COMMENCEMENT

May 6, 2016

Nursing Candidates at 10 a.m.
Graduate Candidates at 2 p.m.
Undergraduate Candidates at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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*Processional........................................................................................Ms. Sharon Ard

Invocation .....................................................................................Mr. Jeremy A. Langley
Assistant Director of Development

Welcome and Presentation of ...................................................... Dr. Trey Berry
Trustees and Academic Personnel SAU President

Introduction of Speaker ...............................................................President Berry

Commencement Address - 2 p.m. ....................................................Mr. Aaron J. Street
Assistant Dean for Integrated Marketing and Media Relations

Commencement Address - 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. ............................... Mr. Ray C. Dillon
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Recognition of Outstanding Students ........................................ Dr. Ben F. Johnson
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Candidates ............................................................ Dr. Johnson

Conferring of Degrees .................................................................President Berry

*Graduate Hooding........................................................................ Dr. Kim Bloss
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Introduction of Candidates
School of Graduate Studies.......................................................Dr. Stacy M. Clanton
Rankin College of Business....................................................... Mr. J. Mark Trout
College of Education .............................................................. Dr. Angela G. Stanford
College of Liberal and Performing Arts................................. Dr. Dana C. Leighton
College of Science and Engineering ..................................... Dr. Abdel G. Bachri

Alma Mater. ............................................................. Dr. David S. De Seguirant
Director of Choral Activities

Benediction..................................................................................Mr. Langley

*Recessional...................................................................................Ms. Ard

Grand Marshal..............................................................................Dr. Deborah J. Wilson
Honor Professor

*Please stand for the processional and recessional
+2 p.m. ceremony only
School of Graduate Studies
David F. Rankin College of Business
Master of Business Administration

Tara Anne Anglin
Andrew Colyer Courtway
Tricia Marie Hammons
Rhett Payton Heeb
Joyce Ann Johnson
Ahi Kouassi Roger Koffi

Julia Elizabeth Nipper
Robert B. Spurgeon II
Amrita Karki Verbeiren
Netasha L. Williamson
Dee Brandon Wood

College of Education
Master of Arts in Teaching

Ashley Tyler Compton
Joshua Shane Dale
Danielle Shawan Dancy
Melanie Ann Golleher
William Hunter Hall
Tabitha Jo Hightower
Hannah Miller Hubrel
Jonathon F. Irvin

James Christopher Keylon
Megan Rachelle Porter
Tina Lynn Raney
Jennifer L. Reeder
Cody Daniel Richey
Reshad Dwain Sims
Emily Hudson Turner
Benjamin Joseph Lloyd Walsh

Master of Education

Kimberly Kay Cody
Alisa Jolley Davis
Ashley Shannell Debes
Sydney Rae Gossett

Amanda Louise Heffentrager
Yolanda Elena Lansdell
Katherine Elizabeth Mobbs
Connie R. Rogers

Master of Science

Amy Renee’ Burns
Jason Wayne Dahl
Kimberly La’Keisha Morgan

Tia K. Morris
Scott Francis Passafiume
Ellana Monique Stuart

College of Liberal and Performing Arts
Master of Public Administration

Charlyse Anthony
Michael D. Barnes, Jr.
Sharee Berry

Catherine Frances Christie Cook
Kizmet La’Maria Davis

College of Science and Engineering
Master of Science

Sai Chandra Reddy Aeruva
Praveen Mahesh Alla
Siva Sandeep Allam
Erika Kate Anderson
Santhosh Reddy Anugu
Srinivas Attili

