



Forty-Seventh Annual  
**SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 • 11:30 a.m.**

East Central College  
Donald D. Shook Student Center



# East Central College Forty-Seventh Annual Spring Commencement

Dr. Jon Bauer, College President  
Presiding

## PROCESSIONAL\*

*Pomp & Circumstance*.....East Central College Brass Choir  
Edward Elgar, arranged by Paul Sterrett  
Mace carried by Dr. Robert Mahon  
Associate Professor of English and Senior Faculty Member

WELCOME\* ..... Dr. Tia Robinson  
Vice President of Instruction

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM\* .....Led by Grace von Seckendorff  
*The Star Spangled Banner* Candidate for Graduation  
Francis Scott Key

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... ECC Jazz Messengers  
*Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* Aaron Bounds, Director  
Joe Zawinul, arranged by Frank Mantooth

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS .....Dr. Jon Bauer  
College President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....Zora Mulligan  
Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD .....Shelli Allen  
Lisa Mari Wilson Vice President of Student Development

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD ..... Dr. Jon Bauer  
Audrey Freitag

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES .....Dr. Tia Robinson

CONFERRING OF DEGREES & CERTIFICATES .....Dr. Jon Bauer

AWARDING OF DEGREES & CERTIFICATES .....Board of Trustees

CLOSING REMARKS .....Dr. Tia Robinson

## RECESSIONAL

*Pomp & Circumstance*.....East Central College Brass Choir  
Edward Elgar, arranged by Paul Sterrett  
Mace carried by Diane Pellin, Instructor, Computer Information Systems

\*AUDIENCE STANDING

*The audience will please silence all cell phones or other electronic devices prior to the beginning of the ceremony.*

*As a courtesy to the graduates, the audience will please remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional.*

*A reception for graduates and guests will be held immediately following the ceremony downstairs in Café Central.*

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER ZORA MULLIGAN

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Zora Mulligan was appointed Commissioner of Higher Education by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in August 2016.

Mulligan served as assistant commissioner, general counsel and legislative liaison for the Missouri Department of Higher Education from 2007 to 2010. During that time, she participated in the development of the state's coordinated plan for higher education; assisted in establishing policies to implement landmark higher education legislation, including a new need-based financial aid program; and conducted a review of the state's public college and university facilities to develop a process for prioritizing capital projects.

Mulligan served as the executive director of the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) from 2010 to 2014. MCCA represents

Missouri's 12 community colleges, provides professional development opportunities for community college employees at all levels, and assists community college leaders in developing consensus on shared issues. During her tenure, Mulligan secured \$50 million in federal grants for job training programs, successfully lobbied for a special appropriation from the state general assembly to provide community colleges with more equitable funding, and increased individual and organizational membership in the association.

From 2014 to 2016, Mulligan was the chief of staff for the University of Missouri System. In that role, she advised the president, coordinated activities that involved multiple departments within the system office and multiple campuses within the four-campus system, and assisted with the ongoing implementation of the system's strategic plan.

Mulligan holds bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology from Drury University and a master's degree in education and juris doctor from the University of Kansas.

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

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**Brittany N. Abercrombie**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Paramedic Technology

**Carmelita Abouanwer**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Kaelyn M. Adams**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Rowen A. Alexander**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Health Information Management

**Tiffanie D. Alfermann**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Samantha L. Anderson**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**Michael L. Angell**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Precision Machining Technology

**Anna J. Ashner**  
Associate of Arts

**Michael A. Askins**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Computer Info Systems  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Xavier W. Atkins**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Automotive Technology

