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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  

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Pittsburg State University



**66<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards**  
**May 3, 2024**



# Kelce College of Business

## 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards

May 3, 2024

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

*Doors Open  
Program Begins*

### PROGRAM

Welcome ..... Dr. Paul Grimes  
Dean, Kelce College of Business

Opening Remarks..... Dr. Howard Smith  
Provost & Executive Vice President

The Kelce College of Business is very thankful for the generosity of alumni, businesses, and friends who provide scholarships for our students.

### KELCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORS

#### Scholarship

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Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter .....	IIASC, KC Chapter
Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones .....	PSU Foundation
Joplin Tri-State IMA .....	Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter
<i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i> .....	<i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i>
Gary & Linda Kahmann .....	Linda Kahmann
Kansas Society of CPAs .....	Kansas Society of CPAs Foundation
Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament .....	Kelce Golf Tournament Participants
Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin .....	PSU Foundation
Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing .....	Leggett & Platt, Inc.
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Robert D. & Sherry L. Lipsey .....	Craig A. Lipsey
Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little .....	Little Family
Ruby Oldham Loewen .....	Loewen Family
John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings .....	John & Susan Lowe
Mildred Lusebrink-Philip & Rose Lusebrink-Summers .....	Lusebrink Family
Arthur Malle Memorial .....	Geraldine Malle
Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey .....	PSU Foundation
Betty Souder McGinty .....	Wallace & Mary Souder
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Doyle W. Morton .....	Nancy & Pat Moyer
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James T. & Alice M. Noel .....	Andrew Mamalis
Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes .....	Larry Nokes
Glenda Overbeck .....	Glenda Overbeck
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Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen .....	PSU Foundation
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William L. & Pamela G. Phalen .....	William & Pamela Phalen
W. Neil & Mary M. Benelli Polfer .....	Neil & Mary Polfer
Mark & Diana Quinlan .....	Mark & Diana Quinlan
Robert Condon Ramsay .....	PSU Foundation
E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick .....	PSU Foundation
August Rua .....	David Rua
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Vijay Shankar (Sam M Walton SIFE Alumnus of the Year) .....	Vijay Shankar
Michael W. Slack .....	Michael A. Slack & Melissa B. Doll
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Clyde E. Starkey .....	PSU Foundation
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Martha & Max Thompson .....	PSU Foundation
Wearever Aluminum .....	PSU Foundation
Jay C Westervelt .....	Anita Westervelt
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Michael & Gwen Wilson .....	Michael & Gwen Wilson
Ronald G. Wood .....	Ron Wood

## KELCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORS

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Bachelor of Business Administration.....Dr. Din Cortes**  
**Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business**

#### ACCOUNTING

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Grace Best	Accounting/Finance*	Michael & Gwen Wilson Patrick Cardullo Accounting M. L. 'Lee' & Noretta Caldwell
Brady Bidnick	Accounting	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Mariajose Carmona Garcia	Accounting	Doyle W. Morton August Rua
Ryann Caruth	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little
Jacie Collier	Accounting	Pepsi-Cola Academic
Jesse Conrad	Accounting	Don & Jana Hartshorn Scholarship Bruce and Linda Cofer Memorial
Caitlin Cranston	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little
Konnar Davenport	Accounting**	Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Naomi Dooley	Accounting**	O. W. 'Jack' Armstrong Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Grant Feagins	Accounting*,**	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Z.S. Chang & Family
Johnny Harris	Accounting/Business Economics	Pete Esch Journal of Managerial Issues
Mallory Hertzell	Accounting/Finance	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Bobby Kemmerer	Accounting	FORVIS, LLP Accounting Education Reid & Sue Davison Family
Rylee Liermann	Accounting**	Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Patrick Cardullo Accounting Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Emma McCormack	Accounting/Finance	James T. & Alice M. Noel Rex W. Crowley John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Michael Olin	Accounting	Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen William R. & Karen L. Lewis
Adyson Peck	Accounting	William L. Crow Gary & Linda Kahmann
Mark Radakovich	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson
Emily Richenburg	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick M. L. 'Lee' & Noretta Caldwell
Grant Sasenick	Accounting/Finance	Journal of Managerial Issues Don Cash Accounting
Jacob Scott	Accounting	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas William L. Crow Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch
Patty Shanholtzer	Accounting	William L. Crow
Braden Stein	Accounting/Finance	Pete Esch Scott F. Davis
Reese Stucky	Accounting/Finance	Pepsi-Cola Academic

Callie Underwood	Accounting	Jay C Westervelt John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Journal of Managerial Issues Glen & Lois Harris Marketing Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little FORVIS, LLP Accounting Education Ronald G. Wood
Angelica Vynyas	Accounting	
Madison Warner	Accounting	
Ivan Witt	Accounting	

