

# COMMENCEMENT

# 2025



Friday, May 16, 2025

9:00 A.M. & 12:00 P.M.

Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center

2108 S. Horton | Fort Scott, Kansas

105<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Nine O'Clock Ceremony

°Processional .....“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar

°National Anthem.....Kendra Johnson, Former FSCC Student

Welcome .....Sara Sutton  
FSCC Interim President

Introduction of Outstanding Alumnus..... Doug Hurd  
USD 234 Board Member and FSCC Faculty

Outstanding Alumnus..... Destry Brown

Introduction of Outstanding Sophomore in Career and Technical Education  
.....John Johnson  
FSCC Adjunct Faculty

Outstanding Sophomore in Career and Technical Education..Austin Lester

Introduction of Emeritus Staff ..... Sara Sutton

Emeritus Staff ..... Debra Duffey and Santos Manrique

Presentation of the Candidates for Associate Degrees and Certificates  
..... Sonia Gugnani  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees & Certificates..... Sara Sutton

Presentation of Degrees & Certificates.....FSCC Board of Trustee Members  
Ronda Bailey, John Bartelsmeyer, Bryan Holt, Jim Fewins, Chad McKinnis, Doug Ropp

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.

## Pictures

*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 Anthem.....Kendra Johnson, Former FSCC Student

Welcome .....Sara Sutton  
FSCC Interim President

Introduction of Outstanding Sophomore in General Education .....  
..... Conner Vernon  
FSCC Faculty and Livestock Judging Coach

Outstanding Sophomore in General Education ..... Drew Pederson

Introduction of Honorary Degree Recipient .....Ronda Bailey  
FSCC Board of Trustee Member

Honorary Degree Recipient ..... Marcel Normand

Presentation of the Candidates for Associate Degrees .....Sonia Gugnani  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... Sara Sutton

Presentation of Degrees & Certificates.....FSCC Board of Trustee Members  
Ronda Bailey, John Bartelsmeyer, Bryan Holt, Jim Fewins, Chad McKinnis, Doug Ropp

Associate in Arts Degrees  
Associate in General Studies Degrees  
Associate in Science Degrees

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## Destry Brown 2025 Outstanding Alumnus

Fort Scott Community College is proud to announce the 2025 Outstanding Alumnus, Destry Brown. A native of Bourbon County, Brown attended school in Fulton and Fort Scott from kindergarten through high school, graduating in 1980. He continued his education at FSCC, and graduated in 1982 earning an Associate of Arts degree.

While at FSCC, he played on the basketball team and later served as an assistant coach. Eventually, he became the head coach of the women's basketball team while completing his degree at Pittsburg State University. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1984 and went on to earn a Master of Science in Administration in 1995.

Destry began his career in education as an elementary teacher in Mound City, Kansas where he taught for 11 years prior to becoming an administrator. He has acquired over 40 years of experience in public schools as a teacher and administrator. Brown has spent decades serving in and leading districts across Kansas and Missouri. His accolades include the Kansas Department of Education Sallie Mae Beginning Teacher Award (1985), the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas School Superintendent Association (2018), Finalist for Kansas Superintendent of the Year (2012), Pittsburg Business and Education Alliance Volunteer of the Year (2015), the Distinguished Citizenship Award in Clinton, MO (2021) and Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year (2023).

Since 2022, Brown has served as Superintendent of the USD 234 School District. He values his relationships with the students, teachers and community members more than anything. Outside of his professional life, Brown loves to cook, travel, and spend quality time with his family. He also has a passion for history and owns an impressive collection of historic portraits of U.S. Presidents.

A reception to honor Destry Brown as the 2025 Outstanding Alumnus will be held on May 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Ellis Fine Arts Building.



