

# 101st Commencement

Saturday
May 4, 2024
W.S. Scott Auditorium
10 a.m.

Cowley College Arkansas City, Kansas





# Order of Exercises

PHOTO SHOW	Cowley Graduates
PRESENTATION OF THE MACE	Dr. Scott Layton
	CEA President
PROCESSIONAL	Mr. Stephen Butler
	Music Instructor
	Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar
HONOR GUARD	
INVOCATION	Trustee Phil White
WELCOME	Dr. Michelle Schoon
	President, Cowley College
STUDENT PERSPECTIVES	
Ms. Howard is a Secondary Education major from Wichita, KS. She served 2023-24.	d as President of the Student Senate in
Ms. Catlett is a STEM major from Big Lake, AK. She served as Vice Presi	dent of the Student Senate in 2023-24.
ADDRESS TO THE CLASS	Hannah Nicolaisen, Class of 2019
SPECIAL MUSIC	Concert Choir
PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING TIGER ALUMNI	Dr. Kori Gregg
Preside	nt and CEO of Cowley College Foundation
	Dr. Kermit McMurry, Class of 1965
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION	Dr. Rachel Bates
	Vice President of Academic Affairs
INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES	
	irector of Media and Communications
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL	Mr. Stephen Butler

Faculty should have their tassels on the left side. Graduates should move their tassels from right to left upon the conferring of degrees.

## **FACULTY MARSHAL**

**Uwe Conrad, Mathematics Instructor and Pam Smith, Natural Science Instructor** 

Legleiter Video Productions of Arkansas City is streaming today's ceremony. The event will be archived at www.cowley.edu/commencement

COV	VLEY May 2024 C	andidates	for	Associate Degree	
	Billy Cole Abbott		C *	Blythe Kathlene Brewer·····	·AA
	Gwyneth Adele Abrams·····	· AFA		Alyssa Danielle Bridges ······	· AS
	Valerie Lynn Acosta-Albin·····	···AA	*	Amber D Brown	· AS
s *	Laurence Thomas Aggson	· AFA		Sarah Ann Brown	·AA
	Bryce Camdyn Allenbach ·····	··· AS		Stormie Rayn Brown	·AA
	Arlin Ambriz-Rodriguez ·····	CERT		Stephanie Michelle Bruce·····	·AA
	Britany Rose Anderson ·····	··· AA		Craig Eugene Buckwalter CERT,	AAS
	Kaitlynn Lee Anderson	··· AA	С	Michael Joseph Buckwalter ······· CERT,	AAS
	Rosa Isela Arana-Ramirez ·····	··· AS		Melanie Suzanne Bullcoming	AAS
	Arina Babenko ·····	···AA	С	Sadey Lillian Burke······ AA	, AS
С	Amilia Grace Baca·····	· AFA		Jadyn Ciara Busby C	ERT
S * #	Emma Elizabeth Badley ·····	··· AA		Wyatt Perry Busch ·····	· AS
	Ashlyne Wylleane Baker ····· CERT	, AAS		Ellyn Daeva Butler ·····	·AA
	John David Baker ·····	CERT		Keaton Scott Campbell ·····	·AA
	Alyssa Kay Bales·····	···AA		Lewis Josue Caples ······ CERT,	AAS
*	Kaitlyn Kinsey Ball·····	···AA		Pake Leroy Carlson ······	AGS
*#	William Daniel Ball	··· AS		DeMetrice Onterio Carney ······· CERT,	AAS
	Kade Michael Bandy ·····	CERT		Kiersten Rachelle Carroll ······	·AA
	Noah Matthew Bankston	CERT		Morgan Lynn Carroll ······	·AA
	Jakub Grzegorz Barcik·····	···AA		Raizel Baclay Carter ·····	· AS
	Charles DeAngelo Barlow ·····	· AFA		Alivia Morgan Cartlidge ·····	· AS
	Kutter Gavin Barnes·····	CERT		Hanamichi Hernan Carvajal-Suazo·······	·AA
	Theodore James Barnes ······ CERT	, AAS	>*	Demetrios Catlett ·····	·AA
	Isabel Barron ·····	CERT	>*	Journey Link Catlett ······ AA	, AS
	Garrah Michael Bauer ·····	··· AS		Martha Ignacia Cepeda ····· C	ERT
	Jamilet Ivaima Bautista Infante	···AA		Mariah Fay Chamberlain ·····	· AS
	Haylee Marie Bearden ·····	···AA		Tiffany Chantivong·····	·AA
	Keegan Roy Beaver CERT	, AAS		Brent Kobe Cheddi Jahim Charles	·AA
	Kevin James Beckner ·····	··· AS		Miriam Chavez	·AA
	Timothy B Bejan ·····	CERT		Trenton Michael Chavez·····	·AA
	Karleigh Frances Bell ·····	···AA	С	James Edward Chinen CERT,	AAS
	Marlon Bellini ·····	CERT		Dama M Chrisman······ CERT,	AAS
S *	KC J Bennett ······AA	, AFA		Christopher Dewayne Clark ······ C	ERT
	Sulema Beraza ·····	CERT		Kelly Ann Clements	·AA
	Mason Chase Bickle·····	··· AS		Joshua Alan Clemons ······ CERT,	AAS
	Ashley Marie Blackledge	··· AA		Tiffany Janene Cloud ······ CERT,	, AA
	Frederick William Blair ·····	CERT		Hannah Coates ······ CERT,	AAS
	Timothy Jerry Blair ·····	CERT		Carly Christine Collins	·AA
	Mason Joseph Blochowiak ·····	···AA		Jaden William Combs ·····	·AA
	Lance Josiah Blubaugh·····	···AA		Lily Rose CoxC	ERT
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	Bruno Borges ·····	···AA		Jacob Matthias Creswell ·····	·AA

