

East Arkansas
Community College

**Commencement
Ceremony**



Thursday - Saturday,
May 13-15, 2021

Program

Processional *Pomp and Circumstance*by *Edward Elgar*

The National Anthemby *John Stafford Smith*

Welcome..... Dr. Cathie Cline
President, East Arkansas Community College

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Michelle Wilson
Vice President for Transfer Education and Student Success

Student Address.....Hayden Curtis
Honor Graduate

Presentation of the EACC Candidates..... Michelle Wilson
Vice President for Transfer Education and Student Success
Robert Summers
Vice President for Vocational, Occupational, and Technical Education

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Cathie Cline

Announcements Dr. Cathie Cline

Recessional *Trumpet Tune and Air*by *Henry Purcell*
Please Remain Seated

Graduation is a solemn ceremony. Out of respect for our graduates and their accomplishments, please turn off cell phones when you enter the building.

Please remain seated until the Recessional is complete. After the Recessional, instructions will be provided for a coordinated exit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Associate of Arts Degree

Denesha Renee Anderson

Natallie Allana Barnes

Madison Clara Brewer, *Cum Laude*

Layne Paige Burnett, *Magna Cum Laude*

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*

Charity J. Campbell

Hunter James Carper

Crystal Michelle Harris-Daniels

Catherine Marie Hale-Elliott, *Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program*

Logan Jacob Elliott, *Magna Cum Laude, Honors Program*

Gwyneth Lynn Goff, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*

Gracie Eleanore Goucher, *Cum Laude*

Jeremiah Jordan Henson

Mary Jane Irene Hess, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Amanda Rae Higgins, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Kylie Alise Hodges

Morgan Deshae Irby

Cayden Anna Christina Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Darian Lythia Jones

Terrance Banks Jones

Lauryel Tamariane Lately

Chiquita Martenea Loney

Thomas Kardell McDaniel

Kylan Tyre McKissick

Carson Jo Melton, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**

Amanda Lynn Miller, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Linda Fae Murdock, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Ty'Eisha La'Shay Murphy

La'Kenza Kelis Randle

Shereka Leanna Ray

Terri Diann Revelle, *Cum Laude*

Heather Laverne Roberts, *Cum Laude*

Odie E. Spencer

Alexa Lawson Thomas, *PTK*

Dayjah Ra'Chell Williams

La'Kiyah Na'Shae Woods

Hannah Michelle Yarbrough, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*

Associate of Science Degrees

Business

James Hunter Ancel, *Summa Cum Laude*

Devan Kyle Davis

Anastacia Ashdell Guerrero

Adeva Andriisa Holliman, *Cum Laude*

T'laisa Nicole Hunt
Detta Lakay Hytower
James G. Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
Charles Edward Miller Jr.
Uyen Nguyen, *Summa Cum Laude*
Chaddrick Earl Phillips
Jessica Marie Westbrook

Criminal Justice

Ashanique Deshane Banks
Dianna Evans
Brittney Ann Willhite-Griggs, *Cum Laude*
Kristin Michelle Hallmark
Cassie Sharmane Holloway
Azavion Vasean Jackson
Terri Diann Revelle
Taylor Marie Wilson, *Cum Laude*
Amanda Faye Yeargain

Education

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*
Alexandria Brooke Ellis, *Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Hess
Cayden Anna Christina Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Kayla Faye Lee, *Cum Laude*
Kayla Noel McKenzie
Nakiyah Rochelle Nesbitt
Lydia Faith Price, *Magna Cum Laude*
Serderia Yvette Summerville
Tiffany Diane Towery

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Charlene Victoria Adams

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

Childcare

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*
De'Andrea La'Nea Sloan

Criminal Justice

Ronald Jerome Broussard Sr.
Preston Dale Gracey, *Cum Laude*
Brittney Ann Willhite-Griggs, *Cum Laude*
Andrea Wilborn Hawkins
Eric W. Moore, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jeffrey D. Nichols

De'Andra Ladale Warren

Emergency Medical Technology- Paramedic

Larry Darnell Reid

General Technology

D'vontae Kentrell Appleby, *Summa Cum Laude*

Martin Neil Bly, *Magna Cum Laude*

Venessa C. Middlebrooks

Josephine Wiley Miller

Valerie Gail Nelson

Jonathan C. Parrish

Terry Young Rice, *Magna Cum Laude*

Billy J. Sherman Jr., *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Angela L. Wilborn, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*

