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CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE



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Southwest Baptist UNIVERSITY

Commencement Ceremony

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Friday, May 9

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*Please take a moment and silence your
devices to respect those graduating today.*

Dear Graduates, Families, and Friends,

On behalf of the entire Southwest Baptist University community, I am honored to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we gather to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2025. Today marks a significant milestone in the lives of our graduates, and it is a privilege to share in this momentous occasion with all of you.

As we look around this room, we see the culmination of countless hours of study, challenges overcome, and milestones achieved. Each graduate sitting before us has shown remarkable resilience and commitment, and today, we acknowledge and honor their incredible journey.

To the families and friends who have supported our graduates, your encouragement, love, and sacrifice have been instrumental in their success. Your presence here today is a testament to the strong network of support that has helped our students reach this point, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

To the graduates, today is a celebration of your potential and the promise that your future holds. As you step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that the education and experiences you have gained here are the foundation upon which you will build your future. Embrace the opportunities that lie ahead with the same enthusiasm and determination that have brought you to this day.

On behalf of the entire university, I extend heartfelt congratulations to our graduates. We are incredibly proud of you, and we look forward to watching you make your mark on the world.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard J. Melson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being more prominent and the last name "Melson" following in a similar style.

Richard J. Melson, Ph.D.

President, Southwest Baptist University

Highland Bagpipes

Bagpipes were traditionally used in military and ceremonial contexts, adding a sense of grandeur and solemnity to events. The use of bagpipes in academic ceremonies, such as commencements, became popular in the late 20th century. Their distinctive sound helps to mark the significance of the occasion and create a memorable atmosphere.

Bagpipes symbolize tradition, honor, and celebration.

In the spirit of grandeur, SBU president Dr. C. Pat Taylor asked Dr. Ron Maupin to begin incorporating this rich tradition each fall during Welcome Week to mark the students' official induction into the university community, symbolizing the start of their academic journey with a sense of tradition and solemnity yearly at Welcome Week.

“Having bagpipes play at both the start and conclusion of the students' academic journey symbolizes a sense of tradition and continuity. By incorporating this unique instrument, the commencement ceremony connects the graduates' journey full circle, from their first day of classes to their final achievement.”

- Dr. Rick Melson, SBU President

Decorum

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress dates to the Medieval European universities of the 14th century. European universities continue to follow varied patterns in cut and color of gown and type of headdress. In the United States, the colleges and universities have standardized the academic dress so that its features are common and uniform throughout the country. The standard dress in the United States is as follows:

THE GOWN

The color is usually black. The pattern varies with the degree held: square-cut sleeves for the bachelor's degree; and long, closed, sleeves with a slit for the arm for the master's and specialist's degrees. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and three bars across the sleeves.

THE HOOD

Hoods are not worn for the undergraduate degrees. The master's hood is shorter than the specialist's hood, which is shorter than the doctoral hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the school granting the degree, while the color of the binding or edging of the hood indicates the discipline in which the degree was attained.

THE STOLE

All undergraduate students wear a stole. The stole bears the University seal and is crafted in purple and white, the University colors. The stole represents membership within the University body as a student and continuing on in the body of SBU alumni.

CORDS

Solid-colored cords signify bachelor degree students graduating with honors. Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor), a grade point average of 3.85 and above, is represented with a gold cord. Magna Cum Laude (with great honor), a grade point average of 3.70 but less than 3.85, is represented with a silver cord. Cum Laude (with honor), a grade point average of 3.50 but less than 3.70, is represented with a bronze cord. The red, white, and blue cord represents those who have served or are presently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

GORDON & JUDY DUTILE HONORS PROGRAM

Students seeking bachelor degrees are selected to the Gordon & Judy Dutile Honors Program at admission to Southwest Baptist University based on their service, leadership, and scholarship. To graduate from the program, honors program students complete and enriched general education curriculum, as well as honors-specific courses and an Honors Capstone Project. Dutile Honors graduates are wearing a medallion with their regalia in recognition of their completion of the program.

Commencement is a special event to honor all students who have earned a diploma after many years of hard work and dedication. The distinction of the college degree and of the academic community should be recognized. Please be mindful of the graduates and their families during the ceremony.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Commencement Ceremony

***Presiding: Dr. Richard Melson, Ph.D.,
President of Southwest Baptist University***

May 9, 2025 | 11 a.m.

