

Austin Peay State University Commencement

August 8, 2025

10 a.m.

College of Graduate Studies

College of Arts & Letters

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

College of Business

Eriksson College of Education

College of Science, Technology, Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM)

University College



Summer Commencement

Austin Peay State University

Clarksville, Tennessee

Friday, Aug. 8, 2025

Concert

Brass Quintet

Processional *

Administration, Faculty and Students

National Anthem *

Katelyn Gabler

Welcome

Dr. Mike J. Licari, President, Austin Peay State University

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Mike J. Licari

Dr. Mitchell Cordova, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Felicia Nagel, Assistant Provost & University Registrar

Presentation of Candidates

College of Arts and Letters
Dr. Buzz Hoon, Dean

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences
Dr. Dlynn Williams, Dean

College of Business
Dr. Mickey Hepner, Dean

Eriksson College of Education
Dr. John McConnell, Interim Dean

College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Dr. Karen Meisch, Dean

University College
Dr. Loretta Griffy, Dean

Alma Mater *

All Hail to Austin Peay

All Hail our Alma Mater,
All Hail to Austin Peay,
Forever faithful to thy standards will we ever be.
We love thy campus beauty, serene in dignity,
And so we proudly sing this song in praise of thee,
All Hail, All Hail,
We sing in praise of thee,
We love our Alma Mater,
All Hail to Austin Peay.

Recessional *

Administration, Faculty and Students

Guests may join their graduate(s) on the Dunn Center lawn at the conclusion of the recessional.

* Audience should stand.

The following list of candidates for graduation was prepared before course and/or degree requirements were completed, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that a person in fact will receive a degree from Austin Peay State University at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from the list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for the degree candidates are based on the inclusive grade-point average on file at this time. Honors to be printed on the diploma will be based on the final inclusive grade-point average on all collegiate work.

College of Graduate Studies

The following students are candidates for degrees to be conferred on Aug. 8, 2025. Candidates whose names are not called are graduating in absentia.

Doctor of Education

Dr. Matthew Scott Anderson	Alicia Marie Archuleta With Honor	Kalinda Farley Buck With Honor
Dr. Erica Carnell Boone	Emmalee Atkins With Honor	Jordan Kimberlynn Burkhart With Honor
Dr. Jodi Lea Carrier	Fisher Wade Bailey With Honor	Ashley Lynn Burst With Honor
Dr. Kyle Allen Christmas	Candice Baldridge With Honor	Stephen I. Carmer With Honor
Dr. Jena Maria-Finch Collins	Heather Stockdale Barrett With Honor	Lorielle Carothers With Honor
Dr. Dylan Winfield Cross	Nicholas J. Bentley With Honor	Martha Crystal Carroccio With Honor
Dr. Ashley Nicole Kautz	Thomas Matt Birchett	Maegan Nicole Carroll With Honor
Dr. Nicholas Paul Kirschten	Laura Caitlin Bishop With Honor	Jennifer Lynn Carter With Honor
Dr. Cavelle R. McGrath	Leslie Crossnoe Blevins With Honor	Tiffany Elizabeth Carter With Honor
Dr. Brandon C. Proctor	David Antonio Bonnilla With Honor	Joseph Robert Cary With Honor
Dr. Jason D. Scarbrough	Chrystal Lee Bowling With Honor	Shelly Cash With Honor
Dr. Christine Marie Tracy	Emily Moore Bradford With Honor	Ashley Jean Cathers With Honor

Doctor of Psychology

Dr. Brian Henry Peters	Matthew Bradshaw	Kurtis Michael Caton With Honor
Dr. Derrick Tyler Tims	Tamika R. Bragg With Honor	Tessa Cherie Clinard With Honor

Master of Arts

David Dean Bowlby With Honor	Grant Cleveland Brashears With Honor	Hayley Cloud With Honor
Alexius Dazur Curry With Honor	Kelina Ann Brauss With Honor	Amanda S. Clutter With Honor
Brandie C. Duke With Honor	Scott Robert Bridges With Honor	Nickolas Warner Cobb With Honor
Tiffany Campbell Nichols With Honor	Jaime Lynn Briley With Honor	Kimberly Cox Krosop With Honor
Jessica Carol Anne White With Honor	Jett Brady Brinkley	Amanda S. Dalrymple With Honor
Gabriella Zapata-Small With Honor	Kaitlyn Ann Bruce With Honor	

