



UNIVERSITY *of* ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH®

College of Health, Education,  
and Human Sciences

Class of 2024

**Surgical Technology  
Pinning and Awards  
Ceremony**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

## **Graduating Class of 2024**

Nathaly Artero - Van Buren, AR

Malekia Firestine - Fort Smith, AR

Cassie Aspen Gonzales - Fort Smith, AR

Iankel Gonzalez - El Dorado, TX

Allie King - Pea Ridge, AR

Chesney Lovell - Mountainburg, AR

Danely Lozano - Van Buren, AR

Joan Martinez - Fort Smith, AR

Yeimi Mendez - Fort Smith, AR

Shaylyn Roberts - Greenwood, AR

Madison Reneé Savage - Poteau, OK

Marilyn Vallis - Fort Smith, AR

Kaylee Yandell - Havana, AR

## **Class Officers**

Kaylee Yandell  
**President**

Danely Lozano  
**Vice President**

Malekia Firestine  
**Secretary**

Yeimi Mendez  
**Treasurer**

Madison Savage  
**Event Chairperson**



# Pinning Ceremony

Welcome .....Kaylee Yandell  
Class President

Introduction of Speaker .....Kaylee Yandell  
Class President

Guest Speaker .....Dr. Steve Smith

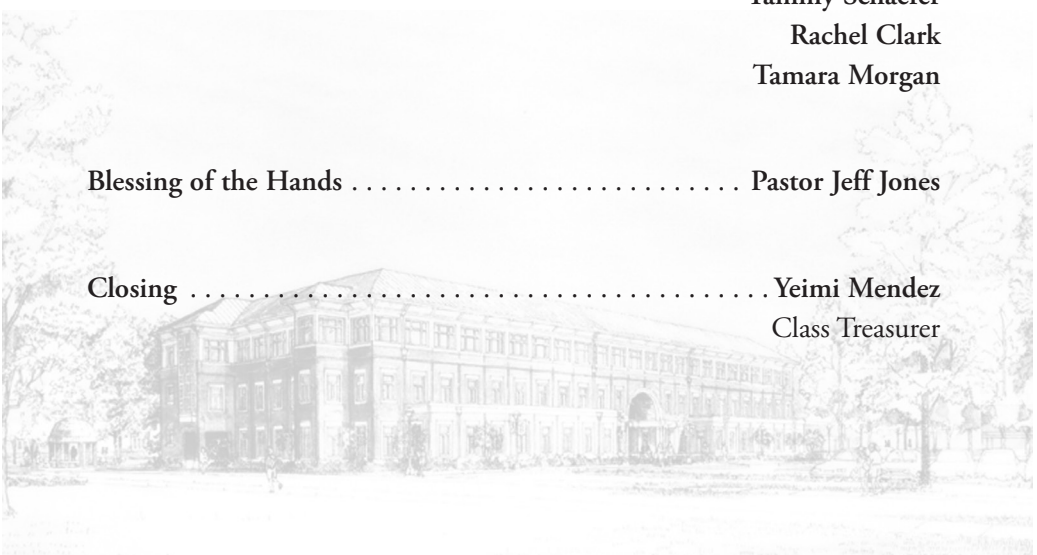
Gifts of Appreciation ..... Danely Lozano  
Class Vice President  
Malekia Firestine  
Class Secretary

Awards Presentation .....Ashley Smith  
Program Director

Pinning .....Ashley Smith  
Tammy Schaefer  
Rachel Clark  
Tamara Morgan

Blessing of the Hands ..... Pastor Jeff Jones

Closing .....Yeimi Mendez  
Class Treasurer



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Dr. Dean Cantú, Dean - College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences

Dr. Paula Julian, Associate Dean - College of Health, Education, and  
Human Sciences

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