



The Baccalaureate Service & Commencement Ceremony
of King University in its 157th year

Bristol, Tennessee



April Twenty-Sixth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four – April Twenty-Seventh, Two Thousand Twenty-Four



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First Presbyterian Church
Bristol, Tennessee



April Twenty-Sixth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four
6 p.m.

The Windows of First Presbyterian Church

The windows in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church graphically portray scenes from the life of God's people. The lower windows in the side aisles display scenes from the life of Jesus in the four Gospels and are related to the windows immediately above in the upper part of the sanctuary. In the upper windows, the lower panels depict scenes from the Old Testament, the middle panels are of events in the Book of Acts and the Epistles, while the upper panels represent scenes in the life of the Christian church, including contemporary events.

Each set of ten windows has an overall theme. They are, in order from the rear of the sanctuary to the front, as follows: Left side: "Childhood," "Baptism," "Discipleship," "Teaching and Preaching," and "Healing." Right side: "The Ongoing Church," "The Resurrection," "Sacrifice," "Prayer and Repentance," and "Miracles."

In the upper right panel of the third window on the left side, one can see James King and the founding of King College. In the upper left panel of the fourth window on the left side, John Knox is shown preaching at St. Giles, Edinburgh (look for his bright red beard). The upper right panel of the fifth window on the right side shows astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin landing on the moon in 1969. Abraham Lincoln prays over a divided nation in the Civil War in the upper left panel of the fourth window on the right side, while famed American preacher Jonathan Edwards is shown in the right panel of the same window. The third window on the right side ("Sacrifice") shows Dietrich Bohnoeffler, a Lutheran pastor who died in a Nazi prison, in the upper right panel.

The Rose Window at the rear of the sanctuary is often found in Christian churches and represents the rose, a traditional sign of Messianic promise. The prophet Isaiah foretells, "the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose" (Isaiah 35: 1). The central figure in the rose window is that of the "Lamb of God" or Agnus Dei carrying the Banner of Victory – the Cross Triumphant, a symbol commonly found in the Roman catacombs.

On either side of the Cross at the east end of the sanctuary are two windows. The Old Testament window (left) has scenes from the life of Moses, including the Burning Bush. The New Testament window (right) shows scenes from the life of Christ and also the Phoenix Bird, a resurrection symbol of an imaginary bird said to live for five hundred years in the Arabian desert, which was consumed by fire but rose from its own ashes. It is usually pictured above flames.

The Baccalaureate Service

- *PROCESSIONAL: *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson
- *CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Brian J. Alderman, Ph.D.
Chaplain, King University
- *HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#12)*..... Welsh Folk Melody
- *INVOCATION The Rev. Brian J. Alderman, Ph.D.
Chaplain, King University
- OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 103..... Alexis Wynn '24
- DUET: *Aria for Saxophone* Zackary Stroin '26, Saxophonist
Rebekah Rasnake '25, Pianist
Eugene Bozza, Composer
- NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 20 Shayla Donaldson '23
- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Alexandar W. Whitaker IV
President
- THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON “Called to be a 5G Leader”
The Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow
Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy
- A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES Heather Braddock
Director of Counseling Center
- *HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me (#726)* arr. John L. Bell
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow
Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy
- *RECESSIONAL: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* Charles Marie Widor

Music:

Robert Greene, Organist

* Congregation Standing

Please, no flash photography during the worship service.

The Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D.
Speaker

The Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D., a Lutheran pastor since 1991, currently serves at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, California. In 2022, he was appointed a Senior Fellow for the Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy. Previously, he has served as the president of Concordia College-New York and the President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. Born in Montego, Jamaica, and raised in Canada, John has lived in the U.S. since 1981. His diverse experience ranges from holding an endowed professorate at Valparaiso University to leading inner-city ministries in Dallas, Texas and Detroit, Michigan.

John is a graduate of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, (BA), Concordia Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, (M.Div.), and the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Illinois, (Th.M. and Ph.D.). He also has three honorary doctorates. Recent books include, with Alberto Garcia, *Wittenberg Meets the World: Reimagining the Reformation from the Margins* (2017), and *Meant for More: In, With, and Under the Ordinary* (2020).

John is married to Monique Nunes, a graduate of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, (BA) and Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, (MA). She currently serves as the Associate Dean for Student Engagement at Concordia University, Irvine, California. They have six children and thirteen grandchildren, and together lead the consulting group Nunes and Associates.



The Commencement Ceremony
of King University in its 157th year

King University Oval
Bristol, Tennessee



April Twenty-Seventh, Two Thousand Twenty-Four
10 a.m.

The King University Alma Mater

In the hills of Appalachia,
Pointing to the sky,
Stands, beloved, our Alma Mater
Holding ideals high.

Chorus

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater;
We thy praises sing.
Swell the chorus, all who love her:
Hail, all hail to King!

