal of Managerial Issues |
|                         |                                         | Kelce Student Support        |
|                         |                                         | L. Thomas Needham            |
|                         |                                         | Arthur Malle                 |
| Brandon Torres          | Data Science & Information Systems      | Mr. Ron and Dr. Janet Eads   |

## FINANCE

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b> | <b><u>Major</u></b> | <b><u>Scholarship</u></b>    |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Matthew Akridge         | Finance, Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little       |
|                         |                     | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas    |
|                         |                     | FORVIS, LLP                  |
| Madison Binger          | Finance *           | Journal of Managerial Issues |
|                         |                     | Michael W. Slack             |
| Emma Eckstein           | Finance, Management | Excellence in Finance        |
|                         |                     | Edward T. McNally            |
| Anna Gronau             | Finance             | Journal of Managerial Issues |
|                         |                     | Z.S. Chang & Family          |
|                         |                     | Excellence in Finance        |

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| Christian Hess        | Finance * |
| Fellen Historika      | Finance   |
| Grant Hite            | Finance   |
| Brynlee Hollingsworth | Finance * |

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| Grant Lasley | Finance, Management |
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| Josue Lozano | Finance, Accounting * |
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| Baylie Pitts     | Finance *           |
| Joci Schmidt     | Finance, Management |
| Kylan Schultheis | Finance             |

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| Drew Stukesbary | Finance |
| Danny Vigil     | Finance |
| Colby White     | Finance |

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| Jake Wolff | Finance |
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E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick  
James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino  
Journal of Managerial Issues  
Vijay Shankar  
Economics Alumni  
Scott F. Davis  
Excellence in Finance  
William L. Crow  
Excellence in Finance  
Larry E. & Deborah a. Nokes  
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Doyle W. Morton  
Mark & Elizabeth Paden  
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Mark & Diana Quinlan  
Doyle W. Morton  
Pete Esch  
Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas  
Excellence in Finance  
Excellence in Finance

## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

| <u>Recipient</u>     | <u>Major</u>                                                       | <u>Scholarship</u>                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Jaeden Beshoner      | Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Michaela Carnes      | Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Deserae Schwindt     | Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Riley Wagner         | Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Kasey Heidman        | Workforce Development - Human Resources                            | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Nicholas Lawrence    | Workforce Development – Human Resources                            | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |
| Margarette Salisbury | Workforce Development – Human Resources                            | Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien |

## MANAGEMENT

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u>                      | <u>Scholarship</u>                                                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jillian Barrett  | Management, Workforce Development | William L. Crow                                                                                        |
| Leo Bass         | Management, Marketing             | William L. Crow                                                                                        |
| Elise Covell     | Management, Marketing             | John G. McNay                                                                                          |
| Emma Daly        | Management, Marketing             | William L. & Pamela G. Phalen<br>Kelce Student Support                                                 |
| Hannah Daniels   | Management                        | Firpo & Patricia Smith                                                                                 |
| Mindy Evans      | Management, Marketing             | Carl & Mary Buchman<br>Journal of Managerial Issues                                                    |
| Jackson Fugate   | Management                        | Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen                                                              |
| Kaylee Groff     | Management                        | William L. Crow                                                                                        |
| Jett Hocut       | Management                        | Journal of Managerial Issues                                                                           |
| Bennett Irwin    | Management, Accounting, Finance   | William L. Crow                                                                                        |
| Cora James       | Management                        | Doyle W. Morton                                                                                        |
| Dillon Leggett   | Management, Finance               | Journal of Managerial Issues<br>Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones<br>Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament |

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| Taniya Looney                                                                    | Management                                                                               | Doyle W. Morton<br>Journal of Managerial Issues<br>R. Shaun Bateman<br>William L. Crow<br>John G. McNay<br>Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson<br>Carl & Mary Buchman<br>Lemos Brandecker Gorilla<br>Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament<br>William L. Crow<br>Martha & Max Thompson<br>Glenda Overbeck |
| Kirsten McConnaughey<br>Carly Reif                                               | Management, Marketing<br>Management, Marketing                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Jeremy Sharp<br>JJ Spafford<br>Quincey Turner<br>Bethany Umbarger<br>Evan Zafuta | Management<br>Management, Marketing<br>Management, Marketing<br>Management<br>Management |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## MARKETING

