



# Avila University Commencement 2025

*Celebrating our 108<sup>th</sup> graduating class*

# Mission Statement

Avila University, a Catholic University founded and inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, provides undergraduate and graduate education in the liberal arts and professional studies, preparing lifelong learners who make meaningful contributions to the global community.

## Value Statements

Guided by our Catholic identity as expressed through the heritage and vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Avila community values...

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- The worth, dignity, and potential of each human being
- Diversity and its expression
- The development of the whole person
- Right relationships, with God, self, others, and creation
- Service with the dear neighbor



*“Deo adjuvante, non timendum”*  
*“God helping, fear not”*

– Saint Teresa of Avila  
Avila University motto

The Faculty, Staff,  
and Administration of  
Avila University  
wish to extend their sincere  
CONGRATULATIONS  
AND BEST WISHES  
to the 2025 Graduates.

# Commencement Exercises

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May 3, 2025  
Avila University  
10:00 a.m.

## CALL FORWARD OF GRADUATING CLASS

## PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance March”  
Composed by Sir Edward William Elgar

## INVOCATION

Fr. Don Farnan

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME

James C. Burkee, Ph.D.  
President, Avila University

## PRESIDER

Bryan DePoy, DM  
Provost  
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs



## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

*Undergraduate Candidate*

Kendal Wooley, BSBA

*Graduate Candidate*

Chantel Edwards, MEd

Building Principal K-12

*Commencement Speaker*

Melesa Johnson

Jackson County Prosecutor

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Bryan DePoy, DM

Provost

Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

James C. Burkee, Ph.D.

President, Avila University

## CLOSING REMARKS

James C. Burkee, Ph.D.

President, Avila University

## BENEDICTION

Ruth Stuckel, CSJ

## RECESSIONAL

“Grand March” by Giuseppe Verdi





## KENDAL WOOLEY, BSBA

### *Undergraduate Student Speaker*

Kendal Wooley is a driven and purpose-led individual with a track record of leadership and service both on and off the field. A proud recipient of the Jeanne Collins Thompson Ariston Award, the School of Business Outstanding Marketing Award, and the Avila Student Award of Excellence, Kendal has always strived for excellence in academics, athletics, and community engagement.

As a Senior Captain for the Avila University Football Team, a Resident Assistant, and Head Event Coordinator for the Black Student Union, Kendal has consistently demonstrated integrity, initiative, and a deep commitment to uplifting those around him. He's also served his community through initiatives like Dear Neighbor Day and an internship with City Union Mission, providing support to individuals and families in need.

Looking ahead, Kendal is passionate about pursuing a professional football career, with aspirations to one day launch his own business. Grounded in faith and guided by purpose, he's embracing each opportunity with heart and humility—going wherever God leads him.





**CHANTEL EDWARDS, MEd,**  
**Building Principal K-12**  
***Graduate Student Speaker***

Chantel Edwards is graduating with a Master of Science in Educational Leadership with K through 12 Principal Certification. Her path to leadership began with humble roots, first working as a bus attendant and then as a paraprofessional. Chantel discovered her passion for teaching in kindergarten, inspired by her first teacher, Ms. Shaw, and every educator who shaped her along the way. Determined to make an impact, she graduated as valedictorian of her undergraduate class at Boricua College and was selected as a 2018 Teach For America corps member. That opportunity brought her from New York City to Kansas City, where she taught elementary school for six years, served as a Career and Technical Education teacher, and now thrives as a Special Education Instructional Coach for Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. She also holds a Master's in Education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and a Mathematics Education Specialist degree from the University of Central Missouri.

Chantel pursued educational leadership to ensure that students and teachers feel seen, valued, and supported. Throughout her own school experience, she excelled when empowered by strong, compassionate leaders, especially the deans and vice principals who believed in her during difficult times. Their support changed her life, and now she is committed to doing the same for others. Her leadership journey is rooted in that lived experience, combining empathy with high expectations and vision. In 2020, Chantel earned recognition as Teacher of the Year, celebrating her work in building strong relationships and creating classrooms where every student could thrive.

