

Commencement

FALL 2023 CEREMONIES





elcome 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!

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University of West Georgia
December 9, 2023
The Coliseum
Carrollton, Georgia



FALL SEMESTER COMMENCEMENT • DECEMBER 9, 2023 • THE COLISEUM

10 a.m.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

College of Education
School of Communication, Film, and Media
Tanner Health System School of Nursing
University College

2 p.m.

Graduate Degree Candidates

All Colleges and Schools

5:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
Richards College of Business

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michael Hester
Director of UWG Debate & Coordinator of UWG's African American Male Initiative

NATIONAL ANTHEM

10 a.m.

Katie Sweeney, *Soprano* & Mackenzi Phillips, *Soprano*

2 p.m.

Ethan Weaver, *Tenor*

5:30 p.m.

Mary Jane Levann, *Mezzo-Soprano*

SGA WELCOME

Tyler McCoy
President, Student Government Association

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Brendan B. Kelly
President

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Jon A. Preston
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. André L. Fortune
Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Pauline Gagnon
Dean of the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

Dr. Mike Dishman
Dean of the College of Education

Dr. Christopher Johnson
Dean of the Richards College of Business

Dr. Karen Owen
Dean of University College and Honors College

Dr. Jennifer Schuessler
Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing

Dr. Matt Varga
Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Brad Yates
Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media

10 a.m.

Jean Cook
Instruction Librarian

2 p.m.

Dr. Beth Sheppard
Library Faculty

5:30 p.m.

Charlie Sicignano
Library Head of Acquisitions



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HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Dr. Kelly Dyar
Associate Professor of Nursing Education

Dr. Robert Griffin
Associate Professor of Literacy Education

Dr. Morgan Jenkins
Clinical Assistant Professor

Dr. Andy Nixon
Associate Professor of Educational Leadership

Dr. Elizabeth Pope
Associate Professor of Educational Research

Dr. John Roberts
Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre
Professor of Psychology

Dr. Julia Whisenhunt
Professor of Counselor Education

Dr. Matt Varga
Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Reena Viswanath
Assistant Professor of Higher Education Administration

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Christopher Sanders
Chair of Alumni Association Board of Directors

ALMA MATER

10 a.m.
2 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Katie Sweeney & Mackenzi Phillips
Ethan Weaver
Mary Jane Levann

FACULTY MARSHAL

10 a.m.
2 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dr. Kathleen Morales
Student Success Coordinator and Associate Professor of Nursing

Dr. Kelly Dyar
Director of Inquiry and Scholarship and Associate Professor of Nursing

Dr. Javier Hasbun
Professor of Physics

MACE BEARER

10 a.m.
2 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dr. Nancy Capponi
Assistant Professor of Nursing

Bridgette Stewart
Chief Wellness Officer

Dr. Basu Dutt
Professor of Economics



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT BRENDAN B. KELLY, PH.D.

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 today. 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Kelly".

Brendan B. Kelly, Ph.D.

President

University of West Georgia



DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art

- Terrell Donovan Bolton
- ★ Kennedee Ja'Leah Williams

English

- Henrietta Adjoa Bekor
- ▲ Emily Elizabeth Brooks
- Sydney Madison Buice
- Jorge Carbajal
- ★ Sophia Marie Couch
- Savonne DeMarcus Dennis
- Tyrec Shamar Farmer
- ▲ Isabella Claire Herring
- ★ Abigail Danielle Norton
- Mariah Redmond
- Amber Wiecek

Foreign Languages and Literatures

- Jasmine Biyaunka Dunn
- ▲ Kaleb Douglas Hyatt
- Oliva Janet Rodriguez
- ▲ Courtney Lynne Vance

History

- Michael Clayton Ballenger
- Heather Cook
- ❖ Seth Thomas Hopkins
- Misty Sierra Mlack
- Caleb Stanley Seldon
- ★ Benjamin Ryan Smith
- Alaina Danielle White

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Art

- Andrea Altman
- Sarah Elisabeth Beatty
- Emily Sarah Boatright
- ❖ Zoe Willow Brooks
- ❖ Arianna Aaliyah Naomi Brown
- ▲ Zhane Toni-Marie Brown
- Hailey Nicole Cooper
- Cheyenne Elaine Cox
- ★ Ansley B. Holland
- Isabella Christina Lugo
- ★ Kamarezion Tovierre Mathis
- ★ John Elbert Moore IV
- Saulee Smith
- Jalin Nicole Walters
- ▲ Victoria Love Weaver