Master of Arts in Education

Gabrielle Dyann Andrews With Honor		
Tesa Denean Andrews		

Janeisha Ashante Davis	Amanda Jo Gregory With Honor	Jennifer Gullett Jackson
Jason DeVries With Honor	Ashli Elizabeth Grimes With Honor	Allison Elaine James With Honor
Heaven Michelle Ramsey Doh With Honor	Ronja Ashley Grotschel With Honor	Andrew Louis James With Honor
Tricia Lynn Doyle With Honor	Addison Jeffrey Groves With Honor	Dixie Jean James With Honor
Lauren Paige Drake With Honor	Kayla Haley With Honor	Canadra Jean Jimerson With Honor
Wesley Adam Duncan With Honor	Jordan Leigh Hamaker With Honor	Destin Johnson
Hannah Gabrielle Durbin With Honor	Jaclyn Hope Hamby With Honor	Elisabeth Kate Johnson With Honor
Jacqueline Paige Edwards With Honor	Kelly Nichole Harrington With Honor	James Paul Johnson With Honor
Johnathan Terry Elliott With Honor	Benjamin Allen Harvey With Honor	Lauren Olivia King Johnson With Honor
Bridgett Griffey Elwood With Honor	Addison Andrew Hatfield With Honor	Theresa Lorraine Johnson With Honor
Mary Ann Emberton	Ashlyn Nicole Hay With Honor	Kathrine Jones With Honor
Grant McKinley Epperson With Honor	Rachel Denise Hays With Honor	Kathryn Lieberum Jones With Honor
Susan Stuart Evans With Honor	Blake Aaron Hodge With Honor	Kayce Nicole Jones With Honor
Keisha LaShae Fedderman Morris With Honor	Sara Marie Hodge With Honor	Richard Tyson Jones With Honor
Ped W.F. Foster With Honor	Aja Hollowell With Honor	Sara Ashley Jones With Honor
Alexander Joseph Frank With Honor	Jennifer DarSale Hooper	Angela M. Justice With Honor
Maegan Frye With Honor	Valerie Barker Hooper With Honor	Theresa Kerchoff With Honor
Christie Ray Garrison With Honor	Shannon Sorro Hopson With Honor	Kendyl Maureen Kilby With Honor
Billie Jo Gibbs	Amy Houk With Honor	Sarah Elizabeth Kilgore With Honor
Lindsey Gidcumb With Honor	Benjamin Josiah Howell With Honor	Bianca Nicole King
Taylor Nicole Gilbert With Honor	Jessica Hughey With Honor	Kelsey E. Kirk With Honor
Heather Leilani Gill With Honor	Edward Cole Hunt With Honor	Emily Austin Knudsen
Makayla Gilliam	Casey Denise Hurley With Honor	Sara Hissner Koly With Honor
Courtney Goble With Honor	Brittany Immormino With Honor	Jennifer Krantz With Honor
Paul Thomas Gossett Jr. With Honor	Daniel Curtis Jackson With Honor	Jessica LaFoy With Honor
Emily Byard Gray		Sandra Marie Leokadia Lambert With Honor
Linda Greer		

Christy Danielle Large With Honor	Kristina Renee Moscherosch With Honor	Janna Bettina Rimmer Harris
William Louie LaRue	Vincent Takeshi Nagatomo With Honor	Alicia Dawn Ross With Honor
April Leigh Laws With Honor	Kristina Sawicki Nelson With Honor	Megan B. Ross With Honor
Laura Regan Lawson With Honor	AnJelynn Nguyen With Honor	Shari Lynn Scott With Honor
Lori Denise Link With Honor	Breanna LeSha Nichols With Honor	Kitzie Shepard With Honor
Tyler Clarence Livingston With Honor	Jessica Lynn Nichols With Honor	Stephanie Lynn Shrum With Honor
Brittany Alaine Lowe With Honor	Leah Nolen With Honor	Ashley Nicole Simmons
Andrew Lowery With Honor	Marcidas A. Oliver With Honor	Kelley Karen Simpkins With Honor
Bryanna Rose Lyons With Honor	Shawn O'Neil With Honor	Brooklyn Faith Sisk With Honor
Steven A. Madden With Honor	Sarah Katlyn Owens With Honor	Christina Lynn Smith With Honor
Joseph R. Malone	Kristina L. Pardue With Honor	Melinda Lynn Smith With Honor
Darla Marie Massey With Honor	Callie Jean Patton With Honor	Jarhett Daniel Snead
M. Bellis Alexander May With Honor	Fallon Hibbs Peacock With Honor	Kala Paige Sorrells With Honor
Taryn Nicole McCaleb With Honor	Kelly Jo Perrin With Honor	Jessica Whitt Stacy With Honor
Justin Lee McElroy	Rachael Marie Peterson With Honor	Robert Stepp With Honor
Crystal Elaine McElvain With Honor	Alethea Grace Pickett With Honor	James Strohm
Autumn Mira-Kay McGee	Joshua Caleb Picklesimer With Honor	Carrie Elaine Sutton With Honor
Rachel Mae McSherry With Honor	Stephen A. Powell With Honor	Lesley Faye Sweeton With Honor
Kelsey Brooke Melton With Honor	Annette Jasmine Pursell With Honor	Mason Thomas Taylor With Honor
Matthew Merritt With Honor	Carrie Beth Purvis With Honor	Dalton Taylor Teel With Honor
Jodi Ann Miller With Honor	Rebekah Lynne Reed With Honor	Amanda Kaye Templeton With Honor
Wendy Marie Miller	Alexandria Nicole Reyes With Honor	Joshua L. Tharpe With Honor
Stephanie Marie Mitchell With Honor	Skye Elizabeth Rhodes With Honor	Timmy L. Tharpe
Terrance Matthew Moore With Honor	Crystal Bell Rich With Honor	Jason C. Turner With Honor
Bradley Thomas Morelock		Samantha Jo Ujcich With Honor
Hadley E. Morrow With Honor		Charundeep Kaur Uppal With Honor

Tonja Denise Van Winkle
With Honor

Julie Mitchell Walker
With Honor

Kari M. Walters
With Honor

Mollie Warr
With Honor

Shelby Wells
With Honor

Regina M. Whitsell
With Honor

Robert Wilds III
With Honor

Jaffa Davane Williams

Tanya Renee Williams
With Honor

Joanie L. Williams-Wright

Leonard Andre Wilson
With Honor

Kelly Rosanne Winnie
With Honor

Amanda J. Woodard
With Honor

Jhaneice LeeAnn Wright

Jennifer Young
With Honor

Master of Arts in Teaching

Mary Kate Brewer

Grant Browning Bumpus
With Honor

Samuel J. Busby
With Honor

Julie Carter Carothers

Jessica Lynn Frye
With Honor

Bryan E. Glascock
With Honor

Glenn Edward Hancock Jr.

