



**Missouri  
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# *Fall Commencement*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020  
JQH ARENA

**9:00 a.m.**

*William H. Darr College of Agriculture  
College of Business*

**1:00 p.m.**

*Judith Enyeart Reynolds College of Arts & Letters  
College of Education  
Interdisciplinary Academic Programs*

**5:00 p.m.**

*McQueary College of Health & Human Services  
College of Humanities & Public Affairs  
College of Natural & Applied Sciences*



*Fall Commencement*  
CLASS OF 2020

Friday, December 11, 2020: 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. - JQH Arena

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## *Welcome*

**T**o our Graduates, Family and Friends:

Congratulations on reaching this important moment. Having completed your college experience in a world gripped by pandemic, you have undoubtedly overcome substantial obstacles to get here. You are resilient. I am proud of you as are the many family and friends gathered to recognize you on this special day.

You now stand at the precipice of the next chapter in your life. The whole world stretches before you. Anything is possible.

Your path from this moment will undoubtedly take unexpected detours. I hope you will allow the lessons learned in and out of the classroom to guide you as you move onward and upward, making your Missouri Statement.

You have invested years learning Missouri State's public affairs mission. It is my greatest hope that you will put that learning into practice; that you will be culturally competent, ethical leaders who are actively engaged in your communities, wherever they may be. I am confident that you will make your university community proud.

Today's ceremony celebrates your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the country's best universities. I share your pride and excitement. Your degree—and the skills and experience you acquired while at Missouri State—will serve you well in your careers and lives.

It has been a privilege to have you as part of our community, and Missouri State is better for your time and efforts here. As you take this next step, your involvement at Missouri State is not ending. In many ways, it is just beginning as you transition from being a student to an alumnus. I hope you express pride in your alma mater and come back to visit us on campus.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Bears!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clif Smart III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clif Smart  
*President*

# Order of Service

## PROCESSIONAL\*

Pomp and Circumstance . . . . . Elgar, arr. Fischer

## NATIONAL ANTHEM\*

Star Spangled Banner . . . . . Traditional  
Shayne Piles

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

9:00 a.m.

**Presentation of Bronze Bear Award**  
**Robert and Marlese Gourley**

1:00 p.m.

**Mr. Clifton M. Smart III**  
President  
Missouri State University

5:00 p.m.

**Presentation of Governmental Excellence Award**  
**Ken McClure**  
Mayor  
City of Springfield, Missouri

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Dr. Frank A. Einhellig**  
Provost  
Missouri State University

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

**Mr. Clifton M. Smart III**  
President  
Missouri State University

## INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Ms. Neosha Mackey**  
Emeritus Dean  
Library Services

**Dr. Pauline Nugent**  
Professor

Department of Modern and Classical Languages

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

**Mr. Brent Dunn**  
Vice President for University Advancement

## ALMA MATER\*

Maroon and White . . . . . arr. Dr. John Prescott  
Shayne Piles

*Sing we praises  
Now to our Alma Mater!  
All hail, Maroon and White!  
Missouri State, we pledge devotion  
May you live  
Ever in truth and right.*

## RECESSIONAL\*

\*The audience is requested to stand, if able, during the Processional and the singing of the National Anthem and Alma Mater and to remain in place in their seats until the completion of the Academic Recessional.

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## *University Marshals*

### **GRAND MARSHAL**

**Dr. Cameron Wickham**

Professor, Mathematics

### **PLATFORM MARSHAL**

**Mr. Tom Peters**

Dean, Library

### **GRADUATE MARSHALS**

**Dr. Julie Masterson**

Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate College

**Dr. Algerian Hart**

Associate Dean of the Graduate College

### **SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT**

Ms. Allison Garrett

### **UNDERGRADUATE MARSHALS**

**Dr. Robert S. Hornberger**

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management  
and Services

**Dr. Kimberly L. Martin**

Director of Multicultural Programs

**Dr. Kelly E. Rapp**

Director of Career Center

**Dr. Dee Siscoe**

Vice President for Student Affairs

**Dr. Andrea M. Weber**

Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student  
Conduct

**Ms. Angela Young**

Registrar

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## *Degrees with Honors*

Candidates who applied by 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020 are listed in today's program. Candidates who applied after this application deadline are allowed to participate in the commencement ceremonies, but are not listed in the printed program.

### **THE HONORS COLLEGE**

Some students have chosen to pursue a more rigorous academic curriculum. They are identified by a royal blue stole. Some of these students may have pursued departmental honors as well and their major distinctions are noted here.

