

COMMENCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS



SUMMER 2022 COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

GRADUATE CEREMONY | 6:00 P.M.

Communication Sciences and Disorders Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

GRADUATE CEREMONY | 9:00 A.M.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
College of Business
College of Education
College of Health and Behavioral Sciences — Remaining Programs
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

REYNOLDS PERFORMANCE HALL

PROGRAM

Processional

Welcome
President
National Anthem
Introductions and GreetingsAngela Barlow
Dean of the Graduate School
Message from the FacultyKristin Dooley
2022-2023 President of the Faculty Senate
Message from the Student BodyCourtney Clawson
2022-2023 President of the Student Government Association
2022 2023 Tresident of the Student Government Association
Message from the Graduate Student Representative Kelli Nicole Mayer
Message from the StaffCarlos Herrera
2022-2023 President of the Staff Senate
Message from the Alumni AssociationAaron Knight
Message from the Atumin Association
Challenge to the Graduates
Presenting the Degree Candidates Dean Barlow
Conferring the Degrees
Conferring the DegreesPresident Davis
Announcing the Degree CandidatesJohn Gale
Associate Professor of Film

Recessional

Audience is invited to stand in honor of the degree candidates during the processional and recessional

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Terry Fiddler, *Chair*, *Conway* Curtis Barnett, Vice-Chair, Little Rock Amy Denton, Secretary, Roland Robert "Bunny" Adcock, Conway E.C. Maltbia, Conway Kay Hinkle, Mountain View Michael Stanton. Greenbrier

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Rodney Lippard, Director of Torreyson Library Vicky Summers, Registrar

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF ARIS, HUMANITIES AND S	OCIAL SCIENCES		
Department of Art and Design	Bryan Massey		
School of Communication	Donna Lampkin Stephens		
Department of English	Ty Hawkins		
Department of Film, Theatre, and Creative Writing			
Department of History			
Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures			
Department of Music			
Department of Philosophy and Religion			
Department of Political Science	-		
Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology	Ed Powers		
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS			
Department of Accounting	Stephanie Watson		
Department of Computer Information Systems and Analytics	Jeff Hill		
Department of Economics, Finance, and Insurance and Risk Manag			
Department of Marketing and Management	Tracy Suter		
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	V		
Department of Elementary, Literacy, and Special Education	lanet Filer		
Department of Leadership Studies			
Department of Teaching and Learning			
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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES			
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders			
Department of Exercise and Sport Science			
Department of Health Sciences			
Department of Military Science and Leadership			
School of Nursing			
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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS			
Department of Biology			
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry			
Department of Computer Science and Engineering			
Department of Geography	•		
Department of Mathematics	Fred Hickling		

COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL

MACE BEARER

President of the Faculty Senate

INTERPRETER

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MARSHALS

Members of the Faculty, Staff, and Administration

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Members of the Staff

ACADEMICS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Thomas Williams, Dean

Now in its second year of existence, the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences consists of ten units: the School of Communication, and the departments of Art and Design; English; Film, Theatre, and Creative Writing; History; Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures; Music; Philosophy and Religion; Political Science; and Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology. Undergraduates may select from more than twenty majors, while graduate students choose from six programs. All students experience traditional and contemporary approaches in face-to-face and online classrooms, along with a host of such high-impact practices as internships, study abroad, study away, and service-learning. The hallmark of CAHSS is its internationally renowned faculty, a roster of artists, writers, filmmakers, scholars, researchers, and performers who excel at teaching and exciting students to enter an increasingly diverse and globally-engaged society.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Michael Hargis, Dean

For over 50 years, the UCA College of Business has prepared students to be ethical, innovative, and engaged business leaders who positively impact their communities. The college's teaching methods and advising process are designed to help students discover their unique abilities and choose their best fit among the 20 business degrees and certificates offered for undergraduates and graduates. The College of Business offers students hands-on experience in and out of the classroom through applied projects, internship opportunities, and student organizations. With the only Insurance and Risk Management program in the state, a growing Logistics and Supply Chain Management program, and new Applied Data Analytics options, UCA prepares students for in-demand fields such as accounting, economics, finance, computer information systems and analytics, cybersecurity management, insurance and risk management, marketing, and management. While only five percent of business schools worldwide are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the college maintains accreditation because of its relevant curriculum, experiential learning opportunities, and faculty who are respected for excellence in research, teaching, and industry experience.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Victoria Groves-Scott, Dean

