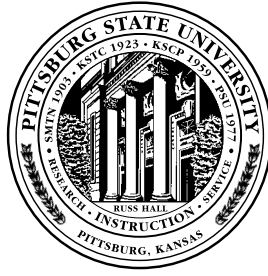


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Commencement

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The National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Pittsburg State University Alma Mater

On the plains of Southeast Kansas,
'Neath an ever cloudless sky,
Far away from surging ocean,
And the storm-bird's plaintive cry;
With her prairies rolling Westward,
Where the buffalo once were great,
With her ensign proudly waving,
Stands our own Pittsburg State.

Refrain

Let us greet the Gold and Crimson
With a strong and cordial cheer,
Let our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.

Announcer

Dr. Jon Bartlow, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

Assisted by

Darius Graves, Assistant Instructional Professor, English and Modern Languages

A student having their name in the commencement program and participating in commencement does not automatically mean that a student has graduated. In order to graduate, a student must complete all requirements of their degree program. Only students who applied/petitioned for graduation by the deadline will have their name listed in the commencement program.

Commencement Program

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

Kelce College of Business and Crossland College of Technology..... 5 p.m.

College of Arts & Sciences and College of Education..... 7 p.m.

Robert W. Plaster Center/Garfield W. Weede Physical Education Building

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance - Edward ElgarPittsburg State University Brass Quintet

The National AnthemMs. Fayelyn Kmiec, Farlington, Kan.

Recognition of

Candidates for Degrees.....Dr. Susan Bon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

and Closing Remarks..... Dr. Thomas Newsom, Eleventh President of Pittsburg State University

Stage Party

Dr. Thomas Newsom..... President

Ms. Neelima ParaskerKansas Board of Regents

Dr. Susan Bon..... Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Christopher Childers Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Paul Grimes Dean, Kelce College of Business

Dr. Jason ClemensenAssociate Dean, College of Education

Dr. Lisa RiedleDean, Crossland College of Technology

Mr. David Weaver.....Faculty Senate President, Mace Bearer,
Kelce College of Business, Assistant Instructional Professor of Accounting

Mrs. Melinda Roelfs Registrar

University Scholastic Honors

University Scholastic Honors graduates are designated by ribbons and medallions worn around the neck.

Red represents summa cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.95*); **green** represents magna cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.90*); and **white** represents cum laude (*requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.85*). University Scholastic Honors as listed in the commencement program are based on coursework completed through the summer semester. Final determination of University Scholastic Honors graduates will be based on coursework completed through graduation.

Summa Cum Laude

Samantha R. Brutchin	Psychology
Jeana M. Compton	History
Makenzie Cleo Coomes.....	History
Braxton A. Curry	Graphic Communications
Naomi A. Dooley.....	Accounting
Ali Fabrizius.....	Psychology
Heather Heald	General Studies
Wyatt J. E. Hensley.....	History
Lauren B. Hicks	Biology and Chemistry
Emery L. Kafka.....	Marketing and Management
John C. Kohler	Elementary Education K-6
Gracie A. Leary.....	Marketing and Management
Taniya M. Looney.....	Management
Matthew Alan Mitchell	Construction Management
Paige E. Morey	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Kaley J. Mussa	Criminal Justice
Shane Orender	Construction Management
Nolan J. Redeker.....	Human Resource Development
Jacob Scott	Accounting
Kaci G. Singer.....	Biology
Alyvia L. Swartz.....	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Julia M. Todd	Graphic Communications
Alexander K. Weilert.....	Psychology
Trey E. Worcester	Biology

Magna Cum Laude

Russell Eugene Baker III	Marketing and Management
Jaxson T. Haraughty	Elementary Education Unified K-6
Grant Thomas Ledbetter	Computer Science
Raegan Nicholle Pitts	Management
Kerigan J. Reynolds	Psychology
Jonah Alic Sandford	Business Economics
Ragan R. Smith	Elementary Education K-6
Dawson Stegman	Graphic Communications
Adam G. Whitmore	Career and Technical Education

Cum Laude

Emily Bright.....	Construction Management
Lauren M. Forbes	Marketing and Management
Austin David Frazier	Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Olivia K. Putney	Elementary Education K-6
Brooklynn Pearle Stevens.....	Psychology and Criminal Justice
Karsyn J. Stewart	Elementary Education Unified K-6

Honors College

Honors College students are highly selective academic scholars who complete an enhanced academic program, designated by **red and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Russell Eugene Baker III
Samantha R. Brutchin
Jeana M. Compton
Wyatt J. E. Hensley
Jonah Alic Sandford
Shelby A. Sogaard

Academic Honors

Academic Honors graduates are designated by **gold cording** worn around the neck.

Russell Eugene Baker III
Addison P. Redd
Jonah Alic Sandford
Shelby A. Sogaard

Graduate Academic Honors

Graduate Academic Honors graduates are designated by a **double gold cord** worn around the neck.