Theatre

- ★ Daija Cianci Jones
- ★ Ramey Belle Ward

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

- Brandon Nathaneil Cunningham
- Karlee Cecilia Demmer

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Anthropology

- Heather Danielle Brown
- Allegra Wilhelmina Freeman
- ★ Emily M. Moon
- Taylor Rae Staples

Biology

- Kennedy Morgan Ash
- Caitlyn Brooke Bivens
- Alyssa C. Burke
- Breanna Nicole Cain
- ★ Grace Elisabeth Camp
- Michele Nicole Chastain
- Michelle Cortines
- Bessy Melissa Costilla Delcid
- Dickson Leigh Currey
- ★ Madeline June Duke
- Emma Elizabeth Ellis
- ★ Katelyn Enderle
- ★ Kameron Evins
- Kaylee Jordan Faulkner
- ★ Aubrey Mack Gaines
- Darius C. Giles
- Jada Ayanna Lewis
- Cynthia Shanice McCain
- ★ ¥ Abigail Lee McGlamery
- Mohammad Loay Mustafa
- Bryceton O' Neal Jernigan Noble
- Spyncer Franklin Patton
- Stephanie Ryo Tubolino
- Jack Phillipp Wessels
- Ryen Acoli Wiggins
- Savannah Brooke Wilson
- Hikeeneya Meshadae Wright

Chemistry

- Tiera Deyana Allen
- Abigail Sharon Baker
- ★ Σ Leonardo Daniel Ibarra
- Kennedy Kyle Montgomery
- ❖ Abigail Renae Wester

Computer Science

- Amelia Rose Reynolds
- Janera Pauline Menae Smith
- Matthew Olin Charles Thompson

Geography

- ★ Alexandra Morrell Easterwood
- Triston B. Nowak

Geology

- Nicholas Andrew Nance

Mathematics

- Alexander Benjamin Gordon
- Porsha L. Jones
- Brian Keeler Luke

Physics

- ▲ Daniel Thomas Byers
- ▲ James Lee Land

Psychology

- Zakiyyah Asiyah Abubakir
- Mary Delaney Agur
- Danielle Amankwah
- ★ Amber Nicole Baldwin
- Hannah E. Bearden
- ★ Adela Belohlavova
- Avery Jovan Benitez
- ★ Alyssa N. Biglow
- ❖ Brooke Elizabeth Brady
- Dessiana Marie Brown
- Paris Kennedy Brown
- MaKaila Dechelle Buchanan
- ★ Ayanna Kathryn Cephus
- Caleb Bradford Chastain
- ★ Tyler Crowder
- Ra'Shawn Jameel De Castro Jr.
- Emily Delgado
- Britton Jai Dothard
- Katelyn Brooke Edwards
- Emery Claire Faircloth
- ★ Niyah Monae Fontanez
- ★ Ti'Yanna I. Foster
- ★ Natalie MacKenzie Giddens
- Santana Nishe Gilbert
- Michael Peter Goodison
- ★ Christopher William Harp
- Janiya De'Aonna Hicks
- Timia Raquel Hinton
- Destiny Nycole Holland
- Ja`von Anthony Jackson
- Catrice Jacques

★ *cum laude*

❖ *magna cum laude*

▲ *summa cum laude*

Σ *also Biology*

¥ *also Psychology*



Nyah Janae Jordan
James Zacquis Lane
★ Allison Renee Lester
Jakaia K. Lester
Ashley N. Lewis
JaSia Tarje Lovelace
Lauren Elizabeth McElhaney

★ Megan A. Morgan
Kylie Mae Moses
Zachary Obi
Diamond Alexis Odom
† Karen Elizabeth Rogers
Adelyn W. Ryan
Kashaunna Jiquira Snell
★ Devan M. Stanek
Ashiley Inez Swan
★ Nicholas James Tarter
Tiffany Nicole Taylor

▲ Devynn Sage Turley
Jada Desha Wade
Victoria Nicole Walker
Kristen Calista Watt
Miracle Iyana Watts
Kamayah Ashaunti Weaver
Temika K. Wellington
★ McKenzie Leigh Westmoreland
Alyssa Gabrielle Patricia Williams
Olivia Claire Zirkle

Social and Behavioral Health

Martha Abrefi Adade
Robbie Michelle Billingsley-Sykes
Sabria T. Durr
Katlyn Justina Goggins

Taylor McKenzie-Bean Hammett
Taylor Bethany Mitchell
Gené Victoria Smith
Nacodie Churuin Williams Jr.