## Marcel H. Normand 2025 Honorary Degree Recipient

Marcel H. Normand has had a distinguished career marked by dedication to education and civic involvement. He taught Social and Political Science, as well as French I and II at FSCC for 25 years; instructed in the Sociology and Political Departments and continued teaching night classes as an adjunct after retiring. During his time at FSCC, he participated in various roles including sponsoring the Student Senate and being a charter and lifetime member of the Alumni Association. He chaired the Arts and Science Division, taught at Mercy School of Nursing before its integration into FSCC, was an active member and president of the Fort Scott Community College Teacher's Association, and provided financial support to the Gordon Parks Celebration.

To begin his educational journey, he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree with an emphasis in Social Science from Pittsburg State University (PSU) in 1957, and a Master's Degree in Political Science from PSU. His commitment to professional growth led him to pursue further studies at the University of Wyoming in 1961.

Liberal (MO) High School was where he began his teaching career in 1957 where he taught Social Science, English, and directed plays. He then returned to PSU in 1958, to work on his Master's Degree and teach as a graduate student. In 1960, he began his Fort Scott High School and Fort Scott Junior College (FSJC) career teaching Social Science and French I and II. The FSJC was housed on the third floor of the high school building. When FSCC moved to its current location, he also moved to teach French I and Social and Political Science. In 1980, he left FSCC for St. Mary's-Colgin High School in Pittsburg, KS, where he taught Religion, Government, and History before returning to FSCC in 1991 and retiring in 1996. In addition to teaching, Marcel was a realtor and employed by Bedene Funeral Home.

He is lifetime member of PSU Alumni Association, and in the past, he has served as Northeast Arma Alumni Association, Treasurer; North Arma Precinct, Committeeman; St. Mary's-Colgin School Board, President; Kansas Young Democrats, State Secretary and Treasurer.

He has enjoyed meeting and interviewing political figures such as Harry S. Truman, Herbert Hoover, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, Dwight Eisenhower, and Lyndon Johnson. His most memorable meeting of political figures occurred when Fort Scott's KMDO radio station sent him to cover the 1960 Democratic National Convention. At the convention he interviewed John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Sr, Sam Rayburn, Hubert Humphrey, and many others.

Marcel married Helen (Rutledge), and they celebrated 61 years of marriage before her death in 2023. They were blessed with three children, Tim, Tyler, and Teresa. He enjoys spending time with them and his 13 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. This year, on March 17, he celebrated his 90th birthday.



## **Drew Pederson 2025 Outstanding Sophomore in General Education**

A graduate of Garretson High School, Drew arrived at Fort Scott with a rich background in agriculture and leadership, having been deeply involved in organizations such as the Agriculture Oakwood Owls 4-H Club, National FFA Association, National Junior Simmental Association, Brookings County 4-H, Brookings County Livestock Judging Team, Garretson FFA Chapter (where he served as President), and the South Dakota Simmental Association, where he currently serves as Vice President. His commitment to livestock, education, and community has been a guiding force in all he does.

At FSCC, Drew has maintained an impressive academic record while actively contributing to campus life, receiving gold, silver, and bronze Simmental Merit Scholarships. He serves as President of Phi Theta Kappa, Vice President of the Fort Scott Farm Bureau, and is a member of the Livestock Judging Team, Phi Theta Omega, and multiple church and student organizations. His achievements include earning 8th High Individual at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Livestock Judging Contest, High Individual at the Sioux Empire Farm Show Collegiate Judging Contest, 1st Place Market Plan Team member at State FFA, and being part of the 6th High Team at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Drew also volunteered extensively through his role as a resident advisor at FSCC and a member of the livestock judging team.

Looking ahead, Drew plans to transfer to South Dakota State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science with a Science specialization. His long-term goal is to attend veterinary school while continuing to expand his cattle and goat herds—an endeavor that reflects both his passion for animal health and his entrepreneurial spirit.

Drew credits much of his success to key mentors and supporters at FSCC. He was inspired and recruited by livestock judging coach Conner Vernon, whose influence was pivotal in his college choice. He also expresses gratitude to Mrs. Bahr, Doug Hurd, Veronica Snow, Susan Benson, and the entire FSCC CAMP program staff, all of whom played important roles in his academic and personal development.

