

HARDING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

December Fourteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

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GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Jim Martin,

retired vice president of Harding School of Theology

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and raised in Dallas, Jim Martin graduated from the University of North Texas in 1976 with a degree in business management. In 1977, he moved to Florence, Alabama, where he spent two years studying at what was then the International Bible College. He later earned a Master of Divinity at Abilene Christian University and a Doctor of Ministry at the Harding Graduate School of Religion (now Harding School of Theology) in Memphis, Tennessee. From January 2014 to August 2024, Martin served as vice president of Harding School of Theology. He is well-known for his “Encouragement Notes”—a series of emails written to inspire readers in navigating life, work and church. He writes for business professionals, church leaders and anyone seeking to serve meaningfully in their community. He is a certified coach with the International Coaching

Federation and has served on the board of the Christian Scholarship Foundation for more than a decade. He and his wife, Charlotte, have two daughters, Christine and Jamie.

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 14, 2024, 9 a.m., George S. Benson Auditorium, Harding University

PROCESSIONAL.....“Variants on the Alma Mater”

Music by **William Holloway, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus
Performed by **Harding University Symphony Orchestra**
Orchestrated and conducted by **Michael Chance, DMA**, Professor Emeritus

WELCOME.....**Michael D. Williams, Ed.D.**
President

HYMN.....**Elijah Boone**
“It Is Well With My Soul” Candidate for Degree

SCRIPTURE READING.....**Ken Turley, Ph.D.**
Chair of Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology Department

OPENING PRAYER.....**Tim Westbrook, Ph.D.**
Director of Distance Education in Bible

REMARKS.....**Charles Ganus, J.D.**
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....**President Williams**

ADDRESS.....**Jim Martin, D.Min.**
Retired Vice President of Harding School of Theology

RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....**Marty Spears, Ph.D.**
Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....**Andrea Morris, Ph.D.**
Assistant Provost for Curricular and Community Engagement

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College of Pharmacy

“Finding Wonderland” from the musical *Wonderland* by Frank Wildhorn.....**Aubrey Jones**
Accompanied by **Alyssa Koay, DMA**, Assistant Professor of Music Candidate for Degree

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**Monte Cox, Ph.D.**
Dean of the College of Bible and Ministry

ALMA MATER.....**Elijah Boone**
Candidate for Degree

CLOSING PRAYER.....**Mike Allen, M.S.**
Director of the International Business Program

RECESSIONAL.....“Variants on the Alma Mater”
(Audience will remain seated.)

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Mike McGalliard, Sc.D.
Dean of the College

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Anna Kathryn Farley	Applied Studies	Judsonia, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
+Austin Matthew Bailey <i>cum laude</i>	Exercise Science	Bryant, Arkansas
Jimmy Kris Citty	Exercise Science	Searcy, Arkansas
Stewart E. Farley	Exercise Science	Lake Tapps, Washington
Camdyn Leigh Joice <i>cum laude</i>	Exercise Science	Collinsville, Oklahoma
*o Carter David Lees <i>magna cum laude</i>	Exercise Science	Pace, Florida
Andile K. Moyo	Exercise Science	Nashville, Tennessee
Sydnee Reece Parker	Exercise Science	Gilmer, Texas
Madeline Ruth Smith <i>cum laude</i>	Exercise Science	Lebanon, Tennessee
Kaitlyn Diane Theobald	Exercise Science	Cabot, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CARDIAC FUNCTION AND INTERVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

NAME	HOMETOWN
Ali Hamad Almutyif	Najran City, Saudi Arabia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

NAME	HOMETOWN
Anna Kathryn Aleshire	Bolivar, Missouri
Kallie J. Alexander	Des Arc, Arkansas
Siena Andrus	Springfield, Missouri

