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Out of respect for the graduates and the ceremony we are about to celebrate,  
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## WELCOME

Welcome to the University of Central Missouri, and congratulations to all graduates, their families and friends in celebration of this special day. While we continue to work amid COVID-19, we have made adjustments in the ceremony to help support a healthy environment. Graduates will receive instructions on the floor, and we ask that all others in attendance please observe signs placed throughout the building related to social distancing, wearing masks/face coverings and other ways to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Following the ceremony, we will be dismissing graduates/guests by rows and areas. Families and friends should meet their graduate outside the Multipurpose Building, and everyone should exit the building after the ceremony so that there is time to clean and prepare for the following commencement exercises. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you for your cooperation as we all work together to make this commencement a great experience for all at UCM.

## PLEASE NOTE

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this program, printing deadlines and other factors sometimes prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publication of names of individuals who have not completed graduation requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status, and the university makes no representations as such and further reserves all rights to amend, alter or delete the contents of this program at any time.

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# UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONIES

## HARMON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (HCBPS) SCHOOL OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICES (3 P.M.) SCHOOL OF AVIATION AND SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (5:30 P.M.)

### MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

#### Processional

University Marshal and Mace Bearer . . . . .	Dr. James Loch, Faculty Senate President
The UCM Wind Ensemble (virtual performance) . . . . .	Dr. Anthony Pursell, Director of Bands, Conductor
<i>Pomp and Circumstance No. 1</i> . . . . .	Edward Elgar/trans. van Lijnschooten
Welcome and Introductions . . . . .	Dr. Shari Bax, Vice President, Student Experience and Engagement, Master of Ceremonies
Greetings from the Board of Governors . . . . .	Stephen Abney, President, Board of Governors
Remarks from Academic Leader . . . . .	Dr. Jose Mercado, Dean, Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies (5:30 p.m.)
Special Presentations . . . . .	Dr. Phillip Bridgmon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Roger J. Best, UCM President
Byler Distinguished Faculty Award to Dr. Fran Reddington (3 p.m.)	
Charno Awards Presentation to Olivia Waddell (3 p.m.)	
Charno Award Presentation to Zachary Racy (5:30 p.m.)	
UCM Concert Choir (virtual performance) . . . . .	Dr. Adam Zrust, Director of Choral Activities, Conductor
<i>Alleluia</i> . . . . .	Elaine Hagenberg
Recognition of Undergraduate Candidates with Honors . . . . .	Dr. Bridgmon
Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Bridgmon
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees . . . . .	Dr. Roger J. Best, President
Welcome from Alumni . . . . .	Courtney E. Goddard, J.D., Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director, Alumni Foundation
Individual Recognition of Undergraduate Degree Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Best
Graduates Announced by . . . . .	Dr. Jay Steinkruger, Associate Dean, College of Health, Science and Technology, and Associate Professor, School of Natural Sciences (3 p.m.) Dr. Jim Cicon, Associate Professor, School of Business Administration (5:30 p.m.) Dr. Shannon McCarthy, Assistant Professor, Marketing (5:30 p.m.)

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Recognition of Parents, Grandparents, Spouses and Family Members. . . . .	Dr. Best
<i>Alma Mater</i> (virtual performance). . . . .	arr. Russ Coleman Music by UCM Concert Choir Dr. Adam Zrust, Director of Choral Activities, Conductor
Recessional (virtual performance) . . . . .	The UCM Wind Ensemble, Dr. Pursell, Conductor
<i>Windsor Pageantry – Recessional</i> . . . . .	Charles Fernandez/trans. Pursell

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**UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY**  
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, THRIVE PROGRAM**  
**AND STUDENTS MAJORING IN GENERAL STUDIES**  
**MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING**  
**10 A.M.**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021**

Processional

University Marshal and Mace Bearer . . . . . Dr. James Loch, Faculty Senate President

The UCM Wind Ensemble (virtual performance) . . . . . Dr. Anthony Pursell, Director of Bands, Conductor  
*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1* . . . . . Edward Elgar/trans. van Lijnschooten

Welcome and Introductions . . . . . Dr. Shari Bax, Vice President,  
Student Experience and Engagement, Master of Ceremonies

Greetings from the Board of Governors . . . . . Mr. John Collier, Vice President, Board of Governors

Student Reflections . . . . . Hannah Klutho, Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Education

Special Presentations . . . . . Dr. Phillip Bridgmon, Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Roger J. Best, UCM President

Governor's Excellence in Education Award to Dr. Julie Hentges, Professor of Education,  
Program Coordinator for Master of Science in Education/Curriculum and Instruction

UCM Concert Choir (virtual performance) . . . . . Dr. Adam Zrust, Director of Choral Activities, Conductor  
*Alleluia* . . . . . Elaine Hagenberg

Recognition of Undergraduate Candidates with Honors . . . . . Dr. Bridgmon,  
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates . . . . . Dr. Bridgmon

Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees . . . . . Dr. Best

Welcome from Alumni . . . . . Courtney E. Goddard, J.D.,  
Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director, Alumni Foundation

Individual Recognition of Undergraduate Degree Candidates . . . . . Dr. Best

Graduates Announced by . . . . . Ms. Christi Richardson, Instructor, School of Teaching and Learning  
Mr. Shannon Johnson, Instructor, School of Communication, History, and Interdisciplinary Studies

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*Alma Mater* (virtual performance) . . . . . arr. Russ Coleman  
Music by UCM Concert Choir  
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# GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (12:30 P.M.)

HARMON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (HCBPS)  
AND COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CHST) SCHOOLS  
EXCEPT FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (3 P.M.)

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CAHSS) AND  
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (5:30 P.M.)

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

## Processional

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Welcome and Introductions . . . . .	Dr. Shari Bax, Vice President, Student Experience and Engagement, Master of Ceremonies
Greetings from the Board of Governors . . . . .	John Collier, Board Vice President
Remarks from Academic Leaders/Students . . . . .	Katie Dobrydney, Candidate for Master of Science (12:30 p.m.) Dr. Jose Mercado, Dean, Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies (3 p.m.) Nicolas Philipp, Candidate for Master of Science (3 p.m.) Dr. Michael Sawyer, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (5:30 p.m.) Marisa Mayo, Candidate for Master of Arts (5:30 p.m.)
Special Presentation . . . . .	Dr. Phillip Bridgmon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Roger J. Best, UCM President
2020 Byler Distinguished Faculty Award . . . . .	Dr. Dawna Lisa (Buchanan) Butterfield, Professor of Literacy Education and English Language Learning (12:30 p.m.)
Presentation of Candidates. . . . .	Dr. Bridgmon
Conferring of Graduate Degrees. . . . .	Dr. Best
Welcome from Alumni . . . . .	Courtney E. Goddard, J.D., Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director, Alumni Foundation (12:30 p.m.) Scott Taylor, J.D., Class of 1989, President, Alumni Foundation Board of Directors (3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.)
Individual Hooding of Graduate Degree Candidates . . . . .	Faculty Advisors (see list on page 6)
Graduates Announced by . . . . .	Christi Richardson, Instructor, School of Teaching and Learning (12:30 p.m.) Dr. Prasad Rudramuniyaiah, Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems and Analytics (3 p.m.) Reader to be announced (5:30 p.m.)

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# UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CAHSS) (10 A.M.)

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CHST)

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES (12:30 P.M.)

## SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY,

## SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (3 P.M.)

## SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCE, PHYSICS AND SAFETY AND SCHOOL OF NUTRITION,

## KINESIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (5:30 P.M.)

## MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

## SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

### Processional

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The UCM Wind Ensemble (virtual performance) . . . . .	Dr. Anthony Pursell, Director of Bands, Conductor
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Welcome and Introductions . . . . .	Dr. Shari Bax, Vice President, Student Experience and Engagement, Master of Ceremonies
Greetings from the Board of Governors . . . . .	Kenneth Weymuth, Board Member (10 a.m.) Zachary Racy, Student Board Member (12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.)
Remarks by Academic Leaders/Students . . . . .	Dr. Michael Sawyer, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (10 a.m.) Jaggard Williams, Candidate for Bachelor of Arts (10 a.m.) Dr. Alice Greife, Dean, College of Health, Science and Technology (12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.) Katherine Evans, Candidate for Bachelor of Science (12:30 p.m.) Valentya Usyk, Candidate for Bachelor of Science (3 p.m.) Madison Sandor, Candidate for Bachelor of Science (5:30 p.m.)
UCM Concert Choir (virtual performance) . . . . .	Dr. Adam Zrust, Director of Choral Activities, Conductor
<i>Alleluia</i> . . . . .	Elaine Hagenberg
Recognition of Undergraduate Candidates with Honors . . . . .	Dr. Phillip Bridgmon, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Bridgmon
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees . . . . .	Dr. Roger J. Best, President
Remarks . . . . .	Scott B. Taylor, J.D., Class of 1989, President, Alumni Foundation Board of Directors (10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.) Meryl Lin McKean, Class of 1980, Member, Alumni Foundation Board of Directors (3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.)
Individual Recognition of Undergraduate Degree Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Best
Graduates Announced by . . . . .	Dr. Elisabeth Stimpert, Assistant Professor, School of Visual and Performing Arts (10 a.m.) Mr. Shannon Johnson, Instructor, School of Communication, History, and Interdisciplinary Studies (10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.) Dr. Sara Hoffman, Assistant Chair and Assistant Professor, School of Nursing (12:30 p.m.) Dr. Meera Penumetcha, Associate Professor, Nutrition (3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.) Dr. Belinda Copus, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Software Engineering (3 p.m.)

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# FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

During commencement exercises for graduate students, many faculty members assist in hooding candidates from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS); College of Education (COE); College of Health, Science and Technology (CHST); and the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies (HCBPS). Names of these faculty members and the academic program areas and colleges they represent are listed below.