Management

Ross Aaron Jarrett

Nursing

Tiarra T. Adams

Tamika Lyshella Akins

Eiman Ali Almintoser, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Alexis Georgia Carson, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Krystal Danielle Casey

Jackie Renee Chisnall

Hayden Gray Curtis, *Magna Cum Laude*

Madelyn Grace Davis

Mallory Michelle Ellis, *Cum Laude*

Katherine Shannon Garner, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Sandra Dee Giles

Jennifer Michelle Hall

Kadeshia De'Eric Hammonds

Cassidy Lee Lenox, *Cum Laude*

Kameron Deanna Luke

Tayna Denien Rayford

Chairty Kay Sackville

Katerra CaPrice Thomas

Caroline Elizabeth Ward, *Magna Cum Laude*

Youlanda Webb

Radiologic Technology

Holly Jean Beverly, *Summa Cum Laude*

Terra Nicole Billingsley, *Summa Cum Laude*

Amanda Rae Higgins, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Bailey Marie Hughes

Britney Michelle Kosloski, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Eden Elizabeth May, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*
Kristen Leeann Mundy, *Summa Cum Laude*
Benjamin Caleb Standridge
Ally Ann Ungerank, *Cum Laude*
Madison Kate Ward

Certificate in General Studies

Charlene Victoria Adams
James Hunter Ancel, *Summa Cum Laude*
Denesha Renee Anderson
Natallie Allana Barnes
Jamie Nicole Baxter
Charles Claussen Bokker III*
Madison Clara Brewer, *Cum Laude*
Charity J. Campbell
Hunter James Carper
Elizabeth Grace Crosby
Crystal Michelle Harris-Daniels
Devan Kyle Davis
Catherine Marie Hale-Elliott, *Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program*
Logan Jacob Elliott, *Magna Cum Laude, Honors Program*
Gwyneth Lynn Goff, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*
Gracie Eleonore Goucher, *Cum Laude*
Brittney Ann Willhite-Griggs, *Cum Laude*
Anastacia Ashdell Guerrero
Jeremiah Jordan Henson
Mary Jane Irene Hess, *Cum Laude, PTK*
Kylie Alise Hodges
Cassie Sharmane Holloway
T'laisa Nicole Hunt
Detta Lakay Hytower
Morgan Deshae Irby
Cayden Anna Christina Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Darian Lythia Jones
Terrance Banks Jones, *Cum Laude*
Rameia LaShaun King*
Anna Tolise Knowton*
Lauryel Tamariane Lately
James G. Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
Chiquita Martenea Loney
Jacie Elizabeth Medford*
Cam'Ron Durshaun Medley*
Carson Jo Melton, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**
Amanda Lynn Miller, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Charles Edward Miller Jr.
Fredricka Ashley Moore
Linda Fae Murdock, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Ty'Eisha La'Shay Murphy
Uyen Nguyen, *Summa Cum Laude*
Colton Pittman, *Magna Cum Laude**
La'Kenza Kelis Randle
Shereka Leanna Ray
Heather Laverne Roberts, *Cum Laude*
Jacob Daniel Sartin, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK**
Isabella Hope Smith*
Odie E. Spencer
Jessica Marie Westbrook
Carly Morgan Wiggins
Dayjah Ra'Chell Williams
La'Kiyha Na'Shae Woods
Hannah Michelle Yarbrough, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK, Honors Program*

Technical Certificates

Auto Body Repair

Ryan Bennett, *PTK*
Richard James, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Childcare

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*
De'Andrea La'Nea Sloan

Cosmetology

Haylee Danyell Clark
Shianna Michelle Knight, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ashlin Arlandis Mathis
Victoria Yvette Pearson

Criminal Justice

Preston Dale Gracey, *Cum Laude*
Brittney Ann Willhite-Griggs, *Cum Laude*
Andrea Wilborn Hawkins
Cassie Sharmane Holloway
Eric W. Moore, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jeffrey D. Nichols
De'Andra Ladale Warren

Diesel Technology

Kevin E. Herron, *Summa Cum Laude*

Drafting and Design

Akielah Hamilton

Education Studies

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*

Emily Ann Hess

Cayden Anna Christina Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Kayla Faye Lee, *Cum Laude*