When reflecting on his time at Fort Scott, Drew notes that the people—especially his freshman and sophomore judging teammates—made his experience unforgettable. Quoting Edna Buchanan, “Friends are the family we choose for ourselves,” he shares, a sentiment that perfectly captures the lifelong bonds he's formed.

Guided by the words, “You grow through what you go through,” Drew Pederson represents resilience, ambition, and heart. We are honored to celebrate his achievements and look forward to the remarkable future ahead of him.





## Austin Lester 2025 Outstanding Sophomore in Career and Technical Education

An accomplished graduate of Paola High School (Class of 2023), Austin will be attending Kansas State University in the fall alongside his brother, Bradford. He plans to major in Criminal Justice with the goal of pursuing a career in law enforcement. Austin will begin his career serving at the sheriff's office with the long-term goal of joining the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

A driven and community-minded student, Austin co-authored a successful \$2,500 grant from First Option Bank, enabling the Fort Scott Community College Miami County Campus to acquire 3D printers and related supplies. He and Bradford went on to lead several 3D printing workshops over the summer, introducing others to the technology and its applications.

At the FSCC Miami County Campus, Austin has served as a work-study student and Campus Ambassador, representing the school with professionalism and enthusiasm. He is also an active member of Phi Theta Kappa's Beta Rho Lambda chapter, where he holds the position of Vice President of Leadership.

Austin has consistently sought out opportunities to deepen his understanding of the criminal justice field, completing seven ride-alongs with the Paola Police Department and the Miami County Sheriff's Office, and graduating from the 2024 Miami County Citizens Academy. His high school experience also included participation in an off-campus criminal justice program, reinforcing his early passion for law enforcement.

His service extends to all age groups—Austin has volunteered with nursing home residents and values giving back to his community. A recipient of FSCC endowment scholarships, Austin credits his success to the supportive environment at FSCC and the mentorship of individuals such as Buddy Jo Tanck and John Johnson.

Guided by the motto, "Everything is difficult, nothing is impossible," Austin's journey is marked by perseverance and gratitude. Austin looks forward to a meaningful career in public service and is, in his own words, "100% willing and dedicated to protecting the rights of others." He is grateful to those who supported him along the way. As Austin reflects on his time at FSCC, he is "deeply grateful for the support received at the FSCC Miami County Campus, where faculty, deans, advisors, and fellow students played a vital role in [his] success. The smaller class sizes fostered meaningful connections with both the material and the exceptional staff, making the entire educational experience especially rewarding."

With a strong passion for helping others and a deep commitment to justice, Austin is well prepared to make a lasting difference in the lives of those he serves.

# Fort Scott Community College

## 2025 Graduates

### *Certificate - Construction Trades*

***Jacob R Adams	*Kasyn W Jensen
Jacob H Barbarick	***Abbigail M Johnson
***Trevor L Brownback	**Hayden Johnson•
Alonzo J Burke	Kameron Kroen
Tristan R Busch	*William D Lloyd
**Rien J Cacopardo•	*Alex R Lowe
*Cameron E Coulter	Deakon L McMurtrey
***Dylon M Deibert	*Newton L Reed
***Caleb J Elton	*Izayah A Rhoades
Jackson J Fayard	Cody R Ross•
Joseph A Fontaine	Braxtin E Salter
Dylan M Guyett	***Truman N Schneider
**Kaleb D Higgs	***Gracee Mae Willard•
***Colin M Houlihan	

### *Certificate - Cosmetology*

Raquel Nicole Aguilar	Alyssa M Marrone•
Amber Anderson	September McCool•
Haylee Jane Beckmon•	Brooklynn Rae Moore•
Brooklyn P Bogan	Andon Rya Prestley•
Makena L Bridwell	Lasey R Sandberg•
Tyler Brown•	Danielle Allanna Smith
Whitney Lauren Butler•	Jenna Pearl Stockstill
Maggie G Cole•	Lauren Marie Torrance•
Hannah Alexandria Filtingberger•	Brena Nicole Umphenour
Mia C Harris•	Riahna Warren
Josie Raye Ledbetter	Abigail Breann Warstler
Annie Lee	Piper Whildin
Julia Christiana Lopez•	Madison Woldum
Gracey Loy	

