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Commencement December 2011

Pittsburg State University is committed to the comfort and safety of all of our graduates and their guests and to making this a very special and memorable occasion. Please assist us in doing so by turning off your cell phones and pagers. Also, please remain seated throughout the entire ceremony to help ensure that all graduates get the recognition they have earned, whether they are first or last to cross the platform today. Each graduate will be photographed by a professional photographer. Thank you for your cooperation.

In accordance with the Kansas State Fire Marshal regulations, we request that you take a moment to identify two emergency exits closest to you. We have checked these exits and the other emergency equipment in this building and verify they are available for use in case of an emergency. In the case of an emergency, pay close attention to the announcer for important life safety information.

 Share your commencement memories with your Gorilla family on Facebook by sending your graduation photos to onfacebook@pittstate.edu

President's Message

Congratulations Class of 2011! I am so pleased you chose to attend Pittsburg State University, and I'm even more pleased that we are recognizing you today for fulfilling your academic goals. In addition, I appreciate that you are taking part in today's ceremony, and we are honored to have your family and friends as guests on our campus.



Today's commencement ceremony is an important milestone in your academic journey and a celebration of your accomplishments at Pittsburg State University. You have distinguished yourself as a scholar and demonstrated the desire for knowledge that is necessary for success in life.

You are surrounded today by family, friends and faculty, each of whom has played an integral part in preparing you for today's commencement. Success never happens by accident. It only occurs when determined people come together for a worthy cause. I ask that you remember those who have helped you in your success, and I hope you use today's celebration to let them know what they mean to you.

As you cross the stage today, many of you may be filled with uncertainty. It's okay. Clearly, we live in challenging times, but as in challenging eras that have preceded us, there are opportunities to be seized. One of my favorite quotes provides guidance during both good times and bad. Penned by an unknown author, the quote goes like this, "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails." I encourage you to be persistent and adaptable in the months and years ahead. We have prepared you to face many challenges, and I am confident that as Gorillas, you have the knowledge, tenacity and desire to sail through these uncertain times. I'm also confident you are prepared and committed to making our world a better place. I'm anxious to see you get started.

Congratulations once again, and best wishes for a bright and successful future!

Sincerely,
Steven A. Scott
President

The Academic Procession

The University Marshals

The Members of the Faculty

The Candidates for Degrees

Saturday, December 17, 2011, 10 a.m. Graduate School, College of Education
and College of Technology

Saturday, December 17, 2011, 1 p.m. Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences
and College of Business

The President, Regent Edwards and Members of the Stage Party

Stage Party

Dr. Steven A. Scott..... University President
Regent Mildred Edwards..... Member, Kansas Board of Regents
Dr. Brad Hodson..... Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Lynette J. Olson..... Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. John Patterson..... Vice President for Administration and Campus Life
Dr. Peggy Snyder..... Dean, Continuing and Graduate Studies
Dr. Howard Smith..... Dean, College of Education
Dr. Bruce Dallman..... Dean, College of Technology (10 a.m.)
Dr. John Iley..... Professor/Chair, Technology and Workforce Learning (1 p.m.)
Dr. Paul Grimes..... Dean, Kelce College of Business
Dr. Karl Kunkel..... Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Ms. Debbie Greve..... Registrar
Dr. Hazel Coltharp..... Professor, Mathematics; President, Faculty Senate
Mr. Eric Jones..... President, Student Government Association
Ms. Linda Grilz..... College of Education and College of Technology Mace Bearer
Instructor, Graphics and Imaging Technologies
Dr. Paul Zagorski..... College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences Mace Bearer
University Professor, History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

Commencement Program

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AND
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Saturday, December 17, 2011 • 10 a.m.

John Lance Arena, Garfield W. Weede Physical Education Building

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance - Edward Elgar..... Pittsburg State University Brass Quintet
March from Aida - Guiseppi Verdi Pittsburg State University Trumpet Ensemble
Commencement Fanfare - John Ross..... Pittsburg State University Trumpet Ensemble

The National Anthem and Alma Mater Brittany Nicole Beedle, Eudora, Kansas

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Lynette J. Olson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Remarks from the PresidentDr. Steven A. Scott, Ninth President of Pittsburg State University

Remarks from the
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Recognition of
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Recognition of
Candidates for Degrees.....Dr. Peggy J. Snyder, Dean of Continuing and Graduate Studies
Dr. Howard W. Smith, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Bruce D. Dallman, Dean, College of Technology

Conferring of Degrees and Closing Remarks.....President Scott

RecessionalStage Party

Commencement Program

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
AND
KELCE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Saturday, December 17, 2011 • 1 p.m.

