

College of the Ozarks®

118th COMMENCEMENT

Howell W. Keeter Gymnasium Point Lookout, Missouri May 10, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.



JIMMY CUMMINGS COMMUNITY PASTOR FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Jimmy Cummings serves as one of the regional Community Pastors at Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas, where he has been on staff since 2012. Jimmy is passionate about making disciples and developing healthy leaders within the church through the context of small group ministries. He currently shepherds Community Groups within the church and oversees the Fellowship Rogers Marriage Enrichment Ministry, Men's Ministry, and Discover Fellowship.

Prior to 2012, he was on staff at First Baptist Church of Branson, Missouri, from 2009-2012, serving as a worship pastor. During this season, Jimmy received a master's degree from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies.

Jimmy graduated from College of the Ozarks in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business. Both Jimmy and his wife, Megan, are proud graduates of College of the Ozarks. They were married in the Williams Memorial Chapel at C of O in 2007. After graduation they lived on campus, and Jimmy served four years as the Director of the Baptist Student Union.

Jimmy and his wife reside in Rogers, Arkansas. They are passionate about family discipleship and consider parenting their three beautiful children, JP (11), Owen (9), and Lily (7), one of their primary callings and a tremendous source of joy. Their children attend Providence Academy Classical School. Jimmy was born and raised in St. Charles, Missouri. He is a devout Cardinals baseball fan. He loves to hike, fish, camp, kayak, four-wheel and dirt bike. One of his favorite places to do these things is in Gunnison, Colorado.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH COMMENCEMENT

Prelude Emily Eifert

Cum Laude

* Academic Procession Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band

* Presentation of Colors C of O Bobcat GOLD Program

* The National Anthem College of the Ozarks Chorale

* Posting of Colors C of O Bobcat GOLD Program

* Invocation Alison Wagner

Summa Cum Laude, Thrive Pathway

Welcome Dr. Brad S. Johnson President of the College

Special Music: "More Than Conquerors" by Jay Rouse and James Berrian College of the Ozarks Chorale

Mr. Gregg Busch, Conductor

Associate Professor of Music

Accompanied by Mrs. Cheryl Busch

Presentation of Speaker President Johnson

Commencement Address: "Your Passion Will Follow Your Purpose" Mr. Jimmy Cummings

Community Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church NWA

Awards Presentation Dr. Eric W. Bolger

Eugene Charles Wittick Award

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick Award

United States Army Commissioning Ceremony

BG James Schreffler

Vice President for Patriotic Activities

Commissionee:

2LT Ryan Wade, Military Police Corps Military Science Department Cadre

Honors Recognition:

President Johnson

Ozarks Fellowship

Servant Leadership Award

Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees Provost Bolger

Conferring of Degrees President Johnson

Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

* Prayer and Benediction Seth Miller

* Magna Cum Laude, Thrive Pathway

* Recessional and Postlude Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band

* The audience will please stand as able

Presenting the

College of the Ozarks Graduating Class of 2025

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amelia Danielle Aguilera

Family Studies/Social Services: Marriage & Family Springfield, MO

Sarah E. Alferink **

Psychology Holland, MI

Ben Robert Alleger *^

Conservation & Wildlife Management and Ecology & Field Biology Clinton, MO

Nickolas Allen Anderson

Business Administration Branson, MO

Isabella Grace Arbuckle *

Child Studies Kansas City, MO

Joel Matthew Argueta

Allied Health Science Bentonville, AR

Maranatha Joy Ashley

Family Studies/Social Services: Marriage & Family and Social Work

Republic, MO

Lexie Danaee Ashlock

Animal Science Prim, AR

Abbey Leigh Aulds *

Animal Science Marble Falls, AR

Alaina Lorene Badgwell

Exercise Science Harrison, AR

Nathan B. Bailey

Computer Information Science Owaneco, IL

Grace J. Bair

Child Studies Steelville, MO

Haley Marie Bakeberg

Agriculture Education Lebanon, MO

Jared Daniel Banister

Recreation & Sports Management Somonauk, IL

Brooke Michelle Barker

Criminal Justice Weatherford, OK Bryce Jacob Beason

Business Administration Clark Fork, ID

Ian Gary-Leon Behm

Ecology & Field Biology and Conservation & Wildlife Management Christopher, IL

Blythe Olivia Michael Benefield

Allied Health Science Paragould, AR

Levi Dakota Besser

Business Administration Stockton, CA

Helen Margaret Bingham

Management O'Fallon, MO

Maggie Cecilia Bishop

Management Siloam Springs, AR

Erica Paige Blackwood

Family Studies/Social Services: Social Work

Lamar, MO

(a) graduating in absentia

Graduating with honors:

- *** Summa Cum Laude
- ** Magna Cum Laude
- * Cum Laude
- ^ Thrive Pathway

The THRIVE Pathway is a leadership honors program that helps College of the Ozarks students grow in leadership, character, and service. It consists of four core requirement programs and various other explore opportunities that encourage students to invest in the five-fold mission of the College as they grow in leadership, character, and service.

