# COMMENCEMENT





Saturday, May 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center 2108 S. Horton | Fort Scott, Kansas

103rd Annual

### Nine O'Clock Ceremony

°Processional"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar
°National Anthem Amanda Johnson, Former FSCC Student
Welcome
Introduction of Outstanding Student in Career and Technical Education  Sara Sutton  FSCC Faculty and Meats Judging Coach
Outstanding Student in Career and Technical EducationLane Roberts
Presentation of the Candidates for Associate Degrees and Certificates  Sonia Gugnani  Vice President of Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees & CertificatesDr. Jason Kegler
Presentation of Degrees & CertificatesFSCC Board of Trustee Members Ronda Bailey, John Bartelsmeyer, Bryan Holt, Jim Fewins, Chad McKinnis, Doug Ropp
Associate in General Studies Degrees Associate in Applied Science Degrees Certificates
°°Recessional"The Earle of Oxford's March" by Gordon Jacob
° Please stand. °° Please stand and remain standing at your seat until all graduates have exited the hall. We ask that you hold applause until all students have returned to their seats.

#### <u>Pictures</u>

Family and friends wishing to take a snapshot, please come to the left side of the auditorium from the back of the seating area as your graduate approaches the stage from the right and then return to your seat. Please do not walk in front of the stage or block the aisle.

### Twelve O'Clock Ceremony

°Processional" "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar		
°National AnthemAmanda Johnson, Former FSCC Student		
Welcome		
Introduction of Outstanding Alumna		
Outstanding AlumnaCarol Meza-Bakke		
Introduction of Outstanding Sophomore in General Education		
Outstanding Sophomore in General EducationTakudzwa Basopo		
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### Carol Meza-Bakke 2024 Outstanding Alumna

Carol Meza-Bakke is a driven individual who has achieved numerous accolades throughout her career. As a first-generation college graduate, Carol understands the value of education and has used it to make a significant impact in her field. Meza-Bakke currently serves as the field director and as an instructional professor of social work at Pittsburg State University (PSU). She is also

the primary advisor for the Student Veterans Organization.

Carol was recently appointed by Governor Laura Kelly as one of 29 military council members at the state level. Meza-Bakke is the founder of the Brad and Dana Cameron Scholarship, which is awarded to students in social work and criminal justice programs.

In addition to her academic achievements, Carol is a veteran of the United States Army and a Purple Heart recipient. Her 12 years of military experience have instilled in her the discipline, dedication, and perseverance necessary to overcome any obstacle. Carol's passion for serving others has extended beyond her military service, as she has also worked in the child welfare field and for the Veterans Benefits Administration.

Carol's educational background is extensive, having earned an Associate in Criminal Justice degree from Fort Scott Community College, a Bachelor of Social Work degree with a minor in psychology from Pittsburg State University, a Master of Clinical Social Work degree from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University. Her dissertation was titled: Experiences and Coping Mechanisms of Active-Duty Women, Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Who Sought Mental Health Services within the Civilian Sector: A Thematic Analysis. Her research interests include military social work, trauma-informed care, the undocumented population, and preparing social work students for gun violence.

Despite her many accomplishments, Carol remains grounded and dedicated to her family. She enjoys exploring the outdoors with her husband and two children, engaging in activities around their farm, and pursuing her hobbies of fishing, camping, hunting, and rescuing homeless animals.



### Takudzwa Basopo 2024 Outstanding Sophomore in General Education

Takudzwa (Basi) Basopo graduated from the Hellenic Academy in Harare Zimbabwe on January 10, 2022. He was an active member of his high school and took part in numerous sports and activities including field hockey, cricket, cross country, and track. Takudzwa was honored to be named captain of his golf team, the sport that ultimately led him to the United States.

Takudzwa was also a proud member of Toastmasters International.

Takudzwa's community service efforts include participating in clothing drives, volunteering at FSCC athletic events, trash pick-up days, and volunteer hours with Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and FSCC Golf.

His scholastic honors include Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and President's and Vice President's Honor Rolls. Takudzwa earned both a PTK scholarship and an athletic scholarship from FSCC. He was also honored as the 2023-2024 FSCC Homecoming King and is considered an "honorary" member of TRiO.

When asked what he enjoyed most about his time at FSCC Takudzwa stated, "The people and the community in general. There is not a more welcoming community than Fort Scott."