John Lance Arena, Garfield W. Weede Physical Education Building

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RecessionalStage Party

University Scholastic Honors

University Scholastic Honors graduates are designated by ribbons and medallions worn around the neck. **Red** represents summa cum laude; **green** represents magna cum laude; **white** represents cum laude.

Three levels of University Scholastic Honors are designated at graduation.

Summa cum laude requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.95; **magna cum laude** requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.90; and **cum laude** requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.85.

University Scholastic Honors as listed in the Commencement Program are based on course work completed through the summer semester. Final determination of University Scholastic Honors graduates will be based on course work completed through graduation.

Summa Cum Laude

Adam D. Brown	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Cian-Ying Chen	.....Management
David Elward Heins	.....Biology
Emily JoAnn Krysztof	.....Commercial Graphics and Computer Science
Jenna Mellen	.....Physical Education
Morgan D. Nutting	.....Social Work
Sean E. O'Neill	.....History/Government
Deena Paige Testerman	.....Accounting

Magna Cum Laude

Trent A. Becker	.....Psychology
Trevor R. Elliott	.....History/Government
Eduardo A. González Gill	.....Psychology
Victoria Ann Herman	.....Family and Consumer Sciences
Ginny M. Jones	.....Recreation
Robin M. Mooney	.....English
Ashley Nicole Moore	.....Biology
Zack S. Murry	.....Physical Education
Mark V. Wyrick	.....Technology

Cum Laude

Alicia Dawn Adams	.....Marketing
Amanda Rachelle Ashlock	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Brittany Nicole Beedle	.....Music
Molly Kathleen Bergkamp	.....Biology
Jessica Lynn Clugston	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Brittany L. Frazier	.....Psychology
Laura Hernandez	.....International Business and Finance
Ivan Hunnicutt	.....Computer Information Systems
Cayce L. Karg	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Meg Hutsey Palko	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Gloria Britez Scolari	.....Music
Niccole Renee Wilson	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Haoru Yang	.....Communication

Honors College

Honors College students are highly selective academic scholars who complete an enhanced academic program; designated by **red and gold cording** worn around neck.

Emily JoAnn Krysztof	Garet Daniel Nally
Robin M. Mooney	Sean E. O'Neill
Ashley Nicole Moore	Deena Paige Testerman

Departmental Academic Honors

Departmental Academic Honors graduates are designated by **gold cording** worn around neck.

Matthew N. Bortnick	.....Psychology
Jerime James Carpenter	.....Commercial Graphics
Rebecca L. Glover	.....Family and Consumer Sciences
Emily JoAnn Krysztof	.....Commercial Graphics
Robin M. Mooney	.....English
Ashley Nicole Moore	.....Biology
Garet Daniel Nally	.....Accounting
Sean E. O'Neill	.....History/Government
Holly M. Roberts	.....Communication
Sarah South	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Andrea H. Stephens	.....Early Childhood/Late Childhood K-6
Deena Paige Testerman	.....Accounting

Graduate Dean Academic Honors

Graduate Dean Academic Honors graduates are designated by a **double gold cord** worn around the neck.

