Welcome to Commencement at the University of West Georgia! An academic commencement is unlike any other ceremony. The importance of the occasion is underscored by the use of symbols and traditions which have their origins in the medieval academies. The academic dress, the mace, many of the words we use, and even the diplomas themselves derive from a long and distinguished academic history.

We hope you will take time to look through this program. In it, you will find explanations of some of the customs and symbols you will witness today. We hope your understanding of these academic traditions will add to your enjoyment of the commencement ceremony.

We are happy to have you with us today as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Welcome!
Commencement
FALL 2022 CEREMONIES

University of West Georgia
December 10, 2022
The Coliseum
Carrollton, Georgia
CALL TO ORDER   Dr. Michael Hester, Director of UWG Debate and Coordinator of UWG’s African American Male Initiative

NATIONAL ANTHEM   Nicholas Fletcher, Tenor, Senior in Music Performance
                     Mackenzi Phillips, Soprano, Sophomore in Music Education

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS   Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President

SGA WELCOME   Sydney Severin, President, Student Government Association

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES   Dr. Jon Preston, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
                         Dr. André Fortune, Vice President for Student Affairs
                         Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of the College of Education
                         Dr. Janet Donohoe, Dean of the Honors College
                         Dr. Christopher Johnson, Dean of the Richards College of Business
                         Dr. Karen Owen, Interim Dean of University College
                         Clint Samples, Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
                         Dr. Jennifer Schuessler, Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing
                         Andrea Stanfield, Dean of Libraries
                         Dr. Matt Varga, Interim Dean of the Graduate School
                         Dr. Brad Yates, Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media

HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES   Dr. Cynthia Brown, Professor of Nursing
                                   Dr. Kim Huett, Associate Professor of Instructional Technology
                                   Dr. Mary Huffstead, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education
                                   Dr. Diana Mindrila, Professor of Educational Research
                                   Dr. Elizabeth Pope, Associate Professor of Educational Research
                                   Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre, Professor of Psychology
                                   Dr. Julia Whisenhunt, Associate Professor of Counselor Education
                                   Dr. Matt Varga, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION   Brad Mock, Chair of Alumni Association Board of Directors

ALMAMATER   Fletcher
             Phillips

FACULTY MARSHAL   10 a.m. Dr. Marjorie Snipes, Professor and Program Coordinator of Anthropology
                  2 p.m. Dr. Scott Gordon, Professor of Mathematics
                  5:30 p.m. Dr. Gregory Fraser, Professor of English

MACE BEARER   10 a.m. Holly Dever, Assistant Professor of Nursing
               2 p.m. Carrie Ziglar, Executive Director for Student Success
               5:30 p.m. Clifford Davis Jr., Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership
Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of West Georgia, it gives me great pleasure to commend you on this momentous occasion! This significant milestone represents a tremendous achievement of which you and your families should be extremely proud.

The accomplishment of attaining your degree is immense, but your successes and contributions will not end here. This experience will open pathways to even more powerful opportunities well into your future and to the lives of those around you. I look forward to seeing the indelible impact you will make in your communities.

As a graduate of UWG, your educational credentials and experience, as well as your personal and professional successes, will forever be interwoven into the success of this institution. As such, it is vital for you to continue advocating for and supporting your university as it continues to build the value of your degree. Your continued involvement and engagement in your university will enhance and bolster our ability to continue serving future generations of students who will follow in your footsteps.

No matter what challenges we face in the future, I know the world needs you, your ideas, and your creativity now more than ever. So go out as alumni of UWG and do amazing things!

Go West, and Go Wolves!

Brendan B. Kelly, Ph.D.