Adriana Shea Athon	Overland Park, Kansas
Amber Elizabeth Bartels	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Alexandra Kim Anh Bui	Sugar Land, Texas
Kristen Busby	Nashville, Arkansas
Kelsey Joy Carlson	Roseville, Minnesota
Kayla Ann Chacon	Westwego, Louisiana
Hallee Layne Cooper	Dallas, Texas
Rosa Maria De La Cerda-Blanc	Eagle Pass, Texas
Lyndsey E. Dillard	Maumelle, Arkansas
Kaitlyn Marie Dunn	Dahlgren, Illinois
Amanda M. Eichholz	Rogers, Arkansas
Marko Ossama Ghali	Nashville, Tennessee
Bailey Bronwyn Gogia	Naples, Florida
Fady Adel Henen	Nashville, Tennessee
Hannah Marie Hester	Houston, Texas
Annalie Rebecca Hoppe	Madison, Missouri
*Grace Taylor Long	Huntsville, Alabama
Hannah M. Maupin	Crane, Oregon
Aisha Fatima Mir	Plano, Texas
Kelly Nguyen	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Kelsey Danielle Pawelek	Orange Grove, Texas
Averie Shea Plugge	Vestavia, Alabama
Lauren Elizabeth Rappold	Conway, Arkansas
Molly Kate Reynolds	Glasgow, Missouri
Anna Beth Silas	Whitney, Texas
Kylie Hope Stafford	Arlington, Tennessee
Holly Emel Sumer	Southlake, Texas
Emma Holland Voorhies	Allen, Texas
Amy Beth Walters	Hugoton, Kansas
*Rebecca Lynn White	Greenville, North Carolina

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

NAME	HOMETOWN
+Sophia Elise Gastro	Waterloo, Illinois

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

NAME	HOMETOWN
Shmeka R. Coleman	Levelland, Texas
Hoyun Kim	Suncheon, South Korea
Richard C. Ramirez	Fresno, California
Dane Olen Romberger <i>Bachelor of Science in Strength and Conditioning</i>	Chicago, Illinois

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dana Steil, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

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Chandler R. Curtis	Applied Studies	Paron, Arkansas
Joshua Andrew Denton	Applied Studies	Harvest, Alabama
Hope V. Holt	Applied Studies	Southlake, Texas
Molly Brianna Montgomery	Applied Studies	Waupaca, Wisconsin
+James Colton Murphy	Applied Studies	Simpsonville, South Carolina
Janie N. Shasteen <i>cum laude</i>	Applied Studies	Greenville, Texas
o Stone Andrew Sheffield <i>cum laude</i>	Applied Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Joel William Bradshaw	Art	Searcy, Arkansas
Alix Kathlyn Miller	Communication Studies	Combine, Texas
Merek R. Hailey	Computer Science	Troutdale, Oregon
Elliott Alan Coombes	English	Lewisville, Texas
#Trevor Isaiah Koonce	English	Kigali, Rwanda
#Jhalen R. Spicer	English	Lancaster, Texas
*Brianna Rey Kelly <i>magna cum laude</i>	Film	El Cajon, California
Riley A. Malone	Film	Jacksonville, Arkansas
+Daniel Edward Stickney	Film	Blue Springs, Missouri
Parker Dunn Acri	History	Little Rock, Arkansas
•Nathan Reed Gregory	History	Houston, Texas
*Ellery Ashlyn Gardner <i>magna cum laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Peoria, Illinois
Jonathan B. Hodge	Integrated Marketing Communication	Flower Mound, Texas
Brittany Leigh LeGrande	Integrated Marketing Communication	Valrico, Florida
Debra D. McSpadden	Integrated Marketing Communication	Searcy, Arkansas
Gracie J. Murray <i>cum laude</i>	Integrated Marketing Communication	Lubbock, Texas
Dylan Nathaniel Penick	Integrated Marketing Communication	Guthrie, Kentucky
Jackson M. Samuel	Integrated Marketing Communication	Rogersville, Missouri
Jay E. Watson	Integrated Marketing Communication	Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Hattie Louise Blake <i>magna cum laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies Theological Studies	Vandervoort, Arkansas
Lane Steven McWilliams	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Mackenzie L. Brister	Kinesiology	Pangburn, Arkansas
Darion K. Dunlap-Johnson	Kinesiology	Fairfield, California
Peyton Aubrey Mullins <i>summa cum laude</i>	Medical Humanities	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Lauren Elise Johnson <i>summa cum laude</i>	Multimedia Journalism	Matthews, North Carolina
Alaina Auburn Wolf <i>cum laude</i>	Public Relations	Wichita Falls, Texas
#Chelsea J. Blankenship <i>magna cum laude</i>	Social Science	Denton, Texas
Devonte Makaveli Manning	Social Science	Santa Rosa, California
#Cody Allen Newman	Social Science	Newport, Arkansas

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Marcus J. Doss	Graphic Design	Pearland, Texas

