2012 Fall Commencement

Fall 2012

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement-programs

Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "2012 Fall Commencement" (2012). Commencement Programs. 13.
https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement-programs/13

This brochure is brought to you for free and open access by the Office of Student Affairs at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Commencement Programs by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu.
TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL

FALL COMMENCEMENT

December 14, 2012
Hanner Fieldhouse
Statesboro, Georgia

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is a member institution of the University System of Georgia. It is one of the most comprehensive centers of higher education in Georgia. A residential campus of more than 20,500 students, Georgia Southern is one of the top universities of choice in Georgia for new freshmen and for HOPE Scholars. Students come from 49 U.S. states and 93 nations, bringing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.

The University’s hallmark is a superior educational experience with all of the benefits of a major university, but the feel of a much smaller college. It is this combination that serves as the foundation for the University's outstanding reputation for academic excellence and focus on its students. At Georgia Southern, our students value: a well-rounded college experience, a faculty where professors know their name and their first priority is teaching. In addition, students appreciate a campus environment that encourages learning and growing. With expanding graduate programs and opportunities for discovery, Georgia Southern University also embraces its research mission.

The University offers more than 120 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master and doctoral levels through eight colleges: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Education, Business Administration, Health and Human Sciences, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Science and Mathematics and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

The University is listed in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges and was named one of the top 10 most popular universities in the country in 2012. The University has also been recognized as one of the most military friendly schools by multiple publications including G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education. In addition, its outstanding College of Business Administration and Nursing programs continue to be recognized among the best in the country.

Founded in 1906 as a district agricultural school, Georgia Southern's century of history has built a tradition of spirit, pride and achievement. The institution advanced to become a teachers’ college, a senior college and in 1990 earned its status as the first university in the southern half of Georgia. Located in Statesboro, a safe, classic Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents northwest of Savannah, the University provides enriching cultural and educational opportunities to people of all ages, and reaches out to benefit the region and state through research and public service.

Georgia Southern University's more than 900-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in the state, featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic lakes and soaring pines. The historic heart of campus is a classic college portrait - red brick and white columns framed by live oaks and an archway of pecan trees. Beyond the circle of the original buildings, classic and contemporary lines blend in an expanding horizon of new facilities, connected by a paver-tiled walking boulevard called the Pedestrium. During the past decade, the University has witnessed extraordinary development with the construction of new academic, housing and athletic facilities. Continued enhancement and growth of the campus include a major expansion of the library, the Center for Art & Theatre, and additional fitness and recreational amenities.

Georgia Southern serves its Coastal Southeast region, state and Southeast United States through research and public services that promote educational, economic, cultural and social progress through creative solutions to regional challenges. Research varies from probing the genetic chemistry of disease-spreading parasites for keys to their biological control, to advancing the economic development of the region. Centers for business research and development, rural health, international studies, public affairs, teacher education, rehabilitation technology, water policy and biostatistics involve teams of experts working on regional and community concerns. The University extends educational opportunities through both undergraduate and graduate online degree programs and classes accessible from anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

Georgia Southern has gained recognition for its nationally competitive athletics program. The University's 15 Division I teams compete in the Southern Conference. Across-the-board commitment to excellence has resulted in an unprecedented six NCAA Football Championship Series (FCS) football national championships and NCAA participation in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, softball, women's tennis, women's track and field and volleyball.

The University also has an active alumni program serving more than 75,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include Country Music Star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA); Hala Moddelom, President, Arby's Restaurants; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-Fil-A.

For more information, visit the University's home page at www.georgiasouthern.edu.
ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Graduation with Honors
Undergraduate students who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

- **Grade Point Average:**
  - 3.5-3.6  *Cum Laude*
  - 3.7-3.8  *Magna Cum Laude*
  - 3.9-4.0  *Summa Cum Laude*

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and in their academic transcripts.

NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of graduates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. The fact of graduation and the receipt of honors are validated by the students’ permanent records which are kept by the Office of the Registrar.

University Honors Program Scholars
The University Honors Program offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the UHP designation.

University Honors Program 1906 Scholars
The 1906 Scholarship is the most prestigious award for incoming freshmen in the University Honors Program. In addition to their participation in the University Honors Program, these students enroll in a sequence of additional seminars dedicated to service, leadership and research.

THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

The Mace
Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the Moderator of the Faculty Senate at Georgia Southern University.

The Mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern’s link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

Regalia
The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowls for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today’s gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist. The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragere. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

Banners
Banners representing each of the eight Colleges, the Center for International Studies, and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signify the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrate the University’s academic programs.
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BANNERS

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

THE JACK N. AVERYTT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

THE JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

THE ZACH S. HENDERSON LIBRARY

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
## ACADEMIC COLORS

**Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies**
- **Light Blue**: Doctor of Education, Master of Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Engineering Technology
- **Apricot**: Doctor of Nursing Practice, Master of Science in Nursing
- **Citron**: Doctor of Psychology, Master of Science in Computer Science
- **Light Blue**: Education Specialist, Master of Accounting, Master of Arts in Teaching
- **Drab**: Master of Accounting, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Information Technology
- **White**: English, History, Social Science, Sociology, Spanish
- **Light Blue**: Master of Arts in Teaching
- **Drab**: Master of Business Administration
- **Light Blue**: Master of Education
- **Brown**: Master of Fine Arts
- **Pink**: Master of Music
- **Peacock Blue**: Master of Public Administration
- **Science Gold**: Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Psychology
- **Sage Green**: Kinesiology, Recreation Administration, Sport Management, Master of Science in Applied Engineering
- **Apricot**: Master of Science in Nursing
- **Orange**: Master of Technology

**Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health**
- **Salmon Pink**: Doctor of Public Health
- **Kelly Green**: Master of Healthcare Administration
- **Salmon Pink**: Master of Public Health

**Center for International Studies**
- **Aquamarine**: International Studies, Bachelor of Science in International Trade

**College of Business Administration**
- **Drab**: Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Business
- **Copper**: Economics, Bachelor of Science in Business
- **Maroon**: Hotel and Restaurant Management
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Construction

**College of Education**
- **Light Blue**: Bachelor of Science in Education

**Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology**
- **Science Gold**: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

**College of Health and Human Sciences**
- **Maroon**: Child and Family Development, Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Interior Design, Nutrition and Food Science
- **Sage Green**: Recreation, Sport Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Science, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
- **Apricot**: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**
- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Science Gold**: Anthropology, Communication Arts, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre, Writing and Linguistics
- **Brown**: Bachelor of Fine Arts
- **Gold & White**: Bachelor of General Studies
- **Pink**: Bachelor of Music
- **Silver**: Communication Studies, Journalism, Multimedia Communication
- **Crimson**: Political Science, Psychology, Public Relations
- **White**: Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications Management
- **Science Gold**: Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

**College of Science and Mathematics**
- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Science Gold**: Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Physics
- **Science Gold**: Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Bachelor of Science in Physics
Mr. Thomas Michael Deal, Registrar and Adjunct Instructor, who retired on March 1, 2012. Mr. Deal received his Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business from Georgia Southern College in 1974 and earned his Master of Education in Adult Education from Georgia Southern College in 1989. Joining Georgia Southern in 1982, Mr. Deal served as an Administrative Supervisor in the Office of the Registrar and was promoted in 1983 to Assistant Director of Records. In 1985, he was promoted to Associate Registrar and in 1988 became the acting Registrar. He served as the Registrar from 1990 until his retirement in March 2012. Throughout his career, Mr. Deal served on countless college and university committees, including the NCAA Re-certification Subcommittee for Academic Integrity, Business and Finance University Level Program Review Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, Student Information Steering Committee, Enrollment Management Council, Academic Standards Committee, Admissions Committee Co-Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Calendar Committee, representative for Georgia Southern to the University System Uniform Calendar Committee, and representative for Georgia Southern to the University System Academic Common Market Committee. He was known for giving his time selflessly, working with students, faculty, and the university community in general. Mr. Deal’s numerous professional affiliations include membership and service on the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, membership and positions in the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He also held positions on the University of Georgia Regents’ Advisory Committee on Records and Admissions and the Institutional Representative to College Board. For these and his many other contributions to the University and profession, Mr. Deal richly deserves to be honored posthumously as Registrar Emeritus.

