



FALL COMMENCEMENT

2016

DECEMBER 9 & 10

# HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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The story of Oklahoma State University began on Christmas Eve, 1890, at the McKennon Opera House in Oklahoma's territorial capital of Guthrie when Territorial Governor George W. Steele signed legislation establishing an Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College (OAMC) in Payne County. OAMC's first students assembled for class on December 14, 1891, even though there were no buildings, no books, and no curriculum. The college's first students attended classes in the Stillwater Congregational Church. The original campus consisted of 200 acres of prairie that were donated by four local homesteaders. The college's first six graduates received their diplomas in 1896.

Visitors to the OSU campus often marvel at its beauty and consistency of architecture. Much of the credit goes to legendary president, Henry G. Bennett, who served from 1928-1951. Dr. Bennett's 25-year campus master plan envisioned some of the university's most famous and beautiful structures, including the Edmon Low Library and the OSU Student Union. A new campus master plan is guiding unprecedented construction that is making OSU more competitive in academics and athletics. Starting in the fall of 2008, OSU has opened the new Multimodal Transportation Terminal, the new North Classroom Building, the west end zone of Boone Pickens Stadium, refurbished Old Central, the Donald W. Reynolds Architecture Building, an upgraded Murray Hall, the new Henry Bellmon Research Center, an updated and expanded Student Union, the Greenwood Tennis Center, the new north wing to the College of Human Sciences building, and the innovative University Commons residential complex and dining facility. Hall of Fame Avenue on the north and University Avenue on the south, as well as core north-south artery Monroe Street, have all been significantly upgraded, and the university continues to update its campus landscape plan, including the addition of a Welcome Plaza southeast of the Student Union.

OSU grew quite rapidly following World War II. The post-war years were marked by a huge enrollment surge and the thriving "Veteran's Village" on the northwest edge of campus as veterans and their families moved into surplus military housing provided by the college. The mid-1940s also were a golden era for athletics at Oklahoma A&M. In a 90-day period in early 1945, OAMC teams won the Cotton Bowl, the NCAA championship in wrestling, and the NCAA championship in basketball. In 2016, the undefeated 1945 football team was retroactively awarded the national championship trophy by the American Football Coaches Association. The next year, the wrestling and basketball teams repeated as national champions, and the football team won the Sugar Bowl.

Coaches and players from that era are now sports legends. Coach Henry Iba set a national standard in basketball and Edward Gallagher took OAMC wrestling teams to international prominence.

People often ask when OSU made the transition from college to university. By the 1950s the college had grown substantially. Suggested names for a "new" institution were "Great Plains University," "International University," and "Atomic University." In 1957, OAMC became The Oklahoma State University for Agriculture and Applied Science. During the next three decades, OSU would build academic programs to match its new status. Enrollment more than doubled from 10,385 in 1957 to more than 23,000 in the 1980s. OSU became a statewide university system, adding branches in Okmulgee in 1946 and Oklahoma City in 1961. OSU merged with the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1988, and OSU-Tulsa was born in 1999.

Today, OSU has more than 35,000 students across five campuses and a presence in every Oklahoma county through its extension offices and experiment stations. From six graduates in 1896, to nearly 5,000 annually today, the small college on the prairie has grown and prospered far beyond the dreams of its founders. OSU teaching, research and graduates are making a bigger impact on the lives of people around the world than ever before. It's a great time to be a Cowboy!

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One Hundred-Thirty Fourth  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
*December 9 & 10, 2016*  
*Stillwater, Oklahoma*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is a momentous day on the beautiful campus of Oklahoma State University.

As an Oklahoma State University graduate, you join a long list of successful men and women who have gone before you. For decades, OSU graduates have used their creativity and passion to make an impact on our world. We know each one of you is prepared to boldly go forward and find your own success.

We are honored to welcome all the family and friends that are here to join in this wonderful and meaningful accomplishment. We are thankful your graduate chose OSU. You should be extremely proud of the role you played in his or her success.

