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67th Annual Awards
April 25, 2025



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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. Susan Bon Provost & Executive Vice President

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James T. & Alice M. Noel	Andrew Mamalis
Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes	Larry Nokes
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Mark & Elizabeth Paden.....	Mark & Elizabeth Paden
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Michael & Gwen Wilson	Michael & Gwen Wilson
Ronald G. Wood	Ron Wood

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bachelor of Business Administration
Dr. Alexander Binder
Faculty Chair, Kelce Undergraduate School of Business

ACCOUNTING

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Christy Atkinson	Accounting	Gary & Linda Kahmann FORVIS, LLP
Janet Bennett	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Kelce Student Support
Grace Best	Accounting, Finance *	Scott F Davis Patrick Cardullo Excellence in Finance
Sarah Best	Accounting, Finance *, **	William L. Crow Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson
Brady Brown	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little
Katy Burke	Accounting **	Doyle W. Morton Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter Guy W. Owings Excellence in Accounting
Chase Carnahan	Accounting	William L. Crow
James Collett	Accounting **	Don Cash John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Jacie Collier	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Z.S. Chang & Family
Rylee Croft	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
Konnar Davenport	Accounting **	Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter CBIZ, Mayer, Hoffman, McCann, PC John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Johnny Harris	Accounting, Business Economics	Pete Esch Journal of Managerial Issues
Ethan Jones	Accounting	Kelce Student Support Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter
Aggie Konvicka	Accounting	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas
Kelsey Lee	Accounting, Finance **	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little William L. Crow Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter
Rylee Liermann	Accounting, Finance **	Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter Pete Esch Patrick Cardullo Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Aidan Marcum	Accounting, Finance	William L. Crow Pete Esch Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter
Emma McCormack	Accounting, Finance **	James T. & Alice M. Noel Rex W. Crowley John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Rachael Ann Miller	Accounting, Management	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little FORVIS, LLP
David Ortiz	Accounting	William R. & Karen L. Lewis
Taylor Pratt	Accounting **	Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin Chester Goss Institute of Internal Auditors-KC Chapter Kansas Society of CPAs Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing
Mark Radakovich	Accounting	Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson
Kathryn Rainey	Accounting	Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Kelce Student Support
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Isabel Read	Accounting	Mr. Ron & Dr. Janet Eads
Mariajose Sanchez	Accounting	Doyle W. Morton
		August Rua
		Michael & Gwen Wilson
Jacob Scott	Accounting	Mr. Ron & Dr. Janet Eads
		John C. Clark
Reese Stucky	Accounting, Finance	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas
		William L. Crow
Callie Underwood	Accounting	Pete Esch
		Jay C Westervelt
		Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson
		Ronald G. Wood
Angelica Vynyas	Accounting	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
		Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas
		Gary & Linda Kahmann
		Journal of Managerial Issues
Madison Warner	Accounting	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings
		E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick
		Bruce & Linda Cofer
Bayley Wasinger	Accounting	Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter
		Harold Russell
		Scott F. Davis

BUSINESS ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, & DATA SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Recipient

Jake Keith
Jonah Sandford
Kaitlyn Cooper

Major

Business Economics
Business Economics
Business Studies

Data Science & Information Systems
Data Science & Info Systems, Finance

Scholarship

Journal of Managerial Issues
Doyle W. Morton
Journal of Managerial Issues
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Slim Cummings
Felix and Jane Dreher
Excellence in Finance
Doyle W. Morton
Kelce Student Support
Fred L. Lips
Journal of Managerial Issues
Kelce Student Support
L. Thomas Needham
Arthur Malle
Mr. Ron and Dr. Janet Eads

Logan Foulkes
John Gilmore

Caden Haverfield
Tyler McGinnis
Purvick Patel
Joshua Spell

Data Science & Information Systems
Data Science & Information Systems
Data Science Info Systems, Management
Data Science & Info Systems, Accounting

Brandon Torres

Data Science & Information Systems

FINANCE

Recipient

Matthew Akridge

Major

Finance, Accounting

Scholarship

Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little
Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas
FORVIS, LLP
Journal of Managerial Issues
Michael W. Slack
Excellence in Finance
Edward T. McNally
Journal of Managerial Issues
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Madison Binger

