

# Graduation Recognition Ceremony

CELEBRATING  
THE CLASS OF

2024



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HARRY S TRUMAN  
EDUCATION CENTER

# *Graduation Celebration*

2024

Tuesday

May 14, 2024

Cache Creek Chapel

Fort Sill, OK





## **MISSION AND VISION OF ARMY EDUCATION**

The Army Continuing Education System (ACES) through its many programs promotes lifelong learning opportunities and sharpens the competitive edge of the Army by providing and managing quality self-development programs and services.

### **Mission**

The ACES mission is to promote lifelong learning, readiness and resilience through flexible and relevant education programs, services and systems in support of the Total Army Family.

The ACES vision is that every Soldier participates in the voluntary education program and every eligible Soldier uses TA for degree completion.

*Harry S Truman Education Center*  
*"Soldiers First—Mission Always!"*

**United States Army**  
**Fires Center of Excellence**  
**and Fort Sill**

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**Major General Winston Brooks**

*COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR*  
**Command Sergeant Major Neil Sartain**

**Garrison**

*COMMANDER*  
**Colonel James H. B. Peay, IV**

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**Command Sergeant Major William Pearson**

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*DIRECTOR*  
**Mr. Lorenzo Heller**

**Education Services Division**

*EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER*  
**Mr. Michael Dodds**

# PROGRAM

**Call to Order**

**Edmond Vodochodsky**  
*Master of Ceremony*

**Processional**  
*(All Stand)*

**77<sup>th</sup> Army Band**

**Invocation**  
*(Remain Standing)*

**CH (MAJ) Lisa Northway**

**National Anthem**  
*(Remain Standing)*

**Mrs. Paulette Anderson**

**Commemorative Video of Graduates**

**Diana Ferguson**  
**Ashley Williams**

**Opening Remarks**

**Michael Dodds**  
*Education Services Officer*

**Award Presentation**

**Michael Dodds**

**Student Testimonial**

**WO1 Jesse Ryan**

**Introduction of the Dignitaries**

**Edmond Vodochodsky**

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

**Edmond Vodochodsky**

**Keynote Speaker**

**BG Curtis King**

## **Presentation of Graduates**

*(Graduate candidates, as your school is called, stand and proceed to the stage escorted by your school representatives)*

**Cameron University**  
**Columbia College**  
**Upper Iowa University**  
**Webster University**  
**American Military University**  
**Colorado State University Global Campus**  
**Grand Canyon University**  
**Lakewood University**  
**Liberty University**  
**Purdue University Global**

**Southern New Hampshire University**  
**Strayer University**  
**Trident University**  
**Troy University**  
**University of Alaska Fairbanks**  
**University of Arizona Global Campus**  
**University of Florida**  
**University of Maryland Global Campus**  
**University of Oklahoma**

**Closing Remarks**

**Michael Dodds**

# CAMERON UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

### **Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology**

Nathaniel Bryant  
Nakum Hunter\*\*\*  
Tyler Norris

### **Associate in Applied Science in Respiratory Care**

Shirin Lustek

### **Associate in Science in Allied Health Sciences**

Cheryl Matlock-Jones

### **Associate in Science in Business**

Camille Hale  
Cory Rivera

### **Associate in Science in Criminal Justice**

Anya Pinedo\*\*\*  
Sherrie Taylor  
Jonathan Underwood

### **Bachelor of Arts in English**

Savannah Lear

### **Bachelor of Business Administration**

Kiquana Chevis  
Alexa Hale

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art**

BettyJo Patris  
Katrielle Sonnenburg

### **Bachelor of Music Education in Music Education**

Marckese Williams

### **Bachelor of Science in Biology**

Kenneth Lowery\*\*\*  
Molly Potts

### **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**

Nathaniel Bryant  
Tyler Clark  
Tyler Norris

### **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

Anya Pinedo\*\*\*  
Jonathan Underwood

### **Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education**

Taylor Murray  
Morgin Williams\*\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Information Technology**

