Honors and Awards 2020

Congratulations to the Student Honorees
ACADEMIC SCHOOL AWARDS

Recognizing students who have excelled academically in the collegiate environment has long been a tradition at University System of Georgia institutions.

At Middle Georgia State University, academic deans, associate deans, department chairs and faculty members work diligently to identify exceptional students. The students whose names are listed below represent Middle Georgia State’s brightest scholars who have excelled in the classroom after completing at least 30 hours of study here.

**Academic Excellence** recognizes students who have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.79.  
**Outstanding Academic Excellence** recognizes students who have a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0.

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SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

- **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in English, B.A.  
  Logan Gibbs, Dudley, a senior graduating with a B.A. in English

- **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in History, B.A.  
  Hollyn Batchelor, McRae Helena, a senior graduating with B.A. in History

- **DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA, CULTURE, & THE ARTS**  
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Modern Language, A.A.  
  Lindsay Thompson, Jeffersonville, a junior pursuing A.A. in Foreign Language

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Art, A.A.  
  Sarah Miller, Arnoldsville, a sophomore pursuing A.A. in Art

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A.  
  Audrey Perry, Centerville, a senior graduating with B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in New Media and Communications, B.A.  
  Karolina Philmon, Macon, a senior graduating with B.A. in New Media and Communications

  Academic Excellence in Music, A.A.  
  James Jackson, Macon, a sophomore pursuing A.A. in Music

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SCHOOL OF AVIATION

Outstanding Academic Excellence in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Certificate  
Adam Stoe, McDonough, a sophomore pursuing certificate in Aviation Maintenance & Structural Technology
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- **DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Business Administration, B.S.
  Jordan Becker, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in Business Administration

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Accounting
  Alisha Barbee, Bonaire, a senior graduating with B.S. in Accounting

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in General Business
  Sarah Brunson, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in General Business

- **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Health Services Administration
  Cynthia Sierra, Cochran, a senior graduating with B.S. in Health Services Administration

- **DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING**
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Management
  William Yoder, Perry, a senior graduating with B.S. in Management

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Marketing
  Abby Prince, Macon, a senior graduating with a B.S. in Marketing

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

- **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Information Technology, B.S.
  Blake Shouse, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in Information Technology

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Software Engineering, B.S.
  Matthew Molina, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in Software Engineering

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity, B.S.
  Zachary Bressler, a senior graduating with B.S. in Cybersecurity

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Web Applications Development, B.S.
  Reiza Sibal, Lawrenceville, a senior graduating with B.S. in Web Applications Development

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Health Informatics, M.S.I.T.
  Cheryl Seals, Kathleen, a graduate student pursuing a M.S. in Information Technology
• DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Mathematics, B.S.
  Hannah Reavis, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Mathematics

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

• DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Criminal Justice, B.S.
  Kristan Rotton, Soperton, a senior graduating with B.S. in Criminal Justice

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Psychology, B.S.
  Kasey Morris, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Psychology

• DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Political Science, B.S.
  Morgan Scott Albritton, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Political Science

• DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Elementary Special Education, B.S., Macon
  Dana Barefoot, McDonough, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education

  Academic Excellence in Elementary Special Education, B.S., Cochran
  Alexis Ligon, Cochran, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Elementary Special Education, B.S., Evening
  Janet Mize, Byron, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education

  Academic Excellence in Secondary Education, English, B.S.
  Shelby Burnham, Eastman, a senior graduating with B.S. in Secondary Education

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Teaching, Mathematics, M.A.
  Christian Baumgarth, Macon, a graduate student pursuing M.A. in Teaching Secondary Education

  Carol Bloodworth Award
  Alana Nickell, Kathleen, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education

  Academic Excellence in Public Service, B.S.
  Tracy Bulharowski, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in Public Service
SCHOOL OF HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES

• DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES
  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Biology, B.S.
  Alexandra Molina, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with B.S. in Biology

• DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
  Academic Excellence in Nursing, A.S.N.
  Kimmery Mitchell, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with A.S.N. in Nursing