- Dr. Micah Alpaugh, Associate Professor, Master of Arts, History, CAHSS  
Dr. Michelle Amos, Assistant Professor, Master of Science in Education, Literacy Education, COE  
Dr. Charlene Atkins, Associate Professor, Master of Arts, Teaching, COE  
Dr. Scott Chenault, Associate Professor, Master of Science, Criminal Justice and Criminology, HCBPS  
Dr. Michelle Conrad, Associate Professor, Master of Science, College Student Personnel Administration; M.S. Career and Technology Education; Education Specialist, Professional Leadership; Ed.S. Human Services; COE  
Dr. Joseph Ely, Associate Professor, Master of Science, Biology, CHST  
Dr. Nancy Forth, Professor, Master of Science, Counseling, COE  
Ms. Deborah Galley, Instructor, Master of Science, Speech-Language Pathology, HCBPS  
Dr. Matthew Garver, Associate Professor, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Kinesiology, CHST  
Dr. Wendy Geiger, Professor, Chair, Master of Arts, Communication, CAHSS  
Ms. Crissy Hall-Sims, FNP Director, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) CHST  
Dr. Lauren Hays, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Educational Technology; Education Specialist, Education Technology, COE  
Dr. Julie Hentges, Professor, Master of Science in Education, Elementary Education/Curriculum and Instruction, COE  
Dr. Gretchen Hill, Associate Professor, Master of Science, Social Gerontology, CAHSS  
Dr. Darla Honn, Associate Professor, Director, Master of Arts in Accountancy, HCBPS  
Dr. Sandy Hutchinson, Professor, Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership, COE  
Dr. Dan Jensen, Associate Professor, Master of Business Administration, HCBPS  
Dr. Jenna Kammer, Assistant Professor, Library Science, Master of Science, Library Science and Information Services; Education Specialist, Professional Leadership, COE  
Dr. Christina Kitson, Assistant Professor, Master of Arts, Teaching English as a Second Language, CAHSS  
Dr. David Kreiner, Professor, Master of Science, Psychology, CHST  
Dr. Woo-young Lee, Professor, Sport Management, Master of Science, Kinesiology (Sport Management), HCBPS  
Dr. Adriatik Likcani, Associate Professor, Master of Science, Human Development and Family Science, HCBPS  
Dr. Duane Lundervold, Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Master of Science, Behavior Analysis and Therapy, CHST  
Dr. Brandy Lunch, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Physical Education, COE  
Dr. Swarna Mandal, Professor, Master of Science, Nutrition, CHST  
Dr. Lane Maxcy, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Special Education K-12; Education Specialist, Educational Leadership, COE  
Dr. Ann McCoy, Professor; Associate Dean, Master of Science in Education, Elementary Math; Education Specialist, Elementary Math, COE  
Dr. Rhonda McKee, Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Master of Science, Mathematics - Mathematics Option; M.S. Mathematics, CHST  
Mr. Andy Multer, Assistant Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Master of Science, Aviation Safety, HCBPS  
Dr. Maxine Notice, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Human Development and Family Science (Marriage and Family Therapy), HCBPS  
Dr. Tsvetan Popov, Assistant Professor, Master of Science, Industrial Hygiene, CHST  
Dr. Sam Ramanujan, Professor, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems and Information Technology; M.S. Big Data Analytics and Information Technology, HCBPS  
Dr. Jo Riggs, Professor, Master of Science, Nursing (Nurse Educator), CHST  
Dr. Sue Rodchua, Professor, Master of Science, Industrial Management; M.S. Technology; Ph.D. Technology Management; CHST  
Dr. Stella Roden, Professor, Master of Arts, Music, CAHSS  
Dr. Henry Russell, Professor, Master of Science, Educational Leadership; M.S.E. Secondary School Administration; Ed.S. Educational Leadership; Ed.S. Professional Leadership, COE  
Dr. Scott Strohmeyer, Professor, Graduate Program Coordinator, Kinesiology, CHST  
Dr. Lynn Urban, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Chair, School of Public Services, HCBPS  
Dr. Lianwen Wang, Professor, Master of Science. Mathematics (Actuarial Science and Statistics), CHST  
Dr. Miaozong Wu, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Master of Science, Occupational Safety Management, CHST  
Dr. Yuankun Yao, Professor, Master of Science in Education, Curriculum and Instruction, COE  
Dr. Mahmoud Yousef, Professor, Coordinator, Master of Science, Computer Science; M.S., Cybersecurity and Information Assurance, CHST

## CHARNO AWARDS

The Charno Award is presented annually to the top male and female citizens of the University of Central Missouri. The honor is named after George Charno, Sr., a Kansas City attorney who established the award in 1940 to recognize the two outstanding members of the senior class. Selection is based on a combination of criteria, which include: leadership, scholarship, character, involvement in campus organizations and extracurricular activities, service to the university, and involvement in one's academic department. Announced during the Spring 2021 semester, this year's recipients are Zachary Racy and Olivia Waddell.



### **ZACHARY RACY**

Zachary Racy, called "Zac" by his friends at UCM, is a resident of Riverside, Missouri, who is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from UCM, where he gained experience in many areas that have a direct impact on students. He was the student representative on the university's Board of Governors, a position he assumed after his work with the Student Government Association. Since 2019, he has donated his time to opportunities that include serving as a senator, floor leader and member of SGA's University Issues Committee. He has volunteered as public relations chair for the Honors College Student Association, and served as vice president of finance and records for the

Intrafraternity Council. Zac also was president of the Service Team in the Integrated Business Experience Program, which offers real-life experience to students in developing and marketing products.

While assisting outside groups such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Zac's campus involvement includes serving as a member the Mule Nation Student Chapter, alumni ambassador, and member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He has been active in Student Experience and Engagement activities such as serving as an Impact Student Leadership Retreat keynote speaker and Mule Team leader, and participating as a student speaker for the Week of Welcome Kickoff events. He worked as a student employee in the Office of the President and at the Pertle Springs golf course.



### **OLIVIA WADDELL**

Coming to UCM from Olathe, Kansas, Olivia Waddell is graduating summa cum laude after earning a Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. Her experience at UCM allowed her to develop leadership skills through opportunities such as vice president of membership and alumnae relations chair with Delta Zeta sorority, and as a former president of Rho Lambda and vice president of accountability for the Panhellenic Executive Council. This is in addition to involvement with the Conversation Partner Program through the UCM English Language Institute and Center for Global Education, and membership with the Global Ambassadors.

Olivia has served as student ambassador and freshman orientation leader for UCM's Admissions Office and engaged in community service during annual homecoming celebrations and Greek Week, while also joining with her sorority sisters to assist organizations and programs such as Ronald McDonald House, Art Bra KC, and the Cinderella Dress Exchange. She worked on a service trip with survivors of sex trafficking in the Philippines, was a volunteer for Integrity Homecare and Hospice doing bereavement and wellness visits, and assisted with Warrensburg Project Community Connect, which aids local families in need. In addition to serving as a community advisor and an office assistant for University Housing, she was the recipient of grants that enabled her do research related to the Middle East, and in 2018 she participated in a Study Abroad Trip to Jordan and Israel.

## 2021 BYLER DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Named after William H. Byler, an inventor, author and teacher who graduated from UCM in 1927, the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon UCM faculty members. Byler established an endowment fund to provide annual recognition for distinguished faculty performance, evidenced by teaching, scholarly, or creative activity, and professional service. This year's recipient is Dr. Frances (Fran) Reddington, professor and director of the Criminal Justice Institute in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.



### **Dr. Frances (Fran) Reddington**

Dr. Fran Reddington joined UCM in 1992 as an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and climbed the faculty ranks to become a professor in 2001. She was named to her current post in 2015, where she serves among faculty in the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies.

In supporting Dr. Reddington's nomination for the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award, her colleagues praised her work inside and outside the classroom, citing outstanding traits that include her dedication to the success of both students and other criminal justice and criminology faculty. They noted

Dr. Reddington is one of the most supportive and collegial faculty members in her academic school. She not only strives to prepare the best materials for her own class, but she shares them with colleagues so they are not required to "reinvent the wheel." Students have noted that she not only has the ability to energize them and get them excited about course material, but some describe her as "a favorite" and "awesome teacher" in the way she enriches their learning environment.

Dr. Reddington produces high-quality scholarship that informs policy and practice, and ensures she is working with students and junior faculty for their long-term success. She also serves the UCM campus on committees and work groups, and through her connections outside of campus looks for ways to provide real solutions for juveniles and criminal justice professionals across the state and nation.

To help meet strong student interest, Dr. Reddington developed a proposal for a Criminal Justice and Criminology minor in Juvenile Justice, with input from the director of Child and Family Development. This program was implemented in 2017.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Reddington has consistently strived for excellence and innovative approaches to teaching. Within her academic area, she has been a leader in online instruction since the Criminal Justice program became the first on campus to be offered 100 percent online 15 years ago.

Demonstrating her belief that education continues outside the classroom, she helped launch the nation's first student chapter of the American Correctional Association (ACA), and served as an advisor to that organization for more than a decade. She has taken students to multiple state, regional, and national conferences and has helped oversee countless hours of community service. Dr. Reddington has also arranged for multiple student tours of a Division of Youth Services facility in Waverly, Missouri, a juvenile detention center, the Henry County jail, and a juvenile court, just to name a few.

## 2020 BYLER DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Dawna Lisa (Buchanan) Butterfield, professor of literacy education and English language learning, was the Spring 2020 recipient of the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award. The 2020 Spring Commencement ceremony was canceled due to the pandemic. UCM is pleased to publicly recognize her today.



### **Dr. Dawna Lisa (Buchanan) Butterfield**

Dr. Dawna Lisa (Buchanan) Butterfield is a UCM faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement over a long, sustained period of time as a professor of literacy education and English language learning in the School of Teaching and Learning. Her colleagues say she embodies the true spirit of faculty service through her experiences in intensive graduate advising, leadership for a student organization, and contributions made to the institution through service on committees at the university, college and departmental levels. She is also recognized as a "great model for faculty service" possessing characteristics related to student mentorship and instruction that led to previous honors such as the Excellence in Teaching and Distinguished Faculty Awards in the College of Education, as well as the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Education in 2015.