### *Certificate – Criminal Justice*

\*Austin Michael Lester



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## 2025 Graduates

### *Certificate - Environmental Water Technology*

\*\*\*Ethan E Cuning  
Rebecca Lynn Fauser•  
Joseph Kelly

Lyndon Kern  
\*Dillon Ray McIlvain•  
\*\*\*Madison N Williams

### *Certificate - Farm and Ranch Management*

\*Korben H Baker

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

Gary Earl Coen Jr  
Thomas D Cunningham•  
\*\*\*Christian John Edward Gay  
\*Levi Shawn George  
Emil J Gray•  
\*Austin Griggs•  
Lory Knackstedt  
David Morse

\*\*\*Arron Odom  
\*Dayton L Stewart  
\*\*William L Vanderford•  
Hallie Marie Vardys  
\*Rylee Clinton Whelchel  
\*\*\*Gunner Storm Williams  
Phillip Wilson

### *Certificate of Completion - Heavy Equipment Operator*

Connery Micheal Antrim  
Hunter Bowman  
Kenneth Cecil Fontaine

Colby M Hueston  
Micah David Orr

### *Certificate - Heating & Air Conditioning*

Coley O Atherton  
Coltaun Dean Drake  
Jody Beerbower  
Chase D Byam  
Julian Mark Carpenter  
Christian Shane Crawford  
Jaxon Paul Davis  
\*\*\*Justin C Dulier  
Betesda Emel

Bryan Thomas Heaton  
Noah Russell Jackson Sr.  
Preston Merriman  
\*\*Russell Mize  
\*\*Kayd Brantynne Pettit  
\*\*\*Makaylae L Rusk  
Joseph Lee Stahl  
\*\*\*Justin Stapleton  
Jeremy Willard

# Fort Scott Community College

## 2025 Graduates

### *Certificate - John Deere Agricultural Technology*

*Isaiah Jeryn Ballard	Augustine David James
**Kyle Dwanie Basye	*Noah Kwasiborski
Gage Thomas Barron	***Aden James Mericle
Hayden Brandes	Trevor Mullins
Jason Cleveland	Andrew Nygren
Braden Clifton	Kaleb Francis Pavlu
*Weston David Cochran	Cole A Pitts
Thatcher Cox	*Joseph Michael Prichard
Wayde Cox-Halliburton	*Coby Rhoads
Isaac Edwards	Quinton Rothwell
Kyler Joe Fenske	*Colten L Wolf

### *Certificate - Masonry*

***Cooper Born	***Maisen Jordan Gilmore
***Kayden Lee Chance	Kaleb Remington Majors

### *Certificate - Welding*

**Johan Arriola	*Caleb Eric Jameson
*Aaron D Bauer	***Cooper Johnson
Dylan E Baugh	**Kory R Johnson
*Levi Paul Thomas Benedick	Kord A Kiefer
Amari Mikel Berry	***Conner Lloyd King
Andrew N Blevins	***Brenden M Knisley
*Wyatt Lewis Boggs	***Marco Zamora Lara
Aura Brillhart	*Aiden D Laubenstein
Colton Cook	***Brogan Maggio
***Korbin Drennan	***Kolby James Martinez
***Parker Wayne Embree	Tucker W Mathews
***Devon Fleming	***Apolonio Matundan
***Ethan Gepford	***Riley May
***Talan Hamilton	Brent A Mitchell
Tomijo Hayden	Cameron Mitts
Jaxon Herrera	***Bryce Adam Nunn
**Jacob R Hinman	Blake Oliphant
Hayden Holmes	*Dayton Kendall Olson

