



# Commencement

## *Class of 2026*

Tuesday, Nineteenth of May  
Two Thousand Twenty-Six  
Six o'clock in the evening  
Hempstead Hall

**University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana**

# University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana

## Mission

The mission of the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana is to connect students and community partners to quality academic and technical education, beneficial student support services, customized business and industry training, community development endeavors, and prevailing educational opportunities through exemplary and timely educational technologies, effective content delivery methods, and efficient organizational structures in an environment of integrity and respect that fosters student success, economic improvement, and civic and cultural enrichment.

## Vision

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana envisions itself as a twenty-first-century model community college. To make our vision a reality the College will reach beyond traditional boundaries so that students can overcome obstacles, achieve dreams and reach their full potential. We will empower a network of diverse and committed individuals to work creatively and collaboratively toward shared principles and the common goal of student success. Our learning environments will be nurturing, accepting, personalized and student-focused. We will vow to the community that we commit to always be attentive to our mission, cohesive in our approach and responsive to changing needs.

As a commitment to our mission and to pursue our vision the following core values will serve as the bridge to the future:

### **Student-focused**

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana values students. We are student-focused in all that we do and are highly committed to reaching beyond boundaries to make positive change in the lives of our students. The College fosters individual growth, encourages personal success and provides educational opportunities in an effort to empower students to lead productive and prosperous lives and achieve their full potential.

### **Belonging**

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana values belonging. We are a dynamic community of unique and diverse individuals with shared principles and

common goals. The College is a cohesive network that works to create a nurturing, accepting and personalized campus that meets the needs of individual students as they strive to overcome obstacles and make their dreams come true.

### **Versatility**

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana values versatility. We provide opportunity to the populace in southwest Arkansas through the collaborative efforts of a dedicated administration, faculty and staff. The College is steadfast in its labors to provide quality programs with high educational standards and unwavering in its efforts to train the current and future workforces, to educate individual students and to be responsive to changing societal needs.

### **Quality**

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana values quality. We are success-oriented. College employees are hard-working, devoted individuals who are committed to providing quality education and who stand united and are connected through their efforts to make a difference.

### **Community**

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana values community. We are a public institution with a personal touch. The College thrives on community involvement, is responsive to community needs and seeks overall prosperity through collaborative and cooperative ventures that expand opportunities for area residents.



*Note: Late applicants or last-minute changes in graduate information may not be in alphabetical order or reflected in the printed program.*





## **About our Guest Speaker**

On May 25, 2022, President Biden nominated Judge Doris L. Pryor, who was then serving as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Pryor worked as a public defender for the state of Arkansas and served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana. Judge Pryor is the first woman of color from Indiana to serve on the Seventh Circuit and joined fellow President Biden appointee, Judge Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, as one of the only judges of color currently sitting on the Seventh Circuit.

Judge Pryor was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on December 5, 2022. She was serving as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana when she was nominated for the Court of Appeals, and she has served as a judge on the Seventh Circuit since December 2022.

Judge Doris L. Pryor was born in Hope, Arkansas, in 1977 to parents James and Linda Clark. She has a family history of public service, as her mother works for Hope Public Schools and her grandmother, Doris Brown, is a Justice on the local Quorum Court — a legislative body of county governments in Arkansas. Judge Pryor was an honor student in her time at Hope High School in the early 1990s and returns to Hope regularly to stay connected to her roots. She earned her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Central Arkansas in 1999, then obtained her law degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2003.

