



RHODES STATE COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations

*I, with the Deans, Chairs and faculty,
congratulate you on this recognition.*

*We know how much time and effort you put
into your studies to achieve this academic honor.
As graduation approaches, we wish you well in your
future career and educational endeavors.*

Dr. Antoinette Baldin, Senior Vice President
Rhodes State College

ACADEMIC AWARDS

GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5 TO 3.69



Owen R. Baldauf (EET)
Elizabeth Paige Busch (FMS)
Morgan Lynn Callahan (PTA)
Erickson David Collar (FMS)
Amanda Marie DalPolo (NST)Phi Theta Kappa
Luke Evan Drerup (FMS)
Chad Michael Duling (FMS)Phi Theta Kappa
Braeden Ty Edwards (EET).....Tau Alpha Pi
Paige Marie Fenstermaker (MAT)
Andrew J. Fleece (EET)
Mark Joseph Fleming, Jr (EET)
Emily M. Forsthoefel (RAD)Phi Theta Kappa
Mallory Lynn George (DHY)
Michaela Mae Gerdeman (RAD)Phi Theta Kappa
Kelsi Lynn Hashbarger (BAP)
Seneca Denise Henkle (CPC)
Krista Marie Hill (OAM)
Keri Mackenzie Howard (PTA)
Riley Thomas Karhoff (FMS)
Logan John Kemper (FMS)
Kali Savannah Lindeman (ECE)
Bret Abraham Llewellyn (FMS)Phi Theta Kappa
Cherity Anne Mason (HRM)
Toryanne Nichelle Nawman (BAT)
Riley Nicole Nelson (DHY)
Hem Lal Odari (RES)Lambda Beta
Michael Jon Petersen (FMS)
Brice Michael Rayle (EET)
Joseph Edward Schnipke (BAP)
Shaylee Kay Sexton (BAP)..... Alpha Beta Gamma
Whitney Ryanne Shellabarger (HRM)Phi Theta Kappa
Samantha Lynn Skeens (NST)
Natalie Nicole Sleesman (NSG)
Matthew Joseph Venturella (MKT)
Rachel Yvonne Walter (BAP)
Wyatt L. Wieggers (FMS).....Tau Alpha Pi
Trevor James Wurth (FMS)
Sherry J. Yoxtheimer (BAP)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.70 TO 3.94



Danielle Lynn Adesso (CPC) Alpha Beta Gamma
Courtney Meilan Amrine (EET)
Kelsey Nicole Basinger (RAD) Lambda Nu
Phi Theta Kappa
Melanie Grace Borden (DHY)Phi Theta Kappa
Dakota Jay Bricker (FMS)
Guy Michael Crawford (BAP)
Michael Allen Current (RES) Lambda Beta
Phi Theta Kappa
Trinity R. Fisher (ECE)
Kirby Allen Halker (BAP) Alpha Beta Gamma
Gregory Lee Hall (ACC)
James-David Thomas Hileman (FMS)
Derek Joseph Kemper (EET)
Kaylee Briann Kinn (EET)
Kassidy Amelia Klinger (LAW)
Robert Michael Laman (EET)Phi Theta Kappa
Coral A. Mabry (CPC) Alpha Beta Gamma
Lucas Allen Market (ACC)
Claire Margaret Metzger (MKT)
Jennifer Grace Miller (BAT)
Josiah Logan Myers (MET)
Zachary Noah Myers (BAP)..... Alpha Beta Gamma
Bailey Alan Parke (EET)
Minah Choi Perrine (NSG)Phi Theta Kappa
Skylynn Star Prine (BAP)
Taylor Leigh Rammel (OTA)Phi Theta Kappa
Madison R. Reeves (OAE)
Caleb Daniel Short (CPT)
Brent Michael Siefker (EET)
Blake Christian Ross Simcox (CPT)..... Alpha Beta Gamma
Samantha Rae Swygart (BAT)..... Alpha Beta Gamma
Caleb Matthew Vennekotter (FMS)
Janine Ann Walls (OTA)Phi Theta Kappa
Nicole Linsay Warnimont (BAT)
Elizabeth Ann White (PTA)
Ralph A. Wiley (BAT)..... Alpha Beta Gamma
Chelsie Marie Williams (BAT)
Joshua F. Zwez (CET)Phi Theta Kappa

