Welcome to the University of West Georgia commencement ceremony. 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 that 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!
University of West Georgia
May 15, 2021
University Stadium
Carrollton, Georgia
CALL TO ORDER  
Dr. Brad Yates  
Professor and Chair of Mass Communications

NATIONAL ANTHEM  9 a.m. 
Ms. Angel Sneed  
Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance & Composition
Ms. Kayla Rodríguez Pérez  
Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance
Ms. Emily Thomas  
Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance
Ms. Alyssa Pinson  
Bachelor of Music - (Spring '23) Music Education

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Brendan B. Kelly  
President

SGA WELCOME
Mr. Khareem Leslie  
President, Student Government Association

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Dr. Jon Preston  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
Dr. Connie Barbour, Associate Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing
Dr. Ryan Bronkema, Associate Professor of Counselor Education and College Student Affairs
Dr. Julia Chibbaro, Professor of Counselor Education
Dr. Katherine B. Green, Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Special Education
Dr. Sally Richter, Assistant Professor in the Tanner Health System School of Nursing
Dr. Larry Schor, Professor of Psychology
Dr. Bethany Scullin, Assistant Professor of Literacy and Special Education
Dr. Susan Welch, Associate Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Melanie Hildebrandt  
Chairperson of Alumni Association
Spring Semester Commencement  May 15, 2021 • University Stadium

ALMA MATER

Ms. Monifa Middleton
Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance

Ms. Emily Thomas
Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance

9 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT STAFF

Mrs. Donna Haley
Registrar

Dr. Brad Yates
Professor and Chair of Mass Communications

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
Executive Director of Auxiliary Services

Mr. Mark Reeves
Senior Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises and Business Services

Mr. John Haven
Vice President for Business and Financial Services

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Mr. Jake Berry
Mr. Seth Cowart
Mr. Wade Crenshaw
Mr. Joe Fernander
Ms. Alicia Freed
Mrs. Melba Haynes
Ms. Amy Hollingsworth
Dr. Dianne Hoff
Lt. Mike Keener
Ms. Mary Parsons
Mr. Michael Post
Ms. Ashley Prather
Mr. Mark Reeves
Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
Ofc. Nathan Worthy

May 15, 2021
University Stadium
9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
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 accomplishment 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 stop 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 story 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
Bachelor of Arts

Art
Tyla Amari Collins
★ Akira J. Goodman
Christian Henry Johnson
Jacquie Rose Labossiere
Bridget Renae Paramore
Morgan Nikole Rivers

English
Alice Ann Carson
Ethan Eric Davis
★ Maria Alejandra De la Rosa
Zayida Figueroa
★ Matthew Thomas Harvey
Shandrena Yvonne James
★ Jared Antonio Jones
Erica Natasha Jordan
★ Natalie Grace King
★ Lindsay Grace Koziel
Nadia M. Manuel
★ Darelyanel Zoe Medina
★ Cheyenne Alexandra Miller
★ Katelyn Cheyenne Moss
Christian Alexis Price
★ Zion Hannah Robinson
★ Savannah Malone Smith
★ Kinley A. Stanford
Shamara Charnell Williams

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Art
★ Kendall Bailee Allums
Aja K. Benjamin
D’ vonté Jaquon Burke
Chynna Sage Carter
Janay Charles
★ Marcus Nathaniel Childers
Sereana Marie Cook
★ Allison Avery Evans
George Falegan Jr.
★ Trevor Taylor Greig
★ Piper Noelle Heaton
★ Rodrick James Jordan
★ Melissa Ann Leatherman
Thomas Dale Lovett
Devon M. Moore
Maranda Kathleen Rucker
Shirlena Mosha Smith

 Bachelor of Music

Courtney LeighAnne Alley
★ Lucas M. Bass
★ Laney Phillips Bledsoe
Sean Michael Brown
★ Katahj Tyreek Copley
★ Brianna Nicole Cunningham
Joshua Clay Davis
Karlee Cecilia Demmer
Monifa Middleton
★ Mary Kathryn Almeda Newton
Kayla Rodriguez Perez
★ Jessica Nicole Sisson
Angel Jaunita Sneed
Emily Beth Thomas
★ Zhi Shan Zhang

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology
Justine Lavaida Furr
Coleman Burton Harrelson
Syenne Janay Melton
Iesha Anyika Singleton
William David Smock
Vivian Chizoba Uche
Thomas Aidan Woodward

History
Chukwukaelo Ifeanyichukwu Amanambu
★ Thomas Andrew Brown
★ William Crossland Carnes III
★ James Thomas Chappell

★ magna cum laude
★ cum laude
¥ also History
$ also Philosophy
★ summa cum laude
★ cum laude
★ magna cum laude
★ summa cum laude
¥ also History
$ also Philosophy
Hannah Caitlyn Flack
Indion Quinn Guy
Imani Lucia-Marie Henry
Sameria Christine Louis
Shanice Chantel Manhertz
Tylor Chase McDaniel
Maxine Allyssa Moise
Kelsy Rishelle Shawn Dora Mosley
Jordan Riley Mount
Adam Park
Slade Gregory Parker
Lay Dharmeshbhai Patel
Bayli Tamsin Peoples
Bria Chastity Robinson
Dayannah Sharai Rogers
Mysha Deshae Sams
Ashley Renee Sanders
Stephanie Jo Umberger
Zachary Tyler Ussery
Jamie Marie Vansaghi
Joshua Alexander Wall
Benjamin James Davis Walters
Anjelina Faith Webb
Baylee River Webb
Alec Ryan Whitley
Dana Marie Williams
Samantha LeRose Williamson
Bria Nichelle Wince
Emma Sharon Young

Chemistry
Oreoluwa Ifeoluwa Adebajo
Holly Marie Bearden
Tyler Andrew Beno
Seth Thomas Bradley
Jonathan Daniell
Edelyn Dorvilus
Jonathan Flores
James Walker Harris
Anzley Breanna Irons
Courtney Chany Nguyen
Allie Elaine Parkerson
Haley Lynn Turner