The entire OSU community – faculty, staff, alumni and donors – takes special pride in watching our students walk across the stage. This is the day that makes all our work worthwhile. OSU exists to help our students pursue their dreams and today we all rejoice!

Congratulations. Best wishes. Go Pokes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Burns Hargis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

V. Burns Hargis  
President, Oklahoma State University  
OSU Class of 1967

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## Alma Mater Hymn of Oklahoma State University

*Words by Robert McCulloch, '49*

Proud and immortal, Bright shines your name;  
Oklahoma State, We herald your fame.  
Ever you'll find us loyal and true,  
To our Alma Mater, O. S. U.

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## Oklahoma

*Written by Oscar Hammerstein II*

*Music by Richard Rodgers*

Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweepin' down the plain,  
And the wavin' wheat can sure smell sweet  
When the wind comes right behind the rain.  
Oklahoma, ev'ry night my honey lamb and I  
Sit alone and talk and watch a hawk makin' lazy circles in the sky  
We know we belong to the land  
And the land we belong to is grand!  
And when we say -*Yeeow! A-yip-i-o-ee-ay!*  
We're only sayin' You're doin' fine, Oklahoma!  
Oklahoma - O.K.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9, 2016

**GRADUATE CEREMONY**

**Presiding**

V. Burns Hargis, President, Oklahoma State University

**Processional**

“Pomp and Circumstance” ..... Elgar  
OSU Brass Quintet

**The National Anthem**

“The Star Spangled Banner” ..... Key  
Quintet and Audience, led by Ms. Megan Pitt, soloist

**Introduction of Special Guests**

Dr. Sheryl Tucker, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean,  
Graduate College

**Remarks**

Dr. Brenda Smith, Vice-Chair of the Graduate Council and Regents  
Professor of the College of Arts and Sciences

**Conferral of Degrees**

President V. Burns Hargis

**Recognition of Degree Candidates**

Dr. Kevin Voss, Professor of Marketing and International Business,  
west podium  
Dr. Raman Singh, Associate Dean for Engineering at OSU-Tulsa,  
east podium

**Closing Remarks**

Dr. Sheryl Tucker, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean,  
Graduate College  
Mr. V. Burns Hargis, President, Oklahoma State University

**Alma Mater Hymn**

“OSU Alma Mater” ..... McCulloh  
Quintet and Audience, led by Ms. Megan Pitt

**Recessional - Platform Party**

## **Honorary Graduate Commencement Marshals**

**Natalie Michelle Richardson**

Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science  
College of Human Sciences

**Drew Francis Slattery**

Master of Agriculture in International Agriculture  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

**Mehdi Khanzadeh Moradllo**

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

**UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY**

**Presiding**

V. Burns Hargis, President, Oklahoma State University

**Grand March**

Oklahoma State University Pipe Band

William Tetrick, Pipe Major

**Student Processional**

“Pomp and Circumstance” ..... Elgar

OSU Brass Quintet

**Platform Party Processional**

Oklahoma State University Pipe Band

**The National Anthem**

“The Star Spangled Banner” ..... Key

Quintet and Audience, led by Charles Rich, Professor Emeritus,

Construction Management Technology, soloist

**The State Song**

“Oklahoma” ..... Rodgers and Hammerstein

Quintet and Audience, led by Charles Rich

**Introduction of Special Guests**

V. Burns Hargis, President

**Greetings from the Board of Regents**

Lou Watkins, Chair

**Greetings from the Faculty Council**

Carol Jones

Chair of the General Faculty

Associate Professor, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering

**Commencement Speaker**

The Honorable Steven W. Taylor

Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016 (CONTINUED)

Special Recognition

- Honors College Graduates
- Phi Kappa Phi Graduates

Conferring of Degrees

Morning Ceremony

- College of Education
- College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
- College of Arts and Sciences

Afternoon Ceremony

- College of Human Sciences
- College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology
- Spears School of Business

Alma Mater Hymn

- “OSU Alma Mater” ..... McCulloh
- Quintet and Audience, led by Charles Rich

Recessional - Platform Party

Recessional - Faculty

Sandy Busby, sign language interpreter

OSU Brass Quintet: Justin Weisenborn, trumpet; Jacob White, horn; Noah Mennenga, trumpet; Gabriel Smith, trombone; Noah Roper, bass trombone

## COLLEGE OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

The following outstanding students were chosen to carry their college or school gonfalon in the Student Processional and to serve as representatives of the graduates of that college or school during the undergraduate commencement ceremonies. Each wears an honorary orange cap and gown.