## **BUSINESS ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>
Mindy Evans	Business Studies	Journal of Managerial Issues
Savanah Hughes	International Business	Glenda Overbeck
Blake Read	Business Economics	Joseph A. Russell
Tim Weller	International Business	Glenda Overbeck

## **FINANCE**

<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>
Madison Binger	Finance	Michael W. Slack Excellence in Finance Journal of Managerial Issues Standen Family Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen Reid & Sue Davison Family Excellence in Finance Z.S. Chang & Family Excellence in Finance Martha & Max Thompson William L. Crow Economics Alumni Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes Scott F. Davis Mildred Lusebrink-Philip & Rose Lusebrink-Summers Excellence in Finance Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter James J. & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino Excellence in Finance Lemos Brandecker Gorilla Alumni
Trevor Bohnenblust	Finance/Business Economics*	
Lexi Cline	Finance/Marketing*	
Anna Gronau	Finance	
Christian Hess	Finance	
Brynlee Hollingsworth	Finance	
Josue Lozano	Finance/Accounting*	
Baylie Pitts	Finance*	
Matthew Schmidt	Finance/Accounting*,**	
Carter Stanchfield	Finance	
Kayley Thorpe	Finance	
Tanner Wright	Finance	

## **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>
Hunter Brennon	Computer Info Systems	Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey Doyle W. Morton Reid & Sue Davison Family Firpo & Patricia Smith Felix & Jane Dreher Slim Cummings William L. & Pamela G. Phalen Excellence in Finance Doyle W. Morton Felix & Jane Dreher Journal of Managerial Issues L. Thomas Needham Journal of Managerial Issues
James Dubuke	Computer Info Systems	
John Gilmore	Computer Info Systems/Finance	
Caden Haverfield	Computer Infor Systems	
Jake Keith	Computer Info Systems	
Saatvik Sabarwal	Computer Info Systems/Bus Economics	
Philip Sheehan	Computer Info Systems	

## MANAGEMENT

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Mya Austin	Management	William L. Crow
Jillian Barrett	Management	William L. Crow
Leo Bass	Management/Marketing	Clyde E. Starkey
		Harry B. Cuendet
Malorie Bogle	Management/Marketing*	John G. McNay
		Doyle W. Morton
Ravin Cawthon	Management*	Pete Esch
Hannah Daniels	Management	John G. McNay
		Carl & Mary Buchman
Noemi Hernandez	Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
Cora James	Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
		CBIZ, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
		Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones
Jenny Kleindl	Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
Sophia Labrue	Management/Finance	Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament
		Excellence in Finance
Rajneet Lehal	Management/Marketing/Finance	Carl & Mary Buchman
Taniya Looney	Management	Mark & Elizabeth Paden
		Mark & Diana Quinlan
Carson McElroy	Management/Marketing	Pepsi-Cola Academic
Paige Morter	Management/Marketing	Carl & Mary Buchman
Luke Perry	Management	Edward T. McNally
		Betty Souder McGinty
Raegan Pitts	Management	John G. McNay
		Martha & Max Thompson
Taylor Pratt	Management**	Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin
		Chester Goss
		Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter
Maverick Ridenour	Management	William L. Crow
		E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick
Erica Schamel	Management	Scott F. Davis
Jeremy Sharp	Management	Carl & Mary Buchman
Taylor Sitzman	Management	Doyle W. Morton

## MARKETING

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Matthew Akridge	Marketing/Management	William L. Crow
		Kurt A. Holmes
		Glenda Overbeck
Trip Baker	Marketing/Management*	Doyle W. Morton
		Robert D. & Sherry L. Lipsey
		Standen Family
Rayce Baker	Marketing	Journal of Managerial Issues
Liz Blankenship	Marketing/Management	Z.S. Chang & Family
Caleb Chandler	Marketing	Scott F. Davis
		Glenda Overbeck
		Scott F. Davis
Ava Cheesman	Marketing/Management	Carl & Mary Buchman
Riley Cross	Marketing/Management	William L. Crow
Rhett Dice	Marketing/Management	Ruby Oldham Loewen
Shelby Duffy	Marketing/Management	Carl & Mary Buchman
Molly Eilts	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton
Lauren Forbes	Marketing/Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
Mia Garrett	Marketing	Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson
Peyton Geihlsler	Marketing	

