

East Arkansas
Community College

**Commencement
Ceremony**



Thursday & Friday,
May 12 & 13, 2022

Honorary Degrees

EACC awards honorary degrees to individuals who have given outstanding service to the college or to the community (at local, state or national levels). The EACC Board of Trustees developed policies on the awarding of honorary degrees in 1987. The policies require approval by the Board and permit nomination of prospective recipients by any interested individual. Honorary degrees are awarded carefully and with restraint indicating the importance placed upon them. The following individuals have received honorary EACC degrees:

Clarence Bell
Dale Bumpers
Oral Winston Edwards

John W. Mann, Jr.
Otis Parnell Hammons



EACC Board of Trustees

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Al Miller
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Order of Ceremony

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

The National Anthem

Welcome

Introduction of Student Speaker

Student Address

Cassey Renfrow

Honor Graduate

Presentation of the EACC Candidates

Conferring of Degrees

Announcements

Recessional

Trumpet Tune and Air

Please Remain Seated

Graduation is a solemn ceremony. Out of respect for our graduates and their accomplishments, please turn off cell phones when you enter the building.

Please remain seated until the Recessional is complete. After the Recessional, instructions will be provided for a coordinated exit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Associate of Arts Degree

Lakeisha Annette Akins

Kennedy Jelyn Allen

D'Vontae Kentrell Appleby, *Summa Cum Laude*

Eric Alan Barnes II, *Cum Laude*

Jamie Nicole Baxter

Nicoles Cole Bratton, *Cum Laude*

Mary Sue Buckley

Caleb Davis Cothorn

Susan Crain

Sarah Beth Gaines, *Magna Cum Laude**

Matthew P. Hemme*

Jarida Lilyana Hess, *Magna Cum Laude,*

Honors Program

Hailey Renee Hooker

Macey Cate Hurt, *Summa Cum Laude*

Brileigh Mackenzie Johnson, *Summa Cum Laude*

Sara Marie Johnson

Tommy Lee Jones III, *Magna Cum Laude*

Taylor Lattimore

Veronica Roshelle Lyons

Madison Claire Mathes, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*

Honors Program

Sheila McDaniel

Josephine Miller

Lexie Gray Mitchell

Fredricka Ashley Moore

Pamela Paige Mulloy

Neives Avalon Oglesby

Kirdesha Lashae Patton

Samantha Jane Pickard

Hubiana Monek Purnell

Frankie Mae Ray

Cassey LeAnne Renfrow, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Joshua Loyd Roland

Ashley Nicole Smith

Mi'Shona Ma'Rea Smith

Reid Claire Smith

Sara Elizabeth Swan, *Summa Cum Laude*, PTK*
Thu Thi Minh Truong
Johanna Beth Vanaman
Layna Remley Wallace, *Summa Cum Laude*, PTK
Jakyia Madhavi Gatlin-Willis
Alyssa Paige Winders, *Cum Laude*
Asher Joesph Wood
Kyle James-Beck Wright, *Cum Laude*

Associate of Science Degrees

Business

T'Shara Nyree Bashir
Lynette Wilson Ferrell
Shanell Yvette Goodman
Abdulrahman Ahmed Hezam
Kirdesha Lashae Patton
Sharon D. Reid
Bailey Carrie Rice
Ashley Brooke Skinner, *Magna Cum Laude*
James Jerome Smith, Jr.
Mi'Shona Ma'Rea Smith
Deasha Dawn Stanfield, *Magna Cum Laude*
Thu Thi Minh Truong

Criminal Justice

Lakeisha Annette Akins
Icess Char-dae Aldridge
Chasity Breana Bell
Amanda Ashley Bratton, *Cum Laude*
Ronald Jerome Broussard
Devan Kyle Davis
Elizabeth Marie Mashburn
Nicholas E. Owens
Cassandra Roshae Stokes Summers

Education

London Elizabeth Clark
Emily Jolynn Hill

DeMarco Fernandez Long II
Sydney Taylor Marie Hall
Chasity Hurst, *Cum Laude*
Mary Celeste Marrs, *Cum Laude*
Conlee Elizabeth Mitchell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Trystan Lynn Norman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program
Kaylee Grace Reynolds
Kyra Shuntae Watson

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ethan Thomas Cook
Isabella Carmen Guerrero
Cassey LeAnne Renfrow, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Reid Claire Smith