Shatica N. Johnson

Tyler H. McMillan
With Honor

Kimberly Naquin Michel
With Honor

Callie Beth Smith
With Honor

Jasmine Jean Staten Robinson

Michael Andrew Treadwell

Christine Louise Thorne
With Honor

Master of Business Administration

Angelica Araujo Angulo

Kathrine A. Bailey
With Honor

Kerry Jackson Baker
With Honor

Trinity A. Bracey

Harrison Brown
With Honor

Santajah Leigh Bufford
With Honor

Creg Lerome Claybrook Jr.
With Honor

Eric E. Coughlan
With Honor

Palma Ann Gioeli

Dalia Isabel Gonzales
With Honor

Matthew Kinnaman
With Honor

Jacori McCrary

Marcus Lorenzo McGhee Jr.

Joseph Alexander Moore
With Honor

Steven Charles Renner
With Honor

Raylon Nicole Roach
With Honor

Abigail Lynn Thigpen
With Honor

Nicole Lynn Watkins

Master of Music

Larry Cotton Jr.

Master of Science

Elijah Kofi Annor

Ivin Che Awah
With Honor

Sara Elizabeth Belk
With Honor

Madisen Marie Blackwell
With Honor

Bianca Aleyse Leona Browne

Martin Caltabiano
With Honor

Lydia Christian
With Honor

Elizabeth Catarina Daniel
With Honor

Keilee Ashley-Marie Daubon
With Honor

Allyse Marie Johnson Davis
With Honor

Aaron Emmanuel Dickson
With Honor

Erin Lenai Duncan
With Honor

Jarod Mikel Duncan

Erin Rose Evans
With Honor

Rebekka Irmgard Faraca
With Honor

Matthew M. Ferrier
With Honor

Abigael R. Goins

Jared Steven Gorrell

Amanda Lee Guerrero
With Honor

Caroline Suzette Hansrote
With Honor

Alexandria B. Hartley
With Honor

Marleigh Beth Heggie
With Honor

Lisa Chambers Simpson Jackson
With Honor

Lucas David Jobe

Lea Lavenia Keith
With Honor

Sydney M. Koontz
With Honor

Sydney Jeanne Limond
With Honor

Sydney Marie Marsh
With Honor

Elena Bianca Martinez
With Honor

Kathryn Dale Mitchell
With Honor

Brandon Scott Morris
With Honor

Alexis Nde
Comfort Ejege Ogbu
With Honor
Abimbola Deborah Olufemi
With Honor
Koby Gerard Pelissier
With Honor
Bethany LeAnn Short
Averie Nicole Smith
Aliaa Mohammed Mahmoud
Soliman
With Honor
Timothy Edward Sparks
With Honor
Cassandra Diane Tolon
With Honor
Joshua Christopher Toney
With Honor
Dakota James Van Parys
With Honor
Alexandra Vezeau
Kaylee Walters
With Honor
Haleigh Elizabeth Watson
With Honor
Jacob Arthur Wyco
With Honor

Master of Science in Leadership

Amber Lynn Button
With Honor
Yvonne Marie Camacho
With Honor
Clint O. Culver
With Honor
Sharana Rochelle Jones
Natalie Jessica Owyhee
Arlene Timothee
With Honor

Master of Science in Nursing

Ifeoluwa Adenike Amusan
Mariana Ilioi Antimie
Tennessee Kay Barkalow
With Honor
Jose Carlos Cruz
Sonia Marie Evoy
With Honor
Lauren Hope Federer
With Honor
Ella Frimponaah
Katie Jane Geraldson

Lynnin Rye Harvey
With Honor
Melissa Terese Henning
Mikayla Dawn Hopwood
Emily Olson
With Honor
Erika May Ortiz
Lauren Stewart
Jelena Vujanic

Master of Social Work

Nicoyia Chantae Baxter
Ashley Nicole Boucher
With Honor
Serena Mone Castro
Candace M. Davis
Tatyana Rose Edwards
Aliciana Marie Greenwell
With Honor
Natividad Guerrero
With Honor
Monisha Dashay Kyle
Ashley Kathleen Mclver
With Honor
Chad Allen Smith

College of Arts & Letters

Bachelor of Arts

Charles Keegan Brewer
Angelica McGrane
Levi Ghatt Southerland
Summa Cum Laude
Phoebe Nicole Steger

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Ashten F. Byard
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

William Edward Arvin
Julia Bazenet
Monique Desiree Bradley
Christopher Michael Childers
Wendell David Comperry

Jacob Darlington
Cum Laude
Hope Yvette Gray
Izabel Kristin Hershey
Sarah Sumpter
Cum Laude
Jacob P. Trageser
Cory Joseph Walton
Cum Laude

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Harley Sierra Adkins
Calvin Edward Bingham
Melissa Marie Boner
Ethan Scott Bowen
Elizabeth Ann Carrillo

Keith Desmond Cole Jr.
Allysha Sang Cunningham
Frankie Rae Davis
Magna Cum Laude
Ashton Blane Deshotel
Magna Cum Laude
Chasity Deann Dubois
Cum Laude

Michael Evans
Kahlia Flowers
Kimberly Ann Ford
Magna Cum Laude
Emily Kay Fulton
Jacob R. Gallo
Cheryl Graham