Nakum Hunter\*\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership**

Linda Valencia Olvera

### **Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

Megan Perry

### **Bachelor of Science in Sports and Exercise Science**

Samuel Harris  
Malerie Nyberg  
Stephenie Tarnow OMalley

### **Master of Business Administration**

Michael Horrace  
Justin O'Brien

### **Master of Science in Behavioral Science**

Colette Highsmith

### **Master of Science in Organizational Leadership**

Maci Garza  
Patrick Melvin  
Kristen Moser  
Jordan Noffsinger  
Brian Price  
Tom Thai

*\*summa cum laude*

*\*\*magna cum laude*

*\*\*\*cum laude*

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE

## Graduates

### **Associate in General Studies**

Joshua Dixon  
Dwayne Dyette  
Jose Garcia  
Luis Lopez Rosales  
James Mcleod  
Sharshara Mcleod  
Cindy Mejia- Iraheta  
Chase Nelson  
Andrew Puente  
Luis Segura  
Ty Thomson

### **Associate of Science in Business Administration**

Brandon Kelley

### **Associate of Science in Human Services**

Shadica Price

### **Bachelor of Arts in Human Services**

Tiundra Ford

### **Bachelor of Arts in History**

Kimberly Taylor

### **Bachelor in General Studies**

Jose Rodriguez Gutierrez  
Michael Stewart

### **Bachelor of Science in Child Development**

Cassandra Ellis \*\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Management**

Echo Young\*\*\*

*\*summa cum laude*

*\*\*magna cum laude*

*\*\*\*cum laude*

# UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

### **Associate of Arts in General Business**

Thomas Davis  
Geordan Wermey

### **Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts**

Hammaad Afzal  
Jennifer Benson  
Charles Burns  
Allen Carter  
Mckinzee Christensen  
Mason Colbert  
Nanacy Guifarro  
Quintin Highler  
Gary Lambert  
Bolin Mao  
Jonathan Marrero Curbelo  
Viktoreia McBride  
Leann McCabe  
Todd Mitchell

Prisca Seoue  
Oran Thorpe  
Daniel Trujillo  
Melissa Weber  
Tofoi Upuese

### **Bachelor of Science in Accounting**

Debby-Ann Watson\*\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Ronald Chavez\*  
Josh Gordon\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

Isle Gonzalez\*\*\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Health  
Services Administration**

Malik Carrigan  
Samantha Webber\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Human Services**

Milton King\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Information  
Technology**

Markus Dickinson \*\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

Elizabeth Allen-Perez  
Donna Hill\*\*\*  
Virginia Holleran\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Public  
Administration**

Cody Dodd\*\*\*  
James Henry  
Viktoreia McBride

**Bachelor of Science in Supply  
Chain Management**

William Little

**Master of Public Administration**

Khalia Landon

*\*summa cum laude*

*\*\*magna cum laude*

*\*\*\*cum laude meritum*

*\*\*\*\*cum laude*

**WEBSTER UNIVERSITY**

**Graduates**

**Master of Arts in Human  
Resource Management**

Barbara Balajadia\*\*\*  
Thomas Cano\*  
Emily McGowan\*\*

Joshua Smith\*  
Julio Standridge  
Jonathan Tracy\*\*\*  
Samuel Schulz\*  
Jeremiah Ulrich\*

**Master of Arts in  
International Relations**

Maxwell Parsons\*\*

**Master of Arts in Procurement  
and Acquisitions Management**

Oney Kelly\*

**Master of Arts in  
Management and Leadership**

Kar Chu\*  
April Dilidili\*\*  
Ryan Dombeck\*\*  
Christopher Drisko\*  
Dylan Eddy\*  
Isaac Flynn\*\*  
Brian Gabbard\*\*  
Mark Gaido\*  
Hunter Hanlon\*\*\*  
Michael Harrington\*  
Tyrone Holden\*\*\*  
Rachel Hornick\*\*  
Thomas Richardson\*\*