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Jackson Cade Price <i>cum laude</i>	Instrumental	Searcy, Arkansas
Elijah D. Boone	Vocal Leadership and Ministry	Paducah, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
+Anna Elizabeth Goode <i>cum laude</i>	Apparel Merchandising	Searcy, Arkansas
Kate Elise Turner	Applied Dietetics Practice	Conway, Arkansas
Andrew Randle Shelton <i>cum laude</i>	Biochemistry	Reno, Nevada
Taylor Breanna Appleton <i>cum laude</i>	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Beebe, Arkansas
Jada C. Parker <i>cum laude</i>	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Preprofessional Health Science	Russellville, Arkansas
•Grace Ann Bing <i>cum laude</i>	Biology	Austin, Arkansas
+Alyssa L. Couey	Biology	Brownwood, Texas
Menolly B. Felzien	Biology	Rio Rancho, New Mexico
EmmaMae Louise Arnold	Biomedical Engineering	McKinney, Texas
*Jennifer Claire Noel <i>summa cum laude</i>	Child Development	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Hannah Marie Fowler <i>summa cum laude</i>	Child Life	Mustang, Oklahoma
Daphne Layne Sexson <i>cum laude</i>	Child Life	Texarkana, Texas
Gauge Morris Shaw	Cognitive Neuroscience Preprofessional Health Science	Carlisle, Arkansas
Kaylee Elizabeth Mills	Community Engagement	Clarksville, Tennessee

Samuel A. Yager <i>summa cum laude</i>	Data Science	Troy, Illinois
Princess Janae Welch	Electrical Engineering	Malvern, Arkansas
Natalie Grace Garrett	Event Management	Rockwall, Texas
#Morgan Elizabeth Bennett	Family and Consumer Sciences	Grapevine, Texas
+Nautica Janee Ivy	Family and Consumer Sciences	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Hunter Corker <i>summa cum laude</i>	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
Matthew Hunter Ross	Interdisciplinary Studies	Searcy, Arkansas
#Leah Ward <i>cum laude</i>	Kinesiology and Health	Winnsboro, Texas
Christian Kelly Evans	Kinesiology and Health	Wynne, Arkansas
Caleb Matthew Allen	Mathematics	Beebe, Arkansas
Emily Annabell Dougan	Medical Humanities	Hope, Arkansas
Kelsey S. Harris	Medical Humanities	Hope, Arkansas
Darius J. Brown	Psychology	Salem, Arkansas
Jiamei Chen	Psychology	Searcy, Arkansas
Mallory Z. Foreman <i>cum laude</i>	Psychology	Central, Louisiana
Sorome Grace Gerber	Psychology	Danville, Indiana
+Alexis Michelle Hance <i>magna cum laude</i>	Psychology	Katy, Texas
Skyler R. McKinnon	Psychology	Roanoke, Texas
Hayden Michael Pike <i>summa cum laude</i>	Psychology	Richmond, Texas
+Austin Lyle Simmons <i>cum laude</i>	Psychology	Newark, Arkansas
Preston Wayne Spiegel	Psychology	Needville, Texas
Lily L. Stout <i>cum laude</i>	Psychology Missions	Maplewood, Minnesota
Nicholas Fitzgerald Watson <i>cum laude</i>	Psychology	Texarkana, Arkansas
Baraka Samwel Iboo	Public Administration	Arusha, Tanzania
Jobe Alexander Thomas <i>summa cum laude</i>	Public Administration	Searcy, Arkansas
Carson David Atkins <i>cum laude</i>	Software Development	Columbia, Missouri
+Andrew Cancienne	Software Development	Memphis, Tennessee
Abigail Elizabeth Burch	Sport and Recreation Management	Greenbrier, Arkansas
Macy S. Ham <i>summa cum laude</i>	Sport and Recreation Management	Arrington, Tennessee

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

NAME	HOMETOWN
*Kelli Danielle Tindel <i>summa cum laude</i>	Austin, Texas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY AND SPORT ADMINISTRATION

NAME	HOMETOWN
Benjamin Richard Blahauvietz	Brentwood, Tennessee
Gabriel Braghetto Otero	Sao Paulo, Brazil

+Donatella Montrel Lockett
 +Rusty Dale McCoy
 Jordan Gage Price
 +Paul David Teague Quillin

Sandhill, Mississippi
 Searcy, Arkansas
 Hamburg, Arkansas
 Searcy, Arkansas

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

Monte Cox, Ph.D.
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Alex M. Gaw <i>cum laude</i>	Bible and Family Ministry	Brentwood, Tennessee
+Andrew P. Wagner	Bible and Ministry	Bentonville, Arkansas
Jessiah Scott Lee Womack	Bible and Ministry	Bearden, Arkansas

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Peter Rice, Ph.D.
 Dean of the School