Zachary W. Allen	Chidimma J. Egemba	Tyler W. Lawrence	Michael R. Simons
Hanan Al-Hoseen Al-Mashi	Autumn E. Finley	Katherine M. Montague	Michelle Ann Johnson Smith
Dirk Edward Andrews	Lisa Marie Fouts	Amy D. O'Riley-Couch	Lea Ann Sprague
Scott A. Armstrong	Vanessa Lauren Gage	Sara K. Ozbun	Cambria Lynn Stover
Tara Kay Bailey	Jamie Lynn Grosdidier	Darcy Lewis Parks	Kalina J. Swatek
Briana Lynn Baker	Emily A. Hamm	Stefanie S. Parrish	Kacey M. Thayer
Allison M. Berry	A. Lorean Hartness	Lisa Kay Pink	Tonya Nicole Tomory
Amanda Lee Blackburn	Anne Marie Harvey	Lisa Michelle Reddout	Alberto E. Maza Torres
Dawn M. Compton	Melissa J. Haught	Christy L. Rottinghaus	Sara Elizabeth Wade
Sarah Ann Dees	Elizabeth A. Hendrix	Elizabeth Ann Sears	Kathleen Jane Wayland
Xiaoyin Deng	Lindsay Brooke Hershey	Joseph R. Sears	KyAnne Marie Weaver
Jonathon Scott Dirks	Kaitlyn M. Jones	Sarah Kathleen Sears	Alicia Elaine Westhoff
Melissa J. Donaldson	Jennifer Erin Kelly	Lyndra J. Sextro	Theresa Lynn Wiggins
Kaci Elaine Dorton	Rachel D. Kurnocik	Jake William Sharp	Jordan Christopher Woods
Angie R. Douthit	Cheryl Lynn Lacer	Scott Spencer Shepherd	Yuyang Xiao

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

The prestigious university-wide academic honor society for graduating students. Graduates are designated by medallions with **royal blue ribbon** worn around the neck.

Alicia Dawn Adams	Trevor R. Elliott	Emily JoAnn Krysztof	Donald Townsend
Dirk Edward Andrews	Eduardo A. Gonzalez Gill	Jenna Mellen	Theresa Lynn Wiggins
Allison M. Berry	Emily A. Hamm	Robin M. Mooney	Niccole Renee Wilson
Adam D. Brown	David Elward Heins	Morgan D. Nutting	Yuyang Xiao
Timothy Alan Campbell	Laura Hernandez	Sara K. Ozburn	
Sarah Ann Dees	Ivan Hunnicutt	Michelle Ann Johnson Smith	
Jonathon Scott Dirks	Ginny M. Jones	Deena Paige Testerman	

Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society

The aims of Alpha Mu Gamma are to (1) recognize achievement in foreign language study, (2) nurture an interest in the study of foreign languages, literatures and civilizations, (3) stimulate a desire for linguistic attainment, and (4) foster sympathetic understanding of other peoples through the medium of languages. Graduates are designated by **gold cording** with half-blue, half-gold tassels worn around neck.

Laura Hernandez
Kristal Gayle Arana Leo

Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society

An honorary organization for Financial Information students and professionals with the primary objective being to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. Graduates wear **black and red double cording**.

Olivia S. Baldwin	John L. McNaught
Jason Griffin	Deena Paige Testerman
Ivan Hunnicutt	

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

An international honor society that encourages and honors outstanding academic achievement in the study of business. Graduates wear **blue and gold cording**.

Alicia Dawn Adams	Ivan Hunnicutt
Kathryn E. Baker	Courtney Renea Stultz
Michael David Bowen	Deena Paige Testerman
Laura Hernandez	

Crimson Club

Crimson Club students are selected by the Office of the President to participate in a unique service and leadership development experience focused on interaction with the various stakeholders of Pittsburg State University.

Ryan P. Bratton	Jonna Ann Fearmonti-Gabbert
Adam D. Brown	Laura Hernandez
Rebekah S. Dallman	Holly M. Roberts

Gamma Epsilon Tau Honor Society

A national co-ed collegiate printing fraternity which allows students of printing and publishing to meet and interact in both a professional and social atmosphere. Requirements for invitation and membership are a 3.25 GPA and to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Graduates are designated by **black and red cording** worn around the neck.

Mathew Lee Frink	Michelle Elaine Lindsay
Emily JoAnn Krysztof	Jessica Jo Swezey

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

The Honor Society supports the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Graduates are designated by **lavender cording** worn around neck.

Jennifer J. Patrick

Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national mathematics honor society founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. Graduates wear **pink and silver cording**.

Emily Ann Alonzo	Blake Alan Hartman
Bethany Ella Burns	Emily JoAnn Krysztof
Melanie Denise Croslin	Eric Love
Daniele A. Cunningham	Carson S. Stephens
Sarah Ann Dees	

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Lambda Pi Eta is a Communication Honor Society sponsored by the National Communication Association with the primary goal of recognizing, fostering and rewarding outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. Graduates wear **red and white cording**.

