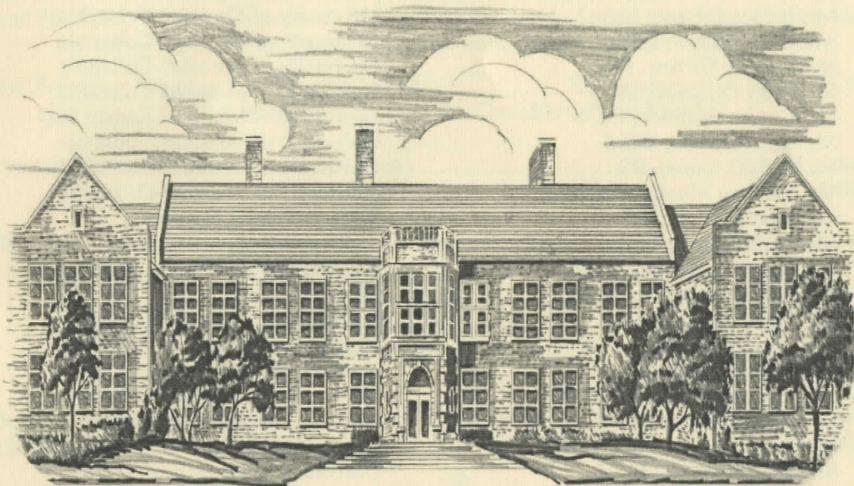


***The One Hundred Twentieth
Commencement Exercise***

***David H. Hickman
High School
Columbia, Missouri***



***Saturday, May Twenty-First
Two Thousand Sixteen
6:00 p.m.
Mizzou Arena***

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The traditional caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the historic costume of scholars since medieval times. Because many scholars of that period were members of monastic orders, the academic costume resembles ecclesiastical dress.

A uniform code for academic costumes was drafted by an intercollegiate commission in 1893 and has since been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. Each of the four academic degrees - bachelor, master, specialist, and doctorate - has its own distinctive gown and hood. The gown representing the bachelor's degree is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown has a longer, narrow, closed, pointed sleeve extending below the knee; the arm is passed through a slit at the elbow. In contrast, the doctor's gown has a full, bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet. The opening of this gown is faced with wide velvet bands which may be black or of a color indicating the general field of learning of the wearer, for example, dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, orange for English.

The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic costume is the hood, which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the college or university which conferred the degree.

Mrs. Emily Augustine, M.Ed	University of Missouri-Columbia
Ms. Cara Bancroft, M.Ed	William Woods University
Mr. Terry Brooks, MS Science	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Devin Brown, MS Athletic Admin.	William Woods University
Mr. J.D. Coffman, Ed.S	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Juan Diaz, BS	Missouri State University
Ms. Ta Shona Dixon, MS	Columbia College
Mr. Jeffrey Devero, MA	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Dean Frazier, BS	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mrs. Noelle Gilzow, MS	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Tony Gragnani, Ed.S	University of Missouri-Columbia
Ms. Denise Herndon, Ed. S	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Mr. Eric Johnson, M.Ed	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Arnel Monroe, BS	University of Central Missouri
Mr. William Morgan, M. Ed	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Matt Ross, M. Ed	William Woods University
Mr. Jerome Sally, M. Ed	William Woods University
Mrs. Robin Steinhaus, M.M.	University of Missouri-Columbia
Dr. Peter Stiepleman, EdD	Mills College
Mr. Tom Sweeney, M.M.	University of Central Missouri
Mrs. Denise Turner, M.CS	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mrs. Nancy White, M. SED	Xavier University
Mrs. Susan Whitesides, M. Ed	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mrs. Helen Wade, J.D.	University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. James Whitt, MS	Indiana University
Mr. Scott Wright, MS	University of Phoenix

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DAVID H. HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Eric Johnson, Principal	Mr. Isaiah Cummings, Outreach Counselor
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Mr. Jerome Sally, Assistant Principal	Mrs. Paige Reed, Counselor
Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Director of Guidance	Mrs. Hannah Wren, Counselor

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional..... Hickman High Band
 "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar
 Mr. Denis Swope, Mr. Tom Sweeney, Directors

Processional Marshals 2016-2017 Student Body Officers
 Ms. Claire Cheek, President
 Ms. Ana Tager, Vice President

Macebearer Mr. Jeffrey Devero
 Social Studies Teacher, Student Government Sponsor

Gonfalonieres..... 2015-2016 Senior Class Officers
 Ms. Anna Lauriello, President
 Ms. Maddie Gilmore, Vice-President

"Star Spangled Banner"..... arr. Darmon Meador
 The Seniors of A Cappella Singers
 Mrs. Robin Steinhaus, Director
 Sifa Bihomora, Ben Dolezal, Elliot Ellis, Helen Fletcher, Laura Fletcher, Josh Friedrich,
 Hazel Hawkins, Connor Kespohl, Cole Kieffer, Lisa Lantz, Sarah Meadows, Carter Moore,
 Katie Peterson, Stella Pruitt, Jeani Stannard, Taylor Stewart, Blake Wilson

Musical Tribute to Faculty, Family, and Friends..... The Seniors of A Cappella Singers
 "You Are the New Day" John David/arr. Peter Knight

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Guests..... Mr. Eric Johnson
 Principal

Introduction of Hickman High School Faculty Representatives..... Mr. Eric Johnson

Emily Augustine	Ta Shona Dixon	Robin Steinhaus
Cara Bancroft	Dean Frazier	Tom Sweeney
Terry Brooks	Noelle Gilzow	Denise Turner
Devin Brown	Arnel Monroe	Nancy White
Juan Diaz		Scott Wright

Introduction of Hickman High School Alumni and Friends who will award the 120th year
 Medallions to the 2016 Graduates Mr. Eric Johnson