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MASTER OF ARTS

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
+Verne R. Weir	New Testament Theology	Humble, Texas

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

NAME	HOMETOWN
+Teresa J. Amy Castleman	Searcy, Arkansas
Wesley M. Hargon	Kingwood, Texas
Ryan D. Helton	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Brady Evan Jackson	North Richland Hills, Texas
Ubong Bassey Okorie	Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
Bonnie E. Scroggins	Norman, Oklahoma
Nancy Kay Wu Won	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

MASTER OF DIVINITY

NAME	HOMETOWN
+Adrian Justin Ayers	Manassas, Virginia
Matthew Thomas Mitchell	Germantown, Tennessee

PAUL R. CARTER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Allen Frazier, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

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Matthew Christopher Tedford	Applied Studies	Fairview, Texas

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Daniel Ryan Clothier	Accounting	Parker, Texas
Joanna L. Dawson Crisco	Accounting	Searcy, Arkansas
Duke A. Curtis	Accounting	Owasso, Oklahoma
Benjamin Taylor Kindall <i>summa cum laude</i>	Accounting	Nashville, Tennessee

Mackenzie Cate Law	Accounting	Burleson, Texas
Rachel E. Story <i>cum laude</i>	Accounting	Searcy, Arkansas
Yuhuan Yi	Accounting	Fuzhou, Jiangxi, China
*Wilmer A. Haakansson <i>summa cum laude</i>	Finance	Stockholm, Sweden
George Harvey Hansard	Finance	Fort Stockton, Texas
+Sharyl Elizabeth Holst	Information Systems	Searcy, Arkansas
+Kyle B. Ras	Information Systems	Madison, Alabama
Gregory David Egli	Management	Owens Cross Roads, Alabama
Austin Travis Hughes	Management	Royse City, Texas
Kyle A. Lane	Management	Xenia, Ohio
John Bennett Nutt	Management	Cordova, Tennessee
Nicholas Heath Kuykendall	Marketing	McMinnville, Tennessee
Braden Gregory Smith	Marketing	Arrington, Tennessee

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ETHICS

NAME	HOMETOWN
+Yasib Yuhana Arif	Sewell, New Jersey
Arnaud des Boscs	Nancy, Lorraine, France
Hayden Pierce Fulkerson	Jenks, Oklahoma
Aboubakr Esidik Gbane	Fort Smith, Arkansas
*Sarah Elizabeth Hudler	Katy, Texas
+Curtis H. Hunt	Nashville, Tennessee
Duane A. Johnson Jr.	Midlothian, Texas
+Rich Kanyali	Woodland Park, Colorado
Michela Short Luna <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business</i>	Searcy, Arkansas
Abdoul Kader Maiga	Fort Smith, Arkansas
+Lionel Kunzi Masivi	Eastvale, California
+Jackson Brock Pruim	Tavares, Florida
*Allison Jaide Renner	Clayton, North Carolina
Sarah E. Thiele	Kansas City, Missouri
James A. Townsdin	Memphis, Tennessee
+Mymy Thi Tran	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Donovan J. Tritschler	Paragould, Arkansas
Darlene Lysandra Walsh	Orlando, Florida
*Jake Bradley Ward	Sulphur Rock, Arkansas
*Hayley Kate Webb	Bentonville, Arkansas
Erica Nicole Williams	Van Buren, Arkansas
Allison Rose Willis	Kenton, Tennessee
+Dalton Dewayne Wyers	Fort Smith, Arkansas
+FeiFei Zheng	Shenzhen, China

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

NAME	HOMETOWN
Amber Darlete Bishop	Nashville, Tennessee
Briley-Anne Margaret Brown <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i>	Bartlesville, Oklahoma
*Parker Wade Cheatham	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Tyler Richard Chitty	Nashville, Tennessee
Jacob Scott Dugger <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems</i>	Searcy, Arkansas
Roy E. Duncan	Tupelo, Oklahoma
William Lee Fitzhugh	Sterlington, Louisiana
Carmen Lene Gunn <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i>	Benton, Kentucky
+Christine Joanne Hassell	Center Barnstead, New Hampshire
Christopher R. Hearn <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i>	Owasso, Oklahoma
*Abby Grace Martin	Mountain Home, Arkansas
Kyle Ezekiel McDonald <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems</i>	Corpus Christi, Texas
Blaze Michael McNeill	Kingwood, Texas
*Kathleen Ogden	Huntsville, Alabama
Ashanti Chante Poindexter	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Chase J. Preston <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i>	Matthews, North Carolina
Hailey Nicole Schmidt	Greenbrier, Arkansas
Tyler John Sterbenz	Sachse, Texas
Junxi Su <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business</i>	Maoming City, China
+Matthew Jared Taylor	Middleton, Tennessee
*Tod Nelson Traughber	Searcy, Arkansas
Will Ryan White <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems</i>	Trumann, Arkansas
Chase Scott Whitfield	Saint Cloud, Florida
+Colin Lee Withem	Escondido, California
Jingjing Yang	Wuhan, China
Anna Sara Yingling	Searcy, Arkansas

CANNON-CLARY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Raymond "Donny" Lee, Ed.D.