As she steps into this next chapter, Chantel brings clarity, passion, and a deep belief in the power of transformational leadership. While the future is still unfolding, she stands proud of how far she has come and is ready for what lies ahead. She extends heartfelt thanks to her children, husband, and family, whose constant encouragement fueled her success. Chantel also deeply appreciates the many professors and mentors who guided her along the way, especially Dr. Mattingly, whose guidance helped shape one of her most rewarding career decisions thus far. Chantel is committed to leading with purpose and creating school communities where students and educators rise together.



## **MELESA JOHNSON, Jackson County Prosecutor** *Commencement Speaker*

Melesa Johnson is a passionate advocate for justice, community safety, and transformative change. Raised in one of Jackson County's most challenged areas, she has dedicated her career to addressing crime while striving for balance between justice for victims and opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

Melesa began her legal career in 2014 as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, where she was named Rookie of the Year. Subsequently, Melesa worked at Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice, LLC and Seyferth Blumenthal & Harris in both private practice and governmental roles. Melesa also served as a law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Willie J. Epps, Jr. in the Western District of Missouri. Her duties included drafting legal opinions, researching issues before the court, and daily docket management. She most recently served as Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas' Director of Public Safety and managed key violence prevention initiatives.

Melesa's commitment to service extends beyond her profession. She has held leadership roles on numerous community boards, including the KIPP Academy School Board and the Englewood Arts Board, and has served with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City. Her efforts have earned her several accolades, including the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Award and Ink Magazine's 30 Under 30 recognition.

A graduate of Columbia University (B.A., Political Science) and the University of Missouri School of Law (J.D.), where she served as an Associate Editor of the Law Review, Melesa has been a lifelong learner and leader. Her affiliations include The Missouri Bar, the Jackson County Bar Association, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As prosecutor, Melesa is steadfast in her mission to create a safer, more equitable Jackson County by addressing systemic challenges, empowering communities, and fostering justice that is both fair and restorative.



# CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

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## COLLEGE OF INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Jhagir Abdul	MS	Computer Science Management
Vinaypal Reddy Adla	MS	Computer Science Management
Ganesh Reddy Aeddula	MS	Computer Science Management
Alexandra Aguilar	MBA	Business Administration
Vasundara Agurla	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Anushka Aitha	MS	Computer Science Management
Varun Akoju	MS	Computer Science Management
Niharika Goud Akula	MS	Business Analytics Management
Mohammed Tanzeel Alam	MS	Business Analytics Management
Rajeswari Alavala	MS	Computer Science Management
Nikesh Reddy Allugubelli	MS	Business Analytics Management
Ali Ahmed Alolaywi	MS	Technology Management
Kirsten Claver Alphonsus	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Chamanthi Aluri	MS	Computer Science Management
Samuel Owusu Amankwah	MS	Business Analytics Management
Likhitha Amaraneni	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Parth Haresh Ambaliya	MS	Business Analytics Management
Sagar Amundla	MS	Computer Science Management
Shafia Amtul	MS	Business Analytics Management
Gayatri Ankam	MS	Computer Science Management
Indhu Ravindra Annam	MS	Business Analytics Management
Electra Alemania Arzola	MA	Management
Sravan Kumar Arusuru	MS	Computer Science Management
Malik Alexander Ashford	MBA	Business Administration
Nadia Asmat	MS	Computer Science Management
Gopi Sharan Bachu	MS	Computer Science Management
Bhavani Manjulatha Bagulu	MS	Computer Science Management
Mounika Reddy Bakkanna	MS	Business Analytics Management
Sai Yashwanth Banala	MS	Computer Science Management
Niranjan Reddy Banda	MS	Computer Science Management
Gnana Prakash Bandi	MS	Business Analytics Management
Kemuel J Bankhead II	MS	Psychology
Manish Kumar Banuka	MS	Computer Science Management
Pavan Kumar Bathini	MS	Computer Science Management
Mahesh Battu	MS	Computer Science Management
Sara Emily Beardsley	MAED	Special Reading
Hajera Begum	MS	Business Analytics Management
Stephanie Betancourt	MS	Counseling Psychology
Lasya Bhimavarapu	MS	Computer Science Management
Basivi Reddy Bhumireddy	MS	Business Analytics Management
Supriya Bikki	MS	Computer Science Management
Cayla Marie Billings	MS	Counseling Psychology
Sreelekha Yadav Boddam	MS	Computer Science Management
Hyndavi Boddeda	MS	Computer Science Management
Balram Boddu	MS	Business Analytics Management
Venu Boga	MS	Computer Science Management
Teja Venkata Satish Bollimpalli	MS	Computer Science Management
Shyamsunder Rao Bommavaram	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Sai Pratap Chandra Bondada	MS	Computer Science Management
Deepak Borra	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Dallas Bryce Boone	MA	Management
Sandeep Chander Botta	MS	Technology Management
Tiffany L. Bradley	MBA	Business Administration