Kavitha Baddam
Mahesh Bandarupalli
Vasanth Ram Reddy Bobbala
Sukumar Bodapati
Siva Prasad Chava
Harisha Chedditi
Anusha Reddy Cherukupalli
Naresh Cherukuri
Sri Ram Dodapaneni
Sushma Dubbaka
Jemar Dunlap
SVS Yeshwanth Durbakula
Nithin Raja Eada
Sankar Ganguri
Santosh Chowdary Ghanta
Sindhuri Ghattamaraju Sri Sai
Divya Sri Gujjula
Sri Ramcharan Reddy Kakulavaram
Kamal Nayan Raju Kanchanapalli
Bhavani Kandarapu
Vihar Reddy Kandi
Srinivas Kasala
Sai Kiran Kattamanchi
Praveen Sagar Keshamgari
Nagarjun Reddy Keshireddy
Naresh Babu Kilaru
Venkata Sai Kodhumuri
Manoj Kumar Koduru
Srinitha Koralla
Sai Abhijith Kowluru
Yuvakumar Kuramannagari
Godswill Kenechukwu Mbata
Vikram Murarishetty
Prabhu Muskem
Bal Reddy Nalla
Siva Prasanth Reddy Narreddy
Sankeerth Narsina
Koti Reddy Oneddu
Vamshi Krishna Padala
Praveen Sagar Palle
Sashank Penugonda
Rakesh Pinninti
Ritesh Pokhrel
Praveen Kumar Pola
Deepjali Poreddy
Dimosh Pradhan
Bhargava Sai Teja Pyde
Corey Lee Ruff
Ajay Salapala
Varun Reddy Sallagonda
Sujith Samala
Yakub Pasha Shaik
Sami Azar Sheik
Praneeth Solleti
Sindhuja Tangella
Nagesh Reddy Thum
Venkata Reddy Vazralla
Arun Sudhakar Vemulapalli
Steven Benjamin Wiley
Brahmanaidu Yanala
Shiva Rajashekar Reddy Yatavelli
Chandra Kiran Yelagam
Gaganraj Yeledandi

David F. Rankin College of Business
Associate of Science

Melissa Ludwig
Colton Redfearn

Bachelor of Business Administration

George Dalton Adams+
Victoria Bland Allison+
Abdulmohsen Fahad Alotaibi
Seth Barron
William Garrett Benson+
Hunter Layne Bobo+++ 
Haley Machen Brotherton+
Todd Jaron Bullinger
LaTrina D. Burks
Matthew Adam Chaput
XiaoDan Chen
Shelby Lynn Daugherty
Colton John Davidson
Katherine Anne Deese*+++ 
Yumezo Densaki
Kaittin Duncan
Danielle Durham
Jesse Estall+++ 
Rita J. Givens
Shelly Beth Glass
Brandon Hughes Groce
Hunter Hagmann
Jessica Brooke Hammett+++ 
Cassie Nicole Hartwick+
Brooke Victoria Haynes
Megan Ashley Klippert+++ 
Morgan Elaine Lampkin
Andrew Austin Langley
Austin Garrett Lay
Paul Charles Lloyd
Lisa Ann McKamie
Amanda Jane Monge
Ivan G. Murphy
Kristen Brooke Pickett+++ 
Mason John Powers
Michael Wayne Roberts
Jose Luis Sanchez+
Allison Nicole Silen

Sudeshna Singh
Joshua Ryan Staggs
Jerilyn Chaneice White
Justin Wiseman
Adriana A'Dair Woodard
Jared Wyrick
Trevel Sante Young

College of Education
Bachelor of Science

Danielle Carrington+
Angela Sarah Gaignard+++ 
Gerod Undron Hubbard, Jr.
Chelsea Layne Ivy++
Keith Scott Kelley

Donovan B. Mills
Brianna Marie Petticrew
Kacie Renee Robertson
Riley Susan Rush++

Bachelor of Science in Education

Dontoria JaNell Aplin
Margaret Lane Armstrong
Kevianna Mychelle Beasley+
Kayla Denea Beck++
Shelby Borst+++ 
Alyson Brooke Cantwell+
Amanda L. Carrell
Rachel Leigh Castleberry*+++ 
Allie Beth Cecil
Shonda Cotten+++ 
Chera K. Cox+++ 
Felicia Lashelle Gonzalez++
Tristen Renee’ Guerrero++
Lauren Ashley Harvey+++ 
Desiree Ann Huskey+++ 
Kedrick Jones

