



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

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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.

Program

- * Processional Pomp and Circumstance
- * Flag Ceremony..... Hope Scouts
- * Pledge of Allegiance Hope Scouts
- * National Anthem..... Haley Patillo-Thompson
- Welcome Message andDr. Ricky Tompkins, Chancellor
- Introduction of Special Guests UA Hope-Texarkana
- Special Guests:
Judge Doris L. Pryor
Chris Thomason, *UA System VP for Strategic and Community College Partnerships*
Col. Nathaniel “Nate” Todd, *University of Arkansas Board of Trustees*
- Special PresentationsDr. Ricky Tompkins
- Greetings from the UA System Office..... Chris Thomason
UA System VP for Strategic and Community College Partnerships
- Comments Judge Doris L. Pryor
- Certification of Graduates..... Laura Clark
Vice Chancellor for Academics
- Presentation of Degrees and Certificates Freddie Smith, Chairman
UA Hope-Texarkana Board of Visitors & Dr. Ricky Tompkins
- Presentation of Graduates Brian Berry
Vice Chancellor for Student Services
- Welcome to New Alumni Freddie Smith
- * Recessional Pomp and Circumstance

**Please stand*

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
Seth Paul Zimmer

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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
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Cybersecurity

Cain Bailey
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
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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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Clifton Labronce Perry, III

Francisco DeLaRosa

Hunter Wayne Robertson

David Pina Dominguez

Andrew R. Story

Aniell Josue Felipe

Reese Layne Tarver

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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Jesus Abisai Garcia

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Information Technology Coding

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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
Callie Reese Oliver
Kyleigh Michelle Pierson
Vanessa Ruiz
Olivia Victoria Torres
Andrea Itzel Ugarte
Zailey Wells
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Rose Marie Woods

Welding Basic

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Justin Bell
Ethan Robert Brooks
Shanijah Cheatham
Richard David Cunningham
Delvin Charles Flemons
Bryan Gallardo
Blake Allen Garner
Jordan Patrick Gerrald
Jacoby Marquan Gordan
Javari Gulley
Jordan Louis Gulley
Jaylin Monte Harris
Isaiah Bryan Herrick
Jaxon James Hinton
Gary Hopper
Katie Lorraine Hulan
Byron Kendall Jenkins
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
Jonmichael Randall Jackson
Kayden Lynn Jackson
Byron Kendall Jenkins

Jayden Romell Johnson
Ana Langston
Kameron Seth Love
Gavin McDowell
Riley Robert Moore
Jacob Rylee Morton
Lucas Norment
Jett Phillips
Jesus Santamaria
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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
Brittini 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

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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 12th and 13th 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.

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.

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.

For more information on scholarships available at UAHT, please visit 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.

