

# CASAC MONTHLY

## College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center Newsletter

*"Advising: Our Passion. Your Success: Our Reward."*

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Lions,

This is it. We've reached the end of the semester. For many of you, this was your last semester of undergraduate study. Many of you celebrated as you walked across the stage and your degree was conferred upon you. For others, this was the end of the semester and you are one step closer to your own graduation. Either way, please know the advising team in the CAS Advising Center is proud of you. Graduates, as you move into your next step in life, whether that is graduate school, your career, or entering something

else entirely, please know that the CAS Advising Center is still here to help if you need us! We're so proud of all your accomplishments and hope you'll stay in touch. Continuing students, we're equally proud of your perseverance to complete another semester. If you're enrolling in summer classes, enjoy this short break between semesters. If not, please enjoy your summer break and we can't wait to welcome you home in August.

-Eden, Journi, and Justin

## Navigating Life After the Mortar Board

College graduation can be one of the largest milestones in someone's life. In Arkansas alone, only 25% of citizens have a bachelor's degree or higher. One of the most challenging parts of graduating from college is navigating what comes afterward. Each student's path differs after their commencement ceremony. Some go to graduate school, others directly enter the workforce, and some choose to do something different, like travel before starting their path. Some paths are dictated by the student's program of study, others allow graduates to build their own path. No matter which way you go, there can be a level of uncertainty when leaving your college campus and beginning a new journey. Below, you'll find some tips for navigating life after the mortar board.

### **1. Dream Big (with Realistic Expectations)**

Often times at commencement, there is a motivational speaker. Graduates often leave feeling motivated and head into the world with big ideas and big dreams! Don't let anyone crush those dreams! You've done the work! Keep an eye on reality but remember that you've also just crossed a huge milestone and it's okay to have big dreams.

### **2. Turn Obstacles into Opportunities**

Sometimes, the perfect opportunity takes time. Our dream job is not always waiting for us on the other side of the stage after we shake Chancellor Riley's hand. Other times, there are obstacles we must face before we can get there. Turn each obstacle into an opportunity, to learn, to grow, to advance into the role you want.

### **3. Discover Your Passions vs. Your Purpose**

As you advance through your career, you will find things that you're passionate about, of which there will likely be many. Then you will find your purpose, of which there should be few. It's important to be able to distinguish between the two. If you can find a career that allows you to pursue both passions and purpose simultaneously, you have truly won.

### **4. Never Stop Learning**

Even after walking across the stage, picking up your diploma from the Registrar, and getting the official transcript, that doesn't mean you should stop learning. The world is ever changing and industries move at a rapid pace. Continue to attend professional development and seek learning opportunities throughout your career.



# Congratulations!

## Spring & Summer 2025 Graduates

### College of Arts & Sciences

**The following graduates in the Spring and Summer 2025 semesters will earn a combined three twenty three credentials upon the successful completion of their courses. Many students will be graduating with multiple credentials or are earning an initial credential on the way to completing their baccalaureate degree.**