President

University of West Georgia
Degree Candidates
College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

Bachelor of Arts

English
Miles Byars
Zakia Breon Dora
Skyler Brooke Dupree
Vanessa Fairclough
Dominic J. Grimaldi
Desiace Sky Hanson
William Allen Ivie III
Julianna Gabrielle May
Kalynn Elizabeth Simpkins
Shania Rickeé Taylor

Foreign Languages and Literatures
Eva Rose Marchbanks

History
Liliana Hernandez
Brendan Russell King
Nicholas Devon Perry
Joshua Grayson Sorensen

Philosophy
Tristen Anthony Brown
Benjamin Gregory Dewberry
Idris Amir Williams

Theatre
Hannah V. Schmitz
Trenton R. Spears

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Art
Mariah Frances Akogun
Timothy Daniel Bass
Courtney Robin Butler
Andrew Hussey
Kylee Sierra Joiner
Eva Rose Marchbanks
Neysean Aaron Pile
Samuel Edward Sauls III
Jenna Leigh Shelton

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology
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Jessica Dees
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Hailey Elizabeth Williams

Biology
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Jessica M. Neal  
Sarah Newman  
Eleine Petit-Frere  
Cora Lee Rakestraw  
Avery Grace Ramos  
Sydnie Nicole Rawlings  
Daniel Garrison Reed  
Tanijah Zykeria Reeves  
Ke’andrea Ryshia Rucker  
Jaslyn Tanesha Sampson  
Madyson Rae Seeley  
Catherine Aracely Sosa  
Ashlyn Nicole Storey  
Anesia D. Taylor  
Raegan Denise Thomas  
Aikirah Destiny Walton  
Brishen Rees Williams  
Jayla A. Williams  
Madison Grace Wood  
Mikayla Octavian Zinn

Social and Behavioral Health  
Cameron Victoria Applegate  
Nataasja Sinniah Green  
Kayla Breann Hill  
Alexandria Nicole Hunt  
Milton GeWalt Johnson  
Onesimus Jerome Parks  
Shannon A. Porter  
Zipporah Valeria Shiver

Maia Brandy Simira Williams

Sociology  
Deonte Ballard  
Azaria Zhane Brice  
Brittany Anita Buckner  
* Hannah Marie Cannon  
Emma Isabelle Carter  
Ariel Marie Currie  
Jalesa Chantil Hart  
Imani Hepburn  
Naravius J. Huff  
Safari Teiara Shantrelle Laye  
Shannin Louise Lewandowski  
Marie Therese Melkowskii  
Sydney Tyler Rhame  
* Eden Victoria Russell  
Elfrida Tiwa  
Angel Leigh Webb-Dick  
* Daniel Alan Yarbrough

Master of Arts

English  
Allison Suzanne Eidson  
Sonora Henderson

History  
Jimmie Hugh Brown  
Sarah Elizabeth Craig

Sociology  
Alexa Faith Quarles

Master of Science

Biology  
Stephanie Danielle Cook

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Consciousness and Society  
Weston James Robins  
The Hand of Addiction: The Spaces In-Between, an Autoethnographic and Transcontextual Becoming  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre

Bachelor of Science

Health and Community Wellness  
Raven Ashley Anderson  
* Lavender Keanna Ary  
Cody Randall Burson  
Jasmine Pilaar Chisum  
Nyelia Jade Davis  
Jada Zenia’ Hall  
* Dallas Jacobs  
* Justice Jasiel Lee  
Jakorlin Albert Leggett  
Andrew Malcomb  
Kelsee Sasha Martin  
Laquacia Calabrianna McCullen  
Abria Shenel McNeill  
Malcolm Deon Mercer  
* Erica Whitney Moore  
Mia Mariama Morrison  
* Sara Nunez  
Justin Obinna Onuigbo

Aja Janelle Payton  
Christopher Armad Reese  
Maura Carol Schwind  
Devin Alexander Shell  
Jordan Elise Zanders

Sport Management  
Michael Blake Brewer  
Tyree D. Bronner  
Addison Browder  
Shemiah Naomi Burrell  
Stanley Jermone Derrick Jr.  
Marcuez Christoff Jamell Dix  
Jana C. Flud  
* Caitlin Mackenzie Frazee  
Trae’ von Marquis Hinton  
Joseph Landon Jackson  
Javid A. Mazelin  
Brandon John Onuorah  
Cameron Brady Phillips  
Jacob R. Pinch  
Uriel Romero