**Master of Business Administration**

Victoria Pendergraft\*  
Amanda Rylee\*\*

**Master of Science in  
Cybersecurity Operations**

Nathaniel Perry Jr\*\*\*

**Master of Science in  
Environmental Management**

Kyle Schraeder\*

*\*summa cum laude*

*\*\*magna cum laude*

*\*\*\*cum laude*



# AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

### **Associate of Applied Science in**

#### **Health Sciences**

Carmen Bishop\*

### **Associate of Arts in Counterterrorism**

#### **Studies**

Thomas Nichols\*\*

### **Associate of Arts in Early Childhood**

#### **Care and Education**

Brandon Stokes\*\*

### **Associate of Arts in**

#### **Interdisciplinary Studies**

Rachelle Erickson\*\*\*

Jensen Sanders Esq.\*\*

### **Associate of Arts in Supply**

#### **Chain Management**

Andrew Gardner

### **Associate of Applied Science in**

#### **Administration**

Igdrasil-Javier Gonzalez-Pantoja\*\*

### **Bachelor of Applied Science in**

#### **Health Science**

Jamey Davis\*\*\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in Business**

Sarah Booker\*\*\*

Justin Light\*

David Noriega

### **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**

Jeremy Duke

Tricia Roszel\*

Akou Woyivo\*\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in History**

Marquez Romo\*\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in**

#### **Homeland Security**

Eric Taylor

### **Bachelor of Arts in**

#### **Human Resource Management**

Elizabeth Arthur\*\*

Chelcie Card\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in**

#### **Intelligence Studies**

Trevor Meyer\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in Management**

Martha Armour\*\*

Donavan Mounts

Samantha Purtle\*\*\*

Jessica Ruz\*\*

Shawna Wasson\*\*

### **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

Rebecca Pressley

Skylar Jackson

### **Bachelor of Arts in**

#### **Supply Chain Management**

Todie Green

Shayla Ross

### **Bachelor of Business Administration**

Sarai Chavez-Patton\*\*

Dennis Wilson II

### **Bachelor of Science in**

#### **Computer Technology**

Christopher Moffett\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in**

#### **Environmental Science**

Leasle Kaminski

### **Bachelor of Science in**

#### **Healthcare Administration**

Fredrick Brown

### **Bachelor of Science in**

#### **Legal Studies**

Morgan George\*\*\*

### **Master of Arts in**

#### **Athletic Development Management**

Marcus Hunter\*

### **Master of Arts in**

#### **Business Administration**

Lyndsi McAdams\*

### **Master of Arts in Cybersecurity Studies**

Bildad Akom\*\*

Divine Okwuchukwu\*\*

**Master of Arts in  
Human Resource Management**

David Bradshaw\*

**Master of Arts in History**

Candi Campos\*

**Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies**

Luis Revilla\*\*♦

**Master of Science in Sociology**

Ariel Ascencio

**Master of Science in Space Studies**

Rocklyn Dezelle\*

**Master of Science in Sports Management**

Nik Nicole Devor

**Master of Science in Transportation and  
Logistics Management**

Reginald Rigaud\*\*

**Undergraduate Certificate in  
Intelligence Operations**

Trevor Meyer

**Undergraduate Certificate in Pre Health**

Carmen Bishop

♦ *AMU academic scholar award*

\* *summa cum laude*

\*\* *magna cum laude*

\*\*\* *cum laude*

## **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL CAMPUS**

### **Graduates**

**Master of Science in Organizational Leadership**

Ashly Carter

## **GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY**

### **Graduates**

**Bachelor of Science in  
Applied Management**

Shareasa Owens\*

**Bachelor of Science in Homeland  
Security and Emergency Management**

Josue De'Aquino\*\*

\* *university honors*

\*\* *latin honors*

## **LAKEWOOD UNIVERSITY**

### **Graduates**

**Master in Business Administration**

Amanda Dotson\*\*

\*\* *magna cum laude*

## **LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

### **Graduates**

**Associate of Science in  
Medical Office Assistant**

Pinese Holt\*\*

**Bachelor of Education in  
Special Education**

Julia McHugh\*

\* *summa cum laude*

\*\* *magna cum laude*

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL

## Graduates

**Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies**      *\*\*magna cum laude*  
Jesse Ryan\*\*

# SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

**Associate of Science in Information  
Technology**  
LamonShae Roberts\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in Sports Management**  
Darnell Broomfield\*\*\*