After growing up in Canada, Dr. Butterfield has enjoyed a career in education that spans more than 30 years, including nearly 25 years spent at UCM. In addition to devoting much of her time serving in the classroom, for approximately five years, beginning in 2012, she served as chair of the Department of Educational Foundations and Literacy, and coordinated the Literacy Education program. To pursue her longstanding passion for teaching, she returned to the classroom where her major assignments continue to be in literacy education.

Throughout her tenure at UCM, Dr. Butterfield has been a strong advocate for a program that helps teach students who want to serve in the classroom how to instruct K-12 students who are learning to speak English. Her work in this area has included developing and designing a new introductory course on English Language Learners and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy to meet new Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requirements across all teacher education programs.

Dr. Butterfield has always demonstrated a strong commitment to engaged learning and future-focused academics. This is evident through previous work that included design and revision of online courses and through training in Quality Matters online design, which provided her knowledge of best practices in online course development. She was active in developing a new Educational Foundations Core, which was adopted by the College of Education Teacher Education Council in 2014.

In addition to her record of scholastic work that includes research and publications, she has helped foster a culture of service at UCM through her volunteerism. This includes participation in the annual Children's Literature Festival which brings thousands of young people and their teachers to campus, and establishing a student group, Leading Educator Advocates for Diversity (LEAD), which resulted in a scholarship for students who provide outstanding community service.

# GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The Governor's Award for Excellence in Education is an annual recognition initiative established by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. In recognizing honorees, the awards program considers criteria such as effective teaching, effective advising, innovative course design and delivery, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement. This year's award goes to a faculty member in the College of Education, Dr. Julie Hentges.



## **Dr. Julie Hentges**

Dr. Julie Hentges is a professor of education who serves as program coordinator for the Masters of Science in Education (MSE) Elementary Education/Curriculum and Instruction program and faculty advisor to Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) education honor society at UCM. A dedicated educator for more than two decades and a self-proclaimed life-long learner, Dr. Hentges today is helping to ignite the same passion she shares for education with her undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education.

Colleagues who supported Dr. Hentges' nomination cited qualities such as her dedication to the field of education, implementation of high-quality teaching practices, professional scholarship and ongoing service among many reasons she deserves this recognition. They noted that her desire to model effective teaching practices and produce great teacher candidates drives her efforts to consistently monitor student progress, implement innovative strategies, reexamine assessment tools, and participate in professional development events.

Dr. Hentges' students have cited outstanding professional characteristics such as her ability to create valuable relationships with them while also instilling a wealth of knowledge, providing meaningful assignments, and valuable feedback. Students also say she always makes herself available to help them, and that she has a genuine interest in their success.

Dr. Hentges is described as innovative in her approach to curriculum development, having worked to revise multiple courses in her area to bring them into alignment with new professional standards. While doing so, she has increased the rigor and expectations for her students to achieve excellence, which are important considerations for continued accreditation of programs.

Dr. Hentges has an outstanding record of service to UCM. This has included serving as chair of the College and the School Promotion and Tenure committees, as well as service as a member of the College Assembly Executive Committee. She works to create a community of learners, both inside and outside the classroom, and she engages students in service. For example, in her role this academic year as student organization advisor to Kappa Delta Pi., she and her students initiated the "We are ALL in this together" T-shirt sales fundraiser to benefit the Campus Cupboard. She also provides leadership for KDP's Freshman Mentor Program, which helps acclimate students to their university major while connecting them with peers.

Throughout her service to UCM, which began more than a decade ago, Dr. Hentges has earned a number of special honors. Most recently, this has included the Learning to a Greater Degree Award, the College of Education's Excellence in Teaching Award, Kappa Delta Pi Excellence in Education Award, and the UCM Advisor of the Year Award.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The University of Central Missouri's Presidential Medallion was introduced during the inauguration ceremony for UCM's 16th president Dr. Roger J. Best on April 18, 2019. Designed by staff in the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communications, the nickel silver, antique finish medallion features as the central focal piece, a three-inch in diameter round medal that includes the university's academic logo with

the year of the institution's founding in 1871, and the motto "Education for Service." Other components include two 1.5-inch diameter university seals, and curved banners that are linked together and list the names of each university president who served the institution since its founding and their years of service. The medallion is to be worn at ceremonial functions, including commencement ceremonies.

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## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace was designed and produced for the inauguration of Dr. Ed Elliott as president in 1985.

As a historical note, maces were first used during Roman times. The first mace was a weapon-like staff, composed of a group of reeds surrounding an axe. Mace bearers would walk in front of the person in authority. Maces were later used in England, again as symbols of authority in the court systems. The staff was carried by a judge or transported for him by a mace bearer. As the American court system developed from the English courts, the mace also became a symbol of authority in America.

The University of Central Missouri's mace is made of native walnut and bronze, and is topped with a somewhat stylized flame, which, like light, stands for truth and knowledge. Beneath the flame are inlaid disks of cardinal and black, the university colors. Continuing down the mace, a large sphere is decorated with carvings of major buildings on campus. Holding the ball are simple finger-like formations, which stand for service. The reeding, or half-columns, on the mace symbolizes tradition in education and togetherness – small parts working together to support the whole. Bronze books and mortarboards with tassels are symbols of academia and education, and bronze casts of Missouri represent UCM's home state and the citizens it serves. The handle of the mace is spiraled, which denotes growth and progression. The mace, completed with a hand-rubbed oil finish, weighs approximately 14 pounds.

The base for the staff is bronze and weighs close to 20 pounds. It is adorned with centennial medallions and Missouri mules in harness, denoting the reliable, workaday university mascot.

When not used for ceremonial purposes, the mace stands in its base in the Office of the President. The University Mace is carried at ceremonial functions by the university marshal, who precedes the university president in the processional. By tradition at the University of Central Missouri, the university marshal is the president of the Faculty Senate.

The construction of the mace was a team effort. Board of Regents member Edna Mae Whitsitt contacted Rich Monson of the Art Department for design assistance. Monson developed several designs, and a committee consisting of Ophelia Gilbert, Alice Gower, Monson, Norma Van Zee, and Whitsitt selected the design to be used. Jack Landers, faculty member in the Department of Manufacturing and Construction, built the walnut core of the mace. Monson and Richard Allman, Art Department, cast and assembled the bronze pieces. Robert Tompkins, Department of Physical Education, carved the frieze, and Joseph Albrecht, Manufacturing and Construction, fashioned a bronze stem to join a base that was cast by Monson and George Sample, Art Department. Additional assistance was provided by art faculty members Jerry Miller, Harold Reynolds and Billi Rothove.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia of robe and hood are believed to have had their beginnings at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the 12th and 13th centuries. The hoods are a carryover from the times when the monks, who operated the universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter or to collect alms when worn as shoulder capes.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, a commission of university officials adopted a universal code of design and color for academic garb. It has undergone various revisions, the latest in 1960. Styling of robes varies for the bachelor's, master's, education specialist and doctoral degrees and the width of border and length of hood increase with the type of degree. The color of the velvet border of the hood indicates the field of study, while the lining designates

the colors of the institution granting the degree. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for the master's degree and the education specialist degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist with the rear part of its oblong shape square cut and the front part with an arc cutaway. It may be worn open or closed.

The doctoral gown is faced with black velvet and has three bars across the bell-shaped sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of colored velvet to represent the degree, and agree in color with the binding or edging of the hood. The tassel for the cap may be of gold thread.

## SPRING 2021 GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following candidates for graduate degrees have met academic requirements, pending final verification, and are eligible to participate in Spring 2021 Commencement exercises at UCM. All degree candidates will be notified by the Registrar's Office of final graduation status.

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### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jennifer Hayes  
Michael Verderaime

Tina Church Lewandowski  
Shelley Brown

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Gary Lee

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### EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Carolyn Dawn Basinger Albarelli  
Cynthia Gambino Allen  
Renee D. Alvarez  
Eric Robert Bennaka  
Rene M. Burress  
Mary Davis  
Michael E. Elliott Jr.

Andrea Foote  
Kindra Ann Gassen  
Jon M. Gerhold  
Kassandra M. Gravely  
Daniel Anthony Kahre  
Charlotte R. King  
Marissa D. Klenda

Gabriel McLaughlin  
Amy D. Osborn  
Kelly Michaela Pryde  
Shelby Layne Spence  
Jana Elizabeth Stidham  
Wesley Tinker  
Tammie Louise White

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### MASTER OF ARTS

Paul James Atwood  
Melissa E. Bennett  
Amanda Nicole Buck  
Noah Edward Burroughs  
Brandice N. Coats  
Bobby Eugene Collins III  
Emily A. Cool  
William Bruce Copenhaver  
Stuart Carter Duncan

Andrew Stuart Eick  
Justin Gonzalez  
Andrew Hardin  
Kasey Beth Hopkins  
Kelley E. Klein  
Grant E. Klinksick  
Marisa Nichelle Mayo  
Natalia D. Michaels  
Lucy Kathleen Morgan

Stephen N. Neuenswander  
Joshua Christopher Politte  
Brooke Danielle Rottinghaus  
Paxton Lee Stover  
Teresa Lynn Sumler  
Adriana Vivas  
Melissa L. Westphal  
Tyler Dalton Wilcox

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## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Emily J. Banfield  
Mark A. Carpenter  
Gerald L. Cawelti  
Jonathan Contreras  
Chris S. Cunningham  
Sarah Jo Dragoo

Summer Easley  
Katelyn S. Frakes  
Samuel L. Griffin  
Donald G. Horner Jr.  
Dalton James Hutchings  
McKenna Grace Nelson

Kaylee Anne O'Connor  
Diana Kathleen Rendell  
Sarah Elizabeth Sloan  
Audrey M. Stever  
Amanda Sue Stunz  
Karen Tate Weiss

Tad R. Whitmire  
Logan S. Wiggins  
Kathleen M. Woods

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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Austin Reed Arnall  
Bailey Marie Baird  
Jeroen Holtes  
Christopher Huynh