Computer Science
Caleb Richard Bell

Timothy Edward Brooks
Justin Kyle Cintron
Joshua Collins
Joseph A. Fuller
Daniel Andrew Jeselnik
Stanley Michael Jiles
Nathaniel William Lightholder
Aaron Jeffrey Merrell
Jonathan Taylor Nicholl
Justin Tyler Smith
Thomas Luke Whaley
Nolan Thomas Williams
Kenneth Reid Wilson
Andrew Young

Geography
Madison Faye Cobb
Kyle Daniel Cone
Ansley Grace Katterjohn
Joanna Marie Rodgers
Alexander Francis Rose
Heather Charlene Van Gilder

Geology
Amber Louise Fenn
Clinton Henderson
Mark L. Maddox
Leo Paul Ouellette
Isaac James Palmer
Kristen N. Tracy

Mathematics
Tarvorois James MacGeorge Moran

Physics
James Carson Howard
Zachary Chase Patterson-Goss
Tyler Young

Psychology
Titilayo Adegbile
Rebecca Ruth Alfred
Odessy Zhané Allen
Alexander Michael Anderson
Tierra Lauren Anderson
Sumin Bang
Adajah J. Barkley
Olivia Agnes Basant
Alaina Victoria Bennett

Oriyana Danchell Bennett
Isiah Boyd III
Dontre Ellis Jarvis Brown
Cayla Candelas
Stephanie Marie Chapin
Karee Ayanna Chase
Jessica Anne Coleman
Emily Grace Coley
Makaliyah Aurion Cuffee
Khari R. Davis
Megan O’Neill Dougherty
Stéfanie Aline Ellis
Sheila Farley
Aiyana Nyjae Fioto
Bailee Dean Franklin
Karen Elizabeth Gearhart
Fatima Ghiathi
Jamie Michael Gibby
Kristina Rebecca Gomes
Taquez Goolsby
Wimberie Venesa Gray
Madeleine Olivia Green
Erica Gregory
Jasmine Gresham
Taylor McKenzie-Bean Hammett
Jasmine Christiana Hibbler
Taylor Jane' Hicks
Kalia Michelle Holland
Bethany Carolyn Holt
Danielle L. Howard
Jessica Marie Hyatt
Micaela Elisabeth Hyatt
Kierra Quinetta Jackson
Taylor Elizabeth Jackson
Selina Keyaria James
Tayana Jean
Mobian Johnson
Olivia Selena Johnson
Taylor-Cierra Charmaine Johnson
Valery Aimee Jones-Benitez
Rachel Elizabeth Joseph
Tamra Makeba Karnley
Kyjha Jashay Kendall
Gabriella Marie Kiser
Khyla Latia Kizzie

% also Chemistry  £ also Mass Communications  ° also Biology  † also Criminology
Solomon Kiplagat Komen
Carly Abigail Lanter
★ Delia McKenzie Lee
▲ Mikayla G. Longshore
Eric J. Lott
Alexis Symone Maddox
Christopher Blaze Marshall
Morgan A. McBride
★ Garrett Joseph McCartney
Audrey Lynn McCord
Gabriana Imani McKenzie
★ Miranda McMillan
Jenna Erin Moore
Niekieia Iatoria Moore
Matthew Wesson Moran
Haley Joanne Morgan
Alena Yolanda Nieto
Melisa Mayurkumar Patel
Breunna Neshell Pearson
Marsha Anne Pearson
▲ Judah Monét Perry
★ Khyla Amerrial Denise Porter
Janay Shanice Ray
Savannah Alexis Brittany Reed
Chelsee Montana Rice
▲ Natasha Nereida Rivera-López
Tia Adrianna Robinson
Jarkiria Natoyia Ryans
Noadiah Peniel Shambry
Trequan R. Sharpe
Kameron D. Sims
▲ Anna N. Sinclair
Christian Turner Smith
Kearya Jane Stephens
▲ Alyssa Louise Turner
Sabrina Tyree
Anna Elizabeth Upton
Holly Joy Walker
Tyler William Ezekiel Walker
Brianna Danielle Weathington
Mia Imani Margaret Welch
★ Alayah Michelle Whitaker
Hannah Linnette Whitaker
Miracle Emmon White
Mia Marie Wilkerson
Deja` Nashe` Junita Williams
Donovan Noah Williams
★ Jayla Chanel Williams
★ Kelsey Bridget Williston
Bryan Mitchell Woodard
★ Carolyn Janice Wright
Social and Behavioral Health
Jasmyn Da’Noria Bankston
Tomorrow Rayshell Bowen
Elodie Sarah Bretous
Logan Samuel Burdette
★ Jaidyn Gabriell Carlisle
Jaslyn Symone Dortch
Jessica Danielle Drakes
Roddreta Sameal Graves
Kendalyn Jacqueline Green
Quentin Jarvirus Hill
Gemma Nichole Johnson
NyAsia Tabitha McNeal
Andrea Rose Potter
Jessica N. Redd
Hannah Lee Scarbrough
Amir Stevens
Sociology
Sharon Bailey
★ Sarah Morgan Barnes
Abigail Rae Benefield
Kaylon Danielle Brown
Faith Carr
Raekwon Chatman
LaWanda Jean Cole
Julie Crews
Tanisha K. Curlee
Siani Isis Duggan
Mitchell Edwin Grimes
Jessica Williams Hanson
Madison Leigh Hutcheson
Suratu Olanike Iginla
Arkia Ladellra Ivey
Tanisha Samaria Johnson
Emily Kristan Kennedy
Katherine Grace Knight
★ Yvette Diane Lester
Rebecca Mitchell
★ Cherith Brooke Moore
Tomitra Lynn Moore
★ Emily Christine Morrison
Carly Ogletree
★ Hannah Claire Peeler
Darryl Scot Richey Jr.
Destiny Kachae Shurn
Kimberly Nicole Simpson

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Master of Arts

English
Lauren Renee Bridges
Daiyaan R. Hutson
Holly Anne Phillips
Christopher R. Punkosdy
Kelly P. Shane

History
Brad Allen Hawkins
Sarah Cathryn Hightower
Kellie Marie Patterson

Psychology
Destiny Holloway
Leephether Mikovitz
Amari Newsome
Mikayla Nicole Rogers