*\*\*magna cum laude*

*\*\*\*honors*

# STRAYER UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

**Bachelor of Business Administration**      *\*summa cum laude*  
Maria Razo\*

# TRIDENT UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

## Graduates

**Bachelor of Science in Leadership**  
Michael Ruffin

**Master of Science in Health Sciences**  
Paulette Anderson\*

*\*summa cum laude*

# TROY UNIVERSITY

## Graduates

**Master of Science in Project Management**  
Jamel Holt

# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

## Graduates

**Associate of Arts in General Studies**      *\* first generation*  
Melanie Winkler\*

# UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA GLOBAL

## Graduates

**Bachelor of Arts in  
Supply Chain Management**  
Kiera Robinson-Getter

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice**  
Mary Oliver

# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

## Graduates

**Master of Science in Pharmacy**

Eray Soto

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

## Graduates

**Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice**

Karla Cebreros

**Master of Business Administration**

Bianca Winn

**Bachelor of Science in Social Science**

Keila Ortiz

# UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

## Graduates

**Master of Social Work**

Kandra Garnett\*\*\*

\*\*\**cum laude*

## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



### Cameron University

Founded in 1908, Cameron University is a thriving educational institution with an enrollment of approximately 4,000. In addition to campuses in Lawton and Duncan, Cameron offers various undergraduate courses at Fort Sill. Cameron offers more than 50 degree programs at the associate, bachelor's and master's degree levels, in areas of business, liberal arts and science. Classes at Cameron are taught by professors, not graduate students or teaching assistants. Students from southwest Oklahoma, throughout the state, and across the nation are attending Cameron University. For more information, visit [www.cameron.edu](http://www.cameron.edu).

Dr. John McArthur is President.



### Columbia College

Today's Columbia College graduates join a network of more than 97,000 alumni across the globe. Founded in 1851,

Columbia College has a rich legacy of educational innovation and excellence. With a traditional campus in Columbia, Missouri, more than 20 learning venues nationwide and a robust online program, we educate thousands of students each year. Our liberal arts core curriculum produces globally engaged citizens who are creative, curious and ethical.

Congratulations, graduates. Because a future built by you is a future built for you. Private. Non-profit. Accredited. For more information, visit [ccis.edu](http://ccis.edu)



## Upper Iowa University

Since 1857, Upper Iowa University has been preparing students to succeed—in the classroom and in the world. That rich history, coupled with a student-centered mission, has created a springboard for UIU to become a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced study.

UIU has a traditional, residential campus in Fayette, Iowa, and 11 off-campus educational centers in the U.S. The UIU-Fort Sill Center offers Associate degree programs in Liberal Arts and General Business, and Bachelor's degree programs in Business Administration, Human Resources Management, Management, Marketing, and Social Science, in addition to other programs. The university is led by Kathy Franken, who became the institution's 22nd President in 2024.

For more information, visit <https://uiu.edu/locations/fort-sill/>

## Webster University



Our mission is to provide unmatched educational programs and unparalleled service to our military. Serving our military for over 40 years, Webster University opened its first military campus in 1974. Webster

has quickly and consistently established itself as a leader in military education—recognized as a "military-friendly" and "vet-friendly" educational institution. Also, a VA Yellow Ribbon participant, Webster has assisted military students in making their educational dreams come true. The University's distinguished record of top tier rankings in *U.S. News and World Report*, *GI Jobs*, *Advanced Military Education*, and charter member status in the DoD MOU shows why Webster University is an institution that delivers high quality and fully accredited educational programs. As a worldwide institution ensuring high-quality learning experience that transforms students for global citizenship and individual excellence, the Office of Military Affairs takes great pride upholding the standards Webster University demands and military students deserve.

Military-focused student groups and clubs, including the Webster University Student Veterans Organization and local engagement with partnership US Air Force and US Army ROTC units, are under the purview of the OMA. For more information visit, [www.webster.edu/ftsill](http://www.webster.edu/ftsill).



## American Military University

Founded in 1991 by a retired Marine Corps officer and instructor, American Military University (AMU) was designed to meet the needs of the military—a very mobile population with extended, irregular schedules and unique educational needs. Today, AMU is the largest provider of higher education to active-duty military as well as a leading provider to national security and public safety communities. Our professors are industry insiders that combine relevant theory with real-world experience. Many are working in, or have retired from, leadership roles in government, business and non-profit organizations, state and local law enforcement, as well as fire and emergency services. These include Department of Homeland Security, CIA, FBI, United Nations, Department of State, Department of Defense, NYPD, and major corporations. For more information, visit [www.amu.apus.edu](http://www.amu.apus.edu).