Adam Nicholas Griffith	Margaret Elizabeth Perry	Ann Kagure Kariuki
Nathan Gross Cum Laude	Christopher Alan Ray	Brandy Nicol Lampley
Sara Celeste Gutierrez	Jessica Michell Rivera Cum Laude	Cara Millington Magna Cum Laude
Kayla Simone Harris	Caley Alexis Saunders	Don Mitchell Jr.
Sarina Marie Harris Cum Laude	Jessica D. Savarese	Summer Monroig Magna Cum Laude
Kolby Ray Harvey Cum Laude	Travis Edward Schmittou Magna Cum Laude	Tanya M. Nelson Magna Cum Laude
Deleetra Nemoni Henry	Emma Laura Sebock	Areille M. Parris Magna Cum Laude
Tiana Andrea Hickson	Kelsey Luann Simmons	Lisa Ann Qualls
Preston Cole Hill	Rahnmann Lamin Slocum II	Brittney Collette Roberts
Danielle Alexandra Huggins	Brooklyn Stevens	Christina Rodriguez Cum Laude
Alyna Sorelle Kenerson Magna Cum Laude	Denesia Sierra Stevens	Crystal Manners Scarborough
Justin L. Kinnaman Cum Laude	Pageant Kaylee Tutor Magna Cum Laude	Amelia Southard Summa Cum Laude
Kiara Imaria Knott	Chad R. Vinson Magna Cum Laude	Elizabeth Zolandrea White
Nickie Renae Kuhns	Lacey A. Walker	Kenneth Michael Williamson Cum Laude
Joshua Lloyd Lambert Cum Laude	Lindsey Nicole White	Shante' Renee Williamson
Brittney Nicole Lee	Mark Edward Williams	Garrett Frost Woodford Summa Cum Laude
Hilary Letson	MaKenna Brianne Wills	Bachelor of Social Work
Shaylan E. Macera	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Ashton Blane Deshotel Magna Cum Laude
Kara Maggard	Samantha R. Anderson Magna Cum Laude	
⊙ Cassidy Jane Mahar Summa Cum Laude	Seth Armstrong Cum Laude	
Wisanee Wiyaboon Mahawong	Chase Marie Bohman	
Isabel M. Martinez Magna Cum Laude	Emilee Lauranne Bradshaw	
Johnny McDaniel	Kaitlyn Jennis Campbell Cum Laude	
McKenna Elizabeth Merkley Cum Laude	Kaveo Devontae Carter Cum Laude	
Sara Bahnam Nazi Cum Laude	Brittany Nicole Dotson	
Alexis Jean Nefe Cum Laude	Taylor Douglas	
Shakeel Jerry Nelson	Joy Lynn Gillingham Magna Cum Laude	
Steffy Liceth Obando Giler	Katherine Hendershot Magna Cum Laude	
Terra Tre'Anna Osby	Jamie A. Horne Magna Cum Laude	
Vrutika Hemant Patel Cum Laude	Alexander Joshua Jones Summa Cum Laude	

College of Business

Bachelor of Business Administration

James Clement Alvis	Angela Brooke Fromherz	Aeneas Schaub Magna Cum Laude
Juan Antonio Barocio Sr. Magna Cum Laude	Thomas William Greene III	LaDaeja Allexus Shelton
Lauren Elisabeth Berg	Muney Dijuan Grey	Kaleb Spears Cum Laude
Britney Joanne Bickenbach	Brenen Lee Hawkins-Roth	Rebecca Thompson
Matthew Stephen Cato Cum Laude	Makenzie Leilani Henry	Karley Rose Mahealani Thurman
Jate Paola Chery	Sylvia Brianna Lynn Kemp	Javier Tortajada Bautista Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Coleman	Jacob Kizer	Kylil Spencer Walcott
Kevin Colin	Maxine Catalina Krueger	Jeremy Brian White
Lei Lani Michelle Figueroa De La Cruz	Peyton Lackey	Tolliver L. Young
	Madalyn Lauren Ladd	
	Jessica Noelle Pacheco	

Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education

Bachelor of Science

Jennifer Lynn Baker	Katie Scarlett Hatfield Cum Laude	Leah Nicole Rogers
Thelma Black Magna Cum Laude	Kristen Hope Johnson Summa Cum Laude	Laura Beth Seeley Magna Cum Laude
Marshe Alohalani Kalanipoo Kahape'a Booker	Kayla Michelle Jones	Angelyna Sharkey Cum Laude
Ashley Brooke Bourne Magna Cum Laude	Alyza A. Kelly	Alizabeth Morgan Shelton
Shelby Grace Calhoun Magna Cum Laude	Leah Kay Kolbe Cum Laude	Donovan Davis Stevens Summa Cum Laude
Mackenzie Jordan Carter	Dawn LaDouceur	Taylor Mckenzie Tharpe
Dannuel D. Clark	Gabriella Lorenzo	Samantha Grace Tilson
Jadelyn Jean Conway	Sarah Elizabeth Mangrum	Maria Villegas-Sanchez Summa Cum Laude
Kelsie Crawford Summa Cum Laude	Cristina Marshall	Jai Lynne Whitehead Magna Cum Laude
Zakiya Diane Cullom Magna Cum Laude	Kathryn Danielle McCall Summa Cum Laude	Andrea Nichell Wilkerson
Jzsade' Tiarie'l Davenport	Taylor Marie Menees Cum Laude	
Claira Dowdy Cum Laude	Brooke Lynn Palmer Cum Laude	
Torri Noel Duff Magna Cum Laude	Alexis Delaney Peterson Magna Cum Laude	
Brianna Alexis Escudero Summa Cum Laude	KayLynn Mary Peterson Summa Cum Laude	
James Boone Fletcher	Rebecca Mirah Porche Cum Laude	
Abigail Bailey Greer Cum Laude	Madelynn Elizabeth Powell Summa Cum Laude	
	Abigail Rogers Magna Cum Laude	