Takudzwa is appreciative of the opportunities afforded him by FSCC explaining, "If you truly believe in your goals and work hard, you will eventually achieve them." Takudzwa credits much of his success to the community, faculty, and staff, and wanted to thank the following people for the integral role they played in his journey to graduation, including faculty members Doug Hurd, Rachel Stauffer, Gerald Hart, Deborah Allen, DeeAnn VanLuyck, Deborah Hyland, Maria Bahr, Vanessa Poyner; FSCC TRiO Staff Holli Mason, Jessie Carr, Stacy Bishop, Jodi Murrow; International Student Coordinators Preecia Howser and Courtney Metcalf; Director of Library Services Susie Arvidson; Director of FSCC Bookstore Christina Kennedy; FSCC Cashier Amber Swarens, and Great Western Dining Employees Alex Hickman and Jeff Russo. Lastly, he wanted to recognize FSCC Golf Coach Jeff Tadtman for allowing him the opportunity to be a student at FSCC.

After graduation from FSCC, Takudzwa plans to transfer to Oklahoma Panhandle State University where he will play golf and major in business administration. He then plans to pursue a career in the field of business while playing golf competitively.



# Lane Roberts 2024 Outstanding Sophomore in Career and Technical Education

Lane Roberts graduated from Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Kansas in 2020. While in high school, Lane was an active member of the National Honors Society, Future Farmers of America and the baseball team. One of Lane's biggest accomplishments during high school was winning the Kansas FFA Agriscience state contest giving him the opportunity to compete at a national level where he finished 11th place individually.

Lane's community service efforts include volunteering at the local Pioneer Harvest Fiesta, cleaning up the local fairgrounds, passing out candy at the Uniontown Truck-or-Treat event, and volunteering at the Christian Bible Camp in Thayer, Kansas.

His scholastic and activity honors include the President's Honor Roll, FSCC Meat Judging Team scholarship and numerous other academic scholarships. During his meat judging career, Lane's highlights were placing 2nd High Individual at the National Western Meat Evaluation Contest in Denver, Colorado and helping his teammates win the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo Meat Evaluation Contest in Fort Worth, Texas. Lane also had the opportunity to participate in an internship at Foote Cattle Company in Imperial, Nebraska where he worked the row crop farm, rode pens in the feed yard, and doctored cattle.

When asked why he is deserving of this award, Lane stated, "I am a hard-working student that always tries to help other students with material that is difficult and hard to understand. I also have learned a lot of different things from FSCC through meats judging and various classes that I have taken."

Regarding his time at FSCC, Lane explained, "My instructors have made the content I have learned easy to understand. They do a really great job at explaining everything and being available to help when it is needed. Because of my experience at Fort Scott, I know that I have the knowledge that I need to go on in my new career. I will always have instructors that I can rely on for advice when I face challenges in the future. FSCC has made getting a degree more enjoyable than I thought it would be because I was able to find a group of people that treated me like family."

After graduation from FSCC, Lane plans to move to Nebraska where he will work on a farm running day-to-day operations.

#### Certificate - Construction Trades

\*Jacob Keith Adamson\*
\*Dalton Kristopher Bollinger
Brianna Lauren Bunn
\*\*\*Jeffrey Kale Cayton
\*\*\*Ayden Christopher Davis
\*\*Dakota Foster
Eismael Hernandez-Garcia

#### Certificate - Cosmetology

Avery Belle Adkins

Hayden Renae Allen

Peyton Ryan Allen

Bethany Crowe

Zaidy Franklin

Peyten Galloway

Makin Gonzalez

Alexis Paige Henry

Dominquie Jackson

Emma Jacobs

Temper Raign Jetamio Estes

Lexi Jewell Ketcham

Brooklynn Louise Meech

Margo R Moody

Toriah Anne Post
Kanisha Adara Reed
Saundrah Rice
Tenesa Lyn Sanderson
Briahna N Stiffler
Kelli Lynn Stogsdill
Taia Marie Thompson
Madison Toth
Gloria Walley
Amelia Theresa Wiesner
Hope Williams
Ava Mae Witt
Katherine Young