Joshua M. Aleckson	Molly Doe	Sydney P. McAnarney	Megan A. Saba
Tempist Renee Bachhofer- Evenson	Joshua D. Ebenkamp	Reed C. McManaman	Madilynn Tennille
Lauren E. Baldwin	Seth Leander Ellenburg	Shannon B. Millar-Huebner	Sanderholm
Travis Wayne Bard	Karlie A. Ellis	Silas P. Minkevitch	Beth Ann Sandness
Andrew Taylor Barger	Megan N. Ensminger	Madison R. Monson	Jill L. Seitz
Kylee Breanne Barney	Lacy Shae Evans	Juliana Montes	ChanBasha Shaik
David A. Berns Jr.	Emily M. Golden	Leigh Mucci	Aishwarya Shylendra
Nonna C. Bickett	William Patrick Griffin	Amy Beth Mummery	Anna Sirota
Ross C. Boeger	Ashlee Nicol Hartpence	Sheila Nami	Grant J. Smith
Vignesh Bontha	Marci A. Heatherly	Phu Toan Nguyen	Milissa R. Steffen
Mikayla Erin Boyd	Christian R. Hobbs	Gerson B. Palacios-Espinoza	Sarah E. Thieme
Alyssa Nicole Brewer	Darby Elizabeth Hoffman	Piper Elizabeth Parres	Rafael Tourinho Machado
Abby Elaine Brownfield	Christina R. Holliday	Elna Georgiana Perkins	De Almeida
Heather Renee Burgess	Abigail L. Houston	Nichole Perng	William T. Vancleave
Riley M. Bush	Tara J. Huggard	Makayla G. Pickert	Jaykob Welcher
Jerek C. Butcher	Courtney R. Hulet	Brayden R. Ralph	Kent Michael Williams
Michaela G. Carnes	Colin Robert Immesoete	Jeffrey T. Reavis	Mary K. Wheeler
Andrea Clark	Annapurna Sravya Kalagarla	Karen J. Ririe	Wendy Dawn Winter
Zachary T. Coenen	Maxime Lepage	Erin Marie Rivero	Kourtney Lawren Yantis
Benjamin Donald Corrigan	Kelley Louise Lowe	Deserae Roark	Jeyny Aurora Zavala Lopez
Hannah C. Dahl	Joseph D. Maddox	Kendall Jean Ross	Tyler Robert Zeutenhorst
	Andrea N. Marshbank	Neva A. Rowland	

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is the prestigious university-wide academic honor society for graduating students.

Graduates are designated by **medallions with royal blue ribbon** worn around the neck.

Russell Eugene Baker III

Paige E. Morey

Wendy Dawn Winter

ACS Student Affiliates Chemistry Honor Society

ACS Student Affiliates aims to foster a professional spirit among the members, to instill a professional pride in chemistry and to foster an awareness of the responsibilities and challenges of the modern chemist through professional and social activities. Graduates are designated by **blue and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Lauren B. Hicks

Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society

Alpha Psi Omega is a national theatre honor society that recognizes student artists who demonstrate commitment to the theatre discipline through their involvement across the full spectrum of production work. Graduates wear light **blue and gold cording**.

Melissa E. Sollner

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

An international honor society that encourages and honors outstanding academic achievement in the study of business. Graduates wear **blue and gold cording**.

Naomi A. Dooley	Gabrielle M. Radell
Christina R. Holliday	Christin Nicole Rey
Karli Danielle King	Erin Marie Rivero
Gracie A. Leary	Jacob Scott
Lindsey N. Marlay	Anna Sirota

Gamma Epsilon Tau Honor Society

A national co-ed collegiate printing fraternity which allows students of printing and publishing to meet and interact in both a professional and social atmosphere. Requirements for invitation and membership are a 3.25 GPA and to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Graduates are designated by **black and red cording** worn around the neck.

Bethany D. Blessent
Braxton A. Curry
Jozzalynn L. Duke
Garrett D. Folks
Emily N. Ford
Julia M. Todd

Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national mathematics honor society founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. Graduates wear **pink and silver cording**.

Beth Ann Sandness

Kappa Pi International Art Honor Society

Kappa Pi is an international art honor society that recognizes talented student artists who are committed to promoting visual arts through their creative projects and through organizing events at the university and in neighboring communities. Graduates wear an honor cord consisting of purple and gold, with gold tassels.

Jacee L. Barthelme
Chloe C. Chapplear

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Lambda Pi Eta is a communication honor society sponsored by the National Communication Association with the primary goal of recognizing, fostering and rewarding outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. Graduates wear red and white cording and the executive team members wear red and gold stoles with the LPH insignia.

Briana L. Ellis
Shelby A. Sogaard

Mu Kappa Tu Honor Society

A prestigious marketing honor society that recognizes academic excellence and encourages a lifelong commitment to ethics and achievement within the marketing profession. Graduates are designated by dark blue cording worn around the neck.

Russell Eugene Baker III
Tyler Crane
Karli Danielle King
Gracie A. Leary
Raquel Lopez
Paige A. Morter
Gabrielle M. Radell

The National Society of Leadership and Success/ Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society

The mission of this honor society is “building leaders who make a better world.” The Society is an organization that helps people discover and achieve their goals. It is founded upon the core beliefs that one can achieve one’s dreams with the proper support and dedicated action, and that we accomplish more together than we would achieve alone. Graduates are designated with black and platinum cording worn around neck.

Rebecca A. Edge	Taniya M. Looney
Ali Fabrizius	Samantha Lea Moise
Thomas G. Greig	Paige E. Morey
Lauren L. Herrold	Rodreen Ruda
Sophia K. Kelso	Brooklynn Pearle Stevens

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society

An honor society established in 1963 for men and women with outstanding achievement in economics.
Members of ODE are invested with a **blue and gold cord** upon initiation.

Riley M. Bush
Tyler Crane

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

A national honor society for leadership, scholarship, and service.
Graduates are designated by **tricolor white, light blue, and black cording** worn around the neck.

Marina Biasus
Lauren L. Herrold
Lauren B. Hicks
Christina R. Holliday
Phu Toan Nguyen
Shelby A. Sogaard
Priscila Jael Zabaleta Zambrano

Phi Alpha Honor Society

The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.
Graduates are designated by **medallions with blue and yellow ribbon** worn around neck.

Chance D. Rea

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines.

Mai Adnerton Beebe
Mykayla Q. Ard
Russell Eugene Baker III
Abbigale R. Baldwin
Monika Bk
Samantha R. Brutchin
Jeana M. Compton
Macy Leann Cussimano
Ali Fabrizius
Damon J. Garrison
Jaxson T. Haraughty
Wyatt J. E. Hensley

Lauren B. Hicks
Katherine Michelle Hill
Hunter A. Holt
Sophia K. Kelso
MacKenzie R. Kerr
Mia C. LaMar
Natalie E. Marion
Lejer H. McDaniel
Paige E. Morey
Gabriel A. Nester
Alexandra G. O'Connor
Alexa M. Parker

Enzo A. Perez
Gabrielle M. Radell
Kerigan J. Reynolds
Jonah Alic Sandford
Ragan R. Smith
Shelby A. Sogaard
Dawson Stegman
Tristian Kristine Stevens
Alyvia L. Swartz
Julia M. Todd

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

The society's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature.
Graduates are designated by **black and red cording with tassels**.