After college days we'll cherish
Memories of thee,
Treasure ties that ne'er can perish
Formed at old K.C.

Chorus

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater;
We thy praises sing.
Swell the chorus, all who love her:
Hail, all hail to King!

The Commencement Ceremony

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| *PROCESSIONAL..... | Liam Horne Piper |
| *INVOCATION | The Rev. Brian J. Alderman, Ph.D. Chaplain |
| WELCOME | Alexander W. Whitaker IV President |
| READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... | Desiree Linette White '24 |
| M. JEFFREY BYRD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD..... | Robert A. Littleton, Ed.D. Vice President for Student Affairs |
| ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARD | The Rev. Brian J. Alderman, Ph.D. Chaplain |
| INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER..... | Howard Lee Byington '24 |
| THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS | Warren Payne Trustee Emeritus |
| PRESENTATION OF TRUSTEE EMERITUS..... | Alexander W. Whitaker IV President |
| PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS | A. Matthew Roberts, Ed.D. Provost Martin Dotterweich, Ph.D. Professor of History |
| CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES | Alexander W. Whitaker IV President A. Matthew Roberts, Ed.D. Provost |
| R.T.L. LISTON AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE | A. Matthew Roberts, Ed.D. Provost |
| *ALMA MATER, <i>H.S. Thompson</i> | Han Chuan Ong, Ph.D. Professor of Biology |
| *BENEDICTION..... | The Rev. Brian J. Alderman, Ph.D. Chaplain |
| *RECESSIONAL | Liam Horne Piper |

* All stand

The Academic Regalia

The academic processional reminds us of the rich tradition of academic dress that reaches back to the early days of the oldest universities.

Academic regalia seems to have originated at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England more than 600 years ago. It is suspected that at first the robes were worn for warmth in the unheated buildings.

In 1895, an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code for the use of academic caps, gowns, and hoods in the United States. Over the years there have been only minor revisions to the code followed by 95 percent of the colleges and universities in America, including King University.

Bachelors wear a black gown with long pointed open sleeves. The master's gown has a long closed sleeve hanging below the elbow. Three bars of velvet on a full sleeve distinguish the doctor's gown. Previously, gowns were of worsted or silk, but today most are made of polyester crepe.

The academic hood is the identifying symbol of the degree. Its length indicates which degree it represents: three feet for the bachelor, three and a half for the master, and four for the doctor. The lining indicates the college or university which awarded the degree. King University hoods are lined in red and blue.

In the early days at Oxford, bachelor hoods were lined with fur. Masters and noblemen often used miniver in winter and silk linings in the summer. Originally, American hoods, which should match the material of the gown, were lined with silk too, but that has given way to synthetic silk, taffeta, and rayon linings.

The color of the velvet band represents the academic discipline. Colors for academic regalia established by the American Council of Education are displayed at King as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Arts, Letters, Humanities..... | white | Music..... | pink |
| Commerce, Accountancy, Business..... | drab | Nursing..... | apricot |
| Economics..... | copper | Oratory (speech)..... | silver gray |
| Education..... | light blue | Philosophy..... | dark blue |
| Fine Arts..... | brown | Physical Education..... | sage green |
| Healthcare Administration..... | teal | Public Administration..... | peacock blue |
| Journalism..... | crimson | Public Health..... | salmon pink |
| Law..... | purple | Science..... | golden yellow |
| Library Science..... | lemon | Social Work..... | citron |
| Medicine..... | green | Theology..... | scarlet |

For all degrees, the mortarboard is the traditional cap. The tassel may be gold for a doctor or may indicate the field of study.

Protocol dictates that if more than one degree is held, the gown and hood of the higher or highest degree is worn. Two degrees of equal importance can be shown by dividing the velvet between the indicative colors, but the lining can show only one conferring institution. Also, the president and members of the governing body of a college or university may wear doctoral gowns even if they do not hold the degree. However, their hoods may represent only degrees actually held.

The King president wears a presidential gown in King's colors of blue and scarlet, with four bars on each sleeve to represent his office. His doctoral hood also has King's colors, along with velvet to signify his academic discipline. He also wears a bronze medallion with the school's seal.

Warren Payne

Speaker

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. Warren Payne graduated from King College in 1969 as a student of Business and Economics. He was an ambassador for the college during his illustrious basketball career, having scored more than 1,000 points and secured 120 offensive rebounds during the 1967-68 season, a top 10 record that still stands more than 50 years later. He also led the 1968-69 team to the Volunteer State Athletic Conference title, for which he was inducted to the 2017 Tornado Hall of Fame.

Starting his career as a commercial loan officer with the Bank of Virginia in 1969, Mr. Payne quickly advanced to the roles of Executive Vice President and then President with First Tennessee Bank in Knoxville, serving in that role from 1977 through 1985. He started Kenesaw Leasing in 1985, which was sold to National Bank of Commerce in 1996. During a three-year transition period, he worked simultaneously with Kenesaw and National Bank of Commerce as President & CEO, then remained with National Bank of Commerce until it was sold to SunTrust bank in 2004.