Bachelor of Science in Education  

Elementary Education  
* Itzel Angeles  
Madeline Rose Anthony  
* Ansley Summer Baker  
Denisha Rose Bullard  
Jaylin B’Lae Carr  
Alexandria Carter  
* Lindsey Ann Davis  
* Angela Factor  
Shania Divine Fletcher  
Torian Simone Foston  
Savanna Grace Garrison  
Brianna Vanessa Griffin  
Ashley Lynn Hill  
Brianna Rose Iles  
* Kendall Alexis Jackson  
Kaniya E. Johnson  
* Ashleigh Keen

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* magna cum laude  
* summa cum laude
★ Emaleigh Madison Kish
Andrew Thomas Mathis
★ Erin Marie Mohnkern
★ Kelsey Jordan Mullenix
Virginia Ann Perdue
★ Madison Brown Ramsey
Ansley Maria Treadwell

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
Cody Krebs Bamforth
Ruhi Barde
Thomas Charles Barrow
Holly Marie Bearden
Josette Bisbee
Robert Trenton Blankenship
Catherine V. Brannon
Charlene A. Chandler
Kelsey Ann Cook
Mackenzie Jordan Costley
Casey Parnell Crowe
Vernecia Dandrel Denson
Philip Henry Eve IV
Timothy Hunter Fowler
Maegan DeLoach Franco
Courteney Michelle Gamble
Shari Lynn Golden
John Lukus Griffin
Larry Griggs II
Tracy Lee Hales
Taylor M. Harbuck
Austin Lee Harper
James R. Hatter
Tanesha Hendrix Wesson
Kymberlie Howe
Myrona R. Jenkins
Kristina Kula
Kari Madsen
Callie Victoria Norrell
Anastasia Tori-Cecille Moore Rider
Heather Ringstead
Victoria Romero
Jeffery Brock Scott
Cynthia Leigh Shaw
Carsyn Baie Wade
Dylan Levi Yates

MASTER OF EDUCATION
Elementary Education
Hannah Atcheson
Lauren Kate Bair
Brianna-Naomi Fay Bates
Ashley Taylor Bel
Sequoyah Michelle Bell
Bailey McKenzie Branham
Bailey Diane Brim
Daesha Lyneice Brown
Crystal Mitchell Caldwell
Mary Ashleigh Elizabeth Coleman
Cletia Elizabeth Crews
Blanche Ivey Durrett
Misty Rae Elrod
Sarah Elise Franks
Katienna Abrielle Frazier
Emily Jae Godwin
Jordan Holcombe
Ana Gabriela Isaac Ingram
Miranda Elaine Ishoy
Ashley Couch Janson
Meggie Garrison Knapp
Mary Jo Kaitlyn Koebble
Taylor Brooke McCollum
Phaedra Leigh Merritt
Brittani LaShawn Moody
Destiny Renee Moore
Alexander Rodriguez
Brooke Shook
Chastity Smith
Shelby Lauren Trowell
Darby Marlow Vance
Lauren Kay Whiteley
Tashica Zackery
Jacie Ann Zook

Instructional Technology, Media, and Design
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Shaynna Danielle Aponte
Grayson Lee Augsburger
Leola Bagley
Elicia Menendez Barrett
Cathy Elizabeth Bishop
Katie Michelle Brown
Sarah Katherine Byrd
April Celeste Davis
Michael Sean Edwards
Jennifer Frady
Ashley Boulware Frew
Zalima Feroza Hassim
John Michael Kiser
Cody Lones
Phillip McCants
Courtney Cortez McGhee
Sandy DeBord McPherson
Shannon L. Millard
Christopher R. Miller
Lauren Meredith Peters
Cody Pruitt
Anissa Richardson
Anna Lee Wallace
Zachary Hamilton White