Sociology

★ Hailey Danielle Abercrombie
Jamia L. Battiste
Taleija Shanice Bennerson
Hailey Alexandria La'Ray Crosby Williams
Destini Edwards
Felicia M. Freeman
Ashley Amoure Gates
▲ Bailey Elizabeth Higgins
★ Jacqueline Lania Marie Kersey
Carlesia Smith
Amethyst Adriana Terrell

MASTER OF ARTS

English

Shelly L. Bressner
Allison Eidson Duncan
Sarah Krafft
Cheyenne Alexandra Miller
Katelyn Cheyenne Moss
Summer Elizabeth Rand
Dylan Jeffrey Reber
Landrin Carlyle Shelton
Michelle Harris Wooten

History

Eric Andrew Chaney
Camille Olivia Coe
Tracy A. Phelps

Psychology

Rebekah Elizabeth Baldwin
Adilene López Valenzuela
Joshua Mollenkamp
Jeremy Jontel Surry

Sociology

Hollis Clarke Hill
Laurin Howell Plummer

MASTER OF MUSIC

Michaela Elizabeth Brock
Katelynn Marie Crossan
Scott Matthew Gearhart
Lesley Ann Jakovcic
Katie Anne Morris
Theresa Anna Rochowski

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Computer Science

Chandan Jaladi

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
PSYCHOLOGY**

Consciousness and Society

Kimberly Ann Prince Korobov
*Enlivening the Dead Places: 'Dreaming
Psychosis' in Analytic Field Theory*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. John Roberts

Jacob Harrison Tengelsen
Tweets and the Child Sex-Trafficked Person
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre

College of Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health and Community Wellness

Jordan Darshe Adams
★ Bret Adkins
Afolasade Zainab Ambali
JoCee Patricia Barrett
▲ Haley Nicole Brinkman
Alexis Nicole Conner
Nyeila Jade Davis
★ Logan Grant Dixon
❖ Mary Grace Farmer
★ Kalyn Bre Friar
Amari Alexandria Hines

Lauren Shanice Jones
Luis Carlos Martinez
▲ Kasilynn Faith McClain
Rajaez A. Mosley
★ Nia Janae Rachmann
Chemari Renell Reeves
Raegaan Amaree Rudolph
Courtney Allissa Saxton
Raeqwan Altarek Smith
Sandra Latrice Smith

Sport Management

Gary Andrews Jr.
❖ Nathaniel H. Austin

❖ Joshua J. Burnette
Bryce Lawrence Busby
★ Anthony Ramoan Causey Jr.
Kiera Taylor Ellis
Camyen Perrion Feagins
William Tyler Gates
Andrew Paul Gautreaux
JeQwan George
Marvin James
Kristofer Tyler Kelly
Jhane McDonald
▲ Derrick Dewayne McFerrien Jr.

★ *cum laude*

❖ *magna cum laude*

▲ *summa cum laude*

† *also Sociology*



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Elementary Education

- Maria Liset Acosta
- Ivy Sue Altman
- ★ Kierra Brianna Bailey
- Afton E. Boatman
- ❖ Bria Elizabeth Boatman
- Kierra S. Britt
- Sarah Elizabeth Bruce
- ▲ Christi Diane Buffington
- Marian Guadalupe Colindres-Gonzalez
- ★ Lauren Allison DeFoor
- ★ Saleathia Amari Green
- Haleigh Madison Griffin
- Kendall Nicole Kirby
- ★ Aliyah Nicole Martin
- ▲ Aleah Gail McKenzie
- Natalie Marie Myers
- Dekaii Catera Ogletree
- ★ Felicia Lynn Padgett
- ★ Alexis E. Pierre
- ★ Jasmine Alexis Pittman
- ★ Chloe Paige Pledger
- ★ Natalie Jewel Porter
- ▲ Almary Rodriguez
- ▲ Meagan Brooke Ryan
- ▲ Abigail Faith Sadler
- Zhakira Celeste Sainsbury
- Abigail Mackenzie Smith
- Madelyn A. Smith
- Mackenzie Rachelle Snyder
- ❖ Maya Amari Timberlake
- Kelsey Ashlyn Traylor
- ▲ Laurel Ann Vines
- ❖ Isabelle Kathryn Walters
- ▲ Megan Wheelless

