



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of
Information Science

FALL 2025 CONVOCATION

Class of 2025

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The University of Arizona

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PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Catherine Brooks

Interim Dean and Professor

Sarah Bratt

Keynote Speaker

Assistant Professor

Diana Daly

Master of Ceremonies

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Success

Associate Professor of Practice

Andrew Kemp-Wilcox

Reader of Names

Assistant Professor of Practice

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Rajitha Reddy Tiruthani

Master of Science in Data Science '25

Outstanding Master's Student Award

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Jamie A. Lee

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

Associate Professor

Master of Science in Data Science

Master of Science in Cyber and Information Operations

Master of Science in Information Science

Master of Arts in Library and Information Science

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Carolyn Zhao

Bachelor of Science in Information Science '25

Outstanding Senior Award

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Computing

Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Science (Administration of Justice)

Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Operations

Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood

Bachelor of Science in Game Design and Development

Bachelor of Arts in Games and Behavior

Bachelor of Arts in Government and Public Service

Bachelor of Arts in Information Science and Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Information Science and eSociety

Bachelor of Applied Science in Justice and Global Security

Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership and Regional Commerce

Diana Daly

Closing Remarks

RECESSIONAL

CELEBRATING TODAY'S GRADUATES, TOMORROW'S CHANGEMAKERS

Dear Graduates, Family and Friends,

As we gather to celebrate the College of Information Science Fall 2025 Convocation, I am filled with immense pride and optimism. Today, we honor not just the academic achievements of our graduates but also their resilience and dedication. You, our graduates, have pursued a wide range of academic pathways—each with its own depth, rigor and purpose—and you have done so with remarkable acumen and curiosity.

At the College of Information Science, which now includes several academic programs of the former College of Applied Science and Technology and University of Arizona South, we believe in the transformative power of knowledge and the critical role of information in shaping our future. Across your various fields of study, you have learned to harness that power effectively and ethically. You have built the skills needed to thrive in environments that are continually evolving and increasingly interconnected. Just as importantly, you have cultivated a mindset grounded in continuous learning, critical thinking and innovative problem-solving.

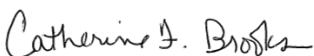
As you step forward from today, you carry more than a degree from the University of Arizona, you carry a responsibility to use what you have learned to make a positive impact in the world. Whether your journey leads you into technology, public service, education, leadership, creative industries, government or the nonprofit sector, your work will influence how information is preserved, strengthened, managed and shared. Remember, the future is not something we enter but something we create, and your education has equipped you to help build that future with integrity and vision.

To the families and friends who have supported our graduates, your role in their journey cannot be overstated. Your encouragement and belief in their potential have been crucial to their successes. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I extend to you our heartfelt gratitude.

Graduates, as you celebrate this milestone, know that your journey is just beginning. The challenges of tomorrow will require your intellect, empathy and courage. I am confident that you will rise to meet them with the same determination and passion that you have shown during your time with us.

Congratulations to the Fall 2025 graduates of the College of Information Science at the University of Arizona! We look forward to seeing the paths you will forge and the marks you will make on the world as alumni and as changemakers.

Warm regards,



Catherine F. Brooks
Interim Dean
College of Information Science

PhD IN INFORMATION, CLASS OF 2025

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Dissertation: *Memory Under Capital*

Advisor: Jamie A. Lee, Associate Professor

Outstanding PhD Student Award

MASTER'S STUDENTS, CLASS OF 2025

ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Outstanding Graduate
Student Award*

Steven Hicks

*Outstanding Master's
Student Award*

Derek Dexter

*Outstanding Master's
Student Award*

Rajitha Reddy Tiruthani

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

Namig Abbasov*
Nandhini Anne*
Grant Burden
Sai Navya Reddy Busireddy
Neyda Carrillo
Bharath Cherukuru
Samuel Cornejo
Surya Vardhan Dama
Sierra Das*
Divya Dhole
Ray Elliott*
Antonio Escalante, Jr.
Tanya Evita George*
Sarah Gilbride*
Hayden Ginman
Gowtham Gopalakrishnan
Sai Laasya Gorantla*
Joshua Holmes
Bryan Jacobs*
Johnson Jeeva John Jacob
Cole Johnson*
Monica Tejaswi
Kommareddy
Siva Rohit Kondapaneni
Arjun Kumar
Rahul Kumar
Meghana Maringanti*
Akshay Mathur
Phillip McManus*
Shreemithra Naveen*
Kai Shuen Neo
Thi Hong Hanh Nguyen*
Praveen Pappala

Kaustubh Patil
Viswa Sampreethi Pilla
Yitian Qian*
Srinivasan P Selvi
Arumugam*
Smit Shah
Nadia Sharief*
Akash Srinivasan
Gowtham Theeda
Rajitha Reddy Tiruthani
Devendran Vemula
Daniel Wiesner*
Chris Wilburn