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Nursing, B.S.N.
  Dalton Gilliam, Cordele, a senior graduating with B.S.N. in Nursing

  Academic Excellence in Nursing, R.N.-B.S.N.
  Kelly Brooks, Warner Robins, a senior graduating with R.N - B.S.N. in Nursing

  Outstanding Academic Excellence in Nursing, M.S.N.
  Rosa Phillips, Dawsonville, a graduate student pursuing M.S.N. in Nursing

• DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCE
  Academic Excellence in Occupational Therapy Assistant, A.S.
  Katlyn Buchanan, Bowdon, a senior pursuing A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant

• DEPARTMENT OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY
  Academic Excellence in Respiratory Therapy, B.S.
  Matthew Crockett, Irwinton, a senior graduating with B.S. in Respiratory Therapy

SPECIAL AWARDS

• THE GEORGIA ACADEMY OF ARTS, MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING & SCIENCES
  Freshman-Year Georgia Academy Student with Highest GPA
  Gloria Adeola, Auburn, a freshman pursuing B.S. in Biology

  Sophomore-Year Georgia Academy Student with Highest GPA
  Barry Grant. Jr., Hampton, a sophomore pursuing B.S. in Information Technology

• OFFICE OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
  Outstanding Contributions in Community Engagement
  Nathaniel Richardson, Warner Robins, a sophomore pursuing B.S. in Information Technology

  Outstanding Scholarship in Applied Research
  Ryan Ashford, Centerville, a junior pursuing B.S. in Information Technology
Outstanding Intern
Summer Beattie-Moore, Macon, a senior pursuing B.S. in Business Administration
Katlyn Buchanan, Bowdon, a senior pursuing A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant

HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

An associate’s degree student who completes four Honors Program courses with a grade of “B” or better and has an overall grade point average of at least 3.50 is designated an Honors Program Graduate.

A bachelor’s degree student who completes eight Honors Program courses with a grade of “B” or better and has an overall grade point average of at least 3.50 is designated an Honors Program Graduate.

A bachelor’s degree student who completes four upper-level Honors Program courses in a specific program of study with a grade of “B” or better in each and has an overall grade point average of at least 3.50 is designated an Honors Discipline Graduate.

Each of these graduates is awarded a medallion to wear at Graduation and recognized as an Honors Program or Honors Discipline Graduate when receiving his/her degree.

• HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATE
  Kristen Imlay, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in English
  Brian Ness, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Information Technology
  Dev Patel, Baxley, a sophomore pursuing A.S. in the Regents’ Engineering Pathway Program
  Camary Sampson, Hazlehurst, a sophomore pursuing A.S. in Criminal Justice
  Daeyoung Son, Duluth, a junior pursuing B.S. in Mathematics

• HONORS DISCIPLINE GRADUATE
  Daniela Duarte, Kissimmee, FL., a senior graduating with B.S. in Business Administration
  Monica Brookins, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education
  Shelby Burnham, Eastman, a senior graduating with B.A. in Secondary Education
  Katlyn Stanley, Macon, a senior graduating with B.S. in Early Childhood Special Education
ACADEMIC RECOGNITION DAY SCHOLAR

Academic Recognition Day, a program sponsored by the University System of Georgia, honors top scholars from each of the state’s public colleges and universities. Nominees for Academic Recognition Day Scholar must be residents of Georgia and display outstanding scholastic achievement. Faculty members nominate students for the honor.

Logan Gibbs, Dudley, a senior graduating with B.S. in English

PRESIDENT’S SCHOLAR

Each year, the Student Honors, Awards and Graduation Committee, with the approval of the President of the University, designates one student from the senior graduating class to be the President’s Scholar.

Selection is based on the student’s exceptional academic record and involvement in student life at Middle Georgia State University. In addition, the student must demonstrate characteristics indicating the promise of a very successful future.

The President’s Scholar represents the Class of 2020 graduates.

Karolina Philmon, Macon, a senior graduating with B.A. in New Media and Communications