Dr. Nancy Bishop Dessommes, Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Dessommes received her A.F.A. in Music (1973) from Young Harris College, her B.A. (1975) from Georgia Southern College, her M.A. (1978) from Auburn University, and her Ph.D. (2006) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania upon completing her dissertation, Whiteness and Resistance: Investigating Student Concepts of White Privilege in the Writing Classroom. In a professional career of over 30 years, Dr. Dessommes began teaching at Georgia Southern in 1983 as a temporary instructor in the Department of English and Philosophy and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1995. In 2001, she joined the faculty of the Department of Writing and Linguistics. During her 24 years of service to Georgia Southern University, Dr. Dessommes served on numerous committees, including search committees and as a board member for the Center for Irish Studies. Among her scholarly activities were publications on distance education, literature, and popular culture and frequent presentations at two important national conferences: Conference on College Composition and Communication and the National Council of Teachers of English conference. Presentations at regional conferences showcased her interest in popular culture, literature, and the scholarship of teaching. She served the profession as co-chair of the Student Success in First-Year Writing conference, which brought high-school teachers and university faculty together to discuss student transition from secondary education to college, and as an active fellow of the Georgia Southern Writing Project. In recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the department, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the University, and the profession, Dr. Nancy Bishop Dessommes is awarded the title of Assistant Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. Mary Hadley, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Hadley received her B.A. with Honors (1970) from Leeds University in England, her M.S. (1987) and Ph.D. (2000) from Central Connecticut State University, and her Ph.D. (2000) from University of Reading, England. In a professional career spanning over 30 years, Dr. Hadley began by teaching English as a second language in the private sector before moving into high school and college teaching. In 1994 she joined the faculty of the Department of English and Philosophy at Georgia Southern, and in 1997 she became the first member of the faculty of Writing and Linguistics and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2003. During her tenure at Georgia Southern University, she received the CLASS Excellence in Scholarship Award and the First-Year Experience Instructor of the Year Award (2005). In addition to publishing pedagogical pieces on teaching English as a second language in TESOL in Action and Modern English Teacher and presenting conference presentations, she pursued her scholarly interest in crime fiction by publishing the book British Women Mystery Writers (2002) and co-editing a collection of essays on Minette Walters (2008). With her husband, she co-authored a series of mystery novels under the pen name of Mary Charles. During her 18 years at Georgia Southern, she served on more than 30 departmental, college, and University committees. A notable contribution to the profession came with her role for several years as co-chair for the Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference, a conference which brought high-school teachers and university faculty together to discuss student transition from secondary education to college; she also served the profession by Americanizing classical fairy tales for young ESL readers for Pearson Publishing. In recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the University, College, University, and the profession, Dr. Mary Hadley is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. Janice H. Kennedy, Professor of Psychology, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Kennedy was educated at Georgia State University, earning a B.S., M.A., and a Ph.D. degree in developmental psychology. She came to Georgia Southern University in 1984, rising to the rank of professor in 1995. At the time of her retirement, she will have provided Georgia Southern University with 28 years of distinguished service. Dr. Kennedy is known for her high standards in teaching and has developed and taught 19 different courses during her career. Included among these are creative courses, such as The Child in Historical Context, that were part of the study abroad program. Dr. Kennedy has been a model colleague in her service, which includes chairing 11 faculty search committees at the departmental level, and service on college and university committees such as the Institutional Review Board. At a time when the University did not stress scholarship, Dr. Kennedy maintained a productive and ongoing research program that involved students. She supervised dozens of undergraduate and graduate students in their research on psychological development, including presentations of their work at professional conferences and publications in professional journals. Dr. Kennedy also chaired 12 masters’ thesis committees and was a member of many others. In these efforts, she offered students a rich and in-depth understanding of psychological scholarship and the academic life. Her well-rounded work was recognized by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in 2008, which awarded her the Ruffin Cup, its highest honor. For her many notable contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Janice H. Kennedy merits the title of Professor Emerita of Psychology.

Dr. Barbara A. Price, Professor of Quantitative Analysis, who is retiring on December 31, 2012. Dr. Price earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Grove City College (1969) and her Master of Science (1971) and Doctor of Philosophy (1973) degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She began her academic career with teaching faculty appointments at New River Community College and Radford University. Her dual career marriage with husband Stan resulted in moves to faculty positions at Mississippi State University, Lynchburg College, and Winthrop University. At the time of her retirement, she will have given 16 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1996, Dr. Price served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Information Systems and Technology until 2001. At that time, she returned to the classroom, most recently as a Founding Director of the School of Information Technology—a post she held for two years. Since 2003, she has served as Professor of Quantitative Analysis and, for one year, also as Director of Student
Dr. Ronald E. Shiffler, Dean and Professor Emeritus of the College of Business Administration (COBA), who retired July 31, 2012. Dr. Shiffler earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of Science in mathematics from Bucknell University, a Master of Statistics and a Doctor of Philosophy in statistics (1980) from the University of Florida. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Shiffler provided 10 years of distinguished service as dean of the College of Business Administration, including almost five years’ service also as the interim dean of the College of Information Technology. Dr. Shiffler held previous faculty positions at Georgia State University and the University of Louisville. Prior to joining the faculty at Georgia Southern, Dr. Shiffler was dean of the College of Business at Western Carolina University for six years. In his early academic career as a faculty member, Dr. Shiffler won numerous teaching awards, published over two dozen scholarly journal articles, and wrote two statistics textbooks. At Georgia Southern, he is credited with launching many new degree programs, including the University’s first-ever Doctor of Philosophy in logistics and supply chain management. He was an advocate of online education and led the development and introduction of online master’s degrees in applied economics, accounting, computer science, and the Executive MBA. Dr. Shiffler served as lead dean for the Georgia WebMBA program, a consortium of six University System of Georgia institutions that jointly offer an online MBA degree. Under his leadership, the Georgia WebMBA program earned national and international recognition and rankings from leading internet media. Dr. Shiffler was active with AACSB, the international accrediting agency for business schools. He led three successful reaccreditations as dean and served on the AACSB’s Board of Georgia Southern Committee, Accreditation Committee, the AQ Bridge Program, and the Distance/Online Education Task Force. In addition, Dr. Shiffler served on over two dozen peer review teams for domestic and international business schools. Dr. Shiffler was committed to marketing and promoting COBA. Each week for 10 years, he wrote and distributed to over 6,000 subscribers the Daily Update, an electronic newsletter that championed faculty accomplishments and COBA activities and included the ever-popular “fearless football forecast” in fall editions. With faculty help, he started and sustained efforts to contribute weekly columns to Savannah newspapers, headline a “Business Monday” segment on a local talk radio show, and produce a daily “Market Minute” radio spot that wrapped up the day’s activities in financial markets. Partnering with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA), Dr. Shiffler helped create the City Campus and E-Zone on East Main Street. The partnership with the DSDA led to a COBA video show, Business Beat, which highlighted business activities in Statesboro and Bulloch County. In the community Dr. Shiffler served as chairman of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors for the Coastal Regional Commission, and as president of the Southern Business Administration Association. For his many distinguished contributions to COBA, the University, the profession, and the community, Dr. Ronald E. Shiffler has earned the title of Dean and Professor Emeritus of the College of Business Administration.

HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly-selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their profession, or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

BETTY FOY SANDERS
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS
ALLEN E. PAULSON
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT
WILLIAM FREEMAN
EMMA KELLY
EUGENE M. BISHOP
HALA MODDLEM OG

Doctor of Fine Arts August 11, 1996
Doctor of Laws August 11, 1996
Doctor of Science June 14, 1997
Doctor of Humane Letters December 8, 1997
Doctor of Letters June 14, 1998
Doctor of Humane Letters December 19, 1998
Doctor of Letters May 8, 1999
Doctor of Fine Arts May 9, 1999
Doctor of Letters May 13, 2000
Doctor of Letters May 5, 2007
College of Education
Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
College of Health and Human Sciences
9:00 A.M. Ceremony

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
JOHN R. DIEBOLT, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor, Jack
N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
MING FANG HE, Ph.D., Professor, Curriculum, Foundations,
and Reading

College of Education
BRENDA G. CALLAHAN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,
Leadership, Technology, and Human Development
DEVON JENSEN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Leadership,
Technology, and Human Development

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
EVANS AFRYIE-GYAWU, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,
Environmental Health Sciences
JAMES H. STEPHENS, D.H.A., Assistant Professor, Health
Policy and Management

College of Health and Human Sciences
JAMES L. MCMILLAN, Ed.D., Associate Professor and Chair,
Health and Kinesiology
JOHN G. PEDEN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Human
Ecology

READERS
College of Education
KYMBERLY DRAWDY, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Teaching
and Learning
JULIE G. MAUDLIN, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Teaching and
Learning

College of Health and Human Sciences
HENRY A. EISENHART, Ph.D., Professor, School of Human
Ecology
BARRY A. MUNKASY, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Health and
Kinesiology

THE PLATFORM PARTY
BROOKS A. KEEL, Ph.D., President
LEONARD BEVILL, President and Chief Executive Officer of
Macon Occupational Medicine
JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs
RONALD J. CORE, Ed.D., Vice President for Business and
Finance
SALINDA A. ARTHUR, M.S., Vice President for University
Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University
Foundation
TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Student
Affairs and Enrollment Management
STEVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.S., Vice President for Information
Technology/Chief Information Officer
CHARLES E. PATTERSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Research
and Economic Development and Dean, Jack N. Averitt College
of Graduate Studies
RUSSELL T. KEEN, B.B.A., Vice President for Government
Relations and Community Engagement
THOMAS R. KOBALLA, JR., Ph.D., Dean, College of Education
A. BARRY JOYNER, Ph.D., Dean, College of Health and Human
Sciences
R.GREGORY EVANS, Ph.D., Dean, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of
Public Health
FREDERIC D. MYNARD, Ph.D., Moderator, Faculty Senate
VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., Registrar
PROGRAM

*PROCESSIONAL  *Pomp and Circumstance* (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by Edward Elgar
Performed by: MICHAEL BRAZ, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Music

Macebearer  FREDERIC D. MYNARD, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT  PROVOST BARTELS
WELCOME  PRESIDENT KEEL
MEDITATION  DEAN EVANS
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  DEAN JOYNER
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  MR. BEVILL

RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS STAFF AND FACULTY  PROVOST BARTELS
CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES  PRESIDENT KEEL
DEAN PATTERSON
DEAN EVANS

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES  PROVOST BARTELS

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES  PRESIDENT KEEL
PROVOST BARTELS
DEAN KOBALLA
DEAN JOYNER

*ALMA MATER  ROBERT DASHAWN FIGUEROA, Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music, Music Education

*RECESSIONAL  *Wedding Day at Troldhaugen* by Grieg
Performed by: MICHAEL BRAZ, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Music