Finance *

Emma Eckstein

Finance, Management

Anna Gronau

Finance

Christian Hess	Finance *	E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick
Fellen Historika	Finance	James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino
Grant Hite	Finance	Journal of Managerial Issues
Brynlee Hollingsworth	Finance *	Vijay Shankar
		Economics Alumni
		Scott F. Davis
		Excellence in Finance
Grant Lasley	Finance, Management	William L. Crow
		Excellence in Finance
Josue Lozano	Finance, Accounting *	Larry E. & Deborah a. Nokes
		Kelce Student Support
Baylie Pitts	Finance *	Doyle W. Morton
Joci Schmidt	Finance, Management	Mark & Elizabeth Paden
Kylan Schultheis	Finance	Kelce Student Support
		Mark & Diana Quinlan
Drew Stukesbary	Finance	Doyle W. Morton
Danny Vigil	Finance	Pete Esch
Colby White	Finance	Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas
		Excellence in Finance
Jake Wolff	Finance	Excellence in Finance

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Jaeden Beshoner	Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Michaela Carnes	Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Deserae Schwindt	Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Riley Wagner	Human Resource Development – Leadership & Organization Development	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Kasey Heidman	Workforce Development - Human Resources	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Nicholas Lawrence	Workforce Development – Human Resources	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien
Margarette Salisbury	Workforce Development – Human Resources	Joan Ann O'Brien & Michael Thomas O'Brien

MANAGEMENT

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Jillian Barrett	Management, Workforce Development	William L. Crow
Leo Bass	Management, Marketing	William L. Crow
Elise Covell	Management, Marketing	John G. McNay
		William L. & Pamela G. Phalen
Emma Daly	Management, Marketing	Kelce Student Support
		Firpo & Patricia Smith
Hannah Daniels	Management	Carl & Mary Buchman
Mindy Evans	Management, Marketing	Journal of Managerial Issues
		Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen
Jackson Fugate	Management	William L. Crow
Kaylee Groff	Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
Jett Hocut	Management	William L. Crow
Bennett Irwin	Management, Accounting, Finance	Doyle W. Morton
Cora James	Management	Journal of Managerial Issues
		Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones
Dillon Leggett	Management, Finance	Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament

Taniya Looney	Management	Doyle W. Morton Journal of Managerial Issues R. Shaun Bateman William L. Crow John G. McNay Lynda S & Wendell L Wilkinson Carl & Mary Buchman Lemos Brandecker Gorilla Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament William L. Crow Martha & Max Thompson Glenda Overbeck
Kirsten McConnaughey Carly Reif	Management, Marketing Management, Marketing	
Jeremy Sharp JJ Spafford Quincey Turner Bethany Umbarger Evan Zafuta	Management Management, Marketing Management, Marketing Management Management	

MARKETING

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Trip Baker Shelby Blackburn Liz Blankenship Caleb Chandler	Marketing, Management *, ** Marketing Marketing, Management Marketing	Standen Family Standen Family Z.S. Chang & Family Wearever Aluminum Scott F. Davis Glenda Overbeck Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch Kelce Student Support John G. McNay Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas William L. Crow Doyle W. Morton Journal of Managerial Issues Robert Condon Ramsay Glenda Overbeck Doyle W. Morton John G. McNay Wall Family Doyle W. Morton John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick Doyle W. Morton William L. Crow Doyle W. Morton Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino Journal of Managerial Issues Scott F. Davis Glenda Overbeck Betty Souder McGinty William L. Crow Glenda Overbeck James J & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino Mark & Elizabeth Paden
Tyler Crane	Marketing, Finance	
Rhett Dice	Marketing, Management	
Lauren Forbes Dylan Hazelbaker Logan Keith	Marketing, Management Marketing Marketing	
Karli King Jorjia Kitselman	Marketing, Management Marketing	
Emma Kratz Gracie Leary	Marketing, Management Marketing, Management	
Darrel McLeod Lexi O'Connor Hailey Orender Jaylen Ortiz Jaidyn Pointer Gabi Radell Aubrianna Shetlar Braylon Thompson	Marketing Marketing, Management *** Marketing, Management Marketing, Management Marketing Marketing, Management Marketing Marketing, Management	
Tyson Weber Rachel Wilson	Marketing Marketing, Management	
Hayden Yuza	Marketing ***	

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

**Kansas Insurance Certificate*

***Internal Auditing Certificate*

****Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

Graduate Programs Ms. Chelsey Decker
Assistant Dean for Graduate Business Programs