### College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Ciera Renea Houlton  
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
Agricultural Economics  
Kiowa, Kansas

### College of Arts and Sciences

David Alan Thompson  
Bachelor of Arts  
Psychology and Sociology  
Derby, Kansas

### College of Education

Courtney Lynn Pool  
Bachelor of Science  
Recreation Management and Therapeutic Recreation  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

### College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology

Kendal Marie Nicholas  
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Carney, Oklahoma

### College of Human Sciences

Sherry Deanne Ramsey  
Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences  
Human Development and Family Science  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

### Spears School of Business

Eryn Alexa Kron  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Marketing and Management  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## HONORS COLLEGE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following students are fall 2016 candidates for the Honors College Degree. This degree requires a minimum of 36 honors credit hours, completion of the General Honors Award and the Departmental or College Honors Award, and earning OSU and cumulative grade-point averages of at least 3.50 at the time of degree completion.

**Matthew D. Allen**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science  
Computer Sciences

**Kelsey Lynn Anderson**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science  
Physiology

**Nicholas Scott Baril**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science  
Sports Media

**Anthony Rees Biamont**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Architecture in  
Architecture

**Andrew Christian Blye**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Marketing

**Morgan Elizabeth Brun**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Architectural  
Engineering

**Rahul Chidurala**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in  
Electrical Engineering

**Zadie Rayburn Cook**

College of Agricultural Sciences and  
Natural Resources  
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural  
Sciences and Natural Resources  
Agribusiness

**Erica Kay Crockett**

College of Human Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Human Sciences  
Nutritional Sciences

**Erik Carl Dartsch**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Finance

**Lauren Elizabeth Chan Davenport**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Marketing

**Charles Marshall Earnest**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in  
Mechanical Engineering

**Emily Marsh Ferranti**

College of Agricultural Sciences and  
Natural Resources  
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural  
Sciences and Natural Resources  
Animal Science

**Abigail Rose Hebenstreit**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Marketing

**Hannah M. Hillegas**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in  
Civil Engineering

**Avonlea Ellen Keenen**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Geography

**Eryn Alexa Kron**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Marketing and Management

**Devyn Nicole Lavoie**

Spears School of Business  
Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
Marketing

**Taylor Kristine Mastin**

College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Industrial  
Engineering and Management

**Lorena Mayorga**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Katelyn Grace McKinney**  
College of Agricultural Sciences and  
Natural Resources  
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural  
Sciences and Natural Resources  
Animal Science

**Kendal M. Nicholas**  
College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in  
Civil Engineering

**Joshua James Phillips**  
College of Agricultural Sciences and  
Natural Resources  
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural  
Sciences and Natural Resources  
Environmental Science

**Annelise Marie Poss**  
College of Human Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Human Sciences  
Nutritional Sciences

**Lauren Marie Schmidt**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Biological Science

**Logan John Sirbaugh**  
College of Engineering,  
Architecture and Technology  
Bachelor of Science in  
Electrical Engineering

**Alexander James Smith**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
Political Science

**Courtney D. West**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in  
English

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



### The Honorable Steven W. Taylor

Justice Steven W. Taylor was born June 7, 1949, in Henryetta, Oklahoma. He graduated from McAlester Public Schools in 1967. He earned his B.A. in Political Science from Oklahoma State University in 1971. Justice Taylor received the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1974.

Taylor joined the United States Marine Corps in 1970 and served on active duty from 1974-1978. He was trained as an infantry platoon commander and later served as a prosecutor and Chief Defense Counsel. In 1977, he became the youngest judge in the U.S. Armed Forces. He was promoted to the rank of Major.