Physical Education
Robert Tremel Baker
Samuel Madison Bentley
Rachel Lynn Dionne
Matthew Ross Duncan
Eric Bishop Shear
Larry Lamont Smith

Professional Counseling
Bertha Atswei Ababio
Julianne Arnold
Shelbie Arnold
Destine Delise Bibbs
Elizabeth Lauren Billiter
Gailey Bell Bridges
Marsha Maadla Brouard
Quamari Nasheia Brown
Sydnee Alexis Cabrera
William Mason Carroll
Brittany Ivery Cook
Meghan Frisby Dolan
Jamila Sharonda Ferguson
Andrea LaTasha Ford
Chante Simone Hill
Derionna Deshari Hodges
Helena Ubach Monteiro Hoffmann
Darien Johnson
Jordan Armani Jones
Breanna R. Manning
Arielle Kinsey Mindigo
Amari Brooke Morgan
Abigail Lauren Post
Teah Marie Quinones
Accacia Alexandria Thompson
Tia Wilcox
Hannah Lea Yates

Reading Instruction
Mykel Nicole Johnson Arnold
Kerri Leigh Burckbuchler
Trazette Timia Byrd
Molli Hobgood
Sherry Michelle Martin
Briana Danielle Spence

Special Education
Tara Beth Golden
Alein Marissa Hagood
Brian Lee Harper
Makayla Rene Hurst
Christianna Laurene Jonas
Susan Nicole Lewis
Sara Dianne McClade
Maria Elizabeth Motika
Kelley Greene Nunn
Ansley Scoggins
Mary Kathleen Sellers
Sarah Grace Smith
Cynthia Ann Turner

★ cum laude
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sport Management
Brian Dowell
Christian Furr
Jalen Brazell Jones
Joseph Jordan IV
Logan Seth Maddox
Daniel McCravy
Natasha Nereida Rivera-López

Specialist in Education

Educational Leadership
Keisha Marie Banks
Kimberly Garcia Bennett
Deborah Niko Blackley
James Bozeman
Ruben Bush III
Amy Naler Hammock
Hayley Fowler Rektorovic
Nicole Martins Smith
Jason Bryson Waters

Elementary Education
Tessa Renee Allen
Shauna Alise Appling
Vicky Renee Ard
Meagan Dianne Beach
Michelle Ford Dickey
Yanine Escalante
Cheryl Anne Galli
Deborah Joy Glenn
Amy Michele Grimes
Taylor Holder
Abigail Alexander Hughes
Karen von Zweck Jones
Rashida Takiya Lavigne
Delores Sheryl Major
Brittany Amber Maynard
Shakeirra Lashay Middlebrooks
Kelly Jenene Parker
Shereen R. Pierce
Tiffany Terrell Pilgrim
Kara Elizabeth Randall
Amy E. Reeves
Treasure Jade Robinson
Myra LeAnne Shook
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Jennifer Ely Swafford
Lidra Nicole West