Jacob K. Adams  
Aimee Rose Ruth Aubuchon  
Anna B. Benne  
Kara Michelle Borgmann  
Jordan Lynn Bougher  
Kallen Amanda Brown  
Stephanie Ann Bube  
Olivia Brooke Burns  
Amy Linn Burton  
Davis Warren Collins  
*with distinction in*  
*Creative Writing*  
Amanda Jo Davis  
Ethan Joel Davis  
Alyssa Rachel DeBolt  
Renee M. Downing

Valerie Carmelina D'Souza  
Regan Amanda Fish  
Matthew James Freese  
Olivia Louise Gibbs  
Alexis Raye Hartness  
Kimberly D. Jones  
Kestrel Tyee Jurkiewicz-Miles  
Amber L. Kimball  
Katie M. Kimbrough  
Lauren B. Krieg  
Kara Taylor Loyd  
Allison Michelle Lutjen  
Andrew Mackey  
Madison Mangin  
Molly E. Michalski  
Dillon Cole Mize

Jenna Lynne Morelock  
Whitney Elizabeth Mosley  
Sophia Rose Orlando  
Hannah Rebecca Overton  
Alyssa Virginia Presley  
Jacob Scott Reynolds  
Samantha Kathleen Sack  
Joseph Michael Schultz  
Adrianna Nicole Slavik  
Mary Jean Smith  
Madeleine Margot Toskin  
John Lucas Viebrock  
Lane Richard Wolfe  
Erica Joy Wollmering

## SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Special distinction for high scholarship is awarded to certain undergraduate students as follows:

Summa cum laude (with highest honor) for those who have a grade point average of at least 3.90.

Magna cum laude (with great honor) for those who have a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89.

Cum laude (with honor) for those who have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74.

The GPA is based on the lowest of the student's Missouri State cumulative GPA or the student's combined (Missouri State and transfer) cumulative GPA. Students must complete a minimum of 30 undergraduate credit hours prior to graduation at Missouri State University to be eligible for scholastic honors. Students meeting the above GPA criteria at the close of the semester immediately preceding their final semester of college work are honored at commencement ceremonies. The final eligibility of students for scholastic honors is based on credit hour totals and grade point averages at the end of the semester of graduation. Final eligibility is recorded on the University diploma and transcript.

These students are identified by a cordon worn with their academic regalia. The colors designating the honors are: summa cum laude, gold; magna cum laude, silver; cum laude, maroon.

Scholastic honors eligibility for candidates in the Cooperative Engineering Program are based on Missouri University of Science and Technology scholastic honors requirements. The Missouri University of Science and Technology does not use honors cordons for scholastic honors recognition.

## VETERANS RECOGNITION

Graduation candidates who have served or will serve in the United States military are identified with a red, white and blue cordon.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Abdullah Ahmad

*(Missouri S&T)*

Marylen J. Arciniegas

Aimee Rose Ruth Aubuchon

Catherine Anne Beck

Anna B. Benne

Abigail Irene Bilyeu

Kara Michelle Borgmann

Abigail Jo Brandt

Drew William Byrd

Victoria Lace Campbell

Laykin Hope Cobb

Davis Warren Collins

Michael Melvin Creek

Rayanne M. Daniel

Casey Nicole Davis

Jordan Rachelle Davis

Payton Neily Davis

Alyssa Rachel DeBolt

Mariah Ranae Engelbrecht

Megan Elizabeth Gerbrandt

Riley Nicole Griesemer

Frances Elizabeth Haller

Courtney C. Harris

Rebecca Ann Harris

Mikayla Ann Hill

Jeremiah Ethan Lewis Hinds

Victoria Rose Janacek

Brooke Noelle Johnson

Kyra Grace Jordan

Kestrel Tyee Jurkiewicz-Miles

Janae Nicole King

Cammi JoAnn Kjetland

Kaitlyn Rose Kroger

Mary Elizabeth Kuntz

Nicole Lynn Longstreet

Kara Taylor Loyd

Shelby Leigh Lucas

Thomas Mercier MacCash

Madison Mangin

Evan D McMahon

*(Missouri S&T)*



Molly E. Michalski  
Rena E. Moeller  
Sarah Jo Morgan  
Whitney Elizabeth Mosley  
Mya Renee Mueller  
Josie Jemima Muenks  
Sophia Rose Orlando  
Vito Giovanni Palmietto  
(*Missouri S&T*)  
Seunghye Park  
Matthew Cody Pate  
Tarah Judith An Phongsavath