Mr. Payne then served as interim President & CEO at Baptist Health of East Tennessee from 2005-2006, attributing his success in that role to his colleagues' support and knowledge. He started Fountain Equipment Finance in 2006, and served as President & CEO until his retirement in 2023. Currently, he serves in a consulting role with the company.

He has demonstrated fidelity and care for King University, having dedicated more than 20 years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Consistently attentive to King's mission and Christian commitment, he also served as Chair from 2014-2019, sharing his wisdom, insight, and encouraging others to excellence. He concluded his regular service as a trustee in 2023 and continues in his duties to King in the title of Trustee Emeritus.

Mr. Payne has led numerous initiatives for new academic programming at King, and notably helped establish deeper connections with the University of Tennessee, efforts that resulted in the 3+2 dual engineering degree agreement between King and the Tickle College of Engineering.

With his wife and fellow alum Kathy '69, Mr. Payne selflessly and tirelessly bears the standard of King University in Bristol, Knoxville, and beyond.

Faculty Marshals

W. Craig Streetman, Chief Marshal

Ana George

Herbert Lee Jones

Beatriz Macione

Alex Moore

Joshua A. Rudd

Kelly Vaughan

Readers

Keri-Lynn Paulson

Brandon H. Story

2023-2024 Student Government President

Brennan Christopher Cherry '24

2023-2024 Student Government Vice President

Desiree Linette White '24

Graduation Photos

All photos taken by King's professional photographer, David Wood,
will be available for 30 days after the ceremony, free of charge.

Visit www.king.edu for more information.

**Will complete all requirements this summer or fall.*

*The listing of degree candidates in this publication does not guarantee degree completion.
Candidates are notified of degree completion through receipt of a diploma or an official transcript noting a conferral date.*

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Associate of Arts*

Anita Lynn Bloomfield
New Market, Tennessee

Andrew Douglas Cofer
Harriman, Tennessee

Monique Lisa Huggard
Bristol, Tennessee

Zachary Brian Smith
Bristol, Virginia

✧ *Bachelor of Arts*

Hayden Jack Armstrong
Business: Accounting Track
Bristol, Tennessee

DdAllen Vincent Bailey
Business: Economics Track
Bristol, Tennessee

Amarius Stephen Beasley
Business: Business
Administration Track
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Harvest, Alabama

Abigail Rose Belcher
History: Grades 6-12
Education Track
Abingdon, Virginia

Ray Nolte Berry
Business: Finance and
Management Tracks
Chilhowie, Virginia

Annah Faith Blankenship
Interdisciplinary Studies
Abingdon, Virginia

Hailee Grace Blankenship
Biology: Human Biology Track
Goode, Virginia

Jeremy Mychal Boaz
History: Standard Track
Owens Cross Roads, Alabama

Chason Kimberly Burchell
Interdisciplinary Studies
Corryton, Tennessee

Caroline Adelle Cable
Biology: Human Biology Track
Kingsport, Tennessee

Jackson Hawk Carroll
Business: Marketing Track
Raleigh, North Carolina

Renan Caruso*
Business: Management and
Marketing Tracks
Caxambu, Brazil

Brennan Christopher Cherry
Multidisciplinary Studies
Signal Mountain, Tennessee

Joshua Anthony Clements
Business: Economics and
Management Tracks
North Yorkshire, England

Jonathan David Coffey
Interdisciplinary Studies
Kingsport, Tennessee

Zoey Elizabeth Colley
Interdisciplinary Studies
Kingsport, Tennessee

Samuel Vernon Cox
English
Johnson City, Tennessee

Gustav Filip Freddie Damgaard*
Business: Management and
Marketing Tracks
Halmstad, Sweden

Samantha Clara Davis
Business: Accounting Track
Oneonta, Alabama

Christopher Carter Dorton
History: Standard Track
Bristol, Tennessee

Adam Jason Drooker
Business: Marketing Track
Chesterfield, Virginia

Joshua Eugene Fields
Business: Management Track
Grundy, Virginia

Ashley Brook Fisher
Business: Management and
Marketing Tracks
Chapmansboro, Tennessee

Eden Grace Foster
Business: Management and
Marketing Tracks
Chilhowie, Virginia

Vincent Matthew Galang
Security and Intelligence Studies
Arlington, Virginia

Luke Weldon Gray
Theater
Bluff City, Tennessee

Zachary Alexander Grodzki
Business: Finance Track
Orlando, Florida

Emily Joy Hall
English
Sevierville, Tennessee

Destiny Michelle Haller*
Business: Management Track
Johnson City, Tennessee

Emma Marie Harmon
Interdisciplinary Studies
Bristol, Virginia

Ian Parker Hart
Business: Management Track
Merritt Island, Florida

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Bachelor of Arts* *(continued)*

