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George S. Benson Auditorium

Searcy, Arkansas

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DR. DAVID B. BURKS



Dr. David B. Burks has served Harding for 56 years, including 27 and one-half years as president from 1987-2013 and 2020-22. He currently is the University's second chancellor and will transition to serve as president emeritus in June. A 1965 alumnus, Burks served as student association president in Dr. George S. Benson's last year of presidency. He worked as a CPA for Exxon before returning to Harding in 1967 to teach business and direct

the placement office. He also served as dean of the School of Business and director of the American Studies Program before becoming president in 1987.

Burks is the author of three books, *The Christian Alternative for Business*, *Strategic Management Simulation* and *Camaraderie*. He also is general editor of *Against the Grain*. He received the University's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1975 and 1986. He and his wife, Leah, received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

Burks serves as an elder at College Church of Christ. He is on the board of directors for First Security Bank and also has served on the board of trustees for the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Higher Learning Commission, which he chaired from 2001-02.

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business from Harding, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas in Austin and a doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University. He also is a certified public accountant.

He and Leah have two sons, Bryan and Stephen, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL..... **“Variants on the Alma Mater”**

Music by **William Holloway, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus

Performed by **Harding University Symphony Orchestra**

Orchestrated and conducted by **Michael Chance, DMA**, Professor Emeritus

WELCOME **Michael D. Williams, Ed.D.**

President

HYMN **Hayden Bailey**

“On Zion’s Glorious Summit”

Candidate for Degree

SCRIPTURE READING **Steven Breezeel, Ph.D.**

Professor of History and Political Science

OPENING PRAYER **Todd Patten, Ed.D.**

Professor and Associate Dean of the Cannon-Clary College of Education

REMARKS **Charles Ganus, J.D.**

Chairman, Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER **President Williams**

ADDRESS..... **David B. Burks, Ph.D.**

Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES..... **Marty Spears, Ph.D.**

Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES..... **James Miller, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Communication and Assistant Dean of the Honors College

College of Arts and Humanities

Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration

University College

“Go the Distance” **Joanna Fields**

Alyssa Koay, DMA, Assistant Professor of Music, Collaborative Pianist

Candidate for Degree

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” **J. Warren Casey, Ph.D.**

Professor of Music and Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

ALMA MATER..... **Levi Huddleston**

Candidate for Degree

CLOSING PRAYER **Mike Oliver, DBA**

Associate Professor of Business Administration

RECESSIONAL..... **“Variants on the Alma Mater”**

(Audience will remain seated.)

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Jonna Marie Fields	Acting	Kansas City, Missouri
Matthew Stephen Floyd	Acting	Kemp, Texas
Asher Thomas Patten	Acting	Searcy, Arkansas
Bonnie Lynn Spann <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Advertising	Dickson, Tennessee
Maia Abeysinghe Bennett <i>Cum Laude</i>	Art	Memphis, Tennessee
Jonathan Charles Choate	Art	Searcy, Arkansas
# Kelsey E. Drumheller <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Art	Geneva, Illinois
Kay R. Gorena	Art	Alamo, Texas
# Michael Ann L. Hutchison	Art	North Richland Hills, Texas
• Grace A. Winfree <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Communication Studies	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
• Rachel Dawn Beckham <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Woodlawn, Illinois
# Victoria Lee Clark	English	Norman, Oklahoma

# Kyle W. Dalton	English	Claremore, Oklahoma
* Hannah Ireland <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	English	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Jasmine J. Rivers <i>Cum Laude</i>	English	Memphis, Tennessee
Stacy N. Roibal	English	Abilene, Texas
# Halen Russell O'Hare Skipworth <i>Cum Laude</i>	English	Oswego, Illinois
Melanie K. Cummings	Film	Sunnyvale, Texas
Justin Ryan Green Jr. <i>Cum Laude</i>	Film	Bradenton, Florida
Daniel Todd Wolfe	Film	Colorado Springs, Colorado
MaryKyle Bartlett Mills	History	Douglasville, Georgia
Isabella Grace Davis	History	Monroe, Louisiana
*• Paxton Elliott Davis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	History	Gleason, Tennessee
• Elijah Quentin Fisher <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	History	Fargo, North Dakota
Bailey Brooke King	History	Searcy, Arkansas
Fischer Carlisle Touchton	History	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Anuanu Keiaho Tuiono	History	San Jose, California
Alexandra Grace Wisner	History	Paducah, Kentucky
Caroline R. Slater <i>Cum Laude</i>	Humanities	Fort Mill, South Carolina
*• Jackson Tanner Benight <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
* Zachary Thomas Bishop <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Bartlett, Tennessee
Janae S. Bradshaw <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Sachse, Texas
• James Addison Carney <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Franklin, Tennessee
Morgan A. Carter <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	West Monroe, Louisiana
Cameron Alexander Cuellar	Integrated Marketing Communication	Houston, Texas
Easton E. Eads	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas