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Bachelor of Science

Alfonso Arriaga Jr.	Alexander Jordan Pappas Cum Laude	Tewodros Girma Hailमारिएाम
Amanda Halley Cooper Cum Laude	Xavier Allen Parsons	Leighton Alvin Hewes
Calvin Curry	William Mason Reeder	Brittanie Jean Hiller
Chandler Blake Dawson	Antoni Sayre Cum Laude	Dakota Erin Howell
Brayam Arboleda Díaz	Kaleb Michael Scott Summa Cum Laude	Samah Idris
Naomi Dawn Folley	Jacob Maier Sierakowski	Ashley Lauryn Ledlow
Adam Nicholas Griffith	Asha Shahnee Smith	Victoria M. Mercado Magna Cum Laude
Christina Autumn Fawn Hyatt	Mitchell Steven Sollmann Cum Laude	Emily Mackenzie Peal
Raymond William Johnson III	Michael Steadman	Sasha Dawn Phelps Cum Laude
Lynsee Jane Koch Summa Cum Laude	Nickolas L. Van Etten	Haley Elise Rainey
Michael Alan Koch Cum Laude	Darren L. White Summa Cum Laude	Julie Ann Supang Reales Cum Laude
James Lauer	Wesley Owen Wood	Kelsey Ann Reed
Kyle Lee Magna Cum Laude	Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science	Kaylie Roberts
Me'Sean Lett	Melkam Belay	Nicole Helene Rooks
Garrett J. Little	Christina Renee Boone	Amelia Sartoski Cum Laude
Rich Martin III	Dayana Casilimas	Terra Renee Schwarz
Hedeshkahan Mondesir	Samantha Elizabeth Couch	Jason Kyle Van Orman
Carson Moore	Amy Elizabeth Coulston	Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science
Allen Nabbosa	Michael Estrada Cum Laude	Curare D. Floyd Cum Laude
Cody Allen O'Callaghan Cum Laude	Marshall Allen French	Zachary James Hines
		Moriah Clara Magallon Cum Laude

University College

Bachelor of Science

Mary Morgan Adams	Jason Harold Moore	Christina N. Watson
Sammy Anderson Jr.	Jennifer Nicole Phillips	Jordan Taylor Wiggington
Erin J. Charton	William Edward Price	Associate of Science
Rex Howard Edmondson	Kieran Vincent Quarles	© Sonja K. Adair
Christian Alexander Ingram	Calie Rougemont	Nathaniel P. Adams
Patrick Davis Knowlton Cum Laude	Reyse Barbara Sheridan	Jenna Aguirre
Andin Mahaya Mayuric Magna Cum Laude	Maranda L. Snipes	Chase O. Austin
Meletria Mitchell	Thomas Hunter Stevens	Alisha Ann Bailey
Quinn Preston-Evan Moody	Dalton Thomas	Roberto Javier Barajas Magna Cum Laude
	Jeron Keith Thompson	Melkam Naol Belay
	Kamilla J.J. Wade	Ciara Cordelia Bell

Taylor Ishmael Bevil	Jordan Danielle Flores	Darius Lavelle McClelland
Bessie K. Boclaire-Galbreath Summa Cum Laude	Olivia Anne Freeland	Melisa D. McKenzie
Chase Marie Bohman	Kali S. French	Kendriona S. McKinnie
Ethan Scott Bowen	Amanda Frost	Christian V. McNair Cum Laude
Monique Bradley	Antoine D. Fulton	Alexis P. Mikalik
Emily C. Brazil Magna Cum Laude	Jacob R. Gallo	Tamia Ondrea Miles Cum Laude
Layla Briley	David Ioic Gamfina Asthone	Cara Millington Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Alysse Brown	Chauncey Gail Gebauer	Don Mitchell Jr
Tyler Brown	JoAnna E. Gilkey	Sharecia Malikah Mitchell
Ashly I. Bueso Cum Laude	Tewodros Girma Hailemarieam	Michael Theodore Monica
Dylan Bursell Magna Cum Laude	Maranda Raychell Halstead	Tameka M. Morris
Emma Leigh Butler	RaKeith Harris	Tonya J. Mull
Shawnieka L. Byrd	Taniah D'Asia Heidelberg	Terielle L. Murphy
Kaitlyn J. Campbell Cum Laude	Matthew Hornback	Richard Chance Nelms
Katherine Campbell	◉ Makayla Horsnell Summa Cum Laude	Tyler Elijah Nolen
Joshua O'brian Capers Cum Laude	Quincy Ross Irvin	Nakayla Ciera-Lenay Noyes
Terrence Joseph Carillon	Florence Isbill Summa Cum Laude	Shayla Denise Oliver
Steven Carmagnola Cum Laude	Craig J. Jackson	Mekenzie Rae O'Neill Cum Laude
Jocelyn Mae Cartwright	Kylie Beth Jackson	Raymond Francis Palardy II
Sandy Marie Castle	Jay Antonio Jernigan Cruz Jr.	Shaquille Patrice
Cristiana Cataxinos-Snyder	Wendell Ramon Johnson	Meagan N. Peterson
Delia J. Chandler	Dareyana A. Jones	Jennifer Nicole Phillips
Carmen N. Cheatham	Kuissebeo Kela	Shaton L. Pierce-Williams
Sarah Childers	John F. Kotio	Tre'Von Abdel Tyriek Porter Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Guang Yau Chun Cum Laude	Dawn LaDouceur	Dulcinea Ruth Preston
Charneice L. Clark Cum Laude	Christopher P. Lee Cum Laude	Jonathan D. Provencher Summa Cum Laude
Jacob A. Coleman	Tanyejah Lee	Lisa A. Qualls
Randi Irene Coleman	Marquis Dante Lewis	Laura Sentell Raymond Magna Cum Laude
Mahareasha N. Cook	Garrett J. Little	Meredith L. Redfern Summa Cum Laude
Amaya J. L. Crawford	Cassidy Jane Mahar Summa Cum Laude	Alex Andrew Rice
Shermya S. Dover-John Summa Cum Laude	Benjamin K. Maringa	Juliette Lee Richards
Ethan Egner	Mykiara Amekyah Martin	Marcos A. Riter
Kezariah Aryiel Fleming	Alyse M. Martinez Magna Cum Laude	Terran Mikel Robinson
	LeNiyah Tishayla Mason	Breannah Nicole Robles
	Catherine McCaffrey Magna Cum Laude	