Katee Michele Kitchens+++ 
Amanda Lee Levin*+++ 
Tyler DeWayne McDaniel+
Jessica LeeAnn Montgomery++ 
Janae McKenzie Mosbey+
Cheyanne Kaytlynn Nunn++
Bryan T. Richardson++ 
Daisy Marie Sims+++ 
Caitlin Rebekah Sirmon+
Morgan Smith
Rachel Nicole Smith
Jennifer Beth Soapes+++ 
Sarah Lynne Spradlin+
Whitney Starr+++ 
Megan Thompson Wyrick+

College of Liberal and Performing Arts
Associate of Arts

Austin Dennis Crank
KeJuane La’She Eliza Gossett

Harley Mashburn

Bachelor of Arts

Katherine M. Alford
Talia Burton+++ 
Robert Christopher Edward Ellis+
Catherine Fort
Corbin Lee Franklin
Constance Danay Gaddis
Stephen Randall Garner+++ 
Seth Thomas Gilleran+++
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Chelsie Bounds+

Bachelor of General Studies

Gabrielle Burger
Chelsea Marie Jordan++
LaTetia Elaine McDonald
Shyanne Morell Nichols+

Jace M. Powers+
Christopher Quinn
Jimmy Scott

Bachelor of Science

Emilie Sandve Aase+++ 
Ryne A. Besancon
Michael Wayne Brown, Jr.
Bailey K. Carl
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Valerie K. Davis
Beverly Dennis
Courtney Elizabeth Hudgins+
JaNai Nicole Johnson
Alex Lezell Jones II
Lori Joetta Jones
Sara Desire’ Lloyd
Amanda Ruth Asch Lourenco

Rebecca C. Lout
Sheila McGhee
Daniel Mark Meadows
Ashlynn Christine Morris
Arica-Ann Molina Norzagaray++
Hannah Elizabeth Rice+
Madison Ross
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Devin G. Slack
Serena Leigh Stradiota+
Tyrell Malik Taylor
Alexander Blake Watson
Carla Antionette Webb

Bachelor of Social Work

Marion Angelica Adams+
Kiera Lashae Burks
Madison Mackenna Evans
Sidnee Taylor Haynes+
DeVonte’ K. Jackson+
Maya Mae Mason*+

Sharneshea McGhee
Knidreya Breyana Page++
Hilary Jane Pauli
Chasity Edwards Rhodes
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Debrilya Kayan Williams

College of Science and Engineering
Associate of Applied Science

Cassandra Ann Buford
Anitra Lewis Carson
Karen Colvin
Dominique S. Daniels
Christi Conly Dial
China Iesha Kyera Fitzgerald
Kaitlyn Glass
Shetara Lenet Hall

Chelsea Marie Horton
Kelmedra Denise Jackson
Colt Austin Kirkpatrick
Brittney Pipkin Montondo
Shirley D. Purifoy
Lesley Watson
Cynthia Gilbert Williams
Cody Winters
Bachelor of Science

Anthony Alford+
Logan Kyle Anderson
Kamara Washaun Aubrey
Christian Beasley
Shelbi Lea Booker
Justin Matthew Buchanan+
Katie Elizabeth Buchanan*+++ 
Morgan Lynnae Burns
Haley Bush
Kayla Nicole Carpenter*+++ 
Morgan Rae Collier
James Feriss Crow+
Tanner L. Crutsinger
Savannah Culpepper
Nicolette L. Dillard
Seth Austin Driggers
Kelsea Nicole Eubanks
Coltin Fuller
Phillip Nelson Gahr, Jr.
Jessica Marie Lyn Garrett+
Lane Baxter Gay++
Justina Danielle Glass
Heather Lynn Gorman
Melanie L. Gustin+++ 
Kellie Hailey
Carl Bradley Harris
Kevin Michael Harris
Jeffery Ryan Hensley
Ryan N. Holbrook+
Randy Jonathan House
Daniel Eyitayo Ibinola*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Marley Faith Adams
Shante Lachare Allen
Hannah Barringer
Kade Everett Benson
Christopher M. Bolton+
Kelly Leigh Broach++
Barbara Renee Brown
ShaQueta Quintae Brown+
Lauren Haley Cliburn
Taryn Tenea Covington
Benjamin Lewis Cox
Jordann Miriam Davis+++ 
Ryan Cole Dement
Tynasha Alliyah Dupree*++
Martini T. Ford
Jay Hardy Goodwin
Keona Katrice Goodwin