# Fort Scott Community College

## 2025 Graduates

### *Certificate - Welding (cont.)*

**Watchman Paxton	Addison Shepherd
*Tayden Hunter Payne	Peyton Stephenson
Kelsee Marie Poole	Wade R Thompson
Cooper Reed	**Calvin James Walker
Ayden J Rhodes	***Jaxon Ryan Warford
Zander Robb	***Jett C Williams
Dakota Jo Schneider	*Manuel Zurita
***Jonathan Grant Shelley	

### *Associate in Applied Science Applied Technologies*

Connor Chiarelli•

### *Associate in Applied Science Construction Trades*

Cadence Elizabeth Neil	Storm KadyN Niegsch••
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### *Associate in Applied Science Cosmetology*

Amber Anderson	*Taia Marie Thompson•
Maggie G Cole•	**Lauren Marie Torrance•
Julia Christiana Lopez•	Brena Nicole Umphenour
**Brooklynn Rae Moore•	Abigail Breann Warstler
Andon Rya Prestley•	

### *Associate in Applied Science Environmental Water Technology*

Cody Darrah•	*Dillon Ray McIlvain
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# Fort Scott Community College

## 2025 Graduates

### *Associate in Applied Science Farm and Ranch Management*

John G Allen•  
\*Kendahl Jacobson•

Thomas Scott Snider•  
Shelby Wheat

### *Associate in Applied Science John Deere Agricultural Technology*

Dale Blanco  
Kaleb Quynn Boatman  
\*Blake Bonnes  
Jackson Carter Brown  
Dillon Michael Brownback  
Lane Daniel Crum  
\*\*Curtis John Falter  
\*\*Abram Frankenbery  
Mason Wayne Gibson  
\*Grant Hegg

Emelie Henning  
Reece S Hines  
\*Levi Hobson  
\*Nathaniel Ryan Newell  
Andrew Nygren  
\*\*Ethan Pruitt  
\*Coby Rhoads  
Gabe Salts  
\*Dylan Wilson Smith

### *Associate in Applied Science Nursing*

\*Tristin McKenna Bright  
Jenna Britton•  
Abigail Therese Fritz  
\*Ashley K Grimm•  
Shelby J Helget•  
\*Reed Hunter  
\*\*Kayleigh Sueann Kollman

Terri Lynn Phillis  
Kyla Brailyn Rogers  
Karleigh Blair Schoenberger  
Claire Silvers•  
Zoe Smothers  
Easton Steele Torres  
\*\*Rachel Ann White

# Fort Scott Community College

## 2025 Graduates

### *Associate in Arts*

*Jonathan Thomas Adams	**Reese Kortum
Fernando Arellano•	*Austin Michael Lester
Ashleigh Barber•	***Gabrielle Noel Love
Janus Marcelo Belcuore•	Weston Marbery
*Ayden Benson	**Cael Jeffrey McCarville
*Antonia Broce•	***Hailey Joan McGowen
Gabriel Brown•	Reagan McKinney
Dayjonique Cato	Dekell M Minor
Anthony Clark II	Marcy Nicole Monell Ponceano
Durrell Collins	Kennedy Mosley
**Avery Brianne Colvin•	Michael C Nworu
***Jescie Ashtyn Comstock	**Lord Padi Odonkor
Carlos Jesus Corrales	Ivana Odonkor
**Isaak Cole Crittenden	Josilyn Pechtel
Cassidy Kathryn Crockett	Saige Pemberton
*Talibah Ashanti Curtis	Carter McClane Johnson Phillips
Justin Daniels	*Alea Pinai
**Daeson L Davidson	***Joshua C Polubinski
Jalen Dickerson	Kalix Robinson
Jazz Deshauntae Dilworth	Jacquelin Angel Ruiz
**Daci Re'Ann Elbrader	Braela Elizabeth Sargent
Emily Farrington•	John Colson Schubert
***Megan McKenzie Fultz	*Kyleigh Scoggins
**Ty Galusky	Elijah Jabari Simmons•
Mikiylah Gonzales	**Chloe Mae Simpson
*Briana Green•	Tyler Smikle
Icey Ikea Green•	Sarah Elizabeth Smith
**Holden James Guilfoyle•	Kaytlin Nikole Smith•
Kaydence Kasandra Gunlock	William M Smith
Bryce Lee Guss•	Emmanuella Squire
*Justus Hadnot	David Paul Street•
**River Leigh Hamaker•	Isaiah Subbert
Keaton James Hansard	***Cassidy Gallilea Tanck
*Hayden Harris	Josiyah M Taylor
***Justin Lane Hastings•	*Charles Vacek
**Kinley Marie Heath	**Brian M Wamsher
Ashley Renee Heathman	Atiana Warren
Jakouria Jamerson	Troy Rondale Wilkins Jr
Noel Kabanga	Hannah H Wolfe
*Laney Makenna Keating•	

