



2022 CLASS OF 2022 COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 21

College of Health Professions

College of Nursing

Fay W. Boozman

College of Public Health

College of Pharmacy

College of Medicine

Graduate School



2022 Commencement

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

COLLEGE OF NURSING

**FAY W. BOOZMAN
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GRADUATE SCHOOL

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The academic procession originated in Europe about 800 years ago. As the Middle Ages drew to a close, scholars began to associate in institutions accepting students for the purpose of higher learning. By the 13th century, these institutions had come to be known as universities – a name derived from the word universal, implying that they contained all the knowledge available at that time. The rise of these great European universities in Italy, France, England and the German states was an important part of the Renaissance. Faculties of these early universities wore robes similar to those of the clergy. Hooded robes began when itinerant or “begging” friars added tippets, or shoulder coverings, to the robes that contained a pocket to collect alms or offerings. Today’s academic hoods still contain pockets.

Part of the tradition of each university was to adopt official colors of the ornate academic robes its faculty would wear. Universities often selected colors derived from their sponsors, such as royal families

or city-states. Although much of the pomp and circumstance of these early universities has passed into history, the academic gowns and hoods retain the colors passed down by generations of graduates.

American universities followed the traditions of the European universities by adopting their own academic colors, according to a variety of reasons. The University of Kansas chose blue and crimson because the faculty was divided between those wearing the blue of Yale University and the crimson of Harvard University. The gold and silver colors of the University of Colorado symbolized the mineral wealth that financed the university. The cardinal red of the University of Arkansas was chosen in 1895 in a spirited contest, defeating heliotrope, a reddish purple; white was added years later after the rise of intercollegiate athletics.

In addition to the university colors worn on the back of the hoods, faculty holding doctoral and master’s degrees wear a specific color on the front bands of their gowns to denote the type of degree

they possess. By the 17th century, there were four types of doctoral degrees – law, medicine, philosophy and theology – represented by the colors of purple, green, blue and red, respectively. As you see from your program, there are a large number of colors denoting the many different degrees awarded by universities. Many of these colors will be seen here today on the faculty and officers of the university.

The procession begins with the Grand Marshal representing the faculty, followed by the UAMS Chancellor and President of the University of Arkansas, members of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, Deans of the colleges and platform guests. Members of the faculty of UAMS’ six colleges follow, and finally, the candidates receiving degrees.

In addition to their academic attire, the UAMS Chancellor and President of the University of Arkansas wear medallions signifying the powers vested in their offices. This is a tradition that also began in the Middle Ages and continues to this day.

Order of Exercises

The Musical Prelude

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

Remarks on Academic Procession

Vice Marshal

Jeremy Thomas, Pharm.D.
Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy

The Processional

Grand Marshal

Mitchell R. McGill, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, College of Public Health

The National Anthem†

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

A Call to Gather

Susan McDougal, M.S., BCCC
Director of UAMS Pastoral Care Department
and Clinical Pastoral Education Programs

Greeting from the UA System

C.C. "Cliff" Gibson III, Chairman
University of Arkansas Board of Trustees

Chancellor's Remarks

Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, Chancellor & CEO, UAMS Health

Chancellor's Teaching Awards

Chancellor Patterson
Stephanie F. Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D.
Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and Chief Strategy Officer

Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service

Nancy Jo Atkins Smith, BSN, RNP
UAMS Director of Special Services

Presented by

Chancellor Patterson

With assistance from

C.C. "Cliff" Gibson III, Chairman
University of Arkansas Board of Trustees

Conferring of Degrees

Chancellor Patterson
Deans of the Colleges

Recognition of Graduates and Closing Remarks

Chancellor Patterson

The Recessional††

† The audience will please stand.

*†† The audience will please remain seated until
the recessional has left the arena floor.*

Nancy Jo Atkins Smith, BSN, RNP

Photo by Cary Jenkins

Nancy Jo Atkins Smith has touched the lives of thousands of people from across Arkansas and around the world. As director of Special Services at UAMS, Jo has helped numerous patients and their families navigate what can at times seem like a maze of medical appointments and tests, doing everything in her power to make them more comfortable. Jo has sat at the bedside, holding the hands of patients, and loved ones in the darkest of times, and celebrated with them in the most joyous. The help Jo has provided isn't limited by a job description or by a clock. She's on call 24/7, going out of her way to help, arranging for whatever a patient may need, including such things as transportation, lodging, interpreters, meals and even a wedding.