Instructional Technology, Media, and Design
Derek Allen Abrams
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William Lee Bares
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Nathaniel David Berryman
Brittany Paige Bishop
Kalandra Bloodworth-Barnes
John E. Bowen II
Sabrina Rhoden Bozeman
Traci Jarrett Bryant
Jennifer Busby
Holly Marie Callaway
Joshua Samuel Chapman
Michelle Brown Childress
Allyson David
Gerlanna Nicole Dickey
Amanda Mae Dillard
Kendra Marie Dobbs
Samantha Lee Dooley
Matia Storey Edwards
Candace Marie Ellis
Emily Suzanne Fincher
Terese Nichole Forbes
Erin Nicole Fountain
Jill Bubenheim Fowler
Irina Elease Franchini
Latisha Renee Francis
John Christopher Fuller
Jonathan Fuller
James Ashley Hall II
Kimberly Hardwick
LaSonya Rena’ Heard
Mystic Brown Henderson
Robbin B. Hill
Sara Joy Hodge
Shea Adams Hurst
Liede Nash Husband
Andrew Johnson
Catherine Kolbey Kelley
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Katie Leigh Kent
Melanie Kloack
Anthony James Kluemper
Marjorie Loryn Konze
Shanaz Lakhan
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Barbara Jane Lange
Shawn-Tel Summon Lay
Joshua Cody Lee
Sean Paul Lewis
Adam Christopher Logan
Brandi Nunis Lyle
Tasheika Mason
Kelvin Kewann McDavis
Kate McIntyre
John Joseph McLaughlin III
Mallory McSwain
Lindsey Kendra Merrill
Jessie A. Miller
Gregory Edward Mosley
Contina Wonnun Mullins
Sancia Sanoya Munroe
Lies Ann New
Hannah Nicole Nix
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Manieka Miranda Palmer
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Rachel Alison Rountree
Rhonda Rowell
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Wendi Allison Samples
Eric Jeffrey Sas
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Abigail Leigh Slattery
Emilie Amanda Steele
Olivia Parks Steele
Jessica Griffin Stevenson
Kayla Borghelli Stoddard
Sandy Strong
Laura Elizabeth Tant
Anastasia Briana Micaela Teasley
Jessica Janise Tillman
Nico Brosio Waldrep
Ashley Lynn Watkins
Kristina Marie Willett
Nathan Louis Williams
Victoria Lynn Williams
Stephanie Wohl

Professional Counseling
Katie-Anne Barnes
Skyler McKinly Bell
Cynthia Nephare Bogues
Stephanie Jordan Bourn
Kaye Boykin
Hannah Ruth Fain
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Secondary Education
Loren Michelle Adams
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Carey Keasley Scott
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Doctor of Education
Professional Counseling and Supervision
Kristi Marie Atkins
The Impact of Trauma: Experiences of Professional Counselors Working with Clients in the Family Treatment Court
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Jessica Whatley Evans
Program Evaluation of the Student Support Time After School Program
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Varga

Palmetta Sommerville Hodges
School Counselor Advocacy for African American Students: Examining Changes in School Counselor Practices During the Pandemic
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Natalie E. Pugh
Examining the Cultural Competence of Teachers in Suburban Elementary Schools
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mary Huffstead

Tara L. Tanner
Program Evaluation: Community-Based Mentoring for African American Middle School Males
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Doctor of Education in Counseling
School Improvement
Brittany Aponte
Determining the Impact of Synchronous Virtual Professional Learning on Teachers
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Diana Mindrila

Brittany Nicole Devitt
Motherless Students: Bibliotherapy to Support Female High School Students Experiencing Maternal Trauma
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Pope

Georgia J. Grossett-Dale
Exploring How and Why Girls Engage in High School Computer Science
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kim Huett

Bachelor of Arts
International Economic Affairs
Erin Madison Mason

Bachelor of Business Administration
Accounting
Taylor Ann Adams
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Gabriel Alexander Wilson
James Wright Jr.

Finance
Jaia Ivory Angeles
Zaria Phyllice Bankston
Zaria Regine Diggins
Trey Harrison
Austin Gray Hassert
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Ø also Marketing
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Chandler Garrett Mathieson
Jared Jackson Mulkey
Jada M. Pickens
Tia Simone Pritchett
Hailey Elizabeth Scott
▲ Ariana Leigh Shell
Tykayla A. Simmons
Kaylyn Nicole Smith
Lauren Mckenzie Todd
Bo Riley Walton

Management Information Systems
Victoria Hope Adams
Nicolas Alexander Bonds
Ernest Borney Jr.
Stephan Alexander Bragg
Wyshakia Vermesia Sirveka Burton
Nico Danielle Carter
Stone Torres crews
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Moses Chidiebere Uzoma Dike
Addison Clark Dowda
Gimal Maurice Evans
Jesse Elisha Harper
★ Timothy Joel Hinton
Travis Lamar Jacque
Stephen Thomas Kidney Jr.
Jala Amaya Marie Leak
★ William Jones Marlow
Kevin Christopher Mcalpin
Chase Rashad Miller
Tyler Miller
Angela Akosua Komah Obeng
Bryan Elijah Rejouis
Jamal Bertram Roberts
Tivon Antonio Skeete