Jamie D. Renfro

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society

An honor society established in 1963 for men and women with outstanding achievement in economics.
Members of ODE are invested with a **blue and gold cord** upon initiation.

Alicia Dawn Adams	Laura Hernandez
Matthew Scott Carr	Daniel James Redmond
John E. Casady	Paul M. Richard
Spencer C. Harding	Heather Rickerson

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

A national honor society for leadership, scholarship and service.
Graduates are designated by tri color **white, light blue and black cording** worn around the neck.

Jerime James Carpenter	Andrea H. Stephens
Robin M. Mooney	Niccole Renee Wilson
Sean E. O'Neill	

Phi Alpha Honor Society

The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.
Graduates are designated by medallions with **blue and yellow ribbon** worn around neck.

Shaunee Marie Barnard	Sarah Poteat
Brande Hancock	Hillary Dawn Pyle
Gypsy R. Hanks	Danielle Jennine Renyer
Ashley Leann Michel	Larry W. Thomas
Morgan D. Nutting	

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society

History honorary for upper division undergraduate and graduate students.
Graduates are designated by **scarlet and gray cording** worn around neck.

Trevor R. Elliott
Sean E. O'Neill
Sylvia A. Rusk

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

The society's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature.
Graduates are designated by **black and red cording** with tassels.

Johnna L. Flack
A. Lorean Hartness
Robin M. Mooney

Student Government

These students have dedicated one or more years of service to the Student Government for the students of Pittsburg State University.

Shan Deng
Daniel L. Rundquist

Tau Sigma Honor Society

A national honor society for transfer students.
Graduates are designated by **maroon and gold cording** worn around the neck.

Alicia Dawn Adams	Diana M. Dominguez	Zachary C. Maritt	Paul M. Richard
David A. Beck	Douglas Wayne Drybread	Robin M. Mooney	Holly M. Roberts
Molly Kathleen Bergkamp	Trevor R. Elliott	Ashley Nicole Moore	Joseph Earl Smith
Christopher W. Blake	Brittany L. Frazier	Timothy J. Murphy	Donna Snider
Lindsay Kay Boham	Mathew Lee Frink	Zack S. Murry	Joseph B. Splitt
Michael David Bowen	Brande Hancock	Jake B. Oberlechner	Spencer Stockam
Patricia Bowen	Neil A. Harding	Ross A. Omo	Larry W. Thomas
Melissa K. Brown	Brian D. Heikes	Sean E. O'Neill	Brandon Tyler Thompson
Kelcey Jean Caudell	David Elward Heins	Talia Bryn Parsons	Niccole Renee Wilson
Maresa Elizabeth Cuevas	Kristal Gayle Arana Leo	Dezari D. Pierce	Mark V. Wyrick
Theresa Elizabeth Dalby			

University Student Ambassadors

Ambassadors are a select group of individuals who volunteer their time to assist in sharing the outstanding educational opportunities available at Pittsburg State University with prospective students and their families.

Adam D. Brown	Max C. Gallaway
Jonna Ann Fearmonti-Gabbert	Ashley Nicole Moore
Mason Dean Froebe	Andrea H. Stephens

US Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

December 16, 2011, 10 a.m. • McCray Recital Hall

To Be Commissioned Second Lieutenants

Dustin W. Dice
Neil A. Harding
Jake B. Oberlechner

Candidates for Degrees

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

DARCY LEWIS PARKS, Fredonia; B.S.E., Kansas State Teachers College; M.S., Pittsburg State University; *School Psychology*

DONALD TOWNSEND, Pittsburg; B.S.V., Pittsburg State University; M.S., Pittsburg State University; *Workforce Development and Education*

MASTER OF ARTS

LORI RENEE ALLEN, Shawnee; B.G.S., Columbia College; *Teaching (Special Education)*

DIRK EDWARD ANDREWS, Coffeyville; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

ALLISON M. BERRY, Pittsburg; B.A., Cornell College; *English (Creative Writing)*

DANIELE A. CUNNINGHAM, Fort Riley; B.A., Pittsburg State University; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *English (Creative Writing)*

AUTUMN E. FINLEY, Altamont; B.A., Southwest Missouri State University; *English (Literature)*

EMILY J. FOGLEMAN, Pittsburg; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Teaching (Secondary)*