ACADEMIC AWARDS

GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.95 TO 4.00



Jessie Sue Kramer (RAD) Lambda Nu
Phi Theta Kappa
Austin Lee Mabery (BAP) Alpha Beta Gamma
Phi Theta Kappa
McKayla Lynne McGough (BAOO) Alpha Beta Gamma
Phi Theta Kappa
Whitney B. Nihiser (BAP)
Jeremy Michael Petty (BAP)
MacKenzie Faith Saavedra (BAP)
Rebekah Joy Schmersal (CPS) Alpha Beta Gamma
Phi Theta Kappa
Christine Gabrielle Sullivan (RES) Lambda Beta
Phi Theta Kappa
Amber Marie Turnmire (ACCO)

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE



MALLORY L. GEORGE

Dental Hygiene

Mallory George, a resident of Versailles, Ohio, was selected by the faculty as the 2021 Outstanding Dental Hygiene student. Mallory consistently demonstrated a tremendous zeal for knowledge, the perseverance to succeed, and the enthusiasm and intensity to accept and conquer new challenges. Her smile is contagious; her sincerity and honesty is respected; and her positive attitude is unprecedented.



— Dental Hygiene Full-Time Faculty

PAIGE M. FENSTERMAKER

Medical Assisting

I am proud to announce Paige as our Medical Assisting student of the year. This is a nomination from not only the Medical Assisting faculty, but her fellow students. From day one in the program, she has shown great leadership, overall professionalism and academic ability. She has kept a high GPA, all while keeping a busy schedule outside of the classroom with combination of working part time, helping her nephew with his school work, helping on the family farm, and serving as the assistant volleyball coach for her local high school. Her ultimate career goal is to come back to her hometown and work for a local physician office. I have no doubt she will make a difference in the lives of her patients and her community as an alumni of Rhodes State.



— Cheryl Kuck
Coordinator, Medical Assisting

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JESSICA LYBARGER

Nursing

Jessica Lybarger excels academically in the classroom and exceeds expectations clinically with her patient care. She delivers quality, safe patient care and communicates well with other professionals as well as her patients and their families. Jessica prioritizes well and views her patients holistically. Her preceptorship was completed in an acute care setting on a pediatric unit where she exceeded objectives in quality & safety and teamwork & collaboration. She recently participated in a Health & Wellness capstone project with a focus on anxiety and chronic depression. Jessica received the Nursing Academic Award for her class and will be continuing her education in Nursing. Jessica will be a wonderful asset to any nursing unit.

— Tammy Segovia

Associate Professor and RN Program Administrator, Nursing

HANNAH D. MENDERINK

Nursing

Hannah Mengerink is a leader among her peers in clinical situations and classroom activities. Her caring personality and genuine smile are attributes that everyone, especially her patients, enjoy. Hannah is very detail orientated and is willing to go beyond what is required to see a task to completion. She participated in a capstone Health and Wellness project with a focus on dementia/Alzheimer's. Hannah has been inducted into the distinguished Gamma Kappa Chapter of the Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society. Less than 2% of the Nursing students qualify for the stringent requirements of the Society. Hannah was also presented with the Nursing Academic Award for her class. Hannah Mengerink, RN passed the NCLEX Nursing Board in June 2020 and is certainly a valuable addition to the profession of Nursing.

— Tammy Segovia

Associate Professor and RN Program Administrator, Nursing

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TAYLOR L. RAMMEL

Occupational Therapy Assistant

The OTA Program proudly presents Taylor Rammel with the Outstanding Student Award! Her positive, gentle and respectful nature is her trademark with her instructors, her peers and the clients she serves. She was ranked by her peers and instructors as exceeding in leadership, service, academics, class participation and exemplifying the ethics and values of the occupational therapy profession. Clinical supervisors and instructors have graded her with high marks noting her professionalism, creativity, and heart for the profession. Taylor is an excellent role model of the dedication and hard work that characterizes an outstanding future OTA practitioner; the OT profession is lucky to have Taylor join its ranks.

— Ann Best

Chair and Assistant Professor, Health & Rehabilitative Services: OTA

— OTA Program Faculty



ALEXIS T. WILLIAMS

Physical Therapist Assistant

The Outstanding Student for the PTA Class of 2021 is Alexis Williams. Alexis possesses invaluable traits that will catapult her success as a healthcare professional. She is compassionate towards others demonstrating empathy and always seeking opportunity to “impact” the lives of others. This has been evident both in the classroom and in her active participation in numerous community service events. Furthermore, she is focused and poised and accepts challenges putting forth tenacious effort for continued growth and success. Alexis will undoubtedly have a profound impact on the lives of her patients. Congratulations, Alexis, and best wishes in all of your future endeavors!