**Casey M. Barnes**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Medical Assistant

**Benjamin Barnett**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Automotive Technology

**Jenna R. Barnhart**  
Associate of Arts

**Baeleigh Barr**  
Associate of Arts

**Jessie M. Bauer**  
Associate of Arts

**Brook A. Baumhoegger**  
Associate of Arts

**Aaron J. Bechtold**  
Associate of Arts in Teaching

**Scott A. Beck**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Paramedic Technology

**Steven W. Beerman**  
Associate of Applied Science  
and Certificate of Achievement -  
Paramedic Technology

**Patrick M. Beffa**  
Associate of Arts  
*Veteran*

**Joshua E. Bennett**  
Associate of Arts

**Nicole D. Bequette**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Health Information Management

**Julia E. Berariu**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Margie J. Berger**  
Associate of Arts

**Teresa M. Berkel**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Catherine A. Bess**  
Associate of Arts  
*MRT*

**Jazmyn N. Betz**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Multimedia  
*Honors*

**Vaishali M. Bhagwat**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Abygail N. Bibb**  
Associate of Arts

**Aaron L. Birmingham**  
Associate of Arts

**Anna R. Bivens**  
Associate of Arts

**Abigail L. Blanc**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Bailey Rae Blankenship**  
Associate of Arts

**Krystal A. Bogle**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Jamie D. Boling**  
Associate of Fine Arts - Music

**Minda M. Bombach**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Catherine K. Bonnarens**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Kayla N. Borcharding**  
Associate of Arts  
*Highest Honors*

**Jamie F. Borgmann**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**Mathew J. Boschert**  
Certificate of Achievement - Heating,  
Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and  
Refrigeration

**Bethany L. Boultes**  
Associate of Arts

**Alyssa A. Bowers**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Medical Assistant

**Cora L. Brand**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Abigail J. Branum**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Sabrina R. Breen**  
Associate of Arts

**Melissa D. Bridgeman**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Medical Assistant

**Jacob P. Brinker**  
Associate of Science -  
Transfer Engineering  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Alison L. Brown**  
Associate of Arts - MRT

**Dee Ellen Brown**  
Associate of Applied Science  
- Business, Management, and  
Technology  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Jessica N. Brown**  
Associate of Fine Arts - Music  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Shelby J. Brown**  
Certificate of Achievement - Health  
Information Management

**Benjamin C. Bryant**  
Associate of Arts  
*Highest Honors*

**Alexandra M. Buckley**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Justin W. Bull**  
Associate of Arts

**Taylor K. Bunch**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Justin L. Bunge**  
Associate of Science - Transfer  
Engineering  
*Phi Theta Kappa • MRT*

**Megan F. Burgess**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Health Information Management

**Devin J. Camden**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa • Veteran*

**Brooke E. Campbell**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*



**Dustin E. Cannella**  
Associate of Arts

**Nicholas M. Carman**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Culinary Arts

**Kathryn N. Cervantes**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Alexas R. Charboneau-Nappier**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Business Management

**Jennali C. Chasteen**  
Associate of Arts  
*MRT*

**Scott D. Chisholm**  
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Precision Machining Technology

**Alex Ciot**  
Associate of Science -  
Transfer Engineering  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa • MRT*

**Andrei Ciot**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Kayla N. Clemens**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Madalynn G. Cody**  
Associate of Arts

**Makayla A. Collings**  
Associate of Arts

**Katherine D. Collins**  
Associate of Arts in Teaching

**Nathaniel K. Collins**  
Associate of Arts

**Dustin S. Conner**  
Associate of Arts

**Lauren M. Cooper**  
Associate of Arts

**Steven M. Cooper**  
Associate of Arts

**Theodore D. Coppedge**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Computer Information Systems

**Alicia Rae Corbett**  
Associate of Arts

**Misty R. Cortner**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Multimedia  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Carissa K. Couch**  
Associate of Arts

**Brittany R. Counts**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Health Information Management

**Grace A. Cox**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**Bridget A. Cramer**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Medical Assistant

**Casey A. Crider**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Kayla L. Cromwell**  
Associate of Arts

**Marc S. Cronk**  
Certificate of Achievement - Heating,  
Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and  
Refrigeration

**William C. Crossman**  
Associate of Arts

**Tristin J. Cullinane**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Business Management

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Engineering  
*Phi Theta Kappa • MRT*

**Ashton D. Cummins**  
Associate of Arts

**Brooke T. Czeschin**  
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**Ashley N. Damron**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Stephen K. Danso**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Accounting

**Archibald Darko-Boateng**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Tristan D. Dauer**  
Associate of Arts

**Kimberly B. Daugherty**  
Associate of Arts in Teaching  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Leo A. Davis**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Paramedic Technology and Fire  
Technology  
*Honors*