## COLLEGE OF INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Ashlee Michele Brannin	MS	Psychology
Isabel Rose Bruce	MS	Counseling Psychology
Benjamin M. Buller	MAED	Special Reading
Praveen Kumar Buneti	MS	Computer Science Management
Alexis Danielle Burgard	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Kija Xjenai Cammock	MS	Psychology
Jennifer Gail Campbell	MS	Psychology
Nanette Rose Castaneda	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Megan Elizabeth Caudle	MS	Counseling Psychology
Naryana Challa	MS	Computer Science Management
Naveen Kumar Kumar Challagundla	MS	Business Analytics Management
Alexis Jade Chastain	MS	Counseling Psychology
Yaswanth Chepuri	MS	Technology Management
Siri Ayshwarya Chiluveru	MS	Business Analytics Management
Jaswanth Chimata	MS	Business Analytics Management
Ruthvik Chowdary Chintapalli	MS	Computer Science Management
Teja Chinthala	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Ranjith Reddy Chinthalapalli	MS	Technology Management
Mahidar Reddy Chiyvedu	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Trinity-Ann Sky Christopher	MBA	Business Administration
Mark Christopher Chubb	MS	Counseling Psychology
Siva Rama Krishna Chundi	MS	Computer Science Management
Alyssa Renee Contreras	MAED	Special Reading
Morgan Imani Clark	MA	Management
Jessica Marie Dalebroux	MA	Management
Harish Dasoju	MS	Business Analytics Management
Katherine Louise Davis-Winn	MAED	Special Reading
Shanmukh Davuluri	MS	Computer Science Management
Nikhil Debbanuru	MS	Computer Science Management
Gagan Deepasha	MBA	Business Administration
Naveen Desabathina	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Abhishkitha Deshagouni	MS	Computer Science Management
Lia Diamantis	MBA	Business Administration
Jenna Dickey	MS	Counseling Psychology
Siobhan Dittmer	MBA	Business Administration
Michael Driscoll	MS	Organizational Development
Andrea Leigh Drummond	MAED	Special Reading
Jahanvi Rajeshbhai Dungrani	MBA	Business Administration
Clayton Douglas Durham	MBA	Business Administration
Arielle Marie Dyess	MA	Strategic Communication
Chantel M. Edwards	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Sai Rathna Babu Eega	MS	Computer Science Management
Sujith Reddy Eleti	MS	Technology Management
Vaishnavi Enantala	MS	Computer Science Management
Diane S. Everitt	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Yousra Firdouse	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Imani Frierson	MA	Management
Presten Reed Fry	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Lokesh Gadchanda	MS	Business Analytics Management
Peter Shashikanth Reddy Gade	MS	Computer Science Management
Rithvika Gajavalli	MS	Computer Science Management
Pavan Kumar Gajjala	MS	Computer Science Management
Swetha Gajjela	MS	Computer Science Management
Vasavi Gajji	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Teja Gangiseti	MS	Computer Science Management
Lingaraju Ganta	MS	Business Analytics Management
Karlee Ann Garrison	MS	Counseling Psychology
Taylor Yvette Gatson	MS	Kinesiology
Priya Gurung Gautam	MS	Business Analytics Management