# University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana

## Associate of Arts Degree

Steyanna Bailey  
Crystal Basilio ♦★  
Holly Becerril  
Leighton Bennett  
Emma Bethke  
Zephaniah Raphael Sabado Black ★  
Lydia Bobo ★  
Mylee Bobo  
Sarah Dale Boyles ♦□★  
Shannon Boyles ★  
Reynlee Brown  
Angela Jade Bui ♦★  
William Troy Burris ♦  
Tiffany Ratha By ♦★  
Karson Carter  
Kyla Collins  
Kelly Colorado-Palma ★  
Kayla Cottle ♦★  
Aubrie Cox ♦□★  
Raegan Cox ★  
Emily Page Cross ♦  
James Daniels ♦□  
Jasey Dickerson  
Elizabeth Dillard ★  
Sandra Grace Easterling ♦□★  
Bailey Frances-Lynn Ericksen ♦  
Isaiah Davide Erwin ★  
Aubrey Patrice Ferguson  
Ta'liyah S Fields  
Aubrey Gammon ♦□★  
Meredith Gilliam ★  
Addison Denise Girley ★  
Haley Greene  
Kynslee Hamilton ★  
Sherry Lynn Hamilton  
Aiden Hartness ★  
Gavin Michael Hatley ♦  
Jennifer Michelle Hipp  
Lexi Hyman  
Isabella Kirkland  
Gabriel E. Light ★  
David Loera  
Brooklyn Markle ♦★  
Alexis Martinez  
Fatima Martinez ♦□  
Isabella Miners ♦★  
Karleigh Moore ★  
Brady H Moses  
Trianna Nguyen ♦★  
Kaden Lane Nine ★  
Rosa Maria Paredes ♦□★  
Aradia J. Patterson ★  
Grace Rivers Patterson ♦□★  
Garrett W. Pendergraft ♦  
Alexis La'Miya Peoples ★  
Ryan Pomes ★  
Samantha Grace Anne Rawlinson  
Jordan Rutledge ♦  
Khaleb Salazar ★  
Shuntanequa T. Simon  
Osha Stewart  
Leyton Maddox Stone ★  
Carmesha Shavontae Stuard  
Noah Brianna Thomas  
Itzel Trinidad  
Madison Wadsworth  
Anna Watkins ♦  
Channing Watson  
Jesse Lynn Watters ♦  
Katie Ella Webster ♦□★  
Alyssa Kay Gail West ♦□  
Kemper Myles West ★  
Kayleigh Williams ★  
Isabella Mae Wingfield ♦  
Charles Wood  
Jayla Woodberry ♦★  
Emma Wright ♦□★

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## **Associate of Arts in Teaching**

Ashley Nicole Dennis

Gabrielle Schmese Foster

## **Associate of Science Business**

Tashun Marie Richardson

Casey Smillie

## **Associate of Science Business Studies**

Aquanetta Shaquan Noble

## **Associate of Science Education**

Ranneshia Nicole Callahan

Presley May

Aundrea Elizabeth Jester ♦

## **Associate of Applied Science**

### **Business Administration**

Ashley Buckley ♦

Camill Harper

Avian Williams

Timothy John Worley ♦

### **Diesel Technology**

Josh Daniel Grimmett

Sara Michele Mae Lloyd ♦■

### **Electromechanical Technology**

Tristin Godwin ♦

Ashlyn Kate Pickering

### **Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic**

Bryan Michael John Fields

### **Funeral Service**

Shauna Monique McFadden

Riley Elizabeth Beneux

Allison Ray Black

Jordan Rose Grisham

Harold Andrew Hawkins ♦

Zoey Renee Lawless

### **General Technology**

Jackson Riley Call

Kayden Lynn Jackson

Jeremiah Laqavious Washington

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## Information Technology

Cain Bailey  
Trevor Charles Bosse ♦  
Madison Burnett-Akins ♦■  
Trenton R. Hammond ♦  
Nathalie Pirela ♦

Gabriel William Rowe ♦  
Anthony Venezia ♦  
Joseph Venezia ♦  
Brody Vines ♦

## Nursing LPN/LPTN/LVN to RN Transition

Randi Jane Byrnes ♦  
Brianna Nicole Covington  
May Sun Emphasis  
Alyssa Jordan Fields  
Marvesha Gipson  
Khadijah Hare  
Whintey Hart  
Latricia Hendrix  
Janie Marie Hoover ■  
Ashley E. Irons ♦  
Sarah Jayne Jackson  
KeAra Shania Key  
Heather M. Klundt

Rachel Lewis  
Blanca I. Martinez  
Lauren McCain ♦  
Heather Marie McMillan  
Cara Dawn Pogue  
Emily Marie Rushing ♦  
Brittany Colleen Salinas  
Andrea Nicole Wells Shelton  
Ashley Simmons  
Shelby Smith  
Troy Tefteller  
Kashaila Shauntay Veney  
Sierra Williams