Yiqing Zhu Powell  
Alexis Marie Radden  
Jacob Allan Reed  
Jaime Kai Rohrer  
Samantha Kathleen Sack  
Joseph Christian Scheihing  
Sierra Nicole Sharp  
Mary Jean Smith  
Michael Todd Smith  
(*Missouri S&T*)  
Rachel Nichole Stinson  
Peyton Lynn Stroup

Micah Elizabeth Lily Sutherlan  
Natalie Outlaw Svilarich  
Rachel M. Thomas  
Kyndal M. Thomason  
Monica Paige Tracy  
Ashton Laine Vonallmen  
Seth P. Walley  
Brooke Nicole Watson  
Sierra Noel Weidner  
Gina Lynn Wieberg  
Rachael Lauren Wright  
Rachel Mary-Regina Yaros

### **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Mikayla N. Angeli  
Emily Ann Marie Azpell  
Elisabeth Barber  
Joshua Taylor Barry  
Bailey Marie Beauchamp  
Angela Beth Beisner  
Alli Cameron Brock  
Kallen Amanda Brown  
Samantha Lynn Bumgardner  
Chloe Calhoun  
Colten Lee Calvert  
Karlee Paige Cantrell  
Haley N. Carter  
Kyndra Nicole Chastain  
Benjamin Garrett Daniels  
Victoria Grace Davenport  
Lacey Nicole Davis  
Ryan Zachary DeLap  
Alexis E. Diaz  
Amanda Jo Dotson  
Renee M. Downing  
Rosemary Catherine Driscoll  
Valerie Carmelina D'Souza  
Noah Louis Elliott  
Kaitlyn Ann Franklin  
Dhruvi Manishkumar Gheewala  
Sydney Joannah Graf  
Josilyn Breann Harms  
Braden Richard Harris

Blake William Heckman  
Kayla R. Hefferle  
Amanda M. Heider  
Brenda Hernandez  
Abigail Elese Herrmann  
Emily Kathleen Hobbs  
Travis Matthew Jenkins  
Kimberly D. Jones  
Sydney Brooke Kennedy  
Mikayla D. Kilgore  
Shane Edward Knauth  
Dakota Allen Krawczyk  
Lauren B. Krieg  
Sean E. Lee  
Desiree Stormi Lee Lepold  
Skyler Michael Lessenden  
Ross Lawrence Lindeman  
Jenna Lynn Lochner  
Michaela C. Lovig  
Andrew Mackey  
Amara Skye Marshall  
Shannon Eileen McCarthy  
Sarah Marie McCoy  
Bradley S. Meyer  
Joshua Eric Miller  
Justice Dawn Miller  
Jenna Lynne Morelock  
Ellen Marita Neske  
Monica Ann Onstot

Matthew James Ortmann  
Taylor Ortner  
Megan Mary-Louise Overby  
Hannah Rebecca Overton  
Lyndsey Ann Parker  
Rachel M. Passig  
Kendra Mae Perry  
Alyssa Virginia Presley  
Kayla Jean Rehder  
Joseph Michael Schultz  
Marlee Lynn Scroggins  
Ethan Smith  
Jalinn Desire Sowersby  
Cheston D. Stacy  
Paityn Elizabeth Stagner  
Jon Stanton  
Emily Jane Stegemann  
Hunter Lee Stepp  
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Madeleine Margot Toskin  
Katelyn Rae Voris  
Chipper Wallace  
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Lane Richard Wolfe  
Erica Joy Wollmering  
Britni R. Zeuner  
Joshua Allen Zimmerman