**Cheyenne N. Dietzler**  
Associate of Arts

**Andrew S. Dilliard**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Paramedic Technology

**Christel J. Dimmett**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Dakota J. Dintelman**  
Associate of Arts

**Trevor J. Donnelly**  
Associate of Arts  
*Highest Honors*

**Zachariah C. Drayton**  
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Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and  
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Associate of Arts

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**Rachael R. Engelbrecht**  
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**Ronda R. Esparza**  
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Associate of Arts

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Associate of Arts

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Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

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Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and  
Refrigeration

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Associate of Arts  
*Highest Honors*

**Landon K. Farrell**  
Associate of Arts

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Certificate of Achievement - Welding

**Shannon R. Ferdina**  
Associate of Arts

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Associate of Arts

**Daniel W. Fitzpatrick**  
Associate of Fine Arts and Associate  
of Arts - Music  
*Highest Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Ashlynn A. Fleshman**  
Associate of Arts

**Tricia A. Ford**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Valerie N. Foster**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

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Associate of Arts

**Amber R. Gann**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

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Culinary Arts  
*Honors*

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*Phi Theta Kappa*

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Industrial Engineering Technology

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*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

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Associate of Arts

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Design  
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Business Management

**Timothy E. Gooch**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**Joseph L. Graham**  
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Paramedic Technology  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

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Associate of Arts in Teaching  
*Honors*

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Transfer Engineering  
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Engineering  
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Nursing

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Nursing  
*Honors*

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Nursing  
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**Whitney B. Hayes**  
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*MRT*

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Nursing

**Brendan T. Hays**  
Associate of Arts

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Industrial Engineering Technology  
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*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

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Engineering  
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Nursing  
*Honors*

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**Ricki A. Hoeft**  
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Nursing

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Paramedic Technology

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Business Management

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Associate of Arts

**Marshall F. Holtsclaw, III**  
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Culinary Arts

**Nicole C. Holzem**  
Associate of Arts

**Ciara B. Honse**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Nursing

**Katelyn N. Horstmann**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Medical Assistant  
*Highest Honors*

**Christina M. Houston**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Health Information Management  
*Highest Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Anthony R. Howell**  
Associate of Arts

**Tyler D. Howell**  
Associate of Arts

**Samuel J. Huber**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Judy L. Hughey**  
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*Veteran*

**Bradley T. Hult**  
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Nursing

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Paramedic Technology

**Brent A. Hussey**  
Associate of Arts

**Chukwujindu T. Israel-Bolarinwa**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**DaJhonna G. Israel-Bolarinwa**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Monique M. Jannings**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Medical Assistant

**Christopher R. Jasper**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Precision Machining Technology

**Floyd L. Jernigan**  
Associate of Arts

**Andrew D. Johnson**  
Associate of Fine Arts and Associate  
of Arts - Music  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Katelyn R. Johnson**  
Associate of Arts

**Matthew T. Johnson**  
Associate of Arts

**Alecia M. Jones**  
Associate of Arts

**Rachel L. Jones**  
Associate of Arts

**Todd E. Jones**  
Associate of Arts  
*Veteran*

**Katherine A. Jordan**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Paramedic Technology

**Moriah K. Joyce**  
Associate of Science - Transfer  
Engineering  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa • MRT*

**Naomi G. Joyce**  
Associate of Arts  
*Highest Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Patrick S. Judge**  
Associate of Applied Science  
- Heating, Ventilation, Air  
Conditioning, and Refrigeration

**Megan P. Kalish**  
Associate of Arts

**Paul J. Keilholz, Jr.**  
Associate of Arts

**Christina J. Keiser**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors*

**Monica S. Kelley**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Tessa A. Kelsick**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Kassandra J. Kern**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Paramedic Technology