Lucy Elaine Blackwood

Exercise Science Branson, MO

Morgan Elizabeth Blandford ^

Animal Science Republic, MO

Carson Bradley Bookhout

Marketing Ozark, MO

Garrett William Bowyer

Computer Information Science Farmington, MO

Erica Elaine Bradley ^

Management and Biblical Studies Fair Grove, MO

Jessica Lynn Bradley ^

Psychology and Family Studies/Social Services: Marriage & Family

Fair Grove, MO

Emma Joy Brinkman

Business Administration Lee's Summit, MO

Jacob Andrew Brinkman

Psychology Chanute, KS

Michael Joseph Brisbin

Family Studies/Social Services: Social Work Wellington, MO

Joshua Fu Brodie

Finance Olathe, KS

Landon Neil Brown

Business Administration Salisbury, NC

Scott Michael Brusherd

Engineering Battlefield, MO

Isabella Violet Buell

Child Studies Belton, MO

Graciela Cilinia Bueno ^

Child Studies Springfield, MO

Brooklyn Grace Burtless **

Psychology Branson, MO

Warren Seth Burton ^

Computer Science Saint James, MO

Philip Michael Busenitz ***^

Criminal Justice El Paso, TX

Samantha Marie Carstens ***^

Psychology Fruita, CO

Opal Nicole Casey

Child Studies Harrison, AR

Trinity Emma Chafin

Child Studies Austin, AR

Bailey McKenna Chamberlain

Business Administration

Dexter, MO

Madelyn Elizabeth Chesney *

Allied Health Science

Sterling, KS

Taylor Nicole Childers *^

Accounting CPA Pathway

Ozark, MO

Alyssa Joy Clapp

Early Childhood Elementary Education

Kansas City, MO

Evan Lee Clark

Conservation & Wildlife Management

Arlington, TX

Blaine Jackson Cline

Finance Ozark, MO

Elise Ann Cline *

Accounting CPA Pathway

Topeka, KS

Andrea Marie Comfort

Psychology Sedalia, MO

Alexis Taylor Brooks Cook *

Psychology Branson, MO

Ryon Lee Coursen

Conservation & Wildlife Management

Salem, MO

Stephen Clark Coy

Ecology & Field Biology and Conservation & Wildlife

Management Harrisburg, MO

Ashton Nicole Crouch

Animal Science Chillicothe, MO

Corey Craig Crutchfield

Family Studies/Social Services:

Social Work Poplar Bluff, MO

Landen Jonathon Cuckler

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Josiah J. Dagerath ^ Management San Antonio, TX

Alexis Nichole Davis
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Lebanon, MO

Levi James Dille *
Accounting CPA Pathway and
Finance
Julesburg, CO

Isaac Daniel Durbin (a)
Psychology
Lindale, TX

Mitchell John Dyck **

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Christian Apologetics

Waukesha, WI

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Tara Nicole Enke Marketing Owensville, MO

Noah Michael Evans General Studies Spokane, MO

Tyla Grace Ewing Animal Science Kearney, MO

Leah Rebekah Fadenrecht *^ Child Studies Pueblo West, CO

Patrick Ethan Fenderson Finance Twin Falls, ID Caleigh Anne Fields ^ Child Studies Wentzville, MO

Quincy Micheal Flanagan *Finance Cabool, MO*

Kyle Timothy Flavin
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Management
Ozark, MO

Zachariah Michael Font Conservation & Wildlife Management Hillsboro, MO

Coy Braden Fussell Agribusiness Kirbyville, TX

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Education
Sallisaw, OK

Jorden Delaney Garrett
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Drexel, MO

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Conservation & Wildlife

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Cheyenne Rose Hill

Animal Science and Chemistry Cedarcreek, MO

Mollie Ann Hitchcock **

Conservation & Wildlife Management Kirbyville, MO

Cameryn Belle Hoffman

Agribusiness and Agronomy Auxvasse, MO

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Business Administration: Management Peculiar, MO

Kathleen Rose Marie Howdeshell

Management Steelville, MO

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Elementary Education Pleasant Hill, MO