Oluzemini Oreoluwa Somuyiwa
David Donald Thomas
★ Zach Tipton
Andrew Caleb Taylor

Marketing
Yoselin Dominga Avalos
David Thomas Ayton
Muntavic Bankston
Parker Blain Berry
Octavia DeJalon Catherine Borden
★ Kailey H. Clarke
Caileigh D. Densmore
★ Cassidy Lynn Eytel
Airel Denise Frazier
Ashley Elizabeth Hembree
William Stanley Hineline
Celena Patrice Jackson
★ Mallory Larson James
Skylar L. Jenkins
★ Katlyn Ashley Johnson
Chantal Kamau
Darby Elaine Keene
Amra Imani King
★ Tesslynn E. Lawrence
Khari Diallo McManus
Madelyn Lorraine Mobley
Anna Kathryn Pope
◊ Ashley Marie Raven
Sarah R. Smoak
Suncerya Stephanie Tyre
★ Olivia Jeann Williams

Bachelor of Science

School of Communication, Film, and Media

Bachelor of Science
Film and Video Production
Adia E. Burley
Judiah Queen Smith

Mass Communications
Marissa Mecelle Allen
★ Alexandrea Alexus Amos
Zachary Trippett Barger
William Scott Cottam
▲ Melanie Nicole Campos
Janelle E. Carlisle
Keyshawn Donnell Chism
★ Malina Claudette Cureton

★ cum laude  ★ magna cum laude
# also Accounting  ◊ also Management

★ cum laude

Economics
Alex Zamora

Master of Business Administration
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Matthew Paul Bish
Kara Marie Bishop
Clayton Alexander Bogdan
Haley Anita Brown
James Everett Cambas III
Bryce Evan Cornicelli
Cameron Mickel Crumby
Kristie Shadix Dunson
Amáni Dorothy-Shirlee Edwards
Henrick Anthonio Gordon
Zachary Sol Grifenhagen
Sandra Lynn Ilomaki
Kameron Preston Mitchell
Hannah Nicole Moulder
Camille Noémie Daisy Portalier
Ethan Bradley Powers
Pragnil Bhavesh Sampat
David Scotty Shadix
Jacob Steven Stansell
Taylor Amari Wade
Erin Zaman

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Amáni Dorothy-Shirlee Edwards
Kyle L. Galusha
Hunter Jordan Goff
Kameron Preston Mitchell
Hannah Nicole Moulder
Ethan Bradley Powers
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Doctor of Education
Nursing Education

Lisa Hesser
The Experience of Prelicensure Nursing Students with a Learning Disability in the Clinical Learning Environment

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Brown

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

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- Alexandria Noelle Marrie Griffin
- Robert John Hughes
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- Bethany Hope Merritt
- Jacob Chandler Payne
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Bachelor of Science

Criminology

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- Emma Gabrielle Bentjen
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Pamela Sue Stafford
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Honors College Graduates

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Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics

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Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages & Literatures

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

International Graduates

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Honorary Degrees

University System of Georgia senior institutions are allowed to recommend to the Board of Regents honorary degree recipients for each academic year. UWG’s basic criteria for an honorary degree recipient are notable achievements in an academic field, the arts and letters, the professions, or public service. Nominations are solicited from the college community and are reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee, which makes nominations to the president. The president then submits a candidate’s name to the University System staff for final consideration by the Board of Regents. The chancellor then makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents.