Sociology
Emily Lorena Akins
Amber Renee Locke
Valerie Marie McPherson

Master of Music
Melissa Payne
Matthew Alexander Sines
Ashley Paige Tomaceski
Haley Louise Watkins

Master of Science
Biology
Afroza Naznin

Mathematics
Brandi Noel Ellis
Jonathan Joe
Elexus Reid
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Consciousness and Society
Suraj Sood
A Humanistic Case Study of Five Environmental Champions
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Lisa Osbeck

Richards College of Business
9 a.m. Ceremony

Bachelor of Arts
International Economic Affairs
Andrew Muniu Njoroge

Bachelor of Business
Administration
Accounting
Ashley Elizabeth Akins
Emani Latrell Brinson
Daniel Stanley Escobar-Torres
Kyle L. Galusha
Tevin Deonte Gripper
Elizabeth Anne McCrary
Daylee Marie McGraw
Gregg Leah Murphy
Arielle Della Viet-My Nguyen
Dhruva Rashmikant Patel
Sadie Ellen Perkins
Margaret Lisa Sharman
Alysia Mechelle Simmons
Monique Rhondai Smith
Erica L. Vance
Christopher Cody Ziegler

Economics
Euna Oh

Finance
Randall Blake Bomar
Jackie C. Colin
Xiao Dengyun
Catrina Comer Duffie
Cody Austin Dutton

Management
Amâni Dorothy-Shirlee Edwards
Garrett R. Heggie
Quinton Rashon Johnson
Trenton Kyle Little
Byron E. Nelson Jr.
Zachary J. Oliver
Austin Coyle Payne
Reygan Lynn Price
Safari Felecia Sheats
William Camp Sullivan
Tayler Amari Wade
Trenton Joseph Wilson
Zijun Zhou

Management
Caroline Amanda Bennett
Tre' necia Lashae Berry
Sara Lynn Broome
Carlie Anne Broz
Sarah LeeAnn Bryan
Curtis G. Cambas
Daniel Charles Cason
Jamara Jermesha Krishonna Cook
Andreena Cherri Dennis
Joseph Kyle Dillard
Dezmond Demetrice Dunlap
Camrynn Marlene Ebanks
Ashley Cameron Ellison
Matthew Kyle Frank
Lindsey Anne Gable
Mallory Laine Geter
Alex James Godfrey Jr.
Isaac Asare Gyamera
McKenzie Nicole Hamby

Magna cum laude
Summa cum laude
Cum laude

Also Accounting
Also Marketing

Ariel Chantel Hudson
William Paul Huff
Emma Ruth Ivey
Amanda Lynn Jernigan
Veronica A. Johnson
Kendrell JaMarkus Keith
Joshua Chandler Kirkland
Divine Walengo Konziase
Amanda Elizabeth Lesley
Hayden Craig Lindemann
Mary Carson Mays
Alexander Jared McCain
Ziada Alem Mengistu
Travion Marquez Moore
Ryan Connor O'Neill
Daniel Charles Oberst
Jayvon Ford Phinazee
Brianna Mechelie Pike
Kalin Brooke Sims
Amy Rose Sogbo
Nascir J. Terrell-Colon
Courtney Aleixs Tucker
Jaret Ryan Veitch
Ryan D'Amore Wallace
Anthony Lamar Watkins II
Susan Drake Westling
Cameron T. White
Charles Pittman White III
Carter Newman Widener
Johnnie Henderson Wright

Management Information Systems
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Delano Marcus Brown

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* magna cum laude
* summa cum laude
★ also Accounting
# also Marketing
Landon Bryant  
David Isaac Claxton  
Cynthia Brooke Comi  
Dustin Critchley  
Sofia Dawed  
Austin Dakota Gilreath  
Ryan Christopher Glenn  
Martavious Jermaine Gordon  
Jordan M. Harland  
Nicholas Ivan Hawkins  
Uili Ikale`o Lai`atea Manu  
Kameron Martin  
Brandon Alexander McIntosh-Adger  
Johnathon Wesely McKenzie  
Hunter Austin Shepherd  
Thomas J. Silvey  
Garrett Milan Stewart  
Darius Labaron Stutts  
William Takovi Tate  
Brianna Nicole Underwood  

Marketing  
Cassidy Lynn Acton  
Courtney Leigh Allen  
Aaron Kenrick Ashton  
Ansley Hope Blackwelder  
Katelyn Victoria Cook  
Kyle Frank Feldbauer  
Evan Michael Greene  
Adriel Jaleel Hairston  
BethAnne G. Hall  

Ezekiel David McCrina  
Nayanne Alves Medeiros  
Sean M. Patterson  

Bachelor of Science  
Economics  
Malcolm Joel Cesar  

Master of Business Administration  
Charles Curtis Barrett  
Heather D. Breen  
Andrew Scott Burton  
Caroline Holt Cartledge  
Christopher Allen Harper  
Caitley Caylor Huntley  
Emily Johnson  
Allen Franklin Ledbetter  
Meghan Nichole Lively  
Christian Evette Luster  
Ambrose Joey Moncayo  
Victor Andrew Pierce  
Cody Jacob Powers  
Alexandria Redding  
David Flynn Taylor  
Kenneth Guy Washington  
Andre Lezar Waters Jr.  
Chelsi Brianne Weaver  

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Fadesewa Iqmat Adesiyan  
Meron Kassahun Alemu  
Carson Nicole Andrews  
Logan Taylor Andrews  
Jazmine Olivia Antoine  
Edith Akosua Antwi-Agyakwah  
Beverly Addai Ayimadu  
Alexis Anita Babulal  
Brooklyn Baker  
Alyson Nicole Barfield  
Jana Laree Brannan  
Carley Elizabeth Brock  
Kendall Michelle Brown  
Tashoya Sadia Brown  
Jada Quinn Byars  
Brooke Julie Anne Byrd  
Elisha Gabrielle Carey  
Katelyn Lea Carter  
Christian Caylee Cartwright  
Victoria Alexis Christl  
Karissa Brianna Clark  
Katie Cooper  
Nadia-Clarice Noel Davila  
Ciara Imani Davis  
Brice Ronald Dodson  
Aml Maria Earnest  
Saba Ejigu  
Angelica Escutia Torres  
Gaelle Eugene  