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

Childcare

Veronica Monique Johnson
Rosemary Norman, *Cum Laude*
Stephanie Marie Thomas, *Cum Laude*
Janeshia Dashun Williams, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice

Cassandra Roshae Stokes Summers
Shane O'Neal Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*

General Technology

Gary Ray Moore, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Management

Roderick L. Harris
Bailey Carrie Rice

Nursing

Denesha Renee Anderson
Tammy Anderson

Brian Blackmon
Arionna Paige Coburn, *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Faye Cook, *Cum Laude*
Deranecque Laveisha Davis
Emily Grace Futrell
Halie Nicole Gregory, *Cum Laude*
Julia Bauer Guiltner
Kaden Jagger Harrell
Angela Denise Hayes
Nashval Presley Jordan Hall, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Loren Mackenzie Keeling
Maya Rohanna Stone
Tanya Elizabeth Timmons
Layna Remley Wallace, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*
Chantrell Nicole Young

Radiologic Technology

Skyler Josephine Cronin
Takelia Vernett Davis
Stephanie Ann Hacker, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ashlee Hall
Lacey Breanna Hathcock
Ivy Ray Pulliam
Shelbie Marie Ramer
Tanner Wooten, *Cum Laude*

Certificate in General Studies

Kennedy Jelyn Allen
D'Vontae Kentrell Appleby, *Summa Cum Laude*
Eric Alan Barnes II, *Cum Laude*
Chasity Breana Bell
Melodi Betts
Nicoles Cole Bratton, *Cum Laude*
Pinky Floyd Buckley
Mary Sue Buckley
Allen Christopher Coleman*
Caleb Davis Cothern
Susan Crain

Sarah Elizabeth Crowell*
Alexandria Alane Davis
Faith Brianne Davis*
Torrie Donnae Deshowrn
Lynette Wilson Ferrell
ShaMya Simone Futrell, *Cum Laude**
Sarah Beth Gaines, *Magna Cum Laude**
Shanell Yvette Goodman
Graham Edgar Gore
Nadia Danielle Graham*
Isabella Carmen Guerrero
Matthew P. Hemme*
Abdulrahman Ahmed Hezam
Jarida Lilyana Hess, *Magna Cum Laude,*
Honors Program
Hunter Roy Hill*
Hailey Renee Hooker
Macey Cate Hurt, *Summa Cum Laude*
Brileigh Mackenzie Johnson, *Summa Cum Laude*
Allie Nicole Johnson*
Tommy Lee Jones III, *Magna Cum Laude*
Terry Lynn Jones
Taylor Lattimore
Kylie Grace Loewer, *Summa Cum Laude**
Veronica Roshelle Lyons
Katelyn Elizabeth Mason, *Cum Laude**
Madison Claire Mathes, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program
Christopher Robert McAdams, *PTK*
Mollie Mahan McClain
Londyn MiKaykla McDaniel*
Cayden Brooke McKissick*
Josephine Miller
Lexie Gray Mitchell
Pamela Paige Mulloy
Nicholas E. Owens
Kirdesha Lashae Patton
Byrant Eugene Phillips II

Samantha Jane Pickard
Hubiana Monek Purnell
Frankie Mae Ray
Cassey LeAnne Renfrow, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Jacob Walter Short
Ashley Brooke Skinner, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly Michelle Smith
Mi'Shona Ma'Rea Smith
Connor Issac Stackhouse*
Nicholas Michael Thompson*
Thu Thi Minh Truong
Johanna Beth Vanaman
Melt Van der Spuy, *Summa Cum Laude**
Layna Remley Wallace, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*
Kyra Shuntae Watson
DaQuada Jaleel White, *Summa Cum Laude*
Candice Dee Williams, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Jakyia Madhavi Gatlin-Willis
Alyssa Paige Winders, *Cum Laude*
Kyle James-Beck Wright, *Cum Laude*
Billie Marie Young, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**

Technical Certificates

Administrative Office Technology

Bria Louise Moore

Auto Body Repair

Akiela Natasha Hamilton
Josephine Miller

Childcare

Veronica Monique Johnson
Stephanie Marie Thomas, *Cum Laude*
Janeshia Dashun Williams, *Cum Laude*