Dylan Hazelbaker	Marketing	Wearever Aluminum Journal of Managerial Issues R. Shaun Bateman
Meghan Humaciu	Marketing	Carl & Mary Buchman
Emery Kafka	Marketing/Management	O. W. 'Jack' Armstrong
Adam Kahnk	Marketing/Management/Accounting**	Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Karli King	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton
Emma Kratz	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton
Gracie Leary	Marketing/Management	John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton Scott F. Davis
Davion Lewis	Marketing	Doyle W. Morton Arthur Malle Memorial
Brynlee Neria	Marketing/Management/ International Business	Pete Esch
Hailey Orender	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton
Jaylen Ortiz	Marketing/Management	William L. Crow
Jaidyn Pointer	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton
Ella Rice	Marketing	Carl & Mary Buchman
Jonah Sandford	Marketing/Management/ Business Economics***	Pepsi-Cola Academic
Braylon Thompson	Marketing	Journal of Managerial Issues Glenda Overbeck
Miles Ton	Marketing	Carl & Mary Buchman
Rachel Wilson	Marketing/Management	William L. Crow
MaKenna Wingfield	Marketing/Management	Doyle W. Morton

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

\**Kansas Insurance Certificate*

\*\**Internal Auditing Certificate*

\*\*\**Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

**Master of Business Administration .....Dr. Din Cortes**  
**Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business**

**MBA**

<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Emphasis</u></b>	<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>
Kaylee Bollig	MPA – Accounting	John C. Clark Kansas Society of CPAs W. Neil & Mary M. Benelli Polfer
Riley Bush	MPA – Accounting	Gary & Linda Kahmann Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial
Sivanah Clark	MBA – Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Joplin Tri-State IMA Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Rylee Croft	MPA – Accounting	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Marissa Dick	MBA – General Administration	Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial
McKayla Edwards	MBA – Healthcare Administration	Rozella Wade Grimes Memorial
Emma Dunn	MPA – Accounting	Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Guy W. Owings Fund for Excellence in Accounting Joplin Tri-State IMA Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Kacie Ford	MBA – General Administration	Robert Condon Ramsay Doyle W. Morton
Bailey Gallup	MBA – Human Resources	Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial

Miranda Hartman	MPA – Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little William L. Crow
Tucker Jessip	MBA – General Administration	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Vijay Shankar (Sam M Walton SIFE Alumnus of the Year)
Carmen Kent	MBA – General Administration	Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson
Zetthew Meister	MPA – Accounting	William L. Crow
Matthew Oglesby	MBA – Marketing	John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton
Sarah Rexwinkle	MPA – Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little
Jayden Sanford	MBA – Marketing	McPherson Graduate Student Glenda Overbeck
Brianna Shippy	MPA – Accounting	Doyle W. Morton
Juliana Shortt	MBA – Marketing	Pete Esch
Jason Spradling	MPA – Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Kansas Society of CPAs
Nathan Stice	MPA – Accounting	Harold Russell Reid & Sue Davison Family
Derek Yuza	MBA – General Administration	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Journal of Managerial Issues Excellence in Finance

## AWARDS

### **Kelce Scholars & Outstanding Seniors..... Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean**

Each semester, the College of Business designates students as Kelce Business Scholars. These students meet the following criteria:

- Regular, full time
- Upper division, undergraduate
- Business major
- Cumulative GPA in top 3% of college during the calendar year

The names of these students are listed prominently on a recognition board on the first floor of Kelce Hall for one year.

### 2023 KELCE SCHOLARS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>
Russell E. "Trip" Baker.....	Marketing & Management*
Amanda Becker.....	Accounting
Grace Best.....	Accounting**
Emmaline Beyeler.....	Marketing & Management
Trevor Bohnenblust .....	Finance & Business Economics*
Taylor Brynds .....	Management
Ava Cheesman .....	Marketing & Management
Sivinah Clark .....	Accounting**
Angel Cortes Sierra.....	Computer Information Systems
Naomi Dooley.....	Accounting**
Emmaline Dunn .....	Accounting**
Hannah Evans .....	Accounting & Finance**
Grant Feagins.....	Accounting*
Bridget Frank .....	Management & Marketing
Bailey Gallup .....	Management & Marketing
Natalie Hibbard.....	Finance*
Samuel Holman.....	Computer Information Systems, Business Economics & Finance
Caden Hughes.....	Business Economics & Finance
Tucker Jessip.....	Management



Emery Kafka .....	Marketing & Management
Alexander Krumm .....	Computer Information Systems & Marketing
Gracie Leary .....	Marketing & Management
Kit Lerthkasamechai .....	Computer Information Systems
Taylor Pratt .....	Management**
Emily Richenburg .....	Accounting
Maverick Ridenour .....	Management
Brianna Shippy .....	Finance & Accounting
Jason Spradling .....	Accounting
Addison Weybrew .....	Marketing & Management***
Adeline Whitlow .....	Accounting
Makenna Wingfield .....	Marketing
Jordan Woodruff .....	Finance
Derek Yuza .....	Finance*