A. LOREAN HARTNESS, Miami, Oklahoma; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *English (Creative Writing)*

KAITLYN M. JONES, Olathe; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

ANTHONY JOSEPH MONTELEONE, Carl Junction, Missouri; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

SARA K. OZBUN, Pittsburg; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Teaching (Special Education)*

MICHELLE ANN JOHNSON SMITH, Independence; B.S., Missouri Valley College; *English (Literature)*

KALINA J. SWATEK, Overland Park; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

KACEY M. THAYER, Neosho, Missouri; B.S., Oklahoma State University; *Teaching (Secondary)*

TONYA NICOLE TOMORY, Pleasanton; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

SARA ELIZABETH WADE, Fort Scott; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

KYANNE MARIE WEAVER, Altamont; B.A., Washburn University; *Teaching (Secondary)*

JUSTIN L. WHITE, Fairland, Oklahoma; B.A., Pittsburg State University; *History*

YUYANG XIAO, Chengdu, China; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Communication*

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

EMILY ANN ALONZO, Chanute; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

MICHAEL DAVID BOWEN, Frostproof, Florida; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (International Business)*

MATTHEW SCOTT CARR, Joplin, Missouri; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

JOHN E. CASADY, Ottawa; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (General Administration)*

SHAN DENG, Guangzhou, China; B.E., South China University of Technology; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

XIAOYIN DENG, Pittsburg; B.A., Tianjin Foreign Studies University; *Business Administration (International Business)*

LINDSAY BROOKE HERSHEY, Fredonia; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (General Administration)*

HA SOOK KIM, Seogwipo-Si, Republic of South Korea; B.E., Dong-Eui University; *Business Administration (General Administration)*

YI-LING LIN, Taipei City, Taiwan, ROC; B.B.A., Fu Jen Catholic University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

JAMES AUSTIN MANN V, Columbus; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

JOHN L. MCNAUGHT, Liberal, Missouri; B.S., Missouri Southern State University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

PINAR ÖNAL, Istanbul, Turkey; B.E., Marmara University; *Business Administration (International Business)*

COURTNEY RENE STULTZ, Columbus; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Business Administration (Accounting)*

CHENGZHI YIN, Changsha, China; B.E., Hunan University; *Business Administration (General Administration)*

MASTER OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

PHANI PRASHANTH AKKINENI, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

AHMED M. AL-GHAMDI, Dammam, Saudi Arabia; B.E.T., Riyadh College of Technology; *Engineering Technology*

TURKI SULIMAN AL-MOGBIL, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; B.S.E.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

OBALD SULAIMAN AL-SHAMMARI, Hail City, Saudi Arabia; B.S.E.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

SCOTT A. ARMSTRONG, Dodge City; B.S.E.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

JUSTICE IWUNZE BETHEL, Pittsburg; B.S., Friends University; *Engineering Technology*

CHIDIMMA J. EGEMBA, Enugu, Nigeria; B.E., Federal University of Technology; *Engineering Technology*

SAI PRASAD GAJULA, Visakhapatnam, India; B.E., Andhra University; *Engineering Technology*

ARAVIND REDDY JANGAM, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

VIJAY RAGHAVAN KANKANALA, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

ANIL KONDURU, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

NELSON J. LINKOUS, Bluefield, West Virginia; B.S.T., Bluefield State College; *Engineering Technology*

SHOUA LOR, Diamond, Missouri; B.S.E.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

PRINEET RAMAKUR, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

JOSEPH R. SEARS, Reno, Nevada; B.S.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

SRI KRISHNA TALLAPRAGADA, Hyderabad, India; B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; *Engineering Technology*

ALBERTO E. MAZA TORRES, Barquisimeto, Venezuela; B.E.E., National Experimental Polytechnic University; *Engineering Technology*

ZHULIN ZHENG, Mishan, China; B.S.E.T., Pittsburg State University; *Engineering Technology*

MASTER OF SCIENCE

ABDULELAH ABDULAZIZ AL-GHANEM, Pittsburg; B.S., Prince Sultan University; *Human Resource Development (Management and Consulting)*

HIFA E. ALHARBI, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; B.S.E., Jeddah Girls College; *Human Resource Development (Management and Consulting)*

HIND M. ALKHALAF, Makkha, Saudi Arabia; B.S.E., Makkah Girls College; *Human Resource Development (Management and Consulting)*