Timothy Michael Gene Cribbs ····· CERT

Ashley Dawn Branco······AA

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	Bayleigh Nychole Daniels ······ A	ιA		Hollie Corrine Goben ······AS
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С	Briyanah Avion Davis······ CERT, A	ιA	*	Kayleigh Jo GordonCERT
	Kanon Dehama······ A	ıΑ		Mitchell Wayne Green ····· AA
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	Alexandra Rana Dickinson ····· A	ιA	С	Leonardo Guerini Schorr ······ AA
	Wyatt Darrel Diggs ······CER	RT		Josiah Alvin Guinn ······CERT
	Avery Annmarie Dillon ······ AA	AS		Samantha Marie Guinn ······ AA
S *	Tammy Tran Kim Do······ A	ιA		Kinlee B I Haden ······CERT
	Derek Lee Driskell······A	ιA		Kaitlyn Nicole Hain ····· CERT, AAS
	Oliver Patrick DuBois ······	AS	С	Blake William Hammer····· CERT, AAS
	Steven Allen Edgmon ······CER	RT		Jordan Alexandrea Hammons ····· AA
	Melissa R Edwards······ CERT, AA	AS		Brianna Marie Hampton······CERT
С	Bobby Eugene Elder ······ CERT, AA	AS		Brett James HaneyAGS
	Laura Hannah Elliott ······ A	ιA		Annabella Rosa Harmon ······ AFA
	Mallory Rene Elliott ······ A	ιA		Katelyn Briann Harris······AGS
	Toni Rae Elliott ······ A	ιA		Jack Thomas Hartman ······CERT
	Cody Wayne Erwin ······ AG	SS		Zachariah Noel Haxton ·······CERT
	Sara Espinosa-Fernandez A	ιA		Harper Katherine Haynes ······ AA
	Brandon Asmel Estrada ······	AS		Natalie Noel Haywood······ AA
	Bridget Evans A	ιA		Joley Addison Hefner·····AGS
С	Ece Lea Evin A	ιA		Breanna Lynn Heilig······ AGS
	Landan Tyler Evinger ······CER	RT	S * #	Sydney Grace Hendrix ······AS
	Gabrielle Rose Faimon ······ CERT, AA	AS		Andrew Allen Hills CERT, AAS
*	Kaydence Rayna Farris ······ A	ιA		Dawn Lauree HillsAA
	Stefaan Anthony FearonCER	RT		Megan Hoag······AA
	Carissa Anett Fennell CERT, AA	AS		Andrea Lynn Hogue ······ AA
*	Katie Figueroa ······ A	ιA		Kaeleb Michael Hook······CERT
	Brandon Allen Fischer ······ A	ιA		Kennedy Louise Hopkins ······ AA
С	Ashle Vianna Fleming ······ CERT, AA	AS		Alexander David Andrew Horton······CERT
	Klara Fern Flom ······ A	ιA		Brielle Donn Horton ······CERT
	Maritza Flores Jeter	AS	C * >	Emily Elizabeth Howard······AA
	Claire Breanne Flower ······ A	ιA		Richard Howard Howton ······CERT
	Natalie Rebecca Forester ······	AS		Sarah Lavon HuddlestonAA
	Kelly Lynn Forshee······AAS, A	ιA		Xavier Michael Joe Huffman AFA
	Nyle Benjamin Franklin ······ A	ιA		Alicia Esther-Flora Hunter ······ AFA