### 2023-2024 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The designation of Outstanding Senior is given to those seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and meritorious participation in areas related to their major department, the Kelce College of Business, Pittsburg State University, and the Pittsburg community.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>
Bailey Bacon .....	Marketing
Tarynn Brenner .....	Management*
Sivanah Clark .....	Accounting**
Karson Coffee .....	Management
Cole Cucitrone .....	Management
Emma Dunn .....	Accounting**
Zelphia Estes .....	Marketing
Hannah Evans .....	Accounting & Finance**
Kacie Ford .....	Marketing & Management
Bailey Gallup .....	Management & Marketing
Spencer Grillot .....	Accounting & Computer Information Systems**
Miranda Hartman .....	Accounting & Management
Natalie Hibbard .....	Finance*
Caden Hughes .....	Business Economics & Finance
Tucker Jessip .....	Management
Olivia Mitchell .....	Accounting & Finance**
Juan Mollo .....	Management
Matthew Oglesby .....	Management & Marketing
Nathaniel Parish .....	Computer Information Systems
Ayelen Pecci Fretes .....	Finance & Business Economics
Adyson Peck .....	Accounting
Ethan Salvino .....	Management
Jayden Sanford .....	Marketing
Jarod Sheko .....	Accounting & Computer Information Systems*
Jason Spradling .....	Accounting
Ryan Wentworth .....	Management & Marketing
Derek Yuza .....	Finance*
Braden Zaner .....	Marketing & Management

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

\**Kansas Insurance Certificate*

\*\**Internal Auditing Certificate*

\*\*\**Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

**FINANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**2024 Finance Leadership Award.....Dr. Connie Shum  
Professor of Finance**

This award recognizes outstanding leadership activities within the finance program in the Kelce College of Business. Characteristics of leadership include a strong record of contribution to the PSU Finance Club and other finance activities in areas of planning, fundraising, and motivating student interaction. In addition, award winners are expected to maintain strong academic performance.

Tyler Thompson..... Outstanding Finance Student

**OUTSTANDING MBA AWARDS**

**2024 Outstanding MBA Student Awards ..... Dr. Din Cortes  
Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business**

The “Outstanding MBA Awards” are the most coveted honors the Kelce College of Business bestows on graduating MBA men and women as voted by the majority of the Kelce graduate faculty. The award is recognition of the student’s excellence in scholarship and service to the College.

Sarah Clausen..... MBA - General Administration  
Andrew Johnson..... MBA - General Administration

Closing Remarks..... Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean

**CLOSURE**

Reception ..... Immediately following program.

*Additional Pictures with Scholarship Sponsors as requested following the program.*



## An Accredited and Ranked College of Business

The Kelce College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Accreditation represents “the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Institutions that earn accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.” Less than 5% of the business colleges in the world achieve AACSB accreditation.

In recognition of its high-quality programs, the Kelce College of Business has received numerous rankings in recent years. The college is currently listed in the “Best Business Schools,” a guidebook published annually by *The Princeton Review*. Inclusion on this list is based on a global survey of more than 19,000 MBA students in programs throughout the world. The Kelce MBA was recently recognized as the **#2 Best Online MBA** program in the nation and #18 most affordable by *College Consensus*. In 2019, *The Knowledge Review* placed the Kelce College in its Best Business Programs in America and in 2020, the *Wichita Business Journal* ranked our MBA the **#1 MBA Program in Kansas** based on the enrollment growth in our online Professional MBA. These rankings reflect Pittsburg State University’s commitment to providing high quality educational opportunities that are financially accessible for students from our community, region, and across the country.



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# A New Future for the Kelce College of Business

## Gorilla Rising



Recently, Pittsburg State University received a \$12.5 million matching grant from the State of Kansas Department of Commerce to support a new educational district in downtown Pittsburg, Gorilla Rising. The centerpiece of this estimated \$60 million-dollar project will be a new home facility for the Kelce College of Business on Broadway in downtown Pittsburg. The project also includes new student housing options in a renovated Besse Hotel and event space in the historic Colonial Fox Theater. Gorilla Rising will expand and enhance the university's commitment to our community's economic development begun by Block 22 and offer the Kelce College significant opportunities to enhance and expand our academic programs. All commitments regarding private funds donated for the previously planned on-campus renovation and expansion of our existing facilities will be honored in the new downtown complex. For those interested in participating in the project, additional naming opportunities will be available when architectural designs are finalized. Please contact Becky McDaniel, Executive Director of University Development, for details concerning giving opportunities and more information: [remcdaniel@pittstate.edu](mailto:remcdaniel@pittstate.edu)