Hannah Claire Ferrie	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
* Karli A. Fisher <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Jenna Mackenzie Galloway <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Brentwood, Tennessee
Mallory Grace Gowen	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Bryce Elizabeth Guptill	Integrated Marketing Communication	Cabot, Arkansas
Bethany Averie Hall	Integrated Marketing Communication	Huntsville, Alabama
Lara Jean Harper	Integrated Marketing Communication	Corinth, Texas
Claire Elizabeth Lowe <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Clinton, Missouri
Athya M. McBride	Integrated Marketing Communication	Grapevine, Texas
* Ashlyn Michelle Nutt <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Maygan Marie Paul	Integrated Marketing Communication	Hurst, Texas
*• Megha Ruth Sinha <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Little Rock, Arkansas
Charli Dayana Turner <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Stuttgart, Germany
* Wagner Gabriel Valdez Alvarado <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Coban, Guatemala
Macey RaeAnn Worrell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Hornersville, Missouri
Dakota Lee Allinder	Media Production	Beebe, Arkansas
Balazs Balassa <i>Cum Laude</i>	Media Production	Budapest, Hungary
Carson Carl Bullard	Media Production	Choctaw, Oklahoma
Gabriel James Hosticka <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Media Production	West Chicago, Illinois
Charles Ethan Leslie	Media Production	Morrilton, Arkansas
Maddison Caroline Rudd	Media Production	Thayer, Missouri
Samuel David Stebbins	Media Production	Franklin, Tennessee
Jeana Lee Willmon	Media Production	Lubbock, Texas
Meleri D. York <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Media Production	Bentonville, Arkansas

Covington Steelman Crain	Medical Humanities	Little Rock, Arkansas
* Baytes-Gabriel Regan-Jordan <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Memphis, Tennessee
Ally N. Stoner <i>Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Anna Carolyn Voss <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Medical Humanities	McKinney, Texas
Mitchell Eric Friesenborg	Multimedia Journalism	Forest City, Iowa
• Sara B. Hook <i>Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Bryan, Texas
*• Gabriel Grant Huff <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	West Memphis, Arkansas
• Emma Danielle Jones <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism/ Leadership and Ministry	Mountain Home, Arkansas
Jacob Webb Mooney	Multimedia Journalism	Bradleyville, Missouri
*• Sophie Kathleen Rossitto <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Sturkie, Arkansas
• Morgan Jolynn Wrigley <i>Cum Laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Blanchard, Oklahoma
•o Stephanie Mae Kerr <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Music	Cumby, Texas
Sarah Grace Knabe	Music	Searcy, Arkansas
Caleb Hunter Rickett	Music/Computer Science	Conway, Arkansas
^ Payton Thomas Dunn	Political Science	Bradford, Arkansas
Jayda E'Lexis Joy Ferrell	Political Science	Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Brianna Nicole Hall <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Political Science	Sorrento, Florida
Andrew William Thompson	Political Science	Woodbury, Minnesota
Elizabeth Anne Dillard <i>Cum Laude</i>	Public Relations	Joplin, Missouri
Watkins Hall Kelly <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Public Relations	Huntsville, Alabama
o Emily Jayne Stinnett <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Public Relations	Quincy, Illinois
Kayleigh Marie Tritschler	Public Relations	Saint Louis, Missouri
Anna Yingling	Public Relations	Searcy, Arkansas