Marci A. Heatherly

Student Employee of the Year Nominees

Student Employee of the Year nominees are recognized by the departments they work for on-campus. These students demonstrate characteristics such as reliability, professionalism and initiative. They are recognized at an annual award ceremony in conjunction with National Student Employment Week.
Graduates wear **gold medallions with red ribbon**.

Macy Leann Cussimano

Student Government

These students have dedicated one or more years of service to the Student Government for the students of Pittsburg State University. Graduates wear **crimson, gold and black cording**.

Chloe L. Sell
Alyvia L. Swartz

U.S. Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Friday, December 12, 2025 – 10 a.m.
Bicknell Family Center for the Arts, Miller Theatre

Commissioned Second Lieutenants:
Thomas M. Porch
George D. Short

Veterans and Service Members Recognition

Pittsburg State University recognizes the following men and women who have served their country in the United States Military. Graduates wear **tricolor red, white, and blue cording** around the neck.

Mason M. Harmon
Gabriel R. Hook
Jackson Howard
Thomas Aurel Humaciu

Briana M. King
Matthew Long
Silas P. Minkevitch
Tiffani Sue Ann Montano

Anthony M. Moore
Gerson B. Palacios-Espinoza
Dawson M. Roth
Ryan Andrew Wasinger

Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

PIPER ELIZABETH PARRES, Shawnee; *Advanced Practice
Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner*

Specialist in Education

ALYSSA NICOLE BREWER, Monett, Missouri; *School
Psychology*

HEATHER RENEE BURGESS, Charlotte, North
Carolina; *Advanced Studies in Leadership*

HANNAH C. DAHL, Vadso, Norway; *School Psychology*

BETH ANN SANDNESS, Prescott; *Advanced Studies
in Leadership*

Master of Arts

LAUREN E. BALDWIN, Pittsburg; *Communication*

ANDREW TAYLOR BARGER, Muscatine, Iowa; *History*

BENJAMIN DONALD CORRIGAN, Muscatine, Iowa; *History*

ELIZABETH GREINER, O'Fallon, Missouri; *History*

SAHITHI PRIYA GUNDA, Hyderabad, India; *Communication*

MARCI A. HEATHERLY, Girard; *English*

JOSEPH D. MADDOX, Aurora, Colorado; *History*

ELISE V. MALOUF, Springfield, Virginia; *History*

CHRISTINA MURRAY, Salisbury, Maryland; *History*

ELNA GEORGIANA PERKINS, Flagstaff, Arizona; *History*

HOPE E. RAINEY, Overland Park; *Communication*

RUTH E. RIVERA, Liberal; *Communication*

SARAH E. THIEME, San Angelo, Texas; *History*

Master of Business Administration

TEMPIST RENEE BACHHOFER-EVENSON,
Fredonia; *Business Administration*

DAVID A. BERNS JR., Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Business Administration

PRABHAKAR BODANKI, Joplin, Missouri;
Business Administration

ROSS C. BOEGER, Joplin, Missouri; *Business Administration*

KIMANI JUSTIN BROWN, Lake Worth, Florida;
Business Administration

MARK BROWN, Shawnee; *Business Administration*

HANNA A. CARLISLE, Ivins, Utah; *Business Administration*

ANDREA SOFIA CASTELLANOS MENDEZ,
Aguascalientes, Mexico; *Business Administration*

ANNA M. CHLOPECKA, Shawnee; *Business Administration*

ANDREA CLARK, Lawrence; *Business Administration*

TRAVIS JAMES CLARKE, Baldwin City;
Business Administration

ZACHARY T. COENEN, Cassville, Missouri;
Business Administration

COLE R. CUCITRONE, Cave Creek, Arizona;
Business Administration

CARLOS LIMA DA SILVA, Monett, Missouri;
Business Administration

EVAN DAVENPORT, Norman, Oklahoma;
Business Administration

ANTHONY D. DUGONE, Wichita; *Business Administration*

JOSHUA D. EBENKAMP, Augusta; *Business Administration*

LACY SHAE EVANS, Columbus; *Business Administration*

SHAYANTAN GUPTA, Kolkata, India; *Business Administration*

SAIDA HAMZA, Maize; *Business Administration*

ASHLEE NICOL HARTPENCE, Topeka;
Business Administration

KENT FITZGEREL HAYES, Olathe; *Business Administration*

CHEYENNE HEATH, Liberty, Indiana; *Business Administration*

NOAH X. HERNANDEZ, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
Business Administration

CHRISTINA R. HOLLIDAY, Mulberry; *Business Administration*

JACKSON HOWARD, Wichita; *Business Administration*

COURTNEY R. HULETT, Camdenton, Missouri;
Business Administration

MAYOWA T. IBIYEMI, Kansas; *Business Administration*

SACIA DIANE KELSEY, Parsons; *Business Administration*

MAXIME LEPAGE, Charleston, South Carolina;
Business Administration

BRETT MICHAEL LINN, Garnett; *Business Administration*

LINDSEY N. MARLAY, Joplin, Missouri;
Business Administration

ANDREA N. MARSHBANK, Topeka; *Business Administration*

SYDNEY P. McANARNEY, Springfield, Missouri;
Business Administration

JASON RUSSELL McCaULEY, Barnsdall, Oklahoma;
Business Administration

REED C. McMANAMAN, Topeka; *Business Administration*

SILAS P. MINKEVITCH, Newton; *Business Administration*

JUAN IGNACIO MOLLO, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
Business Administration

MADISON R. MONSON, Forest Lake, Minnesota;
Business Administration

Candidates for Degrees

JULIANA MONTES, Union City, New Jersey;

Business Administration

AMY BETH MUMMERY, Chicago, Illinois;

Business Administration

JENNIFER CHRISTINE NUESSEN, Cheney;

Business Administration

RUSSELL V. OKOTH, Mansfield, Texas;