Cosmetology

Valerie Brook Chapman, *Cum Laude*

Lorena Lopez

Jessie Miller

Criminal Justice

Shane O'Neal Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*

Drafting and Design

Devin Wright, *Summa Cum Laude*

Education Studies

Sydney Taylor Marie Hall

Emily Jolynn Hill

Chasity Hurst, *Cum Laude*

DeMarco Fernandez Long II

Mary Celeste Marrs, *Cum Laude*

Conlee Elizabeth Mitchell, *Magna Cum Laude*

Trystan Lynn Norman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,
Honors Program*

Kaylee Grace Reynolds

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic

Kerry Meeks

Health Professions

Tammy Anderson

Laynee Paige Burnett, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK,
Honors Program*

Elizabeth Faye Cook, *Cum Laude*

Alexandria Alane Davis

Takelia Vernett Davis

Sentreal Marie Edwards

Emily Grace Futrell

Halie Nicole Gregory, *Cum Laude*

Julia Bauer Guiltner

Stephanie Ann Hacker, *Summa Cum Laude*

Chikisha Schlon Hardaway

Kaden Jagger Harrell
Lacey Breanna Hathcock
Angela Denise Hayes
MaKayla Danielle Haynes
Austin Nohumba Shamar Hill
Lexie Gray Mitchell
Ivy Ray Pulliam
Shelbie Marie Ramer
Kimberly Michelle Smith
Megan Nicole Sullivan
Sidney Grace Webb
Candice Dee Williams, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Crystal Faye Williams
Tanner Wooten, *Cum Laude*
Chantrell Nicole Young

Industrial Equipment Technology

Kuriarte Sanchaze Harris

Major Appliance Service

Connor Hilton Blackwell

Practical Nursing

Sydney Bradshaw, *Cum Laude*
Cherrelle Nicole Brown
MaRanda Danielle Scott Cole
Zoe Lauren Colvin, *Cum Laude*
Jamie Elizabeth Dias
Erika Lynn Faircloth, *Cum Laude*
Khnedee K. Finch
Cassie Vanika Franklin
Brittany Marie Fryer
Tashee Gregory
Calvince Otieno Ochanda, *Cum Laude*
Taylor Michelle Parnell
Karen Elizabeth Parrish
Malorie Lauren Saxon
Samantha Gail Stanfield

Radiologic Technology

Israel Nyanza Chisem, *Cum Laude*

Refrigeration and Heat Exchange Technology

Eric Treat, *Magna Cum Laude*

Residential Heat & Air Conditioning

Derione Marquise Hughes

Kevin Lamont King

Jermaine Cotrell Larry

Bryant Eugene Phillips

Welding Technology

Jasmine Bell

Quinton Antwon Lay

Candice Smith, *Summa Cum Laude*

Certificates of Proficiency

Automotive Service Technology

Zane Russell Goff, *PTK**

Childcare

Veronica Monique Johnson

Stephanie D. Robinson

Stephanie Marie Thomas, *Cum Laude*

Janeshia Dashun Williams, *Cum Laude*

Commercial Driver Training

Jessie Zone Adams

Clarence Lee Adams

David Marius Bishop

Curtis E. Davis

Jonathan Lance Drake, Jr.

Deviunta Deshun Foster

Kenneth Dangelia Gibbs

Jaquize Tavon Green

Malik Tyrese Jones

Rodney Juan Laureles
Charles E. Matthews
Jerome Bernard McDaniel
Jack Lee Montgomery
Kendrick Kamal Patterson
Denarius Roberts
Kamryn Joseph Speed
Keilian Rashaad Stephens
David Lee Stewart
Antonia Vaughn, Sr.
Dedrick Jermaine Walker
Dayjah Ra'Chell Williams
Dyveon Lee Williams
Maurica Anntwainette Williams
John Henry Wilson
Randy Demario Wooten
Juan Jose Zuniga

Cosmetology Instructor

Megan Nicole Guynes

Criminal Justice

DeMarcus Louis Hunter
Paula Jenay Stewart
Cassandra Roshae Stokes Summers
Shane O'Neal Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*

Diesel Technology

William Jesse Lee Thornhill*
Norman Eli Like*

Education Studies

Camryn Paige Dollar, *PTK,*
Honors Program
Sydney Taylor Marie Hall
Emily Jolynn Hill
Chasity Hurst, *Cum Laude*
DeMarco Fernandez Long II