Kayla Noel McKenzie

Nakiyah Rochelle Nesbitt

Lydia Faith Price, *Magna Cum Laude*

Serderia Yvette Summerville

Tiffany Diane Towery

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic

Joshua Robert Barnett

Daniel Buchanan

Harvey Corderell Flowers

Tiffany Nicole Melton

J. Tyler Reed

Larry Darnell Reid

Brandon Shane Reynolds

Adam Seth Vowan, *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Professions

Loren Abram

Denesha Renee Anderson

Destiny Marie Barber, *Cum Laude*

Jamie Nicole Baxter

Holly Jean Beverly, *Summa Cum Laude*

Terra Nicole Billingsley, *Summa Cum Laude*

Charity J. Campbell

Alexis Georgia Carson, *Cum Laude, PTK*

Jackie Renee Chisnall

Hayden Gray Curtis, *Magna Cum Laude*

Madelyn Grace Davis

Mallory Michelle Ellis, *Cum Laude*

Kadeshia De'Eric Hammonds

Amanda Rae Higgins, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Bailey Marie Hughes

Morgan Deshae Irby

Lauren Joy Lawson

Eden Elizabeth May, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*

Kristen Leeann Mundy, *Summa Cum Laude*

Hubiana Monek Purnell

Shereka Leanna Ray

Jamil Sarde Scott

Heather Nichole Sitzes

Areil Lashawn Sparkman
Benjamin Caleb Standridge
Katerra CaPrice Thomas
Ally Ann Ungerank, *Cum Laude*
Madison Kate Ward
Dayjah Ra'Chell Williams

Industrial Equipment Technology

Treavor Driver
Terry Young Rice, *Magna Cum Laude*

Major Appliance Service

Ebony Dallas
Ushma Rodell Harris
Ashton P. Mitchell
Billy J. Sherman Jr., *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Practical Nursing

Ashley D. Bailey
Destiny Marie Barber, *Cum Laude*
Megan Elizabeth Belcher
Alexandra Carina Collins
Chloe Madison Griffith
Emily Reagan Hall
Nashvall Presley Jordan Hall, *Magna Cum Laude*
Makailn L. Harris
Brittany Dawn Hendrick
Tiffany Nicole Hunt
Jackie Nicole Irby
Shonta Janay Kelly
Merrie Elizabeth Lancaster
Sherrese Nicole McDaniel
Montana Rae Middleton
Brenda Serrano
Katrece Marshae Shaw
Kimberly Lajoy Smith
Jeremy Glenn Wolfe

Residential Heat & Air Conditioning

Dylan Joe Frymire

Welding Technology

Devin Benford Adell
Gavin Blade Bauder
Zion Mu'Fea Jackson
Ezra Eric McCoy
Derick D. Randle Jr.

Tredonn Juandrell Shumate
Chancellor Bryant Whitby

Certificates of Proficiency
Auto Body Painting and Refinishing

Ryan Bennett, *PTK*
Jay Halbert
Richard James, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*

Childcare

Valery U Burnett, *Cum Laude*
De'Andrea La'Nea Sloan

Commercial Driver Training

Sharday S. Adams
Jim D. Bailey
Kenny R. Brown
Marcus Wayne Brown
Christopher L. Burnett
Jason T. Clifton
Clifton Collier
Timmy L. Cottrell
Marterious Lavell Daniel
Seth Cole Davis, *Cum Laude*
Michael M. Flaherty
Ushma Rodell Harris
Damien D. Hodges
LaDarius LaDale Hollis
Latasha Sharice Howard
Lee Kevin Lawson
Roger Dale Lawson II
Courtney Little
Jeffrey Scott May
Jessie Monroe Meredith
George L. Mitchell
Xavier Rashawn Murry
Shaquille Devante Oringe
Tamira Lashaunn Ray
Daniel L. Smith
Neill J. Webster
Mozell Williams
Travis O. Wooten

Cosmetology Instructor

Angela L. Wilborn, *Summa Cum Laude, PTK*

Criminal Justice

Brittney Ann Willhite-Griggs, *Cum Laude*
Andrea Wilborn Hawkins
Cassie Sharmane Holloway
Eric W. Moore, *Summa Cum Laude*
Jeffrey D. Nichols