Marcia Storm Kumar  
Elizabeth Sandra Leath  
Edward C. Lutz-Lay  
Calaway Michael McQueeney

Andrew William Rouse  
Casey Marlene Rouse  
Olivia R. Sobaski  
Rebecca L. Whitaker

Gabrielle L. Wiley

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Erika L. Acord  
Likhitha Reddy Adulla  
Sai Arundee Aetukuri  
John Derrick Ajevi  
Tara J. Akin  
Shruthi Akunapuram  
Durga Prasad Ala  
Renee Diane Alberti  
Sushmitha Rao Alleni  
Anvesh Allu  
Alexis D. Almloff  
Amar Reddy Aloori  
Jagadeesh Ambata  
Paul Ames  
Navatha Anaparthi  
Nia Imani Anderson  
Sri Harsha Andhavarapu  
Alexandria Regan Andrade  
Sumanth Anepally  
Naveen Angali  
Saiteja Anishetty  
Prajodh Aniyeri Valkat  
Sahiti Reddy Anugu  
Raghu Ram Apuri  
Anil Reddy Arkala  
Emily M. Arterburn  
Deepika Arvind Kumar  
Amaan Aslam Ashraf  
Monika Atluri  
Everett C. Babcock

Varshini Bachawala  
Supriya Reddy Baddam  
Pavani Badhula  
Jeevan Kumar Bagadi  
Vidya Baireddy  
Datta Sai Akhilesh Baluvu  
Santosh Kumar Bandharam  
Soham Banerjee  
Tia L. Barbosa  
Christian Joseph Bedard  
Conor Grae Behrens  
Anne Kathleen Beile  
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Bethi  
Saroja Bhaskararayuni  
Pragnya Biarapogu  
Sathya Narayana Karthik Binnuri  
Pranjal Bisht  
Thomas J. Black  
Dinesh Reddy Bodha  
Jyothirmaie Boggavarapu  
Nikhil Bolgam  
Ravi Varan Bonkuri  
Akhil Varma Boredha  
Rinesh Reddy Borra  
Matthew David Botkin  
Anudeep Botla  
Thejikiran Boyani  
Manpreet Varma Brahmarouthu  
James J. Bredemeyer  
Catherine J. Brillely

Benjamin Aaron Brown  
Cori L. Brown  
Noah Nathaniel Brown  
Sarah Marie Brulz  
Rakesh Buggaveeti  
Kirby Anne Bunnell  
Kaitlyn Marie Burkemper  
Meredith Jane Burns  
Andrew Beavers Burt Jr.  
Ashlan Nicole Burton  
Guruvikas Reddy Busa  
Shannon Lea Carroll  
Jeffery J. Cavnar  
Carlos Francisco Cervantes Romero  
Akhil Challa  
Sandhyarani Cheelamanthula  
Lakshmi Priyanka Chekuru  
Ram Charan Chiday  
Praveena Kumari Chikoti  
Sahithi Chintapalli  
Vunnath Reddy Chinthapally  
Sainath Chirumamilla  
Manasa Chithaloori  
Indu Chitti  
Dennis D. Cochran  
Allison Luhua Coreggia  
Andrew Prescott Corse  
Bryan J. Curran  
Adwait Vijay Dabade  
Venkata Sai Murali Krishna Damerla

Abhinay Dasa  
Girish Dasari  
Girija Dasoju  
Gayatri Navya Deepika Datla  
Joseph N. Davis  
Lee Ferris Decker  
Niteesh Desaboina  
Rohit Deshmukh  
Srinadh Devarasetty  
Abhiramsai Devisetty  
Sahith Reddy Dharma  
Sukeerthi Prathyusha Digumarthy  
Revathi Divya  
M. Katherine Dobrydney  
Bhanu Sri Doddala  
Suraj Laxminarayana Donthula  
Chandana Duggasani Venkata  
Kelly Elizabeth Dunlap  
Yasmeen N. El-Ghussein  
Sara Elizabeth Ellis  
Dharma Teja Eltepu  
Lane Christopher Embry  
Katelyn Joy Engelbrecht  
Sriram Ethakota  
Sherri D. Evans  
Kevin Thomas Fields  
Steven Michael Fink  
Malissa D. Finley  
Dariyn Leigh Finney  
Emily Paige Forsythe

## MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Trey K. Forward	Lavanya Kumari Javvadi	Uma Sravanthi Kukkala	Venkat Praveen Reddy
Anna M. Fox	Swetha Jeenuugula	Sai Pavan Kurra	Muthannagari
Taylor Kristen Frain	Pauline E. Johnson	Rajesh Kusuma	Jayanth Reddy Nalimela
Kyle S. Francis	Venu Madhav Reddy Jonnala	Sai Lakshmi Ashitha Kuthuri	Nishanth Reddy Nalla
James P. Franklin	Vaishnavi Lakshmi Aishwarya	Ankit Hemant Lade	Mounika Nandikonda
Lara Kristine Fundaburg	Jonnalagadda	Vamsi Krishna Lagadapati	Rajesh Nannuta
Sneha Sanjay Gadade	Sai PratapJungili	Prathyusha Lagatapati	Soujanya Naredla
Navaneetha Gaddam	Shalini Jupally	Andrea Lambert	Manasa Narukulla
Pooja Ganesh	Sriramakanth Juvadi	Ty Dylan Larsen	Gagan Nayakwadi
Raju Gangasaram	Bhavani Kakani	Elizabeth Ann Laughlin	Niteesh Goud Nayini
Abhishek Gangodi	Maandhata Kakarala	Abel Rozario Leo	Rashmi Neelagar
Sreenidhi Ganji	Anirudh Kakaraparthi	Kaitlyn Ann Lindbloom	Raghupriya Nekkallapu
Arudra Garapati	Srikar Reddy Kallem	Breanne M. Loesch	Durgasahith Nekkanti
Leslie Ann Garcia	Bhanu Priya Reddy Kallu	Manohar Reddy Loka	Kiran Niddana
Murali Krishna Gattoji	Rajya Lakshmi Kanchapu	Tyler C. Long	Nikki L. Noel
Sean Richard Geer	Uday Kiran Kankanala	Laurie B. Luckritz	Prathima Chowdary Nunna
Pravallika Gelivi	Sowmya Karavadi	Andrea Camille Lugo	Pavan Kumar Omni
Sarah George	Saikumar Karingula	Praveen Macharla	Kirsten Lourene Marie Orndoff
Jayanth Sai Godishala	Geethanjali Karumajji	Priyanka Maddirala	Priyamvadha Padmakumar
Hannah Jane Goforth	Scott A. Kashmarek	Sai Suma Madike	Anvesh Paidipally
Abhignya Goje	Gnanendra Reddy Kasirala	Abhiram Sarma Makkkapati	Sai Thejaswini Paka
Goutham Goli	Akhil Katiki	Mackenzie Rose Malewicki	Sree Pranathi Pallela
Valerie S. Goodale	Vineeth Guru Dev Katrevula	Madison Margaret Malloy	Megan L. Palmer
Deepthi Gorantla	Sai Kiran Katukala	Alekya Mandula	Vamsi Pamulapati
Sahana Chowdary Gorantla	Sai Naga Praneeth Kayala	Joseph Peter Marini	Shravya Para
Ravi Kumar Gorle	McKenzie Nicole Keilholz	Leslie Michelle Martin	Vasudha Rani Parvathagiri
Kirsten L. Gorman	Gladys J. Keino	Abhishek Matti	Anusha Pasham
Amanda Rose Green	Sai Krishna Keshetty	Sunhitha Mavurapu	Chandra Shekar Pataneni
Jessica Nicole Gregory	Jessica L. Knapp	Anusha Mayreddy	Priyal M. Patel
Poojitha Guja	Naga Sai Krishna Kodali	Chancellor G. McCoy	Swathi Pathakoty
Sharvind Kumar Gunalan	Raghuram Kodimala	Kraig M. McCoy	Pooja Deepak Patil
Nagaraju Gundala	Sai Ravi Teja Koduri	Rachel Carolyn McLees	Kiran Chowdary Pavuluri
Bharath RaoGuthikonda	Pavan Sai Reddy Koduru	Quentin L. Means	Vineesha Peddi
Harika Gutti	Kavya Kolli	Cody C. Meehan	Sanketh Yadav Penda
William J. Hagen	Roopha Shree Kollolu Srinivasa	Shivaram Reddy Methuku	Chelsea J. Peters
Josie Nicole Hair	Sri Ram Kommana	Sravanthi Mirthipati	Vamshi Pillamari
Carly G. Hall	Aarthi Reddy Kompelli	Syed Mohsin	Fathima Pinjari
Basavaraj Hanagandi	Sindhuja Komuravelly	Christina M. Moore	Shivani Pithani
Danielle C. Henderson	Tirupati Reddy Koni Reddy	Ashionna Dionne Morehead	Steven R. Platt
Cole Wilson Hoover	Mounika Koppuravuri	Khara Hari Priya Mothukuri	Monika Podili
Tyler Cody Lorenzo Houser	Naveen Gupta Koppuravuri	Priyanka Muddalapuram	Hailey N. Politte
Shannon Lea Hughes	Anushitha Korukanti	Anusha Mudimala	Nikhitha Sai Ponna
Thulani Mollen Hunda	Eswar Chandra Kosuru	Shilpa Mudireddy	Sanket Prakashrao Pople
Chad Hutchins	Sai Srujith Kota	Jawahar Varma Mudunuru	Vivek Porandla
Sadia B. Imran	Buli Venkata Raju Kotari	Brittany A. Mueller	Raghavendra Reddy Pothireddy
Reshma Inkollu	Nagireddy Kotha	Rahul Mummadi	Uday Narendranath Pudota
John F. Irle	Sai Ram Reddy Kothakapu	Sandeep Mundlamuri Sreenivasa	Anupama Reddy Puttinti
Bhargav Reddy Itlapur	Prabhu Kiran Kotipalli	Fernando Munoz Gomez Andrade	Sara A. Quinn
Rupaswi Jaggu	Karlie Kriss	Ruthvik Reddy Muppidi	Shivani Rai
Suman Jatoth	Morgan Krohn	Dan Bizala Mutambay	Monisha Reddy Raireddy