Following his active duty service in the Marines, Taylor practiced law in McAlester from 1978-1984. In 1980 he was elected to the McAlester City Council and in 1982 was elected Mayor of McAlester, making him the youngest Mayor in that city's history. He was named one of Three Outstanding Young Oklahomans for 1983. In 1985, in recognition of Taylor's leadership in economic development, the City of McAlester named a multi-million dollar industrial park for him where many industries now employ several hundred Oklahomans. In 1997 he was named "Citizen of the Year" in McAlester. Taylor serves on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Oklahoma Heritage Association. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of McAlester and is a trustee of Oklahoma City University. His wife Mary is a teacher in the McAlester Public Schools. They have one son Wilson. Justice Taylor is the co-author of a book, *The University of Oklahoma College of Law: A Centennial History*.

In 2002 Taylor was recognized by Oklahoma State University as a "Leadership Legacy" and 2003 "Distinguished Alumnus". In 2007 Justice Taylor was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame, and in 2009 the University of Oklahoma presented him with the Regents Alumni Award. He is the only person to have received the highest alumni recognition from both OSU and OU.

In March of 1984 Governor George Nigh appointed Taylor Associate District Judge for Pittsburg County. In 1991 he was the first Associate District Judge ever to be elected President of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. In 1994, Taylor was elected District Judge of the 18th Judicial District. In 1997 and 2003 he was elected Presiding Judge of the ten county East-Central Judicial Administrative District. Taylor was the recipient of the Oklahoma Bar Association "Award of Judicial Excellence" in 2003 as the outstanding Oklahoma judge of the year.

In his over 20 years as a trial judge, he presided over more than 500 jury trials including the Terry Nichols Oklahoma City bombing case.

On September 24, 2004, Governor Brad Henry appointed Taylor to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

During the 2007 Oklahoma Centennial year Oklahoma magazine named Justice Taylor as one of the "100 Who Shaped Us" - a list of living and past Oklahomans who influenced the first 100 years of our state. In 2009, Justice Taylor was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the highest honor an Oklahoman can receive from the state.

# GRADUATE CANDIDATES FALL 2016

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## GRADUATE COLLEGE

Sheryl Tucker, Dean

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

David Herschel Bennett ♦ Applied Educational Studies  
David Howard Chissoe ♦ Higher Education  
Susan L. Hartzler ♦ School Administration  
Robert J. Lofton ♦ Higher Education  
Angela Marie Thomas ♦ Applied Educational Studies

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Md I. Alam ♦ Geology  
Asma Abdullah M. Alothman ♦ Chemistry  
Omar Mohamed Ibrahim Amer ♦ Civil Engineering  
Rahul Bakore ♦ Electrical Engineering  
Caitlin Michelle Barnes ♦ Environmental Science  
Kendall Ke'Vonn Belcher ♦ Civil Engineering  
Abdel-Kader Ben Mohamed ♦ Business Administration  
Samantha J. Sanders Benn-Duke ♦ Education  
Mykhailo Bilogliadov ♦ Mathematics  
Erin Brannon ♦ Psychology  
Jennifer Delane Callaway ♦ Educational Psychology  
Xiaolong Cao ♦ Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Jon Michael Daniels ♦ Plant Pathology  
David Wayne Davis ♦ Human Sciences  
Sulochana Dhital ♦ Soil Science  
Tao Ding ♦ Chemistry  
Heba Fawzi Eldoumi ♦ Nutritional Sciences  
Andres Sebastian Espindola Camacho ♦ Plant Pathology  
Joanna Lynn Fiddler ♦ Nutritional Sciences  
Jessica M. Fokken ♦ English  
Akram Taher Gawedar ♦ Electrical Engineering  
Lina George ♦ Business Administration  
Cory John Godwin ♦ Geology  
Sandeep Gutta ♦ Electrical Engineering  
Joshua Richard Haar ♦ History  
Amir Hajibabae Bana ♦ Civil Engineering  
Miwa Tsuji Hara ♦ Microbiology/Cell and Molecular Biology  
Sharethram Hariharan ♦ Industrial Engineering and Management  
Rebecca Ann Ward Harjo ♦ Biosystems Engineering  
Tres A. Harriman ♦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
Yan He ♦ Entomology  
Tiffany Cjapon Hornsby ♦ Educational Psychology  
Xiaofei Hou ♦ Computer Science  
Kadhim Abbas Jabbar ♦ Mechanical Engineering  
Noriel Patricia Jacobs-Gray ♦ Human Sciences  
Jisung Jo ♦ Agricultural Economics