The College of Education is proud to be Arkansas' premier educator preparation college. Committed to ensuring that all graduates recognize that equity is a necessary condition for excellence, we are dedicated to providing exemplary programs for the preparation of professional educators, including teacher preparation for elementary, middle level, and secondary education; educational leadership; school counseling; library media; instructional technologies; higher education student personnel administration; and leadership. With an emphasis on teaching, research, and service, the members of the College of Education, along with their counterparts in supporting programs across UCA, demonstrate a commitment to the improvement of educational programs and services by collaboratively working with organizations that have teaching and human development as their mission. The professional education programs in the college prepare professionals who demonstrate the content, pedagogical, and professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to help all students learn.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Nancy Reese, Dean

The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences includes the Departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Exercise and Sport Science; Health Sciences; Nutrition and Family Sciences; Military Science and Leadership; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Psychology and Counseling; and the School of Nursing. For more than 50 years we have been preparing practitioners, educators, and researchers for the state of Arkansas and beyond. The college awards more undergraduate and graduate degrees in the health and behavioral sciences than any other four-year institution in the state. Collectively, our students participate in more than 460,000 hours of clinical internship and practicum experience throughout the United States and abroad. Our Interprofessional Teaching Center provides hands-on experience in interprofessional practice to our students and addresses unmet health care needs in the community.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Stephen Addison, Dean

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics include the departments of Biology; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Computer Science and Engineering; Geography; Mathematics; and Physics and Astronomy. The college also operates additional programs that include cybersecurity, data science, and environmental science. Students can add teacher licensure at the secondary level through the UCA STEMteach program. Students experience an immersive active-learning environment using advanced technologies and state-of-the-art instrumentation, with many opportunities to engage in basic, applied, and translational research. The faculty members are committed to preparing the future scientists, mathematicians and educators and are actively involved in securing grant support to further the students' educational, research and community outreach goals. The college has a strong research culture and all departments promote studentengaged research and service-learning. Graduates of the college are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the changing global economy and emerge as leaders in their communities.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Angela Barlow, Dean

The Graduate School offers advanced degrees designed to provide the rigor, exciting opportunities, and vibrant community necessary for graduate students to take their next professional steps. Whether the goal is to be an artist, an educator, a business executive, a health care provider, or a scholar, our 60+ graduate programs enable graduate students to not only develop a deep knowledge of their disciplines but also acquire the skills needed to be leaders in their professions. Our advanced degrees include master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees and represent a variety of disciplines from each of the academic colleges. Individuals enter the Graduate School as students and exit as professionals equipped to positively impact our world.

HONORS COLLEGE

Patricia Smith, Dean

The UCA Honors College oversees the operation of the Norbert O. Schedler Honors College, the University Scholars Program, and Honors in the Major. Each program provides a host of academic opportunities with the mission of developing public scholars and future leaders whose actions are grounded in interdisciplinary understanding. Founded in 1982 as the first honors college in Arkansas, the Schedler Honors College receives national acclaim for its innovative curriculum and holistic admissions process. Unprecedented interest in the Schedler Honors College from qualified students, led to the formation of the University Scholars Program in 2018. Emphasizing scholarship, leadership and citizenship, our programs all conclude with the completion of an undergraduate thesis, providing graduates with the critical thinking skills needed to become leaders in a changing world.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Katelyn Ashley Bates