Physical Education

- ★ Shavar Lewis Reynolds

Speech-Language Pathology

- Robin Lee Golden-Bass

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

- Roberto Aguilar Jr.
- MI Danielle Shae Bailey
- Stephanie Nicole Banks
- Niesha Beasley
- Jessica Caitlin Bell
- Anna Elizabeth Bruce
- Nicole A. Buckner
- Deatrice Renette Byrd
- Alexander Dean Callocchio
- Chelsea Cohen
- Melisa A. Cooley

- Beth Gunter Dycus
- Brandon Perry Findley
- Rashunda Gray
- Bryce Carter Griffin
- Shawnda Shalise Halyard
- Jessica Hanson
- Rachel Mignon Harvey
- Philip Bartholomew Johnson
- Joseph Tyrique Junius
- Jonathan Benjamin Kerr
- Joseph Normand Steve Leroux
- Abbey Grace Mason
- Jamie Lanet Maxwell
- Margaret Anne Mincey
- Lane Jaret Moore
- Tammy Marie Mooren
- Samuel Patrick Muenchen
- Shelby Diane Palmer
- Amelia Grace Priest
- Holly Noel Proby
- Leslie Alejandra Rico
- Morgan Blake Simmons
- Nickie Blanchard Smith
- Garry Scott Swanson
- Sydney Standard Swords
- Holly Elyse Terry
- CeAndra Shalon Reese Thomaston
- April Daniel Wade
- Glen Williamson
- Danielle Anjenette Yates

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education

- Amanda Berlin
- Brooke Hambrick Brumbelow
- Idaja T' Meia Driver
- Kathryn Carlisle Gaona
- Dara Gramling
- Sara Harper
- Chasity Noel Harrison
- Shaikeria T. Hill
- Melissa Leigh Johnson
- Marshanda Bradshaw Lathbury
- Charlotte Ann Livingston
- Kailyn Alexandra Locklear
- Elizabeth M. Massenburg
- Ellen Hungerford Pierson
- Ashlyn Rose Popham
- Sadie-Grayson Sanders Prince
- Sarah Catherine Reagan
- Laura Louise Schultz
- Lauren Childs Sherrill
- DeJa Alisa Wilkerson
- Dru Alexis Wilson
- Julia Yeast

Instructional Technology, Media, and Design

- Carly Anglin
 - Teavin Tramaine Applewhite
 - Amy Kathryn Beasley
 - Thomas Andrew Brown
 - Tammy Marie Carnley
 - Autumn Sydney Chance
 - Zachary Paul Colley
 - Eddrick Jaron Copeland
 - Nicole Marie Crain
 - Mercedes Dowling
 - Katlyn Elizabeth Durham
 - Cameron Elizabeth Eby
 - Michael Tyler Ellis
 - Amanda K. Evans
 - Emily Mae Faulkenberry
 - Thomas Porterfield Flowers
 - Elizabeth Ann Gearhart
 - Rachel Kane Hanawalt
 - Tyler Curtis Hinesley
 - Sandra Lee Jones
 - Carol Kennemore Kleywegt
 - Tuesdee Lassiter Lambert
 - Corey Latham Sr.
 - Carlos Christopher Lovett Sr.
 - Bonnie Catherine Luffel
 - Brittany Maddox
 - Emily Ann Moss
 - Catherine L. Munson
 - Jessica Murphy
 - Andricque DeShaun Norwood
 - Catherine Skye Nugent
 - Erica Chloe Pater
 - Sidney Kristine Paulson
 - Linda M. Perez
 - Corey Dakota Phillips
 - Kayla Deduro Phillips
 - Briyana Pearl Richardson
 - Kaylee Ann Roberts
 - Chrisanthi Robledo
 - Amber Nicole Street
 - Kathryn Teresa Thaxton
 - Jessica Evelyn Vaca
 - Lauren Elizabeth Watson
 - Kelsey Wheeler
- Physical Education**
- John Kevin Booth
 - Gregory Lee Busby
 - Kirk Call
 - Elzie Marshall II
 - Jessie Pagett Redd
 - Antwon Terreick Simmons
- Professional Counseling**
- Jason Paul Collins
 - Karen Elizabeth Gearhart