Clathon Valen-Tino Augustus Henfield
Digital Media Art & Design
Theater
Freeport Grand Bahama, Bahamas

Pedronel Herrera Paz
Business: Economics and
Finance Tracks
Cali, Colombia

Alyssa Holland*
Interdisciplinary Studies
Abingdon, Virginia

Samantha Brooke Jerrell
Business: Business Administration
Track
Mathematics: General Track
Gate City, Virginia

Sydney Andrea Johnson
English
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Madison Paige Jones
Interdisciplinary Studies
Bristol, Virginia

Rachel LeeAnn Keen
History: Grades 6-12
Education Track
Cleveland, Virginia

Samantha Jo King
Business: Accounting Track
Bristol, Virginia

Tiffany Marie Kline
English
Powell, Tennessee

Paula La Mendola
Biology: Human Biology Track
Miami, Florida

Fanny Legros
Business: Management Track
Heusy, Belgium

Alexa Cheyenne Lewis
Digital Media Art & Design
Bristol, Tennessee

Trent Michael Mahoney*
Business: Economics Track
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Robert Derek Martin
Biology: Human Biology Track
Denver, North Carolina

Gracie Eleanor May
Interdisciplinary Studies
Kingston, Tennessee

Andrew Tyler McCracken
Business: Marketing Track
Meadowview, Virginia

Myles Brandon McCrary
Business: Accounting Track
Cedar Hill, Texas

Melanie Alison Mendoza*
Business: Management Track
Selma, California

Annalise Nicole Montgomery
Business: Accounting and
Management Tracks
Saltville, Virginia

Kerry James Morton
Business: Marketing and
Management Tracks
Bristol, Tennessee

Ethan Frank Narro
Business: Management Track
Knoxville, Tennessee

Antoinelle La'Troy Owens
Political Science/History:
Standard Track
Country Club Hills, Illinois

Austin Michael Pantaleo
Digital Media Art & Design
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Christina Adele Passamonte
Digital Media Art & Design
Bristol, Virginia

Peter Thomas Pavusek III
Multidisciplinary Studies
Mountain City, Tennessee

Madison Lee Phipps*
Business: Management Track
Johnson City, Tennessee

Allison Paige Porter
Biology: General Track
Max Meadows, Virginia

Jamie DeAnn Roberts
Business: Economics, Finance, and
Management Tracks
Bristol, Tennessee

Kaley Paige Romans
Interdisciplinary Studies
Bristol, Virginia

Truman David Roper III
Business: Healthcare Administration
and Management Tracks
Greenville, South Carolina

Carlos Fernando Sampedro
Security and Intelligence Studies
Pine Mountain, Georgia

Aaron Matthew Jameson Smith
Digital Media Art & Design
Bristol, Tennessee

Joseph Wayne Snyder
Business: Management and
Marketing Tracks
Bristol, Tennessee

Degrees To Be Awarded

Preston Frederick Soriano
Business: Economics and
Finance Tracks
Goose Creek, South Carolina

Hannah Leigh Spears
Interdisciplinary Studies
Lebanon, Virginia

Kameren Taylor Stubbs*
Interdisciplinary Studies
Murrieta, California

Aidan James Swartzell
History: Standard Track
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Demetri Teddlie*
Biology: Human Biology Track
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dylan Lloyd Thomson
Business: Finance and
Management Tracks
Shady Valley, Tennessee

Cheyenne Destiny Trent
Business: Accounting Track
Bluff City, Tennessee

Trinity Elena Vasquez*
Business: Management Track
Johnson City, Tennessee

André Ventura Schiabel
Business: Accounting, Economics,
Finance, and Management Tracks
São Carlos, Brazil

McKinley Wagner
Business: Accounting Track
Nolensville, Tennessee

Jersey Rhea Wines
Interdisciplinary Studies
Piny Flats, Tennessee

Mackenzie Winters*
Business: Management Track
North Richland Hills, Texas

Ashley Irene Woods
Music: Applied Music Track
Business: Business Administration
Track
Grapevine, Texas

Madison Angelynn Worley*
Business: Economics Track
Johnson City, Tennessee

Alexis Ellen Wynn
Interdisciplinary Studies
Waynesville, Ohio

✧ *Bachelor of Business Administration*

Kaanan Matthew Adams
Jonesborough, Tennessee

Jacob Frederick Allen
Knoxville, Tennessee

Drew Todd Baker
Bluefield, Virginia

Lilly Cadence Bebbler
Abingdon, Virginia

Kevin Wayne Berry
Knoxville, Tennessee

Colby Bond
Great Falls, Montana

Alexandra Aldridge Boyd
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Jacob Lee Broadwater
Nickelsville, Virginia

