

*One Hundred Twenty Fourth Annual
Spring
Commencement Exercise*

*Northwestern Oklahoma
State University
Alva, Oklahoma*



*Ranger Field
May 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.*

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Processional University Band

Star Spangled Banner University Band
Directed by Dr. Michael Black

Invocation.....Pastor Katie Hill
Pastor, Alva First United Methodist Church

AddressRex Trent
Class of 1981

Presentation of Class Dr. James Bell
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Academic Degrees..... Dr. Bo Hannaford
President

Alma Mater Audience
Gentry Mortensen, Class of 2023

Benediction.....Pastor Katie Hill
Pastor, Alva First United Methodist Church

Recessional University Band

Graduating Class

DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE

Jessica Elayne Abney
Choctaw, Oklahoma

Kari Danae Hamill
Adair, Oklahoma

Ericka Chanelle Adams
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Tanner Scott Holsted
El Reno, Oklahoma

Elizabeth Grace Allen
Inola, Oklahoma

Toni Michelle Maddox
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Brett Avery Baldwin
Edmond, Oklahoma

Karen Ann McGuire
Corrales, New Mexico

Sara Belmir Varney
Rabat, Morocco

Morgan Rose Messenger
Enid, Oklahoma

Ralph G. Cornelius III
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Landon Chase O'Shea
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Cristy Edens
Miami, Oklahoma

Crystal Renee Hartsfield Smith
Raleigh, North Carolina

MASTER OF ARTS IN HERITAGE TOURISM AND CONSERVATION

Kirk Wayne Rogers
Attica, Kansas

MASTER OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Lacy Arnold
Ponca City, Oklahoma

LeAnn Marie Rogers
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Victoria Marie Coulter
Colcord, Oklahoma

Jeffrey Michael Shelton
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Breanna Montreece Johnson
Enid, Oklahoma

Carley Faye Smith
Kremlin, Oklahoma

Tara Laughlin
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Alexsandra D. Stevens
Enid, Oklahoma

Chambrea Paige Smith
Enid, Oklahoma

Savanna Marie Taylor
Covington, Oklahoma

Mariah Dawn Ramsey
Enid, Oklahoma

MASTER OF EDUCATION

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Reading Specialist
Alva, Oklahoma

Brian Alan Gonzalez
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Fort Worth, Texas

McKenzie Cole Billy
School Counseling
Thomas, Oklahoma

Carson Makenzie Hannaford
School Counseling
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

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Alva, Oklahoma

Brianna J. Gentry
Curriculum and Instruction
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Nehemiah David Lewis
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Garland, Texas

Brett Wayne Purnell
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Wichita, Kansas

Andrea Jean Long
Educational Leadership
Enid, Oklahoma

George Rutherford
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Pensacola, Florida

Sherrye Lovelace
Educational Leadership
Alva, Oklahoma

Kelsey Riane Swindle
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Woodward, Oklahoma

Brady L. Maxwell
Educational Leadership
Perry, Oklahoma

Michael Trauba
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Alva, Oklahoma

Amy Dawn Melton
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Ryne A. Wilson
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Alva, Oklahoma

Alisha Leann Miller
School Counseling
Burden, Kansas

Kylee Jo Pfeider
Adult Education Management &
Administration
Alva, Oklahoma

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Lisa Wickham
Alva, Oklahoma

Tarra Parks
Goddard, Kansas

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Mackenzie Grace Adams
General Studies, BA
Kingwood, Texas

Kyra Bentley**
Agriculture, BS
Buffalo, Oklahoma

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Derby, Kansas

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Psychology, BS
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- BA - Bachelor of Arts
- BM - Bachelor of Music
- BS - Bachelor of Science
- BAAS - Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
- BAEd - Bachelor of Arts Education
- BBA - Bachelor of Business Administration
- BMed - Bachelor of Music Education
- BSEd - Bachelor of Science Education
- BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- BSW - Bachelor of Social Work

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program was designed by faculty and administration to provide intellectual stimulation in a challenging and supportive environment. Only a few of the academically elite students are selected to participate. Program requirements include taking a minimum of four Honors Courses and participating in student/faculty research projects or attending seminars. Students who complete the program will “Graduate with Honors” and are indicated in the program by the symbol “†”.