Mary Celeste Marrs, *Cum Laude*
Conlee Elizabeth Mitchell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Trystan Lynn Norman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
Honors Program
Kaylee Grace Reynolds

Emergency Medical Technology- Basic

Virgil Kent Clemons
Wesley Wade Douglas
Kyler Christopher Gibbs
Tony Dwayne Goodman
Kanosha Quantasha Hicks
Kelsey Lee Lewis
Robert E. Lockhart, Jr.
Odus Lhee McDaniel
Nicholus Allin Thomas
Collin Parker White

Hair Care

Jessie Miller

Industrial Equipment Technology

Kuriarte Sanchaze Harris
Devin Wright, *Summa Cum Laude*

Medical Professions Education

Lisa Marie Coleman*
Mckenzie Dawn Nelson*
Amayia Mykahal Walton*

Refrigeration and Heat Exchange Technology

Connor Hilton Blackwell
Bryant Eugene Phillips*

Residential Heat and Air Conditioning

Eric Treat, *Magna Cum Laude*

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Lakeisha Annette Akins

Icess Char-dae Aldridge

Kennedy Jelyn Allen

D'Vontae Kentrell Appleby, *Summa Cum Laude*

Eric Alan Barnes II, *Cum Laude*

T'Shara Nyree Bashir

Jamie Nicole Baxter

Chasity Breana Bell

Melodi Betts

Nicoles Cole Bratton, *Cum Laude*

Amanda Ashley Bratton, *Cum Laude*

Ronald Jerome Broussard

Mary Sue Buckley

Ethan Thomas Cook

Caleb Davis Cothorn

Susan Crain

Sarah Elizabeth Crowell*

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Shanell Yvette Goodman

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Arianna Lashun Harrell

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Tommy Lee Jones III, *Magna Cum Laude*

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Londyn MiKaykla McDaniel*
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Conlee Elizabeth Mitchell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Fredricka Ashley Moore
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Trystan Lynn Norman, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK,*
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Cassey LeAnne Renfrow, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Bailey Carrie Rice
Joshua Loyd Roland
Jacob Walter Short
Ashley Brooke Skinner, *Magna Cum Laude*
James Jerome Smith, Jr.
Mi'Shona Ma'Rea Smith
Reid Claire Smith
Ashley Nicole Smith
Deasha Dawn Stanfield, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sara Elizabeth Swan, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**
Thu Thi Minh Truong
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Kyra Shuntae Watson
Candice Dee Williams, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Jakyia Madhavi Gatlin-Willis

Alyssa Paige Winders, *Cum Laude*
Asher Joesph Wood
Kyle James-Beck Wright, *Cum Laude*

Welding Technology

Austin Andrew Ferguson*
Quinton Antwon Lay
Javier Lynch*
Torrey Lance Norman
Ja'Von Timothy Lashant Walker*

*These students are graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, Technical Certificate, Certificate in General Studies, or Certificate of Proficiency from East Arkansas Community College's Concurrent Enrollment program or Secondary Career Center (ESCC) while concurrently enrolled in high school.

Academic Achievement Recognition

Graduation honors are given to students who maintain a superior accumulative grade point average during their study. Classifications of honor guidelines recognized are:

Summa Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.80+
Magna Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.60 - 3.79
Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.35 - 3.59
Honors Program	Graduate of EACC Honors Program (<i>Honors</i>)
Phi Theta Kappa	An international honor society for academic achievement 3.5+ GPA required (PTK)

Graduation Cords and Stoles

Graduation Honor Cords

Graduation cords are reserved for students who have achieved an academic honor over the course of their time at East Arkansas Community College.

Gold	Summa Cum Laude
Red	Magna Cum Laude
White	Cum Laude

Graduation Stoles

Graduation or academic stoles are decorative vestments worn by students to designate various academic/technical areas of study or indicate memberships of various organizations.

Apricot	Nursing
Drab	Business/Technical
Light Blue	Education
Midnight Blue	Criminal Justice
Sage Green	Allied Health Sciences

Academic Costume

The procession of academic regalia is not only vibrant and colorful, it is also deeply historical and symbolic. While it may look like a random mixture of styles and colors, it is not. Each individual gown, hood, and cap or tam combination has a special meaning and is based on guidelines set by the Academic Costume Code.