## Technical Certificates

### Construction Technology

Undrea Nicole Henderson

### Cybersecurity Essentials

Trevor Charles Bosse ♦  
Gabriel William Rowe ♦

Nathalie Pirela ♦

### Diesel Technology Advanced

Josh Daniel Grimmett  
Sara Michele Mae Lloyd ♦  
Samuel Carl Pettigrew

Trenton Rex Robbins  
Terrence Verge

### Diesel Technology Basic

Brodi Randal DeMoss

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## **Electromechanical Technology**

Marshall Scott Almarode ♦  
Timothy David Almarode ♦  
Peyton Riley Bain  
Alford Banks  
Caleb Todd Clayton  
Tyler William Crane  
David Pina Dominguez  
Aniell Josue Felipe  
Jesus Abisai Garcia

Camden Cade Green  
William Franklin Jones  
Isaac Joaquin Olmedo  
Clifton Labronce Perry III  
Ashlyn Kate Pickering  
Alex Gabriel Rivera  
Andrew Story  
Reese Layne Tarver

## **Emergency Medical Technician Paramedics**

Taylor Lynn Bates  
Dalton Farmer  
Bryan Michael John Fields  
Todd Gallegos ♦

Luis Gomez  
Lauren Jones  
Latosha Kay Morphew

## **Funeral Director**

Riley Elizabeth Beneux  
Allison Ray Black  
Jordan Rose Grisham  
Harold Andrew Hawkins ♦

Kiara Page Kesterson  
Zoey Renee Lawless  
Andrea Kathleen Merritt  
Ardyn Evangelista Sorrels

## **General Business**

Ashley Buckley ♦  
Camill Harper

Avian Williams  
Timothy John Worley ♦

## **Health Professions**

Itzel Aguilar  
Kyla Collins  
Beverly Cox-Smith  
Megan Faith Hampton

Joelys Lopez ♦■  
Jaslyn Midari Mendoza  
Olivia Victoria Torres  
Alyssa Kay Gail West ♦■

## **Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology**

Emilio Cadena-Reyes  
Daylon Jaire Curley  
Dalton Kenworthy  
Eric F. Lacefield ♦  
Daniel Marrufo

Coby Lee McCauley  
Orlando Deshaun Muldrew Jr.  
Travion Darnell Rhodes  
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## Information Technology

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Gabriel William Rowe ♦  
Jahirah Kantaina Sampson

Jalia Kentrell Sampson  
Matthew Alvis Thrasher ♦  
Brody Vines ♦

## Practical Nursing

Tanya Ivette Alvarado  
Tori Deshay Bradford  
Shatoria Danielle Cooks  
Jaycee Reese Eaves  
Kiana Graham  
Kelli Haba  
Megan Faith Hampton  
Evie Nicole Harris ♦  
Addison Lynn Herron  
Leightyn Hillery  
Tajanique Atianna Hobson  
Mahogany C. Hoof

Yahir Jimenez  
Kalyn D. Lacaze  
Christian Martinez  
Malaijah McClenton  
Arrieon Moore  
Tracy Lashay Morris  
Charisse Sanchez ♦  
Dayhanara Santamaria ♦  
Skylar Marshae Schooler  
Jaclyn Michelle Walters  
Halé Brean Ward  
Niesha Sherray Wright

## Teaching Assistant

Madison Burnett-Akins ♦  
Gabrielle Schmese Foster  
Sarah Frances Gibson

Jordyne Maccenzy-Paige Weston  
Rose Marie Woods

## Welding Technology

Rashaad Aubrey  
Jackson Riley Call ♦  
Richard David Cunningham  
Jaylin Monte Harris  
Isaiah Bryan Herrick  
Tanner Jallon Hickey  
Katie Lorraine Hulan ♦  
Jonmichael Randall Jackson ♦

Kayden Lynn Jackson  
Byron Kendall Jenkins  
Ana Langston ♦  
Jett Phillips ♦  
Edward Rodriguez  
Marcus Tayshaun Smith  
Faith Ann Thurman

## Certificate of Proficiency

### Construction Technology

Brayden De'shawn Clark  
Nathan Christopher Gibbs  
Hunter James Godwin  
Undrea Nicole Henderson  
Israel Juarez  
Kevin Lozano

Keshun Lamont Revels  
David Giovanni Ruiz  
Nathan Jonathan Sanchez  
Reece Isaac Weaverling  
Na'Zarian Zamuan Weston  
Kyson Devon White