Zada Boyd Broda
Ten Mile, Tennessee

Rachel Olivia Clark
Louisville, Tennessee

Lauren Jane Cockrell
Maryville, Tennessee

Parker Scott Cupp
Louisville, Tennessee

Paul Bryan Davis
Bristol, Tennessee

Sher'i Dawn Delgado
Maryville, Tennessee

Marvin Spencer Ellison
Knoxville, Tennessee

Samuel B. Fussell
Knoxville, Tennessee

John William Greene
Bristol, Tennessee

Adam Jacob Hill
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dakota Chance Johnson
Richlands, Virginia

Hailey Elizabeth Johnson
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dawson Langston
Knoxville, Tennessee

Erin Mae Laseter
Kingsport, Tennessee

Carissa A. Long
Del Rio, Tennessee

Diego Antonio Marcano-Hernandez
Winter Garden, Florida

Jessica Marie Pace
Knoxville, Tennessee

Jeremiah Dixen Powers
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Abigail Reese
Kingsport, Tennessee

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Bachelor of Business Administration (continued)*

Johnathan Tyler Rouse
Maryville, Tennessee

Nash Scalf
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mieka Sabina Schambach*
Knoxville, Tennessee

Amy Elizabeth Stanley
Kingsport, Tennessee

Haley Ann Steenhoek
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Daniel Ray Sturgill Jr.
Chilhowie, Virginia

Serena Victoria Welch
Hoover, Alabama

Maydette Ziatdinov
Richland, Washington

✧ *Bachelor of Science*

Riley P. Alderman
Multidisciplinary Studies
Olathe, Kansas

Annei Annei
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Antioch, Tennessee

Emily Sierra Atkins
Psychology
Louisville, Tennessee

Angela Denise Baker
Healthcare Administration
Kingsport, Tennessee

Kimberley Barracco
History
Dunbar, West Virginia

Amarius Stephen Beasley
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Business: Business Administration
Track
Harvest, Alabama

Joshua Lee Bessinger
Sport Management
Havelock, North Carolina

Gideon Andre Bezuidenhout
Mathematics: General Track
Physics
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Emma Grace Bice
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Psychology
Church Hill, Tennessee

Marilyn Jane Booher
Religious Studies
Fall Branch, Tennessee

Tyler E. Bowen
Healthcare Administration
Maryville, Tennessee

Joel Stephen Bowers
Healthcare Administration
Sneedville, Tennessee

Howard Lee Byington
Biology: Cell and Molecular Track
Bristol, Tennessee

Tanner Carter
History
White Pine, Tennessee

Gloria Estefani Castaneda Garcia
Accounting
Knoxville, Tennessee

Diana Harley Chandler
Psychology
Charleston, South Carolina

Gannon Robert Makanaokalani Chinen
Criminal Justice
Pearl City, Hawaii

Megan Nicole Cline
Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

LaStacia Shunta Cloyd*
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Sport Management
Memphis, Tennessee

Melissa Cherie Cloyd
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Kelli Lee Corona
Psychology
Knoxville, Tennessee

Brittney Nicole Cox
Psychology
Bristol, Tennessee

Earl Lynn Davis
History
Lancing, Tennessee

Tequila Marie Davis
Psychology
Greeneville, Tennessee

Warren Lee Davis III
Mathematics: General Track
Mansfield, Texas

Brian Austin Day
Multidisciplinary Studies
Johnson City, Tennessee

Cameron Amari Dubose
Sport Management
Yelm, Washington

Degrees To Be Awarded

✱ Bachelor of Science (continued)

Korrie Mahalia Adrian Dulaney
Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

Brianna Lea Dunbar
Biology: Cell and Molecular Track
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Carson Daniel Eliassen
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Kelly Michelle England
Healthcare Administration
Maynardville, Tennessee

Abbie Layne Erme
Communication
Psychology
Bristol, Tennessee

Abigail Denise Eslinger
Psychology
Kodak, Tennessee

Piper Madison Fields
Multidisciplinary Studies
Gate City, Virginia

Georgia Katherine Nicole Fisher
Psychology
Ontario, Canada

Megan Danielle French
Psychology
Bluefield, Virginia

Ruthie Fripp
Chemistry: Grades 6-12
Education Track
Watertown, Tennessee

Samuel John Fuller
Mathematics: General Track
Chemistry: General Track
Manassas, Virginia

Ariana Itzhel Gallegos
Sport Management
Johnson City, Tennessee

Danielle Angeline Garcia
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Victorville, California

José Luis García Jiménez
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Melilla, Spain

Dominic Edward Giannantonio
Mathematics: General Track
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Mackenzie Gilbert
Psychology
Mascotte, Florida

Courtney Lynn Glass
Accounting
Greenback, Tennessee

Byron Seth Goad
Healthcare Administration
Oneida, Tennessee

Jeremiah Allan Good
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Kansas City, Kansas