'60	'70	
Patty (Gramm) Kespohl '64	Lou Ann (Turner) Triplett '72	
Gary Kespohl '65	Sherry (Davenport) Miller '73	'90
Brenda (Washington) Hartley '65	Doug Mirts '79	Seth Willenberg '91
Kathleen Wells-Morgan '66	'80	'00
	D.J. (David) Johnson '80	Cray Logan '07
	Sharon (Meinert) Elliott '81	
	Krista (Jones) White '84	

Introduction of Valedictorians and Presentation of Honor Medallions & Trophy Cups.....
 Mr. Eric Johnson
 Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Director of Guidance

Introduction of Commencement Speakers..... Mr. Eric Johnson

Commencement Addresses..... Ms. Anna Laureillo
 Mr. Adam Moesel
 Seniors of 2016

Presentation of Class of 2016.....	Mr. Eric Johnson
Acceptance of Class of 2016.....	Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent, Columbia Public Schools Mr. James Whitt, President, Board of Education
Awarding of 120 th Year Medallions.....	Hickman High School Alumni & Friends
Announcing of Graduates	Mr. J. D. Coffman Assistant Activities/Athletics Principal Mr. Jeffrey Devero Social Studies Teacher/Student Government Sponsor
Awarding of Diplomas.....	Mr. James Whitt, President, Board of Education Mrs. Helen Wade, Member Board of Education Assisted by Mr. Juan Diaz, Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Director of Guidance
Kewpie Cheer.....	Senior Class Officers & the Kewpies
Recessional	Hickman High School Band Mr. Denis Swope, Mr. Tom Sweeney, Directors

ACADEMIC HONORS

National Merit Scholarship Award Finalists

Adam Brooks Katarina Peterson
Alexander Harmata Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Joseph Katz

National Merit Commended Scholars

Frank Gaunt Keenan Pival-Brooks Amanda Sun
Curran Kirkpatrick Stella Pruitt Madeleine Tipton
Lucy Muller Margaret Schopp Thomas Zhou

United States Presidential Scholar Nominees

Alexander Harmata Amanda Sun
Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie

United States Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist

Alexander Harmata

Missouri Scholars 100

Alexander Harmata Amanda Sun

Missouri Scholars Academy 2014

Alexander Harmata Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie

SCHOLARSHIPS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED

As of May 13, 2016 many seniors have stated they are receiving and accepting scholarships. These scholarships are a result of work in the fields of academics, service, athletics and other areas.

Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship "Bright Flight" Qualifiers as of May 13, 2016

Matias E. Aura	Alexander S. Gittemeier	Alexis L. Miller	Rachael K. Sherman
Adam J. Brooks	Luc E. Goldstein	Anna L. Miller	Vyacheslav V. Sidorov
Sara C. Brown	Alexander S. Harmata	Lucy W. Muller	Amanda Z. Sun
Jacob S. Byerly-Duke	Amelia M. Holliday	Kaya M. Nies	Sydney R.
Zachary D. Cuning	Helena A. Jordheim	Katarina D. Peterson	Timmerman
Nicholas S. Edgar	Thomas F. Jurczyk	Keenan C. Pival-Brooks	Luke D. Troyer
Isolde J. Finney	Joseph G. Katz	Megan E. Potter	Cyrus Y. Wang
Miles S. Fogle	Allegra M. Kerns	Stella M. Pruitt	Hunter C. Wayland
Noah A. Frick-Alofs	Curran Q. Kirkpatrick	Clayton E. Saffran-Johnson	Franziska F. Weston
Heloise Kay Frymire	John C. Langen	Margaret N. Schopp	Reed S. Wilson
Logan R. Garton	Josiah E. Lawson	Thomas A. Semkiw	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Madeline R. Gilmore	Jacob E. Lee		Thomas Zhou
	Matthew G. Martin		

COMMUNITY AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED MAY 17, 2016

Bob Alderson Boone Electric Community Trust Scholarship	Kay Frymire
Alpha Delta Kappa	Jerrold Starr
Alpha Kappa Alpha Doris H. Lewis Scholarship	Tameka Stennis
American Civil Liberties Award	Gabe Calvin, Frank Gaunt, Nora Hargett, Maggie Schopp
American Legion Auxiliary/Ella Glascock/Minnie Brown Memorial Scholarship	Grace Weddle
Joe M. Barnes Cup	Chris Edwards
Cassandra Black Memorial Scholarship	Helena Jordheim
Charley Blackmore/Class of 1963 Scholarship	Josh Friedrich, Kelsey Mirts
Boone County 4-H Scholarships	Matthew Martin, Angela Marulanda
Boone County Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association Scholarship	Angela Marulanda
Chamber of Commerce/Russell V. Thompson Scholarship	Rachel Foley
Class of 1930 Scholarship	Noah Frick-Alofs, Sydney Timmerman
Class of 1936 Scholarship	Anna Miller
Class of 1953 Scholarship	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Class of 1959 Scholarship	Nora Hargett
Class of 1960 Scholarship	Allegra Kerns, Matthew Martin
Class of 1962 Scholarship	Franziska Weston
Class of 1965 Scholarships	Chris Edwards, Angela Marulanda
Class of 1969/Leo Behrens Scholarship	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Class of 1978/Mark Gregory Winfrey Scholarship	Emma Drake
Class of 1992 Scholarship	Anna Lauriello
Mabel Wayland Coats Memorial Scholarship	Michelle Huang
Cleva Cole Writing Award	Joseph Katz
Heather Cole Sparkle of Hope Scholarship	Vy Le
Columbia African American Memorial Scholarship	Kendyl Boone
Columbia Art League/Carolyn McLaughlin Birkes Scholarship	Sarah Meadows
Columbia Downtown Rotary Club Scholarship	Michael Kariuki
Columbia Missouri National Education Association Scholarship	Jerrold Starr
Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association Scholarship	Amanda Montgomery
Columbia Police Scholarship Fund	Katherine Hammond, Kimberly Palmer
Columbia Youth Basketball Association	Kaitlyn Atkins, Joe Lawson