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Conservation & Wildlife Management

Seymour, MO

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Recreation & Sports Management

Purdy, MO

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Allied Health Science

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Camdenton, MO

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Work and Psychology
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Ashland, MO

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Christian Apologetics and Psychology

Crane, MO

Micah Rae Arnold **^

Music and Christian Apologetics

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History

Belton, MO

Corban Garrett Bausch

Video Production

Kimberling City, MO

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The atre

Harrah, OK

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General Studies

Rolla, MO

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Music Theory & Composition

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Instrumental Music Education: K-12

Cassville, MO

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Public Relations Oswego, KS

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Public Relations and Christian

Apologetics Roach, MO

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English

Lake Lure, NC

Abigail Mikka Budine **

English

Faucett, MO

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History (Social Science) Education

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History (Social Science) Education

Rolla, MO

Rylee Danielle Casey

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Eldon, MO

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History and Video Production

Malden, MO

Kobe Thomas Clay

Theatre

Mount Ida, AR

Elijah Richard Clymer *

General Studies

Stella, MO

Bryce Trevor Coleman-Console *** Biblical Studies Malden, MO

Michelle Lynn Crain General Studies Fan Ling, Hong Kong

Emily Moreland De Oliveira ^ Studio Art: Ceramics Contagem, Brazil

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Sarah Jean Dickey * Video Production Springdale, AR

Emily Joy Eifert *
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Piano Performance
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Cassidy Mae Gillum Studio Art: Painting Elmwood, IL

Elias George Richards Hall Video Production Jacob, IL

Ian Christopher Hearn ^ English Boise, ID Jacob Lee Henry Video Production Stockton, MO

Keely Lou Hoffman ^ Spanish Bolivar, MO

Kailey Bliss Hollmann ^ Christian Studies Branson, MO

Emily Grace Howser *
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Antlers, OK

Anabelle Claire Humphreys (a) Journalism Hollister, MO

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Kyla Leeann Lindsey *
English
Overland Park, KS

Abby Jazmin Lowe **

Piano
Crocker, MO

Lindsey Elise Magness **

Christian Apologetics

Broken Arrow, OK

Savannah Ellen Malam **
Studio Art: Graphic Design and
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West Plains, MO

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Oregon, IL

Brianna Nicole Meendering Christian Studies Clever, MO

Elise Nichole Merillat **^ Event Management Springfield, MO

Seth Aaron Miller **^ Christian Studies and Biblical Studies Carthage, MO

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Troy, MO

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Murena Grace Nelson ***
Studio Art: Painting
Lee's Summit, MO

Gabrielle Nicole Petentler Biblical Studies Independence, MO

Grant Isaiah Phelan Video Production Kissee Mills, MO

Eliana Sera Plumb ***

English

Hermann, MO

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Jacob Lee Priestner
Theatre
Springdale, AR

Caden Joseph Prock History Ava, MO

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Bella Vista, AR

Grace Ellen Rainwater ** Theatre Las Vegas, NV

Braden Tyler Roberts *
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Fort Gibson, OK

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Public Relations

Willard, MO

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Brock Elijah Thompson Studio Art: Ceramics Salem, MO

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Emma Katherine Thorpe Studio Art: Graphic Design and Painting Skiatook, OK

Bonnie Joy Van Wormer ***

English Education

Spokane, WA

Anna Claire Veit *
Theatre
Bartlesville, OK

Hannah Grace Vorse Music and Psychology Nixa, MO

Alison Lee Wagner ***^ History Ballwin, MO

Madelynne Phyllis Walker *
Agricultural Development
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Emma Grace Walters

Theatre

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Jacquelynne Christine Boyd

Nursing

Springfield, MO

Mica Breann Chadwell

Nursing

Strafford, MO

Aubrey Renee Alex Cheney

Nursing

Caulfield, MO

Madison Fay Cline

Nursing

West Plains, MO

Destiny Elizabeth Colston

Nursing

Neosho, MO

Brooklyn Rochelle Crawford

Nursing

Marshfield, MO

Zoey Jayne Davis

Nursing Wichita, KS

Ryan Daniel Khoury

Nursing

Beirut, Lebanon

Holly Ashlynn Laird

Nursing Searcy, AR

Macy Rhea Landers *

Nursing Edmond, OK

Marissa Suzanne Lowe **

Nursing

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Gianna Belle Sansone

Nursing

Lake St. Louis, MO

Brianna Grace Haiting Siegler**

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Nursing Mayo, FL

Amelia Anna Stone

Nursing

Lockwood, MO

Elena Elizabeth White

Nursing

Jefferson City, MO

Halli Marie Willborg

Nursing Mena, AR

Madison Emma Wunderlich ^

Nursing

Altenburg, MO

MISSION

To provide the advantages of a Christian education for the youth of both sexes, especially those found worthy, but who are without sufficient means to procure such training.