## CUM LAUDE

Whitney Ngozi Akalugwu	Hannah M. Curley	Seonju Lee Held
Rana Rashed Alamro	Faith Elizabeth Dall	Sarah Deanna Hellweg
Reid Michael Alexander	Jerad Steven Daniels	Mikayla Eastyn Helm
Mashari Saif Alotaibi	Sierra Datema	Duane Helton
Lucas Cesario AlvaradoCali	Amanda Jo Davis	Kasey Dawn Hoelscher
Jackson M. Auer	Ethan Joel Davis	Ken Huang
Garrett Bradley Bacon	Mitchell Dent	Aubrie Lynn Hughes
Ashleigh Lynn Baker	Alayna Noelle Dick	Peyton John Huslig
Katelyn Elizabeth Bebee	Jaymes Edward Dickinson	Kristen Renee Hyde
Jonna Blankenship	Maxwell Aaron Dill	Alexis Ann Ingold
Helen Kaycee Bouch	Molly Elizabeth Dixon	Kelsey Marie Jahnsen
Jordan Lynn Bougher	Kenzie Taylor Drollinger	Enoch Barnabas James
Charles S. Bowers	Caleb Stephen John Dunn	Rachel Jenkins
Kaelynn Nicole Bradley	Lacy Marie Dunnihoo	Megan Elizabeth Jinks
Bailey Jordan Bryant	Allison Nicole Elbe	Claira Elizabeth Johnson
Stephanie Ann Bube	Manuel José Elivo Jerez	Danielle Charissa Jones
Samuel James Bunyard	Taylor N. Fax	Mallory Elise Jones
Olivia Brooke Burns	Callie Joan Fergen	Harim Kim
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Jamen Amber Butzen	Lauren Carson Floyd	Storm Regan Kirby
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Brice Tallen Calip	Matthew James Freese	Kylee Lynn Lammers
Abigail B. Carey	Megan Marie Frey	Tiffany Jane Lloyd
Kory Reed Carlson	Kayleigh Mychal Burch Friedrich	Denver Jay Langford
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Ethan Michael Clemmer	Olivia Louise Gibbs	Eryn Patricia Livingston
Durian LeeNiese Michelle Cobbins	Samuel Edward Goeke	Lauren J. Ludtke
Kathryn Mae Colvin	Catherine Rose Goetter	Alexandra Leigh Lurvey
Kaci M. Cooner	David J. Gorski	Allison Michelle Lutjen
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Logan Douglas Courtois	Samantha Jo Groshong	Hailey Marie Martin
Shayna Marie Cowan-MacDonald	Natalie Nicole-LiHong Grusch	Kara E. Matherly
Joshua Craft	Marissa Leanne Harris	Mary Claire McCabe
Megan Diane Craven	Alexis Raye Hartness	Brittany Faith McClintock
Ashtyn Nerise Crockett	Charles Judson H'Doubler	Stephanie Elizabeth McCully

Julia Lynn McElvain  
Shannon C. McFarland  
Dana M. Meyer  
Trenton John Michael  
Samantha Elizabeth Michaelis  
Hannah Nicole Miller  
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Nomin Munkhbaatar  
Matthew William Murray  
Paige M. Naeger  
Haley Catherine Nelson  
Nhi Thi Yen Nguyen  
Payton Lydia Nuckolls  
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Hunter Brook Odom  
Natalia Cheyenne Oldendorph  
Reghan Elizabeth Pace  
Kimberly Marie Parker  
Laura Lynn Payne  
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Tori Nicole Pinkly

Jessica L. Powell  
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Debra Louise Radigan  
Morgan Rachel Ramsey  
Emma Beth Raup  
Jacob Scott Reynolds  
Shauna Nikkole Rinehart  
Aspen Elizabeth Rodrock  
Alyssa Jo Roth  
Haley Payne Rust  
Michaela Sue Satterfield  
Deven Nicole Saylor  
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Randi Jean Angel Sharley  
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Gabriel Arnold Stumbaugh  
Cheyanne J. Suits

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## *Degree Candidates*

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Caleb Steven Kindle  
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## AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

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Olivia Paige Falcon  
Duane Helton  
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Lacie Raylee Reed  
Haley Renee Robinson  
Brett T. Schellen  
Randi Jean Angel Sharley  
Sarah Mikayla Sharp  
Alexis Renee Sweeney  
Paige Elizabeth Taylor  
Taylor Lynn Trolinger  
Audrey Rose Wilson  
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Kaelin Nicole Mosher  
Matthew James Ortmann  
Hannah Rebecca Overton

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Tayler Sue Avery  
Katelyn Elizabeth Bebee