	Shelby Virginia Freeman	AS	С	Bruce Gregory Hunter ······ CERT, AAS
	Tyler Dane Friedel ······ AG	SS		Riley Rex HunterAS
S	Sora Funakoshi ······ A	ıΑ		Nanaka Inaba ······ AA
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S	Ashlyn Maye Gerten	AS		Kendall Nicole Janzen······AS
	Matthew Dalton Gilbert ······CER	RT		Mariana Jimenez-Bustillo ······ AA
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	Jet Ray Jorns ······ CERT, AAS		Chance Meads ······ CERT, AAS
	Mary Deanne Joslin ······ AA		Maliyah Noemi Mae Meza ······ AA
*	Sadie Leigh Kabisch ····· AS		Jackson Luke Milby CERT
	Andrea Lee Kaffure AA	S	Jacob John Miller CERT, AAS
	Mayu Kawana······AA		Morgan Lee Miller ······ CERT
	Zachary Michael Keen ····· CERT	S	Kaylen Jade Mills ····· AS
	Vandal Wayne Kent······ AFA	*	Joni Marie MitchellAGS
	Mate Kenyeres ······AA		Mallory Nikole Moberly CERT, AAS
	Grace Elizabeth King ······ AS		Gabrielle Francis Mohr ····· AA
	Anna Laura Kiss ·······AA		Cole Ray Molloy CERT
	Chase Ryan KoehlerAA		Nathan Wayne Monroe ····· AS
С	Reiya Komagata······AA	С	Kevin Patrick Moran ····· CERT, AAS
	Seth Emmett Kraft ······ AA		Maria Michelle Mosqueda ······ CERT
*	Paige Madison Kramp······AA		Braden Brooks Mugler CERT
С	Isabella Stefanie Kupka······AA, AS		Jessica Marie Mull ······ AA, AS
	Chelsea Renee LaBonte ······ AA	С	Yuki Nakamura ····· AA
	Timothy Daniel LeeAA	*#	Aigiza Almazovna Nasyrova ······ AA
S *	Fenja Malin Leibner······AA	S *	Chloe Donissa Nelson ······ AA
	Ashley Marie Leighty ······ AA		Rustin Wade Nelson ····· CERT
S	Kayleigh Elizabeth Liggett ····· CERT, AAS	*	Nella Aurora Nevalainen ······ AA
	Kirt Allen Linck CERT		Bruno Mauro Armindo Nhavene ······ AA
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	John Wayne Loftis ······AA		Lisa Michelle Nichols ······ AA
	Shahrouz Lotfi Kokia ······ CERT	*	Jenna Elizabeth Niles ······ AA
	Emily Kay Louderback AS	C *	Melissa Dawn Noles ······ AA
	Jon Peter Andre Luiten ······ AA	*	Emily Paige O'Connor ······ AA
	Alexis Bryan Macias ·······AA	S *	Meghan Elizabeth O'Crowley ······ CERT, AAS
	Luis Macias ····· AS		Bradi Nicholle Osborn ······ AA
C *	Spencer Scott MacLaughlin ······ AA, AS		Catherine Marie Osner ······ AA
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> * #	Joriz Mandac ······AA		Brooke PalmerAA
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Myeisha Ja'Leah Thompson······AA
Paige Nichole Toon······AA