★ *cum laude*

❖ *magna cum laude*

▲ *summa cum laude*



Dixie Lynn Gill
Mary Faith Laughlin
Rachel Leigh Lewis
Alaina Victoria Navarro
Mya Alexis Patterson
Elizabeth Curry Sockwell
Indira Thomasson
James E. Vanlandingham

Reading Instruction

Kelsey Peck Davis
Logan Graves
Lindsey Monique Griffin
Elizabeth Smith Wanamaker

Special Education

Danielle Elizabeth Bazemore
Alexis Bedgood
Matthew Beecher
Abigail Elizabeth Croft
Ashley Elizabeth Dunlop
Stephanie Schlanger
Elizabeth Lynn Smith
Charity Hope Switzer
Amy Terlizzi
Stacey Reid Underwood

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sport Management

Riley Nicole Galpin
Antoine Hudspeth
Kalup Eugene Liszewski
Adia Ayanna Randall
Parker Rawlin
Jamie Ruengmateekhun
Ashly Brandt Salomonsky
Ari Najmah Samuel
Savannah Scharschmidt
Noah Allen Shobe
Jimmy Vinson
Savanna Walker
Kenneth Bailey Witcher

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Educational Leadership

Holli Diana Brown
Patrick Craig Cuff
Porsha Davis
Richard Lewis Flowers
Stanley Gaddis
Nicholas David Gast
Latashia Louise Gosier
Jessica Felicita Layana
Toni G. Lovvorn
Janet Marotte
Soo Lee Son
Timothy Jason Sparks

Monique Lane' Swinger
Brandon Thompson
Bohanon Nicholas Tinney
Stacey Van Syckle

Elementary Education

Shannon Adams
Hilary L. Backstrom
Caroline Ashley Brashier
Jennifer Renee Clark
Tricia Lynn Fox
Brittany C. Gore
Margretta Walker Harris
Michele Nicole Harrison
Kelly R. Koch
Enasia Imani Lee
Lillian Katrina Monroe
Heather Beatrice Neil
Jennifer Morgan Peacock
Holly Rabino
Earla Georgia Reece
Natania Marie Riley
Jocelyn Pisauro Robbins
Maren Roedenbeck
Kathryn Ryan
Deborah Miranda Satterfield
Stephanie C. Shamblin
Katherine Johns Starkey
Jeanine Nicole Walker

Instructional Technology, Media, and Design

Kristen Nicole Alvarez
Emily Anne Ashworth
Elias Barber
Hollie Barrow
Sarah Torrance Beck
Chelsea Nicole Bowman
Ashley Brady
Drew Bryan
Elizabeth Scarborough Bryan
Pamela Brynien
Matthew Buckert
Susan Hunt Buckert
Toi Rourk Carter
Frances Renee Chandler
Leslie Ann Clay-McCoy
Jordan Benitez Cofer
Adam Vincent Collins
Christy Cook
Erin Elizabeth Corbin
Karson Elijah Creamer
Cristina Kay Crowder
Lindsay Dalton
Addison Reese Daniel
Alexandria Maria Daniels
Richard Michael Dierkes
Daphne Dobbin