Cosmopolitan International Breakfast Club Mahlon Fairchild Excellence Awards	Rachel Foley, Leopold Ewing
Jack Dawson Scholarship.....	Madelyn Beahan
Bev Denman Memorial Scholarship	Doyeon "Clara" Yang
Downtown Optimist Club Scholarship.....	Amy Agnew, Luke Troyer
Phil Driskill Social Studies Scholarship.....	Frank Gaunt
Lynda Evers Memorial Nursing Scholarship	Ange Uwimana
Focus on Learning Scholarship	Maia Thompson
Bruce Gray Memorial Golf Award	Ian Fitch, Taylor Socha'
Bruce Gray Memorial Track Awards.....	Brooke Bassett, Chris Edwards
Sylvia Mae Hansen Scholarship	Katherine Matteson
James E. Hickem, III Memorial Art Scholarship	Sarah Meadows
Hickman Alumni Award	Kelsey Mirts
Hickman Athletic Booster Club Scholarships	Rachel Foley, Alex Kardon, Lucy Kingsley, Amanda Montgomery, Emily Pressley
Hickman Girls' Basketball Award	Kelsey Mirts
Hickman H.O.P.E. Club Scholarships.....	Kay Frymire, Angela Marulanda
Clay Hinshaw Memorial Scholarship.....	Jate Vardhanabhuti
Marvin E. Holmes Entrepreneurial Scholarship.....	Maia Thompson
Kevin Honeycutt Memorial Scholarship.....	Zach Harris
Melissa Howland Literary Scholarship	Abigail Wade
Bill Jackson Memorial Scholarship.....	Damon Fuller
Kewpie.net Scholarship.....	Lucy Kingsley, Adam Moesel
Mel Koonse Memorial Scholarships/Old Wheels Car Club of Columbia	Rich Dao, Damon Fuller
Jim McLeod Trophy/Basketball.....	Jadaunte' Sutton
MFA Foundation Scholarship	Luke Troyer
Minority Men's Educational Foundation/Ron Marley Scholarship.....	Tameka Stennis
Missouri Credit Union/Harold "Hal" Virgen Scholarship.....	Angela Marulanda
Missouri Credit Union/Brenda C. Fasken Scholarship.....	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Missouri Employers Mutual.....	Brittany Nelson
Wayne Mountjoy Memorial Scholarship	Vy Le
Andy "Scoop" Olesen Scholarship.....	Leopold Ewing
John G. Patterson Scholarship.....	Kayla Gibson
John Riddick Mathematics Scholarship	Alexander Harmata
Dennis Riordan Award/Columbia Entertainment Company Award.....	Ben Dolezal
Rock Bridge Lions Club/L. Kim Graham Memorial Scholarship	Razan Teyani
Ronnie Shaw Award/Baseball.....	Cody Polton
Shelter Insurance Foundation Scholarship/Nancy Allison Agent.....	Tameka Stennis
Glen Smith Award/Boys' Basketball	Calvin Hubbard
Glen Smith/Bob Roark Award/Football	Carter Nicoli
Scott Stella Wrestling Award.....	Jeremy Strawn
Birch Stemmons Memorial Scholarship.....	Judith Steinhoff
Lion Noel Summers Scholarship/Columbia Evening Lions Club	Angela Marulanda
University of Missouri Health Care Health Science Club Scholarship	Sejla Celebic
Joyce Walker Memorial Drama Scholarship.....	Josh Friedrich
Walton Family Foundation Scholarships	Chris Edwards, Maia Thompson
John Riddick Wright Student Government Scholarships	Brooke Bassett, Sarah Brown

SPECIAL FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

Neil C. Aslin Memorial Scholarship	Amanda Sun
Don Byers Service Award	Adam Moesel
James R. Chevalier Memorial Scholarship.....	Alexander Harmata
Dixie Johnson Grupe Scholarship	Rachael Sherman
Lucy King Service Award	Amanda Montgomery
Khaki Lang Westerfield Award	Katie Peterson

HALL OF FAME

Academics	Athletics	Fine Arts	Service
Alexander Harmata	Kelsey Mirts	Lauren Warnken	Adam Moesel
Amanda Sun	John Ragsdell	Josh Friedrich	Amanda Montgomery
Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie		Sarah Meadows	

George Washington Carver Award

Brooke Emilee Bassett	Eleonora M. Hargett	Rachael Kathleen Sherman
Kendyl Renee Boone	Alexander Snyder Harmata	Alexandria McKayla Sieckmann
Sarah Christine Brown	Amelia Marie Holliday	Amanda Zilu Sun
Sejla Celebic	Michelle Huang	Najah Tawfiq Thabit
Rich Kim Dao	Madison Nicole Janicek	Sydney Rae Timmerman
Isolde Juniper Magdalen Finney	Anna Francesca Lauriello	Luke Dalton Troyer
Noah Alexander Frick - Alofs	Vy Thanh Le	Laura Valencia
Heloise Kay Frymire	Olivia Catherine Lopez	Jate Vardhanabhuti
Damon Roy Fuller	Anna Leigh Miller	Abbigail Gwyn Webster
Kayla Anne Gibson	Kelsey Michelle Mirts	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Luc Ezra Goldstein	Adam Alan Moesel	Doyeon Yang
	Amanda Michelle Montgomery	Thomas Lee Zhou
	Katarina Danielle Peterson	
	Emily Grace Pressley	