PETER THOMAS ALLEN, Augusta; B.S.T., Pittsburg State University; *Technology*

ZACHARY W. ALLEN, Edmond, Oklahoma; B.S., Oklahoma State University; *Educational Leadership*

HANAN AL-HOSEEN AL-MASHI, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; B.S., King Abdul Aziz University; *Mathematics*

SARA M. ALSAEED, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; B.A.S., King Saud University; *Educational Leadership*

LUCY K. BAGAIYA, Kaduna, Nigeria; B.T., Kaduna Polytechnic; *Technology (Printing Management)*

TARA KAY BAILEY, Galena; B.S.E., Missouri Southern State University; *Educational Leadership*

BRIANA LYNN BAKER, Wichita; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Teaching (English for Speakers of Other Languages)*

YUSUF A. BALA, Kaduna, Nigeria; B.T., Kaduna Polytechnic; *Technology (Printing Management)*

AARON J. BALLEW, Lenexa; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Leadership*

AMANDA LEE BLACKBURN, Parsons; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Reading (Classroom Reading Teacher)*

TRAVIS TODD BRUMBACK, Baxter Springs; B.S.T., Pittsburg State University; M.S., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Leadership*

COLE STEPHEN BURNS, Independence; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Human Resource Development (Program Development and Delivery)*

CAGATAY CELEBIOGLU, Ankara, Turkey; B.S., Utah Valley University; *Technology*

JAMES D. CHEATHAM, Miami, Oklahoma; B.S.E., Northeastern State University; M.E., Northeastern State University; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation (General)*

CASE D. CLOUGH, Wichita; B.S.T., Pittsburg State University; *Technology*

JAMIE CHRISTOPHER COLLIER, Fort Scott; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Career and Technical Education (Technology Education)*

DAWN M. COMPTON, Miami, Oklahoma; B.A., California State University; *Educational Leadership*

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ROCK A. DAVIED, JR., Girard; B.B.A., Pittsburg State University; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation (Sport and Leisure Service Management)*

SARAH ANN DEES, Prairie Village; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Technology (Library Media Licensure)*

DOMINICK DEMETRIUS DINGLE, Garden City; B.S., Appalachian State University; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation (Human Performance and Wellness)*

JONATHON SCOTT DIRKS, Merriam; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; M.S., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Technology (Technology Integration Specialist)*

MELISSA J. DONALDSON, Girard; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Special Education Teaching (Functional K-6, 6-12)*

KACI ELAINE DORTON, Liberty; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Leadership*

ANGIE R. DOUTHIT, Miami, Oklahoma; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Reading (Reading Specialist Licensure)*

ZANE MARTIN DYE SR., Cherokee; B.S., Pittsburg State University; *Biology*

SAMEER SIRAJ FALLATAH, Pittsburg; B.S., King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals; *Human Resource Development (Management and Consulting)*

LISA MARIE FOUTS, Goddard; B.S.E., Fort Hays State University; *Educational Technology (Library Media Licensure)*

VANESSA LAUREN GAGE, Joplin, Missouri; B.S.E., Missouri Southern State University; *Educational Technology (Library Media Licensure)*

BARB GOMBOSI, Joplin; B.S., Missouri Southern State University; *Psychology (Clinical)*

KELSEY GREEN, Shawnee; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Teaching (English for Speakers of Other Languages)*

TASS GREEN SR., Baldwin City; B.A., Ottawa University; *Health, Human Performance and Recreation (Human Performance and Wellness)*

JAMIE LYNN GROSIDIER, Baldwin; B.S.E., Emporia State University; *Educational Technology (Library Media Licensure)*

EMILY A. HAMM, Ottawa; B.S.E., Pittsburg State University; *Educational Technology (Library Media Licensure)*

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The Mace and Medallion

Two symbolic badges of authority, traditional in many European universities and at some of the oldest schools in this nation, are being used in the commencement ceremonies. The honor of carrying the University Mace at commencement is given to a faculty member with extensive service at the University. The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President of Pittsburg State University.

Both pieces were designed and handcrafted by Samuel Farmer, a student in art at Pittsburg State University. Mr. Farmer received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Art from the University in 1981 and a Master of Science with a major in Art Education in 1984.