Matthew James Bemis

Blake Elizabeth Bennett

Kalifornia Breeze Bolter

Sara Deanne Bunner

Elizabeth Ann Burgess

Natalie Michelle Carden

Samantha Louise Cole

Paige Nichole Cromwell

Cody Austin Davis

Anna Grace Duggan

Anna Grace Ellis

Mattingly Frances Fallon

Kalyn June Garrett

Emily Mason Goolsby

Emily Ann Griffin

Lauren Nicole Harper

Cassidy Leigh Icenhour

Paige Marie Jackson

Olivia Carol Karnes

Emily Katherine Lock

Kelli Nicole Mayer

Eden Blakely McGhee

Paul D. McLarty

Mathew Michael McQuay

Blair Ashton Miller

Katherine Anne Mitchell

Makenzie Ann Mooneyhan

Destanie Paige Nelson

Erin Marie O'Donnell

Maci Ruth Parrish

Graycen Renee Perkins Russell

Madison Ann Rich

Morgan Cherie Scott

Haley Elizabeth Shearer

Bailey N. Smith

Kirsten Elfriede Stiller

Shannon Noelle Stone

McKenzie Elizabeth Svebek

Jacklyn Veras Tufu

Grace Marie Velte

Hope Elizabeth Wages

Karly Krodell Waller

Meredith Lynne Wallus

Allison Bailey Welch

Delaney Rae Willibey

Kaitlyn Paige Wilson

Emily Marie Wish

Jiangyu Xiong

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Gabrielle L. Back-Kremers

David Josiah Bazaldua

Kristen LeAnn Benson

Noah Julian Berg

Eleanor McCall Bilger

Brandon Lee Brokeshoulder

Sarah Grace Brown

Sarah Elizabeth Broyles

Carlee Elizabeth Burns

Stacia Lynn Carroll

Marc Anthony Corker

Cory Ren Cox

Hannah Ashley Crain

Benjamin Cody Dixon

Connor Taylor English

Richard Felicitas Jr.

Katherine Leigh Ferrell

Kelly Kay Green

Savannah Jane Hanson

Anfernee Maurice Hawkins

Emma Grace Henson

Lily Ngoc Ho

Sean Michael Holehouse

Hattie Belle Horton-Grinder

Aaron Doval Hunt

William Weston Hurst

Lindsee Paige LaBrecque

Rebecca Denise Laury

Sydney Orr Lewis

Theodore Jakob Lopez

Morgan Lyle

Macy Leighann McClanahan

Gary Laverne Merriweather Jr.

Sarah Maria Mumme

Lindsey Elizabeth Pigott

Grant Steven Pruess

Mollie Rozell Renfroe

Steen Arling Rose

Sydney Grace Bennett Roset

Madison Marie Rowland

Rachel Sanders

Alexandra Lea Scallions

Megan Shaffer

Alexia Tatyana Sharp

Malia DeShae Shelton

Ryan Mathew Smith

Rebecca Katherine Stalder

Peighton Sheyenne Taylor

Landon Garrett Turner

Calvin Christian Vogel

Gracie Anne Waters

Emily Grace Watkins

Mary Colleen Weidman

Kanada Nicole Cheri Weigt

Tiffany Kay Weston

Cynthia Perez Weyrens

Samuel Evan Willibey

Amber Nicole Wright

Qinqing Yang

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND SCIENCES DISORDERS

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alexandria Elizabeth Ashby

Alexis Caroline Bahloul

Braxton Barber

Kennedy Brea Blue

Shelby Louise Bradley

Sarah Beth Briggler

Catherine Marie Brown

Sandra Campbell

Mariel Karen Carson

Victoria Faith Carter

Jaime Ann Conaway

Brooklyn Cook

Amber Kaye Gleghorn

Caitlyn Elise Hughes

Rachel Faith James

Ashley Sue Jenson Riley

Lacy Elizabeth Knox

Makenzy Ann Ledbetter

Payton Nicole Lindsey

Krista Grace Little

Maha Marwan Madani

Abigail Irene McGee

Adriana Dawn McKinnon

Morgan Michelle Jean McPeake

Melodie Flisabeth Moore

Zachary Wilde Orvin

Devyn Nicole Paden

Samuel Alfred Parker

Mattie Elaine Thi Pham

Brianna Ann Pinter Mariah Prock

Cassandra Blossom Richard

Rachael Marie Schluterman

Elizabeth Marie Squires

Holly Meagan Stouffer

9:00 A.M.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Fthan N. Dunbar

PhD in Leadership Studies. Dissertation Chair: Dr. Malcolm North. Dissertation Title: "Ethical Leadership and Elected Officials"

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Joseph Bryan Southerland

PhD in Physical Therapy. Dissertation Co-Chairs: Dr. Leah Lowe and Dr. Mark Mennemeier. Dissertation Title: "An Exploration of Physical Therapy Dosage in Pediatrics Using Comparative Regression Discontinuity Analysis"

Donald Spears Wilcox Jr.