Business Administration

GERSON B. PALACIOS-ESPINOZA, Wichita;

Business Administration

JACK C. PALECKI, Stilwell; *Business Administration*

BRAYDEN R. RALPH, Pea Ridge, Arkansas;

Business Administration

MADISON R. RAY, Shawnee; *Business Administration*

JEFFREY T. REAVIS, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

CHRISTIN NICOLE REY, Kansas City, Missouri;

Business Administration

MAIAH REYNOLDS, Sand Springs, Oklahoma;

Business Administration

JOCELYN RIVERA, Scottsville, New York;

Business Administration

ERIN MARIE RIVERO, Liberal, Missouri;

Business Administration

KENDALL JEAN ROSS, Atchison; *Business Administration*

AUSTIN RAY SEWARD, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

AISHWARYA SHYLENDRA, South Jordan;

Business Administration

ANNA SIROTA, Brooklyn, New York; *Business Administration*

ASHLEE D. SPURLING, Liberal, Missouri;

Business Administration

COURTNEY E. STOREY, Rogers, Arkansas;

Business Administration

MAKENNA A. TAYLOR, Olathe; *Business Administration*

LONDON A. THOMAS, Neosho Rapids;

Business Administration

RAFAEL TOURINHO MACHADO DE ALMEIDA,

Salvador, Brazil; *Business Administration*

COLE G. TROWBRIDGE, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

RYAN ANDREW WASINGER, Wichita;

Business Administration

MARY K. WHEELER, Fremont, California;

Business Administration

KENT MICHAEL WILLIAMS, Olathe; *Business Administration*

BRANDON L. WILLS, Broomfield, Colorado;

Business Administration

LESLIE WOOLDRIDGE, Pittsburg; *Business Administration*

CALEB M. YORK, Dallas, Texas; *Business Administration*

TYLER ROBERT ZEUTENHORST, Orange City, Iowa;

Business Administration

Master of Engineering Technology

JOSHUA M. ALECKSON, Joplin, Missouri;

Engineering Technology

VIGNESH BONTA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

COBY JAMES, Midlothian, Texas; *Engineering Technology*

JACOB W. JONES, Roff, Oklahoma; *Engineering Technology*

PRANAVI MALLOJJALA, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

SUMANTH MUDALAHIPPE REVANNA,

Chikkamalgalur, India; *Engineering Technology*

SAI VISHAL MUMMIDI, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

PHU TOAN NGUYEN, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

URMILA DEVI PANCHAKARLA, Guntur, India;

Engineering Technology

JENNIFER LEIGH PLUMMER, Manhattan;

Engineering Technology

CHANBASHA SHAIK, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

HARDEEP SINGH, Pittsburg; *Engineering Technology*

RAKESH REDDY SOLIPURAM, Hyderabad, India;

Engineering Technology

AKAASH SUBRAMANIAN, Karaikal, Puducherry, India;

Engineering Technology

Master of Music

NEVA A. ROWLAND, McLouth; *Music*

Master of Professional Accountancy

RILEY M. BUSH, Baxter Springs; *Accounting*

Master of Science

IMAN AFYOUNI, Esfahan, Iran; *Materials Science*

TRAVIS WAYNE BARD, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Teaching*

KYLEE BREANNE BARNEY, Parsons; *Psychology*

CHRISTIAN TYLER BATES, Overland Park;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

NONNA C. BICKETT, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*

MIKAYLA ERIN BOYD, Olathe; *Reading*

Candidates for Degrees

ABBY ELAINE BROWNFIELD, Webb City, Missouri;
Psychology

JEREK C. BUTCHER, Pittsburg;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

HALLEY CALOVICH, Tonganoxie; *Reading*

MICHAELA G. CARNES, Independence;

Human Resource Development

KINALKUMAR ROHITKUMAR CHAUDHARI,

Pittsburg; Materials Science

SHAILI M. CHAUDHARY, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*

MOLLY DOE, Orland Park, Illinois; *Educational Technology*

SETH LEANDER ELLENBURG, Pittsburg;

Educational Leadership

KARLIE A. ELLIS, Pittsburg; *Reading*

MEGAN N. ENSMINGER, Moran; *Reading*

ISAAC J. FITZJARRALD, Great Bend; *Technology*

COURTNEY N. FRAZIER, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

FALGUN KISHORBHAI GADHIYA, Surat, India; *Physics*

ALEXANDRA A. GILMORE, Wichita; *Psychology*

FAITH GLENDENING, Noble, Oklahoma;

Human Resource Development

EMILY M. GOLDEN, Riverton; *Educational Technology*

THOMAS G. GREIG, Prairie Village; *Psychology*

WILLIAM PATRICK GRIFFIN, Kansas City, Missouri;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

ELIZABETH LEA HILDRETH, Kansas City, Missouri;

Curriculum and Instruction

CHRISTIAN R. HOBBS, Lindsay, Oklahoma;

Curriculum and Instruction

DARBY ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, Torrington, Wyoming;

Education

ABAGAIL L. HOUSTON, Richards, Missouri; *Psychology*

LAKYN G. HUFFMAN, Carl Junction, Missouri;

Human Resource Development

TARA J. HUGGARD, Williamsburg;

Human Resource Development

COLIN ROBERT IMMESOETE, Lansing;

Educational Technology

JESSICA M. JAMESON, Scammon; *Psychology*

JAYMIN RAJESHKUMAR JOSHI, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*

ANNAPURNA SRAVYA KALAGARLA, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

AJAY KUMAR, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*

MATTHEW LONG, Fort Scott;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

KELLEY LOUISE LOWE, Derby; *Reading*

SHANNON B. MILLAR-HUEBNER, Parsons; *Reading*

LEIGH MUCCI, Newburgh, New York; *Education*

SREE SWATHI MUNDRA, Pittsburg; *Technology*

SHEILA NAMI, El Paso, Texas; *Psychology*

ANTIONE E. NUNN JR., Kansas City, Missouri;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