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## **Cybersecurity**

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Trevor Charles Bosse  
Trenton R. Hammond  
Zackery Del Henderson

Tyler Brady Johnston  
Nathalie Pirela  
Matthew Alvis Thrasher

## **Cybersecurity Fundamentals II**

Trevor Charles Bosse  
Madison Burnett-Akins ♦  
Trenton R. Hammond  
Zackery Del Henderson

Tyler Brady Johnston  
Nathalie Pirela  
Gabriel William Rowe  
Aaron Robert Skinner

## **Diesel Technology Electrical Systems**

Gavin Reed Cook  
Brodi Randal DeMoss  
Kaleb Wade Downs  
Josh Daniel Grimmitt  
Kolton Richard Kidd

Sara Michele Mae Lloyd ♦  
William Anthony Miller  
Samuel Carl Pettigrew  
Trenton Rex Robbins

## **Diesel Technology Engine Systems**

Brodi Randal DeMoss  
Kaleb Wade Downs  
Josh Daniel Grimmitt  
Kolton Richard Kidd  
Sara Michele Mae Lloyd

William Anthony Miller  
Samuel Carl Pettigrew  
Trenton Rex Robbins  
Terrence Verge

## **Emergency Medical Technician**

Cassidy Aaron  
Brady Austin Boyd  
Jacob Gregory Carlton  
Colton Lane Featherston  
Wendi Dawn Hammonds  
Jonathan David Leon Hawkins  
Sarah Elizabeth Helmick  
Marlan Damon LeGrande  
Vicente Maldonado III

Daniel Martinez Jr.  
Raegan Grayce McKinnon  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Clifton Blake Stringfellow  
Bailee Jaelynn Whitehead  
Ivy Michelle Crisp  
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Michael Gonzalez

Jaydon Sanders

J'Kari Jawon Gulley

Joseph Emmanuel Santamria

Caydn Hunter Humphrey

Hayden Joseph Teer

Dalton Kenworthy

Keyonte Trevon Wingfield

Xavier Devaughn Key

Seth Paul Zimmer

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## Industrial Technology Electrical

Marshall Scott Almarode

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Clifton Labronce Perry, III

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Hunter Wayne Robertson

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## Industrial Technology Mechanical

Marshall Scott Almarode

Jose Refugio Juanes

Timothy David Almarode

Jalen Love

Peyton Riley Bain

Mason Aaron Moore

Alford Banks

Kevin Nava

Joel Bello

Clifton Labronce Perry III

Andrew Willis James Block

Ashlyn Kate Pickering

Zander M Carter

Brady Layne Rhodes

Caleb Todd Clayton

Jaden Deyvi Rivera

Tyler William Crane

Ja'Corian La'Charles Rodgers

Francisco DeLaRosa

Payton Nevada Smith

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Kevin Estevan Bran  
Vincent Davis  
Jaylyn Baylor Henderson  
Lukas Kain Howard  
Taevon Kintrell Lewis  
Manav Pandya

Jahirah Kantaina Sampson  
Jalia Kentrell Sampson  
Cora Townsend  
Brody Vines  
Keymaury Remale Williams  
Cain Bailey

## Information Technology Technician

Trenton R. Hammond  
Lukas Kain Howard  
Manav Pandya  
Jahirah Kantaina Sampson

Jalia Kentrell Sampson  
Matthew Alvis Thrasher  
Cora Townsend

## Medical Office Assistant

Itzel Aguilar  
Zereeni Almazan  
Shamya Ann Butler  
Noemi Castrejon  
Braden Cole Daugherty  
Ti'jae Danique Featherston  
Abbey Maritza Garcia  
Tazaria Harris

Aniya James  
Joelys Lopez  
Suzette McMorris  
Jaslyn Midari Mendoza  
Andrea Itzel Ugarte  
Kory Lane Vissage  
Zailey Wells  
Radeance Renea Kelis Wrightner

## Nursing Assistant

Zereeni Almazan  
Jose Yair Bello  
Atayvionna Shontell Brown  
Shamya Ann Butler  
Noemi Castrejon  
Leymy Joselyn Contreras  
Braden Cole Daugherty  
Ti'jae Danique Featherston  
Deisy Fraire-Martinez  
Abbey Maritza Garcia  
Tamika Lasha Gill  
Tazaria S. Harris  
A'mariya Shonnic Haynie  
Ally Elizabeth Hill  
A'Shanae Telis Hopkins  
Aniya James