Brittany Sue Rose	Courtland LeMaceo Simmons Magna Cum Laude	Jordan Turks
Arnulfo A. Ruiz Elizondo	Emma Addison Lee Smith Cum Laude	Rosa Varela
Jenna M. Russell Magna Cum Laude	Emma-Leigh G. Smith	Maria Villegas-Sanchez Summa Cum Laude
Tia Sanders-Smith	Jahleel L. Smith	Ethan Alexander Walker Magna Cum Laude
Melissa Chaille Sapp-Phillips	Jayna Elisabeth Smith Magna Cum Laude	Nikolas P. Washington
Anthony Kadden Schramm	Ariel Suazo	Elizabeth Zolandra White
Emily Faith Selby	Christopher Scott Thornton Jr.	Jordan Taylor Wiggington
Jennett C. Sharratt Cum Laude	Gabriel Torres-Colon Cum Laude	Heath Williams Cum Laude
Ryan T. Sharratt Summa Cum Laude	Jasmine Denise Trice Cum Laude	Shante' R. Williamson
Jacklyn Shires		Farrin Dale Yarbrough

THE HISTORY OF AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Austin Peay State University occupies a site that has served the cultural and educational needs of the Clarksville-Montgomery County area for more than 200 years. In 1806, the Rural Academy was founded at what is now the corner of College and Henry streets, and over the next century, several schools — Rural Academy, Mount Pleasant Academy, Clarksville Academy, Masonic College, Stewart College and Southwestern Presbyterian University — would come to occupy this campus.

In 1925, Southwestern Presbyterian University relocated to Memphis, becoming Rhodes College, and at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 1927, Gov. Austin Peay signed a bill calling for a new teachers college in Clarksville. The bill became state law the next day, officially creating a two-year junior college and teacher-training institution. The school — Austin Peay Normal School — was eventually named in honor of the governor, a Clarksville native who died six months after signing the legislation.

In 1943, the normal school was renamed Austin Peay State College, and in 1967, became Austin Peay State University. The Tennessee General Assembly established the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts at APSU in July 1985, and that program received a major boost a few months later when country music legend Roy Acuff generously endowed a chair of excellence. In July 1986, the university opened another specialized program — the Center of

Excellence for Field Biology.

Today, Austin Peay offers exceptional doctoral, master's and undergraduate degree programs to approximately 10,000 students on the 195-acre campus in downtown Clarksville. In 2016, the Tennessee General Assembly passed the FOCUS Act, calling for the establishment of an institutional board of trustees for Austin Peay and the other five universities previously governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents. On March 30, 2017, the inaugural Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees held its first meeting.

Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees

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RECIPIENTS OF APSU FACULTY AWARDS

SOCRATES AWARD

The Socrates Award is given to tenure-track faculty members who have been judged to be outstanding classroom teachers.

1993	Judith Bartley, Nell K. Rayburn, Marilyn Rhoads, Lori L. Slavin	2008	Gina Garber, Norbert Puszkas, Tamara Robertson
1994	Linda A. Barnes, Michael D. Phillips, Nanci S. Woods	2009	Gregory A. Moore, Kevin D. Schultz, Minoa Uffelman
1995	Susan Calovini, Kathy Martin, Stephanie Newport, Ronald Robertson	2010	Christos Frentzos, Karen McFarland Meisch, James Gary Stewart
1996	Kell Black, Joyce A. Jarrett-Hargrove, Don Luck, Mickey Wadia	2011	Michelle Rogers, Christina Chester-Fangman, Benita Bruster, David Nelson, Mercy Cannon
1997	Doris Davenport, Mark Ginn, Barry Kitterman, Larry Lowrence	2012	Lisa O'Dear Lewis, Jeannette Zyko, Christopher Gentry
1998	Margaret Duffy, John Mark Hunter, Carolyn O'Drobinak, Jaime Taylor	2013	Lynn Sims, Eric Branscome, Grace Moodt, Rebecca Johansen
1999	Anne Black, Anne Edwards, David O'Drobinak, April Purcell	2014	Osvaldo Di Paolo, Timothy Leszczak, John Nicholson
2000	Susan Simms, Timothy Winters, Faye Zeigler	2015	Kristen Hershey, Jane Semler, Andrea Spofford
2001	Connie Medford-Bowman, Rhonda M. Bryant, John X. Volker	2016	Korre Foster, Melissa Gomez, Rodney Mills
2002	Jill Eichhorn, Alex King, Jerry Plummer, Omie Shepherd	2017	Tara Alvey, Timothy Wesley, Jennifer Yantz
2003	Robin Reed, Jordy Rocheleau, Patti Wilson	2018	Kallina Dunkle, Gloria Miller, Katherine Honea
2005	Spencer Buckner, Dwonna Goldstone, Uma Iyer	2019	McLean Fahnestock, Mollie Cashner, Kathryn Woods
2006	Gilbert Pitts, Anne Wall, Greg Woly nec	2020	James Church, Dzavid Dzanic, Jennifer Thayer
2007	Chad Brooks, Blas Falconer, Brian J. Hock	2021	Talon Beeson, Eva Gibson, Rebecca Darrough
		2022	Jessica Fripp, Florian Gargaillo, Catherine Haase
		2023	Leslie Binford, Michael Chandler, Brandon Di Paolo Harrison, Erik Haroldson, Donna Short
		2024	Wansoo Kim, Grayson Elmore, Joanne Phillhower, Eugene Donev