Saroj Kandel • Biosystems Engineering  
 Nicholas Armstrong Kaukis • Statistics  
 Justin Bruce Keeler • Business Administration  
 Mehdi Khanzadeh Moradllo • Civil Engineering  
 Maribeth C. Kuzmeski • Business Administration  
 Wa Kun Lam • Physics  
 Alex Lawrence • Business Administration  
 Nan Liang • Business Administration  
 Jason Jay Linsenmeyer • Health, Leisure and Human Performance  
 Nathaniel J. Lombardi • Psychology  
 Joshua Gilchrist Maples • Agricultural Economics  
 C. Michelle McCargish • History  
 Chinnatat Methapatara • Industrial Engineering and Management  
 Sahar Mohammadi Dehcheshmehi • Geology  
 Robert M. Mollenhauer • Natural Resource Ecology and Management  
 Ahmed M. Moneeb • Chemistry  
 Sagar Neupane • Biosystems Engineering  
 Jiating Ni • Physics  
 Oscar Pardo Planas • Biosystems Engineering  
 William C. Periman • Business Administration  
 Jay Daniel Post • Health, Leisure and Human Performance  
 Renuka Pramuditha Rathnasekara • Chemistry  
 Girija Regmi • Veterinary Biomedical Sciences  
 Yao Ren • Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 James Conrad Ricker • History  
 Kyle Joseph Risser • Entomology  
 Brad C. Rogers • Environmental Science  
 Farzana Rouf • Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Jennifer Dawn Sams • Environmental Science  
 Bhishma Raj Sedai • Chemistry  
 Sajjan Silwal • Chemistry  
 Vini Singh • Chemistry  
 Walter B. Slipetz • Business Administration  
 Anthony A. Smith • Education  
 Aswin Subanthore • Geography  
 Shuzhen Sun • Industrial Engineering and Management  
 Lisa Kramer Taylor • Agricultural Education  
 Deepika Venkataramani • Chemical Engineering  
 Liangjiang Yu • Electrical Engineering

#### MASTER OF AGRICULTURE

Corey B. Alderman • International Agriculture  
 Karin E. Anderson • International Agriculture  
 Gavin Livingston • International Agriculture  
 Kevin Longhany • International Agriculture  
 Cordrea L. Nance • International Agriculture  
 Chelsey A. Novak • International Agriculture  
 Erin Colleen Pierce • General Agriculture  
 Tanner R. Roark • International Agriculture  
 Drew Francis Slattery • International Agriculture

### MASTER OF ARTS

Kathleen Elizabeth Byrd • English  
Gary Bartow Corey • English  
Jillian Rebecca George • History  
Candace Marie Gilstrap • Art History  
Holly A. Hasenfrantz • History  
Samuel G. Jennings • History  
Micol Martinelli • English  
Kimberly Dawn Morton • Art History  
Kelsey Elizabeth Puletz • English  
Jordan Michelle Solt • Political Science  
Katelyn Nicole Spencer • English

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Thomas Nolan Kennedy III	James A. Zaiser

### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Angela Mae Greenroy • Creative Writing  
Elizabeth Eva Lampman • Creative Writing

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebony D. Kennebrew • Public Health

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Fahimeh Abbasi • Entrepreneurship  
Rolla Mostafa Abdeljawad • International Studies