*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.
Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Christie A. Dunham
B.S., Armstrong State College, 1991
M.Ed., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 1999
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2004
Dissertation: Principals Roles and Responsibilities in Technology Integration in Rural Georgia
Major Professor: Linda Arthur, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Tim M. Tilley
B.S.Ed., Auburn University, 1988
M.Ed., Auburn University, 1991
Ed.S., State University of West Georgia, 2002
Dissertation: How Georgia Elementary School Principals Manage Difficult Teachers
Major Professor: Linda Arthur, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Todd Douglas Veland
B.A., University of South Alabama, 1998
M.A., University of Alabama-Huntsville, 2001
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2006
Dissertation: A Study of Dispositions of Transformational Leaders in Georgia High Schools
Major Professor: Linda Arthur, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Pamela Jones McKinnon
B.S., Georgia Southern College, 1988
M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1992
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 1994
Dissertation: Academic Optimism of Schools and Student Achievement
Major Professor: Paul M. Brinson, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
James George Pulos
B.S., University of Maryland, 1997
M.S., Troy State University, 1999
Ed.S., NOVA Southeastern University, 2007
Dissertation: Principals and the Professional Victim Syndrome
Major Professor: Paul M. Brinson, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Vern Lenardo Mamon
B.S., Grambling State University, 1977
M.A.T., Grambling State University, 1987
Ed.S., Troy State University, 2004
Dissertation: An Analysis of Secondary School Teachers’ Perceptions of Block Scheduling
Major Professor: Lucindia Chance, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Daniel William Caldwell
B.B.A., Armstrong State College, 1976
M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 2000
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2007
Dissertation: Educating Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom: Efficacy, Attitudes, and Differentiation of Instruction
Major Professor: James E. Green, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Leslie Carole Forcina
B.A., Villanova University, 1988
M.Ed., Temple University, 1989
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2004
Dissertation: Social Emotional Competence and Teacher Stress
Major Professor: James E. Green, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Sharon Delaney Swift
B.S.Ed., University of South Florida, 1992
M.S., Eastern Kentucky University, 1998
Ed.S., Augusta State University, 2009
Dissertation: The Relationship of Select Admissions Criteria to Pre-Licensure Requirements in a Graduate Degree Program in Occupational Therapy
Major Professor: James E. Green, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Eugene Walker
B.S.E.E.T., Savannah State College, 1985
M.Ed., Lesley University, 2004
Ed.S., Albany State University, 2005
Dissertation: Principal’s Role in a Teacher Induction Program: A Collective Case Study
Major Professor: James E. Green, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Karen Durrence Bland
B.S.Ed., Georgia Southern College, 1987
M.Ed., Georgia Southern College, 1990
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 1992
Dissertation: Relationship of Collaborative School Culture and School Achievement
Major Professor: Jason LaFrance, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Malinda B. Cobb
B.A., Newberry College, 1995
M.Ed., Georgia State University, 2000
Ed.S., Augusta State University, 2005
Dissertation: Examining the Association between Teacher Political Efficacy and Educational Policy Engagement
Major Professor: Jason LaFrance, Ed.D.
Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Rodney Jay Williams
  B.A., Benedict College, 2000
  M.Ed., University of Oklahoma, 2002
  Ed.S., Nova Southeastern University, 2004
  Dissertation: High School Administrators' Perception of the Effectiveness of Professional Development
  Major Professor: Jason LaFrance, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Kimberly Ann Robinson
  B.S., Georgia Southern University, 1995
  M.H.S.A., Georgia Southern University, 2004
  Major Professor: Brenda Marina, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Charles R. Hall, Sr.
  B.S., Medical College of Georgia, 1994
  M.S., Medical College of Georgia, 1999
  Dissertation: Factors Associated with Adult Literacy Student Outcomes in Campus-based versus Community-based Programs
  Major Professor: Teri Denlea Melton, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Jacquelyn Leigh Galphin Mesco
  B.F.A., University of North Texas, 1981
  M.Ed., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2001
  Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2003
  Dissertation: The Relationship between Job Satisfaction and Montessori Training in Public Montessori Teachers
  Major Professor: Teri Denlea Melton, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Charity Clare Roberts
  B.S.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1993
  M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1997
  Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2002
  Dissertation: Parent Perceptions of Georgia Special Needs Scholarship
  Major Professor: Teri Denlea Melton, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Veronica Lawrence
  B.S., Paine College, 1987
  M.Ed., Brenau University, 1996
  Ed.S., Troy State University, 1997
  Dissertation: An Exploratory Study of Principals’ and Teachers’ Perceptions of School Work Conditions
  Major Professor: Susan B. Trimble, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Educational Administration
Karen Waters Manahan
  B.A., Berry College, 1984
  M.A., Adams State College, 1989
  Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2003
  Dissertation: Student Achievement, Suspensions, and African American Males
  Major Professor: Denise M. Weems, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Janice Lynn Reyes
  B.B.A., Columbus State University, 1997
  M.Ed., Brenau University, 2007
  Ed.S., Georgia State University, 2009
  Dissertation: Equal or Not? An Exploration of Eighth-Grade Students’ Experience of Algebra
  Major Professor: Yasar Bodur, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Gwyneira Yvette Dixon Ledford
  B.S.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 2002
  M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 2005
  Dissertation: The Myth of Black Inferiority: A Dogmatic Transference of Trauma
  Major Professor: Daniel Chapman, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Michael James Ryan
  B.M., State University of New York at Postdam, 1982
  M.M., University of Georgia, 1986
  Dissertation: Moments When the Weak Gained Ground: Viral Video as a Curriculum of People
  Major Professor: Daniel Chapman, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Jenny Rebecca McClintic
  B.S.Ed., Georgia Southwestern College, 1993
  M.Ed., Georgia Southwestern State University, 1996
  Ed.S., Georgia Southwestern State University, 1998
  Dissertation: Empowering Students with Asperger’s
  Major Professor: Grigory Dmitriyev, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Robin Williamson Tyson
  B.S., Valdosta State College, 1989
  M.S., Troy University, 2006
  Dissertation: Revitalizing Indigenous Languages and Culture and Preserving Indigenous Knowledge Through Storywork
  Major Professor: Ming Fang He, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Laura Jean Rychly
  B.S.Ed., University of Georgia, 2004
  M.Ed., University of Georgia, 2005
  Dissertation: Beyond the Death of the Teacher: Reimagining Life in Classrooms through Receptive Discourse
  Major Professor: Julie G. Maudlin, Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Domenica Devine
  B.S., California State University, 1996
  M.S., University of California, 2003
  Dissertation: Curriculum Circus: Juggling Curriculum, Science, and Circus
  Major Professor: Marla B. Morris, Ph.D.
Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Mark Eric Linsky
B.A., West Virginia State University, 1991
M.A.T., Marshall University, 1994
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2005
Dissertation: Jung at Heart: A Meditation on Illness, Yoga, Jung, and Curriculum
Major Professor: Marla B. Morris, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Leslie Burrell-Sahl Nissen
B.S., Georgia Southern College, 1976
M.Ed., Georgia Southern College, 1980
Dissertation: Curriculum and the Life Erratic: The Geographic Cure
Major Professor: Marla B. Morris, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
John Lawrence Sutlive
B.A., University of Georgia, 1987
M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1993
Dissertation: An Analysis of the Culture of Consumption and the Commercialization of School
Major Professor: Marla B. Morris, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Deborah Burnette
B.S., Armstrong State College, 1992
M.S., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 1996
Dissertation: Casting Minority Gifted Students: The Pedagogical Impact of Cinema on the Culture of Schooling
Major Professor: John A. Weaver, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Carol Lynn Denis
B.S.Ed., Armstrong State College, 1992
M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1996
Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 1999
Dissertation: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity and Bronfenbrenner’s Ecology of Human Development
Major Professor: John A. Weaver, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Patra Mara Rickman
B.A., Georgia State University, 1998
M.Ed., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2006
Dissertation: The Post Modern Prometheus: Are we Bio-Engineering our Children?
Major Professor: John A. Weaver, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Curriculum Studies
Anita Lumpkin-Barnett
B.S.Ed., University of Georgia, 1984
M.Ed., University of Georgia, 1985
Ed.S., Piedmont College, 2006
Dissertation: Rejecting Societies Mirror Image: Identifying Factors that Attribute to Academic Success of African American Males
Major Professor: Meca R. Williams-Johnson, Ph.D.

JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Doctor of Public Health
Biostatistics
Macaulay Sunday Okwuokenye
B.Ph., Obafemi Awolowo University, 2003
M.P.H., Georgia Southern University, 2009
Dissertation: Size and Power of Tests of Hypotheses on Parameters when Modeling Time-to-Event Data with the Lindley Distribution
Major Professor: Karl E. Peace, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Community Health Behavior and Education
Cheryl Lynn Robinson Gaddis
B.S., Spelman College, 1995
M.P.H., Mercer University School of Medicine, 2001
Dissertation: Do the Opportunities Offered during the School Day Provide the Recommended Physical Activity Levels for Children? An Assessment of the Upson County Pre-Kindergarten and Elementary School Physical Activity Occurrences
Major Professor: Moya Alfonso, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Community Health Behavior and Education
Joy Darlene Goens Thomas
B.S., Florida State University, 2001
M.S.P.H., University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2009
Major Professor: Moya Alfonso, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Community Health Behavior and Education
Emmanuel Nii Okai Clottey
B.Sc., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, 1992
M.Div., International Leadership University, 1996
M.Th., Africa International University, 2003
M.P.H., University of Iowa, 2008
Dissertation: African American Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren in Rural Areas: A Phenomenological Investigation in South Georgia
Major Professor: Moya Alfonso, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Community Health Behavior and Education
Nandi Aliya Marshall
B.A., Spelman College, 2004
M.P.H., East Stroudsburg University, 2006
Dissertation: Expanding the Understanding of the Social Determinants of Health to Support Community Readiness for Change
Major Professor: Carolyn D. Woodhouse, Ed.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Public Health Leadership
Mary King Mathis
B.A., Wesleyan College, 1998
M.P.H., Mercer University School of Medicine, 2000
Dissertation: The Influence of Federally Qualified Health Center Access on Ambulatory Care Sensitive Chronic Conditions
Major Professor: Gerald Ledlow, Ph.D.
JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE
OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Education Specialist
Laticia Janel Adams
Lesa Marcequette Brown
Tammy LaWanna Brown
Anna Barre Campbell
Kiffiny Ward Carter
Kristen Rand Cerny
Janita Lynn Cobb
Tiffany Nicole Davis
Renanda Wood Dear
Richard Kevin Edgeworth
Amy Elizabeth Edger
Jessica Lynn Ehrlich
Trina Ann Galvin
Aida M. Gonzalez-Gerst
Kera G. Grant
Cynthia M. Griffin
Felicia Evonne Harley
Eric Wayne Heady
Ashley Sheneese Hill
Krasandra Smallwood Holmes
Larry Vernon Johnson
Ashley Elizabeth Byrd Kittrell
Jessica Ann Loiacono
Ashley Erin Campbell
Brandi Nichole Cameron
Stacy Eujeania Calhoun
Sonya D. Burroughs
Candace Marie Brookshire
Caroline Janas Bradford
Candace Marie Brookshire
Sonya D. Burroughs
Stacy Eujeania Calhoun
Brandi Nichole Cameron
Ashley Erin Campbell
Jennifer Chris Castellanos
Michael Andrew Chambliss
Heather Renee Cheek
Crystal Michele Clark
Alba Cobos
Megan L. Collins
Effie Alanna Boatwright Cowart
Aubrey Ann Cox
Christina M. Curley
Rena Mae Davis
Nalanta Cherie Dawsey
Angela Rebecca Denney
Georgia Gray Gibbs Dess
Kaylie Kathryn Drewrell
Ayoko Dogbe
Angel Nicole Douglas
Jaclyn Marie Esqueda
Brittany Nicole Fine
Tami M. Fleming
Margaret Corinne Flynt
Marla Senn Foskey
Ashley Elizabeth Friend
Whitney Len Gale
Sarah Bennett Garrison
Vanessa M. Gilbert
Heather Lea Gillespie
James Douglas Goss
Celia Bowen Gossett
Jeremiah Thomas Graham
Erika Lanita Hagan
Kayleigh Dawn Harkins
Amanda Fleming Harris
Jamie Alexander Helms
Mitzi Bond Helms
Lisa Ann Hendrix
Wendy Michele Hester
Leslie E. Hicks
Christopher Adam Hogue
Jacob Tyler Horne
Suzette Monica Hosler
Jenna Leigh Hyers
Christy Stanfill Jacobs
Taldonia Wynn Jenkins
Quintara Ashley Jernigan
Ashlea S. Johnson
Natalie Maria Johnson
William Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Kimberly Ann Johnston
Diana Stanley Jones
Christopher Leon Kahley
Stephen Justin Keith
Kathryn Parr Kelley
Geoffrey Lee Kennedy
Amber Joy Kestler
Gicorey T. Keys
Melanie Walden Kilgore
Jill Parris Lang
Jeffrey Scott Lavinder
Felicia Hardin Lewis
Elisa Palmer Long
Angela D. Lormis
Shalisa Marie Love
M. Kate Maine
Patrycja Anna Manning
Whitney Tankersley Manz
Stephen R. Martell
Kristen Aguilar Maxwell
Lillie Henry McPhee
Lesley J. Metts
Julie L. Morris
Debra Ann Morris-Motley
Terri L. Mylander
Genie Leigh Nall
Alisha Farrand New
Jordan L. Northenor
Jessica Nicole Oglesby
Kimberly Amber O'Neill Stoy
Christy K. Orr
Christopher James Owens
Jessica Lynn Owens
Lisa Lynn Paez
Bhaviika S. Patel
Kimberly Darcell Perez
Lindsey Sutton Pilgrim
Ginger Leanne Pittman
Robert Corey Pittman
Alyssa Hope Prater
Leigh Elizabeth Prosser
Brandi Lynn Purser
Takiiyah Tia Ra'Aid
Fabrian A. Rankine
Meghan Lynn Roberts
Connie Hinson Ryals
Jesse David Scott
Jacqueline Sherlin
Erica Renee Shirley
Steven Alden Simpson
Joyce Ann Smith
Rebecca Emily Smith
Heidi Jo Stevens
Rachel Thigpen Stewart
Ashley Allen Summers
Amy Kathryn Tapley
Stephanie Annette Tatum
Amber Nikole Taylor
Caramy Adrienne Taylor
Kelly Taylor
Brittany Lauren Thomas
Pamela Regina Thomas
Jill Elaine Tomberlin
Lacey Nicole Toothman
Justin Trifon
Laine Paige Vilardi
Linda McPhee Pearson Walker
Scarlett McIntosh Walker
Melinda Marie Walsh
Erin Paige Warren
Justin Robert West
Deidre Marianna White
Jennifer Nicole Whitlow
Heather Ann Williams
Zelonia Lotoya Alfrieda Williams
Cynthia Suzanne Woods
Whiteford Baker Woodward IV
Sandra Wootten
Qiana Odette Worlds
Mary Catherine Young

Master of Arts in Teaching
Brian Wesley Dotson
Jessica Nicole Heilmann
Georgia Cox Starling
Rachel Renee Stroman

Master of Education
Julia Gillespie Anderson
John Carter Angelle
Leah Kathryn Beasley
Tina Sapp Benner
Rayner Mathias Bettendorf
Walter Bryan Boone
Toni Maria Bowers
Caroline Janas Bradford
Candace Marie Brookshire
Sonya D. Burroughs
Stacy Eujeania Calhoun
Brandi Nichole Cameron
Ashley Erin Campbell
Jennifer Chris Castellanos

‡ Posthumous
Joseph Lemuel Moore
Austen Lee Peacock
Amber Camille Porter
Claude James Stiltz II
Hollis Lynn Theard

JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE
OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Master of Healthcare Administration
Jimmie Lee Fowler III
Karishma Jigar Patel

Master of Public Health
Hasan Khalid Al-Sayegh
Kimberly Jean Curtis
Stephanie Marie Goff
I-sa Ni-kole Jenkins
Eboney Denise Kirkwood
Asa Yvette Renfroe
Erica Hunter Wallace

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Education
Leaha Michelle Adams
Samantha Paige Anderson
Summa Cum Laude
Amanda Kathleen Arasmith
Summa Cum Laude
University Honors Program Scholar
Denis Baltazar Avendano
Jillian Brooke Becton
Jenny Elizabeth Bowen
Tiffany Nicolle Bradley
Maureen Teresa Breen
Cum Laude
Richard Trent Brown
Cum Laude
Morgan Rae Callaway
Keauna Nicole Carlton
Kayla Elizabeth Claxton
Dently Tylor Crews
Lindsay Michelle Crosby
Bennett Richardson Curtis
Suzanna Marie Dann
Keisha Latrelle Davis
Caroline Elizabeth Dean
Richard Christopher Denoia
Valerie Johnson Douglas
Alexandria C. Earls
Miranda D. Edenfield
Brittney Vaughn Evors
Erika Danielle Fulton
Jessie Tamara Grier
Jenna Allyson Gutknecht
Emily Ann Halverson
Magna Cum Laude
James David Kirkland III
Laurie Michele Kutmier
Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Hope Lanter
Magna Cum Laude
Kelly Ann LaSala
Cum Laude
Elizabeth M. Love
Amanda Marie Marks
Magna Cum Laude
Brittani Nicole Martin
Magna Cum Laude
Alison Marie Mathis
KeErica Dershawn Matthews
Jessica Brooke McDaniel
Corrie Lynn McIlrath
Ashley Chantell McKenzie
Ellen Hogan Meier
Vanessa Elizabeth Melton
Brianne Nicole Moody
Michelle Christine Newbold
Cum Laude
Savannah Evon Norman
Summa Cum Laude
Joshua Lance Payne
Emily Kate Pedrick
Cum Laude
Akeyla Marie Peele
Ashlei Bonique Perkins
Amber Michelle Pollette
Elizabeth Ann Powell
Marla Erin Price
Summa Cum Laude
David Randall Pritchett
Lindsay Jordan Purvis
Cum Laude
Anna Jordan Ray
Chelsea Lynn Reczek
Jennie Rae Register
Danielle Elizabeth Rockel
Elizabeth Wren Rucker
Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Ann Sellers
Allison Ree Steinhaus
Cum Laude
Emmitt Chesley Taylor
Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Linette Taylor
Cleyon Russell Turner
Kelli Elizabeth Twigg
Ciara Briana Tyce
James Vessels
Cum Laude
Derek Von Waldner
Diandra Patrice Walker
Soukeyna Danielle Walker
Laura Lynn Wells
Bonnie Jean Wetherington
Siterro Anreka Wheeler
Stacey E. Wilburn
Dale Steven Wilson
Kayla Nicole Wilson
Kristin Leigh Windham
Quintaya Kierra Womble

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SCIENCES
Bachelor of Science
Cornelius Adebiyi Adu