KACHISICHO O. OGBODO, Pittsburg; *Technology*

HIMANSHUBHAI PATEL, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*

YASHKUMAR JITENDRAKUMAR PATEL, Pittsburg;

Materials Science

NICHOLE PERNG, Pittsburg; *Human Resource Development*

MAKAYLA G. PICKERT, Fort Scott; *Reading*

RICARDO "RIQ" QUINTEROS, Lawrence;

Career and Technical Education

ASHLEY N. RIGGS, Chanute; *Psychology*

KAREN J. RIRIE, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; *Teaching*

DESERAEE ROARK, Rolla; *Human Resource Development*

MEGAN A. SABA, Carthage, Missouri;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

MADILYNN TENNILLE SANDERHOLM, Arkansas City;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

NIKAIA R. SAYLES, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*

JILL L. SEITZ, Topeka; *Educational Technology*

GRANT J. SMITH, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

SARAH ELIZABETH STREETER, Wichita; *Psychology*

ABIGAIL A. TAYLOR, Caney; *Psychology*

SIDDHARAJ A. VAGHELA, Pittsburg; *Materials Science*

WILLIAM T. VANCLEAVE, Pittsburg; *Educational Leadership*

TABRA KAY WARD, Hudson; *Career and Technical Education*

JAYKOB WELCHER, Adrian, Missouri;

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

JENA LYNN WILLIAMS, La Cygne; *Educational Leadership*

WENDY DAWN WINTER, Saint Paul; *Educational Technology*

KOURTNEY LAWREN YANTIS, Pittsburg; *Educational*

Leadership

ADILKAZY MAGAZULY YESSENGALIYEV, Aktobe,

Kazakhstan; Technology

ELIZABETH NICOLE YORK, Pittsburg; *Psychology*

JEYNY AURORA ZAVALA LOPEZ, Commerce, Oklahoma;

Psychology

STUART PATRICK ZIZZO, Pittsburg; *Technology*

Master of Science in Nursing

MILISSA R. STEFFEN, Hutchinson; *Nursing*

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Applied Science

TREVOR O. DAHL, Olathe; *Technology*
CASEY JOSEPH GROOM, Weston, Missouri; *Technology*
MOHAMMAD I. HANON, Kansas City, Missouri; *Technology*
BLAKE A. MEEKER, Brimfield, Illinois; *Technology*
ESTEBAN BRUNO PEREZ VILLALOBOS, Arequipa, Peru;
Technology

Bachelor of Arts

HANNAH R. ALEXANDER, Carl Junction, Missouri;
Psychology
MARINA BIASUS, Caxias Do Sul, Brazil; *Psychology*
SANDRA CLARKE, Pittsburg; *English*
ALI FABRIZIUS, Overland Park; *Psychology*
JAH LANNIS D. JONES, Pittsburg; *English*
ANDERS J. LINARES, Wichita; *English*
JOSIE L. LYNN, Pittsburg; *English*
ELLA REAGAN SCOBY, Baldwin City; *Psychology*

Bachelor of Business Administration

RUSSELL EUGENE BAKER III, El Dorado;
Marketing and Management
CHELSEA R. BEVILLE, Seneca, Missouri; *Management*
BRAHM E. BORN, Girard; *Management*
MADISON R. BRANNIN, Altamont;
Management and Marketing
MADISON M. BURGESS, Louisburg; *Marketing*
CHASE E. CARNAHAN, Parsons; *Accounting*
KAEDEN LANE CARVER, Fort Scott; *Accounting*
JACQUEZ A. COLEMAN, Colony; *Finance*
TYLER CRANE, Iola; *Marketing and Finance*
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QUINN DENTON, Olathe; *Management and Finance*
NAOMI A. DOOLEY, Goddard; *Accounting*
LAUREN M. FORBES, Altamont; *Marketing and Management*
JAYLEN D. FUKSA, Frisco, Texas; *Management*
DYLAN J. GARRISON, Elk River, Minnesota; *Marketing*
BRYAN N. GONZALEZ, Coral Springs, Florida;
International Business
CADEN J. HAVERFIELD, Pittsburg; *Data Science and*
Information Systems
DYLAN MICHELLE HAZELBAKER, Redfield; *Marketing*

THOMAS AUREL HUMACIU, Pittsburg; *Business Studies*
EMERY L. KAFKA, Pittsburg; *Marketing and Management*
KAMRYN P. KAMINSKA, Independence; *Marketing*
SOPHIA K. KELSO, Pittsburg; *Management and Marketing*
BRIANA M. KING, Cherryvale; *Management*
KARLI DANIELLE KING, Riverton;
Marketing and Management
GRACIE A. LEARY, Galena; *Marketing and Management*
TANIYA M. LOONEY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
Management
RAQUEL LOPEZ, Pittsburg; *Management and Marketing*
JOSUE LOZANO, Bronaugh, Missouri; *Finance and Accounting*
GABE DENNIS McGEE, Overland Park; *Management*
KOLTON MISENER, Chanute; *Finance*
PAIGE A. MORTER, Fort Scott; *Management and Marketing*
JOEL S. NYATUSAH, Aurora, Colorado; *Business Studies*
ALEXANDRA G. O'CONNOR, Wichita;
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BROOKE E. O'HARA, Weir; *Management*
HAILEY N. ORENDER, Pittsburg; *Marketing and Management*
RAEGAN NICHOLLE PITTS, Baxter Springs; *Management*
MARISA J. QUIROGA, Overland Park; *Management*
GABRIELLE M. RADELL, Pittsburg;
Marketing and Management
JOSHUA M. ROBBINS, La Cygne; *Management*
TYLER J. ROSS, Webb City, Missouri; *Management*
RODREEN RUDA, Pittsburg; *Marketing*
JONAH ALIC SANDFORD, Pittsburg; *Business Economics*
JACOB SCOTT, Scammon; *Accounting*
JAMES T. SMITH, Lawrenceville, Georgia; *Management*
RANDA K. SPARKS, Pittsburg; *Management*
ETHAN M. STOUT, Branson, Missouri;
Marketing and Management
EASTON SZTAMENITS, Joplin, Missouri; *Marketing*
KAYLEY A. THORPE, Liberty; *Management*
DREW R. WILHITE, Humboldt; *Finance*
TYLER S. WITTMAN, Overland Park;
Marketing and Management