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b>                                                                                                                    | <b><u>Major</u></b>                                                                                                                                                  | <b><u>Scholarship</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Trip Baker<br>Shelby Blackburn<br>Liz Blankenship<br>Caleb Chandler                                                                        | Marketing, Management *, **<br>Marketing<br>Marketing, Management<br>Marketing                                                                                       | Standen Family<br>Standen Family<br>Z.S. Chang & Family<br>Wearever Aluminum<br>Scott F. Davis<br>Glenda Overbeck<br>Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch<br>Kelce Student Support<br>John G. McNay<br>Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas<br>William L. Crow<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>Journal of Managerial Issues<br>Robert Condon Ramsay<br>Glenda Overbeck<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>John G. McNay<br>Wall Family<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>John G. McNay<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick<br>E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>William L. Crow<br>Doyle W. Morton<br>Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch<br>James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino<br>Journal of Managerial Issues<br>Scott F. Davis<br>Glenda Overbeck<br>Betty Souder McGinty<br>William L. Crow<br>Glenda Overbeck<br>James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino<br>Mark & Elizabeth Paden |
| Tyler Crane                                                                                                                                | Marketing, Finance                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Rhett Dice                                                                                                                                 | Marketing, Management                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lauren Forbes<br>Dylan Hazelbaker<br>Logan Keith                                                                                           | Marketing, Management<br>Marketing<br>Marketing                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Karli King<br>Jorjia Kitselman                                                                                                             | Marketing, Management<br>Marketing                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Emma Kratz<br>Gracie Leary                                                                                                                 | Marketing, Management<br>Marketing, Management                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Darrel McLeod<br>Lexi O'Connor<br>Hailey Orender<br>Jaylen Ortiz<br>Jaidyn Pointer<br>Gabi Radell<br>Aubrianna Shetlar<br>Braylon Thompson | Marketing<br>Marketing, Management ***<br>Marketing, Management<br>Marketing, Management<br>Marketing<br>Marketing, Management<br>Marketing<br>Marketing, Management |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tyson Weber<br>Rachel Wilson                                                                                                               | Marketing<br>Marketing, Management                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Hayden Yuza                                                                                                                                | Marketing ***                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

*\*Kansas Insurance Certificate*

*\*\*Internal Auditing Certificate*

*\*\*\*Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

**Graduate Programs ..... Ms. Chelsey Decker**  
**Assistant Dean for Graduate Business Programs**

**Master's Degrees**

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b>                      | <b><u>Emphasis</u></b>                                                           | <b><u>Scholarship</u></b>                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Malorie Bogle<br>Riley Bush                  | MBA – General Administration<br>MPA - Accounting                                 | Michael & Gwen Wilson<br>Karen & Robert Laflen<br>Rozella Wade Grimes Memorial                                            |
| Zach Coenen                                  | MBA – General Administration                                                     | Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey<br>Kurt A. Holmes                                                                                 |
| Jesse Conrad                                 | MPA - Accounting                                                                 | Roy Surridge Memorial<br>William L. Crow                                                                                  |
| Naomi Dooley                                 | MPA - Accounting                                                                 | Don & Jana Hartshorn Scholarship<br>O.W. 'Jack' Armstrong<br>W. Neil & Mary M. Benelli Polfer                             |
| Shelby Duffy<br>Grant Feagins                | MBA – General Administration<br>MPA - Accounting                                 | Leggett & Platt, Inc IAEP<br>Ruby Oldham Loewen<br>Doyle W. Morton                                                        |
| Megan Green                                  | MPA - Accounting                                                                 | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings<br>Kansas Society of CPA's<br>John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings             |
| Bob Harris<br>Noemi Hernandez<br>Emery Kafka | MPA - Accounting<br>MBA – General Administration<br>MBA – General Administration | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings<br>Journal of Managerial Issues<br>Martha & Max Thompson<br>O.W. 'Jack' Armstrong |
| Sophia LaBrue                                | MBA – General Administration                                                     | Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen<br>Excellence in Finance                                                        |
| Raegan Pitts                                 | MBA – General Administration                                                     | John G. McNay<br>Doyle W. Morton                                                                                          |
| Matthew Schmidt<br>Brianna Shippy            | MBA – General Administration<br>MPA - Accounting                                 | Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen<br>Doyle W. Morton                                                              |

**AWARDS**

**Kelce Scholars & Outstanding Seniors ..... Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean**

Each semester, the College of Business designates students as Kelce Business Scholars. These students meet the following criteria:

- Regular, full time
- Upper division, undergraduate
- Business major
- Cumulative GPA in top 3% of college during the calendar year

The names of these students are listed prominently on a recognition board on the first floor of Kelce Hall for one year.

**2024 KELCE SCHOLARS**

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b> | <b><u>Major</u></b>   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Emma Dunn.....          | Accounting **         |
| Grant Feagins.....      | Accounting *, **      |
| Bridget Frank.....      | Management, Marketing |
| Bailey Gallup.....      | Management, Marketing |
| Anna Gronau.....        | Finance               |
| Natalie Hibbard.....    | Finance *             |

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| Tucker Jessip.....            | Management             |
| Emery Kafka.....              | Marketing, Management  |
| Brianna King.....             | Management             |
| Emma Kratz.....               | Marketing, Management  |
| Gracie Leary .....            | Marketing, Management  |
| Rylee Liermann.....           | Accounting **          |
| Taniya Looney .....           | Management             |
| Aidan Marcum .....            | Accounting, Finance    |
| Grace Orender.....            | Marketing              |
| Taylor Pratt .....            | Accounting **          |
| Mark Radakovich.....          | Accounting             |
| Emily Tinsley-Richenburg..... | Accounting             |
| Maverick Ridenour .....       | Management             |
| Jacob Scott .....             | Accounting             |
| Brianna Shippy .....          | Finance, Accounting ** |
| Reese Stucky.....             | Accounting, Finance    |
| Andrew Stukesbary.....        | Finance                |
| Callie Underwood.....         | Accounting             |
| Rodney Vigil.....             | Finance                |
| Angelica Vynyas.....          | Accounting             |
| Bayley Wasinger.....          | Accounting             |
| Adeline Whitlow.....          | Accounting             |