— Andrea Liles

Program Coordinator, Physical Therapist Assistant



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JESSIE S. KRAMER

Radiographic Imaging

This year's Outstanding Student in Radiographic Imaging is Jessie S. Kramer. Jessie's clinical and academic accomplishments have been exceptional. She received many excellent comments regarding her clinical skills from various hospitals and has done very well in her classes on campus with an impressive GPA. She has also worked as a housekeeper at an assisted living facility, babysat a special needs child every week, and coached junior high basketball and youth volleyball. Jessie is hoping to work in a nearby hospital while pursuing additional certifications in CT and MRI and likely working towards her bachelor's degree. She enjoys playing and watching various sports, going on bike rides and jogs, and doing puzzles.



— Radiographic Imaging Faculty

CHRISTINE G. SULLIVAN

Respiratory Care

The Respiratory Care Program faculty enthusiastically presents Christine Sullivan as our 2021 Outstanding Student. Quiet and focused, she always is prepared, works hard and never complains. Her dedication is amazing. Christine has received top scores in clinicals and has been working part time as a student at Mercy Health-St. Rita's while maintaining her outstanding GPA status. She is well liked by faculty, clinical instructors, co-workers, and her patients because of her knowledge, compassion and helpfulness. Christine, you are a great asset to our program and already are a great therapist. Thank you for being a great student and person.



— Pam Halfhill

Chair and Assistant Professor, Health & Diagnostic Services

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY AND LIBERAL STUDIES



ROMULUS X. ROBINSON

Associate of Arts

Romulus Robinson was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Romulus transferred to Rhodes State College after completing one semester at Cleveland State University as he and his wife moved to Lima to be closer to family. Mr. Robinson wanted to continue his education in Lima. He was excited to find that Rhodes State College offered the degree and classes with the transferability that he was looking for in his field of study. Romulus said that he was most appreciative of the support he received from his professors and staff, which helped him succeed in his degree program. Romulus has plans to transfer to Ohio State University's Lima campus to complete his Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. Romulus has a big heart, and his goal is to be a role model for others and to work in a career with the opportunity to help others and to be a positive change agent for Lima, the state of Ohio, and, ultimately, the world. The Division of Technology and Liberal Studies is very proud of Mr. Robinson.

— Dr. Joseph Abbott

Chair and Instructor, Humanities & Social/Behavioral Sciences

GREGORY L. HALL

Accounting

The business faculty congratulate Gregory Hall on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Accounting major. Greg was chosen by faculty based on his excellent work ethic, academic achievement, professionalism, and positive attitude. Greg is married to his wife, Abby, and they have two daughters. Greg plans to pursue a full-time job in the field of accounting and eventually would like to pursue his bachelor's degree. When asked what he enjoyed the most about attending Rhodes State he stated, "The faculty were nothing short of stellar. I always received help when it was needed and I could not be more appreciative of them." Greg, it has been an honor having you as our student! We wish you the best of luck in your future accounting career!

— Cara Rex

Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

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MAI T. TRAN
Associate of Science

A native of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mai Tran immigrated to the United States about six years ago. She lived in Texas and attended Houston Community College. Mai moved to Lima to be closer to her family. Though in a new country, learning a new language, and working full time as a manager in a beauty salon, Mai said she was determined to complete her educational goals and honor her parents by completing her degree. She had heard good things about Rhodes State College. The support that Mai received from her advisors and professors would give her the tools to be successful. Mai said she always felt welcome at Rhodes, and knew she could always get answers to questions. Mai plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in business management. She is considering taking advantage of Rhodes State College's 3+1 program with Franklin University to complete her junior year at Rhodes. Mai is grateful to be able to attend Rhodes State College. She concludes, "I love Rhodes so much."



— Dr. Joseph Abbott
Chair and Instructor, Humanities & Social/Behavioral Sciences

ZACHARY N. MYERS
Business Administration (ONAW)

The business faculty congratulate Zachary Myers on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Business Administration (One Night a Week) major. Zach was chosen based on his strong work ethic, academic achievement, leadership abilities, and willingness to go "above and beyond" in his studies. Zach works at Adecco where he is a recruiter and social media advisor. Zach is planning to continue his education by pursuing another Associate's Degree at Rhodes State College in Human Resources.



When asked what he enjoyed the most about attending Rhodes State he stated, "I enjoyed the flexibility the One Night a Week program gave me. I was able to gain valuable work experience while obtaining my degree." Zach, we look forward to watching you continue to grow in your career and educational pursuits.