Ethan John Abele ♦ Electrical Engineering  
 Anupam Abraham ♦ Animal Science  
 Bishnu Prasad Acharya ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Donald J. Adkins ♦ Sociology  
 Aditya Agrawal ♦ Industrial Engineering and Management  
 Mohammed Fakhri Alabdullah ♦ Civil Engineering  
 Hussein Ali Abed Almahdi Al-Dakheeli ♦ Civil Engineering  
 Kizza Ssajjabi D. Aliddeki ♦ Plant and Soil Sciences  
 Riyadh Turki M. Alturki ♦ Civil Engineering  
 Sharif Reazul Arefin ♦ Civil Engineering  
 Elizabeth Gayle Armstrong ♦ Geography  
 Daniel E. Attilio ♦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
 Inhwan Baek ♦ Fire and Emergency Management  
 Balakumar Balasubramani ♦ Civil Engineering  
 Ashok Kumar Bandrevu ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Katie Bannister ♦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
 Melany J. Barr ♦ Educational Psychology  
 Marcanthony Marimla Basco ♦ Aviation and Space  
 Amanda Rain Behar ♦ Microbiology/Cell and Molecular Biology  
 Pradeep Bejgaom ♦ Computer Science  
 Rachel Kathleen Boevers ♦ Accounting  
 Vaibhav Borgaonkar ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Gabriella Diane Bragoli ♦ International Agriculture  
 Mary Caroline Brooks ♦ Accounting  
 Ronald Matthew Brotherton ♦ Educational Psychology  
 Jennifer Ann Bryant ♦ International Agriculture  
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 Javier Carrera Gomez ♦ International Studies  
 Daniel Ryan Carroll ♦ Entrepreneurship  
 Lea Ann Caufield ♦ Human Sciences  
 Luciano Roberto Cegobias, Jr. ♦ Plant and Soil Sciences  
 Tejbeer Chhabra ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Abhijit Subhash Choudhari ♦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
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 Elizabeth Jordan Cox ♦ Educational Technology  
 Patrick James Curl ♦ Plant and Soil Sciences  
 Laura L. Dauenhauer ♦ International Studies  
 Laura E. Davis ♦ Educational Technology  
 Tammi Lin Davis ♦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
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 Brian Andrew Delano ♦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Maunik Desai ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Abhishek Ashok Devadiga ♦ Industrial Engineering and Management  
 Vishal Diyawar ♦ Management Information Systems  
 Cynthia Dobbs ♦ Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
 Keidron Dotson ♦ Educational Leadership Studies

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 Meghan Scholler Fitzpatrick ✦ Educational Psychology  
 Dillon Thomas Fogarty ✦ Natural Resources Ecology and Management  
 Autumn Annmarie Fosburg ✦ Mass Communications  
 Victoria Lurien Frisella ✦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
 Morgan Ra Gadd ✦ Animal Science  
 Manikantam Goud Gaddam ✦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Beatriz Gallucci Mazziero ✦ Entomology and Plant Pathology  
 Vijay Kumar Ganti ✦ Industrial Engineering and Management  
 Wei Gao ✦ Business Analytics  
 Abhinav Garg ✦ Management Information Systems  
 Colin Parker Gibson ✦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Goutam Gobburu Mohan ✦ Management Information Systems  
 Melissa Rae Golden ✦ Plant and Soil Sciences  
 Hilary Lynn Goolsby ✦ Communication Science and Disorders  
 Gowri Sankar Gopalakrishnan ✦ Management Information Systems  
 John Christopher Grammer ✦ Management Information Systems  
 Tiffanie Marie Gray ✦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
 Piyush Gupta ✦ Management Information Systems  
 Chao Han ✦ Civil Engineering  
 Ellyn Nicole Harges ✦ Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Chase Wayne Harmon ✦ Leisure Studies  
 Jason Scott Hart ✦ Counseling  
 Travis Laray Hartfield ✦ Educational Technology  
 Kevin M. Hass ✦ Engineering and Technology Management  
 Catherine L. Haviland ✦ Animal Science  
 Shannon M. Heinen ✦ Teaching, Learning and Leadership  
 Jeffrey Bert Henry, Jr. ✦ Accounting  
 Jesus Alberto Hernandez Sarabia ✦ Health and Human Performance  
 Cole Lewis Higbee ✦ Accounting  
 Sarah T. Hileman ✦ Zoology  
 Eric Andrew Hiner ✦ Civil Engineering  
 John Michael Hladik ✦ Engineering and Technology Management  
 Joshua Keegan Holloway ✦ Electrical Engineering  
 Rushil Homma ✦ Management Information Systems  
 Regenalld Howard ✦ Telecommunications Management  
 Mohamed Ismail Ibrahim ✦ Civil Engineering  
 Habeeb Mahammed O. Idrees ✦ Electrical Engineering  
 Lauren N. Irby ✦ Agricultural Education  
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Summa cum laude	3.90-4.00
Magna cum laude	3.80-3.89
Cum laude	3.70-3.79