Master of Professional Accounting  
Donell Ricardo Quinton  

Tanner Health System School of Nursing  
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also Finance  
also Marketing  
also Management  
also Real Estate
★ Victoria-Kate Evans  
● Sydney Renae Francis  
● David Allan Friedl  
★ Natalie Zelphia Kellie Gaines  
★ Cole Delaney Golden  
★ Jeremy Bryant Golden  
Hannah Renee Hadaway  
★ Clair Annah Higgins  
★ Catherine Lacey Hill  
★ Chloe Tatyanah Jenkins  
Ivory Chetoyia Jones  
Taelor LeRee Kemp  
★ Brionne Nicole Kilgore  
★ Niasia Valerie King  
Katherine Grace Knight  
★ Sage Barrett Konans  
Georgette Kayla Lapann  
★ Erin Nicole Lewis  
★ Ashton Hailey Lowery  
Emma Nicole Luhr  
★ Shelter Davidzai Madziva  
★ Diana Abigail Maldonado  
Mbali Muntu Evangelina Mamba  
★ Zoie Rena Maynard  
Derrick Theodric McCoy Jr.  
★ Madison H. McDowell  
Meghan Alyssa McGrinder  
Grant G. McKinley  
● Thelma Djapa Nya  
★ Alexis Ayanna Packer  
★ Nikita Dilip Patel  
★ Jessica Taylor Patrick I  
Candyce Nicole Peters  
★ Laura Caitlin Puckett  
Helen Enanga Quashie  
● Anjela Reyes-Cornejo  
Justin Rice  
★ Jaycee Skylar Rogers  
★ Megan Theresa Rowell  
Mary Ellen Ryan  
★ Katlin Savannah Shadinger  
Olivia Morgan Shadrix  
Rebecca Shevlin  
Abigail Charmaine Smith  
★ Ashley Nicole Sperano  
★ Sophia Siobhan Sutcavage  
★ Quaniqua S. Tart  
★ Gloria Katherine Taylor  
★ Derron Alexis Thomas  
Karen Theresa Thula  
★ Kayla Annette Trice  
★ Arielle Kiana Tyler  
Victoria Grace von Bereghy  
Anne Wachira  
Brittany L. Walker  
★ Margaret Grace Weaver  
Adrian Paul White  
Whitney Wilkie  
Kristen Marie Windley  
Rufina Yengeh Wirmum  
Victoria Emanuelli Yateri

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Master of Science in Nursing

Keziah Agbaere  
Mary Ampong  
Lesa Britt  
Laura Chandler  
Susannah Gwynne Eastman  
Alleyne Flores  
Janie Gantt  
Rhonda Carol Geyer  
Allison Kate Hodges  
Iwona Katarzyna Huff  
Andrea West Johnson  
Sharon Beaman Kimmel

Denise Williams King  
Jennifer Leigh Macias  
Monica Maxwell-Dillard  
Cindy DeeAnn Moore  
Emily Janie Felicia Newberry  
Wilson Lee Pierce  
Rachel Rebecca Pilgrim  
Lyn K. Potts  
Carolyn Patrice Prince  
Samantha Lola Ross  
Kimberly Charlene Sales  
Lauren Singletary Smith  
Madison Shayne Smith  
Shada R. Styles  
Jennifer Strickland Tucker  
Alexis Rudell Whiddon  
Talor Williams  
Deseri Denise Wooten

Doctor of Education

Nursing Education

Teresa Sanders Boyer  
The Lived Experience of Asian Baccalaureate Nursing Students in the United States  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sally Richter

Jennifer Susan Castleberry  
Nursing Students’ Attitudes and Beliefs Toward Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Individuals  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Connie Barbour

Deborah C. Richardson  
Lived Experience of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Recipients: U.S. Nursing Program Graduates’ Pathways to Licensure  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Susan Welch
College of Education
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Bachelor of Science in Education

Elementary Education

Courtney Marie Ammons
Amber Danielle Banks
Emily Hardy Batchelor
Ashley Taylor Beil
Johnnie Aaron Blankinship Jr.
Sarah Kate Cadenhead
Maria Guadalupe Canela
Taylor Michele Coffman
Maggie Presley Cox
Macie Parker Davis
Maria De Los Angeles Del Angel
Jaina Elizabeth Dixon
Lindsey Marie Ellis
Callum Merrett Empson
Alexa Rae Faisst
Kenyondra R. Francis
Caroline W. Freeman
Aliyah Simone Ganttt
Madison Brett Garner
Brooklyn Amber Gregory
Alexandra Kiper Hall
Autumn Ryann Hammock
Maggie Lynn Henderson
Madeline Eileen Hendry
Grace Kathryn Hovey
Janet Elaine Jarvis
Callum Casey Jones
Essence Myasia Joseph
Caylin Diana Kelly
Chasity Kent
Elizabeth Erica Kirby
Nicole Catherine Kirk
Haley Nicole Lagunes
Taylor Brittany Marlowe
Elizabeth Manget Massenburg
Lily Brake Maxcy
Molly Caitlin McCord
Katie Patricia McKinnon
Grace Anne McKoy
Abigail Grace Milliorn
Taylor Simone Mincey
Maya Alysse Moon
Jill Marie Morrow
Joyce Faye Myers
Aisha Kenadee Parks
Kathryn Carlisle Porter
Katlyn S. Register
Sierra D. Rehberg
Megan E. Reif
Amy Lisette Reyes
Imani Cheryl Rogers
Brenda Segura-Aguilar
Ashlyn Rene' Sewell
Britney M. Smith
Jennifer Lind Smith
Courtney Lynn Street
Elizabeth Jewel Sweeney
Emily Nicole Teel
Madison J. Thomason
Raven S. Tolbert
Shelby Lauren Trowell
Jacquelyn Rose Wesley
Mi'Kal Malik White
Abigail Lynn Wielputz
Kera D. Wynn

Physical Education

Christian Bryant Corn
Richard Benjamin Dyer
Glavin Lee Groover
Courtney Elizabeth Hahn
Kiesha Shaw Harper
Brett Allen Hunter
Alexander Blake Morgan
Austin Drake Pope
Jealon Cortez Richey
Joseph Thomas Skinner