History: The origins of academic costume go back to medieval European universities, where students and teachers wore gowns reflecting their status and scholastic achievements. American colleges and universities follow a standardized system originally developed in 1895. The code regulating academic costume establishes uniform standards and is administered by an intercollegiate commission. East Arkansas Community College follows the code, with adaptations where appropriate.

Procession: The president leads the commencement procession and may wear a distinctive academic costume unique to her position. Presidential gowns may display a fourth chevron, or velvet bar, on each sleeve. The president may also wear a medallion displaying the college seal.

Members of the Board of Trustees wear distinctive regalia, including a medallion, to reflect their importance to the institution. Trustees' gowns are faced in velvet and have sleeves without velvet bars so the gowns are adaptable to any degree. Trustees are awarded the honor of wearing velvet caps, called tams, in recognition of their status.

Administrators, faculty, and staff wear a variety of regalia reflecting their academic achievement and fields of study, as per the costume code.

Degree candidates participating in the ceremony wear black robes and mortar board caps with tassels, which they switch from right to left after degrees are conferred.

Academic regalia worn by faculty and staff vary based on their level of academic achievement. Each costume is divided into three parts: gown, hood, and cap or tam.

Doctoral gowns have three velvet chevrons on round sleeves cuffed at the wrist. The velvet bars may be black, dark blue, or a color distinctive to the field of learning. The hood draping down the back of the doctoral gown is four feet long and is faced with a five inch velvet strip. It is lined with silk panels in colors representing the doctoral institution and field of study. Those holding a doctorate may wear a mortar board or a velvet tam.

Master's gowns have unadorned oblong sleeves that hang down with an arc near the bottom. The master's hood is three and one half feet long faced with a three inch strip of velvet, and is lined in colors representing the master's institution and field of study.

Bachelor's gowns have long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a two inch strip of velvet, and may display colors in a manner similar to master's and doctoral gowns.

Associate's gowns or gowns worn by those with professional training or credentials are the same as the bachelor's gown, but worn without a hood.

Colors: Agriculture-Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities-White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business-Drab; Economics-Copper; Education-Light Blue; Engineering-Orange; Fine Arts, including Architecture-Brown; Forestry-Russet; Journalism-Crimson; Law-Purple; Library Science-Lemon; Medicine-Green; Music-Pink; Nursing-Apricot; Oratory (Speech)-Silver Gray; Pharmacy-Olive Green; Philosophy-Dark Blue; Physical Education-Sage Green; Public Administration, including Foreign Service-Peacock Blue; Public Health-Salmon Pink; Science-Golden Yellow; Social Work-Citron; Theology-Scarlet.

History

The graduating Class of 2022 is the forty-seventh in the history of East Arkansas Community College.

EACC's history began in 1967 with the creation of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute. In the late 1960s, residents of St. Francis County sought to create both a technical school and a community college. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was created during the development of public postsecondary vocational technical schools in Arkansas. In 1966, the CRTI building was approved for construction by the State Board of Vocational Education, and the building site was donated by the Forrest City Chamber of Commerce. CRTI's first official students were accepted in September 1967. In August 1973, the Arkansas Board of Higher Education approved an election for the establishment of a community college in St. Francis County. On November 8, voters approved the establishment of a community college district and levying of a 4-mill tax to finance construction. Gov. Dale Bumpers appointed nine members to the Board of Trustees, and these members were sworn in on December 13, 1973. An administrative team and faculty were assembled, and on August 26, 1974, classes began in a temporary facility. In December 1974, the Board of Trustees authorized construction of eleven buildings on the present campus. In 1979, EACC received accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and was awarded continued accreditation in 1989, 1999, and 2009. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was approved by the State Board of Workforce Education to become a technical institute in 1992, and the name changed to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute.

Over the years, EACC's campus continued to grow with a significant number of major expansion and renovation projects including new classroom buildings, a lecture hall, expansion of the physical education building, and the addition of a Computer Education Center, Learning Resource Center, and the Betty Jo Hodges Student Services Complex, and Technology Center. The Fine Arts Center opened in 2010, the Transportation and Technology Center opened in 2011, and the Allied Health Center opened in January 2013.

During the 91st Regular Session of the Arkansas State Legislature, Act 636 passed allowing a merger between Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College pending approval of both governing boards and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board. In August 2017, EACC and CRTI merged to become a single institution.

With over 90 years of combined history, the uniquely blended comprehensive community college continues to provide high quality academic, vocational, occupational and technical education in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.