— Cara Rex
Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

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MCKAYLA L. MCGOUGH
Business Administration

The business faculty congratulate McKayla McGough on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Business Administration major. McKayla was chosen by faculty based on her strong work ethic, dedication to academic achievement, and leadership abilities. McKayla works at Community Health Professionals where she is an Accounting Clerk. McKayla is married to her high school sweetheart and also enjoys volunteering at the Humane Society. When asked what she enjoyed the most about attending Rhodes State she stated, "I enjoyed having the option to take all online classes the whole time so that I could continue my full-time job! It was extremely helpful and convenient for me." McKayla, we wish you the best of luck in your future business career!



— Cara Rex
Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

CORAL A. MABRY
Digital Media Technology

The business faculty congratulate Coral Mabry on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Digital Media major. Coral was chosen by faculty based on her strong work ethic, academic achievement, and creativeness. Coral runs her own design business where she creates websites and social media pages. Coral is planning to continue to grow her business after graduation and is considering getting a bachelor's degree in Game Art or Interactive Media Design from Franklin University. Coral, we look forward to watching you continue to grow in your career and educational pursuits.



— Cara Rex
Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

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MADISON R. REEVES

Executive Office Administration

The business faculty congratulate Madison Reeves on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Executive Office Administration major. Madison was chosen by faculty based on her strong work ethic, academic achievement, attention to detail, and positive attitude. Madison completed her internship at the Ada Family Center and is an active volunteer at her church. Madison is married to Nathan and they have a seven-month old son. Madison is planning to pursue a job as a virtual administrative assistant after graduation. Madison, we wish you the best of luck in your future career!



— Cara Rex

Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

SAMANTHA M. BACKUS

Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Samantha Backus is an exceptional student from a small town who understands the essence of hard work. She grew up training, showing horses and cattle, playing sports, and working. In her junior year of high school, Samantha enrolled at Vantage Career Center to pursue Machining and CNC Programming. At Vantage, she was a National Honor Society member, National Technical Honor Society, Student Ambassador, SkillsUSA, and graduated with honors. Samantha placed first in the state and fifth at Nationals for SkillsUSA in CNC Lathe Programming. She is currently a second-year apprentice at GROB systems in the mechanical department. Samantha currently maintains a perfect GPA at Rhodes. She has performed consistently well in all her classes, always bringing activity and energy to the classrooms she occupies.



— Ahmad Mehmood

Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Technology

— Ron Leonard

Instructor, Electronics Engineering Technology

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COURTNEY S. BOCKRATH

Human Resource

The business faculty congratulate Courtney Bockrath on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Human Resource major. Courtney was chosen by faculty based on her strong work ethic, academic achievement, and leadership abilities. She works at One World Logistics and completed her internship at Honda Logistics. Courtney is planning to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources with Franklin University.



Courtney, it has been an honor having you as our student! We wish you the best of luck in your future human resource career!

— Cara Rex

Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

CLAIRE M. METZGER

Marketing

The business faculty congratulate Claire Metzger on being selected as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Student Award for the Marketing major. She was chosen by faculty based on her strong work ethic, academic achievement, and willingness to go “above and beyond” in her studies. Claire is employed at Totally Promotional where she runs the pen printing department. She also completed an internship at AIP Logistics. Claire is considering pursuing a bachelor's degree in graphic design and marketing. When asked what she enjoyed the most about attending Rhodes State she stated, “What really stands out to me is how much everyone there wants you to succeed. They're accommodating, empowering, and push you to do your best so that you can not only achieve as a student, but also truly succeed in your career upon graduation.” Claire, we look forward to watching you continue to blossom in your future educational and career endeavors.



— Cara Rex

Chair and Assistant Professor, Business, Marketing & Accounting

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CONNER R. GRAHAM

Web Programming/Computer Programming

Conner has many talents in the field of computer programming. He excels at solving logic and programming problems and is reliable and conscientious. He is professional, polite and always excited to master new technologies. Conner typifies the qualities of an exemplary student and employee. He is always helpful, friendly, and up for the challenges of this profession. He is a very dedicated student often staying past class time to assure his best work. He is resourceful and talented and is an independent worker. Congratulations Conner! We are confident you will continue to make Rhodes State proud.