Special Education

Laura Sofia Austin
Karley Nicole Baker
John McKinley Cantrell Jr.
Abigail Grace Milliorn
Taylor Simone Mincey
Maya Alysse Moon
Jill Marie Morrow
Joyce Faye Myers
Aisha Kenadee Parks
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Abigail Lynn Wielputz
Kera D. Wynn

Takeyma Sebris Duhart Jr.
Mallory Renee Duncan
Charity C. Hudgens
Aleena Ines Jackson
Rachel L. Prater
Tiffany Dae Ragland
Shauna Cole Robertson
Sarah Grace Smith
Stacey Lynn Turner
Speech - Language Pathology

Lauren Ashley Adams
Ashley Marie Bloodworth
Mariah Lindsey Bradley
Carson Alexander Bunn
Jordan Brooke Bunn
Alaina Marie Burnside
Bailey Ashlyn Camp
Sydney Blaire Cheek
Autumn Michelle Clark
Morgan Taylor Coker
Cathryn Emily Dean
Emily Denery Ferreira
Hannah Paige Foster
Bridget Marie Francisco
Carson Nicole Griffith
Genie Lane Hargrove
Rachel Nicole Hassenboehler
India Cheyenne Jackson
Caitlin Leigh Johnson
Hannah Nicole Langford
Bailey Grace Ledford
Iris Gabrielle Lewis
Lucy Katherine McGinty
Dylan McGuire
Sarah A. Minor
Jocelyn Nicole Monroe
Anna Grace Mullinax
Kaylee Brooke Neighbors
Kristen Alison Ouzts
Jacqueline Pantoja
Rainer Pantoja

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Bryn Alexandria Richmond  
Kristen Paige Rogers  
Tristan Alexandria Shilo  
Shelby Paige Tison  
McKenzie Mae Washington  
Anjelica Joy Webb  
Claudia Abigail White  
Riya Brooke Woodruff  
Kenterrio Lurdarius Woods

**Bachelor of Science**

**Health and Community Wellness**  
Mackenzie Ray Abernathy  
Mildred Eba-Esie Arkilley  
William Larkin Bagwell  
Marion Jemaiyo Bartilol  
Tristan Ellijah Boone  
Tristen Larenz Bryant  
Deshia Dominique Clemons  
Kaleigh Alexis Marie Close  
Nicolette Francis Conte  
Jessie E. Crowder  
Jaylen Corrine Daffin  
Oluwadunsin Victor Daramola  
Austin Cain Dean  
Cierrah Renee’ Dedman  
Sierra Elizabeth Freeman  
Jordan Iyanna Giles  
Keilan Gannon Harbison  
Alicia Kelly Hollingsworth  
Deajiah Deterria Holloway  
Bailey Ann Jacobsen  
Merideth Alana Johnson  
Valeah Aiyanna Jones  
Megan Elizabeth Keller  
Kaylah Rose Kelly  
Ashley Simone Kilgore  
Kellani Oshae Lettsome  
Bailey Marie McCammon  
Marissa Andrea Morgan  
Faith Le’ Amber Moss  
Benita Ejiroghene Okpurukre  
Riley Cameron Reed  
Alexandra Rose Rodriguez  
Kayla Annsley Roth  
Sheccid Saray  
Meghann Rena Schouw  
Tanginiqua Sanbriea Scott  
Mikal E. Shahid  
Tyler Nickol Shepherd  
Breauna Nicole Simpson  
Madison Wade Slappey  
Jalik Keysnawn Smith  
Marnita D. Smith  
Bryce Noble Stephens  
Shanavia Lashan Thomas  
Dejanira Shantranae Watts  
Kenneth Wiggins III  
Christine Mary Wilson

**Sport Management**  
Carly Brianna Alderman  
Danielle Lenise Ball  
Jermyrion Dajai Beasley  
Dawson Taylor Bentley  
Timothy Blount Jr.  
Niah Symone Bruce  
Timothy Scott Brunet  
Isabella Mae Caricari  
Patrick Carroll  
Montavia Larice Champagne Caudle  
Larenzo Lapez Clark Jr.  
Dominique Jerrell Dozier  
Evan Daniel French  
James Alexander Gilstrap  
Morgan Nicole Goree  
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Da’Vonte Jimez Hughes  
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Kadeim Avishai Jones  
Ogenna Kenny Mbagwu  
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Micheal Bernard Robinson Jr.  
Casey Colton Smith  
Dominick X. Stanley  
Caitlin Elizabeth Strohmetz  
Devin Chandler Stubbs  
Langston Hugh Sullivan  
Drew Steven Swank  
Jazmine Jahny Tanner  
Alexandra Noelle Taylor  
Chadwick Thomas  
Air Trawick  
Coree Mychal Walls  
Jasmine Tymesha West  
Kayla Janae Williams  
Dylan Montana Wyble  
Kaitlin M. Yelton

**Master of Arts in Teaching**  
Amber Noelle Acree  
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Bahiya Sharifah Billingslea  
Jared Marquise Brewer  
Sarah Cash Brown  
Tiffany Yvonne Calhoun  
Amanda Renae Carter  
Ansley Carter  
Sydney Carter  
Jeffrey G. Collier  
Kayla Danielle Cooper  
Lauren Seals Cramer  
Clayton Avery Cross  
Melvin Cumming Jr.  
Mary Margaret Cummings  
Christopher Sean Currey  
Jessica Sarah Dambach  
Dalton Grant Daniel  
Tara Denton  
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Jhessail Doreen Drain  
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Kyle Richard Gamble  
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Sarah Virginia Hearn  
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Amy Suzanne Muta
Jessica Owens
Kaylee Breana Partin
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Brhianna Marie Russell
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Katherine Elizabeth Sloan
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Kensey Frasier Tate
Elizabeth Nicole Thornton
Mary-Kathryn Trichell
Julie Triplett
Jacob Nicholas Jones Tripp
Katrina Adams Vital
Tamara Willis Williams
Lauren Kristen Woodward
Amanda Lianne Yue Worrall