Andrew Parker Doss
Cody Dyer
Andrew Hartman Eager
Tracy Farrow
Melissa Mary Fernandes
Colleen Frances Foy
George Randall Gabriel
Frankie Virginia Garner
Hannah Corene Godfrey
Lisa Washington Griffin
Cathey Elizabeth Hagerich
Jessica Lee Hall
Robert Jared Hamby
Maria Dalianas Hamill
Paige Hartley
Suzanne Haynes
Holly Hicks
Aimee Leigh Holcombe
Mikelle Gabriel Holmes
Molly Carol Hopper
Stevie Jackson
Camille Johnson
Janet Kimberly Jones
Deidre Anne Kell
Jessica Douglass Kelly
KeAnna Earle Kilpatrick
Amanda Jane Knopp
Rebecca R. Landes
Hope Marlena Lawrence
Jamie Strickland Lester
Kyle Thomas Manley
Deana Norris Martin
Lori E. McGovern
Teleah McTeer
Katherine Pettyjohn Molock
Lindsay Jane Moore
Laura Morrison
Donald Wes Parker
Sarah Elizabeth Parker
Lauren Meredith Peters
Amber Janay Peterson
Robert Norman Poff
Teara Williams Powell
Kathryn Pritz
Ashleigh Morgan Puckett
Ramona Janess Rhoden
Jeanean Patrice L. Robinson
Tiffani Renee Robinson
Tequila M. Sanders
Cameron Ann Sheldon
Margaret Dedman Shumake
Andrea Nicole Shurtleff
Karen Slaton
Tara Holder Stewart
David Stickle
Chelsea Taylor



Robin Anne Thompson
Rekita Trenece Thornhill
Eileen Walsh Tishken
Joshua Timothy Tompkins
Tomeka Nicosha Trussell
Jennifer Goddard Turner
Kimberly Ann Ureke
Molly Humphries Valencia
Melissa Wallace
Dustin John Westbrook
Brittany Bultman Wiggins
Austin Garrett Williams
Sandra K. Williams
Breanne Wood
Natasha Wright
Charlee House Yancey

Professional Counseling

Robert James Arsenault
Elizabeth Bishop
Jessica Fleming Chester
Eva Fedd
Tiffany Patrice Gillians
Phyllis Gay Hale
Maria Antoinette Josey
Bren Haven Lewis
Margarita Poche
Teah Marie Quinones
Karen Robin
Audrey Rodriguez
Jade Sanches
Rebecca Whitesel
Wendy Williams

Secondary Education

Susan Elizabeth Aughey
Phillip Babb
Erin Meredith Blake
Amanda Louise Bridges
Paris Christian Brown II
Jessica Erin Carter
Ansley Cranford Giddens
Priscilla Dawn Haynes
Ebony N. Morrison
Gregory Norman Nail
Danielle Okamoto
Katie Ann Peters

Charles Frederick Petrea
Carolyn Conley Simons
Lee Spoor
Taylor Lane Swilling

Special Education

Angela Gates Acree
Reshma Bakshani
Tonica Burden Barolette
BeJewel Brown
Charles Dante Cheek
Marissa Coney
Adrian Barrington Cross
Amy Nobuko Filatreau
Wanda Gibson
Agnieszka Elzbieta Haley
Heather M. Hamilton
Lauren Elizabeth Hayde
Angela Lynn Hodge
Alma Adriana Lopez
Karyn O'Miller
Taylor Pearson
Kym Tonya Perkins
Anna Kathryn Ray
Sherry Diane Roberts
Torian Ross
Kelly Hart Scott
Kendra Leann Sewell
Julia Michelle Tannehill
Megan E. Tucker
Dylan Jessie Windom

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

✦ Paul Anthony Bradley, Jr

Adenike Marie Brewington
*Black Women in STEM: Experiences With
Double Bind Discrimination and the Role of
Same-Race Mentoring on Their Persistence*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ashton Cooper

Christian M. Gallie
*Non-Traditional International Students'
Perceptions of Support Services: A
Phenomenological Study*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Griffin

April Wood Stewart
*The Effects of Dual Enrollment on K-12 and
Georgia Postsecondary Institutions*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Varga

Lindsey Elizabeth Woods
*Institutional Response to Student Activists'
Requests for Increased Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion Practices on a College Campus*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Varga

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

School Improvement

Kristina White Richardson
*An Evaluation of a Developing Leaders
Program to Increase Leadership Capacity
and Confidence to Lead Change*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andy Nixon

Keyaneshia Archetta Richmond
*Elementary Students Learning Online:
Instructional Best Practices for Engagement
and Ideal Characteristics for Online
Learning*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Pope