President's Education Award Program for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Caroline Renea Abbott	Michelle Huang	Cody Joseph Polton
Matias Ensio Aura	Madison Nicole Janicek	Megan Elise Potter
Brooke Emilee Bassett	Megan Leigh Jefferson	Emily Grace Pressley
Aarika Cassidy Bock	Helena Ann Jordheim	Stella Marie Pruitt
Caroline Grace Bocklage	Thomas Francis Jurczyk	Austin William Richardson
Kendyl Renee Boone	Alexander Theodore Kardon	Chloe Elizabeth Schmidt
Adam Josiah Brooks	Raquel Martha Kausler	Rachael Kathleen Sherman
Sarah Christine Brown	Macaulay Joseph Keevens	Alexandria McKayla Sieckmann
Jacob Samuel Byerly-Duke	Brooke Wanda Kempf	Jeani Hou Stannard
Sejla Celebic	Allegra Marie Kerns	Jerrold Rodney Starr
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Emma Rose Drake	Josiah Ewell Lawson	Christian Gary Thomas
Christopher Alan Edwards	Vy Thanh Le	Sydney Rae Timmerman
Catlin Elizabeth Ethridge	Samantha Jayne Leal	Madeleine Suhasini Tipton
Leopold Isaac Ewing	Yaxin Lin	Luke Dalton Troyer
Isolde Juniper Magdalen Finney	Olivia Catherine Lopez	Laura Valencia
Noah Alexander Frick - Alofs	Matthew Gregory Martin	Jate Vardhanabhuti
Joshua Michael Friedrich	Angela Maria Marulanda	Rebecca Elizabeth Vega
Heloise Kay Frymire	Katherine Claire Matteson	Cyrus Yang Wang
Damon Roy Fuller	Alexis Lee Miller	Abbigail Gwyn Webster
Cheyenne Grace Gardi	Anna Leigh Miller	Grace Nicole Weddle
Logan Ryan Garton	Adam Alan Moesel	Franziska Faith Weston
Frank Thomas Gaunt	Amanda Michelle Montgomery	Reed Simone Wilson
Luc Ezra Goldstein	Roxanne Marie Muchow	Austin Reed Winkelmann
Eleonora M Hargett	Lucy Willaviene Merry	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
Alexander Snyder Harmata	Muller	Doyeon Yang
Amelia Marie Holliday	Brittany Louise Nelson	Daniel Yoon
	Audrey Elizabeth O'Brien	Thomas Lee Zhou
	Katarina Danielle Peterson	

SPECIAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

VALEDICTORIANS

Brooke Emilee Bassett	Alexander Harmata	Amanda Zilu Sun
Heloise Kay Frymire	Katarina Danielle Peterson	Zhuorui (Sherry) Xie
	Rachael Kathleen Sherman	

HIGHEST HONORS

Kendyl Renee Boone	Eleonora M Hargett	Kelsey Michelle Mirts
Sarah Christine Brown	Amelia Marie Holliday	Amanda Michelle Montgomery
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Finney	Olivia Catherine Lopez	Sydney Rae Timmerman
Luc Ezra Goldstein	Anna Leigh Miller	Doyeon Yang

HIGH HONORS

Matias Ensio Aura	Megan Leigh Jefferson	Alexandria McKayla
Rich Kim Dao	Helena Ann Jordheim	Sieckmann
Leopold Isaac Ewing	Alexander Theodore Kardon	Jerrold Rodney Starr
Noah Alexander Frick-Alofs	Macaulay Joseph Keevins	Luke Dalton Troyer
Damon Roy Fuller	Curran Quentin Kirkpatrick	Laura Valencia
Frank Thomas Gaunt	Lisa Ann Lantz	Jate Vardhanabhuti
Kayla Anne Gibson	Josiah Ewell Lawson	Rebecca Elizabeth Vega
Katherine Frances	Matthew Gregory Martin	Abigail Gwyn Webster
Hammond	Katherine Claire Matteson	Grace Nicole Weddle
Michelle Huang	Adam Alan Moesel	Franziska Faith Weston
Madison Nicole Janicek	Lucy Willaviene Merry Muller	Austin Reed Winkelmann
	Stella Marie Pruitt	Thomas Lee Zhou

HONORS

Caroline Renea Abbott	Cheyenne Grace Gardi	Roxanne Marie Muchow
Madelyn Lorraine Beahan	Logan Ryan Garton	Brittany Louise Nelson
Aarika Cassidy Bock	Kenneth Troy Hill	Audrey Elizabeth O'Brien
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Shanelle Oka Brooks	Raquel Martha Kausler	Austin William Richardson
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Katrina Sofia Carlson	Allegra Marie Kerns	Jeani Hou Stannard
William Curtis Dawson	Lucy Ellen Kingsley	Judith Marie Steinhoff
Benjamin Eugene Dolezal	Samantha Jayne Leal	Christian Gary Thomas
Emma Rose Drake	Yaxin Lin	Madeleine Suhasini Tipton
Christopher Alan Edwards	Jerica Deanna Mahaney	Cyrus Yang Wang
Catlin Elizabeth Ethridge	Angela Maria Marulanda	Reed Simone Wilson
Ian Robert Fitch	Alexis Lee Miller	Daniel Yoon
Joshua Michael Friedrich	Anna Claire Moore	Haris Zugar