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Amanda Ralton  
Randol Michal Ramseier  
Sachin Rana  
Nikkala Randall  
Paige E. Redmond  
Cameroun O. Reeves  
Molly Elizabeth Reynolds  
Allison Nichole Ridgeway  
Taya B. Riediger  
Jefferdene Ashley Rochester  
    nee Davis  
Nicole Ann Rose  
Hannah Sue Roth  
Ganti Sairam  
Harshini Reddy Salla  
Meghana Sama  
Sai Srinivas Sanaka  
Yeshwanth Reddy Sangam  
Sathish Kumar Sangineni  
Ramesh Saragadam  
Sailendra Kumar Sasanapuri  
Shruti Sachin Satpute  
Nicholle R. Scheibe  
Katherine Marie Dollens Scherry  
Jeremy James Schouten  
Andrew Carl Schroter

Kelsie R. Seaman  
Ashley Kay Shaffer  
Pravin Kumar Shah  
Abdul Razzak Shaik  
Rohit Shakya  
Anjali Sharma  
Amanda G. Sharritt  
Shahensha Sheik  
Shweta Prashant Sheth  
Akshay Venkat Shinde  
Eden Helen Shultz  
Rajdeep Singh  
Vinay Reddy Singireddy  
Sydney T. Skibell  
Alyssa Theresa Slana  
Deborah A. Snyder  
Ram Sai Reddy Somavarapu  
Ramana Soudala  
Manse Soura  
Alexis Danielle Sparks  
Howard James Spry IV  
Kelsey S. Stetzel  
Dorothy M. Stimac  
Nicholas D. Streb  
Sai Vardhan Suluguri  
Durga Meenakshi Sundaram

Meghanareddy Suram  
Sree Surapaneni  
Krishna Swayimpa  
Mark B. Swierczek  
Ramya Sykam  
Padma Tatuskar Gnaneshwar  
Hope M. Terry  
Gaeya Neha Thimma Reddy  
Avinash Thota  
Susan E. Todd  
Snehal Rangrao Todkar  
Olivia Ann Tolberd  
Jordan Lynne Tucker  
Lauren N. Twyman  
Mohana Venkata Naga Durga  
    Rama Kanth Ungarala  
Gloria Usanase Sebagisha  
Ravalika Valluri  
Valinda Vanam  
Naga Lakshmi Vanga  
Manisha Vavilala  
Santhosh Kumar Veeramalla  
Santhosha Deepthi Veeravalli  
Nandini Velagacherla  
Prashanth Reddy Veldhanda  
Rakesh Reddy Velma

Veera Siva Akhil Babu Vemula  
Mano Venkatesh Vemuri  
Siva Sai Krishna Vemuru  
Tharun Venigalla  
Sohitha Vennapusa  
Shabarinath Volam  
Chenchu Bhavana Vuppalapati  
Lauren J. Wainscott  
Kenneth E. Wall  
Raymond Christopher Walters  
Amy Lynn Weisser  
Melissa Sue Werner  
Raychel Geneé Whitaker Brown  
Anthony C. Willett  
Jennifer M. Wilson  
Teresa M. Wilson  
Brenna Winn  
Ashley Brent Wischmann  
Monica Jo Wyatt  
Tryston Douglas Wyckoff  
Bhavya Yanamala  
Dylan M. Yarbrough  
Mounika Yellisetty  
Hayley Denise Young  
Katie Leigh Youngstrom  
Bo Zhao

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Mariah Christine Ahmann  
Evan Guy Lawrence Arbuckle  
Jolie Kae Banks  
Joshua Wayne Bass  
Amelia Catherine Baumann  
Delaney T. Benney  
Caitlin T. Blackburn  
Wendy Elizabeth Bonilla  
Brittany Lynn Borkowski  
Madison Boynton  
Madison Brand  
Lori Jean Bushey  
Haley M. Butler  
Emily M. Constant  
Amanda Christene Corbett  
Allison Crank  
Sarah L. Dodge  
Melanie Ann Edens  
Makenzie Jo Erikson

Rachel Scarlett Erwin  
Hannah L. Falke  
Kaitlin R. Farr  
Kaitlin Rose Finnerty  
Colleen Jo Freeman  
Corrine Delphina Gibbs  
Morgan Meredith Gregory  
Bailey Griffin  
Alexis Mackenzie Hart  
Rachel Elizabeth Herrera  
Danielle Jean Hollrah  
Katelyn Jayne Horn  
Katherine Allison Joffe  
Jared Johnson  
Mariah L. Johnson  
Courtney Michelle Keller  
Makenzie Kirk  
Kara N. Krysa  
Anna Susan Mahlberg

Kim McIntyre  
Alexis M. Mcvay  
Morgan A. Mellott  
Rachel M. Mertes  
Carlie Danielle Nash  
Colleen F. Neth  
Mallory A. Newhouse  
Darrin D. Nicholas  
Abigail Suzanne Nickel  
Amanda Marie Oldham  
John O'Neil  
Taylor N. Pace  
Anita M. Panarisi  
Hayley Geneva Parker  
Andrew B. Pfeifer  
Jessica Marie Preston  
Regan Riley  
Anne Rippeto  
Ruslan Romenskiy

Paul Christopher Rosebrough  
Jennifer Rye  
Jessica R. Sanders  
Lindsey Marie Shearon  
Michelle Gallagher Shryer  
Kristin Soddors  
Jennifer Stanley  
Ellie Stingley  
Alice Tester  
Brittney Thompson  
Rachel Ann Vogt  
Kellyn A. Webster  
Elizabeth Bernice Wendell  
Bailey Michael Wescott  
Carly Danielle Wheeler  
Gregory S. Woodring  
Kelsey N. Woolen  
Benjamin Thomas York

## SUMMER 2021 GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following degree candidates are eligible to participate in the May 2021 Commencement exercises at UCM based on prior application for degree. Final degree verification will occur in August. All degree candidates will be notified by the Registrar's Office of final graduation status.

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### EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Katherine Allen  
Ashley Andrews  
Kristen L. Barton  
Ryenne Whitney Carlson  
Christa Marie Corrie  
Kristena Sokchea Cruzan  
Nicole Diane Day  
Joy Marie Durbin  
Samantha L. Faulkenberry  
Bailey K. Finau  
Catherine Eileen Fitzgerald

Julie A. Fleming  
Cassie E. Fogel  
David C. Fritts  
Kasey L. Gerjevic  
Lisa K. Glenn  
Stephanie M. Green  
Taylor R. Gregston  
John Haley  
Melissa Ann Hays  
Courtney Holt  
Jared Ross Hook

Jennifer L. Johnson  
Hannah Diane Logan  
Kory Lower  
Kyle A. Lower  
Kennedy A. Merrell  
McCall Prewitt  
Jessica Lynn Rowland  
Hollie Anne Ryan  
Bianca Rachelle Schneader  
Meredith Taylor Schulze  
Amber Stark

Kristina Geniece Street  
Somer Joy Stuhlsatz  
Heather J. Taylor  
Jimmie M. Walker III  
Penny Jo Watson  
Blake Matthew Whitney  
Brian C. Wilcoxson  
Molly Williamson  
Adam K. Wolf

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### MASTER OF ARTS

Ian Andrew Bailey  
Noah S. Burgess

Joshua L. Gose  
Anthony J. Stumborg

Linda Vugutsa Wanjala  
Eli Andrew Wells

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### MASTER OF ARTS TEACHING

Jason T. Pleacher

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### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nicholas B. Cookinham  
Jessica B. Den Dekker

Madison Elizabeth Grisham  
Jan Jansky

Alexander Robert Pagnani

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Rishika Alugubelly  
Kaila Marie Anderson  
Shireesha Apthri  
Ashley Danielle Arens  
Marisa Bowers  
Hailee Nicole Brown  
Stephanie L. Burasco  
Allene Finch Cardwell

Guru Mallikharjuna Chinta  
Vivek Chitturi  
Kailey M. Cleaver  
MacKenzie Rae Cooper  
Jacob M. Cox  
Amber M. Delozier  
Jeremy Stewart Dombro  
Amanda L. Drew

Kameswara Rao Dronadula  
Sherry L. Elbs  
Sydney Lynn Fancher  
Andrew Scott Freeman  
Vaishnavi Ganapuram  
Megan Garber  
Emma C. Gardner  
Kelly Gerding

Sruthi Reddy Gundra  
Chandra Vardhan Gutti  
Shain Mathew Hammons  
Praveen Kumar Jami  
Sindhuja Reddy Jangam  
Chitra Priyanka Kalyanapu  
Aman Kumar Reddy Kancham  
Reddy

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Sravan Kumar Goud Kasula	Subhashree Mukherjee	Chelsey Lynn Rowden	Breanna Lauren Taylor
Avinash Keetha	Danielle Murphy	Travis Eugene Ruble	Tori J. Theiss
Vedakumar Kolanu	Ashwitha Nagireddy	Sanam Shanthi Safala	Venkata Sirisha Thota
Konrad Korzen	Pushpa Pant Pandey	John Sears	Julie Ann Underwood
Sharla R. Krefft	Yuga Padmaja Pasupulate	Brianna Saree Sensenich	Venkata Ravi Shankar Vanamali
Abhilash Reddy Lallapati	Ciara Ann Pennock	Shivani Sidigidda	Samartha Sai Avikshath
Pranitha Mahesh	Marian Louise Phelps	Nicholas J. Smith	Reddy Velapati
Luis R. Martinez	Nicolas Mathias Philipp	Richa Soni	Venkatesh Voruganti
Kathryn Mcfarland	Justin R. Powers	Erin Rae Sprigg	Taylor L. Weese
Christine Nicole Meyer	Madhavi Pyata	Akhil Reddy Sripaithi	Chelsea Nicole Wehmeyer
Madison Elizabeth Michalski	Sai Kumar Reddy Rakasi	Abby Nicole Strasser	Erin Rose White
Katie Lynn Mitchell	Megan Michele Roberts	Taylor Shelby Suiter	
Taqiuddin Mohammed	Shannon M. Roentved	Ashley Erin Swafford	