### Degree Abbreviations:

BA	Bachelor of Arts
BAR	Bachelor of Architecture
BEN	Bachelor of Engineering
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BLA	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
BM	Bachelor of Music
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSAE	Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering
BSAG	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
BSBA	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
BSBE	Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering
BSCH	Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
BSCV	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
BSCP	Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
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BSET	Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology
BHS	Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences
BSIE	Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and Management
BSME	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
BUS	Bachelor of University Studies
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
MA	Master of Arts
MAG	Master of Agriculture
MAT	Master of Athletic Training
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MFA	Master of Fine Arts
MM	Master of Music
MPH	Master of Public Health
MS	Master of Science
EdS	Specialist in Education
EdD	Doctor of Education
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy

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Zakary Albert Barton • BUS University Studies  
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Julia Katherine Bumberry • BS Zoology  
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Laura Ashley Burns • BUS University Studies  
Jixin Chai • MS Electrical Engineering  
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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates as they march into the commencement hall, and even the different colors you see on them, have historical origins and significance.

During the Middle Ages, scholars at the earliest English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in the drafty, stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most of the scholars were also monks or priests, and as such had the hair shaved from the crowns of their heads in the distinctive clerical tonsure. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time, and the hood was chosen by the early scholars to indicate by color, trim or binding the degree held by the wearer.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times, although it was not formally adopted until near the end of the 19th Century, when it was chosen as appropriate attire by the Intercollegiate Commission during a meeting in New York. It has remained the general standard in America since, although some variations occur at individual institutions. In the United States, black is the traditional color for academic gowns, although some institutions allow holders of doctoral degrees to wear robes in the university's colors.

The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The bachelor's robe has long, pointed sleeves. The master's robe has sleeves that are oblong and closed at the ends, with slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with a velvet facing on the front and at the neck, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. The velvet may be black or of a color that symbolizes the degree held by the wearer.

The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square, tasseled "mortarboard." Some American universities, however, use berets, and in other countries a variety of styles of head coverings is worn with academic regalia. The tassel is usually black and is worn over the left front quarter of the mortarboard. Holders of doctoral degrees may wear gold tassels.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress, which through color and design may indicate the wearer's degree and the institution at which that degree was earned. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded. Hoods vary in length. The bachelor's hood is about three feet long, the master's slightly longer and the doctoral version is longer still and is decorated with broad color panels.

Candidates for advanced or professional degrees wear hoods symbolic of the degree. The color of the trim of the hood and the sleeve chevrons and panels of the academic gown are distinctive of the degree as follows:

Degree:	Gown:	Hood:
Doctor of Philosophy	Black Velvet Panels	Blue Velvet Collar and Sleeve Chevrons
Doctor of Education	Light Blue Velvet	Light Blue Collar Panels and Sleeve Chevrons
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	Kelly Green Velvet	Kelly Green Velvet Collar Panels and Sleeve Chevrons
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Steel Gray Panels	Steel Gray Collar and Sleeve Chevrons
Master of Arts	White Collar	
Master of Science	Golden Yellow Collar	

The colors of Oklahoma State University are embodied in the lining of the hood (orange and black chevron). The colors of the hoods of faculty and guests are those of the institution conferring the degree.

In addition to the academic regalia described above, some students wear cords, sashes, ribbons, and other symbols of heritage or achievement in academics, service, and leadership.

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