# Erin Imogene Gaessler <i>Cum Laude</i>	Social Science	Rockvale, Tennessee
# Maddison McDonald	Social Science	Pelham, Alabama
Mason Thomas Spivy	Social Science	Brush Prairie, Washington
*# Michelle Len Taylor <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Social Science	Fort Worth, Texas
Jules Irvin-Williams	Spanish	Charlotte, North Carolina
*•# Rose Suzanne Kuhn <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Spanish	Madison, Alabama
# Sydney Michele McKinney <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Spanish	Davison, Michigan
Jada Riley Trice <i>Cum Laude</i>	Spanish	Greenbrier, Tennessee
Hayden Christopher Bailey	Theatre	Searcy, Arkansas
Josie Elizabeth Holman <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Theatre	Demopolis, Alabama
• Keller Hamilton Montgomery <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Theatre	Nashville, Tennessee
Levi Aric Huddleston	Theatre Design-Production/Leadership and Ministry	Winston Salem, North Carolina
Berkeley G. Pillay	Theatre Design-Production	Saint Johns, Florida
# Benjamin Reed Hendrix	Theatre Education, 7-12	Murray, Kentucky
# Corinne D. Tabor	Theatre Education, 7-12	Queen Creek, Arizona

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
*• Alaina Mae Abbott <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Eads, Tennessee
* Emily Elizabeth Ericson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Franklin, Tennessee
* Jenna M. Lewis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Monument, Colorado

*• Sydney Elisabeth Marshall <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Nashville, Tennessee
Zaily Rebeca Mimms	Interior Architecture and Design	Choloma, Honduras
Tyler Edwards Patterson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Memphis, Tennessee
Hannah C. Donaway	Visual Art Studio	Laurel, Delaware
Kennedi D. Kelly	Visual Art Studio	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Braydon Jay Letsinger <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Visual Art Studio	Rockford, Illinois
Jordan Faith Slater <i>Cum Laude</i>	Visual Art Studio	Greenwood, Arkansas
Rachel Kathleen Williams <i>Cum Laude</i>	Visual Art Studio	Sherwood, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
# Hannah Hillier <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Instrumental	Lufkin, Texas
•# Matthew T. Hook <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Instrumental	Canton, Texas
# Madeline Marie Brasher	Vocal	Nashville, Tennessee
# Elaina Grace Parker	Vocal	Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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PAUL R. CARTER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Olivia Katherine Smith	Cybersecurity	Ravensdale, Washington
Peydon Graves Harlow	Sports Analytics	Searcy, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Jessica Elizabeth Davis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Sitka, Alaska
* Delaney E. Ellis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Accounting/Finance	Prosper, Texas
Sophie DeAnn Glover <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Athens, Alabama
Trisha P. Magadu <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Norton, Zimbabwe
* Anna Elizabeth Neely <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Dayton, Ohio
Brian Wilson Parker	Accounting	Birmingham, Alabama

William Patrick Weeks	Accounting	Little Rock, Arkansas
Guojie Ye	Accounting	Foshan, Guangdong, China
Colton J. Brunson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Visalia, California
Mason George Callaway <i>Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Burleson, Texas
Maxwell Monroe DiLeo	Finance	Orange, Texas
*• John R. Galloway <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Finance/Leadership and Ministry	Powell, Ohio
Landon P. Jones <i>Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Calhoun, Georgia
Maxwell Jefferson Milligan <i>Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Lenexa, Kansas
Eli W. Mohorn	Finance	Springdale, Arkansas
Amber Brooke Pupil <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Franklin, Tennessee
Priscilla Ramisetti	Finance	Schaumburg, Illinois
Macy Grace Smith <i>Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Wesson, Mississippi
Austin D. Toler	Finance	Texarkana, Arkansas
*o Charles Jordan VanOrder <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Finance	Berryville, Arkansas
Hunter J. Willis	Finance	Warrior, Alabama
Nicholas R. Atkins	Information Systems	Shreveport, Louisiana
David A. Breezeel	Information Systems	Searcy, Arkansas
Clayton J. Burnett	Information Systems	Tullahoma, Tennessee
Cody D. Carden	Information Systems	West Chester, Ohio
* Tate Caroline Chaffin <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems/Marketing	Prosper, Texas
Blake Dale	Information Systems	Parker, Colorado
Noah T. Evans <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Hannibal, Missouri
• Ethan Gardner <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Beebe, Arkansas
Jaelen Dakota Jackson	Information Systems	Brampton, Ontario, Canada
Jackson Keller	Information Systems	Fort Smith, Arkansas