Growing up in Camden, Jo learned from her parents, Buddy and Martha Atkins, to do what makes you happy in life and measure your success in what you can do for someone else. She has never met a stranger. She began her health care career as a candy striper at her hometown hospital. After high

school, she headed to Henderson State University in Arkadelphia to study nursing before moving to Little Rock, where she graduated from the UAMS College of Nursing as part of the first nurse practitioner program. Her early career included positions in the UAMS Emergency Department, the burn unit and as chief nurse in the Department of Orthopaedics under the late chairman Dr. Carl Nelson. During her time working with Nelson, his team performed the first hip and knee replacements in the state. As someone who likes fixing things, Jo was in heaven.

In 2002, Jo moved to Special Services, taking on a new role that she has transformed into something essential to the success of the UAMS health care system. She has earned the deep respect of people throughout UAMS and the UA System and quickly made a name for herself as being a problem solver. Jo's dedication to patients is unmatched. As UAMS Advisory Board member Judy Adams said in a recent Arkansas Democrat Gazette interview, Jo "cares about people and it doesn't matter who you are."

Jo wears a lot of hats in her position at UAMS and has been given a lot of nicknames from co-workers and other admirers over the years, including "St. Jo," and "the Organizer." Her favorite moniker, however, is that of "Mom" to her son, J.C., whom she lovingly refers to as "Precious."

Throughout the pandemic, Jo's dedication to others hasn't wavered. When COVID-19 restrictions prevented Jo from being in the room with a patient, she was right there with them on the phone, continuing to offer advice and support. She lets nothing get in the way of her commitment to others.

"Impossible" is not a word in Jo's vocabulary. We are extremely thankful that she is part of Team UAMS and grateful for everything she makes possible for our patients.

Jo's favorite quote is from John Wesley, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can." Thank you, Jo, for always doing all the good you can. You are an inspiration.

CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING AWARDS

The UAMS Chancellor's Annual Teaching Award Program was established in 2004 to recognize excellence in teaching among faculty in all the colleges and the Graduate School. The program includes two awards: *Teaching Excellence* and *Society and Health Education Excellence*.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The award for *Teaching Excellence* recognizes distinction in direct teaching, mentoring, and/or educational scholarship. Teaching excellence is broadly defined as occurring between a faculty member and any learner(s), for example students, professionals and members of the public. Teaching excellence in all settings — classroom, online, clinic and laboratory — is eligible for consideration.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Gregory R. Snead, M.D.

Gregory Snead, M.D., professor and vice chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine in the College of Medicine, arrived at UAMS in 2013 as the state's first and only board-certificated emergency medicine (EM) physician with EM ultrasound fellowship training. He went on to establish an EM ultrasound fellowship program at UAMS and to date every fellowship graduate has chosen to remain in Arkansas. Hailed as an "elite level" educator and ideal mentor, his work included creating an educational program to certify every UAMS attending physician in bedside ultrasound. He implemented a process within the review of all ultrasound studies performed at UAMS that led to continuous quality improvement and improved patient care. He expanded ultrasound curriculum for first- and second-year medical students and received grant funding for outreach efforts to local high schools increasing exposure to health care careers, particularly in underrepresented populations. He earned teaching awards at his previous institution and received an Educational Innovation Award at UAMS for his curriculum development work.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR SOCIETY AND HEALTH EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

The award for *Society and Health Education Excellence* encompasses areas of cultural awareness, health care economics, health equity, health literacy, health systems, interprofessional education/collaborative practice, public and population health, patient- and family-centered care, and/or educational scholarship. Society and Health Education Excellence also may include the design and implementation of courses and/or activities that advance the topics of society and health.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Pamela V. de Gravelles, Ph.D., MSN, M.Ed., CHSE