RICHARD M. HAWKINS AWARD

Faculty members who receive the Richard M. Hawkins Award have made noteworthy contributions to scholarship or creative activity.

1970	Sharon Mabry	1998	Carl Stedman	2017	Billy Renkl
1980	Phillip Kemmerly	1999	Steven Ryan	2018	David Steinquest
1981	Olen L. Bryant	2000	Dewey A. Browder	2019	Dwayne Estes
1982	James X. Corgan	2001	Roger Clark	2020	Debra Wilson
1983	George L. Mabry	2002	Stanley Yates	2021	Kathryn Woods
1984	Richard P. Gildrie	2003	Allene Phy-Olsen	2022	Lisa Barron
1985	Malcolm Glass	2004	Carlette Hardin	2023	Rebecca Johansen
1986	Dolores Gore	2005	Michele Butts	2024	Emily Pica
1987	Ernest Woodward	2006	No recipient selected		
1988	Jeffrey Neal Wood	2007	Dixie Dennis		
1989	Larry Hoehn	2008	J. Allyn Smith		
1990	Anthony Golden	2009	Samuel Jator		
1991	Harvey F. Blanck	2010	Jill Franks		
1992	Malcolm "Kip" Muir	2011	Sergei Markov		
1993	Albert B. Randall Jr.	2012	Kevin Harris		
1994	James Michael Gotcher	2013	Andriy Kovalskyy		
1995	Victor Ukpolo	2014	Osvaldo Di Paolo		
1996	James Michael McClusky	2015	Dwonna Goldstone		
1997	DeAnn Campbell	2016	Roman Holovchak		

APSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

The APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award is awarded to a faculty member who has shown exemplary professional performance, with an emphasis on teaching.

1975	Edward Irwin	1996	Lawrence E. Baggett	2017	Steven T. Ryan
1976	Elizabeth H. Stokes	1997	Edward Irwin	2018	Doris Davenport
1977	Haskell Phillips	1998	Dolores Gore	2019	Gilbert Pitts
1978	Floyd Ford	1999	Carlette Hardin	2020	Minoa Uffelman
1979	Charles M. Waters	2000	Malcolm "Kip" Muir	2021	Patty Orr
1980	Richard P. Gildrie	2001	John Butler	2022	Amy Hamlin
1981	Malcolm Glass	2002	David Till	2023	Tamara Smithers
1982	Ernest Woodward	2003	Sharon Mabry	2024	Ann Silverberg
1983	George L. Mabry	2004	Ronald Robertson		
1984	Durward S. Harris	2005	Susan Calovini		
1985	Aaron Schmidt	2006	David Kanervo		
1986	William G. Stokes	2007	Mickey Wadia		
1987	Lewis C. Tatham Jr.	2008	Dewey Browder		
1988	Aaron A. Hutcheson	2009	Tim Winters		
1989	Betty Joe Wallace	2010	Karen Sorenson		
1990	Eleanor Beiswenger	2011	Bert Randall		
1991	I. Joe Filippo	2012	Mary Lou Witherspoon		
1992	Robert F. Sears	2013	Bruce Myers		
1993	Ellen W. Kanervo	2014	John Moseley		
1994	David H. Snyder	2015	Nell Rayburn		
1995	Albert Joseph Bekus	2016	Mike Gotcher		

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service is based on service to the greater Clarksville-Montgomery County community, with emphasis placed on contributions that have enhanced, or will enhance, the quality of life in the area.

1986	Elizabeth H. Stokes	2001	Allen Henderson	2016	David Steinquest
1987	JF Burney	2002	No recipient selected	2017	Benita Bruster
1988	Gaines C. Hunt	2003	Bruce Myers	2018	Victoria McCarth
1989	Allan S. Williams	2004	Carmen Reagan	2019	Jill Eichhorn
1990	No recipient selected	2005	Robert Robison	2020	Gail Robinson-Oturu
1991	George L. Mabry	2006	Nell Rayburn	2021	Jennifer Thayer
1992	Dolores Gore	2007	Anne Black	2022	Leong Lee
1993	T. Howard Winn	2008	Ronald Robertson	2023	Michelle Rogers
1994	No recipient selected	2009	Cindy Marsh	2024	Allyn Smith
1995	Camille B. Holt	2010	Gregg Schlanger		
1996	Rebecca A. Glass	2011	Dewey Browder		
1997	Carlette Hardin	2012	Tim Winters		
1998	Richard Gildrie	2013	Doris Davenport		
1999	Max Hochstetler	2014	Carrie Brennan		
2000	Phillip R. Kemmerly	2015	Minoa Uffelman		

TENURED FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The Tenured Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching is awarded to a tenured faculty member who demonstrates outstanding teaching, advising, and pedagogical scholarship.