SENIORS OF 2016

*Caroline Renea Abbott	Benjamin Eugene Dolezal	Andrew James Hall
Amy Teresa Agnew	*Mariah Raychell Doss	Rachel Ann Hall
Jacy Crystal Alexander	Andrew James Dove	*Salah Aziz Hameed
Kelsey Dean Amerson	Emma Rose Drake	Taylor Heleena Hamm
Corey J. Arndt	Kyle Andrew Durward	*Katherine Frances
Adrian Simeonov Atanasov	Cullen Christian Dutton	Hammond
Kaitlyn Anne Atkins	Josiah Jordan Easley	Molly Cailin Hammond
Corbin Brady Atterberry	*Nicholas Samuel Edgar	Erin Natalie Happ
Matias Ensio Aura	Heather Renee Edmiston	*Eleonora Murphy Hargett
Eden Elwell Bartok	Christopher Alan Edwards	*Alexander Snyder Harmata
*Brooke Emilee Bassett	Chloe Elizabeth Ellis	Obadiah Jacob Harmston
Jordi Bautista	Lashika Monique Ellis	Connor James Harper
*Madelyn Lorraine Beahan	Samuel Martin Emerson	Kainan Tyzha' Harrell
Grant Michael Beasley	Mariah Lisette Nicole Emme	McKenzy Kay Harris
Mahogany Essence Bell	Catlin Elizabeth Ethridge	Zachary Dwayne Harris
Mi'Lanne' Topez Bell-Fox	Caitlin Jessica Ashley Evans	Ashley Elizabeth Kitsaka
Sifa Nsanga Bihomora	*Leopold Isaac Ewing	Nicole Harrison
Cayley Marie Bledsoe	Jason Clemus Felten	Lauren Michelle Hartley
Aarika Cassidy Bock	Lyric Lashae Fernandez	Leland Wilford Harvey
Caroline Grace Bocklage	Isolde Juniper Magdalen	Hazel Virginia Hawkins
Ex'zavier Bonaparte	Finney	Megan Renea Heath
*Kendyl Renee Boone	*Ian Robert Fitch	Lucienne Antoinette Heintz
Sarah Beth Boyer	Helen Julia Fletcher	Elexus Merchadies Henley
Ashley Nichole Breedlove	Laura Elizabeth Fletcher	Hannah Lee Hensel
*Adam Josiah Brooks	Miles Sage Fogle	Krystal-Marie Pauline
Shanelle Oka Brooks	*Rachel Beth Foley	Hensley
*Sarah Christine Brown	Austin Michael Freitag	Abby Elizabeth Hester
Keiran Donovan Butler	*Noah Alexander Frick-Alofs	Shaheem Aneel Hicks
Jacob Samuel Byerly-Duke	*Joshua Michael Friedrich	*Kenneth Troy Hill
Gabriel Drumm Calvin	*Heloise Kay Frymire	Sierra Jordan Hoag
Hallie Elizabeth Cannon	Damon Roy Fuller	*Amelia Marie Holliday
Katrina Sofia Carlson	Rickey Allien Gaines, Jr.	Shelby Renee Hooten
Crystal Danielle Cataldo	Payton Evelyn Gallup	Morgan Elizabeth Houser
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Cody Jackson Chase	Tate Wittman Gardner	Calvin Austin Hubbard
Zackery Thomas Chicovsky	Michaela Nicole Garner	Zachary Wayne Hunter
Gabrielle Joan Collette	*Logan Ryan Garton	Zanaija Larai Hunter
Nykira Conerly	*Frank Thomas Gaunt	Erin Djin Hutton
Eden Anne Margaret Crane	Preston Joseph Geen	*Kylie Ryann Jacks
John Ogden Creasy	Kayla Anne Gibson	*Madison Nicole Janicek
Elijah Malik Crum	Madeline Rose Gilmore	*Megan Leigh Jefferson
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Zachary Duane Cuning	Luc Ezra Goldstein	Natalie Jo Jesse
Isac Emilio Custer	Eduardo Jose Gomez	Breanna Nicole Johnson
Rich Kim Dao	*Benjamin Charles	Marquail Javon Johnson
Morgan Marie Davis	Goodfellow	Ryan Peter Johnston
*William Curtis Dawson	Sean Michael Grissom	Brandon Palmer Jones
Reagan Christine deLima	Clio Natasha Groshong	Carlos Demetrius Jones
Christina Marie Dencker	Thomas Lee Hagen	Morgan Marie Jones
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 Alexis Lauren Maltby

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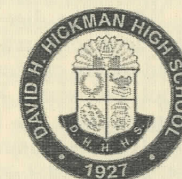
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 John Jacob Riess II
 Nathan Duane Roberts
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 Austin W. Robinson
 Christian Riley Robinson
 Taelor Monique Robinson
 Tyler John Rod
 Anastasia Lee Rogers
 Aidin Darnell Rolley
 Alahna LeeAnn Rousselo
 Clayton Ezra Saffran-
 Johnson
 Tyson Kayne Schallon
 Halee Taylor Schermerhorn-
 Barnhart
 Neil Brian Schiefer
 Chloe Elizabeth Schmidt
 *Margaret Nicole Schopp
 *Halie Renae Scott
 Thomas Aren Semkiw
 Savannah Kathleen Shaon
 *Rachael Kathleen Sherman
 *Kenlyn Marie
 Shettlesworth
 Alexander Blair Shipley
 Vyacheslav Valeryevich
 Sidorov

*Alexandria McKayla
 Sieckmann
 Colin Francis Smith
 Kobe Shogo Smith
 Kylie Apryl Smith
 Sierra Dawn Smith
 Jakob Henry Sobaski
 Taylor Anne Socha
 Alycia Nicole Solomon
 Reid Paul Spencer
 Jeani Hou Stannard
 Jack David Starcher
 Jerrold Rodney Starr
 Braden Joseph Stegemann
 *Judith Marie Steinhoff
 Tameka Denise-Fowler
 Stennis
 Taylor Lee Tenese Stewart
 Rayven Deneese Stokes
 Jeremy Scott Strawn
 Tayla Ann Stuck
 Samuel Kent Studer
 Madeleine Nicole Sullivan
 *Amanda Zilu Sun
 Jadaunte' Vashaun Sutton
 Linnea Christine Swansen
 Aida Woldu Tekle

*Denotes membership in National Honor Society

Saron Abrha Teklesenbet
 Razan Lutfi Teyani
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HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL'S 87th GRADUATING CLASS 120 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL

High school in Columbia began in the 1880s, and by 1889, Columbia established a two-year high school at 713 Rogers Street, the current site of Jefferson Junior High School. The course of study was adjusted to three years in 1895, and to four years in 1896. Extracurricular activities naturally evolved. A literary society was formed in 1898, and a choral union, orchestra, and debate team were established in 1899. Sports teams were already present, although the district did not provide paid coaches.

Soon overcrowding at Columbia High School became a concern. In 1909, the community approved the demolition of the old school at Ninth and Rogers and the building of a new high school on that site. The new structure held the district's first gymnasium and a physical education credit was added to graduation requirements. A coach was employed to work with athletic teams and an art/music teacher was hired, providing the first elective courses. The first edition of the yearbook, the *Cresset*, was published in 1912. Commercial studies, teacher training, home economics, and mechanical drawing courses were added to the curriculum in 1913.

