

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE
STATE UNIVERSITY

*Commencement
2024*

CARL WOOTEN FIELD
ANCHOR D STADIUM
GOODWELL, OKLAHOMA

MAY 10, 2024

9:00 AM



2024 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

- *Musical Prelude. *Chorales*
by J.S. Bach, arr. Mayhew Lake
- *Processional. *Pomp and Circumstance*
by Edward Elgar
Concert Band— Mr. Zachary Debois Cooke, Director
- *Presentation of Colors. Guymon Fire Department
- **The Star-Spangled Banner* Francis Scott Key
- *The OPSU *Alma Mater*—Crimson and Blue. Milton Bradley
Chamber Singers— Mr. Zachary Debois Cooke, Director
- *Invocation Mr. Matt Townsend
Baptist Student Center, Goodwell
- Welcome Dr. Julie Dinger
President
- Greetings from the Oklahoma A&M Regents Mr. Jason Ramsey
Chief Executive Officer
- Greetings from the Student Government Association. Mr. Austin Jacobs
2023-2024 President
- Introduction of 2024 Commencement Speaker. Dr. Julie Dinger
- Commencement Address. Mrs. Katie Quebedeaux
Oklahoma State Board of Education
- Presentation of J. R. P. Sewell Award Mrs. Laura Hutchinson
Dean, Student Affairs
- Welcome by Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends. . . Mrs. Amada Alvidrez
Association Vice President
- Certification of Candidates Dr. Charla Lewis
Dean, College of Arts and Education
- Conferral of Degrees. Dr. Julie Dinger
- Presentation of the Class of 2024. Mr. Omar Lira
Acting Director, Hispanic Student Center
- *Benediction. Mr. Townsend
- *Recessional. *Fanfare and Recessional*
by Edward Elgar

***PLEASE STAND**

KATIE QUEBEDEAUX

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Katie Quebedeaux is a proud fourth-generation Oklahoma native. She attended K-12 at Guymon High School and continued her education at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where she obtained her bachelor's degree. She currently serves as president of the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends. Throughout her career, Katie has worked in both public and private school settings, working with students from preschool through high school.

Katie currently serves as the Administrator of Faith Learning Center early childhood programs. She is proud to serve as a board member for the Licensed Child Care Association of Oklahoma alongside strong, passionate early childhood leaders. In addition, she is a CECPD Educator, a validator for the National Accreditation Commission, and a Professional Development Specialist for the Child Development Associate Council. Quebedeaux was also appointed to the Oklahoma State Board of Education, representing Congressional District 44.

In addition to her bachelor's degree from OPSU, Quebedeaux earned an associate's degree in child development from Northern Oklahoma College and a master's degree in early intervention and child development from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Katie resides in Guymon with her husband Corey, a high school history teacher. She is the daughter of Larry and Jan Wiggins. Katie's family has always been active throughout the Guymon community and the OPSU campus. Katie credits her successful career to the education she has received at OPSU. She is passionate about advocating and providing a solid foundation for Oklahoma's children.

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Tatum Chaleigh Hall, *cum laude**

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Valentina Gritcan, *cum laude*

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Jennifer Nichole Hardwick, *cum laude*

Sandra Elaine Helton

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Alicia Murray

Melody Jean Murphy, *cum laude**

Veronica Anabel Ned, *cum laude*

Haedyn KayeAnne Noland

Isaac Oetinger

Evelyn Nkiruka Offiaeli, *cum laude*

Kohley Ellen Ogle

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Checotah Brit Pardue

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Larissa Polzin

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BACCALAUREATE GRADUATION
WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

Special recognition at graduation is provided for students with outstanding academic records. Graduates who have achieved academic excellence receive a gold cord symbolizing the excellence of the achievement. The cord indicates *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*. Distinctions for the corresponding grade point averages appear below. Graduation honors with an asterisk are contingent upon spring and/or summer 2024 semester grades.