Pamela de Gravelles, Ph.D., a clinical associate professor in the College of Nursing, combined her expertise in health care simulation education and commitment to interprofessional education to help prepare students and residents from every UAMS college and graduate school for delivering interprofessional team health care. She has designed and conducted multiple interprofessional education (IPE) experiences. She was the primary contributor and coordinator on an IPE module that incorporated interprofessional care of a rural geriatric patient with diabetes in a simulation that integrated telehealth and caregiver support. She collaborated with faculty across three institutions to develop a nationally recognized virtual simulation experience focused on the social determinants of health and home assessment. She served as a preceptor at the UAMS 12th Street Health and Wellness Center and volunteered at the Canvas Community Mission and Homeless Center in Little Rock. Also at Canvas, she established a weekly Health Hub that included access to wellness and preventative health care for this vulnerable population while serving as service learning opportunities for UAMS students.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY
SUSAN LONG, ED.D.
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Faculty Marshals

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Department Chair, Director of Audiology and Professor

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Cytotechnology
Program Director and Assistant Professor

Shayla Stinnett, B.S., CT(ASCP)
Cytotechnology
Instructor

Claire Tucker, Ed.D., RDH
Dental Hygiene
Chair and Associate Professor

Bridget Fitzhugh, B.S., RDH
Dental Hygiene
Instructor

Layla Q. Simmons, M.Ed., RDCS, RDMS
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Program Director and Assistant Professor

Courtney Fose, M.S., RDN, LD, CNSC
Dietetics and Nutrition
Program Director and Instructor

Katie Inebnit, M.S., RD, LD, CNSC
Dietetics and Nutrition
Co-Director and Instructor

Lesley Jones, M.S., RD, LD
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Instructor

Noelle R. Danylchuk, M.S., L.C.G.C.
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Chair and Assistant Professor

Nathan Johnson, Ph.D., DLM(ASCP), MASCP,
MT(ASCP), SC, SLS, CC(NRCC)
Medical Laboratory Sciences
Chair, Program Director, and Associate Professor

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Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences
Assistant Professor

John Jefferson, P.T., Ph.D.
Physical Therapy
Chair and Assistant Professor

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Chair and Assistant Professor

John Callaway, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(ARRT)
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Tonya Cook, M.Ed., RRT
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Clinical Instructor

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Diploma Assistant

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Associate Dean for Student Affairs

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY
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BSN Faculty Marshalls

Kimberly Stickley, DNP, RN, APRN, FNP-C,
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Faculty Marshals

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY
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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY
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GRADUATE SCHOOL

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY
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DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Biomedical Informatics

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College of Pharmacy, Department of
Pharmaceutical Sciences

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College of Medicine, Department of Microbiology
and Immunology

Diploma Assistant

Tremaine Williams, Ed.D.
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Graduate School

Announcer

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Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
Graduate School

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY

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**DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF
HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Bachelor of Science in Cardio
Respiratory Care**

Alivia Brianna Butler
Rick Tchoungang Nouketchoussi
Dominique Lemond Sanders
Brittany Michelle Scaramuzza
John Micheal Smith
Lucesita Torres-Sanchez
Robyn Diane Travis
Natasha Gabrielle Wilbon
Josey Wilson

**Bachelor of Science in
Cytotechnology**

Lenny Y. Coulter
Elizabeth Golden
Joseph Charles Honeysuckle
Annika Maurine Schwartzberg
Paulina Beatrice Stamper
April Michelle Surratt
De'Andra Alysse Washington

**Bachelor of Science in Dental
Hygiene**

Amber Michelle Aderholt
Kaitlyn D. Boatright
Karli Ashlin Boatright
Grayce M. Brazeal
Emily Kathryn Brock
Haley Jenee' Campbell
Brittain Christine Carlisle
Kaley M. Dippolito
Rosa Isabel Elizondo
Hannah Katherine Gibbs
Ashley Mae Glover
Jordan Hailey Grainger
Ashlee Nicole Haynes
Alejandro Hernandez
Rachel Alison Hoffman
Nikki Jo Jeffers
Keltie D. Laseur
Tarnel Tennille McCray
Loren Elizabeth McElhaney
Kierstin Danielle Montgomery

Taylor Cameron Oliver
Breanna Marie Phillips
Annel Gisela Ramos
Richard Lorenzo Robinson
Brianna Nichole Rogers
Sidney Danielle Sizemore
Makinzie Layne Stanphill
Reagan Marie Steen
Courtney Leighanne Teasley
Katie Allison Thompson
Aspen Quest Woerner