World War I brought changes to Columbia High School: the German Club was removed from the list of extracurricular activities in 1915 and a Current Events Club was established in 1918. In 1917, students over 14 years of age were excused from attending school to be farm workers as part of the war effort.

Following World War I, Columbia continued to grow. In 1925, the community decided to build a new high school on the David H. Hickman estate. Construction soon began, and Hickman High School opened in 1927. At the time, some complained that the school was located too far out in the countryside! Students in the high school manual trades program built some of the furniture used to furnish the new school. In 1927, the first Hickman graduates began a grand tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, and service to the community.

The 1930s brought the Depression to Columbia, and the school district felt the economic pinch. For the first time, the district operated with a deficit; however, the high school building was expanded, thanks to low interest loans and the Works Progress Administration. While the district's special education program was eliminated, Hickman's first counselor was hired. On-the-job training and employment for credit were added to the curriculum, and Hickman's verse speaking choir performed throughout the state. Kewpie wrestlers garnered three state championships during this decade. In 1938, Hickman's marching band first performed, and the Student Council financed purchase of the band's first uniforms in the early 1940s. Hickman's first operetta, 1944's *Tune In*, began an annual tradition that continued for many years.

During World War II, curricular changes reflected the times; courses in international relations, aeronautics, and home nursing were added. Hickman participated in a fund-raising drive for the war effort and collected salvage items. Driver's education was offered for the first time in 1948, and the tradition of requiring sophomores to wear beanies was restored. Many Hickman graduates served in the armed forces, some giving their lives in service to their country.

The end of segregation in the school system occurred in the late 1950s. Hickman's faculty voted in 1952 to adopt competitive letter grading (E,S,M,I,F) in place of the previous Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading system. Continued expansion of facilities resulted in new construction. High school special education and adult classes were initiated in 1955. Vocational classrooms, laboratories, and the swimming pool were built in 1956, doubling

Hickman's classroom space. During this decade, many graduates served in the Korean Conflict.

In 1960, Hickman established an honors program to add academic rigor. The green and white sophomore beanies were worn for the last time in 1961. David Wheeler was named Hickman's first Presidential Scholar in 1964, the inaugural year of the national recognition program where two outstanding high school graduates per state per year are recognized for stellar academic achievement. The Kewpies finally beat the Jefferson City Jays in football in 1966, the same year William "Bill" Galeota became a Presidential Scholar, followed in 1967 by Robert "Corky" Cartwright. Four state athletic championships in three different sports proved Hickman an intimidating opponent during the 1960s. Again, Hickman graduates were in service to their country during the Vietnam conflict.

The 1970s brought district growth and expanded opportunities for Hickman girls, including the election of Hickman's first female Student Government President and another Presidential Scholar in 1972, Susan Wakerlin (Durkin). By the mid-1970s, Hickman offered competitive women's teams in tennis, basketball, golf, swimming, track, and volleyball. A growing music program produced a number of outstanding performers. Overcrowding, seemingly a constant issue in Columbia's schools, became a concern; in 1973 a second high school, Rock Bridge, opened and the Bruins, along with the Jefferson City Jays, became Hickman's greatest rivals.

National recognition came to Hickman in the 1980s, as Hickman was chosen to receive the Excellence in Education (Blue Ribbon) Award in 1984-85. President Ronald Reagan visited Hickman in 1987. Additional athletic and fine arts recognitions were earned by Hickman students, and four additional Presidential Scholars were selected, Melissa Parisi (Onzay) in 1983, Eleanor Kaufman in 1985 and in 1988, both of Missouri's scholars were Kewpies, Scott Murphy and Becca Dillingham (Learnmouth).

In the 1990s, Hickman was again nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon school in the 1994-96 competition, and four additional Presidential Scholars were named, David Kung in 1990, John Wright Riddick in 1994, Travis Pittman in 1996, and Anne Roller (Rucker) in 1997. Curriculum took new directions, including interdisciplinary classes, portfolio grading, and infusion of technology. Computer labs were developed and opportunities for true-to-life experiences were expanded, including the nationally recognized Columbia Aeronautics Space Association (CASA) program. The strong, diverse athletic tradition continued. Within this decade, Hickman won six state championships in baseball, women's swimming, men's track, men's cross country, and men's tennis. Fine arts and music programs produced many state award winners.

The tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts continues into the new millennium. Again, Presidential Scholars were announced, Kate Swearngen in 2000, Saritha Komatireddy in 2001, Ben Robinson in 2002, Doris Lin in 2003, Jessica Hwang in 2009, and in 2011 HHS produced an eighteenth Presidential Scholar, Eric Young. To date Hickman High School has twice the number of Presidential Scholars as any high school in the state. The second decade of the 21st century at Hickman High School has focused on upholding and building upon our valued traditions as an educational institution and as a pillar of the Columbia community.

The new millennium also brought along with it a period of growth and expansion for Columbia, and subsequently Hickman High School. A new commons and classroom addition opened fall 2003, along with extensive renovations throughout the building in 2004, and again in 2008. Hickman celebrated the opening of a long-awaited second gym in December of 2012 with a winning game against Rock Bridge. Vocational classrooms, including a restaurant-sized kitchen, and a renovation of the football stadium were ready for the start of school in fall of 2013. These additional classrooms provided several vocational

classes not requiring busing to the Career Center. Construction on new tennis courts, installation of artificial turf on the baseball field, and building of a new wrestling room, baseball concession stand and batting cages all occurred during the 2013-14 school year. Ninth graders were welcomed at the high school level for the very first time during the 13-14 school year along with block scheduling. Many capital improvements were inaugurated in 2014-15: tennis courts, indoor sport facility including a batting cage and space for wrestling, and softball/baseball turf were all in place. The upgrade to these facilities allowed the men's and women's tennis teams as well as the women's softball team the ability to compete at Hickman for the first time in many years. Additionally, a new buzzer system was installed, providing an added level of security to the school community.