Master of Education

College Student Affairs Administration
Rachelle Suzette Brown
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Taylor Nicole Eubanks
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Jessica Nicole McCrory
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Michael Caleb Queen
Kelly Morgan Rideout
Mason Gerda!e Roberson
Hem D. Sharma
Jacquelyn Charlotte Stubenaugh
Matthew Scot Thomas
De’ Janae Delicia Antoinette Tookes

Elementary Education
Kelsey Norris Born
Kalyn Enette Breeding
Wendy Butler
Emily Nicole Casto
Rebecca Lauren Colley
Macie V. Fleming
Rae lynne Hayes
Shannon Patricia Henesy
Tonique Alaina Jones
Samantha Ali Martin
Lauren Lee Plair
Brandy Ross
Tiffany Chantal Rosser
Brooke Shook
Allison Renée Simpson
Kaitlyn Marie Talley
Emily Diane Whorton
Haleigh N. Wilbanks
Amber Rae Williams
Alyson Yelton

Instructional Technology, Media, and Design
Christina Andrews
Stefania Battaglia-Drake
Ashley Brenna Carroll
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Robert Jared Hamby
Robert Jefferson Hill
Cassandra Chalet Hornung
Micah LeAnn Husby
Madison Lynn LeBlanc
Janet Marotte
Paige McDowell
Haley Carmen McKie
Sydney Augusta Moody
Bailey Nell Moran
Melanie Paige Murphy
Stuart Dale Partee
Tricia Pileggi
Kinthia Jade Reese
Jennifer Angela Roloff
Amos Wesley Snyder
Jasmine Jacobs Spradlin
Heaven Leigh Stone
Jake Storey
Davina A. Swaim
Karen Akins Swartz
Jamie Ann Tuggle

Professional Counseling
Leslie Ann Adair
Katie-Anne Barnes
Lydia Madison Bentley
Hannah Jayne Black
Anslee Alise Broome
Jordan Alexandra Butler
Ansleigh Denise Cash
Katherine M. Chewning
Alexis Samantha Cohen
Abbey Elizabeth Delfosse
Brenda Espinoza
Christine Gallagher
Julia L. Harmon
Leanne Corinne Hindman
Rachel Rheanna Hytower
Kristen Nicole Johnson
Akida Abasi Lavender
Anastasia Levitskaya
Lalah E. Manly
Michael Macon Mills
Chyna Montgomery-Rich
Javaly Lizette Osborne
Emily Puckett
Bethany Lauren Rakestraw
LaCava Shonese Ross
Shauya Siami
Khayla Zaire Smallwood
Allie McKenzie Smith
Jasmyne R. Sprinkle
Julianna LaRena Thompson
Devante Rae Washington

* cum laude

† magna cum laude

△ summa cum laude
Reading Instruction
Karrah Howell
Melissa McCullough
Kailee Ann Marie Miller
Jaimie Moe

Special Education
Capucine Margaret Davis
Daffanee Janise Ledbetter
Dale Alexander Marlowe
Sabrina K. Robertson
Kendra Leann Sewell
Amber Shiver

Master of Science
Sport Management
Alla Cedric Asseh
Jonah Lacey Bushell
Morgan Fry
Diamond Keyell Garnigan
Brianna Gitlin
Tarayceus Jaquan Jeffries
Harlem S. Johnson
Corrion Juruante Lewis-Ward
Collin Michael Maynard
Shannon Maria Plese
Victoria Nicole Riebock
Olivia Nicole Schneider
Mark Schult
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Greonna Taisha Brooks
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Sharon Deneise Lawrence
Elisha Lorraine Martin

Secondary Education and Teaching
Joie Danielle Bullock
Debbian R. Campbell James
Ivy Cann
Jonathan Miller Copeland
Lorie Kay Dobbs
Daryl Stephen Leslie
Joel Jerome Mobley
Benjamin Charles Oliver
Mitzi Parks
Elliot Randall Paulk
Marguerite Danielle Pettay
Brandee Barlow Tillman
Special Education
Paige Marie Bisker
Anne Marie Carpenter
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Penny Sue Chasko
Larisa Paulina Donis
Rebecca Jackson Gandy
Brandi Nicole Gooden
Regina Gregory
Ifeoma Wyanda Holman
Alisha Danielle Klimp
Stacy Michelle McGahee
Londa Morgan Miller
Cheryl Ann Moore
Alexis Yvette Pickett
Jennifer Christine Smith
Linda Grace Thompson
Isobel Iwari Toby
Courtney Page Tomberlain
Lori Brazell Wills
Seth Owen Youngblood

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Caleb St. Fort

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
Tyler Stephen Braddy
Karolyn Armani Chivers
★Julia M. Rivard
Hannah Baylee Rotger

Bachelor of Science
Criminology
Evan P. Ballenger
Dennis Jeffrey Bandy
Morgan Elizabeth Barr
Vincent Cole Blasczyk
Brandi La’Tina Boddy
★David Boniface
▲Haleigh Elizabeth Casabon
Allen De’andre Cooper Jr.
Kierra Cordell
Rachlelle Faedra Daniel
★Ansley Marie Davis
Keneshia Sharnae Davis
Amber Michelle Dean
★Syniya Zykiah Dixon
Renee Alexia Downer
★Mackenzie Nicole Edwards
♦Sydney Taylor Edwards
Portia Michaela Ehoussou
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Kendall Paige Fouts
Erin Rose Gardiner
Cornelius Rishad Goode
▲Lindsey M. Graham
Kathryne Jeanette Griczin
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Logan A. Holland
Janiya Emone Jacobs
Gregory Lenard James Jr.
Justin Lamar Johnson
Nicholas Grant Johnson
★Emily Claire Jourdain
Kathryn Jo Kemp
Cathie Rena Lambert
▲Hannah Michelle Lawless
★Nadia Katia Malcom
★Carell C. Malone-Wheaton
Vicenta Lynn Marshall
Jakeena Elisha Jakara Mason
Ana Joyce McClellan
Tyireena Kabrena McGregor
DesMonet Raquel McKnight
Julissa Marie Melendez
Elohim Jimique Mitchell

Doctor of Education
School Improvement
LaToya Raines Council
Unsung Heroes: A Case Study of African American Female School Leaders in Urban Schools and Their Role in School Improvement
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bethany Scullin