Diesel Technology

Allyson Paige Grant*
Andre K. Mills

Education Studies

Valery U. Burnett, *Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Hess
Cayden Anna Christina Jones, *Magna Cum Laude, PTK*
Kayla Faye Lee, *Cum Laude*
Kayla Noel McKenzie
Nakiyah Rochelle Nesbitt
Lydia Faith Price, *Magna Cum Laude*
Serderia Yvette Summerville
Tiffany Diane Towery

Emergency Medical Technology--Basic

Loren Abram
Arkalia Lois Barber
Stacie Leann Barnett
Mandi Jean Cordell
Alana Chan'el Gonner
Caije Tyler Hendrix
Avi Joseph Hoen
D'Andre Omari Hunter
Destiny Diane Johnson
Andrew Luke Keeling
Sheena Moneek Lee
Antonio Jamal McNutt
Christopher Dale Newbold
Susan Heather Oxner
Carlton Paul Pettus
Danielle Rose Rowe
Andrew Joseph Summers
Cody Thomas Talley
Tyler Lee Walls

Hair Care

Valerie Brooke Chapman
David Aaron Coffey

Venessa C. Middlebrooks

Industrial Equipment Technology

Treavor Driver

Medical Professions Education

Sykyla Jackson

Destiny Love Winders

Refrigeration and Heat Exchange Technology

Ebony Dallas

Dylan Joe Frymire

Ushma Rodell Harris

Ashton P. Mitchell

Skin Care

Totyanna Charmane Brown

Valerie Brooke Chapman

David Aaron Coffey

Welding Technology

Devin Benford Adell

Gavin Blade Bauder

Jasmine Bell

Beau Braylon Briggs*

Jonathan Allen Clark*

Justin Armad Duff

John Ashton Gleason*

Michael Hicks

Zion Mu'Fea Jackson

Quinton Lay

Ezra Eric McCoy

Derick D. Randle Jr.

Tredonn Juandrell Shumate

Candice Smith

Landin Lewis Watlington*

Chancellor Bryant Whitby

*These students are graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, Technical Certificate, Certificate in General Studies, or Certificate of Proficiency from East Arkansas Community College's Concurrent Enrollment program or Secondary Career Center (ESCC) while concurrently enrolled in high school.

Academic Achievement Recognition

Graduation honors are given to students who maintain a superior accumulative grade point average during their study. Classifications of honor guidelines recognized are:

Summa Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.80+
Magna Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.60 - 3.79
Cum Laude	Students with cumulative GPA of 3.35 - 3.59
Honors Program	Graduate of EACC Honors Program (<i>Honors</i>)
Phi Theta Kappa	An international honor society for academic achievement 3.5+ GPA required (PTK)

Graduation Cords and Stoles

Graduation Honor Cords

Graduation cords are reserved for students who have achieved an academic honor over the course of their time at East Arkansas Community College.

Gold	Summa Cum Laude
Red	Magna Cum Laude
White	Cum Laude

Graduation Stoles

Graduation or academic stoles are decorative vestments worn by students to designate various academic/technical areas of study or indicate memberships of various organizations.

Apricot	Nursing
Drab	Business/Technical
Light Blue	Education
Midnight Blue	Criminal Justice
Sage Green	Allied Health Sciences

History

The graduating Class of 2021 is the forty-sixth in the history of East Arkansas Community College.

EACC's history began in 1967 with the creation of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute. In the late 1960s, residents of St. Francis County sought to create both a technical school and a community college. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was created during the development of public postsecondary vocational technical schools in Arkansas. In 1966, the CRTI building was approved for construction by the State Board of Vocational Education, and the building site was donated by the Forrest City Chamber of Commerce. CRTI's first official students were accepted in September 1967. In August 1973, the Arkansas Board of Higher Education approved an election for the establishment of a community college in St. Francis County. On November 8, voters approved the establishment of a community college district and levying of a 4-mill tax to finance construction. Gov. Dale Bumpers appointed nine members to the Board of Trustees, and these members were sworn in on December 13, 1973. An administrative team and faculty were assembled, and on August 26, 1974, classes began in a temporary facility. In December 1974, the Board of Trustees authorized construction of eleven buildings on the present campus. In 1979, EACC received accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and was awarded continued accreditation in 1989, 1999, and 2009. Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School was approved by the State Board of Workforce Education to become a technical institute in 1992, and the name changed to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute.