Bachelor of Fine Arts

JACEE L. BARTHELME, Asbury, Missouri; *Art*
CHLOE C. CHAPPELEAR, Baxter Springs; *Art*
CRYSTAL M. DAVIS, Pittsburg; *Art*

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of General Studies

CARRA J. COFFER, Diamond, Missouri
RYAN A. CONLEY, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
DARION CHASE FRANCIS, Wichita
MATTHEW L. GADDY, Parsons
HEATHER HEALD, Louisburg
KYLEIGH J. HILL, Pittsburg
TIMOTHY MUNDAY, Caney
DAWSON M. ROTH, Minneapolis
BRANDON M. RUEBEL, Farlington
TEDRICK TATE, Cordova, Tennessee

Bachelor of Integrated Studies

SARAH R. BARNCORD, Tonganoxie; *Integrated Studies*
TAYLOR N. HANSEN, Raymore, Missouri; *Integrated Studies*
MIA C. LAMAR, Ottawa; *Integrated Studies*
JADYN NEWELL, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; *Integrated Studies*

Bachelor of Music

MACKENZIE R. KERR, McLouth; *Music*
PRISCILA JAELE ZABALETA ZAMBRANO, Texcoco, Mexico;
Music

Bachelor of Music Education

FAYELYN D. KMIEC, Farlington; *Music*
OMAR TRUJILLO, Liberal; *Music*

Bachelor of Science

CRISTIAN A. ARANA, Wichita; *Psychology*
MIA ANDERTON BEEBE, Spring Hill; *Biology*
RAELEIGH BISHOP, Spring Hill;
Psychology and Modern Languages
MONIKA BK, Rupandehi, Nepal; *Computer Science*
MAKAI L. BLADES, Glenpool, Oklahoma;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
ADALYN R. BROCK, Carl Junction, Missouri; *Criminal Justice*
TAYLOR A. BROWN, Roeland Park; *Exercise Science*
SAMANTHA R. BRUTCHIN, Girard; *Psychology*
QUENTIN A. BUNTEN, Southlake;
Human Resource Development

PARKER H. BURNS, Pittsburg; *Computer Science*
ABIGAIL N. CANTU, Olathe; *Psychology*
CLEO D. CHANDLER JR, Cleburne, Texas;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
TRENT D. CLEMENTS, Chanute; *History*
SUMMER M. COLLINS, Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*
JEANA M. COMPTON, Joplin, Missouri; *History*
MAKENZIE CLEO COOMES, Erie; *History*
LANEY K. COONS, Nevada, Missouri;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
CADE COWDREY, Overland Park; *Communication*
EDWARD P. CURFMAN, Kansas City; *Biology*
MACY LEANN CUSSIMANIO, Nevada, Missouri; *Biology*
KADEN B. DEGRAFFENREID, Bolivar, Missouri; *History*
EMILY R. DEL VECCHIO, Overland Park; *Criminal Justice*
MEKENZIE J. DILLON, Olathe; *Social Work*
CAMERON J. DURBIN, Mulberry; *Psychology*
KACI ECCLES, Chanute; *Social Work*
REBECCA A. EDGE, Topeka; *Human Resource Development*
BRIANA L. ELLIS, Parsons; *Communication*
DANIELLE R. FEES, Iola; *Physics*
JOSHUA A. FIRMAN, Pittsburg; *Criminal Justice*
SARAH LYNN FLORA, Shawnee;
Human Resource Development
JONOVAN P. FOREMAN, Pittsburg; *Psychology*
BRANDON C. GEBHART, Pittsburg;
Human Resource Development
LAUREN GILPIN, Neck City, Missouri; *Biology*
PAITEN M. GRIFFITH, Shawnee; *Communication*
JADYN E. HAMILTON, Webb City, Missouri; *Interior Design*
COOPER M. HARRIS, Midwest City, Oklahoma;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
CHRISTINE M. HELMAN, Pittsburg; *Biology*
WYATT J. E. HENSLEY, Joplin, Missouri; *History*
LINDSAY T. HEPTINSTALL, Osage City;
Human Resource Development
LAUREN L. HERROLD, Spring Hill; *Criminal Justice*
LAUREN B. HICKS, Oronogo, Missouri; *Biology and Chemistry*
KATHERINE MICHELLE HILL, Fort Scott; *Communication*
JOSHUA M. HOLMES, Lenexa; *Computer Science*
GABRIEL R. HOOK, Carthage, Missouri; *Exercise Science*
KYLA RENÉE HUMMEL, Park City; *Exercise Science*
LAKEN E. HUNTER, Humboldt; *Biology*
MORGAN D. HUNTER, Humboldt; *Psychology*
BRAYDON L. IRSIK, Ingalls; *Biology*
KAIRA S. IZAGUIRRE, Topeka; *Criminal Justice*
ALINA MILAN KUKOVICH, Frontenac; *Communication*