Cameron Keith Imler
Dalton P. Jones
William L. Linton, Jr.++
Ashlie Elizabeth Maness
Gunner May
Brady McCombs+++ 
Todd E. Moore, Jr.
Diana Mukite Wamalwa Mukweyi*++
Shamiso Monalisa Ngongoni*+++ 
Addison Tanner Ochs*++
Casey Charlotte O'Hara*
Ashley Layne Osborne
Logan Tyler Peterson
Hannah Elyse Rich
Ashley Hunter Roden
Ricardo Raphael Lopez Romo*+
Katelyn Victoria Scott
Arin Shaffer*+++ 
Cullen Shaffer*+++ 
Sean E. Shenton
Matthew Caleb Steele+++ 
Bradley Chase Stormes
Kaitlyn Rae Terrell+
Kahlil Jarrod Wade
Brandon Zachary Wallace*++
William Coe Watlington
Darryl Lee Webb III
Emily Rose Williams
Misty Dennea Wood
Sarah Teagan Wright
Mireille Henriette Line Zoa*+++ 

La`Shundra Renee’ Green
Jackie Hakeem Hawkins
John Taylor Heintz+
Kyle Malory Herren*
Toni Denise Hines
Holly Marie Hockaday
Ashley Leanne Hodnett
Maya Alexandria Jones
Jamison Duane King
Tamara Lynn Laws
Lindsey Brooke Leigh+
Doris Joleen Wambui Mbiu
Stephanie Paige Nelson+
Daniel S. Pevril
Lauren Nicole Poulsen
Lydia Diane Pruitt++
Ashley Rache'l Quintana++
Dr. Deborah Wilson is a rare, multi-talented individual, whose greatest gift and joy is probably teaching. Her student evaluations are consistently among the highest in the College despite the fact she is teaching difficult and challenging courses. Her students and more than 90 undergraduate and graduate advisees praise her for her devotion to their success, her sensitivity to their needs, and her mentoring and tutoring inside and outside of the classroom. For example, Dr. Wilson showed great dedication and personal care to shepherd Hispanic students from Mena who came to SAU under a 2+2 agreement, which she had worked to implement in 2013, through the BS Psychology program.

Dr. Wilson also sponsors Title IV E testing in local schools, brings the Clothesline Project to campus, and organizes annual in-service workshops for school counselors and other professionals. In addition, Dr. Wilson works with local shelters and clinics. Her attendance and support of University programs, as well as her service to the community, is truly exceptional. She is consistently a willing volunteer for nearly any worthwhile project and supports the Distinguished Lecture Series and the Murder Mystery Dinner. She served as chair of the Women’s Crisis Center, board member of Walk for Life and is a financial contributor to many organizations, including the SAU Foundation. Furthermore, Dr. Wilson is a member of SAU’s Title IX Committee, and she always participates in Preview Days, BAMs, open houses, and other recruiting activities.

Dr. Wilson chairs the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department with a special flair. Last year, she held three mini-retreats for each division in the department prior to the start of the school year. Moreover, Dr. Wilson is actively engaged in research, regularly attends and presents at conferences in her area of expertise, and publishes posters and articles in relevant journals. She researches topics that include intimate partner violence, stalking, divorce, and student success.

Finally, Dr. Wilson is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Southwestern Psychological Association, the Southeastern Association of College Students, and the Arkansas Coalition against Domestic Violence. In summary, in a down-to-earth and unassuming manner, Dr. Wilson displays exemplary professional ethics and an exceptional dedication to SAU that makes her truly deserving of this honor.
Andrew Colyer Courtway earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from University of Central Arkansas in 2007. He later obtained a Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of Central Arkansas, and is currently pursuing his Master of Business Administration degree at SAU where he will graduate with honors in May. Andrew is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Financial Services Auditor. He is currently employed as a Senior Internal Auditor with the Arkansas State University system.