### Certificate - Environmental Water Technology

Cody A Darrah Kayden P Hernandez Dale J Schwieger Levi Winter•

#### Certificate - Farm and Ranch Management

John G Allen \*\*Mark Chip Blythe Clay Ryan Shannon

#### Certificate - Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Service Technology

\*\*\*Jace Clary

\*\*Grant John Glover

Daniel Ray Helmers

\*\*Zane Coleton Helmers

\*Karl W Hubig•

\*\*\*Chad Clarke Knight
Jordan Redman

\*\*Ernest Roberts

### Certificate of Completion - Heavy Equipment Operator

\*\*\*Colton B Barber

\*\*\*Mason Paul Barron

\*Morgan Parker Barron

\*Joshua Don Doan

\*\*Dakota Foster

\*\*\*Tony Thomas Gillespie \*Mark Russell Meigs \*\*\*Kayden Dean Proffit Henry Joe Talley

#### Certificate - Heating & Air Conditioning

\*\*\*Braden Walter Baldwin

\*\*\*Dylan Bruner

\*Caleb Combs

\*\*\*Joseph Deen

Alex Joseph Foster

Tucker Hall

\*\*\*Joselyn Hernandez

\*\*\*Bryce Clayton Johnson

Kooper William Konitzer Landon Thomas Luney Christopher Joseph Morgan Anthony Warren Pike Dakota Reese Jovani Salas Jack Sramek Daniel Stienbarger

### Certificate - Masonry

\*Larry Fredrick Bennett \*\*\*Indica Holloway \*\*\*Blayce M Jones \*\*\*Skylar Kelsey \*\*Enrique Musio Piedra

#### Certificate - Welding

\*\*\*Hunter Hagen Asbury \*\*\*Tyler Dail Bailey James Christian Beidelschies Levi Burks \*Bryce Richard Collins Greysen Ryan Dixon \*\*Darren J Doporto \*\*\*Miguel Angel Fernandez \*\*\*Devon J Fleming Andres A Flores-Carrillo Talen Merrick Fuller Dylan Thomas George Jence Dew Griffith Logan Richard Hall Luke Hanika \*\*\*Caleb J Hartman Jace Daniel Hensley \*\*Eli Holt \*\*\*Amie Ray Horning \*\*\*Daniel Eli Johnson \*Tvler Kester Hesston Aaron Waid Kolb Brodev Joe Lindsev \*Lucas Joe Lund \*Arthur Ly \*\*\*Rileigh Lynn Manuel

\*\*\*Kael McDermed Brock Alexander McEwen Will Mendenhall Andrew Miles Kobey Thomas Miller \*\*\*Tyler Garrett Minson \*Damerek James Peyton \*\*\*Lane A Pichler \*\*\*Andy Piedra \*John Michael Potusek \*\*\*John Michael Powls Ethan J Ranes \*\*\*Jackson Phillip Gentry Rankin Hyrum M Rodriguez \*\*\*Dylan R Rogers \*\*\*Aiden N Sigafoos \*Cooper D Snyder \*\*\*Ty Kenneth Sova \*Abigail Stone \*\*\*Peter Stuckey \*Bindi Chevea Swan \*\*Alayna L Swearingen \*\*\*Scott Michael Thornton \*\*\*Logan Vallely \*Konnor Ryan Ware

### Associate in Applied Science Applied Technologies

\*Brandon Cole Favuzzi \*\*Kevin Mejia Kaden Vogel

### Associate in Applied Science Cosmetology

\*\*\*Anna Elizabeth Schneider Toriah Anne Post \*Gloria Walley \*Emma Jacobs· Samantha Nicole McCulley· \*Margo R Moody·

### Associate in Applied Science Environmental Water Technology

\*\*Marcus E Cook Ryan Blair Strahley Levi Winter

### Associate in Applied Science Farm and Ranch Management

\*Justine Scroggins Thomas Snider Kaden Tyler Stroup Cable J Wareham Jenna Williams

Associate in Applied Science Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Service Technology Michael J Mulnix•

### Associate in Applied Science John Deere Agricultural Technology

Corbin Parker Clark

\*Jack Debes
Ruston Erikson
Wade Ryan Gleue

\*\*Joseph Ray Goodwin
Jacob Griffith
Coy Matthew Horton
Luke K Lage
Spencer William Mintz

Langston Joesph Moore
Wyatt Palmer
Braden Rush
John James Sanwald
Raef Schaffer
\*Ethan Dwayne Shire
Aidan Joseph Smith
Zachariah Thies

# Associate in Applied Science Nursing

\*\*Kendra Bahr Makenzie Erker Celestina Eze Laura Ann Harring Brianna Penn Kaleigh Clasen Madison Anne Cole Katie Jackson Sabrina Kosman.