— Lisa Hueve
Instructor, Information Technology

TRINITY R. FISHER

Early Childhood Education

Congratulations to Ms. Trinita Fisher on being selected as our 2021 Outstanding Student. Trinita is always prepared, and her attention to detail and effort was evident in every task. She is a diligent student, a supportive mentor, and an exceptional future teacher. Trinita's busy life includes school and working, and serving as a Nanny. Best wishes, Trinita, as you embark on your next phase in your teaching career. We know you will keep changing lives and improving your community.



— Joy Macke
Instructor, Education

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS
A. CHESTER BURNS AWARD



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— Ahmad Mehmood
Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Technology

— Ron Leonard
Instructor, Electronics Engineering Technology

RHODES STATE COLLEGE ACADEMIC TEAM

ALL-OHIO ACADEMIC TEAM

The following students were nominated by faculty, met qualification requirements and completed an application process demonstrating academic excellence, service and leadership.

COURTNEY R. BARTHELS
PATIENCE M. EWING
TAYLOR L. RAMMEL
REBEKAH J. SCHMERSAL
BLAKE C. SIMCOX
CHRISTINE G. SULLIVAN
AMBER M. TURNMIRE



TAYLOR L. RAMMEL
Occupational Therapy Assistant

BLAKE C. SIMCOX
Web/Computer Programming



REBEKAH J. SCHMERSAL
Network Security



CHRISTINE G. SULLIVAN
Respiratory Care

Taylor Rammel, Rebekah Schmersal, Blake Simcox, and Christine Sullivan recently earned All-Ohio Academic Team honors and will be recognized later this spring at the state level.

To be eligible for the All-Ohio Academic Team, students must be nominated by their college president. Nominees must be eligible to graduate during the current academic year and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. The rankings for the All-Ohio Academic Team are determined by the scores nominees receive in the All-USA Academic Team judging. Winners are selected on the basis of academic performance, demonstration of leadership, and community service involvement.

HONOR SOCIETIES



Alpha Beta Gamma is a National Two Year Business Honorary Society symbolized by a blue stole with a gold emblem.

Alpha Delta Nu is a National Two Year Nursing Honor Society symbolized by an apricot cord and pin.

Lambda Beta is a National Respiratory Care Honorary Society symbolized by a gold pin.

Lambda Nu is a National Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honorary Society symbolized by a gold stole with a maroon emblem.

Phi Theta Kappa is a National Community, Technical, and Junior College Honorary Society symbolized by a gold stole with blue lettering.

Sigma Phi Alpha is the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society symbolized by a white stole with gold lettering.

Tau Alpha Pi is an Engineering Technologies Honorary Society symbolized by a gold pin.

Tau Upsilon Alpha is a National Human Service Honorary Society symbolized by a medallion on a gold and royal blue ribbon.

Medallion Highest..... 3.95-4.0
Gold Honors Cord 3.5 and Above

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in the academic awards program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusions or may result in use of names or persons not qualifying for honorable mention.

MAJOR KEY



AA Associate of Arts
ACC.....Accounting
AMT Advanced Manufacturing Technology
AS..... Associate of Science
ATS..... Associate of Technical Studies
BAOO.....Business Administration (On-Line)
BAP..... Business Administration (ONAW)
BAT Business Administration
CET..... Concrete Technology
COR..... Corrections
CPC..... Digital Media Technology
CPS Network Security
CPT..... IT/Computer Programming/Web Programming
DHY Dental Hygiene
ECE..... Early Childhood Education
EET Electronic Engineering Technology
EMS Emergency Medical Services
EXS Exercise Science
FMS..... Manufacturing Engineering Technology
HUM Human Service
HRM..... Human Resource
LAW Law Enforcement
LEG..... Paralegal/Legal Assisting
MAT Medical Assisting
MET..... Mechanical Engineering Technology
MKT Marketing
NSG Nursing
NST..... LPN to ADN Transition Program
OAE..... Executive Administrative Assistant
OAM..... Medical Administration Assistant
OETO..... Operations Excellence Technology (On-Line)
OTA..... Occupational Therapy Assistant
PTA..... Physical Therapist Assistant
RAD..... Radiographic Imaging
RES..... Respiratory Care

2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS

COMMITTEE



Ann Best – Co Chair

Vince Fried – Co-Chair

Cindy Brandehoff

Patty Hampshire

Randi Hilt

Lisa Hueve

Andrea Liles

Larisa Russell

Andy Shappell

Paula Siebeneck

*We wish you the very best in your future career
and educational endeavors.*

Congratulations!

*Rhodes State College changes lives,
builds futures and improves communities
through life-long learning.*