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#Kelsy L. Bennett	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#+Sarah J. Broglen	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Harrisburg, Arkansas
#Grace Elizabeth Daigle	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Mount Pleasant, Arkansas
#Josie E. Hall <i>magna cum laude</i>	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Sherwood, Arkansas
#Heather N. Knight	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	McCrary, Arkansas
#Kiera L. Lawrence <i>cum laude</i>	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Batesville, Arkansas
#Melanie Lynette Moncrief	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Tymira A. Myers	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Katie Jewel Nalley <i>summa cum laude</i>	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Monument, Colorado
#Phalyn N. Tucker	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
Jennifer L. Birkhead <i>cum laude</i>	Education Studies	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Marissa P. Gidcomb	Education Studies	Southaven, Mississippi
Meagan Jo Peterson <i>cum laude</i>	Education Studies	Springdale, Arkansas
Elizabeth Ann Smith <i>cum laude</i>	Education Studies	Cabot, Arkansas
•#Lily A. Bendickson <i>summa cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Donahue, Iowa
#Kaitlyn Jo Brashears	Elementary Education	Clarendon, Arkansas
#Alison Rae Brewer <i>cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Fayetteville, Arkansas
#Ashton R. Bryce <i>magna cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Frisco, Texas
#Ariel Faith Delossantos <i>cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Rogers, Arkansas
#o Annie Brooke Dercatshoff Pereira Rodrigues <i>magna cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Searcy, Arkansas
#Meredith C. England	Elementary Education	Springdale, Arkansas

#Barbara R. Everette	Elementary Education	Plumerville, Arkansas
#Mikaila N. Gardner <i>cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Bentonville, Arkansas
#Leigh Anna Garth	Elementary Education	Des Arc, Arkansas
Ansley E. Gill	Elementary Education	Springfield, Missouri
#Destiny Hernandez <i>cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Springdale, Arkansas
#McKenzie L. Kilmer <i>summa cum laude</i>	Elementary Education	Springdale, Arkansas
#Katherine Rose Lewallen	Elementary Education	Jonesboro, Arkansas
#Stefanie Erin Pick	Elementary Education	Bella Vista, Arkansas
#Connie LeeAnne Smith	Elementary Education	Gravette, Arkansas
#Katherine E. Studt	Elementary Education	Red Oak, Texas
#Brenley Colbert	Middle Level English, Language and Math	Bentonville, Arkansas
*#Katelyn Jeanette Walling <i>summa cum laude</i>	Middle Level English, Language and Math	Smithville, Arkansas
#Michael Benjamin Gifford <i>cum laude</i>	Middle Level English, Language and Social Science	Centerton, Arkansas
#Gabriel Adam Mahon	Middle Level Social Science and Math	Strafford, Missouri
#Emily A. Banks <i>cum laude</i>	Special Education	Alma, Arkansas
#Brynne Elizabeth Bell	Special Education	Bald Knob, Arkansas

MASTER OF ARTS

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
Donna Christine Edom	Excellence in Teaching	Judsonia, Arkansas
*+Jennifer Swinea Jacquet	Excellence in Teaching	Lawrenceville, Georgia
+Kylie Mei Jones	Excellence in Teaching	Vienna, Virginia
Yochabel Millsap	Excellence in Teaching	Gentry, Arkansas
Abigail Ramirez	Excellence in Teaching	Clarksville, Arkansas
+Kinley Pauline Schnell	Excellence in Teaching	McKinney, Texas
Shealyn Elisabeth Wade	Excellence in Teaching	Centennial, Colorado
Amanda Leighann Willard	Excellence in Teaching	Centerton, Arkansas
Kari Lynn Keesling Aziamov	Organizational Leadership	Searcy, Arkansas
Ahmad Maurice Butler	Organizational Leadership	Phenix City, Alabama
Jason W. Carson	Organizational Leadership	Batesville, Arkansas
Meagan Jane Clark	Organizational Leadership	Fort Smith, Arkansas
*Jeremy A. Fouss	Organizational Leadership	Beavercreek, Ohio
Ryan Matthew Green	Organizational Leadership	Kansas City, Missouri
+Arryanna Majekodunmi	Organizational Leadership	McDonough, Georgia
+David N. McCoy	Organizational Leadership	Beloit, Wisconsin
Toni Leigh Spears	Organizational Leadership	Heber Springs, Arkansas
+Jada Savannah Toney	Organizational Leadership	Fort Smith, Arkansas
+Vanessa Renee Webb	Organizational Leadership	Covington, Georgia
Andrea Lanier Williams	Organizational Leadership	Fort Smith, Arkansas