Call to Order	Mr. Brandt Merritt <i>VP Marketing and Enrollment</i>
* Processional	Amanda Evans '02,'05 <i>Highland Bagpipes</i>
Invocation	Dr. Duke Jones <i>Professor of Christian Ministry</i>
Instrumental Feature	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> SBU Wind Symphony <i>arr. Travis J. Cross</i> <i>Mr. Stephen Mathews</i> <i>Director of Instrumental Studies</i>
Video Presentation	
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Rick Melson <i>President</i>
* Congressional Hymn ...	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> Dr. Sarah Howes <i>by Thomas Chisholm</i> <i>Associate Professor of Music</i>
Senior Address	Mr. Ben Hines <i>President of Student Association</i>
Senior Music	<i>Crucified with Christ</i> Mr. David Nash <i>by Phillips, Craig & Dean</i> <i>Graduating Senior</i> <i>acc. by Dr. Sarah Howes</i>
Presentation of Awards	Dr. Rick Melson
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Rick Melson
Commencement Address	Dr. John Ashcroft <i>Retired US Attorney General</i>

*Denotes time to stand

Presentation of Class	Dr. Troy Bethards '93 <i>Associate Provost, Dean</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Dr. Rick Melson Dr. Troy Bethards
Alumni Induction	Mr. Leon Wirth '93 <i>V.P. for Advancement</i>
Alma Mater	Miss Hannah Burchett <i>Graduating Senior</i>
*Closing Song	<i>Promises.....</i> Miss Addison Palmer <i>by Maverick City</i> <i>Graduating Senior</i> <i>acc. by Rickie Mills '23</i> <i>SBU Chapel Band</i>
Recessional	Fairest of the Fair.....SBU Wind Symphony <i>by John Phillip Sousa</i> <i>Mr. Stephen Mathews</i>

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Commencement Ceremony

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President of Southwest Baptist University***

May 9, 2025 | 4 p.m.

Call to Order	Mr. Brandt Merritt <i>VP Marketing and Enrollment</i>
* Processional	Mrs. Amanda Evans '02,'05 <i>Highland Bagpipes</i>
* Invocation	Dr. Duke Jones <i>Professor of Christian Ministry</i>
Video Presentation	
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Rick Melson <i>President</i>
* Congressional Hymn ... <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Dr. Sarah Howes by Thomas Chisholm <i>Associate Professor of Music</i>
Student Speaker.....	Mrs. Laura Clark <i>ASN Graduate</i>
Student Speaker	Mr. Nathaniel Tjernagel <i>DPT Graduate</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Rick Melson
Commencement Address	Dr. John Ashcroft <i>Retired US Attorney General</i>

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Presentation of Class	Dr. Brittney Hendrickson '08,'11,'12 <i>Dean, Mercy College of Health Professions</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Dr. Rick Melson Dr. Brittney Hendrickson
Alumni Induction	Mr. Leon Wirth '93 <i>V.P. for Advancement</i>
* Alma Mater	Dr. Sarah Howes
* Closing Song	<i>Promises</i>Miss Addison Palmer by Maverick City <i>Graduating senior</i> <i>acc. by Rickie Mills '23</i> <i>SBU Chapel Band</i>
* Recessional	

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Candidates for Graduation

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Ed & Theo Clark University Success Center, Dr. Scotti Moats, Director

Jesse Collinson	A.S.	General Studies
Ashley Elizabeth Covert	A.S.	General Studies
Cherish G. Gordon	A.S.	General Studies
Brooklyn Paige McNew	A.S.	General Studies
Destiny Ann Murphy	A.S.	General Studies
Miranda Brooke Olson	A.S.	General Studies

College of Health Professions, Dr. Brittney Hendrickson '08, '11, '12, Dean ***Division of Health Sciences & Post-Licensure Nursing*** ***Dr. Cindy Todd '07, '11, '13, Head***