PhD in Leadership Studies. Dissertation Chair: Dr. Mark Mennemeier. Dissertation Title: "An Ultrasonography Study of Anatomical Variability and Dimensional Changes of the Tibial and Plantar Nerves with Change in Foot and Ankle Position"

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Chelsey Elizabeth Bull

PhD in Counseling Psychology. Dissertation Chair: Dr. Femina Varghese. Dissertation Title: "Student Engagement in Illegal Behaviors: Influence in Career Development"

Laura K. Goodhart

PhD in School Psychology. Dissertation Co-Chairs: Dr. Joan Simon and Dr. Suzanne Johnston. Dissertation Title: "Investigating the Effects of a Parent-Child Intervention on the Listening Comprehension of English Language Learners and the Perceived Self-Efficacy of Their Parent"

Lorianne T. Graves

PhD in School Psychology. Dissertation Chair: Dr. Joan Simon. Dissertation Title: "Day Treatment to School Transition Survey: Program Directors' Perceptions of Interagency Collaboration"

Sydney Nicole Skaggs

PhD in Counseling Psychology. Dissertation Chair: Dr. Femina Varghese. Dissertation Title: "Episodic Future Thinking to Reduce Temporal Discounting in College Students"

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

Tonia Susie Brunson

Tracy Jo Trumble

Sadeidre Jewell Summer Lawrence

Laura Nicole Turnipseed Watford

Callie Rose Quiroz

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

MASTER OF ARTS

Robert Christian Hall

MA in English. Thesis Chair: Dr. Ty Hawkins. Thesis Title: "Reading Around Narration: American Myth in Cather, Hemingway, and Chopin"

DEPARTMENT OF FILM, THEATRE, AND CREATIVE WRITING

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Jesus Manuel Rivera

MFA in Creative Writing. Thesis Chair: Dr. M. Shelly Conner. Thesis Title: "Downer Rats"

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Max-Guerlee Eloge
Andrew Powell Hendricks

Ha Nguyen Thu Phan

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DO A M

9:00 A.M

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Patrick Yongwan Seung

David Lee Ashley Kaylee Nicole Lawrence
Pablo Antonio Azcona Zamorano Bongani Ndumiso Maseko

Alex R. Beasley

Patrick Stephane Le Prince Dagrou

Crystal N. Robinson

Kaitlyn Marie DeBaun Preston Alan Self

Morgan Diana Drayton Miles Christian Campbell Smith

David Michael Dunn III Timothy Shane Smith

Hailey Brooke Ellzey Austin Stricker

Gretchen Flagg Christina M. Terrazas
Brittany LeAnn Flowers Allen Jay Thompson

Joyti Lal

Aboubakar Prince Diomande

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY, LITERACY, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Jason Christopher Wolff

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Carissa Lynn Boyce Kathleen Drake Fitzgerald

Lindsey Morgan Butler Mistie Lynnette Reeves Young
Rachel Suzanne Defnet Haven Rekavla Sledge

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Catherine Renee Downey Shawna Leigh Teague

Kristie Lynn Edwards Keleanna Johnson Thompson

Jamie Fife Jessica Lea Keeler Ziel

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ashley Michelle Berry Lou Ann Mofield

Toni M. Emrich Jessica Caitlyn McLeod
Nikki Rochelle Glass Justin James Mishler
Katelin Goss Elizabeth Nicole Roberts

Elizabeth Pope Hill Tony Cade Sawyer

Madison Luck

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Megan M. Bilskemper Breanna Justice