**Emily M. King**  
Associate of Arts

**Todd M. King**  
Associate of Arts

**Brandy M. Kinnard**  
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Nursing

**Alicia C. Kitts**  
Associate of Arts

**Abby M. Klahn**  
Associate of Arts

**Martina E. Kleinheider**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Accounting

**Emma C. Klenke**  
Associate of Arts  
*Honors • Phi Theta Kappa*

**Kelvin A. Klenke**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Paramedic Technology

**Kara A. Kley**  
Associate of Arts

**Jessica L. Kline**  
Associate of Arts  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Konnor P. Klott**  
Associate of Arts

**Caitlin R. Kocinski**  
Associate of Arts

**Gretchen O. Koelling**  
Associate of Arts

**Casey N. Kohler**  
Associate of Arts  
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**Gavin C. Konys**  
Associate of Arts

**Samantha J. Koper**  
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Medical Assistant

**Celeste M. Koritz**  
Associate of Arts

**Trista K. Kormeier**  
Associate of Arts

**Michaele M. Koyn**  
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Nursing  
*Phi Theta Kappa*

**Rebecca A. Kramer**  
Associate of Arts

**Daniel P. Krampe**  
Associate of Arts

**Robert J. Kreutz**  
Associate of Arts

**Christina M. Kuhl**  
Associate of Arts

**Miranda B. Ladymon**  
Associate of Arts

**Jamie M. Lamke**  
Associate of Arts

**Marcus L. Lampe**  
Associate of Arts

**Brent E. Lampen**  
Associate of Arts

**Paige M. Lansford**  
Associate of Arts

**Cole R. LaPlant**  
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Design

**James T. Laska**  
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Paramedic Technology  
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**Shayna L. Laubinger**  
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Health Information Management

**Amber R. Lenzen**  
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**Taylor K. Leone**  
Associate of Arts

**Nathan G. Lewis**  
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Multimedia  
*Honors*

**Alana M. Lippert**  
Associate of Arts

**Zeke P. Little**  
Associate of Arts  
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**William E. Littrell**  
Associate of Applied Science -  
Apprenticeship Construction Trades

**Gabriel R. Loaiza**  
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**Tobias J. Loaiza**  
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**Zachary J. Lottmann**  
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**Ryan A. Lucas**  
Associate of Fine Arts - Fine Arts

**Kyle J. Luecke**  
Certificate of Achievement -  
Precision Machining Technology

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**Crystin N. Maple**  
Associate of Arts

**Monica R. Maples**  
Associate of Arts

**Phillip F. Marquart**  
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**Jessica M. Martin**  
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Paramedic Technology

**Pamela S. Martin**  
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Accounting  
*Honors*

**Michelle L. Mayhall**  
Associate of Arts

**Joseph A. McBride**  
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**Shelby E. McCauley**  
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**Jennifer R. McClurg**  
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**Ian M. McQueen**  
Associate of Arts

**Jack A. McQuerry**  
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Fire Technology

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Nursing

**Cassandra L. Menz**  
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**Sammy L. Messex**  
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**Billy M. Miller**  
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## Degrees & Certificates

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East Central College offers courses leading to several degrees and certificates.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree, Associate of Science (AS) degree, Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree are designed for students who complete freshman and sophomore level classes at ECC and then transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

East Central offers an AA degree designed for transfer. The AS degree is designed for students interested in pre-engineering, the AFA is for students planning to transfer to the University of Missouri-St. Louis to major in art or music and the AAT is tailored to students intending to pursue a bachelor's degree in teacher education.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, as well as several certificate programs in career/technical fields, is designed for students who plan to enter the workforce immediately after completing the appropriate classes at ECC.

## Please Note

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in use of names of people not completing graduation requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

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### Audrey Freitag

It's hard to find a corner of the New Haven community Audrey Freitag hasn't touched. During the week, she's often spotted at the senior center helping serve meals. On the weekends, you might see her volunteering at a local church serving meals to people in the community at the "Friendship Plate." Not only is she an active board member for Habitat for Humanity, she played a part in the first home ever built in the community. In fact, she still checks up on the family to make sure they are doing well.

"Habitat for Humanity does so much good stuff," she told The Senior Life Times in a 2015 feature story about her life. "They're trying to help people stand on their own two feet, they're not trying to take care of somebody. It's like, 'Let us help you get started.'"