In the Middle Ages, maces were used as weapons for breaking the armor of enemies on the field of battle. The use of maces as symbols for academic institutions originated in England in the 1500's.

The University's Mace features metal sculpture of sterling silver, with a staff sectioned of lathe-turned cherry wood. The school colors are present in the gold-plating in the head and knurl elements and the bezel-set red garnet cabochons. Echoing the hexagonal shape of the head, six forged flange sections radiate outward from the center, which is tipped by a half-sphere. A photo-etched seal of the University is attached to the base of the head. The knurl segment, interrupting the flow of the staff, acts as a balance, repeating the contrast between the smooth, highly-polished sterling silver and the reticulated gold-plated areas.

The Presidential Medallion is fashioned in color, scheme and line to compliment the Mace, drawing on a close-up perspective of the seal of the University.

The History of Academic Regalia

The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates 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 drafty stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The current academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times. The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer.



The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square, tasseled "mortarboard." The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded.

As you observe the hoods worn by candidates for graduate degrees, note that the colors of Pittsburg State University are embodied in the lining of the hood (crimson and gold), and the velvet trim indicates the degree (e.g., gold for Master of Science). The colors of the hoods of faculty and guests are those of the institution conferring the degree.

The Pittsburg State University Seal

The Pittsburg State University Seal, redesigned in 1994, reflects the mission of instruction, research and service and also symbolizes the history, traditions, and future of the University. The first circle from the outside represents the University's future. The second circle identifies the University's name; the wheat sheafs symbolize the State of Kansas. The third circle includes the initials and dates for the previous names of the institution and identifies the mission of Pittsburg State University. The fourth circle contains an etching of the front entrance to Russ Hall with its four columns, the symbolic image of the University.



Change and progress give evidence of the dynamic development of Pittsburg State University from the founding of the State Manual Training Normal School in 1903 to the recognition in 1923 of the transformation of SMTN to Kansas State Teachers College, a comprehensive college educating teachers for the nation's elementary and secondary schools. From the very beginning, some graduates pursued careers in professional areas allied to their teaching degree. In 1959, KSTC became Kansas State College at Pittsburg, which recognized the expanded mission to educate students in the arts and sciences and in business, education, and technical fields for various professions and careers. In 1977, KSCP became Pittsburg State University to mark the transition from a college to a university with a range of undergraduate majors, graduate programs, and four organized schools in arts and sciences, business, education, and technology. The University embraced a common bond with all universities to pursue instruction, research and service.

One constant in the ten decades of Pittsburg State University is Russ Hall. Constructed in 1907 and opened in January 1908, it became the landmark first building that anchored SMTN as a permanent presence in higher education in Pittsburg, the State of Kansas, and the Nation. The doors to Russ Hall have admitted thousands of students during the University's history. Russ Hall forever stands as a tribute to the bold vision of the founders.

The National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Pittsburg State University Alma Mater

On the plains of Southeast Kansas,
'Neath an ever cloudless sky,
Far away from surging ocean,
And the storm-bird's plaintive cry;
With her prairies rolling Westward,
Where the buffalo once were great,
With her ensign proudly waving,
Stands our own Pittsburg State.

Refrain

Let us greet the Gold and Crimson
With a strong and cordial cheer,
Let our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.

Pittsburg State University Brass Quintet

Rob Detjen, Horn, Music Faculty, Pittsburg State University
Todd Hastings, Trumpet, Music Faculty, Pittsburg State University
Robert Kehle, Trombone, Music Faculty, Pittsburg State University
A. Douglas Whitten, Tuba, Music Faculty, Pittsburg State University
Dalton Williams, Trumpet, Senior, Pittsburg State University


Announcer

Chris Kelly, Associate Vice President, University Marketing and Communication

Assisted by

Camille Olcese, Intensive English Department Faculty (10 a.m.)

Paige Cortes, Intensive English Department Faculty (1 p.m.)



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Pittsburg State University Oval

One of the iconic places on Pittsburg State University's 200-plus-acre campus is the Oval.

At the heart of the university's academic core, the Oval has been a central feature of the campus since 1917. Each autumn, the Oval's majestic ash, oak, maple, bald cypress, basswood, and other trees provide a colorful backdrop for Pittsburg State's historic buildings.

Pittsburg State University
Pittsburg, Kansas