Calyse Jonee Jones  
Jazmin Ailin Ledezma  
Joelys Lopez  
Brianna Yvonne Maclaughlin  
Kennedy Amirr McKillion  
Suzette McMorris  
Shaniya Muldrew  
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Ethan Robert Brooks  
Shanijah Cheatham  
Richard David Cunningham  
Delvin Charles Flemons  
Bryan Gallardo  
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Gary Hopper  
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Ana Langston  
Jake Preston Lummus  
William Adam Russell McCoy  
LaDarius Dewayne McDonald

Adriana Rocio Moya  
Crystal Ortiz  
Braxton Charles Pelletier  
Kaden Lynn Powell  
Edward Rodriguez  
Jesus Santamaria  
Marcus Tayshaun Smith  
Preston Lee Smith  
Wyatt Lee Steelman  
Adrian Lorac Thompson  
Faith Ann Thurman  
Wyatt Steve Walden  
Isaid Walker  
Lane Jazon Wallace  
Tyler Mason Wheeler  
Christopher Chance White  
Garrick Nathaniel White  
Cody Lee Hickman Wilder  
Aydin M. Williams White  
Maddox Fletcher Willis

## Welding Technology Construction Welding

Rashaad Aubrey  
Richard David Cunningham  
Santiago Delgado  
Charles Alexander Ford  
Jaylin Monte Harris  
Ethan Dewayne Heimeyer  
Angel Evette Henry  
Isaiah Bryan Herrick  
Tanner Jallon Hickey  
Joshua Trent Hilton  
Katie Lorraine Hulan  
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Kayden Lynn Jackson  
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Ana Langston  
Kameron Seth Love  
Gavin McDowell  
Riley Robert Moore  
Jacob Rylee Morton  
Lucas Norment  
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# General Education Diploma

Charley Carlton  
Eliana Castellon  
Sarah Gaines  
Jasmine Griffin  
Graceline Harrison  
Brian Henry

Rita Lopez  
Breeana Spicer  
Liliana Vazquez  
Jezeah White

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## Full-Time Faculty

Chris Bachers  
Jonathan Barton  
Ashley Berry  
Brandi Burrow  
Lisa Butler  
Judy Carlyle  
Michael Cox  
Mikki Curtis  
Karen Davis  
Melanie Dillard  
Ashli Dykes  
Sheree Ferguson  
Jade Fitch  
Brittni Hardie  
Joe Henderson  
John Hollis  
Paul Hudkins  
Jonathan Johnson  
Ashton Klink  
Heather Kroll  
Edward Lamb  
Kim May  
Robert McFarland

Rachel Parson  
Leo Rateliff  
Nicole Rogers  
Reginald Roy  
Jessica Schroader  
Charlie Scoggins  
Bradley Sheppard  
Dallas Shewmaker  
Karen Steed  
Carol Stepp  
Jason Tatom  
Joshua Taylor  
Jennifer Teresa  
Eddie Thomas  
Hollis Thompson  
Agnes Tirrito  
Lynnlee Vance  
Pam Vanhook  
Chylynda Whitfield  
Mark Wilcox  
Jorge Zaldivar  
Melinda Zwirn

### **Emeriti**

Johnny Rapert, Chancellor Emeritus  
*University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, 1988-1999*

J.W. Rowe, Director Emeritus  
*Red River Vocational-Technical School, 1965-1987*

# **University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana**

## **Full-Time Professional and Support Staff**

Amanda Barton  
Carolyn Beasley  
Jessica Beaver  
Brian Berry  
Aaliyah Biddle  
Marla Bush  
Laura Clark  
Kimberly Cole  
Melissa Colorigh  
Alisa Cooke  
Jennifer Cunningham  
Casey Curtis  
Diana Davidson  
Derek DeArman  
Emmanuel Dixon  
Edgar Duenas  
Jake Dunham  
Heather Easterling  
Brittany Ellington  
Alana Flenory  
Valarie Flowers  
Sherri Ford  
Amanda Glenn  
Aimee Guilfoyle  
Darrell Hampton  
Terry Harden  
Rachel Holt  
Aimee Hooker  
Kardashia Howell  
Misty Hughes  
Akili Moses Israel  
Tori Johnson  
Wendy Jones  
Chuck Jordan  
Eric Lacefield  
Casey Lauterbach  
Patoreus Lewis  
Cathryn Looney