Brett Joseph Ainsworth	A.S.	Health Sciences
Faith Victoria Aegan	A.S.R.	Radiography
Patrick R. Baumgartner	A.S.R.	Radiography
Holly D. Booker	A.S.R.	Radiography
Misty N. Breeden	A.S.R.	Radiography
Anita Jemator Kipkebut	A.S.R.	Radiography
Mathew Mills	A.S.R.	Radiography
Jessica Ngo Nguyen	A.S.R.	Radiography
Lexee Madalay Jade Penner	A.S.R.	Radiography
Kinley A. Pruiett	A.S.R.	Radiography
Adam M. Reaves	A.S.R.	Radiography
Emily Danielle Sparks	A.S.R.	Radiography
Kari L. Torkelson	A.S.R.	Radiography

Division of Pre-Licensure Nursing
Dr. Renay McCarley, Head

Robert B. Amundsen	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shannon M. Asher	A.S.N.	Nursing
Tricia Jayne Bain	A.S.N.	Nursing
Monica Renee Baker	A.S.N.	Nursing
Quinten C. Bell	A.S.N.	Nursing
Hope Elisebeth Borkenhagen	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sarah B. Brown	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shelby R. Buckner	A.S.N.	Nursing
Randi Cantrell	A.S.N.	Nursing
Aubrey N. Casto	A.S.N.	Nursing
Laura Nicole Clark	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jonathan W. Combs	A.S.N.	Nursing
Gracien Flores Copeland	A.S.N.	Nursing
Lydia M. Curley-Harris	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jenna N. Curtis	A.S.N.	Nursing
Emily June Curtiss	A.S.N.	Nursing
Stephanie Ann Davis	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kaylee Lynn Deckard	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jose M. delaTorre	A.S.N.	Nursing
Peyton M. Dollar	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kylie Jean Eakins	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kaly Marie Edwards	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jery Esperance	A.S.N.	Nursing
Emily Faith Ezzell	A.S.N.	Nursing
Daniel Ray Ferrell	A.S.N.	Nursing
Arleth Fuentes	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jimmy D. Gaston	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kelci Douglas Goode	A.S.N.	Nursing

Sarah E. Gregory	A.S.N.	Nursing
Josie C. Grisham	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sandhya Gurung	A.S.N.	Nursing
Brittany Hargett	A.S.N.	Nursing
Cheyenne A. Henson	A.S.N.	Nursing
Tilly Makayla Highfill	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kaylee Ann Hightower	A.S.N.	Nursing
Michelle Renee' Holder	A.S.N.	Nursing
Ashley Elizabeth Huellinghoff	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kristynn L. Hufford	A.S.N.	Nursing
Josephine Marie Jordan	A.S.N.	Nursing
Molly Peyton Kesler	A.S.N.	Nursing
Zoie Kathrine Kinder	A.S.N.	Nursing
Teagan M. Kleinsorge	A.S.N.	Nursing
Jacob W. Lakey	A.S.N.	Nursing
Samantha Rose Lancaster	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shelby May Law	A.S.N.	Nursing
Brett Edward Lester	A.S.N.	Nursing
Julie Renae McAndrews	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shayna Lyn McDonald	A.S.N.	Nursing
Tonya Sue McFerrin	A.S.N.	Nursing
Alisha B. McHaffie	A.S.N.	Nursing
Joseph Donald Mikesch	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sherie Lynn Miller	A.S.N.	Nursing
Crystal Thu-An Nguyen	A.S.N.	Nursing
Michaela Nivens	A.S.N.	Nursing
Taylor D. Nobles	A.S.N.	Nursing
Alyssa Layne Oaks	A.S.N.	Nursing
Amelia J. Oberg	A.S.N.	Nursing
Henry O. Okoli	A.S.N.	Nursing

Christy A. Oliver	A.S.N.	Nursing
McKenna Marie Pace	A.S.N.	Nursing
Ruthann M. Pardo	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shawna N. Perriman	A.S.N.	Nursing
Amanda Carol Petit	A.S.N.	Nursing
Abigail S. Potter	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kelsey Michelle Prater	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kendall Paige Pratt	A.S.N.	Nursing
Shelby L. Pursifull	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sarah E. Reed	A.S.N.	Nursing
Michele M. Riley	A.S.N.	Nursing
Hailey Ann Ruark	A.S.N.	Nursing
Chandra Renee Rutledge	A.S.N.	Nursing
Erin Nicole Salinas	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sydni C. Samsoe	A.S.N.	Nursing
Alexis L. Samuel	A.S.N.	Nursing
Dallin D. Sargent	A.S.N.	Nursing
April Ann Schwellinger	A.S.N.	Nursing
Katherine Mariah Sibert	A.S.N.	Nursing
Sara N. Slinger	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kate Elizabeth Smith	A.S.N.	Nursing
Ryann N. Smith	A.S.N.	Nursing
Makenna Grace Snow	A.S.N.	Nursing
Erich Sean Stallcup	A.S.N.	Nursing
Rebecca A. Stokes	A.S.N.	Nursing
Samantha M. Strait	A.S.N.	Nursing
Haley Ann Thomas	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kaylee Renee Tipton	A.S.N.	Nursing
Magen H. Van Pelt	A.S.N.	Nursing
Alisha M. Vecchione	A.S.N.	Nursing