Lidia Ahmetovic
Paola Andrea Aldana
Summa Cum Laude
Matthew Brandon Anderson
Anthony Carnell Ashley
Nathan D. Baker
Mary Katherine Balch
Sarah Daisy Boarman
Kenderrick Marquise Bonner
Corey Lee Brown
Chicarra Telia Burns
Bryan William Bush
Jeon Latrice Carter
Dominique Kristen Charles
Christine Catherine Chianumba
Janelle Samantha Clarke
William Frazier Clement
Paul David Gerard Cobb
Abbye Leigh Coody
Spencer Thomas Cornelia
Patricia Ann Counce
Leah Catherine Crooke
Courtney Lynn Dahlin
Gina Dorothy D'Angelo
Zachary Michael Darr
Caitlyn Alisa Davidian
Daniel Thomas Dixon
Jessica Lynne Dixon
Shawn Richard Donalty
Catina Maria Drew
Dion Lymnard Dubose
Daniel D. K. Edwards
Hanna Kaye Ennis
Cum Laude
Markus Deon Farmer
Michael Earl Flen
Dominique Sierra Francis
Malia Angelic Fredrick
Holly Duncan Fritz
Courtney Michelle Glenn
Stephanie Ann Halvorsen
Courtney Michelle Hardy
Kevin Andrew Harrington
Porsha La'Shawn Hatter
Megan Grace Herrin
Macie Lauren Hinson
Glenn Edgar Hodges II
Joshua Mark Horton
Jeremy Lee Hughes
Nelson Osaremen Igbioniova
Christina Nicole Ingle
Emily Kaitlynn Jezioriski
Ashlee Lauren Johnson
Jessica Ravin Johnson
Megan Elizabeth Jones
Miles Antwan Judson
Cameron Kashani
Kelsey Crawford Kerr
Krisy Alice King
Jessica Sarah Layfield
Zakiya Shenita Lescott
Sara Emily Levy
Mary Elizabeth Lewis
Gary James Mata
Stacey Alexis McCalmon
Alexander McGorray
Meagan Danielle McGahee
Brian McKesson
Lauren Marie Mitchell
Cum Laude
Melanie C. Moisao
Sarah Elizabeth Moore
*Magna Cum Laude*
Meghan Cory Morgan
Jonathan Matthew Moser
Robert Williamson Murdoch
Stephanie Alexandrea Nall
Miranda Marie Newsome
Andrea Nichole Noah
Alison Shirley Parham
Taylor Ryan Parkerson
Brittney Paige Peurifoy
Alicia Connie Pierce
Katie Elizabeth Pollard
*Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa René Price
Caitlan Marie Pursley
Rebecca Leigh Rawski
*Magna Cum Laude*
Tamia Shea Rhodes
Patrick Sean Robertson
Adam James Rooks
Madden Jean Sandlin
*Cum Laude*
Sandee Addison Santee
Wesley Joseph Schlomer
Eric Daniel Schroff
Nicolette James Simmons
Hannah Alicia Smith
Jane Elizabeth Smith
Melissa Kay Smith
Olivia Barbara Stima
*Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew William Stoneking
Branko Alois Stopnik
Matthew Jon Tanner
Amadea Jean Taylor
Jason David Taylor
Lindsey Jean Taylor
Brittney Tiara Thomas
Lindsey Marissa Thompson
Tyler Matthew Thompson
Christopher Dwayne Walker
Natalie Anne Walton
Linsy Brooke West
Whitney Sierra Westbrook-Haynes
Matthew John Wilson
Alaina Brooke Wood

*Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology*
Peter Oluwafemi Ayoade
Colby Dennis Barthelemy
William Anthony Brinson
Philip Vincent Benjamin Campbell
Rudi Diana Carcatera
Ronald Jamel Cooper
Jameson Tyler Croft
Brooke Allegra Crum
Kevin Je'vonn Felton
Bailey Cooper Flynn
Bernard Eric Green, Jr.
Brendon Phillip Hall
*Cum Laude*
Joseph Ashton Hall
Ashley Bashun Johnson
Franklin Demarous Jones
Rebecca Leah Kiesel
Adrian Christopher Kinsey
Taylor Charles Larson
*Cum Laude*
David Randall Maxwell
Brittney Rolanda McCray
Cass Michael Miloni
Asa Gordon Mitchell
Jodie Lynn Myers
Aarron Todd Ocheltree
Phillip Grayson Osborne
Jonathon David Phillips
Ethan Bryan Robinson
Adam Christopher Sauers
Anna Lynn Treadway
*Cum Laude*
Claire Hannah Welcher
Ashley Robelia Williams
Allison Marie Wilson
Richard Dagan Zeitz-Holland

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
Chelsea Elizabeth Allen
Jodi Stone Baxley
Anna Mitchelline Bookhardt
Shaina Elyse Booze
Erica LaDonna Brantley
*Cum Laude*
Shana Blake Bryant
Kimberly LaCore Burns
Constance Michelle Chambers
Nijah Alish Chapman
*Cum Laude*
Meredith Kay Clark
Peggy Morris Corbin
Ivie Marie Davis
Jennifer Mallonee Dominy
Katie Christine Durden
*Cum Laude*
Caitlin Kelly Fair
*Cum Laude*
Kailyn Anne O’Saughnessy
*Summa Cum Laude*
Carolina Palacio
Anna Elizabeth Patton
Ashby Brooke Perry
Sarah Elaine Perry
Valeria Elaine Pigeon
*Cum Laude*
Sarah Nanette Rice
*Cum Laude*
Heather L. Riggs
*Magna Cum Laude*
Lindsey Paige Rountree
Kamila Renee Ryals-Brinson
Rachel Ane Schnorr
*Cum Laude*
Deanna N. Shuman
Victoria Elise Steele
Benjamin Jonathan Strozello
Priscilla Ho Yee Tang
*Cum Laude*
Leslie A. Teston
Afton Maria Updike
*Magna Cum Laude*
Rebekah G. Valk
*Summa Cum Laude*
Taylor Marie Watson-Thompson
*Cum Laude*
Victoria Josie Watson-Thompson
*Cum Laude*
Daniel Hugh West
Rickia Shardea’ Williams
Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology
College of Business Administration
11:00 A.M. Ceremony

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
FRANK J. GOFORTH, D. Engr., Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering
M. JILL LOCKWOOD, J.D., Professor, School of Accountancy

Center for International Studies
GLYNN T. ELLIS, Ph.D., Instructor, International Studies
DARIN H. VAN TASSELL, Ph.D., Associate Professor, International Studies

Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology
ROCIO ALBA-FLORES, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering
CHRISTOPHER A. KADLEC, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Information Technology

College of Business Administration
TIMOTHY D. CAIRNEY, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Accountancy
DONNA K. FISHER, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Finance and Economics

READERS
Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology
MUJIBUR KHAN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering
JOHN R. O’MALLEY, JR., Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Associate Dean, College of Engineering and Information Technology

College of Business Administration
JOHN HOWARD BROWN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Finance and Economics
BARBARA A. PRICE, Ph.D., Professor, Management

THE PLATFORM PARTY
BROOKS A. KEEL, Ph.D., President
FRANK SIMMONS III, Ph.D., P.E., Structures Staff Scientist, Technical Fellow Gulfstream Aerospace
JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
RONALD J. CORE, Ed.D., Vice President for Business and Finance
SALINDA A. ARTHUR, M.S., Vice President for University Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University Foundation
TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
STEVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.S., Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer
CHARLES E. PATTERSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Research and Economic Development and Dean, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
RUSSELL T. KEEN, B.B.A., Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement
WILLIAM H. WELLS, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business Administration
W. BEDE MITCHELL, Ed.D., Dean, Henderson Library and University Librarian
MOHAMMAD S. DAVOUD, Ph.D., P.E., Dean, College of Engineering and Information Technology
FREDERIC D. MYNARD, Ph.D., Moderator, Faculty Senate
VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., Registrar
*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today’s ceremony.
JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE
OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Accounting
Stacie W. Avery
Isaac Andrew Bell
William Blake Bloser
Archie Lloyd Bransford
Shannon Rose Brownlee
D’Angelo K. Charlton
Jacob Mitchell Crow
Grant Hamilton Davis
Tyrell Joseph Dyson
Jacob Pitts Ellington
Joshua Thomas Fox
Stanton Kathleen Harrell
Qingqing Liu
Richard Ellis Minshew
Wing Yan Mok
Adam James Powers
Colin Brent Reid
Joshua Aden Rich
Morgan Marie Rowe
Jonathan Alan Rudolph
Benjamin Lane Shepherd
Jessica Ann Williams
Meagan Brooke Williams
Yue Xu

Master of Business Administration
Amie Nicole Allen
James Cameron Beeson
Randall Lee Bonner, Jr.
Ryan Thorpe Burgstiner
Earl Edwin Cashon III
Rachel Ann Clift
Narcisse Dargenson
Paul Edward Dellinger, Jr.
Nathan Kole Donaldson
Benjamin Nathanael Duggar
Mario A. Echiveste
Jaroslava Epps
Bradley Drew Etterle
Sheila Rae Fogarty
Justin John Gillette
Jeremy Robert Hart
Keyona Mechelle Hawkins
Deborah Jolee Haywood
Kathleen Elizabeth Hudson
Justin Jasper Janney
Ramsha Khalid
Taylor Landry Lewis
Audrey Davis Matthews
Nataja Livelle Miller
Adrian Mora
William Josiah Neville III
Danny Young Park
Kim Chi Pham
Natalie Maria Pitterson
Matthew Tyler Piviotto
Rebecca Marie Probus
Christy Marie Purvis
Cassandra Simmons Robinson
Matthew Clayton Rodgers
Erin Elizabeth Schatz
Vernon Christopher Speight
John Brian Taylor
Ricardo Antonio Vazquez
Blake Alvin Wester
Jennifer Alaine Willis
Michael Ennio Zambino

Master of Science
Joshua Ryan Clamors
Jason Anthony Dale
Paul Joseph Fortin
William James Nolan
Julie Leona Page
Andrew Marshall Smith
Stephen Robert Stoltz
Caiain Moody Whelchel
Sarah Yednock