Alexandra Aguilar	Taylor Christensen	Bryce Green	Quintin Ludlow	Michael Owens	Justice Spears
Denise Aguilar	Mason Cox	Gavin Green	Morgan Lynn	Toby Palmer	Garrett Standifird
Natalie Alcocer	Sydney Crabtree	Hunter Greenfield	Dominic Mai	Cristina Paredes	Seth Standridge
Hannah Aldridge	Jordan Crawford	Krysten Gregory	Sophie Mammarelli	Toni Parrish	Victor Steffen
Blake Allen	Emily Cruz	Jake Grist	Shauna Marion	Olivia Partin	KateLynn Stodola
Valerie Alvarado	Joel Cummings	Makenzie Hall	Gracie Marler	Taylor Pate	Gabriella-Noel Stokes
Ethan Andrews	Amy Damron	Anastasia Harford	Lane Marquez	Mason Patrick	Alexis Stricklin
Krislyn Andrews	Jubilee Dasen	Lexi Harlan	Alia Marr	Jayden Pena	Rachel Stubblefield
Cade Appleman	Jamarion Davidson	Paige Harris	Lupe Martinez	Samantha Pennington	Haylee Stubbs
Victoria Archer	Sarah Davis	Makeyla Harris	Josue Martinez	Dylan Perez	Lola Tate
Alexandra Ardelean	Skylar Davis	Lakailah Hartgraves	Gustavo Martinez	Paul Pham	Shae Taylor
Jason Ardwin	Julian De Saussure	Ayden Haslam	Josie Martinez	Nhi Pham	Madison Taylor
Ashley Arellano	Michael Deleplank	Douglas Haulmark	Diana Martinez	Devin Phongsavanh	Isaac Teague
Alex Arnold	Nathan Dills	Ana Hernandez	Abraham Martinez	McKenzie Piper	Nai Thao
Shayla Arter	Noah Downs	Chance Hevner	Lanie Matthews	Janice Podgurski	Kiara Thomas
Grace Ashton	Lauren Driver	Chaarlee Hickman	Katie May	Jess Polk	Jacob Thompson
Tommie Attee	Lexi Dyer	Jessi Hill	Joshua Maze	Kyler Poor	Embry Thornton
Celene Avila	Hannah Edgemon	Becky Hines	Carsyn McCabe	Avery Powell	Madi Thurston
Greyson Baggett	Aleeya Edwards	Lily Hinton	Miles McClish	Jordan Pullen	Jake Tierney
Jay Baldwin	Bryan Elam	Lily Hobbs	Julia McCown	Sam Reese	Alexa Ton
Joshua Ballard	Grant Elmore	Cadence Hodge	William McCoy	Bryan Rhamy	Randy Tran
Johnny Barnes	Mary Evans	Ethan Holloway	Whitney McCoy	Ella Rhodes	Peri Tygart
Micaiah Barnett	Caden Evans	Kaysha Hopewell	Addison McDougal	Luke Rhodes	Maria Valle
Dalila Benavides	Madison Feeny	Nathan Humphries	Zailey McGee	Sean Rhodes	Gini Vandalak
Samantha Benton	Jayden Felix	Emily Hunter	Raiven McGill	Lakeya Richardson	Tristan Vandewiele
Emily Bernacki	Alexus Ferguson	Sarahi Ibarra	Kaleb McLaughlin	Mary Richey	Isabelle Vann
Emma Black	Whitley Fielding	Gabe Iglesia	Madison McNichols	Dylan Ridenour	Vincent Vannavong
Makaila Bobak	Iarley Flores	Khurera Iqbal	Bianca McVay	Melissa Rincon	Hunter Vanness
Jessie Boese	Ethan Flynn	Mauricio Iturriaga	Brooklyn Mead	Keira Rivera	Eliza Vargas
Kaley Bonnett	Alyssa Foley	Danny Jackson	Gabrielle Meador	Cris Rodriguez	Erica Wall
Estevan Bravo	Jacob Ford	Demonte Jamison	Jesus Mejia	Perla Romero	Halle Watson
Sydney Breeden	Alexis Foster	Major Jay	Julissa Mejia	Jasmine Rosa	Jason Weiler
Johnathan Brewer	Lexi Freeland	Hunter Jeffcoat	Ashley Meza	Juan Pedro Rosello	Jacob Wells
Nellie Brown	Lauren Freeman	Luke Jodoin	Jonathan Mitchell	Jenna Rushing	Hayden Wells
Lanie Brown	Seth Fudge	Shemar Johnson	Jackson Molina	Zach Rytting	Kayla West
NaKole Brown	Nataly Fuentes	Ava Jones	Maria Molina	Hunter Salisbury	Cooper White
Micah Buckles	Erika Galicia	Robert Jordan	Chris Monterroza	Melvin Sanchez	Lauren Whitecotton
John Bugg	Mick Galvan	Adam Kaderly	Haylee Moore	Chase Sanders	Cynthia Williams
Kim-Phung Bui	Timothy Gammill	Ayden Karnes	Joshua Moore	Isaiah Schoeppey	Rhett Williams
Jenapher Burnett	Marco Garcia Montes	Daniel Kiss	Eboni Morris	Brandon Scott	Isabel Williams
Maggie Burris	Katie Geissinger	Mason Klopp	Emma Claire Mullinax	Isabella Serrano	Jackie Williams
Kimber Campbell	Alexis Gibson	Aaron Krafft	Emily Murphy	Teresa Serrano	Todd Williams
Kobe Campbell	Megan Gillham	Devan Lamb	Ashley Murry	William Shackelford	Anna Wleklinski
Frida Campos	Kailey Gilmore	Isabella Law	Lesly Najera	Amber Shawkey	Shayla Woolsey
MacKenzie Cannon	Alayna Glover	Sapphanie Le	Zoe Nesbitt	William Shelton	Nevon Xayavongsa
Abigail Carico	Vanessa Gonzales	Jason Le	Steven Nhongvongsithi	Jordan Shelton	Ben Yarberry
Merissa Carter	Guiselle Gonzalez	Wraith Lester	Matthew Nolan	Anna Shirley	Nani Yonemura
Camden Carter	Jolie Goodman	Blake Lillard	Rachel Nuñez	Maddie Slatton	Gracie Young
Madelyn Castro	Eden Goude	Katherine Lockhart	Nick Odom	Katelyn Smith	Amber Yowell
Skylar Cecil	Jordan Gould	Alyssa Lovan	Jessica Osorio	Brenna Smith	Ashley Zavala Nelson
Kimberly Chavez	Laynee Graham	Reece Lovell	Taylor Osseni	Katelynn Spain	