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
#+April M. Bass	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Pine Bluff, Arkansas
#+Danielle Yvonne Beaver	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Pleasant Plains, Arkansas
#Doris Marie Clark	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Earle, Arkansas
#+Melissa Louise Dillion	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Hannah Grace Franks	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Hope, Arkansas
#+Alicia Vienna Gray	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Trish House	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Batesville, Arkansas
#Gregory Earl Johnson	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Joy Renee Jolley	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Mansfield, Arkansas
#Keiosha Davette Jones	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Pine Bluff, Arkansas
#+Haley Rebecca Long	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Higden, Arkansas
#Ruben Perez	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Springdale, Arkansas
#Samantha Pope	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Mineral Springs, Arkansas
#+Alicia Louise Sanders	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Calico Rock, Arkansas
#Jessica Renette Warren	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Heather Marie West	Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)	Searcy, Arkansas
#+Priscilla Kathleen Cheney	Elementary Education	Rogers, Arkansas
#Lucia E. Daniel	Elementary Education	Arlington, Massachusetts
#Barbara Lauren Gourlay	Elementary Education	Rogers, Arkansas
#Haley Elyse Massey	Elementary Education	Maumelle, Arkansas
#Julia Katherine Necessary	Elementary Education	Rogers, Arkansas
#Sheila Leigh Phillips	Elementary Education	Crossett, Arkansas
#+Kelsey Jordan Allen Swearngen	Elementary Education	Keller, Texas
#+Kara L. Taylor	Elementary Education	Austin, Arkansas
#Amber Elizabeth Threlkeld	Elementary Education	Benton, Arkansas
Flor Karina Barker	Secondary Education	Bentonville, Arkansas
Alyssa Anne Birchard	Secondary Education	Springdale, Arkansas
+Stanley Ryne Glover	Secondary Education	Searcy, Arkansas
Jonathon Andrew Maxey	Secondary Education	Fayetteville, Arkansas
+Makenzie Rose Milliken	Secondary Education	Bella Vista, Arkansas
Holland Brooke Primm	Secondary Education	Fayetteville, Arkansas
Callie Jade Rainwater	Secondary Education	Charleston, Arkansas
Mason Thomas Spivy	Secondary Education	Brush Prairie, Washington
Jordan Jermaine West	Secondary Education	Fort Smith, Arkansas
#Rose Marie Bowlin Fike	Special Education K-12	Elkins, Arkansas
#Kristina Lynn Cates	Special Education K-12	Harrison, Arkansas
#+Jennifer Erin Copeland	Special Education K-12	Lonoke, Arkansas
#Madeline Renee Eoff	Special Education K-12	Fort Smith, Arkansas

#+Myrtle Elizabeth Grayson	Special Education K-12	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Saranya Kumari Janapati	Special Education K-12	Bentonville, Arkansas
#Rhonda Lorraine Klinedinst	Special Education K-12	Sheridan, Arkansas
#Eldwana Dennette Mason	Special Education K-12	North Little Rock, Arkansas
#Joshua Paul Matthews	Special Education K-12	Cave City, Arkansas
#Summer JoAnne Miller	Special Education K-12	Marble Falls, Arkansas
#+Hayley Nicole Quigley	Special Education K-12	Fayetteville, Arkansas
#Calista Reid	Special Education K-12	Searcy, Arkansas
#+Heather Dawn Sims	Special Education K-12	Alma, Arkansas