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Briana Marie Brethauer  
Jessica Rheannon Carley  
Faith Elizabeth Dall  
Victoria Grace Davenport  
Valerie Carmelina D'Souza  
Robin Bertie Durphy  
Megan Nicole Farmer  
Bryce Thomas Fletcher  
Olivia Louise Gibbs  
Rebecca Marie Hammett  
Abigail Kathleen Harrison  
Amanda M. Heider  
Maxwell Robert Jennings  
Mia Noelle Kimm  
Thomas J. Kranz  
Jacob Lashley  
Skyler Michael Lessenden  
Jenna Lynn Lochner  
Ahlai S. May  
Kaylynn R. Mosier  
Austin Michael Reed  
Caitlin C. Rounds  
Emma Marie Rowland  
Mason Andrew Rushing  
Haley Payne Rust  
Amanda Nicole Schmidt  
Molly Christine Sewester  
Gazi Amena Noor Shamita  
Dylan Blake Stewart  
Brittany Marie Stickman  
Emily Grace Tull  
Seth P. Walley

## CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Chandler A. Beck  
Jordan Lynn Bougher  
Tristan J. Carroll  
Hannah Ryder Chapman  
Matthew James Freese  
Peyton John Huslig

Matthew Walston Keith  
Kaitlyn Marie Kerr  
Kaitlyn Rose Kroger  
Hanna K. LeFort  
Michael Allen Lorette  
Andrew Mackey  
Claudio Cau'Vau Martin  
Marshall Whitson McCarl  
Kyle B. Morris  
Arnela Pekic  
Peter Tran

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Zachary Franklin Dobbs  
Cody Alan Jones  
Amber L. Kimball  
Cammi JoAnn Kjetland  
Hannah Paige Lundien  
Sarahi Vera  
Cameron Jackson Weeks

## CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Abigail B. Carey  
Courtney Noel Carpenter  
Laykin Hope Cobb  
Alexis E. Diaz  
Angel Fox  
Brittany Faith McClintock  
Julianna Elizabeth McKee  
Madelyn Cecelia Obermark  
Rachel M. Passig  
Tori Nicole Pinkly  
Kari Elizabeth Reed  
Abigale Rose Ruggeri  
DeVonna Sydney-Marie Townson  
Parker D. Williams  
Rachael Lauren Wright  
Motoki Yasui  
Megan L. Youngs



CLINICAL LABORATORY  
SCIENCES-MEDICAL  
TECHNOLOGY

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COMMUNICATION

Carson Wayne Armour  
Tanner Harris Armstrong  
Catherine Anne Beck  
Aaron Robert Bimler  
Godey Prince Coleus  
Kersten Lee Crawford  
Brittany Nicole Creech  
Joshua Jordan Dolling  
Autumn H. Kirkland  
Karlee Rose Kramer  
Mitchell Scott Lacy  
Boyd Alexander Mackey  
Jessica Mann  
Sai Moon  
Kyaira Andrea Nichols  
Payton Lydia Nuckolls  
Lisa Marlene Pratt  
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Dissertation Title: *Building the Best: A Quantitative Evaluation of a State-Level Teacher Retention Strategy Designed to Increase Self-Efficacy, Reflective Capacity, and Job Satisfaction Through Effective Professional Development*



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## *Bronze Bear Award Recipient*

### **ROBERT AND MARLESE GOURLEY**

**T**he Gourleys are true philanthropists. Bob and Marlese were paramount in improving the educational experience for students in the College of Business through a significant gift that made the 37,000 square foot Robert Gourley Student Success Center addition to Glass Hall possible. In their hometown, the Gourleys provided funding to help start the Lee's Summit Symphony and continue with ongoing operational support for the Kauffman Center. They also created the Robert and Marlese Gourley Family Studio for Innovative Design and Fabrication at Marlese's alma mater, Mizzou.

Bob, a 1960 business administration graduate of Missouri State, is a successful businessman who is passionate about entrepreneurship. He credits the university for his dynamic career in which he owned and operated companies in a variety of industries including retail, banking, and beverage distribution among several others. Marlese is a retired educator and graduate of the University of Missouri.



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## *Commencement Speaker*

### **PRESIDENT CLIFTON M. SMART III**

**C**lifton "Clif" M. Smart III has served as the 11th president of Missouri State University since June 27, 2011. Under Smart's leadership, the university has:

- Set new records in numbers of graduates, graduate employment rates, and overall enrollment
- Enhanced diversity of faculty, staff, and students
- Maintained affordability for students
- Significantly upgraded campus facilities
- Developed new bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs
- Achieved a Silver STARS rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
- Set records in state appropriations, private gifts and grant funding

In recent years, Smart has served as the president of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri, on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, on the Mercy Health Springfield Communities Board of Directors, on the Board of Directors for the Hawthorn Foundation, and on the Board of Directors for Missouri Partnership. He has also served on boards and committees for the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, CoxHealth, Arc of the Ozarks, Springfield Innovations, Inc., Isabel's House, First Baptist Church and numerous other professional and community organizations.