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Bnar Abdulla	Katherine M. Fisher	Andrea Hay	Megan Marie Palmer
Luke Vincent Bauer	Nanette Flynn	Brooke Herrera	Rachel R. Phelps
Tressa Canaday	Hanna J. Francy	Amanda G. Holder	Amy Ranes
Diana Louise Carroll	Kennedy R. Germann	Twakisha Renae Jones	Kay A. Reynolds
Caroline A. Cerra	Olivia Grace Gholson	Whitney Lollar	Brett S. Schaberg
Andrew Mark Chamberlin	Faithia M. Gillogly	Natalie Long	Morgan Danielle Scheib
Dominique N. Cobb	Hailey Nicole Green	Paige Marie Maggio	Victoria C. Spencer
Olivia C. Cunningham	Kaitlin Elizabeth Bolton Green	Bret J. Marshall	Alyssa B. Thomas
Michelle Davis	Caitlyn Elizabeth Guy	Morgan T. McQueen	Michaela Breanne Whitmore
Maria Effinger	Madeline K. Harrington	Leslie Mills	
Loriana Giulietta Eggemeyer	Breck Hart	Kari E. Morken	
Schylar Ensign	Marsha Lorene Hasty	Olivia Rose Yeater Navato	

## SPRING 2021 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following undergraduates have met academic degree requirements, pending final verification, and are eligible to participate in Spring Commencement exercises at UCM. All degree candidates will be notified by the Registrar's Office of final graduation status.

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Stephen Alexander Arbeau	Allyson Elizabeth Fields	Allison Papin	Monica Villalpando Esparza
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Lacy Dawn Lesmeister  
Sarah Margaret Maynard  
Kassidy G. McLaughlin

Brookelyn Juliann Morris  
Ashton Lauren Pfof  
Alexis Lee Poepper  
Haley G. Ruddell  
Danielle LeShay Smithson  
Christa N. Strickland

Christa Anne Tally  
Cate Abigale Truckenbrodt  
Olivia L. Waddell  
Kimberly Marie Wagner  
Sophia Marie Wilson

## SUMMER 2021 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following degree candidates are eligible to participate in the May 2021 Commencement exercises at UCM based on prior application for degree. Final degree verification will occur in August. All degree candidates will be notified by the Registrar's Office of final graduation status.

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Britney Nicole Banks (Lee)  
Marcus A. Bigby

Jacob Ebaugh  
Karrigan Lane Findley

David Andrew Freeman  
Henry Benton McClung

Meaghan Riley O'Neal  
Elizabeth Ann Rhoads

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### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Sydney Danielle Croucher  
Mackenzie Elberta Echols

Raheem Fielder-Bey  
Hannah B. Pfeifer

Adam Christopher Sullens  
Bryant K. Williams

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### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Holden C. Haby

Peyton Robert Hennager

Kevin Michael Wanner Jr.

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mohammad Fuad G.  
Abdulhafeez  
Zach D. Adams  
Abdulaziz Abdulrahman S.  
Alalawi  
Abdulmohsen Khalid A. Aljami  
Nasser Yahya N. Almary  
Omar Muqbil R. Alshammari  
Meshari Ibrahim A. Althagafi  
Mackenzie Linh Anderson  
Matthew Lamont Bell  
Brandon Lee Beshears  
Taylor Renae Burlingame  
Valyssa Michelle Caballero  
Madison M. Callahan  
Morgan Shae Canterbury  
Drew William Carlson  
Shanika J. Carpenter  
Bryan Carranza  
Tessa Lynn Chadbourne  
Alexis Jordan Clark  
Amir R. Clark  
Jack Andrew Clark  
Jordyn Clem

Meagan Eileen Clyburn  
Caleb A. Courter  
Matthew M. Davis  
James Vincent Day  
Joseph Lee Dean  
Nehemiah Chase Deason  
Donovan Parker Ditto  
Keenan J. Douglas  
Derek Duello  
Rudolph N. Edwards  
Amber D. Eggert  
Jessica M. Elgin  
Shyla M. Elliott  
Antonio N. Enna  
Cassilyn Annette Enyart  
Faith McKenna Ford  
Paul Friedlein  
Philip Matthew Gacek  
Jacqueline Garcia Ulloa  
Morales  
Ty Riley Garretson  
Danielle L. Garza  
Tate C. Gauchat  
Matias Agustin Gomez Palau

Mason Taylor Green  
Abrielle Renee Greene  
Brianna Greene  
Jacob Andrew Greer  
Aerial J. Griffith  
Chase Adam Hagle  
Jacob Alexander Hale  
Tayelor Vashti Hammond  
Mohammed Z. K. Hammouda  
Amber N. Heal  
Colton J. Henline  
George William Hermanson  
Lillian Josephine Holt  
Samuel L. Howard  
Nicholas James Hron  
Rachel D. Huffman  
Samantha J. Huser  
Marc G. Hutchens  
Tom Jensen  
Lindsey K. Johnson  
Daesean Marquise Jones  
Victor S. Jones  
Zachary James Jones  
Bethany M. Kaiser

Skyler Kee  
Jerusalem Legese Kenesa  
Alex Kilpatrick  
Anthony E. Krantz  
Elijah LaVerne Leiningner  
Connor J. Lewis  
Dylan Cole Maggard  
Kalid Ahmed Manke  
Brad D. McArthur  
Adam R. McDonald  
Michaela Ann McMillan  
Deell Midgyett  
Iliana Mae Miller  
Dennis Merwin Miller Jr.  
William Montgomery IV  
Briana Sherrie' Moore  
Kyleigh R. Mooror  
Ryan Lee Morris  
Destiney Nash  
Anna R. Nickel  
Calvin J. Obermark  
Amos Partukkoan Pangaribuan  
Tania Estefani Perez  
Francesco Fabio Perla

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Meghan Pope  
Taylor Lee Porter  
Marshal Pratte  
Caitlin B. Ramsey  
Catlin N. Rapp  
Elizabeth Deleenn Rater  
Jessica E. Reece  
Matthew Theodore Reis  
John Warren Reynolds  
Faith A. Riemer

Monique La'sha Robinson  
Kristian Freeman Ruppel  
Natsumi Sakuma  
Madison M. Sandor  
Iviana N. Scales  
William Zac Schaefer  
Colton E. Shackelford  
Clark M. Shannon  
Logan Simmons  
Andrew Tyler Sites

Abigail Jade Skrastins  
Bryce Carl Smith  
Joanna Lynn Smith  
Michael Braden Smith  
Jared W. Stringer  
Tyler Austin Stringfellow  
Tyler Lynn Surritt  
Jeffrey Randolph Tobin  
Tommie Towns  
Jessica Loren Vogt

Miranda Paige Ward  
Camron Alonzo Washington  
Keturah Weaver  
Rachel Marie Weihl  
Zoe Elizabeth Weir  
Devon W. White  
LaMya K. Witherspoon  
Jordan M. Wood

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Breanna Barber Barber  
Reagan Nicole Brown  
Ashley Ciara Burns  
Cydney Collins  
Emily Elizabeth Davis  
Makayla Leann French

Dalton T. Gatschet  
Vanessa Guardado  
Ashley N. Hestir  
Matthew Steven Hoemann  
Coltan C. Hoffman  
Mason Lynn LaBruyere

Katilyn Paige Lloyd  
Marcus Macario Muñoz  
Rayan Hassan F. Nowailati  
Michael Aaron Payne  
Katelyn N. Schlesselman  
Cory Isaiah Smith

Garrett Lynn Stroginis  
Linda Vugutsa Wanjala  
Jackson Raeford Wells  
Tiana R. Worthy

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Laney M. Peeples

Sarah Marie Scieszinski

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## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Keannia Brie Collins  
Payton Anne Eddy

Gabriel R. Gillespie  
Vanessa N. Matt

Okome O. Ochala  
Sara M. Scott

Katherine Nicole Thomasson  
Emily Vanderpool

## ADDITIONAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Due to extenuating circumstances, some degree candidates and recipients are unable to attend the commencement ceremony that coincides with their semester of degree completion. The following students have been included in the Spring 2021 ceremonies.

Harish Kumar Allam  
Bhargavi Alle  
Shiva Kumar Amanaganti  
Shiva Gayatri Anandas  
Sravani Ankatha  
Jonna M. Arnett  
Likhitha Reddy Basani  
Samantha Christine Bennett  
Ashwini Anand Bhoomi Brahmanand  
Prasanna Boddapati  
Krishna Deepika Bojja  
Shivasai Bommaraveni  
Karishma Borse  
Dinesh Botta  
Katelin Diane Brown  
Manasa Chappa  
Naga Nikitha Chigurupati  
Santoshi Chikkam  
Krishna Kanth Chitneni  
Arjun Chorakode Jayakrishnan  
Andres Lee Cooper  
Aravind Darapu  
Divya S. Epparla  
Nihalini Ganna  
Neelima Ganta  
Bharath Lakshmi Naga Shyam  
Gopal Garaga  
Nikitha Reddy Gottam  
Anusha Gunaganti  
Gouthami Gunda  
Supriya Gunda  
Udaya Mounika Gundala  
Krista N. Harr  
Vanitha Himagirish  
Anuj Jaiswal  
Sindhusha Jallepalli  
Janhvi Joshi