Adam Villarreal	A.S.N.	Nursing
Riley Nicole Volcko	A.S.N.	Nursing
Grace Nichole Wagner	A.S.N.	Nursing
Kristen Ann Walski	A.S.N.	Nursing
Anna S. Zadorin	A.S.N.	Nursing

College of Professional Programs, Dr. Troy Bethards '93, Dean

Division of Education

Dr. Kevin Patterson '87, Head

Sheona Renee Brand	A.S.	Education
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Robert W. Plaster College of Business, Dr. Troy Bethards '93, Dean

Division of Business

Dr. Nathan Wright '05, Head

Mycah S. Wolla	A.S.	Business
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guarantee the student is fully qualified to graduate.*

Candidates for Graduation

BACHELOR DEGREES

Geneva Casebolt College of Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Bill DuVall, Dean
Bob R. Derryberry Division of Humanities
Dr. Kwasi Ofori-Yeboah, Head

Benjamin Luke Brock	B.S.	History
Steven Wright	B.S.	History

Courts Redford Division of Christian Ministry
Dr. Matt Kimbrough '08, Head

Connor G. Dougherty	B.A.	Biblical Studies
Jacqueline Walker Gurley	B.A.	Biblical Studies
Emily Rose Hall	B.A.	Christian Ministry
Christina Joyce Harrell	B.A.	Biblical Studies
Trevor Bryan Maxville	B.A.	Biblical Studies
Katrena F. Ryan	B.A.	Intercultural Studies
Emma Grace Shores	B.A.	Intercultural Studies
		Biblical Studies
Braden Robert Spurling	B.S.	Christian Ministry

Division of the Arts
Dr. Kwasi Ofori-Yeboah, Head

Julia Catherine Becker	B.S.	Commercial Art
Hannah N. Burchett	B.S.	General Music/Mathematics
Lucy Diann Cunningham	B.S.	Art Education
Marcus Rea Falcomata	B.M.	Music Education
Shannon Olivia Hale	B.S.	General Music
BreAnne Leslie Hamby	B.S.	Art
Madeline Grace Harwell	B.S.	Art Education

Clayton Jordan Lind	B.S.	Graphic Design/Studio Art
Heather Leigh Mote	B.S.	Commercial Art/Marketing
Savannah Lynn Mount	B.S.	Art Education
David Aaron Nash	B.S.	General Music
Alexis Nichole Osenga	B.S.	Art Education
Kasandra June Wildfong	B.S.	Studio Art

Division of Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick, Head

David Avelar	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Mya Leigh Bartels	B.S.W.	Social Work
Samuel Sebastian Boian	B.S.	Criminal Justice/Psychology
Katelyn Rose Brittell	B.S.	Psychology/Art
I'sis L. Brown	B.S.	Psychology
Rachel Courtois	B.S.	Sports Psychology
Lindsey Denise Dean	B.S.W.	Social Work
Hunter D. Gammon	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Kevin S. Gilliam, Jr.	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Brett Andrew Henry	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Sierra A. Jones	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Jaida Leighan Kettner	B.S.	Criminal Justice/Biology
Rebekah Joy Laws	B.S.W.	Social Work
Matthew William Ledgerwood	B.S.	Psychology
Carolyn A. Levall	B.S.	Psychology
Laura Danelle McElfresh	B.S.	Psychology
Lisa A. Noble	B.S.	Psychology
Lauren Nicole Page	B.S.	Psychology
Nathan Phillip Palmer	B.S.	Psychology
Valene R. Pringle	B.S.	Psychology
Savannah Marie Ray	B.S.W.	Social Work