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Kathryn Minnick Geracie	MS	Counseling Psychology
Regan Kay Thull Getman	MA	Management
Sai Pallavi Gidijala	MS	Business Analytics Management
Joshi Williams Praveen Kumar Giduturi	MS	Computer Science Management
Brooklyn Paige Girten	MS	Psychology
Srikanth Reddy Gokula	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Joshua Sunder Raj Gomasa	MS	Computer Science Management
Alexis Goodin	MBA	Business Administration
Sahilpreet Singh Gorla	MS	Computer Science Management
Sumathi Gottipati	MS	Computer Science Management
Jessica Gregory	MBA	Business Administration
Usha Sree Gumudavelli	MS	Business Analytics Management
Balakrishna Gunda	MS	Computer Science Management
Venkata Sai Pavan Kumar Guptha Gurram	MS	Computer Science Management
Harish Gurrupu	MS	Business Analytics Management
Kristine Hafford	MBA	Business Administration
David M. Hamilton	MS	Psychology
Rheagan Michelle Hancock	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Austin Gregory Harmon	MBA	Business Administration
Blake Elliott Hausman	MS	Psychology
Rachel M. Head	MAED	Special Reading
Nicole Herder	MS	Counseling Psychology
Del'shaun Higgins	MS	Kinesiology
Giridhar Irla	MS	Computer Science Management
Anusha Jami	MS	Business Analytics Management
Britni L. Jarvis	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Maheswara Rao Jasti	MS	Computer Science Management
Brennan James Jeffries	MS	Computer Science Management
Heidi L. Johnson	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Kelly Kaczmarczyk	MA	Education
Haribabu Kakarla	MS	Computer Science Management
Anirudh Kalleru	MS	Computer Science Management
Koteswararao Kanaparthi	MS	Computer Science Management
Siddhardha Kancharla	MS	Computer Science Management
Alliance Kaneza	MBA	Business Administration
Sujith Kankanala	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Sri Charan Raju Karampudi	MS	Business Analytics Management
Praneeth Reddy Kasula	MS	Business Analytics Management
Sai Teja Kattoju	MS	Computer Science Management
Ram Subhash Katuri	MS	Business Analytics Management
Ishwinder Kaur	MS	Business Analytics Management
Udit Kaura	MBA	Business Administration
Patricia Rose Kearney	MS	Counseling Psychology
Azharuddin Khaja	MS	Computer Science Management
Douglas Larry Klocko	MS	Counseling Psychology
Vivek Kodali	MS	Computer Science Management
Srikanth Koka	MS	Computer Science Management
Anusha Kolagani	MS	Computer Science Management
Pavan Bharadwaj Kollipara	MS	Computer Science Management
Sankeerthana Kommareddy	MS	Computer Science Management
Devyani Vinayak Konale	MS	Computer Science Management
Mounika Konuganti	MS	Computer Science Management
Akash Reddy Kotha	MS	Technology Management
Dhushyanth Kovala	MS	Computer Science Management
Shubham Kulkarni	MS	Business Analytics Management
Satish Kumar Kumar Kc	MS	Business Analytics Management
Brahma Teja Kunchala	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Kiran Kuruva	MS	Computer Science Management
Prem Kumar Laghuvarapu	MS	Computer Science Management