Rod McRae
The Effect of a Transparent Assignment Design Intervention on Students’ Self-Efficacy in Introductory Preservice Special Education Courses
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Katherine B. Green

Donald Rucker
Experiences, Perceptions, and Motivations of Black Male Teachers
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ryan Bronkema

Elizabeth A. Yeargan Tuck
Assessment Literacy: Determining and Promoting Effective Data Use by Teachers
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bethany Scullin

Doctor of Education in Counseling
Professional Counseling and Supervision
Chloe Golden
Treating Mental Health Patients in the Emergency Department Setting: Examining Stressors for Clinicians
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Chibbaro

Laura Lee Moncrief
An Examination of the Relationship Between Participants’ After School Program Attendance and Literacy Achievement
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christy Land

Michael Dewayne Rector
Examination of Counselor Crisis Intervention Competencies in a Mobile Crisis Team Program: A Sequential Explanatory Mixed Methods Research Study
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christy Land

University College
12:30 p.m. Ceremony

★Haleigh Elizabeth Casabon
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Kierra Cordell
Rachlelle Faedra Daniel
★Ansley Marie Davis
Keneshia Sharnae Davis
Amber Michelle Dean
★Syniya Zykiah Dixon
Renee Alexia Downer
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Ana Joyce McClellan
Tyireena Kabrena McGregor
DesMonet Raquel McKnight
Julissa Marie Melendez
Elohim Jimique Mitchell
Dustin Blake Morgan
Megan Alexis Nance
StarLyne Shamone Nance
Samantha Brett Parish
Jessica Parker
Kaila Je’ Renae Parker

★ Louis W. Pasqualetti
Maia Symone Pettiford-Green
Anthony James Roberson
Alana Monay Robinson
De´ ajah Tiarra Robinson
Halle Anne Rosen
Ashton Marie Sconyers
Nadia Halle’ Segars
Meshana Necole Slaton

★ Shannon Mae Stewart
Tereshia Sullivan
Kameron Maurice Teague
Kakudji Simone Umba

★ Kara Alexis Walker
Quintyra Lajasmine Wiggles

★ Tiffany Lene Williams

Film and Video Production
★ Camryn Lindsey Kiley
Emily Nicole Turner

Mass Communications
James Edward Abunawass
Payton Ann Amsler
M´ kynli Nichole Avant
Mason L. Ayers
Arvon Linton Bacon III
Payton Elyse Bailey
Emily Heather Baxter
Diamond La Shae Bell
Seth Alexander Brown-Carter
Brantley Nicole Buchanan
Jarard Garrett Cooper
Xavier Tobias Cox

★ Abigail Rae Cummings
Christine Davies
Regan Latreasa Davis
Andrea Joyce Epps
Darius Justin Frost
Jack Kendall Fulghum
Riley Nicole Galpin

★ Eugena Mia Gardner
Skylar Maddox Gibbs
Victoria Ann Gowan

▲ Madeline Rose Green
Brittany Michelle Hall

★ Lawson Brown Harris
Lily Anna Head
Marvin Humbert III
Kennea LeMary Hunter
Jasmine Nicole Jackson
Taylor Shenece Jackson
Myranda Renee Jiles
Avianne Kristina Jones
Alisha Allynne Jordan
Jamie Brené Joubert

★ Taylor Alyssa King
William Andrew Latimore
Story Rose Lucas
Sasandra Maceus

▲ Logan Seth Maddox
Xauria Noel Mann
Samara Tahtyana Marshall
Melijah A. Mason
Austin Malik McCall
Mariah Saline Medlock

▲ Ashley Nicole Moore
Terrion Diane Newton
Carley Pope
Ay´ liece Chinyere Raiford
Ny´ liece Wendell Chinas Raiford
Camille Reed
Angelina Reznichenko
Dajah N. Richberg
Amber Sophia Robinson Brown
Paris Ayonna Scott

▲ Rani Sabree Sharriff-Muhammad
Damani Iyanu Smith
Olivia Catherine Stroud
Donovan James Taggart
Keyshawn Trevon Taylor
Destiny Mariah Thomas
Taylor Sean Thompson

★ Amelia Ann Wielputz

★ Madeline Chance Wilbanks
Kimberly Shanise Wooten

★ Michaela Arianne Wright

Organizational Leadership
Cheryl Lynn Cox
Patricia Curtis
Demi Hatfield
Gilbert Landers Huey Jr.
Calandra Lewis
Katherine Longo
Yolanda Love

▲ Maria Concepcion Newcomb
Indya Shantel Robinson
Matthew Parker Rodgers
Taylor Elizabeth Schroeder
Joseph Clifford Silvey
Jay T. Snipes
Alan Thomas*
Jaeda Lauren Towner-Franklin

▲ Alexandra Rae Yarnall

Political Science

★ Yetunde Ayomide Akinseye

★ Alondra Ayala Nunez
Omar I. Cruz Martinez
Jamel Daykah

▲ Mackenzie Kate Dennis

★ Tyquavius Demetric Dozier
Olivia Aron Harris

▲ Khareem Phillip Cornel Leslie

★ Summer Mia Little
Matthew McGhie
Tommy Matthew McGraw I
Cambria Leigh Messier
Mya Dominique Morris

▲ Morgan Avery Padgett
Keau MacKenzie Quintana
Amanda Ramirez
Ashton Robinson
Kala JayNae Stewart

★ Brayden Nicholas Turner

▲ Rodney Lovell Wolfe Jr.

★ Desiree Denae Woodson

★ cum laude
▲ magna cum laude
Ω also Economics
* Degree Awarded Posthumously
Master of Arts

Criminology
  Keamber Chester
  Sadie Ruth Creel
  Britney Elizabeth Fisher
  Alexandria Erin Johnson
  Kimberly Sherrie Jordan
  Machaela Grace Matthews
  Emily Kathleen Meinert
  Lauren Lane Miller
  Riccardo Rossi
  Nicole Caitlyn Santos
  Emily Caroline Stallings
  Emily Donise Walker

Master of Public Administration
  Lecresha Tremil Chaney
  Tyler Blake Griffin
  Kathryn Tattershall Harvey
  Cameron Quinn Henderson
  Stephanie D. Jenkins
  Nicholas Lozinski
  Nikia Janae McCall
  Krissy Anne McKinnon
  Anna Belia Quezada
  Misty Ann Roberts
  Taylor James Smith
  Shawnzia Thomas
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 West Georgia transcripts and diplomas.