LEVELS OF ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Latin honors are Latin phrases used to indicate the Level of Academic Distinction with which an academic degree was earned. Northwestern Oklahoma State University recognizes graduates with Levels of Academic Distinction based upon their cumulative grade point average.

*Cum Laude: 3.70-3.79 CGPA

**Magna Cum Laude: 3.80-3.89 CGPA

***Summa Cum Laude: 3.90-4.00 CGPA

ACADEMIC DRESS

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were being organized in medieval Europe. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress worn by church officials of the time. The academic dress of American institutions has evolved from European traditions and has been in use in the country since colonial times. In the United States, academic degrees are identified by distinctive gowns, hoods, and colors.

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities in the United States have the following characteristics. The gown of the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve. The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves. Today gowns are designed so that they may be worn open or closed.

Gowns for the bachelor’s or master’s degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor’s degree, the gown is faced in front with velvet; three bars (chevrons) are used across the sleeves. These velvet facings and cross bars (chevrons) may be black or the color distinctive of the academic disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus coinciding with the edging of the hood that is appropriate to the particular academic discipline of the doctor’s degree.

The academic hood is colorful having its outside black with an edging of velvet in the color representing the academic degree. Each hood is lined with silk in colors representing the university granting the degree. Northwestern Oklahoma State University hoods are lined with red and black in addition to the trim representing the academic degree.

The cap or mortarboard comes from Italy and has its origins during the Renaissance. The cap has evolved from one that originally was worn over the ears and including no tassel to today's modification of a black square on a skullcap including a tassel. Variations of the mortarboard include the beret or the tam.

The colors of the tassel worn with the academic cap represent the level of degree or academic field in which the degree is conferred. For example, doctoral degree holders often wear a gold tassel that used to be worn only by presidents or chancellors.

For academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gown, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different academic disciplines are as follows:

- Agriculture (Maize)
- Arts, Letters, Humanities (White)
- Behavioral Science (Royal Blue)
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business (Drab)
- Economics (Copper)
- Education (Light Blue)
- English (White)
- Fine Arts, including Architecture (Brown)
- Journalism (Crimson)
- Law (Purple)
- Library Science (Lemon)
- Medicine (Green)
- Music (Pink)
- Nursing (Apricot)
- Oratory - Speech (Silver Gray)
- Philosophy (Dark Blue)
- Physical Education (Sage Blue)
- Science (Golden Yellow)
- Social Work (Citron)
- Theology (Scarlet)

Parts of the preceding information were adapted from the commencement programs of Fort Hays State University, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Oklahoma.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Northwestern Oklahoma State University offers the opportunity for its students to be members of a number of academic honor societies. Membership traditionally is by invitation to those who have excelled predominantly in academic achievement. Some academic honor societies recognize students from all academic fields while others focus on specialized areas such as psychology or history. At Northwestern, these academic honor societies include: Alpha Psi Omega, Cardinal Key, Delta Tau Alpha, Delta Mu Delta, Chi Sigma Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi, Lambda Iota Tau, Phi Alpha Theta, Psi Chi, Pi Kappa Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Red and Black Scroll, Sigma Beta Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, and Sigma Delta Pi. Some of the members of these honor societies can be identified during graduation ceremonies by the honors cords or honors stoles they will be wearing over their academic dress.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace leads the academic procession at commencement and on other special ceremonial occasions. The mace symbolizes the authority of the President on behalf of the University. Historically, the use of a mace dates back to the Middle Ages and was carried before or placed near a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority.

The mace was designed by Dr. Jerry Brownrigg, Professor Emeritus of Technology. Brownrigg, who retired from Northwestern after 42 years of dedicated service, crafted the mace from a 45-year-old piece of local black walnut. Brownrigg was a skilled artist who has received national and worldwide acclaim for his craftsmanship. The mace depicts various University symbols, including the University seal, the names of the institution since it was established in 1897, and the names of the presidents of the University.





NORTHWESTERN ALMA MATER

Oh, Northwestern Alma Mater,
In our hearts you will remain,
To keep your honor and your glory,
Our devotion we proclaim.

In days to come,
And years begun
Throughout the land,
We'll praise your name.

For all your honor and your glory,
And your great undying fame,
We hail our Alma Mater.

F.A. McClain

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