



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of
Information Science

FALL 2025 CONVOCATION

Class of 2025

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Grand Ballroom, Student Union Memorial Center
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

Catherine F. Brooks
Interim Dean
College of Information Science

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*

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

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE

Taniksha Kamble	Francisco Plaza Calle	MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
Akanksha Kesharwani*	Bastian Pokorni	Vera Annette Anzaldua
Jasraj Singh Khalsa	Sabarish Prasanna	Danielle Avalos*
Mohammad Faizan Khan*	Rohan Roy Choudhury	George Ballenger
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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR'S STUDENTS, CLASS OF 2025

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Award

Carolyn Zhao

Excellence in Research Award

Micah Stull

Leadership and Community Engagement Award

Engagement Award

Caleb Kim

Merit Award

Scot Carpenter

Student Success Award

Seulgi Chung

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

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Kaleb Sabo*¹
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Collin Stout*²
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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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