## PARTICIPATING OFF-POST INSTITUTIONS





**Truman Education Center  
Recognition of Excellence in Military Education  
2024 Award Recipient**

**~ Mrs. Ashley Williams ~**

Mrs. Ashley Williams is a native of Fort Riley, Kansas. As a military child, she had the pleasure of traveling to various military locations. She has resided in Fort Leonard Wood, Warren AFB, and Bamberg Germany. She later ended up right back at Fort Riley, KS where she graduated high school from Junction City High School. Her journey in higher education began when she completed her associate degree with Barton County Community College and later completed her bachelor's degree with Columbia College. Mrs. Williams plans to continue her journey of higher education as she will pursue a Master's degree with American Military University.

Mrs. Williams discovered her passion for education while serving as a contractor at the Fort Riley Education Center. Her time there was well spent cultivating the desire to counsel others in achieving their education and career goals. She later relocated to Fort Sill with her husband, an Army Soldier, where she began work at the Fort Sill Education Center. She held numerous positions at the Education Center to include Computer Lab Monitor and Customer Service Representative. This provided her the opportunity to learn more about the programs and services offered under the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) to include the transition from legacy systems to eArmyU and GoArmyEd that automated the TA system.

Mrs. Williams' passion for education continued as she became the Site Registrar for Central Texas College-Fort Sill in 2009. She continued working for Central Texas College-Fort Sill counseling and advising Soldiers and family members to obtain various associate degrees and certificates until 2017 when she became the Site Director for Central Texas College-Fort Sill. Mrs. Williams was awarded the Central Texas College Employee of the Year both as the Site Registrar and as the Site Director. During her 13 plus years with Central Texas College-Fort Sill, she provided service and support to countless Soldiers, family members, and civilians enabling them to achieve their educational goals.

In 2022, Mrs. Williams began serving as an Army Guidance Counselor at the Fort Sill Education Center. Over a two-year period, Mrs. Williams has provided academic and counseling support to over 3700 Soldiers, family members, and civilians motivating and encouraging them to begin, progress, and complete their degrees and credentials.

Mrs. Williams has served a total of 16 years at the Fort Sill Education Center providing invaluable support to Soldiers, Marines, family members, and civilians who live and work on Fort Sill. Her commitment to excellence, attitude of service, and dedication is clearly evident as she continues to provide the ACES programs and services that support and enhance Soldier professional development, Army leader development, and the mission readiness of the Army.

Mrs. Williams and her husband Dave have been married for 18 years and have two children a daughter Samara, and a son Dave III.

**Congratulations from the entire staff and  
school representatives of  
Harry S Truman Education Center**

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Diana Ferguson  
Ed Vodochodsky  
Ashley Williams

Angela Reynolds  
Petra Jackson  
Todd Parks  
Katelyn Stokes

**Columbia College**  
Meagan Sonnenburg  
Emily Todd

**Upper Iowa University**  
Charles Svec  
Virginia Lacy

**Webster University**  
Justin Teague  
Alma Olivo

**American Military University**  
Edward Mounts

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Dr. Jennifer Jewell, Columbia College  
Mrs. Brandy Branstetter, Upper Iowa University  
Mr. Justin Teague, MAJ (USA Ret.), Webster University  
Mr. Dan Roby, CMSgt (USAF Ret.), American Military University  
Ms. Cheri Ramo, Grand Canyon University  
Mr. Jack Solomon, Lakewood University  
Dr. Michele Riley, Purdue University Global  
Ms. Gina Fedell-Sanders, Southern New Hampshire University  
Mr. Glen Washington (USA Ret.), Troy University  
Mrs. Lisa Ivy, University of Maryland Global Campus  
Faculty and main campus support staff of participating colleges  
Mr. Raymond Graham  
Mrs. Paulette Anderson  
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FCoE HQ Detachment

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