Audrey's endless compassion, selflessness and determination are felt in everything she does, and it's why she was chosen as the 2017 East Central College Outstanding Alumni. The award is presented annually to honor an ECC graduate who has used his or her education and been of service to the community.

Helping others has always been a calling for Audrey. In 1958, Audrey attended the Deaconess School of Nursing. A year later, she received her LPN from the Missouri State Nursing Association. However, shortly after getting her license, a young farmer swept her off her feet. That man, Wayne, later became her husband of 57 years until his passing in 2015. Audrey decided to put her career on hold to raise a family with Wayne. They had four amazing children, Jeffrey, David, Christine and John, who now have 13 children of their own, at the family's dairy farm in New Haven, Missouri.

Some 17 years later, Audrey went back to her love of nursing. She found a position at St. Francis Hospital in Washington (which later became Mercy Hospital), where she found her calling in behavioral health. As her children started to graduate from college, she started to reflect on her dreams and aspirations. Audrey realized she wanted to continue her education with a bachelor's degree in nursing with the reward of becoming a Registered Nurse.

East Central College, having a partnership with Central Methodist University, was right in her backyard. She enrolled in classes at ECC more than three decades after she started her journey in nursing, and it wasn't easy. Audrey had to start from scratch – taking history, English, science and math – to get into the nursing program. Her hard work paid off. She graduated from ECC in 1993 and finished her degree at CMU in 1996. She continued her career with the Mercy Hospital system until her retirement in 2013.

Throughout her entire life, putting other people's needs first has been her priority. For more than two decades, Audrey has traveled to Honduras to help those less fortunate than herself. Through the Washington Overseas Mission, she has used her East Central College nursing skills to perform women's wellness checkups, assist with dental procedures, help distribute medicine and provide care for people thousands of miles away.

"We go down there and we meet the neatest people," she said in The Senior Life Times interview. "These people don't have any access to medical care, and we do what we can for them."

Locally, she serves on the East Central College Foundation Board, is an active member in the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), New Haven Preservation Society, Mercy Auxiliary and a former member of the St. Peters Church Council. She somehow still manages to find time to attend R-2 school board meetings, volunteer at the Mercy Cancer Center and Prison Ministry and cycle with the "Folks on Spokes" group in her free time!

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

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### Lisa Mari Wilson

We are excited to honor Lisa Mari Wilson of Cuba with the Outstanding Student Award at the 2017 East Central College Commencement. The award is the highest honor given to a graduate of ECC.

To be considered for the honor an ECC student must have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. In addition to academic achievements, participation in campus and community activities is also considered.

Lisa has been an active member of Phi Theta Kappa since Fall 2015, becoming the chapter Secretary in Spring 2016. During her time with PTK, a nationally recognized honor society for two-year colleges, she was involved with various charity causes and campus events. Specifically, she helped organize a food drive for the Union Food Pantry, a toy drive for Lutheran Family Services, and volunteered for Relay for Life. She also served as Psychology Club President at East Central College. Congratulations to Lisa!

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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"Honors" status requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 and "Highest Honors" at least a 3.85. Honor students are identified by a gold neck cord worn with the academic gown.

Phi Theta Kappa, "ΦΘΚ," is the international honor society for two-year college students. Phi Theta Kappa students are identified by gold tassels on their caps and/or gold stoles.

The All USA Academic Team is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International, USA Today, the Missouri Community College Association and the Coca-Cola Foundation and is designed to honor students who achieve academic success while contributing to their campus through student activities and community service. East Central College annually nominates two students for the All-USA Team which automatically qualifies the nominees for the All-Missouri Academic Team.

Graduates Megan Hanneken and Taylor Schaefer were named to the 2017 All-Missouri Academic Team. The students were recognized by MCCA and Phi Theta Kappa in April at a ceremony in Columbia.

Service members are identified by a red, white and blue cord worn with the academic gown. The cord is given to military veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces in recognition of their service to this country.

"MRT" denotes students participating in Missouri Reverse Transfer, a program that allows former East Central College students to transfer certain coursework from the four-year institution the student is currently attending back to ECC to complete requirements for an associate degree.