Nicolas Tornay-Sanchez------AA

Yuto Toyoizumi······AA
Abby Michelle Tredway······AS

Tauer Nathaniel Tredway ..... CERT

Dylan L Tretbar ····· CERT

Trevon Deshaun Triplett ······ CERT, AAS

Alex Benjamin Trujillo ..... CERT, AAS

Brianna Gayle Tsosie ······ AA

Moise Jeremiah Salois ······ AS

Elise Rose Sanders ...... CERT, AAS
William Austin Schaeffer ......AA

Serena Lee Ann Schmitz ······ AA

Jessica Leanne Schott ·······AA

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Jason Stephen Scott······ CERT

Norma Rae Sears ······AGS

Nathan Michael Seidel ----- AS

Caleb Wayne Self------ CERT

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	Gavin L Turner ······ CERT, AAS		Mason Allen Widener······ CERT, AAS
#	Lizeth Ulate ······AA		Eli Ford Wilcoxson ······ CERT
	Alfonso Urbina······ AAS		Austin Blake Williams ······ CERT
	Bianca Michelle Vaca······AA		Braylie Audra Williams ······ AA
	Jeffrey David VanTassel ····· CERT, AAS		Onnahili Allatik Williams······ AA
	Esther Vazquez-Pinera·····AA		Peyton Taylor Williams ······ AFA
С	Katelynn Michelle Vickery ······ AAS		Wysper Rayne Williams ······ CERT
	Mackenzie Grace Vickery ····· CERT		Hannah Mae Willoughby······AA
	Annie VienAA	С	Katelyn Danielle WilsonAA
	Erika Renee Wallace ······ AS		Sydney Anne Winegar ······ AA
	Julien Dante WashingtonAA		Elissa DeAnn Winter ······ CERT, AAS
	Kristin Charlotte Ann Watchous ······ AA		Felicia Dawn Wiseman ······ CERT, AAS
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	Jacob Michael Webster ····· AA		Kristyn N Wood ······AGS
	Peyton Jean WegnerAA		Clark Allen Hutton Wynn CERT, AAS
	Kimberly Roxanne West ····· CERT		Raymond Arthur Wyssman AS
	Jason Dean White······ CERT, AAS	* #	Stellar K C Young ······ AFA
	Julian Ralph White······ CERT, AAS		Sierra Danyelle Yourist ······ AA
*	Rachel Renee White ······ AA		Julian Isai Zavala ······ CERT, AAS
	Mikel Paul Whiteman ······ CERT, AAS		Kenly Ann Zehring ······ AA
S *	Curtis Liam Whitley ······ CERT, AAS	#	Lindsey Lizbeth Zepeda ······ AS

AA · Associate of Arts

AFA • Associate of Fine Arts

AS • Associate of Science

AAS • Associate of Applied Science

AGS • Associate of General Studies

CERT • College Certificate

Students listed as Honor Graduates are candidates only. Honor Graduates will be calculated when all grades are posted.

Gold Honor Cords are Cowley Honor Graduates.

Black, White, and Orange Cords are Concurrent Graduates.

S—Summa Cum Laude (4.00 final grade-point average)

M-Magna Cum Laude (3.950 to 3.999 final GPA)

**C—Cum Laude (3.750 to 3.949 final GPA)** 

\*--Member of Phi Theta Kappa

**#—Cowley Ambassador** 

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Dr. Michelle Schoon Cowley College President

Dr. Michelle Schoon has been at Cowley since 1991. Prior to serving as president she was the vice president of academic affairs, she also serves as HLC-AQIP Liaison. While at Cowley, Dr. Schoon received an Excellence Award from NISOD, as well as been

named the College's Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning and Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence recipient. She was also named Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2004 and 2007. Dr. Schoon has a bachelor of science from Bethany College, a masters of curriculum and instruction from Wichita State University, and an educational doctorate from Southwestern College.



#### **Brett Bazil**

#### Chair, Board of Trustees

Brett Bazil was elected to the Board in January 2022. His term will expire in January 2026. Chair Bazil is a graduate of Winfield High School and Southwestern College with a BS in applied mathematics. He holds a certificate in management from Wichita State University, W. Frank Barton School of Business. He has

worked in the computing field for over 42 years. He and his wife Ann have been married for 44 years and have two children and four grandchildren.