Master of Science in Applied Engineering
Jonathan L. Aaron
Michael Dale Boyett
Spencer Randall Harp
Kristen Dianne Hawkins
John Morris Killebrew
Noel Sean Murray
Brandon Jamel Sheppard

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts
Amanda Lynn Boerger
Brittany Sherrill Daniels
Carlos Manuel Feliciano, Jr.
Christopher Ryan Fox
Andrea Desalyn Gilbert-Williams
Amelia Cristina Irvin
Megan Victoria Jacobs
Lisa Lam
Magna Cum Laude
DeDric Derrick Antwan Levines
Kim Un Mathews
Jesse Curtis Miller
Joe Christopher Ocampo
Cum Laude
David Brian Sansom
Christina Marie Smathers
Kathrine Jane Steeves

Bachelor of Science
Patrick Noah Bugara
Morgan Leighbsey Jefferson
Nicole Nanci Lewis

ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Bachelor of Science
Manuel Jose Barajas
Daniel Pearce Corley
Magna Cum Laude
Lucas Morgan Guess
Lindah Jerop Kotut
University Honors Program Scholar
Austin David Lawrence
Nathaniel Osikhotse Okogie
Rodgers Allen Stallworth
Travis Todd Wilson

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology
Dwight Franklyn Gustard
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Dwight Franklyn Gustard
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology
Lutfi Abdullah Al Bahraini
Ronald David Bonds, Jr.
Seth Alexander Brower
Myrion Edward Carter
Marcus Lee Ferguson
Jeremy Michael Goodman
Brent William Gordon
Andrew David Haney, Jr.
Chadwick Travor Kenney
Jesse Ray Ludwig
Austin Langley Maddox
Kevin Michael Mahoney
Timothy Graham Palmer
Nicholas Bernard Smith
Dante’ Martias Spradley
Jordan William Tucker
Michael Edward Horton, Jr.
Anthony Lewis Howard
Miletus Hiram Jones III
Chris William Knieriem
Magna Cum Laude
Oliver Daniel Newman
Blake Daniel Patterson
Bryon Lynn Potter
Raymond O’Neal Scoggins
Jared Dewayne Smith
John Benjamin Wise

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor of Business Administration
Ena Alibasic
Morgan Lance Anderson
Joshua Robert Anglehart
Chelsea Elyse Armstrong-Mitchell
Jonathan Christopher Ashley
Candice Renea Atkinson
Charles Richard Bacon
Eric Alexander Bailey
Joseph Richard Daniel Bakos
Deangelo Marquis Baldwin
Kayley Allison Bannister
Jack Hawkins Barfield IV
Jordan Daniel Barnes
Spencer Allen Barnes
Kamaal A. Barron
Maga Simone Bartee
Blake Christian Bass
Collin Michael Batchelor
Hannah Ruth Bazemore
Mildred Nicole Beaudrot
Deborah Nyra Beckum
Tiffany Crystal Bell
Henry Robert Bennett III
Ryan Dean Bishoff
Perry Chase Bishop
Terrance Brian Bissell
Cory James Blackburn
Everett Neese Boggs
Christian M. Bond
Brent William Boring
Joleen Elissa Bray
Sequona Senetris Brint
Suzanne Renee Brooks
Brittaney Shataiva Brown
Jared Nicholas Brown
Justin R. Brown
Samuel Paul Brown, Jr.
Jon Dennis Bryant
Patrick Noah Bugara
Kirsten Ruth Bulkeley
James Richard Bunch
Joan-Paul Burca
Valarie Shea Burke
Ryan N. Burl
Melinda Ashlee Butler
Nicholas Haden Buttiner
Mesha Nicole Byrd
Kiesha Marie Cameron
John Michael Campbell
James Brandon Canterbury
Colton Lee Cape
Layla Terese Carpenter
Stephen Daniel Casteel
Alexander Shiaosun Chen
Christopher Ryan Coale
Bennett Clayton Cogdell
Kristen Lee Coleman
Jeremy Randall Colson
Amanda Dawn Craig
Jason Alexander Cramer
Katherine Elizabeth Crider
Joseph Tanner Croft
Casey Daniel Crosby
Steven H. Cundari
Michael Keith Daley
Gregory D’Alfonso
Andrea Yvette Daniels
Christopher Alan Davey
Brittany La’Porsha Davis
Diana Catherine Davis
Justin Worth Davis
Olivia R. Day
Eric A. de Oliveira
Cum Laude
Blake Thomas DeBartola
Christopher Andrew Denham
Jaymes Walter Denmark
Matt Wilson Donaldson
James Michael Dowd
Ryan D. Duke
Dale Armstrong Dunsmore
Adam Gary Edwards
Christopher John Eisenach
Rashad Randell Ellison
Derek Thomas Farnsworth
Warren Stephen Foote III
Joshua Rashad Ford
Whitley Renada’ Foster
Haley Elizabeth Fountain
Keisha Kristen Francis
Kenneth Chaz Fraser
Caitlin Elizabeth Fritts
Dustin James Fryar
Xavier Lorenzo Gary
Don Arastus Gay III
James L. Gibson, Jr.
Ryan Alexander Gibson
Chakeira Micheale Gilbert
Lauren Elizabeth Glover
Clinton W. Goicoa
Andrea LaRhonda Gordon
Marcella Shanea Gordon
Sarah Tieve Gray
Laura Greathouse
Reece T. Greco
Lila Green
Vance Keith Green
Frederick Leigh Grundy II
Lauren Elizabeth Hagan
Raymond Alexander Hamilton
Ashley Nicole Hammond
Conrad Kelvin Harrell II
Kendall Renard Harrell
Giban Harris
Caleb Russell Hartley
Cum Laude
Reannah Lane Haselden
Lindsay Regan Hayes
Jackson Edwin Head
David Earl Helton
Cum Laude
Jason Hunter Henderson
Christina Elaine Henley
Steven Mark Hileman
Shakema Shan-ta’ Hill
Clint David Hines
Bryant Alexander Hitt
Richard Chase Hodges
William Pope Hopkins
Steven Christopher Hornday
Brandon R. Howard
Devin Loren Hutchinson
Michael Lisonbee Hyatt
Todd Anthony Iacolino
Cum Laude
Craig Alexander Ingalls
Cum Laude
Zuri Kamau Ade James
Michael Johnson Janofsky
Patrick John Jennings
Brandon M. Johnson
Jessica Brooke Johnson
Veronika Johnson
Wallace Henri Johnson, Jr.
Philip S. Josey
LaShai Evelyn Joshua
Cum Laude
Cassandra Christine Joyner
Patrick W. Keating
Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan David Kelley
Kaitlin Elizabeth Kenney
Nathan Daniel Kiely
Forrest Jackson Kilgo
Katelyn Elizabeth Kitzel
Sylvia J. Kline
Garret J. Knaebel
†Matthew Andreas Kohler
Kevin Tyler Kucera
Amr Anwar Kuthchi
Robert Andrew Lacfield
Brian Thomas Laminack
Daniel R. Lankhorst
Cody Ford Lanser
Marian Domilola Lawal
Heetaek Lee
Erin E. Lenox
Raymond Alexander Levandoski III
Andrew Branton Libowsky
Abby Alexis Longwater
Thomas Michael Lynch
Khondas Latavia Mainner
Jordan D. Mallard
Alexander Phillip Marsh
Anthony David Martinez
Zachary Jacob Matthews
April Amanda Mazes
Michael James McCarty
Andrew James McColister
Matthew Stanley McCarthy
Andrew Riley McKay
Devon Anthony McLean
Brittany I. McNeal
Daniel Membrillo
Jonathan David Mikulecky
Jack Louis Minor III
Jamario Rashad Molden
Rinaz Momin
Robert Colby Moody

