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 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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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
2023-2024

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, AND NURSING

Mr. Tracy Kincannon, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
AGRIBUSINESS

Ryler Brock Allred
Jaylie Raye Bergkamp
Jason Vincent Borowy, magna cum laude
Bryson Call Carroll
Caden Jack Clark, magna cum laude
Kaylee Dawn Chumley
Brett Alen Coffman
Tell Irwin Dixon, magna cum laude*
Nancy Margaret Lavina Dvorak
Dakota Keith Gardner
Lindsey Nicole Gooch
Shannon Hamilton
Bailee Irene Hatch, cum laude*
Andres Omar Lizardo, cum laude*
Sage Nicole Mitchell
Kenzie Paige Monroe
Baylee Powders
Colee Rae Pehl
Kyle Ashton Reid
Katie Diane Richards, cum laude*
Avonlea Grace Shields
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Joelle Lydia Laforce, *magna cum laude*
Valerie Ruth Timmer
Mya Martinez
Parker Trace Mathes, *cum laude*
Ryan Mitchell, *cum laude*
Graison Lee Moseley, *cum laude*
Brandon Rodriguez
Britney JoAnn Webb
Addison Rilee Williams, *summa cum laude*

Faith Ann Cook
Joelle Lydia Laforce, *magna cum laude*
Ryan Mitchell, *cum laude*

Sydnee Michele Roth, *cum laude*
Kaeden Justice Acevedo
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing

Luanna Lynn Akins
Ashley Shanell Allen
Heather Renee’ Annesley
Abigail Alvarado, magna cum laude
Olivia Grace Baker
Vannessa Rhane Bennett
Alexandria Dominque Beniot
Jessica Mae Boland
Caitlin Marie Bralley, cum laude
Kayla Rhiann Branson
Amanda Brewer
Laryn Nicole Brummett
Liliana Esther Bushers
Erin Dawn Caldwell
Kelsey Rae Chance
Yvette Marlene Chenault
Hunter Coover
Jennifer A Corbett
Jacklyn Nichole Davis
Isamar Deanda
AnaLea Marie Delzer
Tabatha Colleen Dowdy
Erin Drever
Pamela Elam
Joy Isoken Edomwandagbon
Nicole Lynn Foster
Crystal Elaine Garrett
Leesa Green
Chelsea Brooke Griffith
Valentina Gritcan, *cum laude*
Shannon Hamilton
Jennifer Nichole Hardwick, *cum laude*
Sandra Elaine Helton
Wendy Lea Henninger
Ashley Nichole Henson, *cum laude*
Kyahna Nikole Hicks
Michelle Hill, *cum laude* *
Desirae Marie Infante
Chandler Elaine Jarrard
Caden Johnson
Melani Mari Joseph
Shawna Elizabeth Koscilski
Ashley Dawn Kenmore
Abigail Grace Lewis
Amanda McKenzie
Mandie Marler
Julianna A Marquez, *cum laude*
Gregory McConnell
Heather McFarland
Alberto F Martinez, Jr.
Ashley Martinez-Kappel
BAChElOR OF SChIEnCe IN nURSING

nURSING (CONT.)

Tammy Kay McGee
Jessica Metz
Abigail Elizabeth Moody
Jenifer LeAnn Moore
Angela Marie Muncy
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
Robert Shane Ott
Estella Pantoja
Checotah Brit Pardue
Taelor Parker
Lacey Jo Perez
Jason Michael Perry, cum laude*
Kyle David Robert Pingleton
Larissa Polzin
Hallie Jane Pozniak, cum laude*
Kayli Alexis Price
Rashonda Elizabeth Price
Aubrey Puletasi
Sarah Raney
John Richardson, cum laude*
Morgan Elizabeth Ridder
Cristina Renea Riggins
Rosalinda Rodriguez
Hailey Joan Roland-Wood
Samantha Jean Rollins
Sydnie Kay Rosson-Fells
Jordan Rogers
Donna Rae Rupe, *magna cum laude*
Brittni Taylor Sommers, *cum laude*
Angelica Sanchez
Taylor Brooke Scott
Katherine Marie Sharpless, *cum laude*
Falon Lea Shatto
Araceli Guadalupe Rodriguez Silva
Candice Marie Smith
Kelsie N. Smith
Mercedes Smith
Nicole Jean Smith
Jess L. Stockton
Ashley Elizabeth Swann, *cum laude*
Jessica Renee Thurston
Naila Trenzado
Chelsea Jo Williams
Makenzie Lynn Woodin
Mandy Lynn Vanderslice
Dr. Charla Lewis, Dean

**Bachelor of Science**

**Criminal Justice**

Lorenzo Bachicha
Aiden Bryce Davis
Jeremy Daniel DiBartolomeo
Rebecca Lynn Herriotts, *magna cum laude*
Nicholas Noah Kim
Braeden Howard-Dibble Lejarraga
Evan William Meashaw, *cum laude*
Presley Shay Oliphant
Nicole Peralta
Jessey Allen Richardson
Jesus Sebastian Rodriguez
Kaycee Lynne Torres, *cum laude*
Yareli Lizette Villa Delgadillo, *cum laude*

**Bachelor of Science**

**Elementary Education**

Arturo Diaz, *cum laude*
Aaliyah Vada Eaton, *magna cum laude*
Patrice Gray
Nathalie Marie Guzman
Grace Katherine Herald, *cum laude*
Rebecca Hernandez Lozano, *cum laude*
Spring Keener, *cum laude*
Eh Kaw Wah
Morgan Paige Williamson
Bachelor of Science