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Rajesh Lakavath	MS	Computer Science Management
Koushik Reddy Lakku	MS	Business Analytics Management
Megan Elizabeth Leimkuehler	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Inger Margrethe Lillis	MAED	Special Reading
Regan Link	MAED	Special Reading
Erin Parker Lobb	MAED	Special Reading
Kaylee Marie Mack	MS	Counseling Psychology
Sai Chandrika Maddi	MS	Computer Science Management
Stephanie Elaine Maddox	MBA	Business Administration
Sai Pavan Goud Madhagoni	MS	Computer Science Management
Srinivasa Hrishikesh Madiraju	MS	Business Analytics Management
Sai Subrahmanyam Mahadasa	MS	Computer Science Management
Lakshmi Satya Sandeep Makireddi	MS	Computer Science Management
Manjunath Makthala	MS	Computer Science Management
Venkata Sai Santhosh Kamal Mandali	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Yashwanth Reddy Mandha	MS	Business Analytics Management
Praveenkumar Mannepalli	MS	Computer Science Management
Hari Krishna Manyam	MS	Computer Science Management
Madison Noel Markel	MS	Psychology
Michaiah Shakaina Martin	MBA	Business Administration
Deanna Cherisse Mathews	MAED	School Counselor
Mary Lorene Mayberry	MS	Psychology
Danica Rae McCallister	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Kameron Alexander McClinton	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Karen Loreta McClure	MS	Counseling Psychology
Lauren McElhinney	MS	Counseling Psychology
Suzanne Marie McRoberts	MS	Counseling Psychology
Jordan Matthew Meirose	MS	Counseling Psychology
Abhinav Sagar Mekala	MS	Computer Science Management
Venkatesh Yadav Mekala	MS	Computer Science Management
Elizabeth Marie Miller	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Tegan Lee Miller	MAED	Special Reading
Madison Ray-Anne Milligan	MBA	Business Administration
Henry Ray Mincey III	MBA	Business Administration
Josette Marie Mitchell	MBA	Business Administration
Vivek Reddy Mittapally	MS	Computer Science Management
Mohida Mohammad	MS	Computer Science Management
Abdul Khadeer Mohammed	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Abdul Majeed Khan Mohammed	MS	Computer Science Management
Ansar Altamash Mohammed	MS	Computer Science Management
Asifali Mohammed	MS	Business Analytics Management
Atyab Zahooruddin Mohammed	MS	Computer Science Management
Faizuddin Mohammed	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Jaffar Sadiq Mohammed	MS	Computer Science Management
Javeed Khan Mohammed	MS	Computer Science Management
Nadeemuddin Mohammed	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Omar Ahemad Siddiqi Mohammed	MS	Business Analytics Management
Anusha Mudraboina	MS	Computer Science Management
Akanksha Mukkisa	MS	Computer Science Management
Gina M. Costa Muller	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Bala Gopi Muppalla	MS	Computer Science Management
Maruthi Vardhan Nagabhairava	MS	Computer Science Management
Yamini Naidu	MS	Business Analytics Management
Sai Ramesh Nakka	MS	Computer Science Management
Pavan Poojith Nandigam	MS	Computer Science Management
Suvidh Narkimelli	MS	Technology Management
Sai Ramana Narra	MS	Business Analytics Management
Narayana Reddy Naru	MS	Computer Science Management
Kyathi Nelakuditi	MS	Computer Science Management

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Ravi Nelluri	MS	Computer Science Management
Snigdha Nimmagadda	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Pavani Lakshmi Rashmitha Nimmakayala	MS	Computer Science Management
Elizabeth Anne Nogel	MS	Counseling Psychology
Sarah L. Oliva	MS	Counseling Psychology
Gregory Ortega	EDS	Superintendent
Zain Syed Osman	MS	Business Analytics Management
Mustafa Ahmed Osmani	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Jaswanth Pajjuru	MS	Computer Science Management
Venu Yadav Pamidi	MS	Computer Science Management
Krishna Sumedh Panakanti	MS	Technology Management
Vamshi Krishna Pantham	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Poojitha Parangala	MS	Computer Science Management
Rajesh Goud Pasham	MS	Computer Science Management
Govardhan Sai Nath Pasupula	MS	Business Analytics Management
Dhrumi Dhimant Patel	MS	Computer Science Management
Hetvi Alpeshkumar Alpeshkumar Patel	MS	Computer Science Management
Whitney Peer	MAED	School Counselor
Leonardo Pereira	MS	Technology Management
Mackenzi Morghan Pfeffer	MS	Psychology
Kelsey Jean Pham	MAED	Special Reading
Uday Shankar Pitta	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Kiran Polkam	MS	Business Analytics Management
Bharath Poola	MS	Computer Science Management
Sai Ram Poshala	MS	Computer Science Management
Harshitha Pulugu	MS	Business Analytics Management
Aneshea Nicole Quarles	MA	Strategic Communication
Shashi Kumar Reddy Rachala	MS	Computer Science Management
Dhanunjay Raipakula	MS	Computer Science Management
Himavanth Kumar Ramavath	MS	Computer Science Management
Lavanya Ramineni	MS	Computer Science Management
Harika Rangola	MS	Computer Science Management
Harshith Rapolu	MS	Computer Science Management
Ompranay Chary Raspally	MS	Computer Science Management
Sarala Rijal	MS	Business Analytics Management
Andy Roberts	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Fonda Marcell Rothschild	MS	Psychology
Saikiran K Ryakala	MS	Computer Science Management
Karthik Reddy Salkuti	MS	Computer Science Management
Phanindra Kumar Sanam	MS	Computer Science Management
Vanessa Sanchez	MS	Counseling Psychology
Lucia Cecilia Sarcone	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Manoj Kumar Reddy Sareddy	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Sesha Sai Satyadev	MS	Business Analytics Management
Renea Michele Schnurbusch	MAED	Special Reading
Amy Lynn Schotte	MS	Organizational Development
Jaheer Kutagal Shaik	MS	Computer Science Management
Javeed Pasha Shaik	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Sameeruddin Shaik	MS	Business Analytics Management
Chandana Setty Sharaff	MS	Computer Science Management
Saikumar Shyamala	MS	Computer Science Management
Mahesh Singaram	MS	Computer Science Management
Shravya Singareddy	MS	Computer Science Management
Leanna Sisson	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Dedrick Paul Skinner	MBA	Business Administration
Laura Rae Slattery	MBA	Business Administration
Adam Paul Slotter	MBA	Business Administration
Nishyanth Varun Reddy Somagattu	MS	Technology Management
Rama Krishna Somulavari	MS	Computer Science Management