College and career readiness has been a foundational building block for Hickman in the 2010s. With continued changes to state accountability measures placed on Missouri public schools, Hickman has remained steadfast in its efforts to provide excellent opportunities for students regardless of legislative changes. Curricular and programmatic changes have provided increased opportunities for students to access advanced placement courses through partnerships with College Board and Equal Opportunities Schools, provided greater access to career and technical education courses through the expansion of on-site career center courses, and has allowed students to engage in programs such as AVID and MAC Scholars—key components of Hickman's college readiness system.

In the last decade, continual improvement and an increased focus on the school's vision of being a highly effective professional learning community have served as cornerstones for Hickman. In 2012, Hickman established a distributed leadership model in the form school-wide teacher leadership teams—*Leadership Council*, *Student Support Team*, the *Learning and Instruction Team*, and the *Interdisciplinary Team*. Additionally, the *T.I.D.E Team* was developed to aid in the continued enhancement of school culture. The name "TIDE" is an acronym derived from the four pillars of Hickman's mission: Tradition, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence. Hickman also developed a multi-faceted student support model during this decade. The model included the implementation of freshman advisory and sophomore seminar courses, a tiered model for student response to intervention, and a review of the school's philosophy on grading and mark reporting. In 2016, Hickman was recognized for its outstanding work in the aforementioned areas when the school was named an *Exemplary Professional Learning School* by the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education in 2016.

Hickman's most recent graduating classes were comprised of outstanding groups of students with Presidential Scholar nominees, Missouri Scholars 100 honorees, and scores of students recognized as National Merit Scholars. Additionally, on the field of athletic competition, members of the graduating classes of the "20-teens" earned numerous district and sectional victories as well as several state qualifications. During the subsequent years that followed their graduation dates, a remarkable parade of talented Hickman students have translated their hopes and dreams into achievements that should inspire the current graduating class of Kewpies. The challenges that face today's graduates are varied. Opportunities to be of service to self, family, country, and community abound. Wherever they go and whatever achievements they may claim, each graduate will carry memories of their days at Hickman High School.

"Hickman High School empowers students to achieve academic excellence, to develop personal integrity and responsibility, to value diversity, and to be continuous learners capable of contributing to a changing society."



David Henry Hickman was a businessman, educator, and legislator from Columbia, Missouri, United States. He was a member of the Missouri State Assembly from 1838 to 1842 and helped compose legislation requiring the state to support public 'common schools' with at least twenty-five percent of the state's revenue. He was also instrumental in the founding and development of Stephens College and served as a curator of the University of Missouri. David H. Hickman High School was built on his country estate in 1927 and named after him.

On Dec. 15, 1925, residents approved 7-1 a bond issue of \$415,000 for construction of a school building on the site and some other school improvements. On Dec. 17, 1925, the school board approved a resolution by Sanford Conley suggesting the school be named "David H. Hickman High School." The cornerstone for Hickman High School was placed in a brief ceremony Sept. 16, 1926, and the building was opened for classes a year later.

When the new high school's name became known, two respected residents approved of its namesake and described Hickman in their letters of endorsement. From Edwin Stephens, president of Stephens Publishing Co.: "David H. Hickman was one of the greatest citizens and finest characters Boone County has ever had. He was a model citizen, a true Christian, a patriot, a leader in educational and civic affairs. The board of education appropriately honors his memory in naming in his honor the building, which is to stand upon the site of the home he owned and where he passed away with honors. And to the regret of the community which he so unselfishly and so ably served and when he had scarcely reached the prime of life."

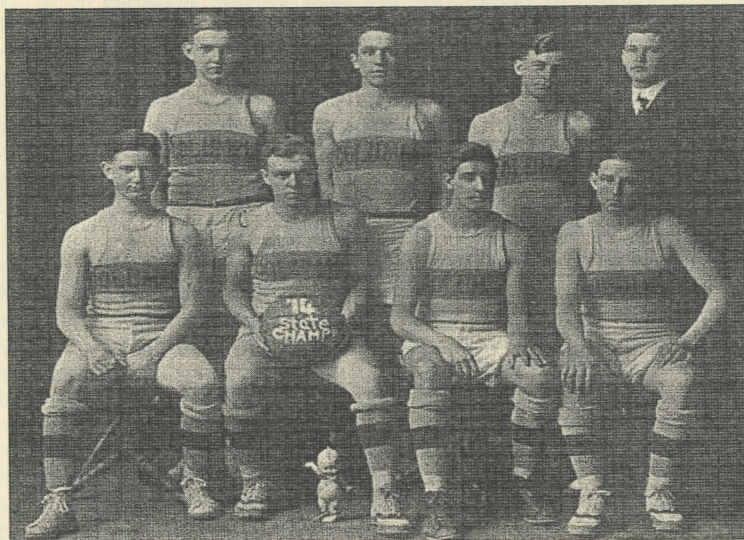
From Judge David Harris of Boone County Circuit Court: "He was a gentleman in manner, a Christian in spirit and a natural leader by the soundness of his judgment, the force of his character and the disinterestedness of his motives.....measured by the years, his life was a short one. Yet, I can think of no former citizen of Columbia whose life was richer, fuller or more worthy of emulation by the youth of Columbia, who in the years to come may receive instruction in the schools of your city."

The Mascot - 1914

The school mascot, the Kewpie, appeared for the first time in the 1914 Cresset associated with the basketball team "...whose loyalty to the school and to the Kewpie motto, 'Keep Smiling,' had won the State Championship." Apparently, the school secretary owned a Kewpie doll, as they were popular figurines then, and she kept it on her desk. At one of the basketball games, she placed the Kewpie in the center of the court (for good luck), and the entire game was played around it without its being broken. This was somewhat remarkable since the dolls were very fragile. Because it survived the game and brought a victory, it was thereafter considered the good luck mascot. You can see a picture of it underneath a chair in the 1914 Basketball team photograph in the Cresset.