Master's Degrees

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Emphasis</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Malorie Bogle Riley Bush	MBA – General Administration MPA - Accounting	Michael & Gwen Wilson Karen & Robert Laflen Rozella Wade Grimes Memorial
Zach Coenen	MBA – General Administration	Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey Kurt A. Holmes
Jesse Conrad	MPA - Accounting	Roy Surridge Memorial William L. Crow
Naomi Dooley	MPA - Accounting	Don & Jana Hartshorn Scholarship O.W. 'Jack' Armstrong W. Neil & Mary M. Benelli Polfer
Shelby Duffy Grant Feagins	MBA – General Administration MPA - Accounting	Leggett & Platt, Inc IAEP Ruby Oldham Loewen Doyle W. Morton
Megan Green	MPA - Accounting	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Kansas Society of CPA's
Bob Harris Noemi Hernandez Emery Kafka	MPA - Accounting MBA – General Administration MBA – General Administration	John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Journal of Managerial Issues
Sophia LaBrue	MBA – General Administration	Martha & Max Thompson O.W. 'Jack' Armstrong
Raegan Pitts	MBA – General Administration	Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen Excellence in Finance
Matthew Schmidt Brianna Shippy	MBA – General Administration MPA - Accounting	John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen Doyle W. Morton

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.

2024 KELCE SCHOLARS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Major</u>
Emma Dunn.....	Accounting **
Grant Feagins.....	Accounting *, **
Bridget Frank.....	Management, Marketing
Bailey Gallup.....	Management, Marketing
Anna Gronau.....	Finance
Natalie Hibbard.....	Finance *

Tucker Jessip.....	Management
Emery Kafka.....	Marketing, Management
Brianna King.....	Management
Emma Kratz.....	Marketing, Management
Gracie Leary.....	Marketing, Management
Rylee Liermann.....	Accounting **
Taniya Looney.....	Management
Aidan Marcum.....	Accounting, Finance
Grace Orender.....	Marketing
Taylor Pratt.....	Accounting **
Mark Radakovich.....	Accounting
Emily Tinsley-Richenburg.....	Accounting
Maverick Ridenour.....	Management
Jacob Scott.....	Accounting
Brianna Shippy.....	Finance, Accounting **
Reese Stucky.....	Accounting, Finance
Andrew Stukesbary.....	Finance
Callie Underwood.....	Accounting
Rodney Vigil.....	Finance
Angelica Vynyas.....	Accounting
Bayley Wasinger.....	Accounting
Adeline Whitlow.....	Accounting

2024-2025 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>
Mya Austin.....	Management
Malorie Bogle.....	Management, Marketing *
Trevor Bohnenblust.....	Finance, Business Economics *
Riley Bush.....	Accounting
Rylee Croft.....	Accounting
Grant Feagins.....	Accounting *, **
Brandon Gacke.....	Business Economics
Mia Garrett.....	Marketing
Peyton Geihlsler.....	Marketing
Bob Harris.....	Accounting
Noemi Hernandez.....	Management
Adam Kahnk.....	Marketing, Management, Accounting
Kylee Minson.....	Management
Matthew Schmidt.....	Finance, Accounting *
Brianna Shippy.....	Finance & Accounting
Taylor Sitzman.....	Management
Ezekiel Spieker.....	Finance
Carter Stanchfield.....	Finance
Emily Tinsley-Richenburg.....	Accounting
Makenna Wingfield.....	Marketing

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

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FINANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**2025 Finance Leadership Award..... Dr. Alexander Binder
Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Chair**

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.

Johnny Harris Outstanding Finance Student

OUTSTANDING MBA AWARDS

**2024-2025 Outstanding MBA Student Awards Ms. Chelsey Decker
Assistant Dean for Graduate Business Programs**

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.

Carmen Kent MBA - General Administration
Tucker Jessip..... 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 has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International since 1999. 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 6% of the business colleges in the world achieve and maintain AACSB accreditation. Our AACSB accreditation includes our signature MBA program which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2025. More than 2,000 business professionals have earned the Kelce MBA.

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.



A New Future for the Kelce College of Business

Gorilla Rising



Preliminary rendering for the new Kelce College of Business building.

Pittsburg State University is completing a new educational district in downtown Pittsburg. This innovative project, known as Gorilla Rising, will generate new opportunities for Pitt State students and open the door for an even stronger engagement between the university and the city. The centerpiece of this estimated \$55 million-dollar project will be a new home facility for the Kelce College of Business on Broadway between 2nd and 3rd Street. The project also includes new student housing options in a renovated historic Besse Hotel one block over on 4th Street. 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. The new business building will be open for the Fall 2026 semester. 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 are still available. Please contact Becky McDaniel, Executive Director of University Development, for details concerning giving opportunities and more information: remcdaniel@pittstate.edu