Timothy Michael Riley	B.S.	Psychology
Danielle LeAnne Shriver	B.S.	Psychology
Timothy Elijah Sperduto	B.S.	Criminal Justice
Olivia Willbrand	B.S.	Psychology

College of Natural & Applied Sciences, Dr. Tracy Manly, Interim Dean
Division of Kinesiology
Todd John, Head

Hunter W. Allen	B.S.	Exercise Science
Rebekah Elizabeth Bean	B.S.	Exercise Science
Adah Kalil Burks	B.S.	Exercise Science
Abby Danielle Cressler	B.S.	Exercise Science
Ava Caroline Cuneio	B.S.	Exercise Science
Bo L. Davis	B.S.	Exercise Science
Kylee L. Dewey	B.S.	Exercise Science
Collinique Tashana Farrington	B.S.	Sport Management
Margo Jean Frossard	B.S.	Exercise Science
Abigail Lynn Harrison	B.S.	Exercise Science
Tyler Joe Hart	B.S.	Exercise Science
David Isaiah Hector	B.S.	Sport Management
Aidan H. Jones	B.S.	Sport Management
Abby M. King	B.S.	Exercise Science
Joseph J. Kremp	B.S.	Exercise Science
Olivia R. Littleton	B.S.	Exercise Science
Letícia Ferrari Luiz	B.S.	Exercise Science
Ashley Clare Miller	B.S.	Exercise Science
Melvin H.D. Mulholland II	B.S.	Exercise Science
Tremayne C. Mungin	B.S.	Exercise Science
Polina Paunova	B.S.	Exercise Science
Bailey Olivia Pierce	B.S.	Exercise Science
Audrey Lyn Rahlmann	B.S.	Exercise Science

Ashlynn Paige Robinson	B.S.	Exercise Science
Odett Schlegl	B.S.	Sport Management
Delaney Keeten Stanley	B.S.	Exercise Science
Jaden Ren Thacker	B.S.	Exercise Science
Cale I. Thiessen	B.S.	Exercise Science
Khalil Vazquez Torres	B.S.	Exercise Science
Matthew Gage Travis	B.S.	Sport Management
Brannon James Weatherby	B.S.	Exercise Science
Regan J. Wilson	B.S.	Sport Management

Division of Natural Sciences
Dr. Jena Whetstine, Head

Kara S. Andersen	B.S.	Environmental Biology
Briley Suzanne Bagley	B.S.	Biomedical Biology
Madeline Brown Henry	B.S.	Biochemistry
Taylor Lee Jones	B.S.	Biology
Rebecca C. Liu	B.S.	Biochemistry
Khylee Beth Massey	B.S.	Biology Education
Andrew J. McMillin	B.S.	Biomedical Biology
Deacon R. Mitchell	B.S.	Agricultural Business
Lily June Simmons	B.S.	Biomedical Biology
Trevor R. Talley	B.S.	Biomedical Biology
Logan B. Turner	B.S.	Biochemistry
Emma Ann Vincent	B.S.	Biology Education

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Division of Business
Dr. Nathan Wright '05, Head

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Hannah Rose Barker	B.S.	Business Management
Mason Dean Bethards	B.S.	Marketing

LaJahda N. Boyland	B.S.	Marketing
Nathan L. Brackenridge	B.S.	Economics/Finance
Jennifer Morgan Burris	B.S.	Accounting
Jonathan Wesley Cass	B.S.	Business Management
Kellen V. Curtis	B.S.	Sport Business
Branden K. Eckles	B.S.	Economics/Finance
Madelynn G. Edge	B.S.	Digital Marketing
Ayden L. Fetters	B.S.	Business Administration
Giselle García Hurtado	B.S.	Economics/Finance
Victor Valero Gutierrez	B.S.	Business Management
Lauren Danielle Harrill	B.S.	Business Administration
Salvador Jacobo	B.S.	Business Management
Levi K. Korir	B.S.	Marketing
Alex A. Marealle	B.S.	Marketing
Maxston D. McKinney	B.S.	Digital Marketing
		Public Relations
Kara Jo Morey	B.S.	Marketing
Kylie S. Murie	B.S.	Business Management
Omari J. Oggs	B.S.	Business Management
Bianca Latrice Oliver	B.S.	Accounting
Rhea De Vera Poor	B.S.	Business Administration
Kaitlyn F. Ragsdale	B.S.	Accounting
Marcos Daniel Rodriguez Olivares	B.S.	Business Management
Francisco X. Rojas Zankys	B.S.	Global Business
Ella Claire Ryan	B.S.	Business Management
Colby Ryan Shastid	B.S.	Management
Brennan Michael Slaughter	B.S.	Business Administration
Brett Christopher Smith	B.S.	Marketing
Reagan Grace Thomure	B.S.	Accounting
Kaitlynn LeAnne Thornton	B.S.	Marketing