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Samantha Spears	MA	Management
Mikala Renee Stacer	MS	Counseling Psychology
Ciara Stang	MBA	Business Administration
Mahesh Reddy Sunkireddy	MS	Computer Science Management
Sydnee Svejda	MS	Psychology
Anchula Kumara Swamy	MS	Computer Science Management
Abdullah Syed	MS	Business Analytics Management
Ali Mohammed Syed	MS	Business Analytics Management
Altaf Hussain Syed	MS	Computer Science Management
Srinadh Tadipineni	MS	Computer Science Management
Binisha Tandukar	MS	Technology Management
Naga Vivek Tatikonda	MS	Computer Science Management
Quincey Raanna Taylor	MBA	Business Administration
Tarun Kumar Tella	MS	Computer Science Management
Kunal Singh Thakur	MS	Computer Science Management
Vinay Chary Thangellapally	MS	Computer Science Management
Rajkumar Reddy Thimmareddy	MS	Technology Management
Aparna Thippani	MS	Computer Science Management
Mahesh Tirumalasetti	MS	Computer Science Management
Satish Tiruveedula	MS	Computer Science Management
James Dakota Tucker	MAED	Building Principal K-12
Yeshwanth Tulluru	MS	Computer Science Management
Pradeep uppula Uppula	MS	Computer Science Management
Vijay Vadla	MS	Computer Science Management
Siva Rama Krishna Vakati	MS	Computer Science Management
Jolstin Valcin	MS	Technology Management
Lisa Ann Vanderheiden	MS	Counseling Psychology
Preethi Vangala	MS	Technology Management
Pavana Sree Vankineni	MS	Technology Management
Sai Krishna Varakala	MS	Computer Science Management
Lakshmi Teja Varikuti	MS	Business Analytics Management
Maha Lakshmi Vemireddy	MS	Computer Science Management
Jyothish Vemula	MS	Computer Science Management
Raghuveer Inuganti Venkata	MS	Business Analytics Management
Harika Vipparthi	MS	Computer Science Management
Venkatesh Vunnam	MS	Computer Science Management
Shiva Reddy Vuppula	MS	Computer Science Management
Vennela Niharika Vuyyuru	MS	Cybersecurity Management
Mohammed Waseem	MS	Computer Science Management
Bryan Christopher Wasek	MAED	Curriculum & Instruction
Sarah J. Weston	MS	Organizational Development
Camin Kathleen Wilcox	MAED	Special Reading
Kyndall A. G. Williams	MS	Organizational Development
Tionna Lachelle Wilson	MS	Counseling Psychology
Trena Joy Wilson	MBA	Business Administration
Kumar Yarva	MS	Computer Science Management
Shravya Yedumala	MS	Computer Science Management
Sushmareddy Yenugu	MS	Computer Science Management
Isaac Nickolas Yzaguirre	MBA	Business Administration
Kirsten Rene Zirjacks	MBA	Business Administration
Zachary Robert Zwicky	MBA	Business Administration



# CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Allison Wynn Aarons	BA	Art
Soledad Abonce	BA	Human Resources
Chloe Lorraine Alleman	BA	Business Administration
Kendria Serei Sheree Allen	BA	Human Resources
Vernice Alvarado	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Giovanni Alexander Armas	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Luke Franklin Austenfeld	BA	Business Administration
Chloe A. Beiriger	BA	English
Xavier Jeremiah Scott Bustamante	BA	History
Samantha R Calderon*	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Emily Elizabeth Campos	BA	Psychology
Priscilla T. Cao	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Hakimah LaKresha Carter*	BA	Healthcare Management
Maritza Karina Cerda	BA	Psychology
Fadzayi Thabani Chambati	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Ciera Elizabeth Louise Chambers	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Aubrey Anne Chaney	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Melissa Chavez*	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Lakesha Cochran	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Ollie Kay Coleman	BA	History
Bianca Lyn Cook	BA	Psychology
Whitney Rose Corkins	BA	Human Resources
Jordan Cummings*	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Leah A. Dewitt*	BA	Psychology
Ryan Alexander Diaz	BA	Management
Liberty Ann Donovan	BA	Psychology
Ta’Nia La’nay Edmond	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Britney Nicole Fitzwater	BA	Marketing
Hectormiguel E. Gamboa*	BA	Psychology
Hunter G. Goodwin*	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Conrad Jerome Green	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Kyle Mason Gross	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Alexis Marie Groves*	BA	Psychology
Synaiyah Quimauni Nevai Haney-Williams*	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Derek Hays	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Amy Daniela Hernandez-Luna*	BA	Psychology
Reese Elena Hill	BA	Psychology
John Miles Latham Holliday	BA	Human Resources
Camryn Jianni Holmes	BA	Communication
Brigid K. Hughes*	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Amber Shea Illum	BA	Marketing
Anna V. Isaacs	BA	Psychology
Yanet Esmeralda Jimenez-Pantoja*	BA	Health Care Management
Sharon Joyce Johnson	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Tyler Ray Johnson	BA	Supply Chain Management
Jaleeah Jones	BA	Communication
Muhammad Eisa Kakakhel	BA	Healthcare Management
Amari Malik Kemp	BA	Healthcare Management
Kelly Kight	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Robert Lee III	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Kylie Christine Loomis-Pagacz	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Laurel Diane Lujano	BA	Psychology
Elizabeth Anne Marshall	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
	BA	Human Resources

\*Eligible for Latin Honors

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Peter Dominic Marshall Jr.	BA	Business Administration
Manuel Mata*	BA	Marketing
Hannah G. McEldowney*	BA	Human Resources
Carmen V. Mercer	BA	Psychology
Reagan Nicole Moody	BA	Psychology
JaiNai Nickell Moore*	BA	Psychology
Antonio Davis Moore Jr	BA	Psychology
Reginald T Morris*	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
LaTonya Nichelle Morrison*	BA	Business Administration
John Starnes Moseley IV	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Samantha Moulton*	BA	Psychology
Samiyah Ameerah Muhammad*	BA	Psychology
Zoey M. Mzeru	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
Eric Gerard Orscheln	BA	Business Administration
Samantha Renee Overman	BA	Psychology
Angela Virginia Palma-Perez	BA	Psychology
Jesus Pelico*	BA	Business Administration
Jorge Cuauhtemoc Pitones	BA	Liberal Arts Studies
Jacob Colin Ramirez*	BA	Marketing
David-Joseph Rice	BA	Psychology
Blanca Robles-Muñoz	BA	Criminology & Justice Studies
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