Ethan Graham
Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

Alyssa Marie Guardiola
Healthcare Administration
Sun City, California

Gwendolyn JoAnn Haag
Exercise Science: K-12
Licensure Track
Houston, Texas

Jerri Renee Hale
Information Technology:
Cloud Computing and
System Administration Track
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Carressa Dawn Hancock
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Pound, Virginia

Tiffany Lee Harmon
Healthcare Administration
Rocky Top, Tennessee

Deja Sierra Heatley
Psychology
Las Vegas, Nevada

Delaney Shea Henley
Healthcare Administration
Abingdon, Virginia

Adrienne Raine Hobbs
Psychology
Blountville, Tennessee

Brandon Paul Hodge
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Leroy, New York

Dianna Marie Holmes
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Suwanee, Georgia

Melissa Danielle Holmes
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Clinton, Tennessee

Amber Holt
Healthcare Administration
Watauga, Tennessee

Ibrahim Aaden Ingram
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Abingdon, Virginia

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Bachelor of Science* *(continued)*

Emily Morgan James
Criminal Justice
Tazewell, Virginia

Samantha Brooke Jerrell
Mathematics: General Track
Business: Business Administration
Track
Gate City, Virginia

Katlyn Marie Jessee
Accounting
Russellville, Kentucky

Jessica Brooke Palmer Jones
Healthcare Administration
Chilhowie, Virginia

Jillian Leigh Jones
Psychology
Morristown, Tennessee

Mackently Ryan Jones
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Rogersville, Tennessee

Kenley Erika Karlon
Biology: Cell and Molecular Track
Knoxville, Tennessee

Jordan Levi Keith
Criminal Justice
Laurel Bloomery, Tennessee

Kellan Thomas Kennedy
Criminal Justice
Cosby, Tennessee

Tijani Ali Khelifaoui
Sport Management
Villars, France

Michaela Koricinova*
Psychology
Criminal Justice
Bratislava, Slovakia

Brandon Lanter
Information Technology:
Cloud Computing and
System Administration Track
Max Meadows, Virginia

Hailey Ann LeFevers
Psychology
Tazewell, Tennessee

Kyley Jean Lindsey
Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

Julian Vance Link IV
Psychology
Knoxville, Tennessee

Caleb William Lowe
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Lebanon, Virginia

James David Lowe
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Michal Ann Lucas
Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

Benjamin A. Lynch
Criminal Justice
Waynesville, North Carolina

Daniel Elijah Mann
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Nickelsville, Virginia

Kierra Baleigh McBride*
Psychology
North Tazewell, Virginia

Henry Hampton McDonald IV
Psychology
Maryville, Tennessee

Jhayda Nevaeh McKinney
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Sevierville, Tennessee

David Francisco Medina
Chemistry
Mathematics
Physics
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Alex Montana Mercado
Exercise Science: K-12 Licensure Track
Morristown, Tennessee

Ethan Aaron Middleton*
Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Abingdon, Virginia

Alessa Nakele Miller
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Bluff City, Tennessee

Kara Nicole Miller
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Bradenton, Florida

Travis Miller
History
Alcoa, Tennessee

Stevi King Misener
Accounting
Greeneville, Tennessee

Abigail Nicole Morrison
Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Victorville, California

Jordan Seth Newsome
Information Technology:
Cloud Computing and
System Administration Track
Bristol, Tennessee

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ Bachelor of Science (continued)

Johanna M. Palshan
Psychology
Social Work
Taylor, Michigan

Paige Allyn Payne-Tillette
Healthcare Administration
Knoxville, Tennessee

Devin Alexandria Penn
History
Dickson, Tennessee

Maria Cheyene Perkins
Psychology
Saltville, Virginia

Morgan Pettey
Communication
Jonesville, Virginia

Anthony Pollachioli
Healthcare Administration
Abingdon, Virginia

Joshua Caleb Presley
Applied Science & Mathematics:
Chemical Engineering Track
Saltville, Virginia

Kristal Mari Ralat
Biology: Cell and Molecular Track
Orlando, Florida

Andrew Michael Ramsey
Exercise Science: Kinesiology Track
Ewing, Virginia

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Accounting
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Biology: Cell and Molecular Track
Cedar Bluff, Virginia

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Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Cooper City, Florida

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Psychology
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Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Shayna Shafer
Healthcare Administration
Jacksboro, Tennessee

Riley Garrett Smith
Psychology
Andersonville, Tennessee

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Psychology
Bristol, Virginia

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Exercise Science: Health and
Fitness Track
Franklin, Tennessee

Charles Douglas Swiggett
Biology
Chemistry
Greensboro, North Carolina

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Biology: General Track
Gallatin, Tennessee