*• Rebeca Carolina Navarrete Hurtado <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Managua, Nicaragua
Joseph Roy Oliver <i>Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Searcy, Arkansas
Brayden Andrew Traugher <i>Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Searcy, Arkansas
• Sierra Dawn White <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Aledo, Texas
Sijie Yu <i>Cum Laude</i>	Information Systems	Shenzhen, Guangdong, China
Junhong Chen	International Business	Foshan, Guangdong, China
Matthew Alexander Crowson <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business	Musanze, Rwanda
Da Deng	International Business	Mercer Island, Washington
Xotchi Lizeth Espinoza	International Business	Escazu, Costa Rica
Haohua Long <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business	Dongguan, Guangdong, China
Aya Agathe M'Bra	International Business	Toumodi, Cote D'Ivoire
Macy L. Montgomery <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Yingxin Pan	International Business	Foshan, Guangdong, China
Jorge Aldo Sanchez Lopez <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business/ Information Systems	Villahermosa, Mexico
Ramiro Sebastian Santiago	International Business	Bahia Blanca, Argentina
Lizzie Odette Soto Camareno <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business/ Marketing	Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Di Wu	International Business	Zhengzhou, Henan, China
Jiyang Wu	International Business	Guangzhou, Guangdong, China
Luyao You	International Business	Guangzhou, Guangdong, China
Yihai Zhang <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business	Dongguan, Guangdong, China
Aaron Neil Barwick	Management	Texarkana, Arkansas
William David Bates	Management	Dumas, Texas
Wallace Lane Bell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Management/ Leadership and Ministry	Vienna, Virginia
David Michael Kutch	Management	Sandy, Utah

* Tyler Alan Leslie <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Management	Pratt, Kansas
*• Sterling Windsor Caroline Pruitt <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Management	Dallas, Texas
Wyatt Jackson Lee Vanlandingham	Management	Fayetteville, Arkansas
Makenna Lee Callaway <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Mansfield, Texas
Davis Franklin Cofer <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Columbia, Tennessee
Hayden Pierce Fulkerson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Jenks, Oklahoma
* Michell Alejandra Funez Licon <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Marketing/International Business	El Progreso, Honduras
Reece Ronald Gatz	Marketing	Byron, Illinois
Britton W. Kinser <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Columbia, Tennessee
Adelaide Rita Konwent	Marketing	Bonney Lake, Washington
Reid Alan McGuire	Marketing	Pilot Point, Texas
Karrisa Lynne Neal <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Walker, Arkansas
Mary Vanderbilt Sewell	Marketing	Montgomery, Alabama
• Abel Joseph Shelburne <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Dickson, Tennessee
Reid P. Tatom	Marketing	Springdale, Arkansas
William Peyton Walker	Marketing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Ethan K. Weiner	Marketing	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Brayden Kent Winchester	Marketing	Lagrange, Georgia

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

NAME	HOMETOWN
Cassie Renee Bennett <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Hallsville, Texas
Travis Michael Buford <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	Memphis, Tennessee
Allison Nicole Carpenter <i>Bachelor of Arts, Harding University</i>	New Braunfels, Texas

Ruth Kemah David-Jones
Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University

Monrovia, Liberia

David B. Judd
Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University

Clarksville, Tennessee

Connor P. Kelly
Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University

Little Rock, Arkansas

Caleb Timothy Nichols
Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University

Bruce Township,
Michigan

Brendan Marcus Perrett
Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University

Highland, Michigan

Cody G. Smith
Bachelor of Science, Harding University

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Selby Lee Yates
Bachelor of Arts, Harding University

Russellville, Arkansas

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH DUAL BACHELOR DEGREE

NAME	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR	HOMETOWN
*• Hanna Grace Garner	International Business	Martin, Tennessee
• Micah Allen Gill	Accounting	Florissant, Missouri
Makenzi Reigh Glover	Management	Frisco, Texas
Vivian Mishell Gutierrez Franco	International Business	Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Keiondre Lewis McAllister	Management	Humboldt, Tennessee
Kaitlyn Suzanne Rigsby	Marketing	Oregon, Ohio
Riley R. Shepard	Information Systems	Little Rock, Arkansas
Kristin G. Walker	Information Systems	Searcy, Arkansas
Peyton Marie Zerby	Management	Glen Carbon, Illinois

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

NAME	HOMETOWN
Bryson Allen Gentry <i>Bachelor of Business Administration, Harding University</i>	La Vergne, Tennessee
Brady Hudkins <i>Bachelor of Science, Harding University</i>	Augusta, Georgia

* Hanna Jewel Jones
*Bachelor of Business Administration,
 Harding University*

Keller, Texas

Benjamin Anthony Karikari
Bachelor of Arts, Harding University

Gold Coast, Australia

* Caroline Grace Metheny
*Bachelor of Business Administration,
 Harding University*