**Bachelor of Science in
Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Madeline Jeannette Barnello
Claire Elizabeth Barnes
Hailee Alissa Bradley
Jennifer Lynn Chodyniecki
Myvia Marie Jones
Macey Jo Looney
Jonathan David Porter
Christopher Ryan Stuck
Lauren E. Wadkins
Aspen Sierra Watts
Lillian Grace Weatherley
Angelica Vivian Yerton

**Bachelor of Science in Medical
Laboratory Sciences**

Payton Marie Amstutz
Rizamarie D. Arthur
Rachael Lynn Bagwell
Lekala L. Banks
Payton Don Barnett
Jasmine Dionne Brown
Jessica Rose Burgess
Quincey Blaire Callaway
Rachel Vicknair Campbell
Jessika L. Cannon
Emma Irene Caygill
Jennifer Lynn Chapin
Irma Clark
Lillian Belinda Cleary-Washington
Christa Clifton
Cassandra Marie Cox
Hannah L. Curtis
Maryama Mohamed Dahir
Jasmine Deaton
Mary Derden
Kaja May Edwards

Michael Anthony Escalante
Maritza Fogleman
Steven Thomas Fullerton
Christina Furr
Megan Annabelle Gardner
Doane Joseph Gartner
Sarah Glover
Alisha Renee Gouker
Jacob Michael Green
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Jonathan Curtis Hall
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Hayley Jo Havens
Alecia Katey Heins
Whitney Elizabeth Hendricks
Rashell Lynn Hibbard
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Amber D. Huelsenbeck
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Troy Scott Anthony Johnson
Alison S. Johnstone
Jessica Elizabeth Ann Schesny Kennedy
Julie Kern
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Shaterica Monique Knox
Taylor L. Kolker
Cassie Renee Laranio
Kari Elizabeth Lopez
Mireya Lopez Mondragon
Stephanie Renee Lowe
Rey Cesar Madera
Charlee Alyssa Louise McCall
Leah A. Mendenhall
Jessica Lynn Metro
Christine Anne Michael
Asiya Ali Mohamud
Skyler Michelle Mora
Henry Ngo
Crystal Nicole Nguyen
Sophia Trieu Nguyen
Thanh Thi Lan Nguyen
Michaela L. Nortin
Amanda Michelle Pasdon
Pooja Parimal Patel
Snehal Patel
Drake Narayan Pawar
Mandy Leigh Polen
Kaylyn Christine Price

Kandy Quass
 Candice Love Rabbitt
 Scott Avery Ratliff
 Tonya Hayes Ravy
 Emilie Janae Reagan
 Nikita Nicole Rice
 Katie S. Robinson
 Lauren M. Robinson
 Pricila Gabriela Rodriguez Cazares
 Rhonda Jeannette Rogers
 Ciona R. Rollerson
 Krista Marie Rollin
 Kortney Allison Rowland
 Crystal M. Rush
 Ashleigh Rushing
 Jillian Ann Noe Salazar
 Tajah Briana Stanley
 Kori Cherelle Suber
 Azarah Swayne
 Holly Faith Tilley
 Bailie Waller Turman
 Meagan Lynn Tynes
 Suzanne Dana Vargas
 Josephine Thy Vu
 Kelly Elizabeth Walewski
 Audrea Mae Watkins
 Casey Marie Wautier
 Leonard Horace Wells
 Melleann Santiago Whalum
 Tayler Kelsey White
 Elza Moraes Wilbeck
 Kayla Michelle Zisa

**Bachelor of Science in Nuclear
 Medicine Imaging Sciences**

Lloyd Leon Brothers IV
 Keasha Chandler
 Sydney A. Chastain
 Ashanti Kare' Hill
 Kailin Emma LeBlanc
 Reece Mercer
 Nathan Mitchell Nabors
 Mollie Danielle Nance
 Kennadea Tyanell Payne
 Jeff Ruffin
 Carolyn Marie Tolar
 Melissa Renee Tumbleson
 Ericka D. Wallin
 Vannesa PaNhia Xiong