Smart has lived in Springfield, Missouri for more than two decades. Before his presidency, Smart served as the university's general counsel. Before coming to Missouri State University, Smart had a private legal practice in Springfield.

Smart and his wife, Gail, have two sons: Murray, who along with his wife, Amy, both graduated in 2012 from Southwest Baptist University and live in Rogers, Arkansas with their daughters Addy, Emery and Miriam and sons Parker and Leeland; and Jim, who recently graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School.





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## *Governmental Excellence Award Recipient*

### **MAYOR KEN MCCLURE**

**K**en McClure retired in July 2015 from Missouri State University after serving as Vice President for Administrative and Information Services since December 2008. In that role he had supervisory responsibility for the University's human resources, computer services, communications, facilities management, safety and transportation, environmental management, space management, University Staff Ambassadors, and planning, design and construction functions. Ken joined Missouri State University in September 2006, as Associate Vice President. He is currently Vice President for Administrative and Information Services Emeritus.

He served as Chief of Staff and Transition Director for former Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. Ken has also served as Associate General Manager-Administration for City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, and was appointed by former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft as a member of the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC). He subsequently was designated as Chairman of the PSC by Governor Ashcroft.

He is a former Deputy Director-Administration of the Missouri Department of Economic Development as well as a budget analyst and staff director for the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee.

In April, 2015, Ken was elected to serve as a member of the Springfield, Missouri City Council and was chosen by his peers to serve as Springfield's Mayor Pro Tem. In April, 2017, he was elected Mayor of Springfield, receiving 68% of the vote. In 2019, Ken was re-elected to a second term as Mayor, running unopposed.

Ken holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Missouri State University (Magna Cum Laude) and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri. A widower, Ken was married to Joey for 36 years. Ken has two grown daughters, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

## The Academic Dress

The history of academic dress goes back to the Medieval European universities of the fourteenth century. European universities continue to follow varied patterns in cut and color of gown and type of headdress. In the United States the colleges and universities have standardized the academic dress so that its features are common and uniform throughout the country. The standard dress in the United States is as follows:

*The Gown.* At Missouri State University, bachelor's degree gowns are maroon and the master's and doctoral degree gowns are black. The pattern varies with the degree held; pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit for the arm for the master's degree; and round, open sleeves for the doctoral degree. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and three bars across the sleeves.

*The Hood.* Hoods are not worn for the bachelor's degree. The master's hood is shorter than the doctoral hood and lacks the panels of the doctoral hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the school granting the degree, while the color of the binding or edging of the hood indicates the subject in which the degree was attained. The colors designating the subject of the degree are:

Arts and Letters.....	White
Theology.....	Scarlet
Laws.....	Purple
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Engineering.....	Orange
Library Science.....	Lemon
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Science.....	Gold-Yellow
Fine Arts.....	Brown
Education.....	Light Blue
Economics.....	Copper
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Business.....	Drab
Agriculture.....	Maize
Nursing.....	Apricot
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue

*The Cap.* At Missouri State University, bachelor's degree candidates wear a maroon mortarboard.

Members of the Board of Governors are uniformly attired in Governors' robes. The gown is maroon with velvet chevrons and panels. The hood is lined with maroon and white – the colors of Missouri State University.

Academic dress markedly different from the above description indicates a degree from a foreign university.



## PHOTOGRAPHS

In respect for the dignity of the commencement program, and in accordance with the fire codes, we ask individuals to remain at their seats during the commencement program. Photographers representing the news media will be permitted on the arena floor prior to the presentation of the candidates. Lifetouch Special Events Photography is pleased to provide this complimentary service for each graduate who crosses the dais during the commencement ceremony. Go to <https://events.lifetouch.com/missouristate> for information about commencement photographs. A link to commencement photograph proofs will also be sent to participating graduates via e-mail. Any questions can be addressed to [specialevents@lifetouch.com](mailto:specialevents@lifetouch.com), 800-505-9496, Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm EST, or via the web site <http://events.lifetouch.com/about/contactus.aspx>.

## *Degrees Conferred*

The University, under the authority of state law, confers the following degrees:

The *Bachelor of Applied Science* degree provides graduates of associate programs the opportunity to enhance and expand their general education and technical core competencies.