*Today marks the debut of the new Kewpie Mascot costumes.
Thank you, Charlie Blackmore and all the Kewpies Alums
who donated the money for our Kewpie!*



The crest of Hickman High School is a classically simple design embodying the ideals, principles, and tradition on which the school was founded. The crest was designed and adopted by the senior class of 1928. In 2015 the crest was enhanced to include a crest ring emblem, signifying the unity, wholeness, and timelessness of Hickman High School. The new ring also incorporates the name David H. Hickman High School and the year it was founded.

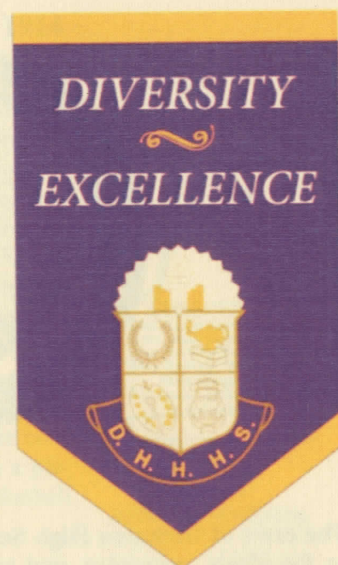
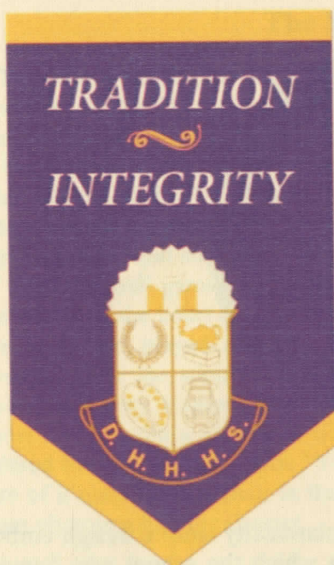
There are eight distinct parts of the Hickman crest. At its foundation is the ribbon of support, engraved with the initials for David H. Hickman High School.

The escutcheon is a shield which forms the main element of the crest and represents our school's honor and integrity. Hickman's unique beveled shield is parted per cross and has four distinct charges. A charge is any emblem occupying the field of the shield.

In the upper left is the laurel wreath of victory which is symbolic of Hickman's excellence in academics as well as athletics. Across on the right side rests the lamp of eternal knowledge, truth, and enlightenment. The book on which the lamp sits represents the content of academic learning. To the lower left are the artist's palette and brush, representing Hickman's strong ties to the arts. Across in the lower right corner is the lyre, the ancient Greek symbol of spiritual and physical harmony, contemplation, and tempered judgment.

Above all the emblems of the shield blazes the cresset that symbolizes the one who is watchful for the commonwealth and who will give the signal in the time of danger. We are called to be a beacon for diversity, freedom, and opportunity. This cresset conveys light, strength, and endurance. Hickman has an intensity of focus; a relentless pursuit to achieve. The cresset is a symbol of hope and guidance, a light that is never extinguished. It holds a promise that if you persevere, you will reach your destination.

The crest color of purple is symbolic of royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice and is indicative of the highest ideals and aims. Gold is symbolic of integrity, honesty, generosity, and the elevation of the mind.



The Gonfalon

A gonfalon is a type of heraldic flag or banner, often pointed, swallow-tailed, or with several streamers, and suspended from a crossbar. It is of Italian origin and dates back to medieval times when they were used in state and religious ceremonial processions as symbols of office; the name derives from “gonfaloni”, the name given to community meetings in Florence. Each neighborhood had its own flag and coat of arms and the word gonfalon eventually came to be associated with the flag.

In modern times, schools adopted the practice of carrying gonfalons at their commencement exercises to heighten the ceremonial nature of the exercises and add pageantry to the event. Hickman High School’s ceremony will feature two gonfalons. They reflect a timeless style that is Hickman. Each displays the school’s colors through the royal purple background and gold trim and include the school crest. The gonfalons also represent the core values of Hickman’s mission: Tradition, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence.

Each year the senior class president and vice-president serve as gonfalonieres as they lead their class in the procession at the David H. Hickman High School Commencement Ceremony.



Ceremonial Academic Mace

The David H. Hickman High School Ceremonial Academic Mace is an ancient symbol of authority; it reminds us that schools are custodians of the enduring traditions of learning. The mace is carried by a faculty member who is called the Macebearer.

Ceremonial academic maces appeared in European universities during the fourteenth century and represented the amalgamation of two much older staff-like devices of similar length and shape. These were the regal scepter and the medieval battle mace. Kings throughout history have carried scepters as insignia of the lawful authority of just rulers. The battle mace was first used by medieval princes as an effective hand weapon in combat.

In the fourteenth century, the royal scepter and the battle mace were combined to produce the ceremonial mace. It was carried before royalty, mayors of cities, and chief officers of the universities.

In modern times, the mace is used on ceremonial occasions in the life of schools. In commencement exercises, the mace specifically indicates the authority of the school to award degrees. Today, our mace is carried before the superintendent, principal, and platform dignitaries.

The Hickman High School mace is fashioned in locally sourced Missouri Walnut which signifies Hickman’s strength and traditional role in the community. The top of the mace is a reproduction of the cresset found at the top of our school crest. This reminds our school community of our call to be bearers of light and truth. The casting set in the globe is the official school crest. Below the medallion are four rings that represent the core values found in our mission statement: tradition, integrity, diversity, and excellence. The mace is 45” long and weighs 10 pounds. The festive ribbons streaming from the globe are the colors of Hickman. Purple is symbolic of royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice and is indicative of the highest ideals and aims. Gold is symbolic of integrity, honesty, generosity, and the elevation of the mind.

The mace and its holder were commissioned, designed, and executed in 2015 by noted local woodworker, Andy Werth of Stickman Woodworks.

Faculty, students, and the community have always looked to academic ceremonies as the highlight of the academic year. The addition of the mace adds meaning and dignity to the commencement ritual. It reminds both participants and spectators that education is one of the most cherished attributes of a free and democratic society.



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