Candidates for Degrees

ANA LARA-BAIL, Reeds, Missouri; *Biology*
GRANT THOMAS LEDBETTER, El Dorado;
Computer Science
ABIGAIL LIGHT; Springfield, Missouri; *Biology*
ANGELA MARIANA MADRID-MUÑOZ; Kansas City;
Interior Design
NATALIE E. MARION; Olathe; *Biology*
ANDREW R. McCARTY; Independence; *History*
ALEXIS M. McGEE; Kansas City, Missouri; *Criminal Justice*
GRACE ANN MILLER; Quapaw, Oklahoma; *Psychology*
SAMANTHA LEA MOISE; Louisburg;
Human Resource Development
TIFFANI SUE ANN MONTANO; Pomona;
Human Resource Development
VANESSA E. MORSETTE; Frontenac; *Social Work*
KALEY J. MUSSA; Scammon; *Criminal Justice*
SHELLBY M. NEBOCAT; Archie, Missouri; *Communication*
SAMANTHA R. NORTHCRAFT; Newton;
Human Resource Development
SHAY L. OLABIYI; Cartersville, Missouri; *Interior Design*
ALEXA M. PARKER; Columbus; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
BENJAMIN THOMAS RANGEL; Louisburg; *Computer Science*
CHANCE D. REA; Lamar, Missouri; *Social Work*
ADDISON P. REDD; Frontenac; *Criminal Justice*
NOLAN J. REDEKER; Olpe; *Human Resource Development*
KERIGAN J. REYNOLDS; Fort Scott; *Psychology*
CORD JAMISON RITTER; Carl Junction, Missouri; *History*
CHLOE L. SELL; Iola; *Biology*
JAYDN M. SHERWOOD; Baxter Springs;
Family and Consumer Sciences
KACI G. SINGER; Aurora, Missouri; *Biology*
JAHKOBIE D. SMITH; Del City, Oklahoma;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
JESSICA RUTH SNOW; Helena, Montana;
Geographical and Political Sciences
SHELBY A. SOGAARD; Shawnee; *Communication*
MELISSA E. SOLLNER; Pittsburg; *Communication*
BROOKLYNN PEARLE STEVENS; Caney;
Psychology and Criminal Justice
TRISTIAN KRISTINE STEVENS; Ozark, Missouri; *Biology*
NATALIE P. TALENT; Pittsburg;
Recreation Services, Sport and Hospitality Management
ROBERT A. TOBEL; Parsons; *Exercise Science*
ARELI TREJO; Pittsburg; *Interior Design*
SHANNON VOGEL; Iola; *Psychology*
KATELIND J. VOSS; Pittsburg; *Biology*
ANNISTON C. WARD; Joplin, Missouri; *Psychology*

ALEXANDER K. WEILERT; Chanute; *Psychology*
BAILEY NICOLE WHYTE; Overland Park;
Human Resource Development
EMMA J. WOODS; Guthrie, Oklahoma; *Psychology*
TREY E. WORCESTER; Shawnee; *Biology*
CLARISSA V. WORLEY; Olathe; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
SIERRA WRIGHT; Fort Scott; *Exercise Science*

Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education

JORDAN BEST, Topeka; *Career and Technical Education*
COLE M. HURLEY, Andover; *Career and Technical Education*
JENNIFER RF MORRIS, Yukon, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
KENDRYC L. WALKER, Colfax, North Carolina;
Career and Technical Education
ADAM G. WHITMORE, Rising City, Nebraska;
Career and Technical Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

MYKAYLA Q. ARD, Moran; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
ABBIGALE R. BALDWIN, Nevada, Missouri;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
LANDON D. CARSON, Iola; *Physical Education*
MADYSON D. COY, Basehor; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
ELLA R. GARDNER, Webb City, Missouri;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
LEYSI ELIAS GONZALEZ, Carthage, Missouri;
Elementary Education K-6
JAXSON T. HARAUGHTY, Columbus;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
JOHN C. KOHLER, Columbus; *Elementary Education K-6*
KAYLYNN MARIE KRAYBILL, Wichita;
Technology and Engineering Education
TREY A. McCLELLAND, Olathe; *Physical Education*
PAIGE E. MOREY, Pittsburg; *Elementary Education Unified K-6*
TAYLOR E. NICHOLS, Gardner; *Elementary Education K-6*
TYLER L. PASQUARELLI, Erie;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
OLIVIA K. PUTNEY, Duenweg, Missouri;
Elementary Education K-6
ALISA RECK, Coffeyville;
Early Childhood Unified: Birth through Kindergarten

Candidates for Degrees

OLIVIA G. ROESKY, Coffeyville; *Family and Consumer Sciences*
IZAYAH M. ROYER, Parsons; *Elementary Education K-6*
GEORGE D. SHORT, Lansing; *Physical Education*
RAGAN R. SMITH, Parsons; *Elementary Education K-6*
KARSYN J. STEWART, Cherryvale;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
CAMILLA C. STOCKARD, Pittsburg;
Elementary Education K-6
ALYVIA L. SWARTZ, Pittsburg;
Elementary Education Unified K-6
FAITH E. WARKINS, Haysville; *Elementary Education K-6*

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

AUSTIN DAVID FRAZIER, Thayer;
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
HUNTER A. HOLT, Mound City;
Construction Engineering Technology
CONNOR M. MASON, Fort Scott;
Mechanical Engineering Technology
JOSEPH C. MAXWELL, Pittsburg;
Mechanical Engineering Technology
BRANDEN A. MONTALVO, Marshfield, Wisconsin;
Construction Engineering Technology
NICHOLAS K. MUSKRAT, Carthage, Missouri;
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Bachelor of Science in Technology

DYLLIAN J. ARVIDSON, Fort Scott; *Automotive Technology*
ANGEL AYALA-GALVAN, Kansas City;
Construction Management
NICHOLAS J. BAILEY, Osage City; *Construction Management*
CALVIN A. BENEFIEL, Wichita; *Construction Management*
JOHN T. BICHELMAYER, Lake Quivira;
Construction Management
BETHANY D. BLESSENT, Frontenac; *Graphic Communications*
DANIEL A. BOCANEGRA, Pittsburg;
Construction Management
EMILY BRIGHT, West Des Moines, Iowa;
Construction Management
DOUGLAS T. BROWN, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*
THOMAS D. BUALLE, Arma; *Construction Management*
ELLE M. BURGESS, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*

