



# HONORS *Convocation*

**Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri**

April 23, 2026

Kimball Ballroom,  
Lela Raney Wood Hall

# 2026 Honors Convocation Program

Welcome, Introductions and Academic Honors ..... Leslie Willey, Ph.D,  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## ***Academic Awards***

### ***Conservatory for the Performing Arts***

Performing Arts ..... Lisa Brescia

### ***Women's College***

Equestrian Studies ..... Sara Linde Patel, Ph.D.

Animal Behavior ..... Jill Villarreal, Ph.D.

Life Sciences ..... Satish Jalisatgi, Ph.D.

Nursing ..... Karina Floyd, Ph.D.

Psychology ..... Crina Mansat, Ph.D.

Counseling ..... Andrea Fifield, Ph.D.

Business ..... Scott Taylor, DBA, MPA

Communication Design ..... Miranda Richardson

Education ..... Elizabeth Watson, Ph.D.

English/Creative Writing ..... Caylin Capra-Thomas

Fashion ..... Kristin Kite, Ph.D.



## ***Residence Life Awards***

- Mary Omer Award, Outstanding Community Director ..... Will Tate,  
*Assistant Director of Student Experience, Residence Life*
- Stephens Student Leadership Award ..... Melissa Martinez Torrico,  
*Assistant Director for International Student Relations  
& Student Experience*

## ***Scholarships and Awards***

- H.E. Wilkerson Award ..... Christi Hopkins,  
*Vice President for Enrollment Management*
- James M. Shirky Endowed Scholarship..... Satish Jalisatgi, Ph.D.
- Dorothy Martin Endowed Scholarship..... Satish Jalisatgi, Ph.D.
- Century Candle Award..... KaLynn Ireys '26
- Four-Fold Girl Award ..... Sofia Ramos '26
- Best Private Citizen ..... Sophy Poole '26
- Michael Bowling Distinguished Advising Award ..... KaLynn Ireys '26
- Distinguished Teaching Award ..... KaLynn Ireys '26
- Graduate Faculty Service Award ..... Daniel Kissinger, Ph.D.
- Alumnae Association Scholarship Awards..... Kelley Marchbanks,  
*Vice President for Advancement*
- 2026 Undergraduate Commencement Speaker..... Leslie Willey, Ph.D.,  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*
- Closing Remarks ..... Shannon B. Lundeem, Ph.D.,  
*President*
- “Stephens Hymn” (lyrics on back cover)..... Melia Bohn '28, Matthew Kischer '27

## *Stephens Hymn*

Stephens, our Stephens. Hail to thee!  
We'll praise thy name through all eternity!  
Thy *Ten Ideals* we'll live so you can see  
that dear, dear old Stephens, we hail to thee!

Treasuring memories ever dear,  
Singing your praise for everyone to hear,  
Living *Ideals* for all the world to see  
that dear, dear old Stephens, we hail to thee!