



HESSTON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025

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Hesston Mennonite Church

Processional

Trumpet Tune for a Festive Day – David Lasky

Ken Rodgers '85, M.M.

Music Professor

Welcome

Mark Landes, M.B.A.

President

Prayer of Invocation

Ana Espinoza

Graduate

Ana Pineda '98 de Espinoza

Mother of Ana Espinoza

Choral Invocation

All Things New – Elaine Hagenberg

Bel Canto Singers

Russell Adrian, D.M.A.

Music Professor

Scripture

Revelation 21:5a

Ross Peterson-Veatch, Ph.D.

Vice President of Academics

Joanna Gomez Ramirez, Spanish

Rrok Topalli, Albanian

Hauw Jessica Angella Raharjo, Indonesian

Charles Miller, English

Graduates

Student Speakers

Rylee Weishaupt, Associate Degree Student

Phoebe Kolb, Bachelor's Degree Student

Graduates

Commencement Address

Nick Ladd, M.Ed., M.A.R.

Bible Professor and Co-Campus Pastor

Recognition of 2025 Graduates

Nations represented in the graduating class

Dean's List

Ross Peterson-Veatch, Ph.D.

Conferring of Degrees

Mark Landes, M.B.A.
Ross Peterson-Veatch, Ph.D.
Heidi Hochstetler '00, M.Ed.
Registrar

Choral Music

We Shall Be Known – Karisha Longaker

Bel Canto Singers
Russell Adrian, D.M.A.

Prayer of Dedication

Dale Beachey
Grandfather of Carson Elonich, Graduate

Closing Remarks

Mark Landes, M.B.A.

Recessional

Now Thank We All Our God – J. S. Bach

Ken Rodgers '85, M.M.

*Following the recessional, the audience may greet the graduates on the lawn west of
Hesston Mennonite Church.*

*The Alumni Association cordially invites graduates and their families to a come-and-go reception
with refreshments immediately following Commencement. All are welcome to stop by, celebrate
together and graduates can pick up a special gift.*

PROGRAM NOTES

Please turn off all cell phones during the service.

The service is being live-streamed at hesston.edu/commencement-webcast.

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

REGALIA

In 1893, an intercollegiate commission presented a uniform code for caps, gowns and hoods to be worn by graduates from colleges in the United States. The mortarboard caps are the same for doctoral, master's and baccalaureate degrees, except that doctoral caps may be tams made of velvet and may have a gold tassel. The gown worn for the bachelor's degree is marked by pointed sleeves, reaching to the knee, while the sleeve of the master's gown is squared at the ends and longer. The doctoral robe is the fullest, with rounded bell-shaped sleeves marked by three velvet chevrons.

The greatest symbolism of the academic regalia is shown in the hood, which identifies the level of the degree, the department of learning in which it was earned and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood, its shape and the width of its velvet trim identify the level of the degree, with doctoral hoods being the fullest, widest and longest. Faculty colors indicate the department.

Colors you may see represented in today's processional are: blue for education, copper for economics, drab (a dull, light brown) for business and accountancy, brown for dramatic and fine arts, orange for engineering, purple for law, lemon for library science, pink for music, apricot for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical sciences, citron for social sciences, scarlet for theology, gold for physics, math, environmental science and psychology and white for sociology, history and English, among many available. The colors are mandatory on hoods, but may also be used on tassels and on the velvet on doctoral gowns.

The university or college is usually identified by the color of the hood lining. Two colors are frequently used, since there are approximately 2,000 degree-granting institutions in the United States. If one has multiple degrees, the rule is that only one hood and one discipline color is worn.

The regalia worn by the president features Hesston College's signature maroon and yellow colors. While doctoral regalia typically have three velvet chevrons on the sleeve, the regalia of a college or a university president differs in that it has four. The regalia of the Hesston College president also has the seal of the college embroidered on each breast.

SCHOOL OF AVIATION GRADUATES

Alyssa Lynn Burkholder, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Hillsboro, Kan.

Joshua Andrew Fleming, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Raymore, Mo.

Riku Ikaika Iwai-King, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Phoebe Marie Kolb, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Milford, Neb.

Terron Noah Stang, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Goddard, Kan.

Pablo David Turcios Casco, B.S., Aviation - Professional Pilot, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING GRADUATES

Hauw Jessica Angella Raharjo, B.S., Engineering - Mechatronics Track, Semarang, Indonesia

Kirah Stepps, B.S., Engineering - Mechatronics Track, Wichita, Kan.

Rrok Topalli, B.S., Engineering - Mechatronics Track, Lezhe, Albania

Rozario Zogu, B.S., Engineering - Mechatronics Track, Lezhe, Albania

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT GRADUATE

Carson Eugene Elonich, B.A., Business Management, Goshen, Ind.

SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES

Amy Beth Birkey, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Porclein Storm Blanka, B.S.N., Newton, Kan.
Kendra Cervantes, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Shaylyn Kaye Clark, B.S.N., Winfield, Kan.
Constance Todgenic Cummings, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Holly Anne Cummins, B.S.N., Potwin, Kan.
Erica Cunningham, B.S.N., Hutchinson, Kan.
Alisha Ruth Dorsing, B.S.N., Royal City, Wash.
Briona Gaylene Graf, B.S.N., Colwich, Kan.
Jacey Nicole Johnston, B.S.N., Derby, Kan.
Kanaloa Zeyah Kapololu, B.S.N., Kaneohe, Hawaii
Pariss Kay Lloyd , B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
McKayla Brooke Long, B.S.N., Highland, Calif.
Daisy Perez, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Lauryn Grace Phillips, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Kelsey Jo Raleigh, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Raquel Rosalia Reece, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Alexis Storm Schmidt, B.S.N., Goessel, Kan.
Jeremy Scott Schmidt, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Dominique Kyani Shannon, B.S.N., Los Angeles, Calif.
Zadica Sky Simonsen, B.S.N., Newton, Kan.
Lexis Nichole Sterk, B.S.N., Lincolnville, Kan.
Elizabeth Marie Trantham, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Felicia Grace Unruh, B.S.N., Walton, Kan.
Josee Lyn Vogt, B.S.N., Wichita, Kan.
Bethany Anne Wiens, B.S.N., Goessel, Kan.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

A.A. – Associate of Arts; A.G.S. – Associate of General Studies; A.S. – Associate of Science

- Cadin Michael Atwell, A.G.S.**, Burkburnett, Texas
Hikari Babasaki, A.A., Osaka, Japan
Oscar Becerra, A.A., Decatur, Texas
Braylan Dureese Bell, A.S., Aurora, Colo.
Galo Benedek, A.A., Madrid, Spain
Braxton David Byers, A.A., Mansfield, Ark.
Kaleb Drew Cain, A.S., Dallas Center, Iowa
Fey Christiany Castillo, A.G.S., Laredo, Texas
Miriam Celeste Castillo, A.A., Houston, Texas
Brittany Marie Cato, A.S., Weatherford, Texas
Annika Leigh Caudell, A.A., Newton, Kan.
Gabriel Louis Clark, A.G.S., Goshen, Ind.
Michael Henry Clayton, A.A., Shawnee, Kan.
James Michael Cook, A.A., Parkville, Mo.
D'Angelo Leonard Dawkins, A.A., Nassau, Bahamas
Justin De Sousa, A.S., Manzini, Eswatini
Ana Julieth Espinoza Pineda, A.A.,
Ocatepeque, Honduras
Se'maiya Aunyai Farrow, A.A.,
Baumholder, Germany
Dominic James Garcia, A.A., Spring, Texas
Joanna Gomez Ramirez, A.A., Hesston, Kan.
Mariah Miranda Hall, A.A., Lawton, Okla.
Jammial Hicks, A.A., Kansas City, Kan.
Ibuki Honda, A.A., Nagoya-shi, Japan
Yuri Inoue, A.G.S., Kofu, Japan
Savannah Lee Jackson, A.S., Marlow, Okla.
Sydney Lynn Jackson, A.A., Marlow, Okla.
Luis Alberto Jimenez, A.A., Dallas, Texas
Jamie Yang Yue Krehbiel, A.A., Hesston, Kan.
Carly Ann Lee, A.A., Rose Hill, Kan.
Cutter Lane Livermore, A.A., Canyon, Texas
Mikayla Ann Lucas, A.A., Las Vegas, Nev.
Bri'Ellen Dayzi Mann, A.A., Fletcher, Okla.
Caroline Anne Miller, A.A., Arlington, Kan.
Charles Stuart Miller, A.A., Arlington, Kan.
Leruo Warona Moraka, A.A., Johannesburg,
South Africa
Ongeziwe Gloria Ncube, A.A., Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Adrian Julian Noriega, A.S., Marana, Ariz.
Brandi M. Olivarez, A.A., Burleson, Texas
Yuya Omata, A.G.S., Suginami-ku, Japan
Destiny Adelina Ortiz, A.A., Burleson, Texas
Lucas Michael Peel, A.A., Caldwell, Texas
Colin Matthew Pitzer, A.A., Omaha, Neb.
Hauw Celline Angelina Raharjo, A.S.,
Semarang, Indonesia
Elsa Margaret Rayneau, A.A., Malang,
Indonesia (India)
Desirae Alyza Rodriguez, A.A., Wichita, Kan.
Abygail Romero, A.A., Baldwin Park, Calif.
Colton Scott Steinke, A.A., Ault, Colo.
Samuel Elias Vasquez Ortega, A.A., Sincellejo, Colo.
Rylee Emelia Weishaupt, A.A., Goshen, Ind.
Ashleigh Mia Williams, A.S., Eaton, Colo.
Nyan Nay Aung Win, A.A., Yangon, Myanmar
Kaleb Rueben Wise, A.A., Newton, Kan.
Mrikejda Zogu, A.S., Lezhe, Albania



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