Richa Nirajkumar Joshi  
Jennifer Marie Kagarice  
Akhila Kanchukatla  
Surya Raj Kandaswamy Palaniswamy  
Monika Kandula  
Shiva Prasad Chary Kannoju  
Lakshmi Sankar Karupotula  
Chandana Priya Kasimkuppam  
Pavan Kumar Kasireddi  
Rakesh Katkam  
Sowmyasri Kilaru  
Venkata Prasanna Sravya Kodukulla  
Hitesh Reddy Koppula  
Venkata Sai Kiran Kotepalli  
Soumya Kotha  
Rishith Prabhakar Kothapalli  
Jennifer Catherine Love  
Venkata Himaja Maddi Reddy  
Sushma Madireddy  
Mounica Magapu  
Narendhar Reddy Mamilla  
Bharath Chandra Mandadapu  
Dharani Mandava  
Sneha Sudha Marupaka  
Abigail Marie Mishler  
Imtiyaz Mohammed  
Mounika Mothukur  
Praveen Munjala  
Harshitha Rao Nagaraju  
Bharadwaj Nalabothu  
Shabeena Naz  
Michelle Marie Nevrla Rinck  
Nikitha Nukala  
Sai Kiran Nunsavathu  
Abhishake Reddy Onteddu  
Satya Akhil Pavan Kumar Reddy Padala  
Shirisha Pagidimunthala

Venkata Vineesha Paladugu  
Sowmya Para  
Sahaj Sureshbhai Patel  
Venkat Akhil Pendem  
Raviteja Peruru  
Sravya Polisetty  
Nikhila Polsani  
Uma Mahesh Kumar Ravirala  
Siva Sankar Reddyvari  
Harini Reddy Salla  
Lakshmi Harika Sarikonda  
Chrisa M. Seals  
Riaz Pasha Shaik  
Smita Shirsath  
Harini Shiv Kumar  
Naren Sirasala  
Nikhil Somarathi  
Deepika Srinivasan  
Nikhila Sunkari  
Soumya Talluri  
Valli Tata Sri Sai Shiva Naga  
Peyton Olivia Taylor  
Ravali Tumu  
Seetharamaiah Vajja  
Vinay Vangala  
Amulya Vasa  
Raviteja Veligatla  
Neelima Vemula  
Michael Verderaime  
Medha Vijayvargia  
Keerthi Sri Villa  
Anil Kumar Yadavalli  
Akhil Raj Gaius Yallamelli  
Soumya Yamsani

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## THRIVE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

THRIVE is an innovative, two-year certificate program designed to assist college-age students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become independent, self-sufficient members of their community. The THRIVE acronym represents the six threads of the self-determination program: Transformation, Health, Responsibility, Independence, Vocation, and Education. The students receiving their certificates during the May 2021 commencement exercises are the tenth class to successfully complete the program at UCM. These students are:

Taylor Amanda Frerking

Michael L. Holden

Kaitlyn Anne Kearns

Jack William McCabe

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## SPRING AND SUMMER 2021 UNDERGRADUATES WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

One of the most cherished goals an undergraduate student can attain while completing the baccalaureate degree is to graduate with academic honors. To be eligible for graduation with honors a student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit at the University of Central Missouri with a grade average of 3.50. Those with a cumulative grade point averages of 3.50 to 3.74 graduate Cum Laude; 3.75 to 3.84, Magna Cum Laude; and 3.85 and above Summa Cum Laude, based on whichever is lower, their cumulative GPA or their GPA at UCM

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## CUM LAUDE

Mohammad Fuad G.  
Abdulhafeez  
Sara Kathleen Alter  
Meshari Ibrahim A. Althagafi  
Breana Alisa Aranda  
Stephen Alexander Arbeau  
Marie Elizabeth Arnold  
Tessia L. Balke  
Breanna Barber Barber  
Cori Hill Bear  
Rachael Layne Beckerman  
Ashton Mackenzie Bennett  
Brandon Paul Birkelbach  
Royce Leslie Black  
Tucker Lewis Blake  
Spencer Bloss  
Nicklas Scott Bohannon  
Amanda Grace Brendle  
Rebekah A. Bronars  
Cassidy S. Brooks  
Alleyiana Brown  
Reagan Nicole Brown  
Margot Ann Cadigan  
Bryan Carranza  
Alyssa Anne Carter

Laura J. Clauson  
Alexander Warren Clearbrook  
Anna Marie Clevenger  
Naomi Kirigo Cole  
Jessica M. Coombs  
Braden T. Cooney  
Dylan Ross Cooper  
Charles J. Copeland Jr.  
Austin T. Covey  
Megan Lucille Cox  
Monica LeeAnn Cox  
Zachary J. Crane  
Isabella Maclyn Crutchfield  
Gabrielle Lynne Cusimano  
Sarah F. DeDecker  
Kaitlyn E. Deininger  
Heather L. Delana  
Ashlyn Rae DeMint  
Jennifer X. Diaz  
Nicholas Distefano  
Inna Nikolayevna Dubinets  
Ashton Dvorak  
Emilee Rose Edgar  
Mikayla N. Elia  
Gabriel C. Englehart

Luis D. Estrada  
Dakota Alan Evans  
Karrigan Lane Findley  
Allyssa S. Fitzpatrick  
Mackenzie K. Fowler  
Madison Jean Fowler  
Rachael Alexzandria Fox  
William Jake Frede  
Mai Fukue  
Brittany Lynn Fuller  
Jacqueline Garcia Ulloa  
Morales  
Rianna Michelle Gardner  
Lauryn G. Garnica  
Hannah Elisabeth Gibbens  
Abbigail Roark Gierer  
Brittany Ann Schimmer Gist  
Andrew J. Gloyd  
Lacy Rene' Goettling  
Jacob Andrew Greer  
Micheia K. Gutierrez  
Mohammed Z. K. Hammouda  
Bailey Jane Harding  
Gregory Lee Hawkins  
Bailey J. Heimsoth

Elizabeth Riann Henks  
Colton J. Henline  
Jarrod A. Henry  
Ryan M. Henry  
Jillian Herigon  
Grace Ann Herman  
Anna Hibbard  
Olivia G. Hill  
John M. Hines  
Miranda Ann Hoeckelmann  
Taylor Lea Hughes  
Taylor Lynn Hull  
Marci G. Hutchens  
Audrey Ann Ignowski  
Ashley K. Ingram  
Bradley M. Jenkins  
Brenna Michelle Johnson  
Kaylee Marie Jones  
Kristen R. Kapodistrias  
Michael Mesfin Kassu  
Tyler Joseph Kennedy  
Austin Dale Kessler  
Kayla Marie Kirchoff  
Hannah Jean Klutho  
Margaret Elizabeth Kohl

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## CUM LAUDE (CONTINUED)

Cameron T. Kolster  
Alyssa Jordan Kramer  
Steffani Lynn Ladzinski  
Roselyn A. Lamar  
Paul David Lanigan  
Elijah LaVerne Leininger  
Jamie Allison Lewis  
Courtney Raye Luedloff  
Enrique Alexander Madera  
Pimentel  
Ana-Ashli Majors  
Deanna Elizabeth Margita  
Jessica C. McClenton  
Breanna N. McGuire  
Nathan D. McManis  
Jared Mentz  
Erika Noemi Merino  
Rylie Allison Michael  
Emily Danielle Michaelis  
Elizabeth Grace Miller  
Rylee Nicole Miller  
Emily Morey  
Ashley Moses  
Paige Alexis Murphy  
Rina Nagai

Kota Nakano  
Abigail P. Nelson  
Rachel Newkirk  
Kirstie Yvonne O'Connell  
Grace Ann O'Toole  
Marcus B. Olson  
Victor Everett Ortiz  
Alexie Leigh Parker  
Skye Q. Parker  
Kieran S. Payne  
Trevon L. Penix  
Amber Michele Petty  
Hannah B. Pfeifer  
Kylie Nicole Phipps  
Makenzie Suzanne Pogue  
Sarah Marie Ponder  
Michael Anthony Porfidio  
Kacie A. Powell  
Michelle Lynn Powell  
Alicyn Quick  
Claire Elizabeth Rachwal  
Riley Kay Rankin  
Jessica E. Reece  
Sabreyna Nicole Reese  
Jennifer Lynn Regan

Keaton Hall Rex  
John Warren Reynolds  
Kiersten C. Reynolds  
Samantha L. Reynolds  
Chance W. Riddle  
Billi Riese  
Cierra Lynn Rodenbaugh  
Madison M. Sandor  
Emily Anne Schaper  
Ashtyn L. Schlobohm  
Autumn Paige Schrameyer  
Jake David Sencenbaugh  
Collin Brady Shepherd  
Galen Sean Slater  
Anthony M. Smith  
Zachrey W. Snyder  
Emma Carolyn Solovic  
Charles Steven Spitsnogle  
Jordan Nicole Spurgeon  
Nicholas James Stark  
Alisha Ann Straws  
Arika Michelle Striegel  
Nelson Sung  
Camryn Marie Swanson  
Tiffany Ann Sweeten

Constance A. Taylor  
Marissa Taylor  
Joshua L. Terrell  
Abigail Rose Terrill  
Nicholas Lloyd Thomas  
Joseph Titus  
Jeffrey Randolph Tobin  
Jordan Lynn Todd  
Valentyna Viktorovna Usyk  
Samantha Nicole Van Trump  
Nicholas Scott Victor  
Jessica Loren Vogt  
Linda Vugutsa Wanjala  
Zoe Elizabeth Weir  
Joe West  
Anna Mae L. Wilkerson  
Ross Alan Wilkey  
Jocelyn T. Williams  
Sophia Marie Wilson  
Natalie Kristine Wolverton  
Tiana R. Worthy  
Julianne Rose Wortmann  
Samantha Hope Yehle  
Ryan Lane Young  
Lydia Christine Zimmerman

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## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Melanie Adlich  
Abdallah Mazin Abdelwahed  
Alkahlah  
Nasser Yahya N. Almary  
Emma M. Bauer  
Tyler Allan Belvin  
Abigail Lynn Bilicki  
Grace Mary Brown  
Randi Marie Buerge  
Taylor Renae Burlingame  
Allison Leanne Burton  
Alleson Nicole Cain  
Leanne Marie Cates  
Stephen William Chase  
Mikhayla Rose Dempsey  
Kallie Louise Deyerle  
Bailey Brooke Diehl  
Carlee Marie Doss  
Skylar Renee Drum  
Kaylie Riane Duffy  
Taryn Nicole Duffy