Over the years, EACC's campus continued to grow with a significant number of major expansion and renovation projects including new classroom buildings, a lecture hall, expansion of the physical education building, and the addition of a Computer Education Center, Learning Resource Center, and the Betty Jo Hodges Student Services Complex, and Technology Center. The Fine Arts Center opened in 2010, the Transportation and Technology Center opened in 2011, and the Allied Health Center opened in January 2013.

During the 91st Regular Session of the Arkansas State Legislature, Act 636 passed allowing a merger between Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College pending approval of both governing boards and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board. In August 2017, EACC and CRTI merged to become a single institution.

With over 90 years of combined history, the uniquely blended comprehensive community college continues to provide high quality academic, vocational, occupational and technical education in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

Honorary Degrees

EACC awards honorary degrees to individuals who have given outstanding service to the college or to the community (at local, state or national levels). The EACC Board of Trustees developed policies on the awarding of honorary degrees in 1987. The policies require approval by the Board and permit nomination of prospective recipients by any interested individual. Honorary degrees are awarded carefully and with restraint indicating the importance placed upon them. The following individuals have received honorary EACC degrees:

Clarence Bell
Dale Bumpers
Oral Winston Edwards

John W. Mann, Jr.
Otis Parnell Hammons



EACC Board of Trustees

Willie L. Smith, Chair
Brent Howton, Vice Chair
Jan C. Haven, Secretary
Kevin Lewey, Treasurer
Alan Curtis
Beverly Devazier
Rausch Hodges
Judge Ann Beane Hudson
Al Miller

Academic Costume

The procession of academic regalia is not only vibrant and colorful, it is also deeply historical and symbolic. While it may look like a random mixture of styles and colors, it is not. Each individual gown, hood, and cap or tam combination has a special meaning and is based on guidelines set by the Academic Costume Code.

History: The origins of academic costume go back to medieval European universities, where students and teachers wore gowns reflecting their status and scholastic achievements. American colleges and universities follow a standardized system originally developed in 1895. The code regulating academic costume establishes uniform standards and is administered by an intercollegiate commission. East Arkansas Community College follows the code, with adaptations where appropriate.

Procession: The president leads the commencement procession and may wear a distinctive academic costume unique to her position. Presidential gowns may display a fourth chevron, or velvet bar, on each sleeve. The president may also wear a medallion displaying the college seal.

Members of the Board of Trustees wear distinctive regalia, including a medallion, to reflect their importance to the institution. Trustees' gowns are faced in velvet and have sleeves without velvet bars so the gowns are adaptable to any degree. Trustees are awarded the honor of wearing velvet caps, called tams, in recognition of their status.

Administrators, faculty, and staff wear a variety of regalia reflecting their academic achievement and fields of study, as per the costume code.

Degree candidates participating in the ceremony wear black robes and mortar board caps with tassels, which they switch from right to left after degrees are conferred.

Academic regalia worn by faculty and staff vary based on their level of academic achievement. Each costume is divided into three parts: gown, hood, and cap or tam.

Doctoral gowns have three velvet chevrons on round sleeves cuffed at the wrist. The velvet bars may be black, dark blue, or a color distinctive to the field of learning. The hood draping down the back of the doctoral gown is four feet long and is faced with a five inch velvet strip. It is lined with silk panels in colors representing the doctoral institution and field of study. Those holding a doctorate may wear a mortar board or a velvet tam.

Master's gowns have unadorned oblong sleeves that hang down with an arc near the bottom. The master's hood is three and one half feet long faced with a three inch strip of velvet, and is lined in colors representing the master's institution and field of study.

Bachelor's gowns have long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a two inch strip of velvet, and may display colors in a manner similar to master's and doctoral gowns.

Associate's gowns or gowns worn by those with professional training or credentials are the same as the bachelor's gown, but worn without a hood.

Colors: Agriculture-Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities-White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business-Drab; Economics-Copper; Education-Light Blue; Engineering-Orange; Fine Arts, including Architecture-Brown; Forestry-Russet; Journalism-Crimson; Law-Purple; Library Science-Lemon; Medicine-Green; Music-Pink; Nursing-Apricot; Oratory (Speech)-Silver Gray; Pharmacy-Olive Green; Philosophy-Dark Blue; Physical Education-Sage Green; Public Administration, including Foreign Service-Peacock Blue; Public Health-Salmon Pink; Science-Golden Yellow; Social Work-Citron; Theology-Scarlet.