Lisa Lowery  
Justin McKillion  
Mae McKinnon  
Lamonz McPherson  
Carol Ann Milam  
Kim Morman  
Lekiesa Muldrow  
David Neal  
Shamanda Nelson  
Terra Newsom  
Steven Odgen  
Wendy Ousley  
Katie Parish  
Freddie Parks  
Cindy Phillips  
Racie Poindexter  
Tara Powell  
Leigh Quillin  
Lilian Rogel  
Whitney Rook  
Marcos Santiagos  
Douglas Sloan  
Peyton Spencer  
Bruce Stapp  
Shelby Strother  
Laura Suchini  
Kory Taylor  
Sonya Thomas  
Danielle Thompson  
Steffina Toliver  
Ricky Tompkins  
Barbara Tozzano  
Caley Tucker  
Kyla Walker  
Pam Warren  
Leontene Weston  
Kelly Wilcox  
Kayetta Wilson

# The Academic Procession

In colleges and universities, academic degrees are conferred at commencement exercises. Originally, the term meant the inception of the student graduate as a teacher and his recognition as such by his master and other members of the profession. Thus, the term once marked an actual beginning.

The processional and recessional of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia is a traditional part of these commencement exercises. The history of academic dress goes back to medieval universities. In the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, when universities were taking form, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Those studying wore a habit or cloak to which was attached a cowl or hood that could be pulled up over the head or thrown back according to weather conditions. Later, the gown served the dual purpose of providing warmth in the unheated halls as well as uniformity of dress.

The hood seems to have had three uses: a covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag for collecting alms. It is believed that when large wigs were worn, the cape part of the hood was cut open in front and the entire garment, cape and hood proper, was allowed to fall back producing approximately the effect seen today. After wigs went out of fashion, the original shape was not restored. The master's hood is longer than the bachelor's, and the doctor's is longer than the master's.

Gowns commonly worn in the colleges and universities of this country have pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, long closed sleeves (slit for the arms) for the master's degree, and bell-shaped, open sleeves for the doctor's degree. The master's and bachelor's gowns have no trimming. The gown for the doctor's degree is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves; or these facings and cross bars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

The cap is an essential part of the academic dress, and it is to be retained on the head throughout all academic exercises except during prayer. In particular, the cap is not to be removed at any point in the conferment of a degree.

All hoods are lined with silk, showing the official colors of the institution which conferred the degree and all are trimmed in specified widths with velvet signifying the degree:

Agriculture-maize	Architecture)-brown	Philosophy-dark blue
Arts and Letters-white	Forestry-russet	Phys. Education-sage
Commerce and	Humanities-crimson	Public Health-salmon pink
Accountancy-drab green	Law-purple	Science-golden yellow
Dentistry-lilac	Library Science-lemon	Social Science-citron
Economics-copper	Medicine-green	Theology-scarlet
Education-light blue	Music-pink	Veterinary Science-gray
Engineering-orange	Oratory-silver gray	
Fine Arts (including	Pharmacy-olive green	

## Meet Our 2025-26 Academic All-Star



Aubrey Ferguson of Texarkana, Arkansas, is the 2025-26 Academic All-Star at the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana.

Thus far in her time at UAHT, Ferguson has been President of the Student Government Association (SGA), President of Alpha Beta Gamma, received the AB & Pauline King Scholarship, received the James R., Jami Woody Powell and Tyler Morrow Scholarship, was named to the Vice Chancellor's Honor Roll thrice, received the Dean's Emerging Leader Award, and was named the 2025 TRiO Achiever of the Year.

For Aubrey, college became more than lectures and exams; it became a launchpad for leadership and personal transformation. After enrolling with a focus on academics, she initially hesitated to step outside her comfort zone and get involved on campus. That changed when a mentor encouraged her to join the Student Government Association (SGA). Motivated by that support, she not only joined but eventually served as SGA president, a role that became a defining part of her college journey.