Elementary Education

Maddie Mae Whitfield, magna cum laude

Bachelor of Science

Health and Physical Education

Jose Junior Arrieta
Samuel Joseph Bond, cum laude*
Tucker Willis Bond, magna cum laude*
Joe David Greaves, Jr.
Abby Jo Jordan
Blake Douglas McLean
Keibert Manuel Medina Sotomayor
Aaron Smith, cum laude*
Xavier Emmanuel Starks
Koral Denee Sylestine
Shelley Nicole Thulin
Tracy Bernard Todd, Jr.
Bailey Renee White
Brandon White

Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Regan Elizabeth Ake
Meagan Brooke Bellar
Azucena Carrillo, magna cum laude*
Rebecca Lynn Herriotts, magna cum laude*
Evan William Meashaw, cum laude*
Draylon Gawon Roberson
Jade Venticity Stallones
Toni Ginetta Shawnee, cum laude*
Kenley Reese Yocom, cum laude*
Ms. Amanda Beasley, Interim Dean

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTING

Frank Munashe Mutandi

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ryan Nathaniel Acosta-Olivas, *cum laude*

Nathan Alvarado

Kalum Mateo Anchondo

Kaitlin Nicole Briggs, *magna cum laude*

Megan B Byrd, *cum laude*

Saul Carrillo-Gonzalez

Landry Taylor Coble, *magna cum laude*

Shannon Coe

Daniel James Dominico De Mello, *magna cum laude*

Kameron Nigel Dickerson

Heidi Leann Fisher, *magna cum laude*

Kylie Kay Franklin

Jessica A Forbes

Cal Bailey Garcia

Christopher Adrian Gomez

Braden Greene

Cristian Aguilar Guerrero

Charles Peter Hardman, *cum laude*

Elizabeth Hatley

Dillon Rhae Lester

Carlos Ivan Flores Melgar, *magna cum laude*
Bachelor of Business Administration

Business Administration (Cont.)

Tiffanie C Miner
Htoo Ra Paw, magna cum laude*
Arely Martinez Porras, cum laude*
Ross Everett Raines, cum laude*
Karime Rios, magna cum laude*
Ashtyn Shayn Robins, magna cum laude*
Rafael Nolasco Romero
Carlos Gabino Joaquin Sabino
Mya Leigh Szymanski, magna cum laude*
Ntandoyenkosi Peace Tshuma, cum laude*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Computer Information Systems

Alan Ramirez Anchondo
Daniel Wilson Byers, magna cum laude*
Luis M. De La Cueva
Erik Duarte
Avery Therese Evans, summa cum laude*
Hunter Reed Harris, summa cum laude*
Julie Raylene Johnson, summa cum laude*
Jesus Mesta
Bilal Mohamed
Jhonn Kevin Cabrera Ortiz, magna cum laude*
Ryan Allen Sinclair, cum laude*
BACHELOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Lalo Aguilar
Hayden Cam Brown

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

2023-2024

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, AND NURSING

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

AGRICULTURE

Brett Alen Coffman
Kenzie Paige Monroe
Avonlea Grace Shields
Kaylee Ann Woolman
Astrid Keily Fabiola Zamudio Garcia

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

GENERAL STUDIES

Alanah L. Best
Sydney Carey
Alondra Cerda
Jessica Coen
Jamiah Clay
Teresa Cousing Daniel
Jacqueline De La Fuente
Harrison Brauch Funderburk
Natalie Yarely Gonzalez
Zoey Nakiita Dianna Hegwood
Alejandro Daniel Hernandez
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

GENERAL STUDIES (CONT.)

Caden Johnson
Erik Mesta
Marisa D. Munoz
Olivia Ojeda
Isabela Pablo-Leon

CERTIFICATE

FIRE PROTECTION & SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Clay Robert Pettijohn

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Colton Perry Allison
Ezmeralda Aracely Barrios
Tayln Uriel Chavez
Leslie Yesenia De La Fuente
Hudson Hill
Vanessa Angelina Lozano
Sam David Oblander
Alex Jamil Rodriguez
Omar Lira Rodriguez
Sydnee Michele Roth
Associate in Applied Science

Drafting & Industrial Technology

Hayden Cam Brown

Associate in Applied Science

Technology

Alan Yael Munoz
Angela Davis

Associate in Applied Science

Metal Technology

Hayden Cam Brown
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.

- **cum laude**: 3.50 to 3.74
- **magna cum laude**: 3.75 to 3.99
- **summa cum laude**: 4.00

**Participation Regalia**

- **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**

- Zane Doehring
- Maria Regina Mejia Medina
- Júlia Pacheco
- Samuel Sobenna Udeaja Maduka

**Ushers**

- Riley Opitz
- Davis Perez-Rubio
- Heidi Rodriguez
- 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.

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Accounting, Business                  Drab
Agriculture                            Maize
Humanities                             White
Education                               Light Blue
Fine Arts                               Brown
Music                                   Pink
Nursing                                 Apricot
Physical Education                      Sage Green
Science                                 Golden Yellow
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Source: Academic Costume Code of the American Council on Education
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.
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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: Cheynne Heltzel, Title IX (sex), Office: SL 125, Telephone: 580.349.1574; Laci Unruh, Section 504/ADA (disabilities), Office: ML 107B, Telephone: 580.349.1556.