2023	Kadi Bliss
2024	Audrey Bullock

COMMENCEMENT SYMBOLS AND TRADITIONS



The Presidential Medallion

The Presidential Medallion signifies position, authority and trust and was designed to be worn by Austin Peay State University presidents at all ceremonial occasions. The bronze medallion, encircled by a laurel wreath, features the university seal. Printed in relief around the border are the words, "The Seal of Austin Peay State University," and the founding date, 1927, is located at the lower edge. The seal's open book and burning torch stand in relief within a second, inner circle. The lighted torch symbolizes the flame of knowledge, and the book represents the accumulated knowledge of the world. The seal's location within the circle symbolizes the continuity of truth through learning. The medallion is suspended by an engraved succession chain honoring all presidents of the university.

The Ceremonial Mace

Originally, the mace was a weapon of offense carried into battle by medieval bishops. Today, it is a symbol of authority.

Austin Peay State University's mace was originally designed and crafted by Dr. James Diehr for the 1988 inauguration of Dr. Oscar Page, APSU's sixth president.

Then a professor of art, Diehr created the mace from oak — a material that, like education, is known for durability and ageless qualities. The mace design incorporates the seal of the university, keys symbolizing strength and knowledge and a lantern shining forth the light of learning. The crest on top of the mace is a polished brass miniature of Diehr's sculpture, "Gateway," which stands in front of the Browning Administration Building.



Academic Regalia

The academic gowns donned for today’s ceremony are patterned after those worn during the Middle Ages in European universitas — informal gatherings of teachers and students who came together to study. During the 12th and 13th centuries, universities typically occupied unheated buildings. To keep warm, students and teachers wore large, heavy robes that generally included a hood or cowl for covering the head during inclement weather. The distinctive gowns also set the students and teachers apart from their fellow citizens.

The current academic attire originates from the University of Oxford and Cambridge University, both in England. Evolving over the course of more than 600 years, Oxford’s colorful regalia is composed of heavily embroidered silk.

Until the mid-1800s, faculty and students at most United States universities wore gowns on a daily basis. Today, we find three basic types of gowns.

The bachelor’s degree gown is made of a black worsted material and features a stiff yoke. Worn closed, it is distinguished by long, pointed sleeves.

The master’s degree gown is designed to be worn open and, like the bachelor’s gown, has a stiff yoke. The long, rectangular sleeves have an arc cut from the bottom front. The sleeve is closed at the bottom and the wearer’s forearm protrudes through a slit near the elbow.

The doctoral degree gown is silk with full sleeves. Worn closed, the gown shows wide velvet facing down the front. Sleeves are trimmed with velvet bars. The velvet trim may be either black or the color distinctive to the discipline in which the wearer earned the degree.

The hood is an outstanding feature of academic regalia. The exterior is black and the interior lining displays the colors of the institution that conferred the degree. A velvet border indicates the discipline.

- Agriculture Maize
- Arts, Letters, Humanities White

- Commerce, Accountancy, Business . . . Drab
- Dentistry Lilac
- Economics Copper
- Education Light Blue
- Engineering Orange
- Fine Arts Brown
- Forestry Russet
- Home Economics Maroon
- Journalism Crimson
- Law Purple
- Library Science Lemon
- Medicine Green
- Music Pink
- Nursing Apricot
- Oratory Silver Gray
- Pharmacy Olive Green
- Philosophy Dark Blue
- Physical Education Sage Green
- Public Administration Peacock Blue
- Public Health Salmon Pink
- Science Golden Yellow
- Social Work Citron
- Theology Scarlet
- Veterinary Medicine Gray

The headpiece is black and generally consists of a tight-fitting cap attached to a stiff square called a mortarboard. The tassel is worn on the left front quarter of the cap. The style or color of the tassel has no assigned meaning.

Academic Honors

Undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.90 to 4.00 will graduate summa cum laude. Students who earn a grade-point average of 3.70 to 3.89 will graduate magna cum laude. Students who earn a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.69 will graduate cum laude. Graduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.85 or greater will graduate with honor. Listed honors reflect grades earned prior to the current semester.

Gonfalons

Today, faculty marshals from each college are leading the graduates into the Dunn Center. These faculty members carry what are known as gonfalons. Banners such as these have been used since medieval times in graduation ceremonies to symbolize the different academic areas within a university.

The college seals on each gonfalon were designed by the Austin Peay State University Public Relations and Marketing staff with input from the college faculty. The symbols within the seals represent the programs within each college. The Browning Building, which is the administrative center of the university, serves as the backdrop for each gonfalon.

APSU National Alumni Association

The Austin Peay State University National Alumni Association is composed of more than 100,000 alumni - both graduates and former students - and is represented by more than 30 active alumni chapters.

Members of the APSU National Alumni Association receive a complimentary subscription to the Austin Peay Magazine, a free APSU email account for life, e-newsletters and special invitations to events and programs like Homecoming, Candlelight Ball, alumni receptions/reunions and alumni travel.

The NAA also offers opportunities for alumni to help shape the future of APSU. By participating in student recruitment events, networking events or making a gift to the university, APSU alumni can have a direct impact on the success of their alma mater and its students.

The APSU National Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations staff are housed at the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill, located at 751 N. Second St. To learn more about the NAA, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or call 931-221-7979.



Scan here to learn more.

Commencement photography is conducted in-house by university photography staff. Ceremony participants will be emailed once photos are available for digital download.

Downloads are available at no cost to graduates and their families.

This and previous commencement programs can be found on Austin Peay's commencement website:

apsu.edu/graduation/commencement-programs

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