

Graduate College Update

**(April 30, 2025)**

* **Spring/Summer graduation.** Students who will graduate in the summer should apply for summer 2025 graduation. In that application they can choose to participate in the spring commencement ceremony.
* **Upcooming Master Advisor Workshop**
  + May 12th and 13th
  + Will include graduate advising breakout sessions
  + See more info and register here: <https://www.missouristate.edu/Advising/advising-workshops.htm>
* **Graduation Deadlines**
  + - * Due Now - - applications for SP25 graduation are due now. Student who apply now will not have their names listed in the Commencement program.
      * May 1, 2025 - - Deadline for submission of Comprehensive Exam Results to the Graduate College.
      * May 9, 2025 - - **Commencement**

9:00 a.m. McQueary College of Health and Human Services

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

1:00 p.m. Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities

College of Education

5:00 p.m. Darr College of Agriculture

College of Business

Interdisciplinary Academic Programs

* **Graduate Education Awards Reception (GEAR) winners:**

**Outstanding Graduate Mentor:** Dr. Christopher Ford, Defense & Strategic Studies

**Outstanding Thesis Advisors:** Dr. Amber Abernathy, Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences and Dr. John Rose, Defense & Strategic Studies

**Graduate Council Chair:** Dr. Alan Schick, Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Excellence in Graduate Advising:** Dr. Rhonda Stanton, English

**Distinguished Teaching Assistant:** Whitney Owonubi Latture, Communication, Media, Journalism & Film

**Distinguished Thesis Awards:** Shelby Palmer, Biology; Anna Guenter, History; Samara Mizutani Cesar, Criminology & Criminal Justice; Shusmoy Choudhury, Computer Sciences

**Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards:** Fatima Jurat, Special Education, Leadership & Professional Studies; Arshpreet Kandola, RStats Institute; David Brockway, English

**Aileen and Keith Ford Endowed Scholarship:** Zack Collison, Criminology & Criminal Justice and Hannah Ndiba, Earth, Environment and Sustainability

**Basil & Joann Boritzki Endowment Scholarship:** Ta’lor Gold, Biology and Grace Herbold, Mathematics

**Masterson Family Graduate Student Research Award:** Mary Fakunle, Chemistry & Biochemistry and Mackenzie McIntire. Biology

* **EIDF winners:**

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| Mahmoud | Abusaqer | Computer Science |
| Nnenne | Ben-Ekechukwu | Applied Second Language Acquisition |
| Tucker | Bittick | Agriculture |
| Emma | Braun | MNAS |
| Matthew | Bruenning | Materials Science |
| Jami | Bull | MNAS |
| Jianna | Cox | Biomedical Sciences |
| Jackson | Davis | Biology |
| Daniel | Donkor | Geography and Geology |
| Cristina | Flaquer Fuste | Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Callie | Fry | Biomedical Science |
| Mateo | Guerra Toro | MNAS |
| Morgan | Hoover | Nutrition and Dietetics |
| Fahim | Irfan | Computer Science |
| Brett | Jones | Dramatic Writing |
| Rahab | Kanogo | Chemistry |
| Matthew | Knoll | Biology |
| Nicholas | Levell | Professional Studies |
| Emma | Liimatta | Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Ali | Muhammad | Geography and Geology |
| Jordan | Murray | Biology |
| Tony | Nyabayo | Chemistry |
| Ophelia | Pettington | Biology |
| Olivia | Reinwald-Johnson | Biomedical Sciences |
| Jordan | Schler | Audiology |
| Rubina | Sherchan | MNAS |
| Nguyen Nam Anh | Tran | MBA |
| Abbi | Vachon | Nutrition and Dietetics |
| Kennedy | Webb | Audiology |
| Hunter | White | Environmental Plant Science |