Cynthia M. Brown Shaanti Patrice Mistark O'Dell

Canaan Joy Craig Abby Nicole Smith
Faith Agnes Forrest Nolan Lloyd Tucker

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kirsten Ann Blatchford Teresa R. Martinez
Tedric Dewayne Campbell Jr. Brooke Miller
Connor Charles Emmet Priyaben B. Patel
Sakiera Denise Malone Tara Flynn Spay

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FAMILY SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Taylor Ajtun Eva Pearl Farrukh

Jonathan Chet Chanilal Jane Kwak

Haley Marie Donoway Madeline Luke Lancaster

Haley Marie Donoway

Nikki Lockard

Esmeralda Martinez

Andie Marie Montgomery

Charles P. Partin II

Kelsey Marie Peterson

Hannah Rose Rofkahr

Jordan Elizabeth Setser

Sydney Lynn Sloan

Jessica Renee Smith

Crosjean Reyes Sy

Vasil Margaritov Valev

Margaret Phillips Waltrip

Jana Wing-Yee Wong

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Anna Lydia Achter

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Zachariah Marcus Degon

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Arijit Mukherjee. Thesis Title: "Investigating the Genetic Pathways Regulating Growth Promotion and Salt Tolerance During Interactions Between Non-Legume Plants and Plant Growth-Promoting Bacteria"

Chance Douglas Garrett

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Ginny Adams. Thesis Title: "Influence of Natural Flow Regime on Fish Communities of Four Streams in the Kings River Watershed, Arkansas"

Kira Angelique Gibbs

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Tamara Haselkorn. Thesis Title: "The Effect of Season and Microhabitat on Social Amoeba Diversity and Symbiont Prevalence"

Benjamin Paul O'Connell

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Erin Wiley. Thesis Title: "The Interactive Effects of Heatwaves and Defoliation on *Quercus palustris* Performance and Drought Tolerance"

Jackson Jaymes Renfroe

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Ben Cash. Thesis Title: "Survey of Bee Communities for Differently Managed Sites in Central Arkansas"

Lauren Elizabeth Smith

MS in Biology. Thesis Chair: Dr. Mindy Farris. Thesis Title: "Mitochondrial Translation Inhibition, Testosterone Supplementation, and Glucose as a Means of Alleviating the Effect of Bisphenol A on Caenorhabditis elegans"

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Furkan Dinc

MS in Computer Science. Thesis Chair: Dr. Sinan Kockara. Thesis Title: "A New Set of Performance-Aware Algorithms for Virtual Reality-Based Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff Surgery Simulation"

Makenzie Lynn Spurling

MS in Computer Science. Thesis Chair: Dr. Chenyi Hu. Thesis Title: "Reliable and Trustworthy: An Investigation on Improving Quality of Crowdsourced Work with Interval-Valued Labels"

Qiuyun Tian

MS in Computer Science. Thesis Chair: Dr. Bernard Chen. Thesis Title: "Wineinformatics: Compare and Combine Classification Models Build by Wine Reviews from Different Review Sources for Grade Class Prediction"

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

MASTER OF ARTS

Emily Layne Herren

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Mostafa Lotfi Gelian

Kaitlyn Nicole Moody

MS in Applied Mathematics. Thesis Chair: Dr. Yeil Kwon. Thesis Title: "An Efficient Confidence Interval for Lognormal Mean Based on the Bootstrap Methods"

This document was produced July 1, 2022 as an unofficial list of students who applied to graduate at the summer 2022 commencement. Students who applied after the production dates are not listed. Subject to completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

ORIGINS AND MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Established in 1907 by the General Assembly as the Arkansas State Normal School, the institution was charged with the responsibility of training teachers. Instruction began in 1908 with 107 students, a faculty of seven, and a physical plant consisting of one partially completed building. The first diploma granted was the Licentiate of Instruction, followed in 1920 by the establishment of curricula leading to a baccalaureate degree. The terms of the act establishing the school and its location in central Arkansas recognized the state-wide service the institution was expected to promote. The autonomy of its Board of Trustees also gave the institution freedom to expand and diversify academic programs to meet the growing needs of the state. Thus, in 1925, the college was renamed to Arkansas State Teachers College and added and broadened liberal arts programs and increased specialized offerings and degrees. In 1955, the college inaugurated its first graduate program. In 1967, the college was renamed to State College of Arkansas to reflect the institution's varied and comprehensive curricula, and, in 1969, the institution established four colleges to provide administration for the growing number of academic programs. The institution became the University of Central Arkansas in 1975 to reflect its status as a modern comprehensive university.