Searcy, Arkansas

Ashli S. Watson
*Bachelor of Business Administration,
 Harding University*

Flower Mound, Texas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS WITH DUAL BACHELOR DEGREE

NAME	BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Nestor Antonio Alfaro Nuñez	Computer Science	Managua, Nicaragua
Martin Javier Tercero Alfaro	Computer Science	Carazo, Nicaragua

NAME	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR	HOMETOWN
* Isabel Anna Bates	Accounting	Edmond, Oklahoma
Griffin Joseph Coulter	Accounting	Midlothian, Texas
*• Grant Russell Countess	Accounting	Shelbyville, Tennessee
*• Aurelio Jose Coxaj Lazaro	Marketing	Esquipulas, Guatemala
McKenzie R. Elliott	Accounting	Franklin, Tennessee
Guangxu Hu	Finance	Fushun, Liaoning, China
Andrew James Hudkins	Information Systems	Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands
John Claiborne Murphy	Accounting	Columbia, Tennessee
Olivia Kate Scott	Accounting	Edmond, Oklahoma
*• Daniel William Smith	Accounting	Richardson, Texas
• Greer Scott Tenery	Information Systems	North Richland Hills, Texas

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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Ethan A. Falconer	Applied Studies Bible and Ministry	Waldron, Arkansas
DianYu Lu	Applied Studies Business	Zhongshan, Guangdong, China
Jeffrey Wayne Worley	Applied Studies Business	Fort Worth, Texas
Aiden C. Moore	Applied Studies Education	Searcy, Arkansas
Lori Ann Cosby <i>Cum Laude</i>	Applied Studies Science	Stonewall, Louisiana
Paige Mackenzie Hamm <i>Cum Laude</i>	Applied Studies Science	Sherwood, Oregon
Addison C. Long	Applied Studies Science	Atlanta, Georgia
Brett R. Birdwell	Integrative Studies	Nolensville, Tennessee
Charles Jordan Butler	Integrative Studies	Scurry, Texas
Brennan Duane Hodges <i>Cum Laude</i>	Integrative Studies	Mobile, Alabama
Cooper Markus Moore	Integrative Studies	Charlotte, North Carolina

Alexa L. Blankenship <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Bragg City, Missouri
Chloe Grace Cooper	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Grant M. Custer	Interdisciplinary Studies	Owasso, Oklahoma
Brittan Kay Harlow	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
• John Howard Hassmann <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Integrative Studies	San Antonio, Texas
*• Megan Brooke Sledge <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Integrative Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Michael Jared Smith	Integrative Studies	Judsonia, Arkansas
• Danielle Elizabeth DeBoef <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Valrico, Florida
Annalise Sophie Matheny <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Wichita, Kansas
Lauryn M. Tidwell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Needville, Texas
Paige R. Tollett	Interdisciplinary Studies	Carlisle, Pennsylvania

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CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL HONORS

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION

(Those who were on track, as of the start of their final semester, to complete 26 or more hours of honors credit, including four honors contracts and an honors capstone project, while maintaining at least a 3.50 GPA.)

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Rachel Dawn Beckham <i>Censorship in Schools: Reading's Position in the Landscape of Policy Creation</i>	English	Woodlawn, Illinois
Jackson Tanner Benight <i>Searcy Rialto Theater: Celebrating a Century of Cinema</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Kayla Patrice Cesone <i>Promoting Postnatal Lactation Support for Minority Mothers</i>	Nursing	Bethesda, Maryland
Grant Russell Countess <i>Professional Shame as Experienced by Pre-professional Accountants</i>	Accounting/Master of Science in Information Systems	Shelbyville, Tennessee
Aurelio Jose Coxaj Lazaro <i>How Marketing Can Change Businesses in Guatemala</i>	Marketing/Master of Science in Information Systems	Esquipulas, Guatemala
Danielle Elizabeth DeBoef <i>Navigating the System: A Comprehensive Review of Elderly Assistance Programs and Resources in the Searcy Community</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Valrico, Florida
Nicholas Edward Emlaw <i>Hive Mind: Performance of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms at the Game of Hive</i>	Computer Science/ Mathematics	Goose Creek, South Carolina
John Howard Hassmann <i>Making Good Doctors: The AMA's Code of Ethics and a Culture of Virtue</i>	Integrative Studies	San Antonio, Texas
Gabriel Grant Huff <i>Protecting the Journalist: Media Organizations' Policies Regarding Mental Health</i>	Multimedia Journalism	West Memphis, Arkansas
Sydney Elisabeth Marshall <i>The High Street Haven: Evidence Based Inclusive Design for Education</i>	Interior Architecture and Design	Nashville, Tennessee