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CYBER AND INFORMATION OPERATIONS

Derek Dexter*
Steven Hicks*
Mike Smyczynski*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

Sharadhi A K*
Zeeshan Ali
Murali Krishna Aravapalli*
Alvaro Arteaga
Kazi Ashikuzzaman*
Jaya Krishna B*
Harika Devi Bandaru
Mani Bandla*
Sonam Banerjee*
Parminderjit Bangar
Sharma*

Naveen Baskar
Sai Manoj Reddy Bendram
Farnaz Bigdeli
Esteban Braganza
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Anuradha Chavan
Sarang Chavan*
Vishwas Chigateri
Nagabhushana*
Pranitha Chilvari
Bala Chandra Chinnala*
Vamsi Chinnam
Mayank Choudhary
Shravani Dosapati*
Manik Dua
Farzana Dudekula
Vivek Dwivedi
Manuel Escobar
Rohith Gadichanda
Pranal Gaikwad*
Subhrajeet Ghosh
Vaishakh Gireesh
Santosh Sanjay Gorityala*
Satwik Gudapati*
Puneeth Sai Charan
Raghavendra Gunturu*
Rishabh Gupta
Kalyani Gutta
Dhrithimanth Prabhu
Hejamady
Remi Hendershott
Nithin Jangid
Akshay Jayakumar*
Jeyaprakash Jayaraman
Anuj Jokhani
Pradeep Jondhale

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 Jasraj Singh Khalsa
 Mohammad Faizan Khan*
 Shweta Kirave
 Kalidasu Kokkiligadda*
 Mokshitha Koneru
 Deepak Vijayalu
 Krishnamurthy
 Ashish Kumar*
 Venkata Mahesh Kundurthi
 Clinton Kunnekkadan Johny
 Swetha Kusampudi
 Hemanth Kyatham*
 Karthik L V
 Madhan Lenin
 Gowtham Loganathan
 Rony Macwan
 Khyati Maddali
 Gillian McGinnis*
 Noreen Mithaigar
 Priyam Mohapatra
 Satya Savithri Mudunuri
 Abhijith Muralidharan
 Hari Prasad
 Murugasundaram*
 Niha Nadaf*
 Adarsha Nagaraja
 Shubham Nakhod
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 Rahul Ramesh Orakkan*
 Chengadir P*
 Bhavishya Pandit*
 Pooja Diwakar Pandit*
 Divyansh Pant*
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 Bhaskar
 Anil Kumar Petluri*

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 Bastian Pokorni
 Sabarish Prasanna
 Rohan Roy Choudhury
 Karthik S K
 Amir Saeed*
 Yogeshwar Sapkal
 Neetu Sasidharan*
 Jayaraj Sathnur Rachachar*
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 Ankit Sharma*
 Ishita Sharma
 Sharath Shivakumar
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 Aryan Singh
 Gagan Preet Singh*
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 Sumeet Singh*
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 Arun Sriraman*
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 Nanda Kumar
 Reddy Vattam*
 Ushabindu Velpula
 Saurav Verma*
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MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Vera Annette Anzaldua
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 George Ballenger
 Sarah Busbee*
 Jamie Chandler*
 Billy Coghill
 Kim Corley*
 Annie Dillon
 Emily Gallegos*
 Aaron George*
 Cynthia Gerber*
 Laura Gill*
 Casey Gipson*
 Mallory Grieve*
 Dianna Hackett*
 Jennifer Hubbell
 Lauren Hutchison*
 Emily Jefferson
 Jessie Kickert*
 Karin Kingsley
 Sammi Klas*
 Blanche La Salle Creamer
 Lawrence Lerma
 Rachel Martin*
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 Nellie Nano
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 Melissa Pepe
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* College of Information Science Distinguished Graduate Scholar

† Knowledge River Scholar

BACHELOR'S STUDENTS, CLASS OF 2025

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Award
Carolyn Zhao

*Leadership and Community
Engagement Award*
Caleb Kim

Student Success Award
Seulgi Chung

*Excellence in
Research Award*
Micah Stull

Merit Award
Scot Carpenter

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Fuad Uddin
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Collin Stout*²
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LeRoy Tuttle

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Sophia Schrader

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 Myles Williams
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 Marti Martin
 Liliana Repp*³
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 Janè Wang

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 Valerie Parra

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 Seulgi Chung*²
 Alec Fernandez
 Nate Hull
 Abel Toledo

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Gracelyn Buck
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Sydney Cook*³
Ashley Emer*³
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Avery Iverson
Jennifer Le*²
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Danitza Schmitt
Daniel Springer
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Yolanda Salas*¹
Jason Scissons

** College of Information Science Distinguished Undergraduate Scholar*

University of Arizona Bachelor's Degree Latin Honors:

- 1. Cum Laude (GPA of 3.5-3.699)*
- 2. Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.7-3.899)*
- 3. Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 3.9+)*



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