Students must have earned a minimum of 15 credit hours at ECC to be eligible for a reverse transfer degree.



# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

The annual commencement exercise is the high point of the academic year at every higher education institution. The word “commencement” is a simple translation of the Latin *inceptio*, the name given to the initiation ceremony reserved for university teachers in Medieval Europe. Much of what we see in today’s ceremony goes back to those times. The purpose of this ceremony is a recognition of success both for the students and the college.

East Central College holds one formal graduation exercise in May of each academic year. Students who complete the requirements for their degree or certificate during the summer or in December are invited to participate in the commencement ceremony held the following May.

## ACADEMIC DRESS

The robes worn at commencement exercises have a history dating from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. At that time scholars were usually members of the clergy and wore robes similar to those of other church orders. In that era of unheated classrooms and dormitories, the gowns and hoods served a very practical purpose. Today, they identify the academic achievement of the wearer and reflect a centuries old tradition.

The gown signifies the degree. The doctor’s gown of black silk is faced down the front with velvet. The bell-shaped sleeves are trimmed with three crossbars of black or colored velvet distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. The doctor’s gown is worn open. The master’s gown of black material also is worn open. It has very long sleeves, oblong in shape and closed at the base. The forearms protrude through notched slits near the elbow. The bachelor’s gown, also of black material, is worn closed. This gown is distinguished by its long pointed sleeves. Community college graduates wear black caps and gowns.

The medieval *caputium*, worn over the head in bad weather by students and faculty, is the forerunner of today’s hood. Worn around the neck and down the back, the hood indicates the degree and the college or university from which it was awarded. The official colors of the institution which conferred the degree are used in the lining of the hood. The velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree: white for arts; drab for business; orange for engineering; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; pink for music; light blue for education; blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education and gold for science.

The mortar board cap came into use many years ago after the hood had ceased to be worn on the head. The tassel, worn over the left temple after a degree has been conferred, is usually black or the colors of the institution. Bachelor’s and master’s caps have black tassels. The tassel for the doctor’s cap may be of gold thread. Some doctor’s caps are made of black velvet.

The wearing of the academic attire is one of the “rights and privileges” that accompanies a degree.

## THE COLLEGE SEAL



The East Central College Seal depicts the essential characteristics of a comprehensive community college. The six stars represent each of the six counties in which a portion of the East Central College District is located: Franklin, Warren, St. Charles, Gasconade, Crawford, and Washington Counties. Moreover, the college is governed by a six-member Board of Trustees. The open book represents the academic mission of the institution and the student’s quest for knowledge.

The hourglass symbolizes lifelong learning and is indicative of the programs and services offered to students of all ages. The gear is a symbol of applied knowledge and reflects the nature of many of the college’s programs that lead to immediate employment.

The handshake is emblematic of the partnership with the community that led to the formation of the district and has continued to provide the foundation for the college’s endeavor to serve the educational needs of the region. The year 1968 was when voters approved the formation of the Junior College District of East Central Missouri.

## CEREMONIAL MACE

The mace is a ceremonial staff used for many college commencement ceremonies. Based on the medieval battle mace or war club, it was originally used to strike and drive away people who came too near those in authority. As the mace lost its usefulness as a weapon, it began to appear as a ceremonial staff in processions of royalty, magistrates and church or university officials.

During the commencement ceremony, it serves as a symbolic weapon to protect and proclaim the ideals of harmony, truth, justice and learning, and represents the authority of an academic institution to grant degrees to graduates. It reminds both participants and spectators that education is one of the most cherished attributes of a free and democratic society.

The East Central College mace was crafted in 2014 by the ECC Grounds and Maintenance Department from white oak found on the college campus. The top of the staff is adorned with four engraved bronze plates, each bearing the college seal. Atop the mace is a crystal flame of knowledge created by artisans at Astral Glass in New Haven.

## DECORUM

Commencement is a special event to honor all students who have earned diplomas and certificates. The dignity of the college degree and the academic community should be recognized.

Out of respect for the graduates and the ceremony, please disable the audible signal on all electronic communication devices. Audience members are requested to remain in their seats during the ceremony.

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