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## 2025 Graduates

### *Associate in General Studies*

*Antonia Broce••	Matthew Reese Jarett••
Fabian O Campbell••	**Madison Ray Lee•
*Jacob Eric Corp•	**Samantha Jay Lee•
Taryn Samantha Cox	*Austin Michael Lester
Alisha Dawn Davis•	***Michael Brian Polubinski
Annalyse N Gilmore	**Kerigan J Reynolds
Chelsey Grotheer•	Austin M Sinn
Kayla Nicole Hall	***Cassidy Gallilea Tanck
***Justin Lane Hastings••	Laura Ann Tucker•
Autumn Lew Horn	*Mollie Marie Umphenour
Aaron Jamison	

### *Associate in Science*

**Nathaniel Ward Adams	***Abigail Dirks
Chloe Allison	Ashtyn E Dowell
**Kaleb Wayne Bailey•	Brightin Elizabeth Kay Eads
Joshua Baker	Connor Egland
Ava Grace Blanton	***Maxwell Erdley
***Jeremy Bower	Jayden T Erikewe
**Hannah Maxine Brewer	Luke Fankhauser
*Antonia Broce••	Jonathan Christian Fowler
***Gretchen Anna Brooks	*Ariana Jean Franklin
*Kirstin Buck	Makenzee Rae Franklin
**Dominick Andrew Budy	Grace Abigail French
*Karli Jane Buggs	***Megan McKenzie Fultz
Conner Burch	Tyler Colten Gillespie
**Tyler Carnes	*Jalynn Gonzales•
*Cole Mason Carnes	**Trayten Dean Grabast
*Cynthia Nicole Cazares	***Brandon Greer
Crystal Chambers	*Addisyn Hall
***Trevor Church	Emily Hanson•
**Elisabeth R Colgin	***Justin Lane Hastings••
*Baylor James Trey Corbin	Casey Haynes
Cassie Alena Cornelison	Autumn Lew Horn
*Dryden Mix Cosens	**Dylan David Hrabec
Mckynna Cuerden•	*Shianna M Hughes
*Jacie Lynn Cummings•	**Lauren Janae Hull
*Jasmine Ruby Delgado	**Ashlynn Jackson
**Gia Dickey•	**Scout Jellison



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## 2025 Graduates

### *Associate in Science (cont.)*

Sydney Michelle Johnson	Karlee Marie Patrick
**Becca Rashel Karleskint	***Drew David Pederson
Kaden Glenn Kiwan•	Shelly Phillips
***Nicholas Donald Lay	Sarah Pita
**Madison Ray Lee•	***Joshua C Polubinski
**Samantha Jay Lee•	***Michael Brian Polubinski•
*Austin Michael Lester	*Bradley Rhodes•
*Bradford Allen Lester	*Sheldon Raphael Richardson Jr
***Jaden Grace Loercher	Roxanna Kathleen Riojas
**Zoe Elice Loper	James Ross•
*Isabel Lowe	Hunter Rush
*Jessie Lynn Lowe	***Gabrielle Rusk
Malek Majak	Braydin Marie Russell
**Alexis Kaelyn Marchiano•	Kayla Salter
***Hailey Joan McGowen	**Hailee Schropp•
*Sable Renea McKinney	Lilian Schwartz•
Bailey Ashton Melton	*Shauna Leigh Smart
Marcy Nicole Monell Ponceano	*Kaliyah Danielle Smith
*Ryleigh Rae Morris	William Cash Spindle
*Angela Jean Nading	**Macy Stauffer
Kenzie Elizabeth Newkirk	***Cassidy Gallilea Tanck
***Olivia Catherine Nitschke	Malachi D Vann
*Mason A O'Brien•	Jenna Williams
Alexia Ornelas	***Arisa Sabrae Zajac