ALLISON R. CASNER, Mound City; *Graphic Communications*
ELIJAH S. COFFEY, Siloam Springs, Arkansas;
Automotive Technology
BRAXTON A. CURRY, Iola; *Graphic Communications*
JOZZALYNN L. DUKE, Saint Robert, Missouri;
Graphic Communications
SILAS J. EARLEY, Bartlesville, Oklahoma;
Construction Management
GARRETT D. FOLKS, Eudora; *Graphic Communications*
AIDAN M. FORD, Basehor; *Construction Management*
EMILY N. FORD, Stockton, Missouri;
Graphic Communications
DAMON J. GARRISON, Elk River, Minnesota;
Construction Management
GRANT C. GOINGS, Pittsburg; *Construction Management*
TUCKER W. GRAVES, Baxter Springs;
Construction Management
GARRET L. HANNA, Coffeyville; *Construction Management*
MASON M. HARMON, Emporia; *Automotive Technology*
HUNTER G. HARRIS, Wichita; *Construction Management*
FORREST L. HUMMEL, Valley Center;
Construction Management
LUKE E. LESTER, Kansas City, Missouri;
Construction Management
BRODY L. LITRELL, Osage City; *Construction Management*
BAXTER A. LOWE, Adrian, Missouri;
Graphic Communications
BRETT C. LUNBECK, Olathe; *Automotive Technology*
AIDEN C. MATHIA, Olathe; *Construction Management*
BRYSON CONNOR McCALEB, McPherson;
Safety Management
LEJER H. McDANIEL, Valley Center; *Construction Management*
RYAN T. MEDEIROS, Sherman, Texas;
Construction Management
MATTHEW ALAN MITCHELL, Nixa, Missouri;
Construction Management
ANTHONY M. MOORE, Dodge City; *Automotive Technology*
GABRIEL A. NESTER, Leavenworth; *Automotive Technology*
DREW M. O'CONNOR, Cheney; *Construction Management*
SHANE ORENDER, Osage City; *Construction Management*
BRYAN R. OWEN, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*
ENZO A. PEREZ, Bixby, Oklahoma; *Construction Management*
AIDAN PETERSON, Merriam; *Automotive Technology*
THOMAS M. PORCH, Halstead; *Construction Management*
KARLEE R. SHEWEY, Gower, Missouri;
Construction Management

Candidates for Degrees

ELIJAH SCOTT SMITH, Iola; *Safety Management*
DAWSON STEGMAN, Pittsburg; *Graphic Communications*
LOGAN R. THOMAS, Girard; *Construction Management*
JULIA M. TODD, Shawnee; *Graphic Communications*
OSIANNA E. WARD, Mulberry; *Wood Product Manufacturing*

Associate of Applied Science

HASHIM H. BYARI, Mumbai, India;
Automotive Service Technology
STEVE FORSTER, Blair, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
YASH R. PATEL, Ahmedabad, India;
Automotive Service Technology
SCOTT LAWSON RINGWALD, McLoud, Oklahoma;
Career and Technical Education
JOHN D. STERBENZ, Topeka; *Automotive Service Technology*
ZACHARY A. WINE, Wichita; *Automotive Service Technology*

The Mace and Medallion

Two symbolic badges of authority, traditional in many European universities and at some of the oldest schools in the nation, are being used in the commencement ceremonies. The honor of carrying the University Mace at commencement is given to a Pittsburg State University employee with extensive service to the university.



The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President of Pittsburg State University.

In the Middle Ages, maces were used as weapons for breaking the armor of enemies on the field of battle. The use of maces as symbols for academic institutions originated in England in the 1500s.

The university mace features four individual medallions surrounded by brass, with a mahogany staff sectioned by brass accents. The four medallions featured on the head piece represent historic seals used by the university during its first century of existence.

The current university seal is cast in bronze and featured on a solid mahogany disc which rests on top of the ceremonial mace.

The Presidential Medallion proudly displays the names of every president who has provided leadership and vision for our university. Again, the history of PSU is on display with the inclusion of historical university seals on the chain of office.

The past is symbolically connected to present by the chain of office which connects to a bronze banner displaying the name of the current president. An antique bronze medallion showcasing the official seal of the University anchors the chain of office.

The History of Academic Regalia

The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates have historical origins and significance. During the Middle Ages, scholars at the earliest English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in drafty stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The current academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times. The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the

square, tasseled “mortarboard.” The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded.

As you observe the hoods worn by candidates for graduate degrees, note that the colors of Pittsburg State University are embodied in the lining of the hood (crimson and gold), and the velvet trim indicates the degree (e.g., gold for Master of Science). The colors of the hoods of faculty and guests are those of the institution conferring the degree.

The Pittsburg State University Seal

The Pittsburg State University Seal, redesigned in 1994, reflects the mission of instruction, research and service and also symbolizes the history, traditions, and future of the University. The first circle from the outside represents the University’s future. The second circle identifies the University’s name; the wheat sheafs symbolize the State of Kansas. The third circle includes the initials and dates for the previous names of the institution and identifies the mission of Pittsburg State. The fourth circle contains an etching of the front entrance to Russ Hall with its four columns, the symbolic image of the University.



Change and progress give evidence of the dynamic development of Pittsburg State University from the founding of the State Manual Training Normal School in 1903 to the recognition in 1923 of the transformation of SMTN to Kansas State Teachers College, a comprehensive college educating teachers for the nation’s elementary and secondary schools. From the very beginning, some graduates pursued careers in professional areas allied to their teaching degree. In 1959, KSTC became Kansas State College at Pittsburg, which recognized the expanded mission to educate students in the arts and sciences and in business, education, and technical fields for various professions and careers. In 1977, KSCP became Pittsburg State University to mark the transition from a college to a university with a range of undergraduate majors, graduate programs, and four organized schools in arts and sciences, business, education, and technology. The University embraced a common bond with all universities to pursue instruction, research and service.

One constant in the ten decades of Pittsburg State University is Russ Hall. Constructed in 1907 and opened in January 1908, it became the landmark first building that anchored SMTN as a permanent presence in higher education in Pittsburg, the State of Kansas, and the Nation. The doors to Russ Hall have admitted thousands of students during the University’s history. Russ Hall forever stands as a tribute to the bold vision of the founders.

On the cover:

The University Lake, built by the Civil Works Administration in 1934, is a popular spot for students, faculty, staff, and community members to hang a hammock, enjoy a picnic, fish, read, or play frisbee. For decades, it's been the site of annual raft races during Homecoming Week, and has long been a popular spot for senior photos and family photos. In the spring, blooming trees add color, and in the fall, the autumn colors are spectacular!



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