MASTER OF EDUCATION

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
#Kaylin Elizabeth Mannon	Curriculum and Instruction Administration	Searcy, Arkansas
#Michael D. Dion	Educational Leadership	Deerfield, New Hampshire
#+Tabatha Faye Douthit	Educational Leadership	Siloam Springs, Arkansas
#Morgan Shea Gill	Educational Leadership	Little Rock, Arkansas
#Aaron James Harris	Educational Leadership	Little Rock, Arkansas
#+Ann Chanelle Haynie	Educational Leadership	Rosston, Arkansas
#+Angel Priscilla Jacobs	Educational Leadership	Rison, Arkansas
#+Nickey Lanette Nichols	Educational Leadership	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Bailey Grace Morgan	Reading with Dyslexia	Shreveport, Louisiana
#+Amber Nicole Hutson	Special Education	Fayetteville, Arkansas
#Angela Kay Kloss	Special Education	Hazen, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Morgan Ashley Aguilon	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Searcy, Arkansas
+Jenna Lea Akins	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Cumming, Georgia
+Simone Elizabeth Brock	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	El Paso, Arkansas
Jui Yun Chang	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Tainan, Taiwan
Kendall Danielle Force	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Memphis, Tennessee
Roger Lee Hurts Jr.	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Lufkin, Texas
Chenyang Li	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Xi'an, Shaanxi, China
Jaden Link	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Strafford, Missouri
*Eric Wayne McMullen	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Searcy, Arkansas
Anna Lisa Miller	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Searcy, Arkansas
Laurie Beth O'Daniel	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Southaven, Mississippi
Antonio Carlos de Almeida dos Santos Filho	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Huntsville, Alabama
Jessica Chinenye Uke	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Memphis, Tennessee
#William James Ashburn	Marriage and Family Counseling	Huntsville, Alabama
+Troy L. Metheny Jr.	Student Affairs	Judsonia, Arkansas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
+Daphina Danyelle Heard	Education	West Helena, Arkansas
+Shujin Li	Education	Chengdu, Sichuan, China
Joel Lynn Sims	Education	Louann, Arkansas
#+Zhuo Chen	Teaching English as a Second Language	Qinhuangdao City, China

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

NAME	EMPHASIS	HOMETOWN
Davis Nathaniel Karnes <i>Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Fayetteville, Arkansas
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*Robert Junior Ley	Counseling	Springfield, Tennessee
#+Tracy L. Mitchell	Counseling	Fayetteville, Arkansas
#Ashley Kristen Silliman	Counseling	Conway, Arkansas
#+Jeremy Deshawn Cegers	Educational Leadership	Pine Bluff, Arkansas
#+Bradley Curtis Francis	Educational Leadership	Searcy, Arkansas
#Cynthia Denise Moore	Educational Leadership	Little Rock, Arkansas

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

NAME	HOMETOWN
*Tiffany D'Shea Byers <i>Dissertation: The Predictive Effects of Academic Performance, Race, Gender, and Religious Affiliation on Satisfaction with Campus Climate</i>	Augusta, Arkansas
Arsenio Odel Moss <i>Dissertation: Effects of Region, Athletics, and Scholarship on the Academic Success of International Students</i>	Freeport, Bahamas
*o Stephanie Suzanne O'Brian <i>Dissertation: Effects of Gender, Race, and Classification on Student Satisfaction with Campus Safety</i>	Searcy, Arkansas
Kyle Wimberly Thompson <i>Dissertation: Effects of Study-Abroad Participation on Graduating Grade Point Average at a Private University in Central Arkansas</i>	Searcy, Arkansas

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Kaylee Victoria Grimes	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Caitlin Marie Hodge <i>cum laude</i>	Gravette, Arkansas
Zachary T. Joyner	Searcy, Arkansas
+Kyle Ray Kendrick	Bentonville, Arkansas
+Jasmine Leon Huerta <i>cum laude</i>	Fort Smith, Arkansas
+Anna Claire Lewis <i>cum laude</i>	Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Story L. Matkin-Rawn <i>summa cum laude</i>	Little Rock, Arkansas
Amy K. McMaster <i>magna cum laude</i>	Summerfield, Ohio
Nathan Joseph Kyle Miller <i>summa cum laude</i>	Champaign, Illinois
Kristen Mooney	Alma, Arkansas
Clifton Landis Pearce III	Bald Knob, Arkansas
Julianne Paige Phillips <i>cum laude</i>	Arlington, Tennessee
Hunter D. Rollins	Searcy, Arkansas
Maggie E. Salmon <i>magna cum laude</i>	Harrison, Arkansas
+Taylor Michal Schiesel <i>magna cum laude</i>	Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Madison Renay Sellers <i>magna cum laude</i>	Rogers, Arkansas
Abbey N. Sliker <i>cum laude</i>	Cave Springs, Arkansas
+Marissa Kaye Tidmore	Fayetteville, Arkansas
Gerin Starr Zimmerman <i>cum laude</i>	Lincoln, Nebraska