Rebecca Ann Montgomery.

Justice Quillin.

Sierra Eleanor Sanderson.

Madison Shipley.

Matthew Thomas Stack.

Allea Younggren.

#### Associate in Arts

Fernando Arellano Jacob Arnold **Briley Banks** \*\*McKinzie Bohrer Alexander Brezik \*Antonia Broce Amiyah Trishelle Brown Gabriel Brown Kallie Beth Brown Timothy Brown \*\*Blake Michial Buessing Gregory Keshawn Clerkley \*Madalyn Mae Cole \*\*\*Kerragan Joy Davis• \*Abigail Grace DeLoera· \*\*Brandi De'Anshe Drake Henok T Gebrekristos. Jellisa Facyson \*Wyatt Foley Cannnon Jaden Frazier \*Halle Raegan Hance Caleb Joseph Hayden James Lewis Hays \*\*\*Chase Allen Homrighausen• \*\*Tucker James Hudson. Icey Ikea Green Donyea Jarmon. Alexander L Johnson NyYanni Jones David Allen Jones Jr Denis Kadiric Hannah Keyes \*\*Christina Marie King Donovan Law \*\*Joseph T Little Treston Yoshi Makali'i Shigematsu Mary Ellen Louise Marrs Angie Vanessa Martinez \*Maria Stephanie Matul Gomez

Zakarra McAdoo Delexis Valerie McCall Derrick McDonald Olivia Morris Cassidy Beth Murphy. \*\*Zachary Nelson \*Jaret Lee Nelson \*\*Julianne Gabrielle Paisley Jenna Parker Khris Patel Mario Paul \*\*\*Michael Brian Polubinski Jessica J Ramsdell• Yandi Rea-Banda \*\*Paiten Reavis Camryn Reyes \*\*Chloe Reynaud· Nickory Richards Tylar Rogers Jacquelin Angel Ruiz \*Owen Rush \*Andrew Ryan Breanna Schapeler. John Colson Schubert Easten Bryce Smith Erik Daniel Tapia Katelyn Thompson Chaniqua Tonge Dalen Torbert Emily Vargo Ashley Walker Lauren Nicole Wayman Elias Richard White Jaeshaun White \*Caroline Wilhelm Jorden Demitri Willard. \*\*Elias Williams• Kerigan Anisten Wimsatt.

#### Associate in General Studies

Miles Bowman·
Dillon S Duffy··
\*\*Hanna Knop·
\*Madison Sue Laderer·
\*Lacey Leanne Miles··
Massiel Ordonez·
Jessica J Ramsdell·
Jonathan Wayne Wolgamott·
Jacob Arnold
\*Antonia Broce
Zoey Brown
Alisha D Davis

Kreniya Devaughn

\*\*Harley Skye Emerson
Crystal Suzanna Feldhut
Ayden Michael Fisher
Josie Hayward
Matthew Reese Jarett
Corbyn A Meyers
Skye Leigh Newman
AnnaMarie Zerinksy Simon
Addison L Stokes-Todd
Brian J Stumfoll
Emily Vargo

#### Associate in Science

Jacob Arnold \*\*Takudzwa Basopo Nickson Bess \*Hadyn Blume• \*Antonia Broce Jacey Linn Brown Gavin Brummund Tyler Bruns Kalawsia Marie Burt Zaria Leah Tayt Byrd \*Madalyn Mae Cole Trey Collins Haven Conner \*Kohl Cooper \*\*Avery Crain Camryn Paige Davis Cord Dobrinski \*Jerni Farmer \*Austyn Farrell• \*\*\*Lukas Antonio Felix Clayton Scott Ferguson Maddison Jewell Fleeman \*Brian BJ Francis Brooke Gilfert