**Bachelor of Science in
 Ophthalmic Medical
 Technology**

Ashley Nicole Williams

**Bachelor of Science in
 Radiologic Imaging Sciences**

Shannon Shavon Amato
 Mackenzie Beth Bingham
 Hiep Tan Chau
 Charynez Marie Dukes
 Dylan Dwayne Gibson
 Dianna Itzel Godinez
 Hailey Louise Gorecke
 Michelle Nicole Graves
 Mary Haley Henderson
 Lauren Hughes
 Casey Raymond Jones
 David Keathley
 Carter Luke Kelley
 Emily Grace Martin
 Brenna Nicole McAdoo
 Makenzie McAnally
 Taylor McDade
 Kasi Monroe
 Larry D. Odom
 Hannah Reddell
 Steven Hunter Reeves
 Gregorio Reynaga
 Elizabeth Rios
 Genia Anne Sawyers
 Anngelica Lyn Shady
 Bryan James Sheridan
 Kristen Elizabeth Smiley
 Katelyn Sherrill Beebe Solomon
 Kristin Ashley Lynn Spencer
 Rachel Leann Stapleton
 Jelisa Jane' Thomas
 Sarah Joy Threet
 Grace Ann-Elizabeth Valentine
 William Ray Walker
 Hunter Douglas Weatherly
 Austen Wade Westerman
 Ady May Yates

**Post Baccalaureate Certificate
 in Dietetics and Nutrition**

Jorie Vi Beaumont
 Holly E. Cummings
 Katie G. Dather

Margaret Elizabeth Deshotel
 Tyra Tensie Dewey
 Jordan Nichole Johnson
 Lydia Grace Macfarlan
 Carly Renee Melder
 Hannah Cheyenne Qualls
 Alyssa Ann Reece
 Katie Ryan
 Madeline Claire Steely
 Sarah Stoothoff
 Cordelia Alicia Underwood

**Master of Physician
 Assistant Studies**

Lauren Cassidy Ackley
 Emily Michele Bogert
 Kori Brannan
 Jaishlynn S. Braxton
 Thi Minh Cao
 Cassidy Peyton Chu
 Avery E. Collins
 Emily Jane Cook
 Nathan Alec Crawshaw
 Sarah Dawn Elkins
 Margarita Sofia Epley
 Brittany Kay Fair
 Bailey Renee Fithian
 Taryn Arel Frazier
 Joseph William Frescura
 Morgan Elizabeth Gary
 Ashley Ann Hewitt
 Lindsey Howe
 Tahiya Islam
 A'Vonte L. Jones
 Jordan Taylor Kalousek
 Sarah Elizabeth Lilly
 Jason L. McBride
 Halie Annette Moreno
 Earl Myers Neel IV
 Chelsea Newey
 Bhavin Patel
 Haley Rose Ratcliff
 Collin James Roberts
 Whitney Shafer
 Taylor Jared Sites
 Caleb Stein
 Liz Anne Tlapek
 Haeden Nicole Waymack
 Bailey Whittington
 Morgan Kelley Wyrick
 Natalya Zeagler

**Master of Science in
Communication Sciences and
Disorders**

Lauren Elaine Alford
Morgan Lee Ansel
Emmie Kay Bullington
Shariesa Renae Feimster
Hailey Jean Gentry
Cori Elizabeth-Marie Glaude
Ashlyn Paige Graves
Anna Catherine Harrison
Jaden Cierra Hill
Morgan Lyrea Hodges
Jeni James
Kiaunna Chernae Johnson
Emily Elizabeth Junkans
Kaylin Rose Orrell
Jordyn Faith Raley
Alyse Morgan Roberts
Namtip Savathvongxay
Lillian Elizabeth Scott
Katherine Elizabeth Wehmeyer
Claire Elizabeth Whaley

**Master of Science in Genetic
Counseling**

Rachel Anne Elias
Cassidy Gagne
Brooke Ann Henry
Traci Jenae Leaumont
Morgan Leigh Nutter
Raven Alexandra Paige
Carson Alexandra Smith
Alyssa Williams

Doctor of Audiology

Elizabeth Marie Nobel Bellotte
Caitlyn Elizabeth Crowder
Beverly Renee McDowell
Jonathan Kahari Williams

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Kathryn Lee Adams
Roldan Quintos Alegre
Cameron McKay Cupp
Alicia N. Daniel
Mckenna Dilday