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Every graduate of the University of West Georgia is a member of the UWG Alumni Association. We strive to keep you connected to your alma mater long after you graduate and support you along your journey through life and your career. You belong at UWG as a student and as a graduate. We invite you to engage with the Alumni Association through joining an alumni network in your area, attending events on campus or virtually, following us on social media, and keeping in touch with us. Remain an active member of the UWG community as you participate in UWG traditions like Homecoming and A Day, UWG’s annual day of giving.

You’ll also have opportunities to invest in UWG as you volunteer your time to speak to a class, mentor a student, and make career connections. You can show your UWG pride as you celebrate UWG with your networks and on social media or cheer on the Wolves at an athletic event. Your opportunities to continue your connection to UWG are almost endless.

We will reach out to you soon. You can also learn more at westga.edu/alumni and keep up-to-date with the latest alumni and university news. We look forward to your involvement with your Alumni Association and to seeing you again soon!

Mr. Brad Mock ’12 ’15
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Academic Regalia

The academic regalia worn by today’s participants dates back to the Middle Ages. The clergy were the literate class, so early academic costumes were clerical. The monk’s habit and cowl worn over the head were predecessors of the modern black gowns. Hoods and capes were also necessary during European winters because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were cold.

Over time, gown styles became standardized for the three types of degrees. Those holding the bachelor’s degree wear a gown distinguished by long, pointed sleeves. Master’s degree candidates wear the traditional black gown with full-length square sleeves. The doctor’s gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The greatest symbolism is shown by the hood. The bachelor’s hood is three feet long with a three-inch band of velvet. The master’s hood is three-and-one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch band of velvet. The doctor’s hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch band of velvet. The color of the velvet band on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, and the hood is lined with the color of the university granting the degree.

The Mace

During the Middle Ages, the mace was a weapon used in battle, but as newer and more powerful military arms developed, it was adopted by academia as a symbol of the power of ideas, truth, and wisdom. In modern times, the mace is carried to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace is constructed of cherry wood, black walnut, hand-turned walnut, and walnut burl. The institution’s seal adorns the head of the mace and complements the presidential medallion.
The University of West Georgia has been a beacon for learning since 1906. Originally founded as an agricultural and mechanical school, the institution became a two-year college and charter member of the University System of Georgia in 1933. In 1957, it expanded to a four-year institution and received university status in 1996. Today, UWG is a leading residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation.

At UWG, students are positioned to launch their careers upon graduation – if not before. In 2021, UWG began implementing its strategic plan for 2021-26, titled “Becoming UWG.” With members of the university community dedicating themselves to the curation of a first-choice university, the plan establishes a path for the institution’s long-term growth and excellence.

With an enrollment of 12,718 during the fall 2021 semester, UWG currently offers 97 programs of study, including one two-year degree, 43 at the bachelor’s degree level, 24 at the master’s level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and 12 post-baccalaureate, four undergraduate, and two post-master’s certificates. The university prides itself on a diverse student body, as students come from most counties in Georgia as well as from 32 other states and 63 other countries.

UWG has many ways for students to become involved on campus. The university hosts more than 170 registered organizations in addition to many intramural and recreational sports. As the UWG Wolves, the university is a member of NCAA Division II, competing in the Gulf South Conference. The university fields eight women’s and five men’s intercollegiate athletics teams, as well as co-ed and all-female cheerleading squads. Service-learning is also a basic tenet of the institution as it has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for its institutional commitment to community engagement through teaching, research, and public service.

Over the past five years, the campus has improved and expanded facilities that enhance opportunities for students to thrive and succeed, such as renovation to the Biology Building and new construction for the Student Health Center and Roy Richards Sr. Hall, home of the Richards College of Business. The university is currently renovating the Humanities Building, home to programs in art, English, film, history, language, performing arts, and philosophy. UWG Newnan has also expanded its location at the former Newnan hospital, and more course options are becoming available at UWG Douglasville.

Visit westga.edu for further information on the university or call 678-839-4000 to schedule a tour.
Alma Mater

Felton Dunn

Bruce Barton

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Our wise Alma Mater beckons to the Red and Blue,
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