Logan Taylor Andrews  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Nursing

Laura Sofia Austin  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Special Education

Holly M. Bearden  
Bachelor of Science  
Chemistry

Alaina Marie Burnside  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Speech - Language Pathology

Jonathan Daniell  
Bachelor of Science  
Chemistry

Mackenzie Dennis  
Bachelor of Science  
Political Science

Lindsey Marie Ellis  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Elementary Education

Andrea Joyce Epps  
Bachelor of Science  
Mass Communications

Tinaye Valory Gibbons  
Bachelor of Arts  
History

Lindsey M. Graham  
Bachelor of Science  
Criminology

James Walker Harris  
Bachelor of Science  
Chemistry

Rachel Elizabeth Joseph  
Bachelor of Science  
Psychology

Sage Barrett Konans  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Nursing

Nayanne Alves Medeiros  
Bachelor of Science  
Economics &  
Bachelor of Arts  
Foreign Languages and Literature

Alexis Ayanna Packer  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Nursing

Morgan Avery Padgett  
Bachelor of Science  
Political Science

Allie Elaine Parkerson  
Bachelor of Science  
Chemistry

Judah Monét Perry  
Bachelor of Science  
Psychology

Natasha Nereida Rivera-Lopez  
Bachelor of Science  
Psychology

Anna N. Sinclair  
Bachelor of Science  
Psychology

Avery Dean Stanley  
Bachelor of Arts  
History and Philosophy

Sophia Siobhan Sutcavage  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Nursing

Jamie Marie Vansaghi  
Bachelor of Science  
Biology

Claudia Abigail White  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Speech - Language Pathology

★ cum laude  
♦ magna cum laude  
▲ summa cum laude
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- Alice H. Richards, 2002
- Dan T. Cathy, 2004
- Richard H. Glanton, 2005
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- Dr. J. Willis Hurst, 2009
- Robert J. Stone, 2012
- A. Paul Cadenhead, 2012
- Phillip E. Kauffman, 2013
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- Steve R. Adams, 2017
- Nellie Duke, 2018
- Laura Richards, 2018

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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.

As a member of the Alumni Association, you will continue the special relationship you have with UWG. Through your participation, you will be introduced to other alumni who share your career and personal interests.

Being a member of the Alumni Association also brings great alumni gatherings, opportunities for alumni travel, and alumni involvement—through which you can make meaningful contributions, with other alumni, to your alma mater.

We will reach out to you soon. You can also join our online community at alumni.westga.edu to connect with other alumni and keep up-to-date with the latest alumni and university news. We look forward to you getting involved with your Alumni Association and hope to see you soon!

~ Mrs. Melanie Hildebrandt, ’03 ’08
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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.

The faculties of American universities have worn distinguishing costumes from their beginnings at Harvard in 1636. 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 appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar mortar board. Tassels of the colors signifying the college or school of specialization are worn, hanging to the left of the face. The tassels of candidates from the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry are gold; the College of Education are light blue; the Richards College of Business, drab; the Tanner Health System School of Nursing, apricot; University College, royal blue. Those holding doctor’s degrees may wear a soft velvet cap, or mortar board, and a tassel in whole or in part of gold thread.

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 transformed into a symbol of authority and adopted by academia as a symbol of the power of ideas and the need for protection of the academic quest for truth and wisdom. In modern times, the mace is carried to bring dignity to ceremonial occasions and to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace, which leads today’s academic procession, is part of all UWG commencements and other formal academic occasions when the faculty appear in academic regalia. The mace was redesigned by Mr. Richard Hill, former artist-in-residence. The mace is constructed of 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 is a leading residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation. Founded in 1906, the institution grew from a district agricultural and mechanical school to a two-year institution and was granted four-year college status in 1957. The school was recognized with university status in 1996. At UWG, students who Go West blaze trails to new possibilities for scholarly achievement, creative expression, and service to humanity.

The university currently offers 92 programs of study, including 45 at the bachelor's degree level, 24 at the master's level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and nine post-baccalaureate, one undergraduate, and two post-master's certificates. Enrollment was 13,419 during the fall 2020 semester. As a state university in the University System of Georgia, UWG enrolls students from most counties in Georgia as well as from 34 other states and 63 other countries.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education recently upgraded the University of West Georgia’s classification to Doctoral Research University R3. Only seven other Georgia institutions of higher learning qualify for doctoral university status. The Carnegie Classification has been the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in U.S. higher education for the past five decades.

The University of West Georgia is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is classified as a SACS Level VI University, the highest level possible. The seven academic entities that compose the university include the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry; the College of Education; the Graduate School; the Honors College; the Richards College of Business; the Tanner Health System School of Nursing; and the University College.

Improved and expanded facilities, including University Stadium, the Student Health Center, the Athletics Complex, The Coliseum, the Campus Center, the University Bookstore, and the Biology Building, encourage students to be involved in and out of the classroom. In addition to the major renovation of Ingram Library and Bowdon Hall, UWG boasts buildings for the Tanner Health System School of Nursing, the East Commons dining hall, and The Oaks residential complex. UWG Newnan has also seen expansion in its location at the former Newnan Hospital. The university is currently constructing Roy Richards Sr. Hall, future home of the Richards College of Business. UWG students can be involved in the life of the campus in many ways. The university fields eight women’s and five men’s intercollegiate athletics teams, as well as co-ed and all-female cheerleading squads, and offers a wide range of clubs, interest groups, organizations, and activities. Service learning is also an important component of the UWG experience.

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Alma Mater

In the western pines of Georgia standing strong and true,

Our wise Alma Mater beckons to the Red and Blue,

Though you be in learning found ed youthful yet you be,

While thus guided by tradition yet you still breathe free,

Dear West Georgia Dear West Georgia standing strong and true,

Our wise Alma Mater beckons to the Red and the Blue.

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