## 2024-2025 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The designation of Outstanding Senior is given to those seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and meritorious participation in areas related to their major department, the Kelce College of Business, Pittsburg State University, and the Pittsburg community.

| <b><u>Recipient</u></b>       | <b><u>Major</u></b>               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mya Austin .....              | Management                        |
| Malorie Bogle .....           | Management, Marketing *           |
| Trevor Bohnenblust .....      | Finance, Business Economics *     |
| Riley Bush .....              | Accounting                        |
| Rylee Croft.....              | Accounting                        |
| Grant Feagins.....            | Accounting *, **                  |
| Brandon Gacke .....           | Business Economics                |
| Mia Garrett.....              | Marketing                         |
| Peyton Geihlsler.....         | Marketing                         |
| Bob Harris.....               | Accounting                        |
| Noemi Hernandez .....         | Management                        |
| Adam Kahnk .....              | Marketing, Management, Accounting |
| Kylee Minson.....             | Management                        |
| Matthew Schmidt.....          | Finance, Accounting *             |
| Brianna Shippy .....          | Finance & Accounting              |
| Taylor Sitzman.....           | Management                        |
| Ezekiel Spieker .....         | Finance                           |
| Carter Stanchfield .....      | Finance                           |
| Emily Tinsley-Richenburg..... | Accounting                        |
| Makenna Wingfield .....       | Marketing                         |

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

\**Kansas Insurance Certificate*

\*\**Internal Auditing Certificate*

\*\*\**Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

## FINANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**2025 Finance Leadership Award ..... Dr. Alexander Binder**  
**Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Chair**

This award recognizes outstanding leadership activities within the finance program in the Kelce College of Business. Characteristics of leadership include a strong record of contribution to the PSU Finance Club and other finance activities in areas of planning, fundraising, and motivating student interaction. In addition, award winners are expected to maintain strong academic performance.

Johnny Harris ..... Outstanding Finance Student

## OUTSTANDING MBA AWARDS

**2024-2025 Outstanding MBA Student Awards ..... Ms. Chelsey Decker**  
**Assistant Dean for Graduate Business Programs**

The “Outstanding MBA Awards” are the most coveted honors the Kelce College of Business bestows on graduating MBA men and women as voted by the majority of the Kelce graduate faculty. The award is recognition of the student’s excellence in scholarship and service to the College.

Carmen Kent ..... MBA - General Administration  
Tucker Jessip..... MBA - General Administration

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean

## CLOSURE

Reception ..... Immediately following program.

*Additional Pictures with Scholarship Sponsors as requested following the program.*



### An Accredited and Ranked College of Business

The Kelce College of Business has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International since 1999. Accreditation represents “the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Institutions that earn accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.” Less than 6% of the business colleges in the world achieve and maintain AACSB accreditation. Our AACSB accreditation includes our signature MBA program which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. More than 2,000 business professionals have earned the Kelce MBA.

In recognition of its high-quality programs, the Kelce College of Business has received numerous rankings in recent years. The college is currently listed in the “Best Business Schools,” a guidebook published annually by *The Princeton Review*. Inclusion on this list is based on a global survey of more than 19,000 MBA students in programs throughout the world. The Kelce MBA was recently recognized as the **#2 Best Online MBA** program in the nation and #18 most affordable by *College Consensus*. In 2019, *The Knowledge Review* placed the Kelce College in its Best Business Programs in America and in 2020, the *Wichita Business Journal* ranked our MBA the **#1 MBA Program in Kansas** based on the enrollment growth in our online Professional MBA. These rankings reflect Pittsburg State University’s commitment to providing high quality educational opportunities that are financially accessible for students from our community, region, and across the country.



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# A New Future for the Kelce College of Business

## Gorilla Rising



*Preliminary rendering for the new Kelce College of Business building.*

Pittsburg State University is completing a new educational district in downtown Pittsburg. This innovative project, known as Gorilla Rising, will generate new opportunities for Pitt State students and open the door for an even stronger engagement between the university and the city. The centerpiece of this estimated \$55 million-dollar project will be a new home facility for the Kelce College of Business on Broadway between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The project also includes new student housing options in a renovated historic Besse Hotel one block over on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Gorilla Rising will expand and enhance the university's commitment to our community's economic development begun by Block 22 and offer the Kelce College significant opportunities to enhance and expand our academic programs. The new business building will be open for the Fall 2026 semester. All commitments regarding private funds donated for the previously planned on-campus renovation and expansion of our existing facilities will be honored in the new downtown complex. For those interested in participating in the project, additional naming opportunities are still available. Please contact Becky McDaniel, Executive Director of University Development, for details concerning giving opportunities and more information: [remcdaniel@pittstate.edu](mailto:remcdaniel@pittstate.edu)