Halle Christina Miller <i>Social Connectedness as Experienced by Black Christian Women at a Predominantly White University</i>	Psychology	Murphy, Texas
Joshua Aaron Milnes <i>Using Scrum to Manage the Development of a Smart Inhaler Device</i>	Computer Engineering	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Sophie Kathleen Rossitto <i>Connecting Artists and Audiences: The Role of Music Journalism in Society</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Sturkie, Arkansas
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ALMA MATER

Near the foothills of the Ozarks,
Midst of hill and plain; Stands our glorious Alma Mater;
Harding is her name.

Chorus:

Sing the chorus, shout it loudly!
Echoing thro' the vale.
Hail to thee, beloved Harding!
Alma Mater, Hail!

Christian standard is her motto;
Christian life is stressed; And in ev'ry branch of learning,
Each one does his best.

Harding opens wide her portals,
Thus inviting all
Who would tread the path to knowledge, Heed then to her call.

“ON ZION’S GLORIOUS SUMMIT”

On Zion’s glorious summit stood
A numerous host redeemed by blood!
They hymned their king in strains divine;
I heard the song and strove to join.
I heard the song and strove to join.

Here all who suffered sword or flame
For truth, or Jesus’ lovely name,
Shout victory now and hail the Lamb,
And bow before the great I AM.
And bow before the great I AM.

While everlasting ages roll,
Eternal love shall feast their soul,
And scenes of bliss, forever new,
Rise in succession to their view.
Rise in succession to their view.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, on high adored!
Who like me Thy praise should sing,
O Almighty King!
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, on high adored!
Holy, holy, holy.

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HARDING UNIVERSITY

Harding University has a rich history of quality education. Harding was chartered as a senior college in 1924 when two junior colleges, Arkansas Christian College and Harper College, merged their facilities and assets, adopted the new name of Harding College, and located on the campus of Arkansas Christian in Morrilton, Arkansas. The school was moved to Searcy in 1934, and the board of trustees approved a recommended change of Harding to university status in 1979.

Harding was named in memory of James A. Harding, a pioneer Christian educator who founded Nashville Bible School (now Lipscomb University) in Tennessee. He challenged his co-workers with an enthusiasm for Christian education that remains a significant tradition at Harding University.

At the charter, J.N. Armstrong, who had served five years as Harper's president, became president of Harding College, holding the office from 1924 to 1936.

In 1936, George S. Benson returned from mission work in China to assume the presidency of his alma mater. Benson directed the college from a deep indebtedness into a state of financial stability, national recognition and academic accreditation. He retired in 1965 after 29 years of tireless service.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., a 1943 graduate, served as president from 1965 to 1987. A former history department chair and vice president of the college, Ganus kept alive his predecessors' drive for excellence by leading a plan of campus improvement and expansion. At his retirement, Ganus became Harding's first chancellor in 1987 and then served as chancellor emeritus from 2013 until his death in September 2019.

Dr. David Burks became the fourth president in 1987. A 1965 graduate, he has been a member of the faculty since 1967 and served as dean of the College of Business Administration. Under his leadership, the University experienced record growth in enrollment and giving and, more importantly, placed significant emphasis on Christian servanthood.

Dr. Bruce McLarty, a 1978 graduate and the University's fifth president, served as president from 2013 to 2020. Prior to this role, McLarty was the first vice president of spiritual life for the University. As the result of his doctoral work, the University adopted his five-chapter curriculum, "Embracing the Mission," which focuses on maintaining the faith-based principles Harding was built upon.

Chancellor David Burks resumed the role of president in December 2020 and served until Harding's sixth president, Dr. Michael D. Williams, assumed the role on June 1, 2022. At President Williams' inauguration in September 2022, he challenged the Harding community to find and develop their Inspired Purpose, remaining committed to our historic Christian mission as we aspire to restore the world to what God intended from the beginning. Harding's 4,804 students, representing 47 states and more than 50 nations and territories, are empowered for ministry, leadership and lifetimes of service.