Megan Lea Dykema
Andrea Brooke Floriani
Brenam Rein Hale
Elika Yamazaki Hamer
William Rushing Hemphill III
Julia Elizabeth Hixson
Abigail Ann Jernigan
Johnna Elizabeth Ladd
Whitley Nichole Madison
Antonio Francis Martinez
Austin Michael Miller
Sammie LeErinne Perkins
Abigail Marie Shoffner
Dylan Anthony Slayton
Cassidy Elizabeth Stevens
Laura Brantley Stevens
Shelby Layne Tipton
Callie Rose Turner
Elizabeth Christine Vaughan
Nathan Bradley Yoder

**College of Health Professions
Candidates for Degrees with Honors**

**CARDIO RESPIRATORY CARE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HIGH
HONORS**

Lucesita Torres-Sanchez
Robyn Diane Travis

**CARDIO RESPIRATORY CARE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HONORS**

Brittany Michelle Scaramuzza

FACULTY GOLD KEY

Robyn Diane Travis

**CYTOTECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
WITH HIGH HONORS**

Lenny Y. Coulter
Elizabeth Golden

Joseph Charles Honeysuckle
Annika Maurine Schwartzberg
April Michelle Surratt
De'Andra Alysse Washington

FACULTY GOLD KEY

In remembrance of
Preston James Stawski

**DENTAL HYGIENE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HIGH HONORS**

Kaitlyn D. Boatright
Grayce M. Brazeal
Haley Jenee' Campbell
Jordan Hailey Grainger
Keltie D. Laseur
Reagan Marie Steen

**DENTAL HYGIENE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HONORS**

Kaley M. Dippolito
Hannah Katherine Gibbs
Ashlee Nicole Haynes
Nikki Jo Jeffers
Tarnel Tennille McCray
Taylor Cameron Oliver

FACULTY GOLD KEY

Keltie D. Laseur

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**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL
SONOGRAPHY
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HIGH HONORS**

Madeline Jeannette Barnello
Claire Elizabeth Barnes
Jennifer Lynn Chodyniecki
Myvia Marie Jones
Macey Jo Looney
Christopher Ryan Stuck
Lauren E. Wadkins
Aspen Sierra Watts
Lillian Grace Weatherley

**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL
SONOGRAPHY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HONORS**

Hailee Alissa Bradley
Angelica Vivian Yerton

FACULTY GOLD KEY
Aspen Sierra Watts

**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HIGH HONORS**

Lekala L. Banks
Jessica Rose Burgess
Rachel Vicknair Campbell
Irma Clark
Hannah L. Curtis
Maritza Fogleman
Christina Furr
Sarah Glover
Adeline Marie Hall
Troy Scott Anthony Johnson
Julie Kern
Cassie Renee Laranio
Stephanie Renee Lowe
Rey Cesar Madera
Charlee Alyssa Louise McCall
Drake Narayan Pawar
Katie S. Robinson
Rhonda Jeannette Rogers
Krista Marie Rollin

Kortney Allison Rowland
Holly Faith Tilley
Bailie Waller Turman
Josephine Thy Vu
Kayla Michelle Zisa

**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH
HONORS**

Rizamarie D. Arthur
Quincey Blaire Callaway
Michael Anthony Escalante
Doane Joseph Gartner
Alisha Renee Gouker
Rashell Lynn Hibbard
Basiru Jobe
Jessica Elizabeth Ann Schesny
Kennedy
Mireya Lopez Mondragon
Michaela L. Nortin
Amanda Michelle Pasdon
Candice Love Rabbitt
Suzanne Dana Vargas