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN COUNSELING

Professional Counseling and Supervision

Cayce Nicole Pope
*An Examination of School Counselors' Use
of Telemental Health to Support Students
in Crisis*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Grenetta Gunn Turner
*School Counselors' Perceptions of the Effects
of School Mental Health Services on Gifted
Students*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Morgan Jenkins



Richards College of Business

BACHELOR OF ARTS

International Economic Affairs

- ★ Courtney Lynette Buice

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

- ★Ω Clifford M. Barrett
- ❖ Emma Catherine Bartlett
- Robyn Nicole Brass
- ★ Sara Shea Brooks
- ★ Serenity M. Burns
- ★ Christen Taylor Copeland
- ▲ Yareli Hernandez
- Gage Burns Jackson
- ★ Bieyri Servando Molina Ibarra
- Emmanuel Tochukwu Okonkwo
- Spencer Lawrence Rowe
- Halie Elizabeth Spears
- ★ Morgan Taylor Tingle
- Blake Alexander Velez
- ★ Alicia Renee Wall

Economics

- ▲β Savannah M. Ford
- Tanner Jones Griffin
- ❖Ω Luke Anthony Joyner

Finance

- ★ Christina Nicole Baker
- ▲β Ben Michael Bradley
- ★ Nathanael James Finley
- Christian Van Griffith
- Donald Tyler Hicks
- ▲ Alec Samuel Andres McDonald
- Jahaad Cinqué Ra-Hashim
- Δ Ashton Taylor Roberts
- Salvador Rodriguez
- Jaxson Manuel Sanker
- Braedon M. Smith
- Δ Olivia Faith Sorrells
- ★ Jade Marie Teague
- Carlin E. Vedane
- Δ Samuel Bradley Yates

Management

- Irving Alvarez
- ★ Caleb Donald Babb
- Palmer Thomas Bachelder
- ★ Shayla Marie Britt
- Lilia Grace Carrington
- Steven Nolan Carroll
- Savannah Marie Childers
- ¶ Gracie Leighton Clifton
- Terrill Cole
- Zachary Ryan Crawford

- Deia Janaise Dennis
- Callie Lane DuBose
- ★ Adrian M. Galbraith
- Cody C. Gast
- ★ Ryan Christopher Ginnity
- Maryo Lenn Hudgins
- Δ Damaris Ruth Isham
- Lauren Nicole Johnson
- Savannah Marie Dendinger Johnson
- Mamiya Rakell Kight
- Keyshonda Lashae Knight
- Jade Alexandria McDaniel
- ★ Christopher Blake McElroy
- Reid Olin Morris
- Shiv Suresh Patel
- Oliwer Karl-Johan Persson Toiminien
- Ethan William Redick
- Ω Yaire Anahi Rivera
- Madison Camille Robinson
- DeAndre Anthony-Michael Rodriguez
- ❖ Rachel Rose
- Akili O'Shea Smith
- Crystal Renee Smith
- Matthew Caleb Smith
- Nevia Simone Timmons
- Lizbeth Abundis Trejo
- Ka-Lyn Jeannean Waldrop
- Zechiah Monae Weekley

Management Information Systems

- Christopher David Brackett
- John Brown Jr.
- Aaron Dakota Cheatwood
- Tiffany Chanelle Davidson
- Moses Chidiebere Uzoma Dike
- Brent L. Dobbs Jr.
- ▲ Vo Mong Tuyen Le
- Jala Amaya Marie Leak
- Tori Martin
- Miles Tyler McDaniel
- ★ Christian Callier Mills
- Jadarius Antwan Mosley
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Economics

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- Matthew David Harrison Huddleston
- Jackson Spinner Johnson
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- Patricia Martin Gomez
- Isaiah Witherspoon Neloms
- Augustine Ngalia
- Ashley Kanoelani North
- Tina Michelle Skinner Reece
- Brooke Marie Wade
- Kirstin Kathleen Zell

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ACCOUNTING

- Mason Gregory Farrar

★ cum laude

❖ magna cum laude

▲ summa cum laude



School of Communication, Film, and Media

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Film and Video Production

- Asia Loreal Burkes
- ▲ Aiyana Nicole Cooper
- John Joseph Gallo
- ▲ Joi'Anna Faith Partee
- Luis Ignacio Roque
- Thomas A. Shultz

