

# AB Alderson Broaddus University

## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

May is when we celebrate the accomplishments of those who have completed their undergraduate career. It can be an inspiration for returning students to strive for this same goal. This year, we would like to congratulate the graduates from AB's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. This year's graduates are listed below by major.

#### Communication

Brittany Pace

#### Criminal Justice

Jasmine Barham	Wyatt Basye	Tyler Drake
Jesse Earle	Ambyr George	Joshua Jakell
Justin Meadows	Sarah Mersing	Jacob Miller^
Anthony Monaco	Nicholas Nester*	Madeline Nickerson*
Tyler Stage^	Jonathan Summey	Austin Young

#### English

Kelsey Kerns

#### Graphic Arts and Web Design

Erin Brown\*\*

#### Journalism and Professional Writing

Makenzie Rose*	Leah Russo	Joseph Smith*
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#### Legal Studies

Jasmine Barham	Arianna Cash	Andrew Holderman**
Nicholas Nester*		

#### Mass Communication

Marcus Hardinger	Tyler Hott	Tyler Schiefelbein
Luis Velasco^		

#### Political Science

Joseph Collins*	Daniel Gallagher	Melanie Goulding*
Alia Nolan*	Haley Robb**	

#### Psychology

Megan Christmann*	Demi DeGraef	Jerran Downing^
Charaea Forts	Nicole Goldsby	Amber Light*
Brooke Morrow	Haley Robb	Elle Webb

#### Public Relations

Marcus Hardinger	Cierra Nestor
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\*. Cum Laude

\*\* Magna Cum Laude

^ - December 2016 Graduate

#### August 2017 Graduates

Jayla McCrary – Psychology	Cami Stemple – Psychology
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#### December 2017 Graduates

Quaseem Fields – Public Relations	Stoney Helmich – Political Science
David Pickens – Criminal Justice	Charlee Thomas – Political Science
Courtney White -- Psychology	

#### Senior Honors and Awards for Humanities and Social Science Seniors

Eric Brown – Humanities and Social Science Award  
Nicholas Nester – Criminal Justice Achievement Award  
Makenzie Rose – Louise Callison Humanities Writing Award  
Leah Russo – Mass Communication Award



#### Honors Program Graduates

Kelsey Kerns	Makenzie Rose
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#### Who's Who in Among Students in American Universities & Colleges

Kelsey Kerns	Makenzie Rose
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#### Silver Key Honorary

Erin Brown	Kelsey Kerns	Nicholas Nester
Alia Nolan	Haley Robb	

#### President's List

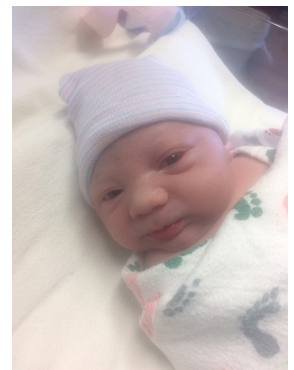
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#### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, SORT OF

May has been the time for additions to our English faculty – no, AB hasn't hired any new English instructors, but two of our faculty have had additions of their own. The first newborn to arrive was Josephine Rose Propst who was born at 6:40 AM on May 18. She is the daughter of assistant professor of English Dan Propst and registrar's assistant Jeni Propst. The proud grandparents include Ben and provost/EVP Joan Propst.

Two days later on May 20 at 12:22 PM, Arlo Valentine Spruill Waggoner made his entrance in to this world. Arlo is the son of assistant professor of English Jessica Spruill and Eric Waggoner. He is also the grandson of Julie Spruill, executive assistant to the president at AB.

Congratulations to both families upon the arrivals of your bundles of joy.



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### PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY MEMBER HONORED

Faculty members who have the opportunity to teach liberal studies classes in addition to those within their major have the benefit of interfacing with many students at Alderson Broaddus University. One of those faculty members is Ms. Kari Maxwell, assistant professor of psychology. Because of her devotion to teaching, she was selected as Faculty Member of the Year by the AB student body.

Accordingly, Ms. Maxwell's students typically define her as "organized," "knowledgeable," "approachable," "fun," "caring," and "passionate about her job." One student expounded that this year's Faculty Member of the Year "Always encourages questions and interaction within the class, and makes it very easy to come to her with any questions or concerns you have with anything, whether it involves the class or not; she's always there for her students. She always encourages students to come talk to her in her office even if it's just for a couple minutes, which gets you used to approaching your professors. This is very beneficial, and she helps you no matter what . . . She's a very understanding professor and personal at best. She finds new ways/approaches to subjects . . . It helps out immensely to have a professor that works through a class with you instead of just giving you assignments and expecting you to know what's going on . . . She is one of my favorite professors."

On receiving the distinction as Faculty Member of the Year, Ms. Maxwell commented, "It was such an honor to be recognized with the 2017 graduates. This being my fourth full year at AB, I've had the privilege of having seen these students grow from freshmen to seniors. In many ways they have molded me into the professor that I am. I try to work hard and give our AB students and community the best, in hopes of a better future for us all. I work amongst some of the most intelligent and hardworking colleagues so it's nice to know that our hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I am thankful for SGA continuing to give this award yearly in order to recognize our amazing faculty." Before arriving at AB in August 2012, Maxwell previously taught as adjunct instructor and graduate teaching assistant at West Virginia University. In 2009, she graduated from WVU with a Master of Arts in educational psychology with an emphasis in child development and family studies. She is also a 2007 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of Arts



(Honors) in psychology with a minor in political science; she graduated magna cum laude. During her tenure as a student at WVWC, Maxwell served as a teacher's assistant for two years in the psychology department. AB is fortunate to have Ms. Kari Maxwell as an experienced and caring faculty member in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In case you might like to experience this awesome instructor, Ms. Maxwell will be teaching the following courses this coming fall:

HONR 400: Cyberpsychology

PSYC 190: General Psychology

PSYC 220: Human Development

PSYC 395: Death and Dying

PSYC 420: Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 500: Psychology Internship

### NEW DIGITAL MEDIA TRACK COMING THIS FALL

Alderson Broaddus' College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to announce a new digital media concentration within the mass communication program. While the general mass communication program will continue to be offered, the digital media track is designed for communicators who desire to have a broader media background. Since 2016, the mass communication program has been focusing on preparing students for holistic jobs in business and industry. The digital media track adds a number of other pertinent skills to the communicator's toolbox.

While sharing many of the core classes with the general track of mass communication, the digital media track adds coursework in digital photography, digital design, web design, advanced digital applications, and cyberpsychology. Classes from the mass communication program include media practicum, intro to marketing, intro to mass communication, media writing, media and society, advertising, video production, social media, senior mass communication portfolio, internship, and a capstone humanities course.

In addition, a new minor in digital media has been created. Classes in the minor include media writing, social media, digital photography, digital design, web design, and advanced digital applications. Several of these courses in the major and minor qualify for the liberal studies goal for "understanding of the value and role of aesthetic expression."

The digital media curriculum can provide graduates the skills to attain employment in fields where digital design elements are necessary for success. The addition of digital media classes to the mass communication program will provide AB students more opportunities upon graduation. If you would like to learn more, contact Dr. Owston at [owstonjm@ab.edu](mailto:owstonjm@ab.edu).