Caroline Gitonyi Rebecca Lynn Goebel Vanessa Rae Gonzalez \*Alexandra Habbart Aliyaha Heron Lauren Hibdon Samantha M Horton Lilliana Juliet Jamieson Easterby \*\*\*Nicholas Jones Natalie Kaye Kitsmiller \*\*Hanna Knop. \*\*Marisela Elena Landa Emma Grace Lang \*Israel Lozano Katherine Nicole Ludolph. Brian A Macomber. \*Alexis Kaelyn Marchiano \*\*\*Aidan James Marcum Mary Ellen Louise Marrs Jesika Martin. Kameron Mccracken.. \*Marlee McGinnis Alexis Kathleen McGranahan \*\*Tonia R McKinney•

#### Associate in Science (cont.)

\*Marcus McLemore JoDee E McWherter \*\*\*Elli Mataline Milburn Peter Michael Moley Nathanel Scott Montojo Tome· Shane Noel Andre Norris \*Adison O'Hara \*\*Chrystal Osakwe \*Grace Pingel \*\*Avery Katherine Ragsdale Jessica J Ramsdell. \*\*Jenna Richardson Bobbi Ann Richardson \*\*Lucas John Rodenberg Greta Gayle Rosenhagen Lilian J Schwartz \*\*NaTalia Makiya Sewell \*\*Gavin Shearer

Jazmine Simmons. Avden Ray Slott Brooke Snell \*\*Jenna Speere \*\*Kara Speere Sarah Elizabeth Anne Stark Charles Garrett Stephenson· Luke A Stout Vicente G R Torres Tahj-Eli Tyler \*\*Colin Rameen Vahabzadeh Emily Vargo Olivia Walker. \*Sadie Wentz \*Kendal Dean Wimsatt \*\*Tess Amelia Winter \*Sierra Wright. \*\*\*Thade Oleander Yates•

Honor Graduates

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude – 4.00 GPA

\*\* Magna Cum Laude – 3.75 – 3.99 GPA

\* Cum Laude – 3.50 – 3.74 GPA

- Graduated December 2023
- •• Graduated Summer 2023

Graduates wearing gold stoles as part of their academic regalia are active members of Phi Theta Kappa – The National Honor Society.

2023-2024 Phi Theta Kappa Officers – Fort Scott
Co-President – Maddison Fleeman
Co-President – Elli Milburn
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Officer Team – Elias Williams
Officer Team – Thade Yates

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Co-President – Cassidy Tanck
Co-President – Rachel White
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### **Faculty**

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Agriculture	
Allied Health	Natalie Taylor
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Business	Doug Hurd
Chemistry	Robert Doyle
Construction Trades	Travis Broxterman
Construction Trades (Masonry)	Nacoma Oehme
Cosmetology	Marlee Lake
Cosmetology	Mindy Smith
Cosmetology	Cortney Madison
Criminal Justice	Vanessa Poyner
English	Maria Bahr
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Harley-Davidson	Mike Mathes
History	Kevin Thomure
HVAC	Brad Wallace
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John Deere	Dale Griffiths
Mathematics	Savanna Ashmore
Mathematics	DeeAnn VanLuyck
Music	Chris Goddard
Nursing	Kaley Binford
Nursing	Sara Holder
Nursing	Irene Bradbury
Physical Science	Elie Riachi
Psychology	Deborah Allen
Social Science	Gerald Hart
Speech	Ashley Page
Theatre	Allen Twitchell
Welding	
Welding	Brandon Fisher
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Welding	Davis Oehme

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FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING WITH A LONG HISTORY OF CULTURE AND DIVERSITY THAT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE ACADEMIC, TECHNICAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS WHILE FOSTERING A MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COLLEGE AND ITS COMMUNITIES.

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FSCC VALUES AND APPRECIATES ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS FROM EVERY ASPECT OF OUR INSTITUTION. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FSCC FACULTY AND STAFF FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKING THIS DAY A REALITY FOR OUR GRADUATES.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: FSCC STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR ASSISTING WITH THE COMMENCEMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATIONS, WE REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE A MOMENT TO IDENTIFY THE TWO EMERGENCY EXITS CLOSEST TO YOU. WE HAVE CHECKED THAT THESE EXITS AND THE OTHER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT IN THIS BUILDING AND VERIFY THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR US IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE ANNOUNCER OR YOUR USHER FOR IMPORTANT LIFE SAFETY INFORMATION.