# Fort Scott Community College 2025 Graduates

## Honor Graduates

- \*\*\* *Summa Cum Laude* – 4.00 GPA (Gold Cord)
- \*\* *Magna Cum Laude* – 3.75 – 3.99 GPA (Silver Cord)
- \* *Cum Laude* – 3.50 – 3.74 GPA (White Cord)

- *Graduated December 2024*
- *Graduated Summer 2024*

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

*2024-2025 Phi Theta Kappa Officers – Alpha Theta Omega - Fort Scott*

*Co-President – Joshua Baker  
Co-President – Ryleigh Morris  
Co-President – Olivia Nitschke  
Co-President – Drew Pederson*

*2024-2025 Phi Theta Kappa Officers – Beta Rho Lambda - Miami County*

*President – Cassidy Tanck  
Secretary/Treasurer – Lance Belsanti  
Vice President of Leadership – Austin Lester  
Vice President of Service – Bradford Lester  
Vice President of Fellowship – Westley Tanck*

*Graduates wearing red, white, and blue cords as part of their regalia are representing time served in the U.S. Military.*

*Graduates wearing white and black cords as part of their regalia are active members of TRiO Student Support Services.*

## Board of Trustees

Chairman .....	Bryan Holt
Vice Chair .....	Doug Ropp
Member.....	Ronda Bailey
Member.....	John Bartelsmeyer
Member .....	Jim Fewins
Member.....	Chad McKinnis

## Administration

Interim President .....	Sara Sutton
Vice President of Academic Affairs .....	Sonia Gugnani
Vice President of Finance and Operations .....	Missy Scott
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Dean of Miami County Campus.....	Buddy Jo Tanck

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Registrar.....	Courtney Metcalf
STARS.....	Jay Allen
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TRIO .....	Holli Mason
Tri-State CAMP .....	Lynne Wheeler

## Retirees

John Dobbins

Debra Duffey

Santos Manrique

## Faculty

Agriculture.....	Conner Vernon
Allied Health .....	Pam Speer
Allied Health .....	Heidi Martinez
Biology.....	Rachel Stauffer
Biology.....	Tracy Springer
Business.....	Doug Hurd
Chemistry.....	Robert Doyle
Communications .....	Ashley Page
Construction Trades .....	Travis Broxterman
Construction Trades .....	Brandon Johnson
Cosmetology .....	Mindy Smith
English.....	Maria Bahr
English.....	Troy McCloughan
English.....	Deborah Hyland
Harley-Davidson/EMT.....	Danny Fleming
Heavy Equipment .....	Philip Mitchell
History.....	Kevin Thomure
HVAC.....	Brad Wallace
HVAC .....	Bill Hein
John Deere.....	Michael White
John Deere.....	Dale Griffiths
Masonry& Heavy Equipment .....	Nacoma Oehme
Mathematics .....	Savanna Ashmore
Mathematics .....	DeeAnn VanLuyck
Music.....	Chris Goddard
Nursing .....	Kaley Binford
Nursing .....	Toni Summers
Psychology.....	Deborah Allen
Social Science .....	Gerald Hart
Theatre.....	Allen Twitchell
Welding .....	Brandon Fisher
Welding .....	Shane Kern
Welding .....	Davis Oehme



# “ FSCC Mission Statement

**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.**