† Posthumous 19
Christopher Anthony Moore
Daniel E. Moore
Kevin Christopher Morgan
Igor Baleke Mundabi
Timothy Patrick Murphy
Haley Gail Murray
Stephanie Nails
Phoung Lisa Nguyen
Chaz W. Norfleet
Tobechi Nwaubi
James Spencer O’Bryan
Kara Lacey Odum
Bankole Olumide Odumade
Natalie Quinn Olliff
Wassila Delwinde Ouedraogo
Joseph Marion Owens II
Matthew Ryan Page
Dontae Lenard Parker
Shantell Pleshette Parks
Kishan Nitin Patel
Gary Martin Patterson, Jr.
William Ryan Pennington
Mariah Ann Perkins
Brandon Nichole Phillips
Cum Laude
Collin William Phillips
Cum Laude
Kevin Kibler Pierannunzi
Cindy M. Pollack
Kevin Tyler Pope
Cum Laude
Jean-Jacques Potgieter
Michael A. Purter, Jr.
Nicholas James Radunske
William Joseph Rawls
Donald W. Ray, Jr.
Veronica Nicole Redding
Glenn David Reid
Matthew Smith Reisinger
Robert Wade Rhodes
Emma Kate Rice-Tanner
Olivia Suzanne Richey
Joseph T. Ricketson
Paul Michael Ricks
Paul Adam Riggs
Cum Laude
Marc Dominic Rioux
Jordan Rozier Roberson
Courtney Leigh Rogers
David Kyle Rollins
Regan Allen Rue
Bryan Dennis Scarbary
Casey Lynn Scarbrough
Benjamin Eugene Scott
Benjamin Forrest Sharp IV
Andrea Marquise Shead
Clyde M. Sheets III
Cum Laude
Alec Mcgee Shepheard
Carl Thomas Shubert
Tommy E. Simmons, Jr.
Billy Jackson Simpson
Danielle Elizabeth Sinclair
Sean Gregory Slone
Cum Laude
Bradley Clark Smith
Erica Jerquetta Smith
Samuel Garrett Smith
Mark Andrew Smolinski
Deborah Denise Spellman
Brian Jamal Staten
Benjamin Albert Stephens
John Darrell Stevenson, Jr.
Heather Lee Stille
Cum Laude
Tyler Paul Sumner
Eric Alexander Sweet
Cum Laude
Stephen G Takacs
Robert Wu Tang
Brian Christopher Taylor
Burlie W. Taylor III
Vania Zuri Taylor
Patrick Allen Thigpen
Matthew Joseph Thomas
Kyle Aaron Thompson
Ameral Alexander Threat
Jordy Samuel Tippins
Alfred Colby Todd
Diego Trivino
Robert Allen Truesdell
Emily Morgan Turknett
Sterlon Earlon Reshawn Turner
Priscilla Rose Tyson
Travis Matthew Underwood
Cory Evan Vaughan
Paul David Verrilli
Gregory Dean Vickers
Magna Cum Laude
University Honors Program Scholar
Kyle James Vining
Hailey Jordan Wade
Juho Toni Samuel Waheeb
Cum Laude
Brian Johnny Walker
Joshua E. Ware
Joseph Christopher Waters
Ryan Adam Waters
Alexa Michelle Watkins
John Daniel Weber
Theodore Joseph Weitzel
Phillip Andrew West
Matthew Boyd Whaley
Ishmela Marie Whitaker
Eric Matthew Whitt
Lindsay Makaye Wildes
Atalia Unique Williams
Everton Bernard Williams, Jr.
Michael Ryan Willingham
Latalya Ciera Wilson
Taylor Richard Withrow
Brittany Nicole Woody
Austin Darrell Wright
Kerry Cletas Wright, Jr.
Rodney Chantee Wright
James Patrick Wurtz
Jacob L. Wynn
Jamell Jerrod Wynn
De’Nesha De’Onshae Yell
Bachelor of Science
Quan Doan Bui
Aubrey Herschel Collins IV
Kristin Lorraine Couch
Jonathan Jamie Culpepper
Colin Hayes Greene
Eliot Marvin Griffin
Shontá Nichole Hope
Bryan Charod James
Paige René Jean
Cum Laude
Alex Robert Willis Kowalczyk
Amy Rebecca Lewis
Tanera Renay Manuel
Breno E. Oliveira
Andrew Patrick Porreca
Patrick John Powers
Hannah Faith Ray
Christopher Marco Reali
Monquavious Anntwane Reid
Roshida Antonia Spencer
Willie Clyde Springer
Bachelor of Science in Construction
Babajide Amole
Grayson Edward Angel
Cum Laude
Jordan Prestwood Belcher
Cum Laude
William Glenn Biletzskov
Robert Carson Coleman
Jefferson Kennedy Cowart
Alexander Julian Fant
William Kristoph Feus
Andrew David Flowers
Michael Jared Fowler
William Mason Greene
Barton Leigh Hamilton
Jacob Warren Hiers
Jesse Everett Hunter
Tommy R. James
Matthew Russell Kearney
Anh Le
Mitchell Adam Miner
Cameron Douglas Hawthorne Naab
Joshua Clark Nelson
John-Taylor Gray Peek
Daniel Ray Russell
Griffin Coy Sikes
Joel Hogan Simmons
Eric Kendall Skelton
Christopher Michael Sraecl
Randy Bernard Varner
Joseph Keith Whitfield
Bachelor of Science
Quan Doan Bui
Aubrey Herschel Collins IV
Kristin Lorraine Couch
Jonathan Jamie Culpepper
Colin Hayes Greene
Eliot Marvin Griffin
Shontá Nichole Hope
Bryan Charod James
Paige René Jean
Cum Laude
Alex Robert Willis Kowalczyk
Amy Rebecca Lewis
Tanera Renay Manuel
Breno E. Oliveira
Andrew Patrick Porreca
Patrick John Powers
Hannah Faith Ray
Christopher Marco Reali
Monquavious Anntwane Reid
Roshida Antonia Spencer
Willie Clyde Springer
Bachelor of Science in Construction
Babajide Amole
Grayson Edward Angel
Cum Laude
Jordan Prestwood Belcher
Cum Laude
William Glenn Biletzskov
Robert Carson Coleman
Jefferson Kennedy Cowart
Alexander Julian Fant
William Kristoph Feus
Andrew David Flowers
Michael Jared Fowler
William Mason Greene
Barton Leigh Hamilton
Jacob Warren Hiers
Jesse Everett Hunter
Tommy R. James
Matthew Russell Kearney
Anh Le
Mitchell Adam Miner
Cameron Douglas Hawthorne Naab
Joshua Clark Nelson
John-Taylor Gray Peek
Daniel Ray Russell
Griffin Coy Sikes
Joel Hogan Simmons
Eric Kendall Skelton
Christopher Michael Sraecl
Randy Bernard Varner
Joseph Keith Whitfield
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
CAREN J. TOWN, Ph.D., Professor, Literature and Philosophy
YAN WU, Ph.D., Professor, Mathematical Sciences
College of Science and Mathematics
JAMES M. LOBUE, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chemistry
STEPHEN P. VIVES, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Biology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
JEFFREY D. BURSON, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, History
MARIA HELENA HERNANDEZ, M.Ed., Lecturer, Foreign Languages

READERS
College of Science and Mathematics
JOY W. DARLEY, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences
S. JEFFREY UNDERWOOD, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Geology and Geography
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
BRADLEY C. EDWARDS, Ph.D., Lecturer, Literature and Philosophy
ERIC A. HALL, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, History

THE PLATFORM PARTY
BROOKS A. KEEL, Ph.D., President
KARA MARTIN, M.D., Internist and Hospitalist, Piedmont Hospital
JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
RONALD J. CORE, Ed.D., Vice President for Business and Finance
SALINDA A. ARTHUR, M.S., Vice President for University Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University Foundation
TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
STÉVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.S., Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer
CHARLES E. PATTERSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Research and Economic Development and Dean, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
RUSSELL T. KEEN, B.B.A., Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement
CURTIS E. RICKER, D.A., Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
MARTHA L. ABELL, Ph.D., Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
FREDERIC D. MYNARD, Ph.D., Moderator, Faculty Senate
VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., Registrar
PROGRAM

*PROCESSIONAL  Pomp and Circumstance (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by Edward Elgar
Performed by: MICHAEL BRAZ, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Music

Macebearer  FREDERIC D. MYNARD, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT  PROVOST BARTELS
WELCOME  PRESIDENT KEEL
MEDITATION  DEAN RICKER
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  DEAN ABELL
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  DR. MARTIN
RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS STAFF AND FACULTY  PROVOST BARTELS
CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES  PRESIDENT KEEL
DEAN PATTERSON
RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES  PROVOST BARTELS
CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES  PRESIDENT KEEL
PROVOST BARTELS
DEAN ABELL
DEAN RICKER

*ALMA MATER  ROBERT DASHAWN FIGUEROA, Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music, Music Education

*RECESSONAL  Wedding Day at Troldhaugen by Grieg
Performed by: MICHAEL BRAZ, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Music

*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.
Doctor of Psychology
Clinical Psychology
Forrest Jay Rackham
B.A., Bowling Green State University, 2007
M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2011
Dissertation: "Bless her little heart": The Culture of Honor and Emotion Recognition
Major Professor: Amy Hackney, Ph.D.

Master of Fine Arts
Art
Wesley Lamar Stewart
B.F.A., Augusta State University, 2007
Thesis: Drawings in Space
Major Professor: Marc Moulton, M.F.A.

Master of Fine Arts
Art
Jennifer Lee McLaughlin
B.F.A., Georgia Southern University, 2009
Thesis: The Hapathetic Generation
Major Professor: Leigh Thomson, M.F.A.

Master of Fine Arts
Art
Alicia Rebeca Perez
B.F.A., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2009
Thesis: La Sangre Llama
Major Professor: Patricia J. Walker, M.F.A.
JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Arts
Walter Neal Austin
Paul Woodrow Bridges II
Teresa Buco Salas
Monica Fabiola Castaneda
Mary Elizabeth Craft
Marlaine Dreher
Joseph Aaron Fordham
Misty Ann Giles
Robert Jerome Greene II
Lindsay Pauline Hackman
Mallory Leilan Hicks
Zulema Ibarra
Matthew A. Luke
Jennifer Hudson Meadows
Danielle Louise Patrick
Heidi Bethany Purvis
Stephen Taylor Purvis
Deborah Marie Rodriguez Garcia
Farrah R. Senn
Kimberly Nicole Stone
Marsha K. Welch

Master of Science
James Gregory Adams
Kylie Nicole Barefoot
Wade Carlton Carruth III
Jeremy Taake Davis
Michael Stephen Davis
Charles Russell Dedrickson III
Lisa Kaili Diamond
Lisa Elaine Dlugolecki
Matthew Robert Erickson
Dat T. Hoang
Linus Johan Lindroos
Kenan Oguz Matterson
Vanessa Marie Miller
Timothy Randal Moore
Sarah Rebecca Osborn
Ketan Vasant Patel
Jessica Diana Self
Bodhipaksha Buddh Prabasha Thilakarathne
Marshall Buck West

Bachelor of Science
Dareeka Shuntavia Coleman
Andrew Glenn McLean
Patrick Ryan Morley
Kathlene Jane Ricketts
Steven Paul Thibodeau
Scott James VanVelzor
Jesse Russell Winter