Through SGA, Aubrey engaged in leadership training, organized community service projects, and collaborated on initiatives that gave students a voice in campus decisions. The experience reshaped her view of education, from just earning a degree to becoming an advocate and change-maker. "UAHT gave me the foundation," Aubrey shared, "and SGA gave me the confidence to use it." Now working on initiatives to enhance campus life, Aubrey says her most meaningful educational experience came not from a classroom, but from the lessons learned through leading, collaborating, and creating change.

After graduating from UAHT, Aubrey plans to transfer to the University of Central Arkansas to major in psychology and work towards her doctorate to become a therapist or counselor.

The Academic All-Star Program is a prestigious initiative that acknowledges the academic and service accomplishments of Arkansas' two-year college students. As a recipient, Aubrey will be awarded a \$500 scholarship for her final semester at UAHT and a full-tuition transfer scholarship to any Arkansas public four-year university.

## University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Scholarships

### Institutional Scholarships

UAHT recognizes academic achievement by awarding three types of institutional scholarships for current graduating high school seniors. Application priority deadline is April 15th of the year of high school graduation. For more information, please call 870-722-8228.

- **Chancellor's Scholarship**  
Minimum qualification: ACT composite score of 25 – 36 <OR> 7 semester high school GPA of 3.75-4.00  
Annual scholarship amount: **\$3,400**
- **Honors Scholarship**  
Minimum qualification: ACT composite score of 21 – 24 <OR> 7 semester high school GPA of 3.50-3.74  
Annual scholarship amount: **\$2,400**
- **Bridge Scholarship**  
Minimum qualification: ACT composite score of 19 – 20 <OR> 7 semester high school GPA of 3.25-3.49  
Annual scholarship amount: **\$1,000**

**The Hempstead Guarantee** is a scholarship that guarantees students' first year of college FREE at the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana. Participating schools:

- Blevins
- Garrett Memorial
- Hope
- Spring Hill

Earn at least 12 credit hours each semester with a combined 27 credit hours for student's first year. Tuition, fees, and book rentals are included. For more information, please call 870-722-8524 or email [admissions@uaht.edu](mailto:admissions@uaht.edu).

**The Iron Horse Advantage** program is a last-dollar scholarship program that covers tuition, academic fees, and textbook rental costs for eligible students during their first year of college at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana.

- UAHT will apply the Pell Grant, Arkansas Challenge, and Arkansas Challenge Plus (if eligible) to the tuition and fees.
- The remaining balance for up to 15 hours of tuition, mandatory fees, and textbook rental will be paid by UAHT.
- Please note that students enrolled in more than 15 hours or in courses that require additional fees will be responsible for these charges. For a list of additional fees, please visit [uaht.edu/about/tuition.php](http://uaht.edu/about/tuition.php).

**Foundation Scholarships** are open to all UAHT students. The scholarships are funded by the contributions of businesses, non-profit entities, and individuals to students who meet the criteria established by the scholarship donors.

### U-Can Scholarship

UAHT offers scholarships for a FREE 3-credit-hour course with the following qualifications:

- Hempstead, Nevada, Miller or Lafayette County resident
- Not attended school in the last 2 years
- Not completed an associate degree or higher
- Course must be 3 hours or less & taken in the upcoming fall/spring semester
- The U-Can Scholarship is limited to 2 semesters

With the **Arkansas Future Grant (ArFuture)**, students can qualify to earn over 25 degrees and certificates for FREE at UAHT. The purpose of this grant is to increase the education and skills of Arkansas's workforce in an affordable manner. The grant applies to students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) or regional high-demand areas of study. The grant will cover tuition and mandatory fees for qualifying certificate and Associate degree programs at UAHT for eligible students. For more information, visit [uaht.edu/arfuture.php](http://uaht.edu/arfuture.php).

For more information on scholarships available at UAHT, please visit [uaht.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php](http://uaht.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php) or call 870-722-8174.

### **About Student Regalia**

Undergraduate regalia consists of a black gown with long, pointed sleeves, a mortarboard cap, and a tassel. Tassels start on the right and are moved to the left after graduation. Students graduating with academic honors are recognized with gold cords. Members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are recognized with gold stoles. Members of Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society are recognized with blue stoles. Student Government Association officers are recognized with royal blue cords. Nursing graduates are recognized with a nursing pin. Collegiate Academy graduates are recognized with the Collegiate Academy pin.