# Dr. Kori A. Gregg, Ph.D, CFRE President and CEO of Foundation

As the president and CEO, Dr. Kori Gregg is responsible for the primary leadership of the Cowley College Foundation and serves as its principle fundraising executive. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a bachelor of arts in psychology as well as a master's degree in professional accountancy all

from Wichita State University. She earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. She is also a certified fundraising executive.



#### Dr. Rachel Bates

## Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Rachel Bates graduated with her doctorate in Mathematics Education from the University of Oklahoma. She was the recipient of the Social Justice Fellow at the University of Oklahoma and was a participant at the NACEP Leadership Academy.

She began her professional academic career at Cowley College when she served as an adjunct math instructor in 2005. Dr. Bates most recently served as the associate vice chancellor for educational partnerships at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Dr. Bates is passionate about higher education and is an advocate for increasing college completion rates and closing institutional performance gaps by working internally and with national partners to promote policies and practices that improve student success.



## Dr. Kermit McMurry

#### Outstanding Tiger Alumni

Dr. Kermit McMurry began his academic and athletic journey at Cowley College, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the basketball court. McMurry, who was inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, still holds the school record of 30 rebounds in a game. In

the contest versus Northeastern Oklahoma, McMurry added 32 points. He still ranks ninth on the single-season scoring list and 14<sup>th</sup> on the all-time scoring list at Cowley College. After his time in Arkansas City, McMurry accepted an athletic scholarship to play basketball at the University of Colorado, where he was named an All-Big Eight selection. McMurry was offered a graduate assistant scholarship to work on his master's degree in education while serving as an assistant basketball coach.

He left Boulder in 1970 for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he worked in the division of student affairs and helped the late Joe Cipriano recruit for his men's basketball team.

After earning his doctorate in higher education administration from UNL in 1975, McMurry embarked on careers with two Nebraska governors and Grambling State University in Louisiana.

McMurry went on to spend many years as an associate vice chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education prior to being promoted to Vice Chancellor for Student Services for the state system and is now semi-retired.



### Hannah Nicolaisen

#### Commencement Speaker

Hannah Nicolaisen is a talented musician and was a two-time All-American member of the Cowley College volleyball team

A native of Houston, Texas, she ranked second in Cowley's volleyball history in kills in a season and a career after her two seasons. Nicolaisen helped the Lady

Tiger volleyball team to a fifth-place national finish in 2017 and a record of 33-7 as a sophomore.

She went on to play volleyball and study exercise science at the University of Illinois Springfield, graduating in 2022. Following graduation, she moved to Montgomery, AL, where she initially auditioned for American Idol and was honored to make it to the Top 20 finalists in Season 21. Since appearing on the show, she has moved to Nashville with her now fiancée and continues to pursue music as a career.





## A NOTE ON AMERICAN ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic costume worn at American college exercises today goes back in its essential features to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Cambridge and Oxford in England, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the Middle Ages as a part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day, not merely on special occasions, but as their regular costume. It has been used in the United States since colonial times and was standardized by an intercollegiate code in 1895.

The head-covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet with tassel is still worn by degree-holders of the European universities. But in this country it has been replaced by the familiar mortar-board, which still however, retains the medieval tassel.

The hood (the medieval *caputium*) was originally a head-covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first it was worn by faculty and students alike, but in the early 16th century, it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree-holder. Today, each college has its distinctively colored hood-lining, by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval *roba*, and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the Middle Ages, undergraduates, bachelors, and masters' gowns often were furred—and this survives today in the ornamentation found on the doctoral gowns. The major distinguishing characteristics of the gown are the sleeves, styled in the following fashions: bachelor, long-pointed; master, oblong; doctor, bell-shaped.

Holders of master and doctoral degrees wear hoods lined with the official colors of the college or university from which the degree was granted. They vary in size and shape to indicate the numerous degrees.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the three velvet bars on the sleeves, and the borders of most hoods, are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

## Cowley's Executive Team

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