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Michelle Louise Ackerman
Meredith Leigh Avery
Cristina Marie Barndollar
Blair Candace Barnewcastle
Alysha Jeanine Benn
Michael David Bergeron
Benjamin David Blaxton
Thurman Alan Bradley
Ashley Elizabeth Callis
Makim Travis Christian
Ashley Elise Dotson
Magna Cum Laude
Kirsten Alyse Edwards
Pamela Tatianna Etienne
Corinna M. Exum
Sarah Elizabeth Farmer

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Nazim H. Ali
Julienne Evans Baldwin
Lynn Barlow
Biebele JoAnn Benson-Jaja
Chisara Lashan Carey
Meagan Amiee Cassell
Omar Diop
Alexander Webb Gaskin
Miah Victoria Johnson
Candace Athena Lee
Jordan Micah Lightfoot
Stephen Patrick McIntyre
Danielle Marie Mucha
Corey Aaron Pate
Mark Nathan Smith
Jordan Brent Vaughn
Tamara LaTrice Wright

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Mica Eugene Baggett
Nikolas Alexander Logue

Bachelor of Science in Physics
James Edward Barr
Matthew Eric Kaufman
Summa Cum Laude
Antonio McBride
Kristopher Rustin Peebles

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts
Galia Al-amiri
Virginia Lynn Angles
Alfredo Anguiano
Jeffrey Bryan Baisch
Ka'Sandra Janea Baker
Whitney Denise Baker
Matt Steven Ballman
Keli Jahees Barnett
Alicia Irielle Bass
Brigette Sabatini Beam
Alicia LaShawn Bennett
Katherine Megan Blair
Jessica Marie Briley
Cum Laude
Alexandria P. Brooks
Anthony Lavelle Brown, II
Casey Darlene Bunch
Cum Laude
Derek Anthony Burch
Annie R. Burke
Eliot Chaz Butler
Aurathia Shandrell Byrd
Mallory Nicole Cabe
Keenan Montrez Cameron
Zachary Johnathan Capito
Christopher Andrew Combs
Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Marie Conner
Magna Cum Laude
Caitlin Elizabeth Crute
Summa Cum Laude
Allyson Claire Goff  
Brandon Paul Giella  
Virginia Lynn Fuller  
Chelsea Catherine Fowler  
Magna Cum Laude  
Brittany Lisa Forrester  
Ryan Oliver Evans  
Kathryn Teresa Elliott  
Sarah Beth Edwards  
Alexandria Michelle Docalavich  
Cum Laude  
Edio José Del Castanhel Filho  
Alexandria Michelle Docalavich  
Sarah Beth Edwards  
Kathryn Teresa Elliott  
Ryan Oliver Evans  
Brittany Lisa Forrester  
Magna Cum Laude  
Chelsea Catherine Fowler  
Virginia Lynn Fuller  
Brandon Paul Giella  
Allyson Claire Goff  
Kelsey Kendrick Goodman  
Donald Alexander Graczyk  
Kevin Andrew Gregan  
Anita Denise Grimsley  
Brendon Phillip Hall  
Cum Laude  
Jeremy Blake Halligan  
Brandon Roshawn Hammond  
Seth Ryan Hardin  
Danielle Nicole Harvey  
Meagan Yvonne Hedden  
Timothy Francis Hennessy  
Victoria Hernandez  
Summa Cum Laude  
Keturah Natasha Hollowell  
Kia Niel Hunt  
Kathryn Bridie Hurst  
Cum Laude  
Robert Stephen Jaracz, Jr.  
Kaylee Margurite Johnson  
Robert Corey Hawkins  
Magna Cum Laude  
Jessica Lynn Golden  
University Honors Program Scholar  
Stephen Ryan Matherly  
Cum Laude  
Kaelin Elizabeth Richardson  
Cum Laude  
Tiara Shondraya Richmond  
Jordan Eric Rushing  
Chad Joseph Sanderson  
University Honors Program Scholar  
Larry Joe Sconyers, Jr.  
Nicolle Jasmine Sherrod  
Brittany Aleise Smith  
Summa Cum Laude  
Nicholas Todd Smith  
Corey Nathaniel Spillers  
Emily Erin Stanley  
Emma Caroline Stephens  
Brian Edward Sullivan  
Sarah Michelle Hope Thomas  
Tierra Renee Thompson  
Ashley Nicole Thornton  
Ashley Davenport Thorpe  
Ray’Kesha Monique Toomer  
Paul David Verrilli  
Caroline Grace Walden  
Sally Beaty Wallace  
Theodore Preston Welsh  
Bentley Rankin Willerson  
Jonathan C Williamson  
Megan Rochelle Wilson  
Patrick Tucker Wood  
Magna Cum Laude  
Doris Kentya Woodley  
Chrystian Symone Woods  
Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Ni-ka Ford  
Kelsey Marie Gambill  
Jessica Lynn Golden  
Magna Cum Laude  
Robert Corey Hawkins  
Jacob Riley King  
Alvin Christopher McBride  
Nikiea Marie McMillon-Deangelou  
Shaun J. Place  
Lauren Ruth Williams  
Bachelor of General Studies  
Joshua Brandon Adams  
Peyton O’Neal Allen  
Kedra LaTonya Archie  
Nicholas H. Ashley  
Osawemwengie Michael Atekhia  
Korentheus Jerome Bailey  
Kaitlin Noel Ball  
Nadatra Treinier Barr  
Brian Javon Beams  
Lisa Beasley-McNutt  
Camary Benniefield  
Molly Bonnie Bentley  
Dustin Scott Bostwick  
Ashley Nicole Brantley  
Terronique Tamrya Brown  
Christopher Octavius Carter  
Elizabeth B. Chandlee  
Tiffany Racheal Chandler  
Robert Andrew Clark  
Robert Andrew Clark  
Jason Joseph Cochran  
Marquita J. Coombs  
Joseph Christopher DeLong  
Russell John Demasi  
Sarah Jeanne Dozier  
John Anthony Ducey, Jr.  
Anthony Brandon Echols  
Hannah Zewduti Enyew  
Kristin Nicole Enzor  
Alex Kirby Evert  
Turner A. Fordham  
Raven Simone Gardner  
Jimmy Harold Gill III  
Niesha Allegra Graddy  
Kristin Faith Grebel  
Harold Justin Griffith  
Brett Aldine Hammad  
Courtland Marquis Harden  
Desteny Lyntrice Hawkins  
Devyn Christopher Hawkins  
William Porter Headlee  
Jeremy Teatris-Diamond Hill  
William Robert Hill  
Ramsie Laine Hobbs  
Lauren Ashley Hodges  
Trish Marie Howell  
Cum Laude  
William Dennis Hurst  
Victor Chad Ivester  
Kelly P. Jarriel  
Devron Jemeal Jefferson  
Bryan Ashley Jenkins, Jr.  
Turquoise Rasha Jones  
Trumondra Lasha Jordan  
Steffany Brooke Kangeter  
Aaron Samuel Keith  
Margaret Mamie Kendall  
Sarah Weber King  
Frances Elizabeth LaFoy  
Kenton Mitchel Landon  
Jarret Russell Leverett  
Jonathan Christain Lewis  
Thomas LeMont Lewis  
Jordania La’Vonta Lilly  
Crystal Lee Martin  
William Blake Mask  
Jennifer Ferrelle Matthews  
Roy Harold Mayes, Jr.  
Channing Dorothy McCullum  
Ashley Ryan McGahee  
Cum Laude  
Donta Andrevius McMichael  
William Harrison McWhorter III  
Cecilia Marie Mendoza  
Joseph Morgan Boozer Middleton  
Tyler Jack Mosley  
Jessica Celeste Murray  
Patrick Martin Murray  
Blake Anthony Nation  
Brandon Chase Newton  
Whitney Michelle Norman  
Robert Stephen Odom, Jr.  
Kevan Glynn Patterson  
Tierra Renee Thompson  
Donta Andrevius McMichael  
William Harrison McWhorter III  
Cecilia Marie Mendoza  
Joseph Morgan Boozer Middleton  
Tyler Jack Mosley  
Jessica Celeste Murray  
Patrick Martin Murray  
Blake Anthony Nation  
Brandon Chase Newton  
Whitney Michelle Norman  
Robert Stephen Odom, Jr.  
Kevan Glynn Patterson  
Mallori Gwen Patterson  
Darius Jerome Postell  
Robert Stephen Odom, Jr.  
Kevan Glynn Patterson  
Mallori Gwen Patterson  
Darius Jerome Postell  
Erin Michelle Powers  
Janice Monique Pressley  
James Hanson Pritchard III  
Kathleen Elizabeth Putnal  
Melissa Anne Quick  
Dain Alexander Spillers  
Zachary Michael Reeds  
Tyler Ian Reeds  
Genai De’Quan Reeves  
Jamie W. Rixinger  
Darreion Robinson
Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom's arrival during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a "brown ball of fuzz," it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern's campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information, visit: www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife.

Did You Know?
• The bald eagle is found only in North America.
• The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.
• Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.
• The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term “balled,” meaning "shining white." The adult bald eagle's head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name “balled eagle,” meaning "white eagle.”
• The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.
• Eagles are mature at five years of age.
• Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).
• Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.
• In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 150 known nesting pairs throughout the state.

“Freedom”
is a non-releasable American Bald Eagle permitted to Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education & Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center
Georgia Southern University
Alma Mater

Caryl Cain Brown

David Mathew

1. From humble farm beginnings Sprung up from sandy earth A-

2. Through triumphs and through trials Our Alma Mater’s stood as

among the towering pine trees stands a treasure of great worth. Her price cannot be

measured in silver or in gold but in the love and loyalty that

travel and though our ways must part our Georgia Southern memories we’ll

Chorus

many hearts enfold. Georgia Southern University. On eagles’ wings you

soar—We pledge to you our loyalty and love forever more.