<i>cum laude</i>	3.50 to 3.74
<i>magna cum laude</i>	3.75 to 3.99
<i>summa cum laude</i>	4.00

PARTICIPATION	REGALIA
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Blue and Gold Cord	Alpha Zeta
Red Cord	Chi Alpha Sigma
Light Blue Cord	Teacher Education Candidate
Green and White Cord	Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature
Serape Stole	Hispanic American Leadership Organization
Navy, White, Red Cord	First Generation
White Stole with Blue Trim	Student Ambassador
Red Embroidered Stole	Cherokee Nation Oklahoma
Silver Stole	Early College High School
Green and Blue Cord	Alpha Chi Honor Society

MARSHALS	USHERS
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Zane Doehring	Riley Opitz
Maria Regina Mejia Medina	David Perez-Rubio
Samuel Sobenna Udeaja Maduka	Heidi Rodriguez
Júlia Pacheco	Kevin Vega

Academic dress worn today originated in 12th century Europe when the ordinary dress of the student and teacher was that of the cleric. Long gowns may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. In the 14th century, statutes of several colleges required the wearing of gowns. While European institutions have had great diversity in academic dress, American colleges and institutions have developed a fairly standardized system. The Intercollegiate Commission established regulations in 1895 which prescribed the cut, style, material, and colors of academic dress. Committees authorized by the Academic Council on Education received and modified the code in 1932, 1959, and 1986.

A doctor's degree gown is trimmed with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The sleeves are large and bell-shaped at the wrist. Its hood is the longest of all hoods at four feet while the master's hood is shorter. The color of the hood's lining represents the official colors of the university conferring the degree, and the binding or edging of the hood indicates the color of the discipline of the granted degree. The dark blue trim of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in a field; it does not necessarily represent the field of philosophy. The tassel on the cap may be gold or the color appropriate to the discipline. Material for the gowns and their hoods varies with climate but is usually black.

The oblong sleeves of the master's degree gown open at the wrist. Velvet does not trim this gown, but it does have a hood with appropriate colors.

A bachelor's gown has untrimmed, pointed sleeves. Although it may be worn with a hood, many American universities have abandoned this practice. The most common form of cap worn with the bachelor's gown—the mortarboard—carries either a black tassel or the appropriate color for the discipline.

The list below indicates the tassel colors appropriate for this commencement.

Accounting, Business	Drab
Agriculture	Maize
Humanities	White
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Physical Education	Sage Green
Science	Golden Yellow

Source: Academic Costume Code of the American Council on Education

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY

A BRIEF HISTORY

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's mission is to provide higher education for the Oklahoma Panhandle and surrounding areas through academic programs, cultural enrichment, life-long learning experiences, and public service activities. Educational experiences enrich students and prepare them for roles in agriculture, business, education, government, and industry.

The Panhandle State campus comprises 131 acres. The farm encompasses 1,900 acres including 450 acres of cultivated land. The original 80-acre site cost \$2,400.00 in 1909. Panhandle State averages 1,300 students and has 160 personnel. The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges governs the University. The accrediting body is the Higher Learning Commission.

Originally known as Pan-Handle Agricultural Institute, it offered secondary agricultural education beginning November 1, 1909, with 57 students; the first enrollee was Flora Elswick. Most males lived in tents in an area named "Rag Town." Some students lived in a hotel—the local bank's second floor. Others boarded with local families or commuted by train, horse, or buggy. Two instructors and President Sanders W. Black donated books for a library. Built in 1910, Old Hesper Hall and Franklin Hall (now on the National Register of Historic Places) were the first buildings. The initial commencement in 1911 graduated four students. Now, Panhandle State graduates about 280 students yearly.

In 1921, Oklahoma allowed a two-year college curriculum and changed the name to Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College. The State Board of Agriculture granted permission for upper-level collegiate courses in 1925. Since then, two name changes have occurred: Oklahoma Panhandle State College of Agriculture and Applied Science (1967) and Oklahoma Panhandle State University (1974).

As a result of its mission, Panhandle State monitors educational needs in the state and region and responds appropriately. At the institution's beginning, President Black once claimed: "Methinks that great men and women will go out from this school." He was correct.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Cheyenne Heltzel, Title IX (sex), Office: SL 125, Telephone: 580.349.1574; Laci Unruh, Section 504/ADA (disabilities), Office: ML 107B, Telephone: 580.349.1556.



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