Victoria Graciela Tipton
History
Piney Flats, Tennessee

Matheus C. Vieira
Sport Management
Londrina, Brazil

Dolly Marie Walker
Psychology
Jamestown, Tennessee

Chelsee Lynn Washam
Criminal Justice
Powell, Tennessee

Joshua Shane Webb
Communication
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Exercise Science:
Kinesiology Track
Springfield, Tennessee

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Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Sevierville, Tennessee

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Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Alcoa, Tennessee

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Psychology
Saltville, Virginia

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Information Technology:
Cybersecurity Track
Smithville, Tennessee

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Psychology
Kingsport, Tennessee

Brittney Elizabeth Zerambo
Psychology
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Degrees To Be Awarded

✱ *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

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Bristol, Tennessee

Chelsea Mahala Baird
Kingsport, Tennessee

Robin Lynn Barnett*
Rogersville, Tennessee

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Wise, Virginia

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Sevierville, Tennessee

Ashley Elaine Byrge
Oneida, Tennessee

Kaitlin N. Call
Marion, Virginia

Austin Joe Tyler Caudill
Kingsport, Tennessee

Victoria Lynn Chitwood
Robbins, Tennessee

Sarah Elizabeth Compton
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Brittany Anne Ellen Cude
Bristol, Tennessee

Chandler Douglas Daugherty
Bristol, Virginia

Shayla Lexie Donaldson
Deer Park, Washington

Marleigh Shae Duncan
Bristol, Virginia

Alyssa Nichole Dupree
Bristol, Virginia

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Seymour, Tennessee

Brianna Kaylee Foshie
Greeneville, Tennessee

Kelly Gorman
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Aleshia Grizzle
Grundy, Virginia

Violetta Gromova
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Daphne Groseclose
Lebanon, Virginia

Grace Elisabeth Guerrero
Damascus, Virginia

Katie Marie Harless
Abingdon, Virginia

Madison Faith Harless
Abingdon, Virginia

Chasity Nicole Harness
Huntsville, Tennessee

Caroline Eve Hayden
Saltville, Virginia

Ruby Savanna Renee Helton
Abingdon, Virginia

Yankuba Jatta
Knoxville, Tennessee

Abigale Ann Jayne
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Unicoi, Tennessee

Erin P. Miller
Carrollton, Texas

Savang Moua
Greeneville, Tennessee

Destiney Amber Jayde Owens
Rutledge, Tennessee

Manuel Perez
Marion, Virginia

April Leona Peters
Greeneville, Tennessee

Katherine Marie Quade
Knoxville, Tennessee

Bradley Thomas Quinley
Knoxville, Tennessee

Chloe Ava Ragan
Bristol, Tennessee

Emily Adams Russell
Blountville, Tennessee

Ana Cristina Sahagun
Kingsport, Tennessee

Kayla Nichole Scism
Church Hill, Tennessee

Madison Shortt
Clintwood, Virginia

Joshua Brian Stevens
Pounding Mill, Virginia

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Bachelor of Science in Nursing (continued)*

Tamara Nichole Strickland
Sharps Chapel, Tennessee

Matney Paige Sutherland
Birchleaf, Virginia

Alyssa Francine Talabac
Wadsworth, Ohio

Jantzen Blake Taylor
Pounding Mill, Virginia

Shelbey Denise Walker
Montgomery, Texas

Brooklyn Paige Warner
Kingsport, Tennessee

Taylor Woodlief
Lebanon, Virginia

✧ *Bachelor of Social Work*

Delaina Ann Arnold
Mountain City, Tennessee

Lindsey Kate Arnold
Bristol, Tennessee

Vanessa Kathleen Bigness
Jonesborough, Tennessee

Makayla Lanae Boyd
Wise, Virginia

Avera Inez Brady
Fort Worth, Texas

Megan Marie Brown
Luttrell, Tennessee

Savannah Leigh Burt
Bristol, Tennessee

Morgan Michael Butler
Galax, Virginia

Stacey Moore Chapman
Marion, Virginia

Megan Carol Compton
Coeburn, Virginia

Kayla Lynn Cooper
Church Hill, Tennessee

Tabatha Jean Fatolitis
Elizabethton, Tennessee

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Robin Layne Gilliam
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Nicole Kathleen Hayward
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Abigail Marie Hogston
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Sophia Shin Jindoyan
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Patricia Ann Lawson
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Madison Reagan Loepp
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Candelario Isaiah Morales
Arcadia, Florida

Jessica Renee Murray
Abingdon, Virginia

Johanna M. Palshan
Taylor, Michigan

Tanisha Monique Prather
Athens, Tennessee

Michele L. Rhinehart
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Megon Nicole Rivera
Lima, Ohio

Sarah Jordanna Robinson
Galax, Virginia

Krista Lynn Rollins
Pitman, New Jersey

Ashley Nicole Rowe
Blountville, Tennessee

Megan Gail Russell
Whitesburg, Tennessee

Rachel Renee Shepherd
Surgoinville, Tennessee

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Caryville, Tennessee

Tracey Nicole Tedder
Bristol, Tennessee

Sheila P. Walsh
Derwood, Maryland

Janice Nicole Wellington
Cleveland, Tennessee

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Cold Brook, New York

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Master of Business Administration*