SYMBOLS, REGALIA AND RECOGNITION

The mace, an ancient sign of authority, is displayed as the symbol of the University's authority to confer degrees. The office of mace bearer is ceremonial and derives from medieval times in England when the mace, a formidable weapon, was held ready to protect the person of a dignitary. The mace precedes commencement dignitaries in the procession, both entering and leaving the ceremony, and is carried by the President of the Faculty Senate.

The University President's insignia of office is a silver medallion that displays the seal of the institution. He wears the distinguished purple gown with four black velvet bars outlined in gray around each sleeve and black velvet front facing with the UCA seal monogrammed on each side. The presidential hood represents the university school colors, purple and gray.

The Trustees of the University wear distinctive black gowns distinguished by purple velvet facing from hem to neck and three purple velvet bars around each sleeve about the elbow.

The banners identify and represent the academic disciplines of the institution. Each banner is decorated with the seal and colors of the University.

The different colored cords and stoles worn by candidates for undergraduate degrees represent graduation honors recognition and membership in various academic, collegiate, and scholastic societies.

Honors Graduates have excelled in the achievement of their academic programs; their graduation honors are categorized as follows: summa cum laude- highest honors (4.0 - 3.9); magna cum laude - high honors (3.89 -3.7); cum laude - honors (3.69 - 3.5). Undergraduate Scholars have been invited by the faculty to enter a department honors program and have completed an approved course of study, culminating in a department thesis. Honors College graduates have completed a specially designed four-year curriculum of interdisciplinary studies, culminating in a senior honors thesis. Designations printed in this program are conditional, pending the final academic standing upon the completion of all degree requirements. This is not an official list of graduation honors. Official graduation honors will be reflected on the diploma and the official transcript.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The present-day academic attire seems to have originated at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the 1300's. As the universities passed from ecclesiastical control, the academic gown used brighter colors to distinguish it from the totally drab clerical robe. Although colonial American universities used academic gowns based on the British system, people continued to associate them with the clergy.

The design of the academic regalia and the colors worn are significant. The distinguishing mark of the gown is the sleeve: bachelor – a long pointed sleeve; master – an oblong sleeve open at the wrist; doctor – bell shaped sleeve with three velvet bars. The velvet edging of the hood signifies department of learning and the silk lining of the hood signifies the institution of the degree.

Originally, the hood had three uses: as a head covering, as a shoulder cape, and as a bag in which alms could be collected. It is mentioned as early as 1480 in clerical literature. When large wigs were in vogue in Britain, the cape part of the hood was split in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire cape and hood was allowed to fall back as it is today, and it was never restored to the original style.

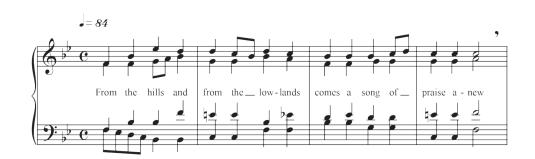
Following is a list of the hood and tassel colors established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent several departments of learning.

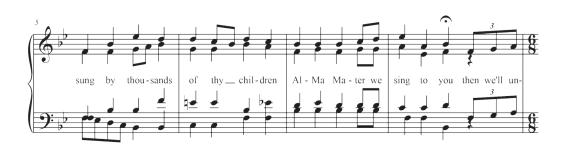
Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration, Commerce, Accountancy	Tan
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Family & Consumer Sciences	Maroon
Fine Arts, including Architecture	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration including Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology or Divinity	Scarlet
Veterinary Science	Gray

UCA ALMA MATER

As sung by the UCA Marching Bear Band

Music by Homer F. Hess Words by Ora Blackmum







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