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- Nia Brielle Binning
- Alicia J` kai Booth
- ▲ Kelli Ann Breed
- Cheldee Elizabeth Bruton

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- Tyler Gates
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- Ryan Owens
- Catherine Meredith Potter
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DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Nursing Education

Tonya Michelle Herring
Prelicensure Academic Nurse Educators' Use of Exam and Item Analysis
 Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kelly Dyar

★ *cum laude*

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University College

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Political Science

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Sheroi Rose Marie Taylor
Desheila Elise Webster
❖ Taylor Marie Williams

MASTER OF ARTS

Criminology

- Katherine Faith Ashley
Janet Guyton
Symphony Tiyanna McCord
Adreana Swanson
Tiffany Lene Williams

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- Robert Keilhey de Andrade
Tyesha Princess Barlow
Kennedy Paige Dickerson
Rawn Gerrad Mashburn
Devante Matthews
Peyton Mia Puckett
Eric Va`Shon Williams Jr.
Monica Renee Woods

★ cum laude

❖ magna cum laude

▲ summa cum laude

√ also Anthropology



Honors College Graduates

The Honors College curriculum is the most academically rigorous curriculum offered at this university. To graduate with Honors College distinction, students must: (1) complete all of the requirements for their degrees in their majors; (2) earn credit for 25% or more of their course work in Honors College courses, including at least two seminars at the junior or senior level; (3) complete a research project; and (4) maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 in Honors College courses and in all other academic work. Completion of this distinctive curriculum is a mark of scholarly excellence and is recognized on all official University of West Georgia transcripts and diplomas.

Henrietta Adjoa Bekor
Bachelor of Arts in English

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Bachelor of Science in Political Science

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Bachelor of Arts in International Economic Affairs

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Bachelor of Science in Biology

Aiyana Nicole Cooper
Bachelor of Science in Film and Video Production

Katelyn Enderle
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Akiria Talaiya Evans
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

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Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages & Literatures

International Graduates

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Richards College of Business

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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.

UWG began awarding the Doctor of Humane Letters in 1996, and recipients of this honor include:

Roy Richards Jr., 1996
Dr. Julian Stanley, 1997
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WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

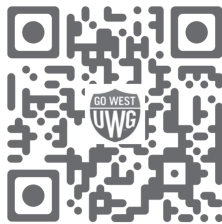
Congratulations on your graduation from the University of West Georgia, and welcome to the Alumni Association! You have joined a distinguished group of people who have graduated from or attended UWG. We represent a group with a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, vocations, ages, and opinions, but one thing we resoundingly share is our dedication to the University of West Georgia.

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. Christopher Sanders '03
*Chair of Alumni Association
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

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 more than 12,700 during the fall 2023 semester, UWG currently offers 106 programs of study, including two two-year degrees, 46 at the bachelor’s degree level, 24 at the master’s level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and 13 post-baccalaureate, six undergraduate, and four 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 31 other states and 62 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. Effective July 1, 2024, UWG will elevate to compete in NCAA Division I Athletics as a member of the Atlantic Sun 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 studies, history, language, performing arts, and philosophy. UWG Newnan has also expanded its location at the historic 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.

TRADITIONS OF COMMENCEMENT

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 and specialist 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 and specialist 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.

Alma Mater

Felton Dunn

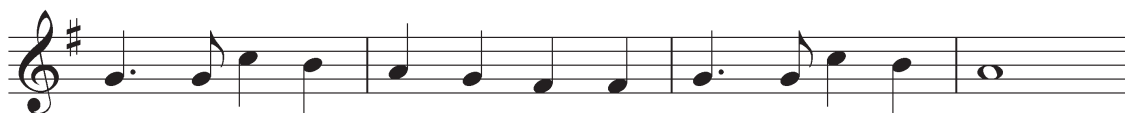
Bruce Borton



In the west-ern pines of Georgia stand-ing strong and true,



Our wise Al-ma Ma-ter beck-ons to the Red and Blue,



Though you be in learn-ing found-ed youth-ful yet you be,



While thus guid-ed by tra-di-tion yet you still breathe free,



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