VISION

The vision of College of the Ozarks is to develop citizens of Christlike character who are well-educated, hardworking, and patriotic.

This theme is carried out in the daily lives of students as they develop their work ethic through the College's Work Education Program. Students work 560 hours each year toward their cost of education, and the remainder is provided by generous supporters from all across America.

PILLARS

Academic: To provide a sound education, based in the liberal arts.

Vocational: To promote a strong work ethic, encouraging the development of good character and values.

Christian: To foster the Christian faith through the integration of faith with learning, living, and service.

Patriotic: To encourage an understanding of American heritage, civic responsibilities, love of country, and willingness to defend it.

Cultural: To cultivate an appreciation of fine arts, an understanding of the world, and adherence to high personal standards.

CORE VALUES

- **I. Steward Faithfully.** God calls us to faithfully steward his gifts; therefore, we will faithfully steward the College's mission, vision, goals, and resources (people, finances, time).
- **II. Create Community.** God calls us to grow up together into Christ; therefore, we will cultivate a community that fosters personal growth and thriving by valuing, respecting, and lovingly speaking and receiving the truth from one another.
- **III. Pursue Good.** God calls us to be salt and light; therefore, we will influence others for good, both inside and outside the College, through selfless service, the pursuit of excellence, and living with Christlike character and integrity.
- **IV. Practice Hospitality.** God calls us to be hospitable; therefore, we will provide a gracious, welcoming environment for all we meet.
- **V. Demonstrate Gratitude.** God calls us to give thanks; therefore, we will practice gratitude in all we do.



We welcome parents and friends to College of the Ozarks for today's graduation and hope you will enjoy our beautiful campus during your visit. We invite you to visit the Clint McDade Orchid Collection, The Keeter Center, Lest We Forget 9/11 Memorial, the scenic view from Point Lookout overlooking Lake Taneycomo, Patriots Park, the Scripture Garden, and "The Empty Cross"."



LEGENDARY LEADERSHIP

Throughout its history, the College has benefited from the goodwill and generosity of many persons; however, a few individuals, in particular, have made especially significant contributions. Thanks largely to the vision of five men, C of O has progressed from its simple beginnings in 1906 to become a respected and forward-looking institution of higher learning that has not forgotten, and will never forget, its original mission.

These men—the Reverend James F. Forsythe, Mr. L. W. Hyer, Dr. Robert M. Good, Dr. M. Graham Clark, and Dr. Jerry C. Davis—have brought C of O to where it is today. We salute them warmly at these commencement ceremonies. Their names will always be linked with the success of this institution.

The Reverend James F. Forsythe (top left) was a young missionary who founded The School of the Ozarks.

Mr. L. W. Hyer (top right) established the Hyer Trust, which continues to benefit the College.

Dr. Robert M. Good (middle left) was the longtime President who prepared The School for greater opportunities as a college.

Dr. M. Graham Clark (middle right) As President, Dr. Clark was instrumental in establishing the College program. He later served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
Dr. Jerry C. Davis (bottom) As President, Dr. Davis established the K-12 School of the Ozarks Laboratory School and the College's Nursing and Engineering programs. He currently holds the title of President Emeritus.











ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic costume worn at American college exercises goes back in its essential features to the middle ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the middle ages as a part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day—not merely on special occasions, but as their regular costume.

The head covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet with tassel is still worn by degree-holders of the European universities. In this country, it has been generally replaced by the familiar mortarboard, which retains the medieval tassel.

The hood (the medieval caputium) was originally a covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise draped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first, it was worn by faculty and students alike; however, in the early sixteenth century, it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree holder. Today, each college has its distinctively colored hood-lining, by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval robe and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the middle ages, undergraduates, bachelors, and masters could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns—the master's gowns were often furred—and this survives today in the ornamentation found on the doctoral gowns.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the velvet bars on the sleeves, and the borders of most hoods are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these follow:

WHITE Arts and Letters
DRAB Business Administration
COPPER Economics
ORANGE Engineering
BROWN Fine Arts
PURPLE Law
LEMON Library Science
APRICOTNursing
PINKMusic
LIGHT BLUE Education
BLUE Philosophy
SAGE GREEN Physical Education
GOLD Science
SCARLETTheology