Tyler Altizer*
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Pilar Berchot*
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Memphis, Tennessee

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Summerville, South Carolina

Joshua Thomas Booher*
Bristol, Tennessee

Tiffany Suzanne Brown
Morristown, Tennessee

Nikole Lynn Counts*
Clintwood, Virginia

Myron Timothy Dale
Bluff City, Tennessee

Zachary Daniels*
Celina, Texas

Roman Gabriel De Leon*
Frisco, Texas

Haylee Elizabeth Dye *
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Daniel Todd Everhart
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✧ *Master of Education*

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Advance, North Carolina

Anna Wills Dowell
Bristol, Tennessee

Jessica Nicole Huckaby
Jacksboro, Tennessee

Khyra Barnum Lowe
Abingdon, Virginia

Brittney Danielle McGlothlin
Bristol, Tennessee

Brittan Sherise Murray
Abingdon, Virginia

✧ *Master of Healthcare Administration*

Micheala Lea Rojek*
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Master of Science in Nursing*

Kierra Faith Anderson
Kingsport, Tennessee

Caleigh Shae Blair
Mountain City, Tennessee

Shawn Dale Boyd
Haysi, Virginia

Katie Lee Clifton
Kingsport, Tennessee

Andrea Leah Coppenger
Mascot, Tennessee

Kristian Nicole Cox
Harriman, Tennessee

Lauren Shae Dotson
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Amber Dawn Gamblin
Kingston, Tennessee

Rebecca Lynn Garland
Kingsport, Tennessee

Jessica Lee Green
Kingsport, Tennessee

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Tiffany Louise Henson
Blountville, Tennessee

Jessica Marie Huening
Gray, Tennessee

Jessica Marie Hughes
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Elizabethton, Tennessee

Sandra Kaye Kelley
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Charity Grace Lester
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Steven Gabriel Lester
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John Bradford Lichlyter
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Hannah Lee Lingerfelt
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Grundy, Virginia

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Kendra Rhea Miller
Abingdon, Virginia

Shannon Elizabeth Millhollin
Jonesborough, Tennessee

Denver Moses
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Evan Olivia Phipps
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Kailen Danielle Rambo*
Unicoi, Tennessee

April Dawn Rodriguez
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Heather Renee Rose
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Tiffany Michelle Taylor
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Brittany Danielle Tolliver
Bulls Gap, Tennessee

Falon Nicole Vallie
Erwin, Tennessee

Brandi Danielle Weems
Mosheim, Tennessee

Jeremy Shaun Whited
Bluff City, Tennessee

Santana Woods
Castlewood, Virginia

Degrees To Be Awarded

✧ *Master of Social Work*

Brianna Nicole Baker
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Haley Erin Bishop
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Bethany Rose Bunch
Wartburg, Tennessee

Linda Suzette Byrd-Chandler
Kingsport, Tennessee

Logan Wayne Campbell
Greenville, North Carolina

Christopher Scott Carver
Kingsport, Tennessee

Betty Richelle Conley
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Heather Deanna Davidson
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Kiersten Noelle Dillow
Bristol, Tennessee

Crystal Dawn Hillman
Honaker, Virginia

SinDusty LeeAnn Kyger-Melton
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Conner James Lloyd
Castle Rock, Colorado

Angelina Faye Lunati
Lake Ronkonkoma, New York

Vanessa Dawn Main
Trade, Tennessee

Bethany Nelson Patrick
Johnson City, Tennessee

Sidney Olivia Kaye Pollard
Bluff City, Tennessee

Jenna Brooke Reece
Trade, Tennessee

Alexandria Soto
Charlotte, North Carolina

Annalise Stilwell
Richlands, Virginia

Damoria Monique Walker
Bristol, Virginia

✧ *Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate*

Sharon Monk Lester
Raven, Virginia

Jessica Halsey Villier
Johnson City, Tennessee

✧ *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate*

Charles David Bray
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Hannah Laurel Johnson
Maryville, Tennessee

Janett Michelle Pate
Piney Flats, Tennessee

Teresa Lee Sellstrom
Johnson City, Tennessee

✧ *Doctor of Nursing Practice*

Charles David Bray
Elizabethton, Tennessee
Translational Research Project:
“Decreasing ‘No Shows’ in
Primary Care”

Lisa Michelle Brown
Knoxville, Tennessee
Translational Research Project:
“Selfcare Awareness Education
Examining a Holistic Approach
to Improve Professional Quality
of Life in Long-term Care Nursing
Assistants”

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Translational Research Project:
“The Effects of COVID-19 on
Mental Health”

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