Amanda Lee Levin is an early childhood education major from Memphis, Tenn. During her time at SAU, Amanda served as a member of the Phi Mu Fraternity, the Arkansas Student Teachers Association, a President’s Ambassador, and was selected to serve as the student member of the Teacher Education Committee. She has also served as treasurer for Kappa Delta Pi, and she has been a member of the Honors College throughout her student career. In addition to her service, Amanda has received many awards during her time at SAU. She has been named to the President’s List every semester; was named Greek Scholar in 2013, 2014, and 2015; received the Leadership Award in 2014 and 2015; was a Farmers Bank & Trust scholarship award winner; was named women’s golfer of the year in 2013 and 2014; was named scholar athlete in 2013 and 2014; and was nominated to be on the Homecoming Court. Amanda is passionate about teaching and has received outstanding feedback in all of the classrooms she has worked in while at SAU. She is always willing to go an extra step for her career, and she participated in the Arkansas Curriculum Conference poster presentation as a presenter on the Teaching and Learning Fair that she was involved in at SAU. Amanda’s love for learning and for SAU is evident.

Zachary Paul Lisko earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in physical education from Arkansas State University in 2007, and a Master of Science degree in Kinesiology-Coaching from SAU in August 2015. As a graduate student, Zach began his coaching career with the Mulerider Defensive Line under Head Coach Bill Keopple. In February 2015, he was hired into a full-time position with the Muleriders where he has coached both the defensive and offensive lines.
College of Liberal and Performing Arts

Undergraduate

Stephen Randall Garner is a history major with a political science minor. Stephen is a transfer student from South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado who has always been very serious about his studies. He sets very high academic standards and takes great pride in his work. In addition, Stephen is always willing and available to help his classmates; he frequently puts together study guides for exams. Stephen is a member of several honor societies including Alpha Chi, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society. After graduation he wants to enroll in SAU’s MAT program with the goal of becoming a teacher.

Graduate

Catherine Frances Christie Cook received her undergraduate degree from SAU in 1980, attained additional undergraduate hours at SAU in 1981, and pursued graduate studies in English at Arizona State University from 1981-1984. In the spring of 2013, she began working on an MPA degree with an anticipated May 2016 graduation. Mrs. Cook has been the City Manager of Hope, Ark., since 1996. In addition to work, Mrs. Cook is active in a number of organizations including First United Methodist Church in Hope where she sings in the choir, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the Arkansas City Management Association (ACMA) having served as President for three different terms, the Hope Kiwanis Club, the Southwest Arkansas Arts Council, Hempstead County Economic Development Corporation, and Board member of LOPFI (the Arkansas State Fire and Police Retirement System).

College of Science and Engineering

Undergraduate

Cullen Shaffer of Hamburg, Ark., is a biology major graduating with honors from SAU in May 2016. In addition to performing at the highest level in all of his classes, Cullen has been involved in a number of research activities at SAU in which he has carried out experiments on DNA integrity, fish enzymes, and radiobiology. Cullen has been recognized by faculty from all departments in the College of Science and Engineering for his achievements in subjects that span the sciences, including biology, physics, and chemistry. He plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this fall where he will begin graduate research on the genetics of plant viruses.

Graduate

Sankeerth Narsina is an intelligent, helpful, and hardworking student who always takes self-initiative for the goodwill of the program. Narsina has served as Dean’s ambassador for the international students where he assisted instructors as a grader and volunteered to create an online course registration system that saved advising time for many students. He also worked as a graduate assistant in the International Student Office where he made himself available beyond his hours so that prospective international students received the requested information in a timely manner. Narsina was also actively involved in arranging a cricket tournament at SAU that saw great success in involving international students in campus life. Narsina has a high degree of sincerity and devotion, and he is always eager to help.
Alma Mater

We hail thee now, oh SAU
For thee we'll always stand.
Your eager sons and daughters
Form one united band.

Your glory and your fame will spread
Through all eternity.
We pledge to thee, oh SAU
Our love and loyalty.

Faculty Marshals
Dr. Sara K. Day
Dr. Timothy D. Wise

Commencement Marshals
Dr. Donna Y. Allen
Mr. Josh R. Kee
Mr. C. Jasper Lewis
Ms. Shawana Reed

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