Savannah Paige Dye  
Alexis Ann Marie Eager  
Rachel E. Edmunds  
Cassilyn Annette Enyart  
Candra Louise Etheridge  
Katherine E. Evans  
Bethany Mae Fenton  
Haley Elizabeth Freeman  
Michael Kase Glidewell  
Camryn Ashley Good  
Ryan Michael Gordon  
Estella Lauren Green  
Anna L. Gremminger  
Ashley L. Grotzinger  
Ylenia Nohely Guale Castro  
Jenna Lyn Hamlett  
Murad Mahmood Mohamed  
Murad A. Aziz Hamouda  
Bailey Ann Hoenig  
Megan E. Hoffmann  
Joely Diana Hughes

Dawson Thomas Jones  
Jacob Anthony Kowalewski  
Elizabeth Ann Larson  
Emily L. Layt  
Emily Jeanelle Mankin  
Rachel Maureen Nolan Mann  
Brenlyn Paige McCoy  
Eleesha Ann McMillin  
Paige Catherine Menke  
Alison E. Mines  
Leah A. Morby  
Michael R. Novak  
Alexis Maria Palmer  
Tania Estefani Perez  
Alexis Lee Poepper  
Gabriel F. Pottebaum  
Elizabeth Delenn Rater  
Lillian Jing Reilly  
Cameron Taylor Rogers  
Kristian Freeman Ruppel  
Lindsey Nicole Schmidt

James N. Schnorenberg  
Courtney Marie Schrader  
Alina Lucy Schwalm  
Patrick Ian Scott  
Katie Seiffert  
Aira Josephine Shankles  
Jessica Marie Shook  
Brittani Nicole Slinkard  
Danielle LeShay Smithson  
Rachel Sporleder  
Johnathon Theodore Srock  
Alexis Marie Sroor  
Meghan Angela Swoboda  
Ethan Lee Thorpe  
Emma Kathleen Tinnin  
Eleanor Lee Van Kirk  
Joshua H. Wagner  
Bailey RayAnn Warren  
Torri Paige Webb  
Melanie West  
Gillian M. Wolfe

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## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Belal Alaswad  
Evan Catron Anderlik  
Drew Zackery Apsher  
Matthew Scott Argotsinger  
Josiah Phillip Baird  
Rebecca J. Baumler  
Sage M. Bennetts  
Dillon P. Blain  
Genia M. Bohl  
Brayden J. Bonnesen  
Sydney L. Bowers  
Rebecca Helen Brendel  
Alexis Latreal Bryant  
Madison Burgmeyer  
Daniele Marie Bush  
Jessica Butler  
Courtney Rae Campbell  
Mallory Rose Carlson  
Karynn Jo Carroll  
Kelli Chappelow  
Gabrielle Cole  
Katelyn Elizabeth Colon  
Ty W. Cook  
Elijah Levi Cooley  
Adria Alexis Costley  
Ashley C. Davis  
Jeffrey Darrow Davis  
Haley Elizabeth Diel  
Daniel Aaron Dingman  
Donovan Parker Ditto  
Rebecca Lauren Dorman  
Conor Mitchell Dryer  
Andrew Gary Eaton  
Hunter Jacob Ehrenfeld  
Jenna Marie Ellison  
Mariah Cara Elmore  
Kathryn G. Fitzgerald

Faith McKenna Ford  
Hayden C. Foreman  
Mary Kiersten Foster  
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Paul Friedlein  
Philip Matthew Gacek  
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Dawson Scott Hodges  
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Victoria Hracovschi  
Shelbi Raene Huddleston  
McKayla Grace Jameson  
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Elizebeth Mae Johnson  
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Haley N. Kempker  
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Victoriya Kondratenko  
Stephanie Alice Krutz  
Nicole Breann Kubis  
Paytynn Adel Kuhns  
Haley Lamborn  
Gabriele Nicole Leighow

Katilyn Paige Lloyd  
Sarah M. Lyons  
Erika Ann Marsh  
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Sarah Margaret Maynard  
Gabrielle Elise McAtee  
Megan J. McBride  
Alec James McClendon  
Ivanna R. McConnell  
Shannon Casey McCormick  
Lauren A. McGinnis  
Ariana A. Meehan  
Riley K. Meyer  
Iliana Mae Miller  
Montana Kay Miller  
Samantha Renee Miller  
Ryan Lee Morris  
Marcus Macario Muñoz  
Adeline Goldie Nerstheimer  
Melanie Rae Newton  
Derek Steven Nugent  
Ruth Oleynik  
Allison Papin  
Katherine Pohlman  
Madison Elizabeth Preston  
Harrison Jean Pudiwitr  
Zachary Ryan Racy  
Allyson Danielle Ragan  
Wesley Allen Redstone  
Matthew Theodore Reis  
Madelyn K. Rhinehart  
Laura Lee Rich  
Lauren Elizabeth Roberts  
Hanna L. Sawyer  
Bailey M. Schaefermeier  
Madeline A. Schafer

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Peyton Rayne Schmidli  
Lion B. Schneider  
Kloe D. Schnell  
Christopher James Schwaller  
Sarah Marie Scieszinski  
Victor Semenok  
Kimberlee G. Sewester  
Brett Ryan Shaffer  
Chanea Marie Shepard  
Taylor Nicole Siebert  
Brayden Mitchell Sparks  
Blake R. Stark  
Anna Elizabeth Sykes  
Kayla Rachelle Taylor  
Kayla N. Tinoco  
Bo Michael Varvil  
Sally Lynn Vaughan  
Jenica H. Viers  
Grace Ann Waddell  
Olivia L. Waddell  
Kimberly Marie Wagner  
Sarah A. Waisner  
Megan Elizabeth Walk  
Jordan Elisabeth Walker  
Aaron Robert Weatherby  
John Edward Wernowsky  
Morgan R. Weygandt  
Morgan Leigh Wieberg  
Maxlyn Sage Wilbanks  
Jaggard L. Williams  
Elizabeth Grace Wright  
Allivia A. Zoern

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## THE HONORS COLLEGE

Students in The Honors College engage in high-impact learning in a collegial environment that adds significant value to their academic and social experience at UCM. Specifically, Honors College students pursue a rigorous course of study that includes small-sized, honors-only general education courses and interdisciplinary colloquia, as well as a minimum of two semesters of a foreign language. All Honors College students are also required to collaborate closely with a faculty mentor on a capstone undergraduate research or creative project in their respective areas of academic expertise. The second oldest program of its kind west of the Mississippi, UCM's Honors College program began in 1958 with just 12 students. Today's graduates of The Honors College thus become part of a long tradition of education for excellence and service at the University of Central Missouri.

### HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Rebecca J. Baumler  
Karynn Carroll  
Katelyn E. Colon  
Isabella M. Crutchfield  
Taryn Nicole Duffy  
Ashley L. Grotzinger  
Chase A. Hagle  
Kaitlyn Marie Haller

Stephanie Herbert  
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Hannah Belle Howard  
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Kaylee M. Jones  
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Stephanie Alice Krutz  
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Steffani Lynn Ladzinski  
Rachel M. Mann  
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Jessica Ellen Reece  
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Lauren Elizabeth Roberts

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Brett Ryan Shaffer  
Anthony M. Smith  
Rachel Sporleder  
Abigail Terrill  
Jessica Loren Vogt  
Zoe Weir

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### ACADEMIC HONORS GROUPS

Alpha Mu Gamma  
Alpha Phi Sigma  
Beta Beta Beta  
Beta Gamma Sigma  
Delta Tau Alpha  
Gamma Theta Upsilon  
Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Mu Epsilon  
Mace and Torch  
Phi Alpha  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Phi Sigma Pi  
Pi Kappa Lambda  
Pi Sigma Alpha

Psi Chi  
Rho Sigma Kappa  
Sigma Tau Delta  
The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
Theta Alpha Phi  
Upsilon Pi Epsilon

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## RECOGNITION OF ARMY ROTC DISTINGUISHED MILITARY GRADUATES

Recognition as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate is an honor given only to those cadets named among the top 20 percent of individuals on the U.S. Army Cadet Command's National Order of Merit List. The command, located at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is the only authorized entity to select these commissioned officers. This achievement is also the only accomplishment that carries over for a commissioned officer into his/her professional military record and is an indicator of academic achievement to future promotion boards. The cadet's cumulative GPA, success on the Army Physical Fitness Test, completion of the ROTC's Senior Division Advanced Course, community service, and graduation with a baccalaureate degree are considered for this honor. UCM's Distinguished Military Graduates are:

2LT Brandon Paul Birkelbach  
2LT Ty William Cook  
2LT Brayden T. F. Elbert  
2LT Kylie Brie Frank  
2LT Caleb Joseph Frohbieter

2LT Zachary Chase Hawkins  
2LT Brock Alexander Henry  
2LT Elizabeth Mae Johnson  
2LT Jake Arthur Charles King  
2LT Erica Jane McClain

2LT Benjamin L. Rodriguez-Brockus  
2LT Patrick Ian Scott  
2LT Jessica Marie Shook  
2LT Matthew David Thalken  
2LT John Edward Wernowsky

## UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI ALMA MATER

Words by Mrs. Carole Grainger Gilbody, Music by Dr. William S. Stoney

UCM stands proud and noble,  
Serving all who ask,  
In the center of the nation  
Joyful in her task;  
Red and black her colors fly;  
Faith and vision, dreams unite  
Leading all who look for truth  
To hold her honor bright,  
Our beloved alma mater,  
Hail to UCM.

UCM the chimes are calling,  
Hear their joyful sound,  
In our hearts their echoes falling,  
While we gather 'round,  
Striving on with purpose clear,  
Loyal to the school we love,  
Let us never falter  
While your banner flies above,  
Our beloved alma mater,  
Hail to UCM.

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## OTHER CEREMONIES AND RECEPTIONS

Friday, May 7, 2021

9 a.m.

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and Reception, Elliott Student Union 240







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