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Fay Lasha Akins	Augusta, Arkansas
*Sydney Lea Chiles <i>summa cum laude</i>	Plano, Texas
Michela G. Dunavan	Huntsville, Alabama
Brayden Patrick George <i>cum laude</i>	Cedar Park, Texas
Caleb J. Grayson <i>cum laude</i> <i>Master of Business Administration in Management and Business Ethics</i>	Lafayette, Louisiana
George Jayden Riley Hubler <i>Master of Science in Information Systems</i>	Braggs, Oklahoma
Kylie Danielle Huckaba <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Master of Business Administration in Management and Business Ethics</i>	Forrest City, Arkansas
Grant Russell King	Rison, Arkansas
Jacob Chandler King <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Master of Science in Information Systems</i>	Douglasville, Georgia
Beersheba Tinaya Kirksey <i>summa cum laude</i>	Eureka, California
Yvena Lazarre <i>Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership</i>	Miami, Florida
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Octavious Oduo Parham	Bartlett, Tennessee
Krinaben Avi Patel	Searcy, Arkansas
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NAME	MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR OR DEGREE	HOMETOWN
Lily A. Bendickson	Elementary Education	Donahue, Iowa
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Nathan Reed Gregory	History	Houston, Texas

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Lily A. Bendickson	Elementary Education	Donahue, Iowa
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ALMA MATER

Near the foothills of the Ozarks,
Midst of hill and plain; Stands our glorious Alma Mater;
Harding is her name.

Chorus:
Sing the chorus, shout it loudly!
Echoing thro' the vale.
Hail to thee, beloved Harding!
Alma Mater, Hail!

Christian standard is her motto;
Christian life is stressed; And in ev'ry branch of learning,
Each one does his best.

Harding opens wide her portals,
Thus inviting all
Who would tread the path to knowledge, Heed then to her call.

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus:
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.
My sin — O the bliss of this glorious tho't —
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend.
"Even so" — it is well with my soul.

HARDING UNIVERSITY

HARDING UNIVERSITY has a rich history of quality education. Harding was chartered as a senior college in 1924 when two junior colleges, Arkansas Christian College and Harper College, merged their facilities and assets, adopted the new name of Harding College, and located on the campus of Arkansas Christian in Morrilton, Arkansas. The school was moved to Searcy in 1934, and the board of trustees approved a recommended change of Harding to university status in 1979.

Harding was named in memory of James A. Harding, a pioneer Christian educator who founded Nashville Bible School (now Lipscomb University) in Tennessee. He challenged his co-workers with an enthusiasm for Christian education that remains a significant tradition at Harding University.

At the charter, J.N. Armstrong, who had served five years as Harper's president, became president of Harding College, holding the office from 1924-36.

In 1936, George S. Benson returned from mission work in China to assume the presidency of his alma mater. Benson directed the college from a deep indebtedness into a state of financial stability, national recognition and academic accreditation. He retired in 1965 after 29 years of tireless service.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., a 1943 graduate, served as president from 1965 to 1987. A former history department chair and vice president of the college, Ganus kept alive his predecessors' drive for excellence by leading a plan of campus improvement and expansion. At his retirement, Ganus became Harding's first chancellor in 1987 and then served as chancellor emeritus from 2013 until his death in September 2019.

Dr. David Burks became the fourth president in 1987. A 1965 graduate, he became a member of the faculty in 1967 and served as dean of the College of Business Administration. Under his leadership, the University experienced record growth in enrollment and giving and, more importantly, placed significant emphasis on Christian servanthood.

Dr. Bruce McLarty, a 1978 graduate and the University's fifth president, served as president from 2013 to 2020. Prior to this role, McLarty was the first vice president of spiritual life for the University. As the result of his doctoral work, the University adopted his five-chapter curriculum, "Embracing the Mission," which focuses on maintaining the faith-based principles Harding was built upon.

Chancellor David Burks resumed the role of president in December 2020 and served until Harding's sixth president, Dr. Michael D. Williams, assumed the role on June 1, 2022. At President Williams' inauguration in September 2022, he challenged the Harding community to find and develop their Inspired Purpose, remaining committed to our historic Christian mission as we aspire to restore the world to what God intended from the beginning. Harding's 4,696 students, representing 47 states and more than 60 nations and territories, are empowered for ministry, leadership and lifetimes of service.