College of Professional Programs, Dr. Troy Bethards '93, Dean
Division of Computing & Mathematics
Dr. Amos Gichamba, Head

Joshua Wayne Freeman	B.S.	Computer Information Science
Daniel T. Gaskins	B.S.	Computer Information Science
Derrick Dean Harrill	B.S.	Computer Science
Keegan Joseph Kirkpatrick	B.S.	Mathematics Education
Brandon McGee	B.S.	Cybersecurity
Ryan D. Medlin	B.S.	Cybersecurity
Jacob Minder	B.S.	Cybersecurity
Addison Kayte Palmer	B.S.	Mathematics Education
Jaden C. Rockwell	B.S.	Cybersecurity
Nolan W. Schroer	B.S.	Computer Information Science
Jeremy Bryan Shackles	B.S.	Cybersecurity Operations & Management
Ezekiel Martin Skinner	B.S.	Computer Information Science
Julius E. Tabe	B.S.	Software Engineering

Division of Education
Dr. Kevin Patterson '87, Head

Gracie M. Beal	B.A.	Elementary Education
Lauren Faith Bell	B.S.	Elementary Education
Jedidiah Lee Brandon	B.S.	Physical Education
Dylan Gabrielle Coleman	B.S.	Elementary Education
Jewel D. Conaway	B.S.	Elementary Education
Ashton Celeste Crawford	B.S.	Elementary Education
Victoria Lyn Hamilton	B.S.	Elementary Education
Emma McKinsey Kirklin	B.S.	Elementary Education
Shelby Lynn Ledbetter	B.S.	Elementary Education
Sophia Anne Martin	B.S.	Middle School Education

Landree Brianne Palmer	B.S.	Global Education
Dametria J. Reese	B.S.	Elementary Education
Jenna R. Roberts	B.S.	Elementary Education/Art
Paige Elaine Saville	B.S.	Elementary Education
Lydia Ann Sexton	B.S.	Elementary Education

College of Health Professions, Dr. Brittney Hendrickson '08, '11, '12, Dean
Division of Health Sciences & Post-Licensure Nursing
Dr. Cindy Todd '07, '11, '13, Head

Samantha J. Morris	B.S.	Health Sciences
Kailena Brianna Amos	B.S.N.	Nursing
Madison D. Clark	B.S.N.	Nursing
Christina Lee Coronado	B.S.N.	Nursing
Marta Hulse	B.S.N.	Nursing
Faithlynn Ann Lamberson	B.S.N.	Nursing
Kassidy Lucille Miller	B.S.N.	Nursing
Zackery G. Miller	B.S.N.	Nursing
April L. Sparkman	B.S.N.	Nursing
Amber Louise Tharp	B.S.N.	Nursing

Division of Pre-Licensure Nursing
Dr. Renay McCarley, Head

Hannah F. Barnes	B.S.N.	Nursing
Stacy M. Gammon	B.S.N.	Nursing
Sophia Ann Lanzafame	B.S.N.	Nursing
Carlee Anne Lill	B.S.N.	Nursing
Amber Rose McBride	B.S.N.	Nursing
Melanie Elizabeth McQueen	B.S.N.	Nursing
Janel Eunice Pido	B.S.N.	Nursing
Abby Lea Pope	B.S.N.	Nursing
Abigail Grace Pride	B.S.N.	Nursing

Mackenzie Mae Russell	B.S.N.	Nursing
Chloee Raelynn Sams	B.S.N.	Nursing
Isabel Shayne Schelhammer	B.S.N.	Nursing
Delaney Nicole Webber	B.S.N.	Nursing
Kendal Marie Weiskopf	B.S.N.	Nursing

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Kristen Janae Ireland	M.A.	Christian Ministry/ Biblical & Theological Studies
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