FACULTY GOLD KEY
Sarah Glover

**NUCLEAR MEDICINE IMAGING
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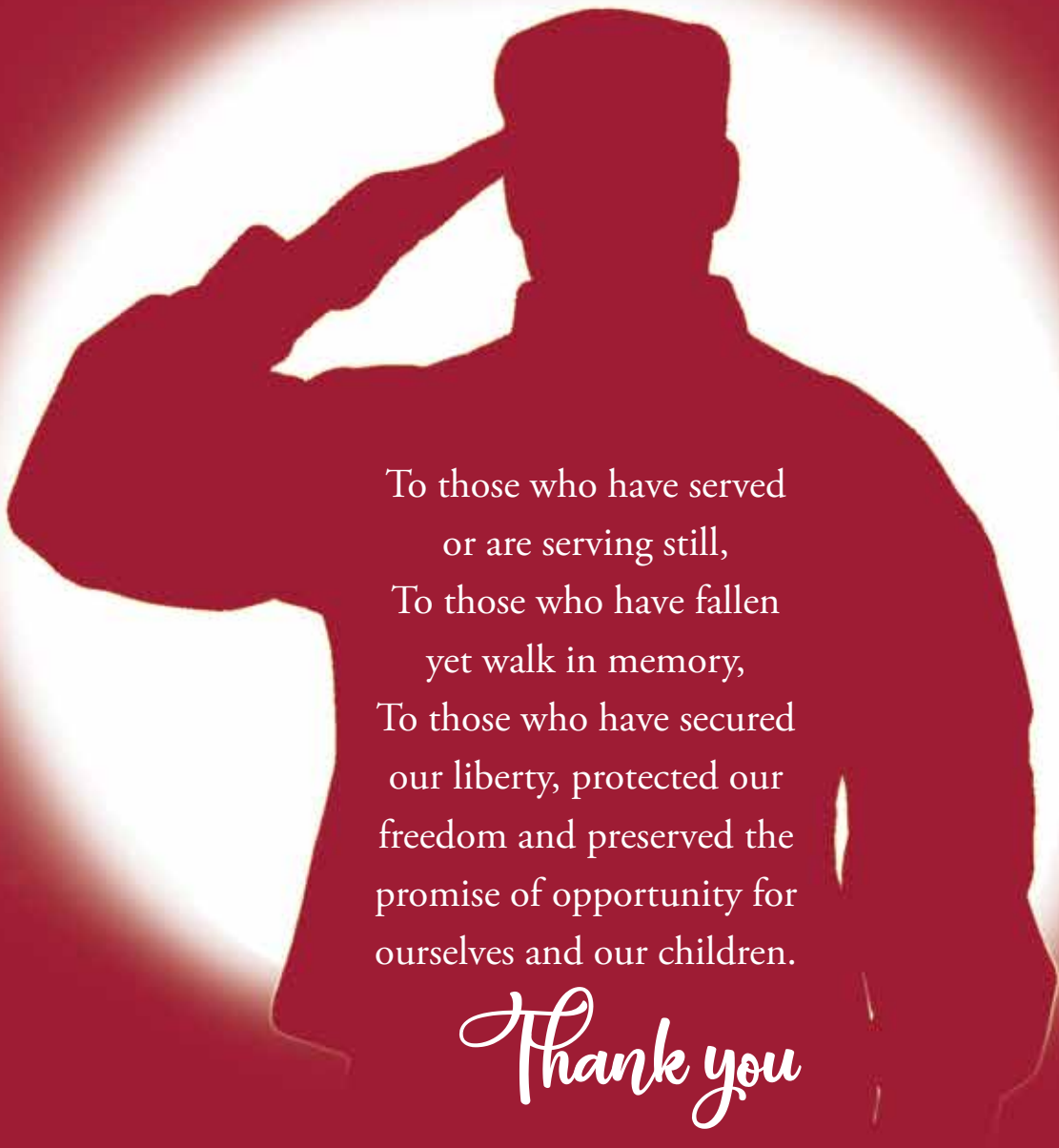
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To those who have served
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To those who have fallen
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ourselves and our children.

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“When I was a child, I was told that men were branded by war. Has the brand been put on me? Have the years of blood and ruin stripped me of all decency? Of all belief?

Not of all belief. I believe in the force of a hand grenade, the power of artillery, the accuracy of a Garand. I believe in hitting before you get hit, and that dead men do not look noble.

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My country. America! That is it. We have been so intent on death that we have forgotten life. And now suddenly life faces

us. I swear to myself that I will measure up to it. I may be branded by war, but I will not be defeated by it.

Gradually it becomes clear. I will go back. I will find the kind of girl of whom I once dreamed. I will learn to look at life through uncynical eyes, to have faith, to know love. I will learn to work in peace as in war. And finally—finally, like countless others, I will learn to live again.”

Audie Murphy
To Hell and Back

Audie Murphy is famous for being the “Most Decorated Soldier in WWII,” a record that stands to this day. The son of a Texas sharecropper, Murphy lied about his age in order to join the Army at 17. By the time he was released from service two years later, he had killed 240 German soldiers and was awarded every medal for bravery that the nation bestows, including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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