The *Bachelor of Arts* degree is designed to give a student a broad background in the liberal arts.

The *Bachelor of Fine Arts* degree is designed to provide sufficient training and experience so that the holder of the degree is qualified for professional work and/or graduate study in the fields of art or theatre.

The *Bachelor of General Studies* degree provides an interdisciplinary degree for students with broad interests and capabilities rather than a focused area of specialization.

The *Bachelor of Music* degree is designed to prepare a student for graduate study and/or as a performing artist and/or as a private teacher in the field of music.

The *Bachelor of Music Education* degree is designed for the training of music teachers.

The *Bachelor of Science* degree is designed to permit a high degree of specialization in one or more fields.

The *Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training* degree is designed to prepare athletic trainers for professional responsibilities and leadership roles in athletic training.

The *Bachelor of Science in Education* degree is designed for the training of teachers.

The *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* degree is designed to prepare registered students to work in any health care setting and to prepare registered nurses for leadership roles in health care facilities.

The *Bachelor of Social Work* degree is designed to prepare professional social workers for generalist practice in the human services, supporting the values of individual self-determination and social justice.

The *Master of Accountancy* degree is designed to prepare graduates for the professional practice of accountancy.

The *Master of Applied Second Language Acquisition* degree provides a solid foundation in second language acquisition theory and practice and qualifies graduates to teach English and other languages in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad.

The *Master of Arts* degree is designed to provide intensive study in the subject matter of an academic field beyond the baccalaureate level and in preparation for study toward the doctorate degree.

The *Master of Arts in Teaching* degree is designed to provide Missouri teacher certification and a graduate degree for qualified students.

The *Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning* degree is designed to help individual teachers improve their teaching, while aiding whole school communities with identifying and responding to the needs or problems in their schools and communities.

The *Master of Athletic Training* degree is a professional degree designed to prepare students to become certified athletic trainers and function as health care providers within an evolving health care delivery system.

The *Master of Business Administration* degree is designed to prepare graduates with expertise in serving the business community, teaching in higher education, or continuing in advanced study.

The *Master of Fine Arts* degree is designed to prepare graduates to be cultural leaders in the fields of visual art and design.

The *Master of Global Studies* degree is designed to meet growing societal, occupational, and student needs and demands for persons educated and knowledgeable in international affairs.

The *Master of Health Administration* degree is designed to provide advanced studies for graduates who wish to further their careers in the administration of health organizations.

The *Master of Music* degree is designed to prepare graduates for professional careers in music.

The *Master of Natural and Applied Science* degree is designed to provide those working in an environment where scientific knowledge is a priority the opportunity to expand their knowledge and experiences consistent with their professional goals and objectives.

The *Master of Occupational Therapy* degree is designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of occupational therapy.

The *Master of Professional Studies* degree is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are seeking professional growth and advancement within their vocations.

The *Master of Public Administration* degree is designed to prepare graduates with expertise in serving as administrators in public and private non-profit agencies.

The *Master of Public Health* degree is designed to prepare graduates to be practitioners, administrators, researchers, educators, and consultants in a wide variety of public health settings.

The *Master of Science* degree is designed to provide intensive study in the subject matter beyond the baccalaureate level as related to professional interest and applicability.

The *Master of Science in Education* degree is designed for advanced study beyond the baccalaureate level for teachers and educators.

The *Master of Science in Nursing* degree is designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced professional responsibilities and leadership roles in health care.

The *Master of Social Work* degree is designed to prepare professionals for advanced social work practice, program/policy planning, and evaluation roles.

The *Specialist in Education* degree is a graduate program designed to prepare graduates to be superintendents or principals in the public schools.

The *Doctor of Audiology* degree is designed to prepare professionals to enter the workplace with a high level of skills and knowledge through intensive academic and clinical experiences.

The *Doctor of Defense and Strategic Studies* is designed to provide knowledge and skills in the field of international security studies.

The *Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice* degree is designed to provide the scientific foundation and clinical training that prepares graduates to be certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The *Doctor of Nursing Practice* degree is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses at the highest clinical level.

The *Doctor of Physical Therapy* degree is designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of physical therapy.

## ***Scholarships***

The Missouri State University faculty and staff take pride in recognizing the members of the graduating class who have distinguished themselves by their academic achievement and leadership. Many members of the graduating class earned academic or performance scholarships as undergraduates. Funding for many of these scholarships is made possible by alumni and friends of Missouri State University.

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