As the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences program continues to grow, so too do the opportunities that we are able to offer to our students. We are excited to have two new concentrations available to students:

**Technology Concentration**

The Technology Concentration provides students with the technology tools for a lifetime of learning and career achievement. The program is designed to fulfill the needs of students who wish to prepare for the challenges of today’s world by acquiring the skills and tools provided by a broadly based technology education. The goal of the program is to equip these students with that broad base of knowledge in technology and to provide them with the communication and language skills necessary for success in the marketplace and in life.

**Childhood and Adolescent Studies Concentration**

The Childhood and Adolescent Studies Concentration prepares individuals to work with children and adolescents in career environments related to school, youth related social service careers, health care, athletics, and other community settings. This concentration does not lead to a teacher certification. The interdisciplinary approach allows the student to learn about the unique perspectives of children and adolescents as they learn about the developmental and cognitive stages of childhood and adolescences.

Visit our website for more information: [https://msutexas.edu/academics/education/baas/index.php](https://msutexas.edu/academics/education/baas/index.php)

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**Congrats Ashton!**

Many of you have either met or spoken on the phone with our awesome student assistant, Ashton Frische. Ashton will be graduating with honors this December. She will earn a BS in Exercise Physiology with a minor in Psychology. In the Spring she will begin her Master’s studies in Social Work this Spring at the University of Texas at Arlington.

We are so proud of her and she is going to do great things!! ♥
Scenes from the May 2019 Graduation Ceremony
We want to take a moment to recognize and extend a special note of congratulations to our BAAS May and August graduates! We are so proud of every one of you and all of the hard work you have put forth to accomplish this goal. Best wishes for a bright future!

May 2019 Graduates
Robert Charles Adams
Jeron Christopher Amory
Avery Anton Blagg
Braden Scott Broussard
Brooke Rene Burnside
Tu-Quynh Nu Cao
Denise A. Culmer
Lara Lynne Dickerson
Keith Charles Dillman
Cheri G. Echevarria
Jason William Edwards
Ashley Lauren Fletcher
Skylar Lynn Franks
Jessica Nicole Guest
KayCee Reagan Hale-Rivers
Brooklyn Laural Hardy
Simon Munyaradzi Kadirire
Jorge F. Lucero
Jessica Corinne Mabry
Marcus Lee Martinez
Jarad Twain McCauley
Ashley Dawn McKee
James Anthony Miller
Rachel Y. Miyahara
Sara Gail Stanley Nelson

Kelly Oguinn-Harris
Eric James Olson
Chrstina Kiara Peoples
Heather Ellese Perryman
William Anthony Prince
Kelli Nicole Rangel
Natalie Rose Rodriguez
Elizabeth Romero
Sahira Yasel Sauceda
Katherine Eileen Sellars
Addison Danielle Semer
Karli Paige Smith
Lahoma Dawn Vaughn
Cally Barbara Wade
Paxton McKenzie Wade
Kyle Matthew Walsh
Christina Elizabeth Washington
Carrie Ann Watson
Lisa Christine Wegman
Tarah Renee Whatley
Michael Anthony Wolf
Yatender Yadav

August 2019 Graduates
Leah Gail Apple
Nicholas Ryan Barajas
Paula Marie Bromme
Kaitlyn C. Burge
John Harley Davison
Summer Kaye Ewing
Roberto Arturo Garcia Jr.
Tracy Catherine Gilmore
Jerry Lynn Henenberg
Kenneth Hayden Hoffman
Dillon Steven Klasse
Kelsey Elise Lance
Jason Dale Lawrence
Alicia Elaine Luna
Shyanne Dawn Martinez
Katelyn R. Mattes
Abigail Marie McWhorter
Rayven Rashad Skinner
Dale Patrick Stewart
Jill Kristine Walker
Samantha Lorraine Weber
Kendra Lee Wheeler
Jaslyn Br’naí Windham
Cheryl Lanai Womack
Adriana Zaragoza
BAAS Student Profiles

Name: Melinda Palmateer
Classification/Concentration: Junior/BAAS with a minor in Business Administration
Future Goals: I will graduate from MSU in December 2020. I am going to pursue my masters degree in Healthcare Administration here at MSU and then finally end up at a law school in Florida to get a Business Law degree.
Favorite Classes: So far in the BAAS program my favorite class has to be Organizational Behaviors. I really enjoy Dr. Kataria and her style of teaching. I really enjoy the class content as well because it helps you understand people in your workplace.
Advice to Fellow BAAS Students: The best advice I can give to my fellow students would be to make sure to stay on track. Procrastination is a very real thing that leads you to a failing grade. MSU professors do everything in their power for you to learn all the material, you just have to put in your effort!

Name: Lindsey Ponder
Classification/Concentration: Senior/Traditional BAAS
Future Goals: I will graduate in December 2019 and am starting an alternative certification program. I will be a certified teacher in May. I hope to teach junior high math or science.
Favorite Classes: My favorite classes have been any classes that involved education, and my science classes.
Advice to Fellow BAAS Students: I would tell fellow BAAS students not to let life get in the way of their dreams. Since we are mostly alternative students and are working and providing for families, it can be difficult to find time to get everything done. Stick with and be diligent about studying and homework, but don’t let it rule your life! We should all be so proud of the hard work and sacrifices we have to make, so be proud of yourself!!!

Please consider donating to the BAAS Program as a way of giving back! We offer small scholarships to support BAAS students who might need assistance with books, or small incidentals for their courses. Contributions to Midwestern State University are used exclusively for public purposes and deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the IRS code. You can make your BAAS Donation here!
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The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree is designed to offer students with workforce education, vocational-technical training and/or professional experience in occupational fields the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree. Such experienced professional/vocational students may obtain credit toward this degree via regionally accredited college-level course work and/or certain types of professional and educational training. Students who pursue the degree are required to complete the academic core requirements, thirty-six hours of advanced credit that is complementary to the vocational-technical or professional area, and any additional hours necessary to meet the 120-hour university requirement as stated in the catalog.

Consider Your Options

Graduation is an extremely exciting time, but it can also be a bit scary as students start to wonder what’s next.

Many BAAS students continue on to graduate school after the completion of their bachelor’s degree. Midwestern State University has several graduate school programs for students to consider. There are some fully online options for working adult students, such as Human Resource Development, Sport Administration, Criminal Justice, and Health Services Administration. You can see more information on all of the programs available at the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School website.

If you are considering teaching, MSU has an alternative certification preparation program, msUteach. This program prepares adults with a bachelor’s degree to become certified teachers in the state of Texas. The msUteach program is online and self-paced and a great option for those who want to work in the classroom.

If you are not interested in graduate school or post-baccalaureate programs at this time, but are actively looking to obtain employment, remember that the MSU Career Management Center is available to you. The MSU Career Management Center is a great resource for current students and alumni job seekers.

Many options open up to you as you complete your bachelor’s degree. We want to make sure that you have information available to you as you move forward and begin working toward your new goals. Good luck in all that you do!